

2012-13 MIAC Men's Hockey Preview and Preseason Coaches' Poll

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The premier Division III men's conference in the "State of Hockey" is set to drop the puck and open the 2012-13 season. The MIAC was one of the few leagues to send two teams to the national tournament a year ago, and once again, it appears to be one of the best leagues in the nation from top to bottom.

The top was especially strong last year thanks to an incredible performance by St. Thomas and an exceptional conference postseason tournament by all five teams that qualified. The Tommies 18-6-2, 13-2-1 MIAC, 27 points) were a top-five team for most of the season, cruising to the league title by a surprising eight-point margin over runner-up Gustavus, and they received a rare at-large bid to the Division III Playoffs. MIAC Coach-of-the-Year **Jeff Boeser** returns most of his nucleus from last year's title team and expectations are high for UST yet again.

However, the Gusties and a host of other challengers are ready for their chance to dethrone St. Thomas. Gustavus (17-7-5, 8-5-3 MIAC, 19 points) joined UST in the Division III Playoffs after winning the MIAC Playoff championship. Saint John's (11-13-2, 9-7 MIAC, 18 points) finished third a year ago and has most of its firepower back, and St. Olaf (13-9-6, 7-6-3 MIAC, 17 points) is hoping the momentum it generated on its run to the MIAC Playoff title game will carry into the new season. Hamline (10-14-2, 7-8-1 MIAC, 15 points) and Concordia (10-11-4, 6-7-3 MIAC, 15 points) tied for fifth a year ago, and both return with renewed postseason aspirations.

However, it may be the strength of the rest of the league that makes the MIAC special again this year. While Bethel (8-15-2, 6-8-2 MIAC, 14 points), Augsburg (10-14-1, 6-9-1 MIAC, 13 points) and Saint Mary's (5-18-2, 2-12-2 MIAC, six points) rounded out the final three spots in the standings, all three characterize the depth of the league's talent, as all routinely challenged the top teams night-in and night-out. This year, it wouldn't be surprising to see any member of that trio make a run to the postseason.

Tommies on top

Despite the depth, it's hard to pick against St. Thomas again in 2012-13, and that's precisely how the MIAC coaches felt as they cast their ballots for the 2012-13 MIAC Men's Hockey Preseason Coaches' Poll. Boeser's squad received seven of the nine first-place votes and 62 total points and are picked to repeat as league champs. However, Gustavus isn't far behind. Head Coach **Brett Peterson's** squad was just four behind the Tommies with 58 points in second, with the other two first-place votes.

The Oles were predicted to join the top three with 45 points, though Saint John's was right behind in fourth with 44 points, as coaches expect both to return to the postseason in 2012-13. Concordia rounded out the top five - and the coaches' predicted Playoff field - with 34.5 points. Just 5.5 separate the next three teams in the poll - Hamline (25.5), Augsburg (23) and Bethel (20) - with Saint Mary's receiving 12 points in ninth.

'Showcasing' the MIAC

Once again, the MIAC men's hockey season will start with one of the conference's most popular events, the 2012 MIAC Men's Hockey Showcase, sponsored by **Bauer**. The three-day event - held at Fogerty Arena in Blaine, Minn., for the third-straight season - is truly a celebration of MIAC men's hockey, with each team playing twice over the course of the weekend. The event gives fans an exclusive first look at the entire conference, with three games each day, and it gives the teams a chance to start their season with a very special event.

Each day, there will be two games on the South rink and one on the North rink. The action starts on Friday at 5 p.m. when Gustavus meets Hamline. The defending champs, St. Thomas, are up next for a 6:30 p.m. start against Augsburg, and Bethel plays Saint John's in Friday's final game at 8 p.m. Saturday's game feature St. Olaf and Augsburg at 4 p.m., Saint Mary's vs. Bethel at 5:30 p.m. and Concordia meeting Gustavus at 7 p.m. The Showcase concludes Sunday with Saint John's taking on Saint Mary's at 1 p.m., Hamline vs. Concordia at 2:30 p.m. and St. Thomas vs. St. Olaf at 4 p.m.

