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The 2000 MIAC men's soccer season kicks off with non-conference games beginning September 1. Watch for Macalester, the 1999 MIAC Champion, to remain toward the top of the conference standings this season. Macalester lost most of their 1999 starters to graduation, but have a wealth of experienced players to take over the program this fall. Last season, Macalester went 9-0-1 to win their third-consecutive MIAC Championship.

Look for last year's second-place finisher St. Olaf to be in the hunt for the MIAC title in 2000. The Oles return a potent offense from their 1999 squad that finished with a 9-1 record. Bethel returns eight starters this season and hopes to improve on their 8-2 third-place finish with a strong offense and an experienced goalkeeper.

Macalester and St. Olaf are ranked seventeenth and eighteenth respectively in the preseason NSCAA Div. III National Rankings.



Augsburg College

Head Coach: Mike Navarre (2nd season)

1999 Record: 3-13 (0-10 MIAC / 11th)

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Pos, Highlight)

Gustavo Quintiliano (Sr., GK), 3.22 career GAA, 3.33 GAA in 12 starts in 1999

Carlos Martinez (Sr., MF), top returning scorer from last season

Joel Stone (Jr., D)

Hugo Quintiliano (So., MF)

Brian Hesser (Sr., MF)

Season Preview:

Head coach Mike Navarre is excited about the prospects for this year's Augsburg men's soccer team. "We're adding a lot of new talent to the team. We will be much stronger than last year," Navarre said. "We're very young, but we're better. That's what is getting us excited." Of the 30 players in the fall camp, 18 are freshmen. But there is significant talent coming to Augsburg from the young players, along with a solid core of returning

athletes. The forward line will be paced by four freshmen -- Scott Lepper (Fr., Blaine, Minn.), Matt Lachner (Fr., Maple Grove, Minn.), Nate Shill (Fr., Eau Claire, Wis./Eau Claire North HS) and Greg Shaver (Fr., Baltimore, Md./St. Paul's HS) -- and junior Dustin Hoffman (Jr., Glenwood, Minn./Minnewaska Area HS). Each of the freshmen earned multiple all-conference honors during their prep careers. In the midfield, sophomore Hugo Quintiliano (So., Brasilia, Brazil/Mound-Westonka HS) will be the driving force, along with senior co-captains Brian Hesser (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis South HS) and Carlos Martinez (Sr., Bogota, Colombia/Hopkins HS), the team's leading returning scorer from last season. Returner Christian Shada (Jr., Santa Rosa, Calif.) will also contribute in the midfield. Transfer Tanner Guy (Jr., Des Moines, Iowa/Des Moines East HS) from Grandview College (Iowa) and freshman Steven Gehrmann (Fr., Maple Grove, Minn./Osseo HS) are expected to make immediate impacts in the midfield. Gehrmann earned all-conference honors twice at Osseo HS, while Guy was an all-state player and three-time all-conference selection during his prep career in Iowa. On defense, Joel Stone (Jr., Fridley, Minn./Spring Lake Park HS) will be the catalyst, along with returner Joe Huffer (Jr., Austin, Minn.). Jason Betsinger (Jr., Bloomington, Minn./Bloomington Kennedy HS), a transfer from Bethany Lutheran College who earned junior college All-America honors last year, will join the team as a marking back, along with freshmen Garrett Robertson (Fr., Maple Grove, Minn.) and Andy Preisen (Fr., Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis Southwest HS). Both Robertson and Preisen were two-time all-conference selections in high school. In goal, co-captain Gustavo Quintiliano (Sr., Brasilia, Brazil/Mound-Westonka HS) returns for his second season as the team's starting keeper. Freshman Nick Shill (Fr., Eau Claire, Wis./Eau Claire North HS), a three-time all-conference selection in his prep career, will also contribute in the nets.



