


## 2002 MIAC MEN'S SOCCER PREVIEW


The 2002 MIAC men's soccer season gets underway with non-conference games beginning August 30. MIAC conference play begins September 18. Last year's MIAC Champion Macalester College looks to be the heavy favorite going into the season. Macalester went undefeated in conference play in 2001 with a 10-0 record and won their fifth MIAC Championship in the past six seasons. Macalester is currently ranked 16th in the nation in the NSCAA Division III preseason poll. Watch for Saint John's and Gustavus, both finished in a tie for second place last season, to be very competitive in 2002 and challenge for the top spot in the MIAC.

This season the MIAC regular season champion will receive the MIAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Next season (2003) MIAC men's and women's soccer will hold a conference playoff with the top four teams from regular season play competing. The winner will receive the MIAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.


Men's soccer statistics will be much improved starting this season as the conference and all of its member institutions have switched to StatCrew. It will offer expanded and more detailed statistics from past seasons. Updated statistics will be posted on the MIAC website.


<u>Augsburg College</u>		
Head Coach:	Mike Navarre (4th season / 13-37-1 overall)	
2001 Record:	5-11-1 (2-8-0 MIAC / 10th)	
Key Returners:	Matt Lachner (Jr., Maple Grove, Minn.), F, team's leading scorer last 2 seasons (6G-3A--15P in 2001, 13G-10A-36P), currently 2nd in school history in career goals (record is 14) and assists (record is 11). Joel Stone (Sr., D, Fridley, Minn./St. Louis Park HS), D, All-MIAC first team in 2000, team's top defender, missed last season due to injury. Mike Elcano (So., F, Sparks, Nev.), second on team in scoring (5G-3A--13P). Clarke Athman (So., F, St. Joseph, Minn./Athman Home School), started 4 of 11 games, 4G-1A--9P. Steve Gehrman (Jr., MF, Maple Grove, Minn./Osseo HS), fourth on team in scoring (4G-0A--8P). Hugo Quintiliano (Sr., MF, Brasilia, Brazil/Mound-Westonka HS), 3-year starter (52 of 53 career games), 2G-4A--8P in 2001, 4G-8A--16P in career. Jason Clark (Jr., MF, Eagan, Minn.), 32 games in career (15 starts), 1G-1A--3P in 2001. Garrett Robertson (Jr., D, Maple Grove, Minn.), 2-year starter (28 games, 27 starts), 0G-2A--2P in 2001.	

