



## **2004-2005 MIAC WOMEN'S HOCKEY PREVIEW**

The 2004-05 Women's Hockey Season opens up Friday, November 5 with two weeks of non-conference play. Conference play opens up Friday, November 19. The MIAC returns seventeen out of twenty-one All-Conference members from last season, along with Player of the Year, Andrea Peterson from Gustavus. Peterson joins four other sophomores that were All-Conference performers last season. With a majority of the stars returning, this season will prove to be very competitive and exciting.

Gustavus will look to defend their MIAC Playoff Title this season as they return five of their top seven scorers from a year ago. Conference Player of the Year last season, Andrea Peterson, is also back and will look to lead the Gusties back to the NCAA Tournament. If they can answer their questions in goal, the Gusties will once again be a favorite to win the MIAC. The Gusties are currently ranked 6th nationally in the Preseason USCHO poll.

St. Thomas has high hopes to win their third straight regular season MIAC Championship. The Tommies look to avenge their playoff loss to Gustavus, who received the MIAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Tommies return All-American goalie Becky Kilpatrick and several key performers from last years 19-6-3 squad. They will look to a strong junior class to lead them throughout the season.

St. Olaf finished third last season and brings back their top scorer and defender from last season. The Oles brought in new head coach Sarah Moe, who was hired on October 4. Moe hopes her squad has enough time to learn the system so that they will once again finish in the top half of the conference. The Oles will be led by preseason USCHO All-American honorable mention pick Lindsay Weier who added 11 goals and eight assists - including seven power play goals last season.

Saint Mary's will look to build on its' fourth place finish in the MIAC last season. The Cardinals have high hopes, mostly because of sophomore Nikki Jung who is a preseason USCHO.com Preseason Division III honorable mention pick this year. The Cardinals will miss graduate Emily Kearns, who is the all-time leading goal scorer for Saint Mary's.

Augsburg finished fifth last season behind a strong late season rally, winning eight of their last eleven games. They will look to build on that momentum to carry them through this season. The Auggies return several skaters who hope to avenge their 96 minute marathon 6-5 loss to St. Thomas in the MIAC Playoffs semifinal game.

Concordia finished sixth last season and look to climb higher in the conference this season. They will be led by Lindsay Czarnecki who received All-MIAC honors a year ago. The Cobbers hope to improve on last season's 8-12 mark overall.

Bethel finished seventh last season and return sophomore Tamara Trentor who was a All-MIAC performer last season. Joining Trentor on the ice this season will be a very strong recruiting class brought in by the Royals. Bethel is looking to make their first appearance in the MIAC playoffs.


St. Catherine hopes to improve on their eighth place finish from a year ago. The key to doing this will be meshing together some key returnees such as Angela Carstenbrock and Laurel Volenec with a group of strong newcomers.

Saint Benedict finished ninth last season, but things are looking up for the Blazers. They return fourteen skaters, led by Amy Glaeser and Amy Bush. The Blazers are looking forward to a season where they look to make their mark on the conference.

Hamline has one thing in mind as they look to rebound from last year's record...improvement. The Pipers feel that a new attitude can go a long way in terms of the win/loss column. They look solid in goal and hope experience will come quickly in the scoring column.


This year's playoff, a single-elimination tournament, will be hosted by the high seed in each game. A play-in game will be contested between the fourth and fifth seeds on March 1. The winner of the play-in game will then face the top seed in the first semifinal match-up on March 3. The second and third-seeded teams will play each other in the other semifinal game. The semifinal winners will then play for the playoff championship Saturday, March 5. The winner of the playoff receives the MIAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