The MIAC has set up a home page for the event, which includes complete details and will be updated with scores, stats, photos and more throughout the weekend. There will be live stats available online for each game courtesy of Saint Mary's, and [Webcast America](#) will again offer on-demand viewing of Friday and Sunday's games (the games will be uploaded following the conclusion of the event Sunday night). Admission is \$5 per day for the event, and children ages 5 and under will be admitted free.

What's new?

One MIAC school - Hamline - made a coaching change during the offseason, and **Doc DelCastillo** will make his debut as the Pipers' coach this weekend at the MIAC Showcase. Also, MIAC Player-of-the-Year Ross Ring-Jarvi from Gustavus graduated after a stellar career, meaning the conference will have a new MVP this season. With numerous returning stars, seeing who will emerge in the awards watch be one of the season's intriguing subplots.

Also, there are a few new online features for MIAC hockey fans. First of all, the MIAC has a new statistic and scoreboard site at [www.miacstats.com](#) that should offer fans a great way to follow action along the league and receive updated conference stats on a new, exciting platform. Also, Minnesota Hockey Magazine returns in an online format and plans to include the MIAC in its extensive coverage. For now, follow along and receive updates on the site's [Facebook page](#).

Who's back?

Though Ring-Jarvi and several other outstanding seniors have moved on, there are plenty of familiar faces back on the ice this season,

starting with St. Thomas' stable of returning award-winners. The Tommies will again be led by two-time All-MIAC forward **Riley Horgan**, who led the MIAC in assists and scoring in conference play last season. All-MIAC senior defender **Robbie Vanelli** is also back, along with a trio of All-Conference Honorable Mention selections - goalie **Drew Fielding** and forwards **Travis Barker** and **Alex Altenbernd** - to make UST the preseason favorite to repeat.

Gustavus must replace the MIAC MVP, but fortunately the Gusties have a pair of talented sophomores back to lay the foundation for another great year. forward **Andy Pearson** and goalie **John McLean** - who was 15-5-2 in net a year ago - were both named to the MIAC All-Rookie Team last season, and junior forward **Zach May** is Gustavus' returning leading scorer after notching 23 points a year ago.

St. Olaf brings back a group of talented forwards who should make the Oles explosive on offense. Two-time All-MIAC Honorable Mention pick **Ross Trousdale** leads the way, and juniors **Kevin** and **Jeff Harris** aren't just twin brothers - they both scored an identical 18 points last season. Saint John's returning nucleus is also start-studded, with All-MIAC and All-Rookie Team selection **John Haeg** back after scoring 27 points in 24 games as a freshman, and All-MIAC defender **Trent Johnson** and Honorable Mention forward **Jascha Pettit** give the Johnnies plenty of talent and experience on the ice.

Concordia continues to crank out quality defensemen, as it will again be led by All-MIAC junior **Caleb Suderman** in 2012-13. Adding to the Cobbers' strength on defense is All-Conference Honorable Mention goalie **Chris Neamonitis**, while Honorable Mention forward **Aaron Wheeler** is back to lead Concordia's offense. Hamline said goodbye to a trio of stars, but has two talented sophomores ready for larger roles in DelCastillo's first year, as forward **Nick Widing** and defender **Joe Rubbelke** both earned All-MIAC Honorable Mention honors as rookies.

Augsburg has outstanding experience back between the pipes in two-time All-MIAC Honorable Mention goalie **Justin Lochner**, and sophomore **Ben McClellan** is back to build on his strong, 18-point freshman season. Bethel returns one of the league's most terrific senior tandems in forward **Jack Paul** and defenseman **Jon Crouse**. Both are three-time All-MIAC selections, and will look to write a final successful chapter in their Royals careers this season. Meanwhile, Saint Mary's will again be led by All-MIAC forward **Austin Balko**, who scored 20 points a year ago, and he'll team with senior **Kevin Wentland** to put significant pressure on opposing goalies.

