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The 2001 MIAC men's soccer season gets underway with non-conference games beginning August 31. Keep an eye on Gustavus Adolphus College, the 2000 MIAC Champion, to remain toward the top of the conference standings this season. Gustavus went 9-1 in 2000 MIAC play to win their first MIAC Championship since 1994. Gustavus is currently ranked eleventh in the preseason NSCAA Div. III National Rankings.





Watch for last year's second-place finisher Macalester to be back in the hunt for the MIAC title in 2001 as they look to win back the MIAC Championship after winning three out of the past four seasons. Saint John's is also predicted to finish towards the top of the bracket this season as they are coming off a third place MIAC finish last season.

<u>Augsburg College</u>		
Head Coach:	Mike Navarre (3rd season / 8-26-0 overall)	
2000 Record:	5-13-0 (1-9-0 MIAC / 10th)	
Key Returners:	Matt Lachner (So., Maple Grove, Minn.), F, team's leading scorer last season (7G-7A-21P). Joel Stone (Sr., Fridley, Minn./St. Louis Park HS), D, All-MIAC first team in 2000, 1 assist, team's top defender. Jason Betsinger (Sr., Bloomington, Minn./Kennedy HS), D, All-MIAC HM in 2000, 2G-1A-5P. Steve Gehrman (So, Maple Grove, Minn./Osseo HS), MF, 2G-6A-10P in 2000, third on team in scoring. Hugo Quintiliano (Jr., Brasilia, Brazil/Mound-Westonka HS), MF, 2G-3A-7P in 2000. Joe Huffer (Sr., Austin, Minn.), D, key reserve on defense, appeared in 16 games. Scott Lepper (So., Blaine, Minn.), MF, 18 games (17 starts), 1 assist in 2000.	
Season Preview:	<p>The 2001 season is a time for the Augsburg men's soccer program to make a statement. With nine starters and 19 letterwinners returning, prospects look positive for Augsburg to continue its improvement under third-year head coach Mike Navarre. "This year, we're looking to turn the corner," Navarre said. "We took a step forward last year, and I know that this year, we're going to be competitive. Everybody in the program is excited about our potential. "Each individual has to take responsibility for raising our teams' expectations. Each game we play is an opportunity to advance our program."</p> <p>The opportunity could come from a team that gained valuable experience last season, while starting seven freshmen in the regular lineup. Those freshmen are now sophomores, and combined with a solid recruiting class, the group could aim high. Augsburg has not had a winning season in men's soccer since 1980 (11-1-3), the last MIAC championship won by the Auggies. Augsburg finished 5-13 overall and 1-9 in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference last season.</p> <p>The Auggies return a balanced lineup in virtually every facet of the game, keyed by a solid defensive backfield. Joel Stone (Sr., Fridley, Minn./Spring Lake Park HS) earned first-team All-MIAC honors last season, earning a reputation as one of the best defenders in the conference. Alongside Stone is another all-conference selection, Jason Betsinger (Sr., Bloomington, Minn./Kennedy HS), who reached the All-MIAC honorable-mention plateau in his first year as an Auggie after transferring from Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, Minn.). He scored two goals last season as well.</p> <p>The biggest question for the Auggies will come in the nets, as Navarre will have to find someone to replace three-year starter Gustavo Quintiliano. Two sophomores will compete for the starting role &SHY; Nick Shill (So., Eau Claire, Wis./North HS) and Han Zeller (Fr., Winona, Minn.). Shill saw relief action in seven games, including one start, while Zeller saw action in two games last year.</p> <p>Complete preview can be found at: www.augsburg.edu/athletics/soccer/0102mpreview.html</p>	


<u>Bethel College</u>		
Head Coach:	Tim Wiens (1st season / 0-0 overall)	
2000 Record:	5-13 (2-8 MIAC / 9th)	


Key Returners:	Tyrell Seim, Sophomore, Defense, Rookie of the Year in '99 Jared Schock, Sophomore, Midfielder Ryan Dorn, Sophomore, Defense Josh Stamper, Senior, Forward Tim Sundberg, Junior. Goalkeeper
Season Preview:	New coach Tim Wiens heads up the program after being an assistant on the Bethel staff for the previous two years. He will look to replace All-Region forward Andy Frye, who finished his career with 104 points, second on Bethel's all-time scoring list. Coach Wiens returns eight players who saw significant action last season. Three defenders and starting goalkeeper Tim Sundberg return and will give the Royals a solid defense. Wiens also expects a very solid group of newcomers, both freshmen and transfers, to make significant contributions.