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<b>Augsburg College</b>		
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Jill Pohtilla (9th season)	
<b>2003-04 Record:</b>	15-10-2 overall, 10-6-2 MIAC (5th)	
<b>Key Returners:</b>	<p><b>Lauren Chezick</b> (F, Sr., Hastings, Minn.), 2004-05 USCHO Preseason All-USCHO Division III third-team selection; tied for second on team in scoring in 2003-04 (15G-19A--34P), third in MIAC in scoring in conference games (12G-17A--29P); All-MIAC first team 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04; ACHA All-America West First Team selection and MIAC Player of the Year in 2002-03; set single-season school records for assists (32) and total points (25G-32A--57P) in 2002-03, 2nd nationally in points per game (2.19) while leading nation in total points (57) in 2002-03; career totals of 47G-66A--113P in 76 games; school's all-time assist leader, second in goals and total points (record is 120).</p> <p><b>Kristin Johnson</b> (G, Sr., Minnetonka, Minn./Wayzata HS), 8-5-1 record, 2.27 GAA, .912 save percentage in 2003-04; All-MIAC first team in 2002-03; holds single-season school record for shutouts (6); USCHO Division III National Player of the Week 2/25/03; 15-9-3 in career with 2.13 career GAA and .916 career save percentage with seven shutouts.</p> <p><b>Melynda Kleewein</b> (D, Sr., Anchorage, Alaska/Diamond HS), All-MIAC defender in 2002-03 and 2003-04, All-MIAC honorable mention in 2001-02; moved from forward to defense in 2002-03, fifth on team in scoring (1G-13A--14P); eighth among MIAC defenders in scoring (1G-7A--8P in league games); career totals of 9G-45A--54P, top point total among defenders all-time and fourth-best in assists in school history.</p> <p><b>Stacy Anderson</b> (F, So., Lafayette, Calif./Marina HS), tied for second on team in scoring in 2003-04 (16G-18A--34P), moved to first line midway through season; All-MIAC honorable mention and MIAC All-Rookie Team in 2003-04; 22 points (10 goals, 12 assists) in MIAC play ranked 13th in the MIAC, fourth-best among conference freshmen.</p> <p><b>Laura Prasek</b> (D, Sr., Fridley, Minn.), 2G-4A--6P in 2003-04; All-MIAC honorable mention in 2002-03; career totals of 5G-10A--15P.</p> <p><b>Corrie Krzyska</b> (F, Sr., Buffalo, Minn./Fridley HS), fifth on team in scoring in 2003-04 (5G-8A--13P); career totals of 10G-15A--25P.</p> <p><b>Britt Pennington</b> (D, Jr., St. Cloud, Minn./Tech HS), second among team's defenders in scoring in 2003-04 (2G-7A--9P); transfer from Wisconsin (walk-on, did not play); 2-time all-conference and all-area selection in HS.</p> <p><b>Carrie Velenchenko</b> (F, Sr., Maple Grove, Minn.), 7th on team in scoring in 2003-04 (4G-8A--12P), played on top-scoring line nationally in Division III in 2002-03; career totals of 18G-26A--44P.</p>	

<b>Season Preview:</b>	MINNEAPOLIS (10/28/04) -- For the Augsburg College women's hockey team, last year's bitter pill to swallow may be just the medicine to help it advance even farther this season.
	Last year, after going 8-1-2 in its final 11 regular-season games to advance to the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference postseason playoffs for the second straight year, the Auggies claimed a 2-1 upset win at St. Mary's in the opening-round playoff game, before losing a 6-5 heartbreaking game to top-seed St. Thomas in the playoff semifinals -- a two-overtime game played in a conference-record length of 96:09.
	With the bulk of the lineup returning to the ice for the Auggies this season, head coach Jill Pohtilla knows that her charges don't want to see history repeated in that fashion again.
	"The way we finished last year was a heartbreaker, to lose after 96 minutes of hockey, the longest overtime game in conference history," Pohtilla said. "These players still remember that feeling after that loss, and they want to use that feeling to pick up where they left off from last year."
	Eleven letterwinners and five starters return to the Auggie lineup this season from a club that finished 15-10-2 last year, 10-6-2 in MIAC play. The lineup includes seven seniors who have shown improvement in each season of their careers, and whose goals may be nothing less than the school's third MIAC championship.
	"The leadership on this team is incredible," said Pohtilla, entering her 10th season on the Auggie bench. "They are showing their leadership by working hard in practice, working hard off-ice, doing what they need to do in the classroom. The other players are realizing that this is the kind of effort it is going to take for us to succeed. These seniors have been working hard for four years and they can taste it."