Mark your calendar

The 2012-13 will be bookended by two great conference events - the MIAC Showcase and the 2012-13 MIAC Men's Hockey Playoffs. The Showcase starts the season Friday, and teams will open with two weeks of nonconference play. MIAC action will begin the weekend of Nov. 8-9-10, and teams will have three conference series prior to the December break. League play resumes Jan. 11-12, and runs through the final weekend of the regular season, which will be Feb. 15-16. The first two weekends of the MIAC Playoffs will be held the following weekend (Feb. 22-23) with the championship set for March 2.

A closer look

The rest of the 2012-13 MIAC Men's Hockey Preview contains more details and information about each team to provide a closer look at each MIAC squad as the season draws near. Scroll down to see complete results from the 2012-13 MIAC Men's Hockey Preseason Coaches' Poll, Playoff information, helpful links and team-by-team previews along with links to each team's men's hockey home page. This season, the team previews - provided by each school's sports information director - received a facelift to give fans a more user-friendly way to prepare for the upcoming season.

Continue to visit the MIAC Web site throughout the season for updated scores, standings, stats and more, and for additional updates and interaction connect to the MIAC on its social media pages, including [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

2012-13 MIAC Men's Hockey Preseason Coaches' Poll

Coaches voted for every team in the conference except their own team. Points were assigned for each vote (eight for first, seven for second, etc.) Teams are ranked in order of highest point total to lowest with vote totals listed and first-place votes shown in parentheses.

2012-13 MIAC Men's Hockey Preseason Coaches' Poll		
Rank	Institution	Total
1	St. Thomas (7)	62
2	Gustavus (2)	58
3	St. Olaf	45
4	Saint John's	44
5	Concordia	34.5
6	Hamline	25.5
7	Augsburg	23
8	Bethel	20
9	Saint Mary's	12

2012-13 MIAC Men's Hockey Playoffs

The 2012-13 MIAC Men's Hockey Playoffs will feature the top five teams in the conference standings playing in a high-seed-host, single-elimination postseason tournament. The first-round game between the No. 4 and No. 5 seeds will take place Friday, Feb. 22, with the semifinal round to follow on Saturday, Feb. 23. The two remaining teams will meet in the championship on Saturday, March 2, with the winner claiming the postseason title, as well as the MIAC's automatic bid to the 2013 NCAA Division III Men's Hockey Tournament.

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Head Coach

- Chris Brown (Seventh season)

A Year Ago

- 6-9-1 MIAC (Eighth place) | 10-14-1 overall

Top Returners

- Justin Lochner (SR, G | .906 save pct., 3.24 GAA in 2011-12; Career: 38-28-5, .915 save pct., 2.73 GAA; All-MIAC honorable-mention in 2009-10 and 2010-11).
- Ben McClellan (SO, F | 7 goals, 11 assists, 18 points in debut season for Auggies in 2011-12).
- Landon Olson (SR, D | 3 goals, 4 assists, 7 points in 2011-12; team captain in 2012-13).

Key Losses

- Trevor Doden (F | Team-leading 14 goals, 8 assists, 22 points in 2011-12; 101 career games: 37 goals, 34 assists, 71 points; All-MIAC in 2011-12, USCHO West Region All-Rookie Team in 2008-09).
- David Hines (D | 3 goals, team-leading 12 assists, 15 points in 2011-12; 104 career games: 12 goals, 44 assists, 56 points; All-MIAC honorable-mention in 2011-12, 2010-11 and 2009-10; All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team in 2011-12).
- John Lennartson (F | 7 goals, 3 assists, 10 points in 2011-12; 101 career games: 21 goals, 16 assists, 37 points).

By the Numbers

- 30: Career victories for Augsburg goalie Justin Lochner (30-28-5), currently fifth-best in school history (the record is 47 by Ryan McIntosh – 1997-2000). Lochner's .915 career save percentage and 2.73 career goals-against-average are both currently tops in school history.
- 2: All-state honors in his high school career at Benilde-St. Margaret's HS for junior defender Chris Student, who transfers to Augsburg after playing the 2011-12 season at Division I Minnesota. He played in 2009-10 at Division I Northeastern (Mass.) before transferring to Minnesota.
- 8: Augsburg men's hockey players named to the Academic All-MIAC squad in 2012, the third straight year Augsburg has had seven or more men's hockey players earn academic all-conference honors.