Season Preview:	<p>The Auggies will be young -- with just three seniors and six juniors on the 22-player roster -- and several of the freshmen and sophomores will be asked to contribute right away. But head coach Mike Navarre has high hopes for the Auggies in 2002.</p> <p>"This is a year where, if people stay healthy, we can turn the corner," said Navarre, entering his fourth season as head coach. "Our starting 11 is going to be pretty solid, although we will need help from underclassmen coming off the bench."</p> <p>Augsburg finished 5-11-1 overall last season, 2-8 in the always-competitive Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. And while Augsburg has not had a winning season in men's soccer since 1980 (11-1-3) -- the last MIAC championship won by the Auggies -- Navarre is optimistic that this year could be the breakout year for the Auggies.</p> <p>One of the keys will be the return of defender Joel Stone (Sr., Fridley, Minn./St. Louis Park HS), who was forced to miss last season due to injury. An All-MIAC first-team selection in 2000, Stone's presence as the anchor of the Auggie defense will be important, Navarre said.</p> <p>The other positive for the Auggies this season will be in scoring potential. Five of the team's top six scorers from last year return, led by midfielder Matt Lachner (Jr., Maple Grove, Minn.) and forward Mike Elcano (So., Sparks, Nev.).</p> <p>Lachner, who has 13 goals and 10 assists in his first two Auggie seasons, is currently one goal and one assist away from tying the school's career scoring records (records kept post-1980). He led the team in scoring last year, with six goals and three assists. Elcano, who was a dominant scorer in his high school days in Nevada, scored five goals and had three assists in his first Auggie campaign.</p> <p>In the midfield, the duo of Hugo Quintiliano (Sr., Brasilia, Brazil/Mound-Westonka HS) and Steve Gehrman (Jr, Maple Grove, Minn./Osseo HS) will provide physical and emotional sparks. Navarre calls the two his "most skilled players," and both return with plenty of scoring potential. Gehrman scored four goals last year, and Quintiliano had two goals and four assists.</p> <p>The defense will be a concern for the Auggies, where Stone and Garrett Robertson (Jr., Maple Grove, Minn.) are the only returners with significant experience. Jon Martinson (So., St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall HS) appeared in eight games last season, and recruits Geoff Johnson (Fr, Blaine, Minn.), Matt Cousin (Fr., Lakeville, Minn.), Andy Lissick (Fr, St. Paul, Minn./Simley HS) and Mike Prendergast (Fr., Rochester, Minn./Century HS) will also compete for starting roles. Johnson and Lissick were prep all-conference players.</p> <p>The biggest question mark will be in goal, where Navarre will have to find someone to replace Nick Shill, who transferred after playing the bulk of minutes for the Auggies last year. Lucas Grant (So., Starbuck, Minn./Minnewaska Area HS) and Han Zeller (Jr., Winona, Minn.) return with limited experience, and the two will compete with one of Navarre's top recruits, Chad Clausen (Fr., St. Paul, Minn./Highland Park HS). Clausen was an all-conference and honorable-mention all-state selection last season at Highland Park.</p> <p>Complete Preview can be found at: <a href="http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics/soccer/0203mpreview.html">http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics/soccer/0203mpreview.html</a></p>
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<u>Bethel College</u>		
Head Coach:	Tim Wiens (2nd season / 7-8-1 overall)	
2001 Record:	7-8-1 (4-5-1 MIAC / 7th)	
Key Returners:	Pepe Jon Chavez, Midfielder, SR, All-MIAC in 2001, 8 goals, 8 assists Eric Berg, Goalkeeper, SO, started 15 games as a freshman, recorded six shutouts Jered Schock, Midfielder, SR, 5 goals, 1 assist in 2001 Brent Schiestl, Defense, JR, All-MIAC honorable mention in 2001 Doug Wester, Midfielder, JR, All-MIAC honorable mention in 2001 Justin Sutkowski, Midfielder, SR	


Season Preview:	<p>With a 7-8-1 record in his first season as a college head coach, head coach Tim Wiens is optimistic about the chances of his 2002 team showing consistent improvement and climbing in the MIAC standings.</p> <p>Leading the Royals into the 2002 season is senior forward Pepe Jon Chavez, from Seattle, Wash. Chavez, one of the most skilled players in the region, earned All-MIAC and All-Region honors in his first year at Bethel last year as he recorded eight goals and eight assists.</p> <p>In addition to Chavez, Jered Schock, from Sioux Falls, S.D., provided five goals and one assist in 2001 and will provide consistent offense. Juniors Brent Schiestl, from Brooklyn Park, Minn., and Doug Wester, from Princeton, N.J., earned honorable mention All-MIAC status last season and will provide quality play.</p> <p>Sophomore goalkeeper Eric Berg, from Hastings, Minn., made an immediate impact his freshmen season as he recorded six shutouts which set a new Bethel single season record.</p> <p>One facet of the Royals program that Coach Wiens hopes will give them an advantage is Bethel's new Ona Orth Athletic Complex. With an on-campus practice facility and the ability to play games at the facility, the recruiting advantage and ease of travel will help the Royals in 2002.</p> <p>Complete Preview can be found at: <a href="http://www.bethel.edu/Athletics/M_Soccer/2001/preview.html">http://www.bethel.edu/Athletics/M_Soccer/2001/preview.html</a></p>
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<u>Carleton College</u>		
Head Coach:	Bob Carlson (6th season/43-37-9)	
2001 Record:	8-7-2 (4-6-0 MIAC / 8th)	
Key Returners:	Nadim Ilbawi, Sr., MF, 3 assists in 2001, four year starter Andy Indresano, Sr., MF, 2 goals, 6 assists in 2001, two year captain Joe Sutherland, Jr., D Brett Mularski, Jr., D Yemi Adegunju, So., F, 3 goals, 1 assist as a first year in 2001 Andrew Haynes, Sr. F	
Season Preview:	<p>With top scorers Dakota Loomis (graduated), Jeremy Schultz (injured) and Miles McDonough (abroad) gone, the Carleton men's soccer team's challenge in 2002 will be finding new sources of scoring.</p> <p>A core of six experienced returning starters and solid group of newcomers should help the Knights overcome this challenge and provide solid defense. Two-year captain Andy Indresano earned All-MIAC honors in 2000 and racked up two goals and six assists last season. A strong host of newcomers on defense should allow Indresano to move back to his natural midfield position. Fellow senior Nadim Ilbawi, a four-year starter for the Knights, also returns with 3 assists in the past season. Juniors Joe Sutherland and Brett Mularski will anchor the Knights' defense, while sophomore Yemi Adegunju and senior Andrew Haynes figure to fill the void left by Loomis.</p> <p>Newcomer David Watson should help add some scoring punch and fellow rookie Josh Petty will aid in bringing a physical and athletic presence to the midfield. Keith Wolter will man the keeper spot, taking over for the graduated Ehren Reilly, who started the last four years. His younger brother, Liam, will be a major contributor on the defensive half.</p>	