Bethel University			
Head Coach:	Jeff Palmer (7th season)		
2003-04 Record:	9-13-1 overall, 6-11-1 MIAC (7th)		
Key Returners:	Lisa Kinney, FW, Jr., 8 goals, 5 assists Tamara Trenter, D, Soph., 2 goals, 1 assist Kim Toter, FW, Sr., 4 goals, 6 assists		
Season Preview:	<p>The 2004-05 women's hockey season is a pivotal one for the Bethel University Royals. Bethel finished 7th in the MIAC last year, an improvement from the tough few years prior. The Royals have some good young talent back in Tamara Trentor, who was an All-Conference forward as a freshman last year for Bethel. Also returning for her junior year is All-Conference Honorable Mention selection Lisa Kinney.</p> <p>Head Coach Jeff Palmer is excited about his second very good recruiting class in a row for the Royals with multiple all-state players on the roster. The Royals look to crack the top five in the MIAC standings which would be the first time Bethel has made the MIAC playoffs.</p> <p>Bethel's season begins on November 5th as the Royals host Robert Morris College starting at 7:00 p.m. at Columbia Arena.</p>		

<b>Concordia College</b>		
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Kerry Norman (3rd season)	
<b>2003-04 Record:</b>	8-12-0 overall, 7-11-0 MIAC (6th)	


<b>Key Returners:</b>	<p><b>Lindsay Czarnecki</b>, Sr., Riverside, Calif., F, 2003-04 MIAC All-Conf., team-leading scorer last year (14 g, 8 asst)</p> <p><b>Hannah Impola</b>, So., Brainerd, Minn., F, 3rd leading scorer for Cobbers in 2003-04 (8 goals, 8 assists)</p> <p><b>Kali Palmer</b>, Jr., N. Richland Hills, Texas, top returning defenseman</p> <p><b>Jenna Johnson</b>, Jr., Wadena, Minn., G (5-4, 3.18 GAA in 2003-04)</p> <p><b>Jamie Savage</b>, Sr., Apple Valley, Minn., G (3-7, 3.24 GAA in 2003-04)</p>
<b>Season Preview:</b>	<p>The last of the Arizona Connection is gone, the days of outscoring opponents 7-5 are in the past and the Cobbers are coming off a season where they missed the MIAC playoffs for the first time in three years. Those facts might cause Concordia head coach Kerry Norman to feel nostalgic, but she is firmly rooted in the present and optimistically looking towards the future.</p> <p>When Norman looks at her team on paper she sees a group of players that will not have one top line that has TNT-like capabilities when it comes to putting the puck in the net, but will have two-three lines that can score goals at opportune times. She also sees a team that will be committed to playing defense and making their opponent earn every goal they score.</p> <p>The reason for Norman's optimism is quality leadership and renewed commitment to work. Concordia senior captain Lindsay Czarnecki (Riverside, Calif.) will bring her no-nonsense brand of hockey to the forefront of the Cobber team. She led Concordia in scoring last season with 14 goals and eight assists, and was the lone Cobber representative on the MIAC All-Conference Team. Czarnecki, unlike past Cobber goal-scoring snipers, relies on getting in the right spot at the right time and working for every point she gets.</p> <p>Joining Czarnecki on the offensive forefront will be a pair of sophomores. Hannah Impola (Brainerd, Minn.) and Brandie Dunn (Plano, Texas) were both in the top four in the team in scoring last year. Impola had a symmetrical eight goals and eight assists, while Dunn contributed 10 goals and five assists. Impola finished sixth in the MIAC among conference freshman.</p> <p>Defensively, the Cobbers will lean on the junior duo of Kali Palmer (N. Richland Hills, Texas) and Sam Gunning (Brainerd, Minn.). Palmer is the team's best offensive defenseman and can jump into the attack to add critical scoring chances at the opportune time. Last year she was fifth on the team in scoring and finished with five goals and four assists. She was 10th in scoring among conference defensemen. Gunning, more of a "stay-at-home" type defenseman, had six assists in 2003-04. She makes more of an impact in front of the Cobber goal and slows the opposing team's attack down through the neutral ice area.</p> <p>Goaltending will be the strength of the Cobber squad in 2004-05. Norman will have the luxury of being able to call on two very experienced goalies. Jamie Savage (Sr., Apple Valley) and Jenna Johnson (Jr., Wadena, Minn.) have both played in over 12 games in their careers. Last year, Johnson had a team-best 3.18 goals against average. Savage was close behind with a 3.24 mark. Both goalies will have the opportunity to carry the Cobbers in big games in 2004-05, and both have the ability to single-handedly shut down the best attackers in the league.</p> <p>If Concordia can cut down on their time in the penalty box, the Cobbers led the MIAC in penalty minutes in 2003-04, and play committed defense in all three zones, then Kerry Norman will be looking at a return engagement in the playoffs and a rock-like foundation for the future.</p>