Carleton College		
Head Coach:	Bob Carlson (5th season)	
2000 Record:	10-6-2 (4-4-2 MIAC / 7th)	
Key Returners:	Dakota Loomis, Sr., F, leading scorer in 2000, All-MIAC honorable mention. Andy Indresano, Jr., MF, All-MIAC in 2000. Jeremy Schultz, So., F, All-MIAC honorable mention in 2000. Ehren Reilly, Sr., GK, 1.01 GA, five shutouts in 2000. Nadim Ilbawi, Jr., MF, led team with six assists in 2000.	
Season Preview:	Head coach Bob Carlson has high hopes entering his fifth year guiding the Knights' program. Now all he has to do is get his team healthy, as numerous players have gone down during the preseason. "We may have to go no contact," he joked. In all seriousness, Carlson has a very strong starting 11, but the Knights' depth and the injury problems are huge question marks. Dakota Loomis headlines the returning cast, as he scored seven goals, two of the game-winning variety, in 2000. He and Andy Indresano have filled the leadership void left by graduated captains Carl Tape '01 and Peter Abraham '01. Throw in Jeremy Schultz, who tallied 14 points in his rookie campaign, with Loomis on the front line and the Knights have a solid one-two offensive tandem. Nadim Ilbawi and Miles McDonough figure to control the midfield, and Brett Mularski, Joe Sutherland and Indresano anchor the defense, along with goalie Ehren Reilly, a fourth-year starter. Three out of Carleton's first four opponents were NCAA Tournament teams in 2000, and the remainder of the non-conference slate, combined with the rigorous MIAC schedule, makes it the toughest schedule ever in Carlson's five seasons.	


<u>Concordia College</u>		
Head Coach:	Jim Cella (10th season / 85-60-10)	
2000 Record:	9-7-2 (5-4-1 MIAC / 5th-tie)	
Key Returners:	Chance Buzzell - F (Sr., Anoka MN, Anoka H.S.) 2000 All-MIAC Kris Overby - GK (So., Fargo, ND, Fargo South H.S.) 2000 All-MIAC HM Gennard Lombardozzi (Sr., Billings MT, Billings West H.S.) Kris Overby - GK (So., Fargo, ND, Fargo South H.S.) 2000 All-MIAC HM Jerry Nathan - F (So., Fargo, ND, Fargo South H.S.) 2000 Team Leading Scorer	


Season Preview:	<p>The 2001 Concordia College men's soccer will be bolstered by the fact that 9 of the 11 starters from a year ago are all returning. Last year the Cobbers started quickly, bolting to a 3-0 start in the MIAC only to falter in their next four games and end the season with a 5-4-1 conference mark. Concordia will be hoping that a year of "seasoning" will help push the team towards the top of the MIAC at the end of the season and not at the beginning.</p> <p>The Concordia offense is a classic tale of "good news, bad news". The good news is that all five of the top scorers from 2000 are back, but the bad news is that Cobber offense finished eighth in the conference in goals scored last year. Finding a way to break down the opposing team's defense will be the key to Concordia's success this year. Leading the way on offense will be 2000 All-MIAC performer Chance Buzzell. Buzzell will be teamed with sophomore Jerry Nathan up front. Nathan led the team in scoring as a freshman last season. Senior Gennard Lombardoizzi will be looking to carry on his late season success from 2000. In the last games of last year Lombardoizzi scored two goals and assisted on two others.</p> <p>Defensively the Cobbers will have a corps of players back from last season that limited opponents to only 22 goals in 18 games. Sophomore goalkeeper Kris Overby was named to the All-MIAC Honorable mention team last year and will return to anchor the defense. Junior Cyle Cavett returns in the central part of the defense as well as wing backs Scott Noland and Dan Ravenhorst.</p>
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<u>Gustavus Adolphus College</u>		
Head Coach:	Larry Zelenz (16th season / 150-81-24 / 92-42-15 MIAC)	
2000 Record:	17-2-1 (9-1 MIAC / 1st)	
Key Returners:	Lance Eriksen, JR, Defender, Apple Valley, MN (Has started all 53 games he has played in, Captain) . Eric Carl, SO, Forward, Apple Valley, MN (dangerous attacking player for the Gusties, 6 goals, 3 assists last year). Adam MacLeod-Roth, JR, Defender, Minneapolis, MN (All-Conference, Captain, 2 goals, 2 assists). Ross Smith, SR, Goalkeeper, Mound, MN (All-Conference, All-Midwest, 0.78 goals against average in 2000). Steve Murray, SR, Forward, Eden Prairie, MN (Scored game-winning goal vs. Macalester, Great in the air).	
Season Preview:	After winning the school's eighth MIAC Men's Soccer Championship in 2000, the Gusties are a favorite once again in 2001. Head Coach Larry Zelenz returns 12 letterwinners from last year's squad that finished the season 17-2-1 and earned a final ranking of 10th in the nation. Gone from last year's team, however, are six players, including MIAC Player of the Year Scott Crowell and All-Conference defender Mike Orr. Leading the Gusties in 2001 will be junior All-Conference selection Adam MacLeod-Roth and senior Lance Eriksen. All-Conference goalkeeper Ross Smith also returns for the Gusties, solidifying another strong defensive team. Juniors Eric Carl and Fru Ngwa and senior Steve Murray return for the Gusties up front, and should provide the necessary scoring punch. In the midfield, the Gusties will rely on strong play from seniors Ryan Kath and Tyler Wenkus, as well as a combined effort from sophomore Scott Storlie and junior transfer Danny Dietl. Coach Zelenz has put together another challenging schedule for the Gusties that includes non-conference foes Simpson, Viterbo, Nebraska Wesleyan, Luther, and NCAA Semifinalist UW-Oshkosh to go along with the always-challenging Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schedule.	