Did You Know?

- Five former Augsburg men's hockey players are continuing their careers in professional hockey -- one in the United States and four in Europe. Nick Guran (2008-11) is playing for the Central Hockey League's Bloomington (Ill.) Blaze, Mario Mjelleli (2007-11) is playing for the Cergy-Pontoise Jokers in France, Kris Reinthaler (2009-11) is playing for the Graz 99ers in Austria, Jaro Cesky (1999-2003) is playing for the Telford Tigers in England, and Martin Hlinka (1995-99) is in his seventh season with the Hannover Scorpions in Germany.

Off the Ice

- Augsburg's men's hockey team had the highest team grade-point average of any Augsburg team in 2011-12, with a 3.51 team GPA.
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BETHEL | [Royals' men's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Charlie Burggraf (Third season)

A Year Ago

- 6-9-2 MIAC (Seventh place) | 8-15-2 Overall

Top Returners

- Jon Crouse (Sr., D | 3 G, 13 A, 16 Pts., 2009-2012 MIAC All-Conference Team)
- Jack Paul (Sr., F | 11 G, 7 A, 18 Pts., 2009-2012 MIAC All-Conference Team)
- Tyler Sorensen (Jr., D | 4 G, 8 A, 12 Pts.)

Key Losses

- Chris Fiala (F | 7 G, 18 A, 25 Pts., 2011-12 MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention)
- Jake Kogler (F | 14 G, 9 A, 23 Pts., 2011-12 MIAC All-Conference Team)
- Austin Hatch (D | 11 G, 7 A, 18 Pts.)

By the Numbers

- 7: Of Bethel's eight wins in 2011-12, seven came at home at the Bethel University Arena at the National Sports Center in Blaine. The Royals were 7-4-1 overall at home.
- 3: In all three seasons of their careers at Bethel both forward Jack Paul and defenseman Jon Crouse have been named to the MIAC Men's Hockey All-Conference Team.
- 1: After starting the season 5-3 in MIAC play and in playoff contention, the Royals were one win away from an MIAC playoff berth in 2011-12 after finishing in last place the previous season.

Did You Know?

- Head Coach Charlie Burggraf is entering his third season as head coach of the men's hockey program at Bethel following four seasons as the head women's coach. In his third season with the women Coach Burggraf led the Royals into the MIAC playoffs and was named MIAC coach of the year.

Off the Ice

- A total of 12 states are represented on the 2012-13 men's hockey roster ranging from coast-to-coast. Those states are: Alaska, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Wisconsin.
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CONCORDIA | [Cobbers' men's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Chris Howe (Fifth season)

A Year Ago

- 6-7-3 MIAC (T-5th Place) | 10-11-4 Overall

Top Returners

- Caleb Suderman (Jr., D | 2011-12 MIAC All-Conference, second on the team in scoring in MIAC games, eighth in the MIAC in scoring by a defenseman)
- Chris Neamonitis (Jr., G | 2011-12 MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention, led the MIAC in save percentage and was second in goals against average in 2011-12)
- Aaron Wheeler (Sr., F | 2011-12 MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention, tied for third on the team in goals in MIAC play and tied for the team lead in game-winning goals)

Key Losses

- Erick Galt (D | Four-time MIAC All-Conference, 2010-11 AHCA All-American)

By the Numbers

- 11: Concordia has 11 newcomers listed on the roster for the start of the 2012-13 season
- 14: The Cobbers have 14 players on the roster who are from outside the United States
- 76: Concordia senior forward Brian Kang has played in 76 games entering the 2012-13 season – the most of any returning CC player

Did You Know?