<u>Concordia College</u>		
Head Coach:	Jim Cella (11th season / 97-64-10)	
2001 Record:	12-4-0 (6-4 MIAC / 4th-tie)	
Key Returners:	Cyle Cavett (Sr., D) 2001 MIAC All-Conf.; Team Leader on Defense; 3-year starter) Jerry Nathan (Jr., M) Led team in scoring in freshman in 2000. 26 pts (7 g/12 assts) in his first two years. Kris Overby (Jr., GK) 2001 MIAC All-Conf.; 0.73 GAA in 14 games; 7 Shutouts in 2001; 2nd in MIAC in GAA in 2001. Jason VanValkenburg (Jr., M) 2001 MIAC All-Conf. H.M.; 4 g, 4 assts - 12 pts in 2001; Team Leader on Offense.	


Season Preview:	<p>Concordia is looking to continue their upward trend in men's soccer. After finishing 5th in the MIAC in 2000, the Cobbers climbed to fourth place in 2001. The 12 wins posted by the Cobbers in 2001 was their highest win total since the MIAC title season of 1996 ... To go along with their win total, the team also set a number of records on defense. The Cobbers set school records for most shutouts in a season (10) and fewest goals allowed in a season (8). They also posted a consecutive shutout string of 450 minutes which also set a school record ... The stingy defensive theme of 2001 should continue in 2002, as Concordia will return three of the four starting defenders and MIAC All-Conference goalkeeper Kris Overby ... Although the team lost their top three scorers from a year ago, they will have a solid core of offensive threats returning. Junior midfielders Jerry Nathan and Jason Van Valkenburg finished fourth and fifth in scoring last year. Nathan led the team in scoring as a first year player in 2000. He has amassed 26 points in his first two years in maroon and gold ... The Cobbers will play games in four different states and teams from six different states this season. They will open play with tournaments at Collegeville, MN, Decorah, IA and Bismarck, ND. The team will conclude their continental tour with a two-game swing in California during mid-semester break in October ... For the first time since the 1991 season, the Cobbers will play another Concordia school. The team will play Concordia University of Wisconsin in the St. John's tournament and then face Concordia University of Nebraska at the University of Mary tournament ... Concordia head coach Jim Cella needs only three more wins to join the 100-career win club. His overall record during his first 10 years is 97-64-10. He will become the 6th men's coach in MIAC history to accomplish this feat.</p> <p>Follow the 2002 Cobber Men's Soccer team at: <a href="http://www.cord.edu/dept/sports/ms02.html">www.cord.edu/dept/sports/ms02.html</a></p>
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<u>Gustavus Adolphus College</u>		
Head Coach:	Larry Zelenz (17th season/200-134-32 overall)	
2001 Record:	11-6-0 (7-3-0 MIAC / 2nd-tie)	
Key Returners:	Eric Carl (Sr., Apple Valley, Minn.), F, leading returning scorer, 5g, 1a - 11 points last year Fru Ngwa (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn.), F, veteran attacker, tallied 3g, 4a - 10 points last year Taylor Stein (So., Minneapolis, Minn.), F, returning starter, 4g, 1a - 9 points last year Scott Storlie (Jr., St. Louis Par, Minn.), M, returning starter, 3g, 2a - 8 points last year Danny Dietl (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn.), M, returning starter, 1g, 2a - 4 points last year Adam MacLeod-Roth (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn.), D, returning all-conference defender Joe Hartwell (So., Apple Valley, Minn.), D, returning starter, talented one-on-one defender	
Season Preview:	<p>The Gusties return eight starters from a team that finished third in the MIAC with a record of 7-3-0. All three losses were by one goal and Head Coach Larry Zelenz feels that the experienced gained by his young team last year will help them be serious contenders for the league title this year. Zelenz will need to replace All-Region goalkeeper Ross Smith, All-Conference midfielder Ryan Kath and defender Lance Eriksen (a four-year starter) however, depth, experience and a talented recruiting class should allow the Gusties to improve in 2002.</p> <p>Up front, the Gusties return seniors Eric Carl and Fru Ngwa, both veteran players who can put the ball in the net. This duo combined to score eight of the team's 24 goals last season. Carl is particularly strong in the air and Ngwa has an uncanny ability to score in a crowd. Taylor Stein also returns after scoring four goals last season.</p> <p>In the middle, junior Scott Storlie and senior Danny Dietl return after starting nearly every game last season. Storlie scored three goals and picked up two assists, while Dietl tallied one goal and recorded two assists. In addition, Nick Samsal who contributed significantly as a freshman looks to move into the starting lineup.</p> <p>In the back, All-Conference performer Adam MacLeod-Roth will anchor the Gustie defense along with talented outside defender Joe Hartwell. These two will need to help take some pressure off a couple of young goalkeepers at least early in the season. Battling for the starting goalkeeper spot will be sophomore Nate Hitch and freshman Eric Byington. Neither has any collegiate varsity experience.</p> <p>The Gusties will again play a very demanding schedule that includes non-conference foes the University of Puget Sound, Colorado College, Simpson, Luther, UW-Oshkosh and Nebraska Wesleyan in addition to the always challenging Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schedule.</p>	