## Gustavus Adolphus College


<b>Head Coach:</b>	Mike Carroll (6th season)
<b>2003-04 Record:</b>	22-6-0 overall, 16-2-0 MIAC (2nd)



<b>Key Returners:</b>	<p><b>Andrea Peterson</b>, Soph., Defense, White Bear Lake, Minn., 2004 MIAC Player of the Year, 2004 AHCA First Team All-America, 2005 USCHO Pre-Season All-America First Team</p> <p><b>Ingrid Neve</b>, Soph., Forward, St. Paul, Minn., 2004 All-Conference, MIAC All-Rookie Team, 2005 USCHO Pre-Season All-America Second Team</p> <p><b>Laura Stypulkowski</b>, Senior, Forward, White Bear Lake, Minn., 2004 All-Conference, 2005 USCHO Pre-Season All-America Honorable Mention</p> <p><b>Abby Randall</b>, Junior, Defense, Tonka Bay, Minn., 2004 All-Conference</p>
<b>Season Preview:</b>	<p>The Gustavus women's hockey team returns 12 letterwinners and five of its top seven scorers from a team that posted a record of 22-6-0 and won the MIAC Playoff title a year ago. Coach Mike Carroll has high hopes for this team that returns 2004 MIAC Player of the Year Andrea Peterson as well as all-conference honorees Ingrid Neve, Laura Stypulkowski and Abby Randall. Peterson exploded on to the season last year and anchored a Gustie defense that allowed only 1.42 goals per game. Peterson was also the team's second leading scorer with 17 goals and 22 assists for 39 points. Neve was another first year player that made a big impact for Gustavus as she led the team in scoring with 21 goals and 20 assists for 41 points.</p> <p>The big question mark for this team will be at goaltender as first year all-conference netminder Kristin Setterstrom did not return to school. Setterstrom's backup last season, Kara Meyer does return and she played well when called upon. She finished the season with a record of 10-1-0 with a 0.93 goals against average. Two other goaltenders, sophomore Kitty Hurley and first year Danielle Koopman, will also compete for the starting goaltender position.</p> <p>In addition to 12 returning letterwinners, Coach Carroll welcomes a talented group of 11 newcomers that includes six first year players and four transfers.</p>


<b>Hamline University</b>		
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Garnet Asmundson (2nd season)	
<b>2003-04 Record:</b>	2-22-0 overall, 0-18-0 MIAC (10th)	
<b>Key Returners:</b>	<b>Rachael Young</b> , Jr., G, 5-6, Buffalo, Minn. – Started 17 games last season with a .888 save percentage and 5.41 goals against average <b>Emily Gross</b> , Sr., D, 5-6, West St. Paul, Minn, (Sibley) – Four goals, two assists, six points in 2003-04	