Bethel College

Head Coach: Mark Leigh (4th season / 66-44-10)

1999 Record: 11-7(8-2MIAC / 3rd)

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Pos, Highlight)

Andy Frye, SR, F, 35 career goals, 79 career pts, 3 time All-MIAC, All-Midwest Region-'99

Pete Ahlquist, SR, F, All-MIAC Honorable Mention, Two-time captain

David Bachmeier, SR, F, Captain, Two-time most improved

Tyrell Seim, SO, D, Rookie of the Year in '99

Adam Johnson, SO, GK, Team defensive leader

Season Preview:

The Royals return eight starters as they begin the chase for their first MIAC title in nearly 20 years. Last season's 8-2 conference mark has left hopes high for Bethel to win a conference championship and contend nationally.

A strong senior class, led by All-Region forward Andy Frye (Maple Grove, MN), two-year captain Pete Ahlquist, and captain David Bachmeier will provide strong leadership.



Last years' success has led to high goals for the upcoming season. The Royals again will place a high-powered offensive attacking team on the field, with hopes of outscoring last season's total of 147 points.

Anchoring the defense will be returning goalkeeper Adam Johnson. His quickness and field smarts will again make Bethel a formidable defensive opponent.

Complete preview at: www.bethel.edu/Athletics/M_Soccer/00preview.html

Carleton College

Head Coach: Bob Carlson (4th season)

1999 Record: 6-9-3 (3-6-1 MIAC / 9th)

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Pos, Highlight)

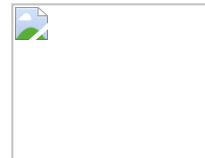
Carl Tape, Sr., Mid., 8 goals, 2 assists and 18 points in 1999

Peter Abraham, Sr., Mid./Def., 2 goals, 4 points in 1999

Dakota Loomis, Jr., 1 goal, 4 assists, 6 points in 1999

Season Preview:

The Carleton men's soccer team looks to improve on its disappointing finish last season. The team returns 10 players that started at least four games during the '99 campaign and will be bolstered by a strong group of incoming first-year players. The Knights will look to senior co-captain Carl Tape to provide experience and scoring up top. Juniors Chris Langston and Dakota Loomis will help Tape at the forward position. In the back, senior co-captain Peter Abraham will anchor the Knights' defense, along with returning starters Mike Robinson (junior) and Marc Antinoro (sophomore). Strong defense plus the skills of junior goalkeeper Ehren Reilly will be key to lowering Carleton's goals against average. Sophomores Nadim Ilbawi, Andy Indresano, and Tim O'Connell will direct the Knights' midfield. First-year players expected to contribute immediately include Brett Mularski, a midfielder out of Evanston, Ill. (All-Area First Team Chicago Sun Times, All-State Second Team Chicago Tribune, IHSA All-Sectional and All-Conference, Team MVP), Miles McDonough of Wichita, Kan. (Def./Mid., All-State First Team, Kansas ODP State Team), Jeremy Schultz of Waverly, Neb. (Mid., two-time All-State First Team, over 50 goals in high school career), Joe Sutherland of Glen Elyn, Ill. (Def., two-time All-West Suburban All-Conference, All-Area Honorable Mention Chicago Daily Herald), and Mike Eastman of Edina, Minn., who was a key defender on the 1999 Minnesota State High School Championship team.



Concordia College

Head Coach: Jim Cella (8th season / 76-53-8)

1999 Record: 7-10-1 (5-5 MIAC / 5th-tie)

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Pos, Highlight)

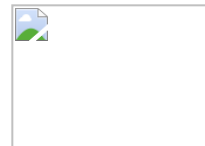
Chance Buzzell (Jr., Anoka MN, Anoka H.S.)

Gennard Lombardozzi (Jr., Billings MT, Billings West H.S.)

Scott Noland (Jr., Glenwood MN, Minnewaska H.S.)

Season Preview:

Youth will be served in the 2000 edition of the Concordia men's soccer team. The team lost nine regular contributors from the 1999 team and will only have two seniors on this year's team. The team will be led by the three captains; forward Chance Buzzell (Jr., Anoka MN, Anoka H.S.), midfielder Gennard Lombardozzi (Jr., Billings MT, Billings West H.S.) and defender Scott Noland (Jr., Glenwood MN, Minnewaska H.S.). The Cobbers are hoping that youthful exuberance will overcome lack of experience and place the team in the top of the MIAC. Adding depth to the team will be Cyle Cavett (Fargo, ND, Fargo South) and Peter Pawlowski (Minneapolis MN, Holy Angels H.S.), two sophomores that improved late in the 1999 season and will be looked upon to continue their strong presence on the field in 2000.