<u>Hamline University</u>		
Head Coach:	Andrew Coutts (3rd season)	
2000 Record:	0-8-2 (3-12-3 MIAC / 10th-tie)	
Key Returners:	David Oster (SO) Spencer Iverson (SO) Graham Plumhoff (SO) Seth Tupper (SR) Brad Uecker (SR)	


Season Preview:	<p>They may look like the young and the restless, but this year's Hamline mens soccer team is ready to take its show on the road after suffering through a hard to swallow 3-11-3 campaign last year.</p> <p>A core of battle tested sophomores returns this year promising to turn their play up a notch, and maybe pick up a few conference wins while they are at it. After starting as freshman last year, this group, led by midfielders Oster and Plumhoff, and forward Iverson, is determined to do things differently between the white lines this year, especially on their side of the field.</p> <p>"We're headed in the right direction," Coutts said, "Practice has been good, energetic and positive. We'd like to see ourselves have a chance to win every game by defending well. We did that maybe half the time last year."</p> <p>The defensive push is a must this year following a season in which conference powers like Macalaster lit up the scoreboard early and often putting too many games out of reach by halftime. Seniors Tupper and Uecker will need to organize the defense and find a way to take the ball away from teams looking to push across midfield, and Iverson will need to score for the Pipers to steal a win in the MIAC. Hamline won't go into any games as favorites Coutts said, but they would like to be close enough to try to pull off a few upsets.</p> <p>"We're getting better fast, which we need to do in the MIAC, there are no easy games," Coutts said.</p>
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Macalester College		
Head Coach:	John Leaney (15th season at MAC / 152-51-25)	
2000 Record:	14-4-2 (7-1-2 MIAC / 2nd)	
Key Returners:	Kimani Williams, Sr., F, All-MIAC, all-region, 17 goals (scored in team's final nine games), 36 career goals Brendan Mayer, Sr., D, All-MIAC Martin Oppenheimer, Sr., MF, All-MIAC, 8 assists Nathan Knox, So., MF	
Season Preview:	Macalester's bid for a fourth straight MIAC championship and another trip to the national playoffs ended with a heart-breaking overtime loss to Gustavus in last year's season-finale. The Scots, under 15th-year head coach John Leaney, are determined to recapture the league crown in 2001. Forward Kimani Williams (Sr., Kingston, Jamaica / Kingston College) scored a goal in the team's final nine games last season and is one of the most dangerous goal-producers ever at Macalester. He netted 17 goals on the season and enters his senior campaign with 36 on his career - fourth best on Mac's all-time list. Macalester boasts a couple more of the MIAC best players in midfielder Martin Oppenheimer (Sr., Stockholm, Sweden / Viktor Rydberg) and defender Brendan Mayer (Sr., Fairfax Station, VA / Woodson). Oppenheimer led the team with eight assists to go along with four goals. Midfielder Nathan Knox (So., Christchurch, New Zealand / Shirley) missed some time due to injury last year but should play a big role. Macalester's top returning goal scorers, besides Williams, are Eric Wieman (Sr., Louisville, KY / St. Xavier) and Alon Rohter (Sr., Honolulu, HI / Waldorf). Wieman had six last year and Rohter scored five. Complete preview found at: www.macalester.edu/~athletic/top_stories/MSprev01.html	