<u>Hamline University</u>		
Head Coach:	Andrew Coutts (4th season)	
2001 Record:	5-13-0 (0-10-0 MIAC / 11th)	
Key Returners:	Derek Vinge Spencer Iverson David Oster Graham Plumhoff Brandon Hess	


Season Preview:	<p>The Piper men's soccer team will look to increase competitiveness and improve upon the standing in the competitive MIAC conference. Head coach Andy Coutts will rely on the experience and knowledge of veteran athletes, and also contributions from a healthy crop of eager first-year recruits as the Pipers set out to climb in the conference standings in 2002.</p> <p>"We're deeper than we were last season and our conditioning is better than it's been in the past," said coach Coutts. "We're still very young and it will be key for us to gel early and be able to play at an increased tempo as we head into conference play."</p> <p>Watch for an improved and dedicated junior class to lead the charge for the Piper men's soccer team in 2002.</p>
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Macalester College		
Head Coach:	John Leaney (16th year / 178-58-28 overall)	
2001 Record:	14-3-1 (10-0 MIAC / 1st)	
Key Returners:	Nathan Knox (Sr., Christchurch, New Zealand) MF, All-MIAC, 4 goals, 4 assists Michael Madigan (Sr., Eau Claire, WI) GK, 0.69 GAA, 7 ShO. Brendan Viele (So., Shoreview, MN) F, 4 goals, 3 assists Eric Nordstrom (So., Mukwonago, WI) MF, 2 goals, 1 assist Robb Swick (So., Fond-du-lac, WI) MF Michael Dannenberg (So., Brookline, MA), MF	
Season Preview:	<p>Macalester is coming off one of its best seasons ever after going a perfect 10-0 to capture its fifth MIAC championship in six years. Coach John Leaney and the Scots finished at 14-3-1 after surrendering just 12 goals all season, and have gone 86-18-10 over the past six years. It will be very difficult, however, to match last year's success because the Scots graduated some of the best players in the program's history. Gone is first team All-America defender Brendan Mayer, last season's MIAC Player of the Year. Gone is Macalester's all-time career goal scoring leader Kimani Williams, who leaves after netting 58 goals, including 22 in '01. Also gone is all-conference midfielder Martin Oppenheimer, the leader of the Macalester attack.</p> <p>Macalester will throw over the leadership reins to midfielder Nathan Knox, who is expected to assume command for the Scots on the field. "Nathan has yet to have a season when he is totally healthy. If he does he will be one of the strongest players in the conference," said Leaney. Goalkeeper Mike Madigan posted a 0.69 GAA a year ago and returns in net. Several players are looking to take over much of the scoring slack left by the loss of Williams, including Brendan Viele, Eric Nordstrom and Robb Swick.</p> <p>Complete Season preview can be found at: <a href="http://www.macalester.edu/athletics/team_pages/soccer/news/outlook02.html">www.macalester.edu/athletics/team_pages/soccer/news/outlook02.html</a></p>	