- Concordia has not had a losing record at home for the past three seasons. The Cobbers have posted 17 wins at the Moorhead Sports Center since the 2008-09 season
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GUSTAVUS | [Gusties' men's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Brett Petersen (13th season)

A Year Ago

- 8-5-3 MIAC (Second place) | 17-7-5 Overall

In the 2011-12 Postseason

- 2012 MIAC Playoff Champion - Defeated Saint John's (3-1) in the semifinals, St. Olaf (4-2) in the championship.
- 2012 NCAA Division III Tournament - Defeated Milwaukee School Of Engineering (3-1) in the first round, fell to St. Norbert (4-1) in the quarterfinals.

Top Returners

- Zach May (Jr., Forward, Prior Lake, Minn.) | Top returning scorer from last year's team, finishing with 23 points on 10 goals and 13 assists...Finished second on the team in shooting percentage at .233.
- Andy Pearson (So., Forward, Burnsville, Minn.) | 2011-12 All-MIAC Rookie Team...Finished third in the MIAC in freshman scoring with five goals and 14 assists for 19 points (4th/Team)...His 14 assists ranked second on the team and ninth in the MIAC.
- John McLean (So., Goaltender, Eagan, Minn.) | 2011-12 All-MIAC Rookie Team...Finished 15-5-2 with a .923 save percentage and a 2.16 goals against average...Finished 15th in the nation in goals against average, 14th in save percentage, and 13th in win percentage at .727...Only one other goalie in the nation had more wins as a freshman.

Key Losses

- Ross Ring-Jarvi (Forward, Anoka, Minn.) | AHCA First Team All-America...USCHO.com All-America Third Team...MIAC Player of the Year...Four-time All-Conference performer...Finished career with 46 goals and 84 assists for a total of 130 points in 114 games...Led team in scoring in 2011-12 with 11 goals (3 game-winners) and 22 assists for 33 points...2011-12 Gustavus Male Athlete of the Year.

By the Numbers

- 85.4 - The percentage of last year's point production Gustavus returns to the ice for the 2012-13 season. Last year's lone senior Ross Ring-Jarvi accounted for 14.6-percent of Gustavus' total points last season.
- 13-0-3 - Gustavus' 2011-12 record when leading after two periods. The Gusties were 2-6-1 when trailing after two periods.
- 4 - The league-leading number of Gustavus players who scored 10 or more goals last season. Adam Smyth led the team with 14, while Ring-Jarvi had 11, and Ryan Johnson and Zach May both had 10.

Did You Know?

- For the first time since 1992, Don Roberts Ice Rink got a facelift with an upgrade to its dasher boards and glass. Gustavus removed its 20-year-old boards and plexiglass and replaced them with new boards and seamless tempered glass. With the standard height of hockey boards measuring 3.5-feet, Gustavus' former board/glass combination measured 6.5-feet on sides and 8.5-feet on the ends. The rink's new walls measure a combined 9.5-feet (3.5' boards, 6' glass) around the entirety of the ice sheet, adding three feet to the sides and one foot to both ends. Although the size of the rink remains 85-feet wide by 195-feet long, an additional eight feet has been added to the benches and the size of both the penalty boxes and scorers area has been increased. In the past ten seasons, Gustavus has a record of 75-44-10 (.620) at home.



HAMLIN | [Pipers' men's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Doc DelCastillo (First season)

A Year Ago

- 7-8-1 MIAC (T-5th place) | 10-14-2 Overall

In the 2011-12 Postseason

- Lost to St. Olaf, 3-2 (OT) in first round of the MIAC playoffs

Top Returners

- Nick Widing (So., F, Chanhassen, Minn., 9 G, 5 A, top returning scorer, Hon. Mention All-MIAC)
- Sam Leslie (So., F, N. Vancouver, Wash., 5 G, 10 A)
- Joe Rubbelke (So., D. North St. Paul, Minn., 3 G, 14 A, Hon. Mention All-MIAC)

Key Losses

- Brian Arrigoni, C (14G, 14 A, All-MIAC)
- Jordan VanGilder, W (11G, 17 A, All-MIAC)
- Beau Christian, G (2.84 GAA, .913 Save pct., All-MIAC)

By the Numbers

- 5: Number of consecutive years Hamline has made the MIAC playoffs
- 7: Number of players who saw action in 2011-12 as a defenseman
- 16: Number of first year players who were on the ice for team's first practice

Did You Know?