Gustavus Adolphus College

Head Coach: Larry Zelenz (15th season / 133-79-23)

1999 Record: 9-8-1 (5-4-1 MIAC / 4th)

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Pos, Highlight)

Scott Crowell, SR, Defender, Burnsville, MN (3 goals, 2 assists, 8 points, AC-MIAC)

Mike Orr, SR, Defender, Sioux Falls, SD (captain, four-year starter)

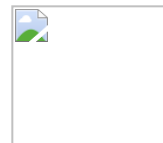
Lance Eriksen, JR, Defender, Apple Valley, MN (three-year starter, one assist)

Eric Carl, SO, Forward, Apple Valley, MN (5 goals, 4 assists, 14 points)

Jacob Valento, SR, Forward, Blaine, MN (two-year starter, 8 goals, 2 assists, 18 points)

Season Preview:

The Gustavus men's soccer team expects to improve on last year's fourth-place finish as nine starters return from the team that held a 9-8-1 overall mark and a 5-4-1 record in the MIAC. Head Coach Larry Zelenz will need to replace all-conference midfielder Greg Holker, however, he returns all-conference and team MVP Scott Crowell as well as a group of strong players who have been promoted from the second team. Other top returners include senior defender Mike Orr, senior defender Anthony Marchetti, who missed last season due to injury, junior defender Lance Eriksen, sophomore forward Eric Carl, who tallied five goals and four assists as a freshman for 14 points, and senior Jacob Valento, the team's leading scorer for the past two seasons. Once again, Coach Zelenz has put together a difficult schedule for the Gusties that includes non-conference foes Luther, Viterbo, Colorado College, and Nebraska Wesleyan to go along with the always-challenging MIAC schedule.



Hamline University

Head Coach: Andrew Coutts (2nd season)

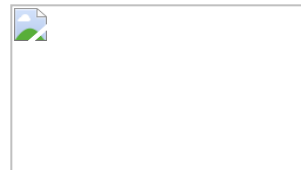
1999 Record: 3-15 (1-9 MIAC / 10-th)

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Pos, Highlight)

Adam Robinson (Sr., MF)
Brad Uecker (Jr., MF)
Brad Beier (Sr., B)
Gray Bloss (Jr., B)
Ian Davisson (Jr., B)

Season Preview:

The Pipers expect to improve this season with much added depth, athleticism, and boost to the offensive attack. With a solid core of returning players to lead a large group of newcomers to the program, Hamline will play with a new intensity and looks to climb in the conference standings.



Macalester College

Head Coach: John Leaney (14th season at MAC / 152-51-25)

1999 Record: 14-3-2 (9-0-1 MIAC)

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Pos, Highlight)

Kimani Williams (Jr., F, Kingston, Jamaica / Kingston College) All-MIAC / 12 goals, 7 assists)

Shingai Mukurazita (Sr., F, Harare, Zimbabwe / Kutama College)

Brendan Mayer (Sr., D, Fairfax Station, VA / Woodson) All-MIAC

Brendan Kearney (Sr., MF, Milwaukee, WI / Marquette Univ. H.S.)

Christian Engelbret (Sr., Minneapolis, MN / Hopkins)

Season Preview:

The Scots became the first MIAC team in 25 years to win three straight league championships by going 9-0-1 a year ago, overcoming a slow start offensively to rally and win their last nine regular-season games. Macalester is looking to get off to a better start but that won't be easy considering some huge losses to graduation.



Most of the starting lineup is gone, including All-America midfielder Roland Broughton. Macalester must also replace goalkeeper Andrej Slapar, forward Franc Slapar, and some key defenders in Cain Oulahan and Rob Nachtwey.