<u>Saint John's University</u>		
Head Coach:	Pat Haws (24th season at SJU, 244-91-36 career record)	
2000 Record:	13-5 overall (7-3 MIAC / tied for third place)	
Key Returners:	Mike Rutter, Jr., M, All-MIAC, 20 points overall and 11 points in MIAC in 2000, tied for eighth in points in MIAC. Ben Bahr, Jr., M/D, 14 points in MIAC in 2000, tied for fifth in points in MIAC. Dan Schmidt, Jr., F/M, 10 points in MIAC in 2000. Dusty Johnson, Jr., F, third in MIAC in 2000 with six assists. Eric Hendrickson, Sr., D, tied for MIAC lead in 2000 with seven assists.	

Season Preview:	<p>The Saint John's University soccer team enters the 2001 season with high hopes as they finished last season with a 13-5 overall record and a 7-3 record in the MIAC. The Johnnies tied for third place in the final MIAC standings. SJU's overall record in 2000 was the best since the team also went 13-5 in 1995. The Johnnies are expected to return eight of their top 10 scorers from last year. Included in this group will be junior midfielder Mike Rutter, Apple Valley, who was named All-MIAC last fall. Rutter had 20 points overall and 11 points in MIAC play, which tied him for the eighth leading scorer in MIAC play in 2000. Five players had 10 points or more last season in MIAC play for the Johnnies and four of those players return to the 2001 squad. Besides Rutter, junior Ben Bahr, Brooklyn Park; junior Dan Schmidt, Mendota Heights; and junior Dusty Johnson, Bloomington will all be scoring threats this season. Bahr was tied for fifth in the MIAC scoring last season with 14 points, while Johnson was third in the MIAC last season with six assists. The Johnnies led the MIAC in goals scored with 36 in 10 MIAC matches last season. Also returning to the team will be senior Eric Hendrickson, Grand Haven, Mich., who tied 2000 teammate Ross Golla for the MIAC lead in assists with seven.</p> <p>Complete preview found at: www.csbsju.edu/sjusports/soccerpreview01.htm</p>
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Saint Mary's University		
Head Coach:	Eric Luzzi (1st season / 0-0)	
2000 Record:	9-8-1 (5-4-1 MIAC / 6th)	
Key Returners:	Matt Peck, Sr., GK (15 GP, 1.20 GAA, 56 saves, 3 shutouts) Shawn Stewart, So., For. (18 GP, 6 goals, 2 assists, 14 points) Eric Brown, Sr., Mid. (14 GP, 6 goals, 1 assist, 13 points) Michael Kroll, Sr., Mid. (16 GP, 2 goals, 2 assists, 6 points) Joe Rude, Sr., Def. (18 GP, 0 goals, 1 assist, 1 point)	
Season Preview:	<p>On paper, the Saint Mary's University men's soccer team appears to be on the cusp of greatness.</p> <p>The Cardinals graduated just two seniors from last year's squad that went 9-8-1 overall. Add to that the fact that their starting goaltender and five of their top six goal scorers are also back, and SMU should be on the tip of everyone's tongue when talk turns to teams battling for the conference championships.</p> <p>On paper.</p> <p>Dig a little deeper, and you'll find that the Cardinals may have only graduated two regulars, but they also seven others for various reasons - including four who started at least half SMU's games a year ago.</p> <p>In other words, with nine new faces in the mix, it's no wonder first-year head coach Eric Luzzi isn't about to label his team a conference favorite. But then, he's not about to say they shouldn't be considered, either.</p> <p>"I'm not about to make any big predictions, especially this early in the season," admitted Luzzi, a four-year starting goalkeeper during his playing days at Saint Mary's, who took over when former coach Brad Hauter stepped down in June. "I really haven't had enough time to really evaluate the talent that we've got, but so far I've really liked what I've seen."</p> <p>And what Luzzi has seen is a team that has plenty of potential.</p> <p>With returning goalkeeper Matt Peck (Eau Claire, Wis.), defender Joe Rude (Eau Claire, Wis.) and midfielder Michael Kroll (Cary, Ill.) back to spearhead a Cardinals' defense that boasted a 1.16 goals-against-average a year ago, and leading scorers Shawn Stewart (Johnsburg, Ill.) and Eric Brown (Cary, Ill.) back to provide the SMU offense a much-needed one-two punch, Luzzi has inherited a team that could contend for the conference crown.</p> <p>Could.</p> <p>"We've got a lot of work to do before we can start talking about conference championships," cautioned Luzzi. "Right now our biggest concern is playing consistent soccer. Last year there were too many ups and downs - you can't play great soccer, go up 2-0 with 12 minutes left, and lose 3-2 in overtime - twice."</p> <p>Complete preview can be found at: www.smumn.edu/sports/m_soccer/2001/newsletter/mspreview.html</p>	