- Doc DelCastillo is in his first year as head coach but he knows HU well. He grew up a few blocks from the school. His mother worked in the cafeteria at Hamline at one point and he had a sister attend the school.

Off the Ice

- Grant Fahnhorst, a Chemistry major, won the Ole Runquist Award – an annual scholarship given for outstanding labwork.
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SAINT JOHN'S | [Johnnies' men's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Doug Schueller (Fifth season)

A Year Ago

- 9-7-0 MIAC (Third place) | 11-13-2 Overall

In the 2011-12 Postseason

- 2011-12 MIAC Playoffs – Lost to Gustavus Adolphus (3-1) in semifinals

Top Returners

- John Haeg (So., F | 2011-12 All-MIAC First Team, 2011-12 All-MIAC Rookie Team, 27 points in 24 games as a freshman, second in the MIAC with 22 points in conference play.
 - Trent Johnson (Jr., D | 2011-12 All-MIAC First Team, 15 points from the blue line, plus/minus rating of +8 against the opposition's top lines all season long)
 - Jascha Pettit (Sr., F | All-MIAC Honorable Mention, 20 points in 24 games, plus/minus rating of +8, led team/tied for MIAC lead with 14 goals).

Key Losses

- Conor Rooney (F | Played in 25 games, tallied seven goals and 10 points)
- Tony Civello (G | Played 17 games in net, 4-11-2 record, 3.18 GAA, .886 save percentage)

By the Numbers

- 21: SJU scored 21 more goals in 2011-12 than they did in 2010-11 (78 vs. 57).
- 26.9: The Johnnies led the MIAC by converting 26.9 percent of its power-play chances in 16 conference games last season. SJU was last in the league at 14.7 percent in 2010-11.
- 70: Coach Schueller returns 70 of the 78 goals scored last season, as well as nearly 92 percent of the overall points recorded (197 of 215).

Did You Know?

- Sophomore forward John Haeg (Lakeville, Minn.) became the first SJU freshman since Ryan Langenbrunner (2002-03) to lead the team in points and earn All-MIAC first-team honors.

Off the Ice

- A two-time Academic All-MIAC honoree, senior forward Tobias Linbro (Nykvarn, Sweden) served as an assistant captain and matched up against the opponent's top lines last season. An economics major with a 3.94 GPA, Linbro has 23 points (7g/16a), a plus/minus rating of +5 and only seven penalties in 59 career games.
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SAINT MARY'S | [Cardinals' men's soccer home page](#) |

Head coach

- Bill Moore (6th season)

A Year Ago

- 2-12-2 MIAC (Ninth place) | 5-18-2 Overall

Top Returners

- Austin Balko (5-10, 165, Jr., For. | 23 GP, 8 G, 12 A, 20 Pts | First-Team All-MIAC)
- Kevin Wentland (5-11, 185, Sr., For. | 23 GP, 10 G, 7 A, 17 Pts)
- Nick Nagel (6-4, 215, Jr., For. | 25 GP, 8 G, 6 A 14 Pts)

Key Losses

- Tom Healy (25 GP, 0 G 9 A, 9 Pts | 2-year Captain)
- Nate Peterson (23 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 Pts | 2-year Assistant Captain)
- Vincent Unklesbay (25 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 Pts | 2-year Captain)

By The Numbers

- 20: Twenty of the Cardinals' 25 contests in 2011-12 were decided by two goals or less — including 14 games that were decided by one goal or less. Over the past two seasons, the Cardinals have been involved in 26 games that have been decided by one goal or less.
- 10: Kevin Wentland closed out the season scoring a goal in six of the team's last eight games and finished with a team-leading 10 goals a year ago.
- 6: Nick Nagel boasted a season- and career-high six-game goal-scoring streak last season — the longest such streak since Lenny Hofmann scored in six straight games during the 2003-04 season.

Did You Know?