<b>Season Preview:</b>	<p>Entering his second year at the helm of the Pipers, head women's hockey coach Garnet Asmundson has a clear objective for the 2004-05 season – improvement. Asmundson looks for this improvement not only on the scoreboard and the win-loss column, but improvement in the attitude surrounding the program and competitiveness on the ice.</p> <p>With nine returning letter winners and nine incoming first-years, Asmundson remains realistic about the goals of the squad. "My overall expectation is to improve in every single statistical category from our first season, and there's many factors to improve on," Asmundson said of Pipers, who finished last season 2-22, 0-18 in the MIAC.</p> <p>To be more competitive, the team's emphasis will remain the same – limiting scoring opportunities for opponents. Defensively, Asmundson moved senior captain Emily Gross (West St. Paul, Minn.) from forward to defense along with fellow captain Regina Voracek (Spanaway, Wash.) and junior Heather Olson (Minnetonka, Minn.). As a forward, Gross led the team in goals last season with four. First-years Marie Gross (Emily's sister), Allison Walsh (Farmington, Minn.), and Emily Toenes (Eagle River, Alaska) will also contribute at defense.</p> <p>In goal, the Pipers return junior goaltender Rachael Young (Buffalo, Minn.). The co-captain has started 41 games in her first two seasons. In 2003-04, Young posted a 2-16 record with a 5.41 goals against average, and .888 save percentage. Senior Alysha Huberty (Belle Plaine, Minn.) also returns to provide depth to the position.</p> <p>The offensive end remains unsettled heading into the campaign. After moving Gross to sure up the defense, the Pipers have a talented but inexperienced corps of forwards. Sophomore forwards Andrea Davis (St. Francis, Minn.) and Holly Wiborg (Chanhassen, Minn.) return with a year more of experience. Sara Wagner (Bloomington, Minn.), Kyle Foley (Milton, Mass.), and Andrea Paulson (Alexandria, Minn.) also come back for the Pipers, but to improve offensively Asmundson will need major contributions from his newcomers.</p> <p>First-year forwards Emily Dusold (Shoreview, Minn.), Mindy Lein (Red Wing, Minn.), Sara Mickelson (West St. Paul, Minn.), Elysha Fuchs (Boulder, Colo.), Marisha Park-Childs (Duluth, Minn.), and Cassie Flagg (St. Anthony, Minn.) will all have the opportunity for valuable playing time.</p> <p>Complete preview found at:  <a href="http://www.hamline.edu/hamline_info/athletics/womens_hockey/0405_Season/Outlook.html">http://www.hamline.edu/hamline_info/athletics/womens_hockey/0405_Season/Outlook.html</a> </p>
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College of Saint Benedict		
Head Coach:	David Laliberte (2nd season)	
2003-04 Record:	6-14-2 overall, 4-12-2 MIAC (9th)	
Key Returners:	<b>Susan Engel</b> (Sr., forward – All-MIAC) <b>Amy Glaeser</b> (Sr., forward) <b>Lisa Bush</b> (Jr., forward)	




<b>Season Preview:</b>	<p>Fourteen returners, including senior captain Amy Glaeser, junior assistant captain Lisa Bush and returning All- MIAC senior wing Susan Engel, along with eight first year players look to help St. Ben's improve for their second consecutive year in the MIAC.</p> <p>Sophomore goaltender, Chelsie Kahlhamer, returns between the pipes after starting six games last season; sophomore defensemen Sarah Horlitz returns after leading the team in assists in 2003-2004. Sophomore center Erin Baldwin is back to anchor the team in the middle of the ice.</p> <p>"We are cautiously optimistic about the season," says Laliberte. "We are excited with the opportunity to continue our improvement and distinguish our team as a threat in our conference."</p> <p>The Blazers enter the 2004-2005 season excited with the opportunity that lies ahead and committed to getting better everyday, step by step.</p>
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College of St. Catherine		
Head Coach:	Mary Brown (3rd season)	
2003-04 Record:	6-17-1 overall, 6-12-0 MIAC (8th)	
Key Returners:	<b>Angela Carstenbrock</b> - Defense (SR / South St. Paul, MN) <b>Laurel Volenec</b> – Forward (JR / Loyal, WI)	
Season Preview:	<p>Wildcat head coach Mary Brown is excited about her returning players and the addition of a talented class of newcomers: Sarah Crnobrna (South St. Paul, MN), Danelle Bode (New Ulm, MN), Tera Burley (Baldwin, WI), Maggie Duff (Mankato, MN), Megan Mumm (Neenah, WI), Sarah Stieve (Orono, MN), and Jasey Porter (Rosemount, MN).</p> <p>This 2004-05 team is a strong, cohesive and united group, dedicated to working together and being the best that they can be on the ice, in the classroom, and in their communities. The Wildcats Co-Captains are Angela Carstenbrock and Laurel Volenec. Supporting them in their leadership efforts are; Kaycee Veenis (Shoreview, MN), Alyssa Evenson (Benson, MN), Angela M. Johnson (Wadena, MN), Jenna Kane (Apple Valley, MN), Angie F. Johnson (Shoreview, MN), Jennifer Neveln (New Ulm, MN), Davin Boesiger (Omaha, NE), Michelle Bazzanella (Eagle River,WI), Nichole Hottinger (Mankato, MN), Morgan Kane (Apple Valley, MN).</p> <p>In her third season, Coach Brown is remaining true to her philosophy of team first, individual second, stating, “The collective contributions of individuals performing to their very best under a positive umbrella of support, will produce a team that feels good about themselves, their teammates and their experience.”</p> <p>The Wildcats open their season on Friday, November 5th against University of Wisconsin-River Falls at 7:00pm at Ridder Arena.</p>	