The Scots should be explosive up front with talented forwards Kimani Williams (Jr., Kingston, Jamaica / Kingston College) and Shingai Mukurazita (Sr., Harare, Zimbabwe / Kutama College). Williams made the All-MIAC team after scoring 12 goals and assisting on seven others. Brendan Mayer (Sr., Fairfax Station, VA / Woodson) is one of the best defensive players ever at Macalester, while Brendan Kearney (Sr., Milwaukee, WI / Marquette Univ. H.S.) and Christian Engelbret (Sr., Minneapolis, MN / Hopkins) provide valuable experience in the midfield.

Expected to help extensively in the midfield will be Martin Oppenheimer (Stockholm, Sweden / Viktor Rydberg) and Alon Rohter (Jr., Honolulu, HI / Waldorf). Newcomer Nathan Knox (FY, Christchurch, New Zealand / Shirley) will battle for a starting spot, as will many of Mac's support players from a year ago.

Saint John's University

Head Coach: Pat Haws (23rd season)

1999 Record: 7-9-2 (4-5-1 MIAC / 7th)

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Pos, Highlight)

Travis Miller, So., F, 10 points in '99

Kevin Smith, Sr., M, nine points in '99

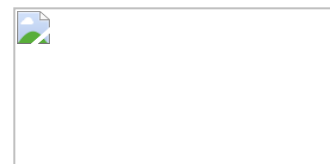
Ross Golla, Sr., F, eight points in '99

Kevin Kohnen, Sr., GK, '99 All-MIAC selection with 1.38 gaa

Season Preview:

The Saint John's University soccer team will enter the 2000 season trying to improve on its seventh place finish in the MIAC last season. The Johnnies will welcome back 15 varsity regulars, including 1999's number two and three scorers, sophomore Travis Miller, and senior Kevin Smith. Also returning to the team will be senior Ross Golla, who had eight points (one goal and six assists) overall and five points in conference play. Senior Eric Sis (8 pts, 3 g, 2 a), sophomore David Esch (6 pts, 2 g, 2 a), should also play key roles for SJU in 2000. Starting senior goalie Kevin Kohnen will return for the Johnnies. Kohnen was named All-MIAC in 1999 with a 1.38 goals against average. One of the nation's winningest soccer coaches and the winningest in Minnesota college soccer history, Pat Haws owns a 231-84-36 career record with six MIAC titles to his credit.

Complete preview can be found at: www.csbsju.edu/sjusports/soccerpre00.html



Saint Mary's University

Head Coach: Brad Hauter (6th season / 48-33-6)

1999 Record: 10-8 (5-5 MIAC / 5th-tie)

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Pos, Highlight)

Matt Peck (Jr., GK, 7 gmaes, 30 saves)

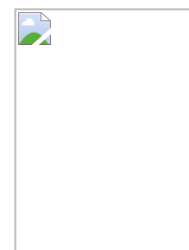
Brad Fox (So., For., 4 goals, 2 assists)

Donn O'Malley (So., For., 2 goals, 3 assists)

Michael Kroll (Jr., Mid., 2 goals, 2 assists, honorable-mention All-MIAC)

Season Preview:

When the Saint Mary's University men's soccer team closed out the 1999 season with a 2-1 win over Southwestern (Texas), it marked the fourth straight season that the Cardinals won at least 10 games.



It's a streak that coach Brad Hauter would like to see continued, sort of. You see, while Hauter is thrilled with the fact that his last four teams have eclipsed the 10-win mark, 10 wins has lost a bit of its luster.

It's time to raise the bar.

"When I first came here, four or five wins was considered a successful season," explained Hauter, who is entering his sixth season as the Cardinals' head coach. "It takes a while to filter that mentality out. To win 10 games, to finish in the top third of the conference, has been the mentality of our team for the last four years," Hauter continued. "But now, we've come to a point where (10 wins) isn't good enough, we want more. Our expectations are to be the best team in the conference. Sure, it's a big step, but it's a step we're ready to make."

"We lost some very talented players off last year's team," admitted Hauter, who is without his top two scorers, as well as his starting goalkeeper, from last year's squad. "But I also think we've got some outstanding individuals who can step in and fill the void."