- SMU defeated two nationally ranked teams last season, beating eighth-ranked MSOE 2-1 in overtime on Nov. 22, then knocking off sixth-ranked and eventual national champion St. Norbert 3-2 on Jan. 6.

Off The Ice

- The Cardinals have two circle-the-date events on this year's schedule. SMU will honor all veterans with Veterans Appreciation Night on Nov. 9 against Hamline, and SMU's Nov. 30 contest against St. Olaf will include the Third Annual Teddy Bear Toss — after the first SMU goal in the first period — or at the end of the first period if SMU fails to score — fans will have an opportunity to throw their teddy bear and/or stuffed animal(s) onto the ice. They will then be collected and go directly to benefit children in the local Winona areas for the Christmas Holiday.



ST. OLAF | [Oles' men's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Sean Goldsworthy (16th season)

A Year Ago

- 7-6-3 MIAC (Fourth place) | 13-9-6 Overall

In the 2011-12 Postseason

- Defeated Hamline (3-2) in the quarterfinals, St. Thomas (4-3) in the semifinals. Lost to Gustavus (4-2) in the finals.

Top Returners

- Ross Trousdale (Sr. Forward | Third in points and goals, Two-time All-Conference Honorable Mention 10 goals and 11 assists for 21 points)
- Kevin Harris (Jr. Forward | Tied for leading goal scorer, 11 goals and 7 assists for 18 points, played in all 28 games)
- Jeff Harris (Jr. Forward | 1st in MIAC for short-handed points, 9 goals and 9 assists for 18 points, played in all 28 games)

Key Losses?

- Peter Rohn (Forward | MIAC All-conference, tied for leading goal scorer, 11 goals and 13 assists for 24 points)
- Charlie Raskob (Defense | Two-time MIAC All-Conference, MIAC Honorable Mention, MIAC All-Rookie, most assists in final season, 4th in the MIAC for assists, 1st in the MIAC for defenseman scoring, 7 goals and 17 assists for 24 points)
- Derek Grogan (Defense | Two-time MIAC All-Conference, MIAC Honorable Mention, MIAC All-Rookie, Tied for 1st in MIAC power play points and goals, 2nd in the MIAC for defenseman scoring, 7 goals and 14 assists for 21 points)

By the Numbers

- 12: St. Olaf scored 12 more goals than their opponents.
- 8: Eight of the Oles had 12 points or more last season.
- 2: The 2011-12 team ranks second in St. Olaf history for least goals allowed.

Did You Know?

- Last year's seniors Derek Grogan and Charlie Raskob are listed in the top five in both career points and career assists in the last 12 seasons at St. Olaf.



ST. THOMAS | [Tommies' men's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Jeff Boeser (Third season)

A Year Ago

- 13-2-1 MIAC (First place) | 18-6-2 Overall

In the 2011-12 Postseason

- 2011-12 MIAC Playoffs - Lost to St. Olaf (4-3) in semifinals
- 2011-12 NCAA Division III Playoffs - Lost to St. Norbert (3-1)

Top Returners

- Riley Horgan, SR, F, 2X All-MIAC; led conference in scoring in 2011-12; Career: 63 games, 64 points
- Robbie Vannelli, SR, D, Captain; 2011-12: 6g-9a
- Drew Fielding, SO, GK, 2011-12: 9-3, 2.08 GAA, .917 save%

Key Losses

- Robby Phillip, Grad, 2X All-MIAC: Career: 94 games, 26 goals, 30 assists

By the Numbers

- 19: Number of returning players from Tommies' 2011-12 MIAC title team
- 30: Consecutive winning seasons for St. Thomas men's hockey
- 0: Times UST has missed conference hockey playoffs in format's 28-year history

Did You Know?

- St. Thomas killed off 39 consecutive power-play tries during a nine-game stretch last season, a streak that was ended by a St. Norbert goal in the NCAA playoffs. St. Thomas finished fourth nationally in that category as it killed off 88 percent of penalties.

Off the Ice

- Three Tommie hockey players received Academic All-MIAC honors last spring, including 2012-13 returner Brandon Bahnemann.