Saint John's University		
Head Coach:	Pat Haws (25th season / 257-96-36 career record)	
2001 Record:	13-5 overall (7-3 MIAC / 2nd-tie)	
Key Returners:	<p>Mike Rutter, Sr., Apple Valley, M - 7 g, 8 a, 22 pts; '00,'01 All-MIAC; tied for 3rd in MIAC with 5g, 4th with 12 pts.</p> <p>Joe Schmidt, Jr., Mendota Heights, F - 8 g, 3 a, 19 pts; '01 All-MIAC; tied for 6th in MIAC with 4 g. and 10 pts. in '01</p> <p>Brian Cleaveland, Sr., Maple Grove, D - 1 g, 7 a, 9 pts; '01 All-MIAC H.M.; tied for 3rd in MIAC with 5 assts in '01.</p> <p>Tyler Bosch, So., Fargo, N.D., F - 3 g, 8 a, 14 pts; '01 All-MIAC H.M.; 2nd in MIAC with six assists last season.</p> <p>Andy Witchger, So., Edina, F - 4 g, 4 a, 12 pts; '01 All-MIAC honorable mention.</p> <p>Thoralf Knoll, So., Berlin, Germany, D - 0 g, 3 a, 3 pts .</p> <p>Eric Prawalsky, So., Minneapolis, GK - 1.49 gaa, 181 min.</p>	

Season Preview:	<p>After two consecutive 13-win seasons and the return of eight starters from last year's MIAC second place team, the Saint John's University soccer team is excited for the 2002 season and a run at the MIAC title. The top returning players for the Johnnies this fall are two-time All-MIAC selection senior midfielder Mike Rutter, Apple Valley, and All-MIAC selection junior forward Joe Schmidt, Mendota Heights. Rutter had 22 points (7 goals, 8 assists) last season and was third in the MIAC with five goals and fourth in the MIAC with 12 points. Rutter is currently the 15th leading scorer in school history with 44 career points. Schmidt collected 19 points (8 goals, 3 assists) last season and tied for sixth in the MIAC with four goals and 10 points</p> <p>Complete preview can be found at: <a href="http://gojohnnies.com/soccer/02preview.html">gojohnnies.com/soccer/02preview.html</a></p>
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Saint Mary's University		
Head Coach:	Eric Luzzi (2nd season, 6-11-1)	
2001 Record:	6-11-1 overall (3-7-0 MIAC / 7th)	
Key Returners:	Shawn Stewart (Forward, Sr., McHenry, Ill. / 8 goals, 1 assist, 17 points) Brent Anderson (Forward, So., Maple Grove, Minn. / 3 goals, 3 assists, 9 points)	
Season Preview:	<p>When Eric Luzzi took over the Saint Mary's University men's soccer team last season, he inherited a team that had won at least nine games in each of its last five seasons.</p> <p>And after opening the season with a rather impressive 5-1-1 mark, it appeared Luzzi was going to guide the Cardinals to yet another 10-plus win season.</p> <p>Unfortunately for Luzzi, things weren't always as they appeared as SMU dropped 10 of its last 11 games to finish a disappointing 6-11-1.</p> <p>"Obviously, our record wasn't what we had hoped it would be," admitted Luzzi. "But you certainly couldn't fault the effort. Our guys busted their butts and gave it everything they had every day of the season - and as a coach, that's all you can ask."</p> <p>That, and maybe a few blue-chip recruits.</p> <p>After all, with the loss of graduated-seniors Eric Brown - the team's leading scorer and lone all-conference and all-region selection - Matt Peck and Michael Kroll - Luzzi's quest to return the Cardinals to the top of the conference heap could very well be an uphill climb.</p> <p>"We're not rebuilding, more like reloading," cautioned Luzzi, who does return some scoring punch in the form of Shawn Stewart (McHenry, Ill. / 8 goals, 1 assist, 17 point) and Brent Anderson (Maple Grove, Minn. / 3 goals, 3 assists, 9 points). "We've got some very talented people to work with - it's just going to be a matter of putting all the pieces in their proper place."</p> <p>Complete preview can be found at: <a href="http://sports.smumn.edu/m_soccer/2002/newsletter/mspreview.html">sports.smumn.edu/m_soccer/2002/newsletter/mspreview.html</a></p>	