Junior Matt Peck (Eau Claire, Wis.) looks to be the heir apparent as the Cardinals' starting goalkeeper, while upperclassmen Joe Rude (Eau Claire, Wis.), Dan Krocak (New Brighton, Minn.), Michael Kroll (Cary, Ill.), Eric Brown (Cary, Ill.) and Jeff Pope (Arlington Heights, Ill.) look to be the cornerstone to leading the Cardinals toward the top of the MIAC heap. In order for the Cardinals to make that next step, to be considered among the conference's elite teams, however, Hauter still needs to add one key ingredient, confidence.

"We don't have a glaring weakness," Hauter said. "Can we win 10 games for a fifth straight year? Absolutely."

Will they be satisfied with a fifth consecutive 10-win season? Absolutely, not.

Complete preview found at: www.smumn.edu/sports/w_soccer/newsletter/wspreview.html

St. Olaf College

Head Coach: Kurt Anderson (12th season)

1999 Record: 17-2-1 (9-1 MIAC / 2nd)

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Pos, Highlight)

Jason Bezdicek, Sr., Mid-fielder, All-MIAC, All-Region

Loran Nordgren, Sr., Forward, Captain, 2nd leading scorer

Kyle Swanson, Jr., Mid-fielder, All-MIAC

Ross MacMullen, Jr., Goalie, .7 goal against avg. in 1999

Karl Wilbur, Jr., Defender, only returning starter on defense

Season Preview:

The six starters returning for the Oles have solid experience and have competed in two conference races and two regional competitions. The players returning for Coach Anderson accounted for 42 goals a year ago, on a team that was ranked third in scoring in Division III. Said Coach Anderson, "We will be very competitive in the conference and as we develop we will challenge for the title." The Oles have solid experience in the mid-field, returning three of four starters, and will be solid offensively. Coach Anderson's concern is defense. "We have been one of the top defensive teams the last two years and we will have to find a defensive combination to be successful," commented Anderson. "When it gets down to the last two weeks of the season, we want to be in the running for the conference championship."



University of St. Thomas

Head Coach: Denzil Lue (22nd season / 198-115-43)

1999 Record: 7-10 (4-6 MIAC / 8th)

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Pos, Highlight)

Ryan Dolan, JR F (Career: 9g, 6a)

Peter Lefebvre, JR, MF

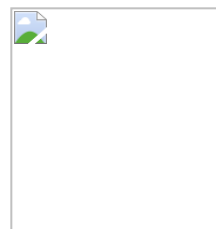
Will Loepfe, SO, GK (2 shutouts in 1999)

Mike Tamasi, JR, Def

Kor Xiong, SR, Def

Season Preview:

St. Thomas men's soccer program should reach three milestones this fall: head coach Denzil Lue needs two wins to reach 200 in his 21 seasons; the Toms need three victories to reach 300 overall in the history of the program; and they need one win to hit 200 all-time conference victories. Lue has a 21-year record of 198-115-43 and has helped UST post a winning all-time record against all 10 MIAC opponents. The 2000 Toms play 10 home games, including eight of their 10 September contests. With just two seniors this season, the youthful Toms will be led by captains Mike Tamasi and Kor Xiong. Junior Ryan Dolan returns after scoring a team-best eight goals in 1999. Dolan has recorded nine goals and six assists for 24 points in his first two seasons. Other top scorers back include junior Peter Lefebvre and sophomore Chad Nelson. The Toms also return starting goalkeeper Will Loepfe, who had two shutouts in 1999.



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1999 MIAC Final Standings

	W-L-T	GF	GA	Pts.
<u>Macalester*</u>	9-0-1	27	3	19
<u>St. Olaf</u>	9-1-0	37	9	18
<u>Bethel</u>	8-2-0	24	15	16
<u>Gustavus</u>	5-4-1	15	12	11
<u>Concordia</u>	5-5-0	32	17	10
<u>St. Mary's</u>	5-5-0	15	15	10
<u>St. John's</u>	4-5-1	14	15	9
<u>St. Thomas</u>	4-6-0	11	18	8
<u>Carleton</u>	3-6-1	15	14	7
<u>Hamline</u>	1-9-0	6	43	2
<u>Augsburg</u>	0-10-0	8	44	0

* MIAC Champion