St. Olaf College	
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Head Coach:	Kurt Anderson (13th season)
2000 Record:	9-9-0 (7-3 MIAC / 4th)
Key Returners:	Kyle Swanson, Sr., Mid-fielder, All-MIAC Ross MacMullen, Sr., Goalie, .7 goal against avg. in 1999 Karl Wilbur, Sr., Defender Ben Clymer, So., Forward, All-MIAC
Season Preview:	<p>This season marks Coach Anderson's thirteenth as head coach of the men's program. In the past twelve years as head coach at St. Olaf, the Oles have a mark of 131-75-11 and will be out to recapture the MIAC title. Coach Anderson and the team share a mutual optimism about the upcoming season. Anderson stated "we have eight good reasons to feel this way. Eight of the starters from the 2000 team return this fall."</p> <p>Up front junior, co-MVP, Ben Clymer (Hudson,Wis.) will be leading the way. A likely pairing will have Gaute Johnsen ('03, Akerhus, Norway) or Jon Sack ('04, Missoula, Mont.) joining him. John Grau ('03, Lacrosse, Wis.) will round out the scoring punch up top.</p> <p>In the midfield area three of the four starters are returning so much will be expected from them as the team chases the title. Kyle Swanson ('02, Cottage Grove, Minn.) will be in the center. Joining him in the middle again will be Mark Gilmer ('04, Bloomington, Minn.) and Kully Nelson ('03, White Bear, Minn.).</p> <p>In the back the Oles have Chris Gangl ('04, Lakeville, Minn.) returning at center back, captain Karl Wilbur ('03, Edina, Minn.) returning to one outside back with senior Brian Smith (Fort Calhoun, Neb.) on the opposite side.</p> <p>Between the pipes Ross MacMullen ('02, Matomehdi, Minn.) returns to lead the Ole defenders to their goal of being once again one of the top 20 defensive teams in Division III.</p>

University of St. Thomas		
Head Coach:	Denzil Lue (22nd season / 208-123-43)	
2000 Record:	10-8-0 (4-6 MIAC / 8th)	
Key Returners:	Ryan Dolan, SR, F (8g, 1a in 1999, injured in 2000) Peter Lefebvre, SR, MF-F (8g, 4a in 2000) John Matejcek, JR, Def. (HM All-MIAC in 2000) Matt Raplinger, SO, Def. (HM All-MIAC in 2000)	
Season Preview:	The Toms graduated All-MIAC midfielder Kor Xiong but return most of a young team that showed promise and battled through a rash of injuries in 2000. The Tommies scored 37 goals, nearly doubling their 1999 totals, and posted five shutout wins. They lost one-goal decisions to Gustavus, St. John's, St. Mary's and Concordia, but Coach Denzil Lue hopes a more experienced team can win some of those close games in 2001.	

2000 MIAC Final Standings

	MIAC		Overall		GA
	W-L-T	Pts	W-L-T	GF	
<u>Gustavus</u> *	9-1-0	18	17-2-1	38	15
<u>Macalester</u>	7-1-2	16	12-4-2	53	23
<u>St. John's</u>	7-3-0	14	13-5-0	40	22
<u>St. Olaf</u>	7-3-0	14	9-9-0	45	31
<u>Concordia</u>	5-4-1	11	9-7-2	23	22
<u>St. Mary's</u>	5-4-1	11	9-8-1	28	22
<u>Carleton</u>	4-4-2	10	10-6-2	44	20

<u>St. Thomas</u>	4-6-0	8	10-8-0	37	31
<u>Bethel</u>	2-8-0	4	5-13-0	30	46
<u>Augsburg</u>	1-9-0	2	5-13-0	23	42
<u>Hamline</u>	0-8-2	2	3-12-3	22	50

* MIAC Champion