<u>St. Olaf College</u>		
Head Coach:	Kurt Anderson (14th season)	
2001 Record:	7-10-1 (5-4-1 MIAC / 6th)	
Key Returners:	Ben Clymer, Sr. Hudson Mark Gilmer, Jr. Bloomington Erlend Johnsen, Sr. Norway Eric Steege, Jr. Monona Grove, WI Chris Gangl, Jr. Lakeville Kyle Trimble, So. Milwaukee, WI	

Season Preview:	<p>The 2002 edition of the Oles are looking to getting off to a fast start this season. A solid core of returnees help lead to this optimism.</p> <p>The team lost 5 starters to graduation, including two All-MIAC selections, Kyle Swanson and Ross MacMullan. It will be important during the preseason for the team for the Oles to find continuity of play within the new mix of players.</p> <p>Up front the Oles will be led by captain, Ben Clymer, sr. Hudson. Ben is a two-time All MIAC selection and led the team in scoring netting 9 goals last season. Pairing up with Clymer, Coach Anderson is considering Trevor Davis, so. Waukesha (South), Abel Bromley, so. Sandy Point UT (Waterford), Mark Falkowski, fy. Matomedi, and Faiz Abdirahman, FY. Rochester (Mayo). Bromley, Falkowski, and Abdirahman were all All-State HS. Picks and Davies played well last season so the line up has the potential to be very productive.</p> <p>In the midfield the Oles will have the most revamping of the starting unit. Gone are 3 of the 4 starters from last year. Mark Gilmer, jr. Bloomington (Jefferson) along with Erlend Johnsen, sr., Norway will need to anchor this group. Erlend's twin, Gaute, who started last season up top will now be patrolling the flank mid for the Oles. Brian Lande, so., Muscatine, IA. and Dave Pelka, so., Lake Zurich, IL. will also be an important part of the mix along with Grant Collins, fy., Rochester (Century).</p> <p>The backfield has Eric Steege, jr. Monona Grove, WI. returning to anchor one of the center back positions. Captain Chris Gangl, jr. Lakeville will be returning at either center back or wing full. Competing for the other two spots will be Matt Osborne, So. St. Paul (Highland Park), Tobias Gopen, jr. Koehler, WI. Charlie Braman, so. St. Paul (Highland Park), and Chris Thelen, so. Des Moines, IA. (WDM Dowling).</p> <p>Between the pipes the Oles are counting on Kyle Trimble, So. Milwaukee, WI. (White Fish Bay) to start. Trimble played some in his first season and showed great promise.</p> <p>By the end of preseason the new blended team should be ready to face the tough schedule confronting them.</p>
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<u>University of St. Thomas</u>		
Head Coach:	Aaron Macke (1st season, 0-0 overall)	
2001 Record:	12-6 overall (6-4 MIAC /tie-4th place)	
Key Returners:	Matt Raplinger, JR, MF, Kansas City, Kan. (2X All-MIAC; 3rd Team All-Region) Will Loepfe, SR, GK, Oconomowoc, Wis. (2-year starter, 10 career shutouts) John Matejcek, SR, Def., Mankato (HM All-MIAC in 2001) Kyle Hale, JR, Def., Minnetonka (2-year starter) Michael Heitzman, SO, MF (Team Rookie of the Year in 2001)	
Season Preview:	<p>Four-year St. Thomas assistant coach Aaron Macke has been named interim head coach for the 2002 season. Macke replaces 23-year head coach Denzil Lue who retired after the 2001 season.</p> <p>Lue directed St. Thomas to four conference championships and four NCAA Division III playoff berths. His 23-year head coaching record of 220-129-43 (.616) included an MIAC record of 130-67-27 (.641).</p> <p>The 2001 Tommies won their final four games to finish 12-6. They return nine starters, led by junior midfielder Matt Raplinger, a 2X All-MIAC honoree, and two-year starting goalie Will Loepfe, a senior. A strong recruiting class gives Macke 13 newcomers on his 26-man roster. As evidence of better depth, five returning players didn't survive the cut.</p> <p>The Tommies open Sept. 2 at home vs. Simpson. Their first conference game is Sept. 18 at home vs. 16th-ranked Macalester.</p>	