Saint Mary's University		
Head Coach:	Duncan Ryhorchuk (5th season), 69-32-10	
2003-04 Record:	15-9-2 overall, 11-7-0 MIAC (4th)	
Key Returners:	<b>Melissa Mondo</b> (So., F, Vadnais Heights, Minn. / 15 goals, 17 assists, 32 points - All-MIAC First Team - All-MIAC Rookie Team) <b>Rachel Harrison</b> (So., Madison, Wis. / 5 goals, 11 assists, 16 points) <b>Jenny Hocum</b> (Sr., F, Rochester, Minn. / 8 goals, 4 assists, 12 points) <b>Nikki Jung</b> (So., G, Inver Grove Heights, Minn. / 1.65 GAA, .933 save %, 9-8-0 - Honorable-mention All-MIAC - USCHO.com Preseason All-American honorable mention)	

<b>Season Preview:</b>	<p>A year ago, Saint Mary's University women's hockey coach Duncan Ryhorchuk was faced with a serious dilemma, how do you replace a goaltender who was not only a four-year starter, but also a three-time All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection, and a two-time All-American? It was almost as if, the absence of graduated senior Missie Meemken meant the absence of the Cardinals in postseason play.</p> <p>Not quite. Ryhorchuk not only found a replacement for Meemken, he found two, as freshmen Nikki Jung (Inver Grove Heights, Minn.) and Amanda Gage (Lino Lakes, Minn.) teamed up to post a 1.65 goals-against-average and a .932 save percentage. In fact, Jung's performance a year ago was so impressive, that she is a preseason USCHO.com Preseason Division III All-USCHO honorable-mention pick this year.</p> <p>But, as the 2004-2005 season draws near, it's dilemma time once again for Ryhorchuk. Jung and Gage will keep the opponents from scoring, but who's going to do the Cardinals' scoring?</p> <p>For four years, Ryhorchuk had the luxury of turning to Emily Kearns whenever he needed a goal. Kearns, who ended the season as the team leader in all three offensive categories - goals (22), assists (21) and points (43) - was named to the JOFA-American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) West All-America First-Team a year ago.</p> <p>Kearns closed out her illustrious four-year career as SMU's all-time goal-scoring leader with 99 goals, while her 153 career points are second to Missy Westergren's record-setting total of 154. She also leaves as the Cardinals' leader in goals (32) and points (50) in a season. Her 21 assists this season were just two short of the single-season record. In other words, those are rather big skates to fill. "You can't go out and find one player who can come in and replace someone like Emily," said Ryhorchuk. "It's just like last year, no one goalie was going to make you forget about the loss of Missie. What you have to do is hopefully find three or four players whose skills, added together, will make up for her absence." And Ryhorchuk thinks he has done just that, again.</p> <p>Complete preview: <a href="http://sports.smumn.edu/w_hockey/2004/newsletter/whpreview.html">http://sports.smumn.edu/w_hockey/2004/newsletter/whpreview.html</a></p>
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<b>St. Olaf College</b>		
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Sarah Moe (1st season)	
<b>2003-04 Record:</b>	13-11-2 overall, 11-7 MIAC (3rd)	
<b>Key Returners:</b>	<b>Lindsay Weier</b> , Sr., D, preseason All American honorable mention, All-MIAC. 11 goals , eight assists <b>Katie Barnett</b> , Sr., F, All-MIAC, seven goals, 19 assists	



<b>Season Preview:</b>	<p>First year head coach Sarah Moe and her St. Olaf College women's hockey team haven't had much time together, but that doesn't mean that Moe and the Oles won't contend for a playoff spot in February.</p> <p>Moe, the 2002 MIAC and NCAA Division III player of the year, has been with her team for only a few weeks after being hired Oct. 4. But Moe has quite a core to build around, including the Ole's leading scorer and defender from last year's team that finished third in the MIAC.</p> <p>The Oles return preseason USCHO All American honorable mention pick Lindsay Weier (Jr., Menomonie, Wis.) and Melissa Mueller (Jr., Lakeville, Minn.) who will help solidify a defensive unit that was fifth in the MIAC last season, allowing 2.28 goals a contest. Weier also added 11 goals and eight assists - including seven power play goals.</p> <p>St. Olaf was tops in the conference on the power play last winter, converting on 21-of-84 (24.7 %) opportunities.</p> <p>Defensively, St. Olaf also adds 5-11 transfer Emily Knutson (So., Hatton, Minn.) who spent 2003-04 with Clarkson University.</p> <p>The Oles were third in the league in scoring last year, and Moe's squad will have to replace 49 points left by graduate Sarah Ray and Maria Richardson who transferred.</p> <p>Senior captain Katie Barnett (Burnsville, Minn.) is back after her 26-point effort last season and will have plenty of help up front. Northeastern transfer Susannah Brokl (So., Minneapolis, Minn./Breck) will add a scoring spark. Brokl had two goals in 25 games for the Division I Huskies. Also adding offensive punch will be Janae Fabini (FY, Duluth, Minn./Warroad) Lindsay Boeser (FY, Lakeville, Minn.), Laura Wild (FY, Mendota Heights, Minn./Cretin-Durham Hall) and Brit Schultheis (Sr., Shoreview, Minn./Mounds View), who had a six goal, 11 assist junior campaign.</p> <p>In goal, Andrea Smith (Sr., Burnsville, Minn.) and Kerry Rollwagon (Sr., Mendota Heights, Minn./So. St. Paul) will each see time.</p> <p>St. Olaf opens with a two-game stint against UW-Eau Claire in Northfield Nov. 5-6. The Oles conference schedule begins Nov. 19 against the College of Saint Benedict.</p>
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<b>University of St. Thomas</b>		
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Kevin Gorg (7th season)	
<b>2003-04 Record:</b>	19-6-2 overall, 16-1-1 MIAC (1st)	
<b>Key Returners:</b>	<p><b>Melanie Drake</b>, D, JR, All-MIAC (03-04: 4g-16a; Career: 13g-29a) <b>Maureen Hardwick</b>, F, JR, All-MIAC (03-04: 9g-18a; Career: 31g-39a) <b>Sue Heinmiller</b>, F, JR (03-04: 5g-6a; Career: 16g-11a) <b>Susan Hosford</b>, F, JR (03-04: 4g-3a; Career: 7g-8a) <b>Becky Kilpatrick</b>, GK, JR, All-American (03-04: 9-3-2, .935 sv%, 1.71 GAA) <b>Tedra Mitchell</b>, F, SR (03-04: 3g-4a; Career: 11g-21a) <b>Rachel Reinhardt</b>, D, SR (03-04: 2g-8a; Career: 5g-21a) <b>Tanaya Reitz</b>, F, JR, All-MIAC (03-04: 14g-9a; Career: 27g-35a) <b>Jenny Sorensen</b>, F, JR (03-04: 8g-9a; Career: 18g-24a) <b>Maggie Toft</b>, Def., SO, (03-04: 1g-9a) <b>Allison Turgeon</b>, F, SO (03-04: 10g-4a) <b>Katie Jetland</b>, GK, SO (03-04: 10-3, 3.15 GAA, .872 sv%)</p>	

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Preview:**

The St. Thomas women's hockey team returns two goalies and several key players from a 19-6-3 team of last season. The Tommies' last four games were decided by one goal or in overtime, and a 3-2 loss to Gustavus cost them a return to the NCAA playoffs.

The Tommies, who have won back-to-back MIAC championships, will open their 2004-2005 season Nov. 9 at UW Superior and open their home schedule Nov. 17 vs. UW-Eau Claire at Saint Thomas Ice Arena in Mendota Heights. UST has 14 of its 25 games at home, where it went 8-1-1 last season.

Leading the returners are junior goalie Becky Kilpatrick, a two-time first-team all-conference player and the Tommies' first All-American in the six-year history of the program. This season Kilpatrick went 9-3-2 with two shutouts, a 1.71 GAA and a .935 save percentage. She helped the Toms repeat as conference champions and match the school record for season wins (19). On her two-year career, Kilpatrick is 19-7-3 in net with a 2.03 GAA and a .918 save percentage and four shutouts.

Also part of that strong junior class are All-MIAC honorees Melanie Drake (42 career points), a defender; and forwards Maureen Hardwick (70 career points), Tanaya Reitz (62 career points) and Jenny Sorensen (42 career points).

Leading the newcomers are junior defensemen Jackie Foley, a two-year starter at UW-Stevens Point; sophomore forward Maria Richardson, who had 25 points at St. Olaf last season; and freshman forward Ashley Reinhardt, a four-time All-Lake Conference honoree from Eagan.