



## **2005-2006 MIAC WOMEN'S HOCKEY PREVIEW**

The eighth season of MIAC Women's Hockey will start up with non-conference games this weekend, November 4 and 5. Gustavus will be favored to win the MIAC crown after capturing the MIAC regular season and playoff championship and finishing third in the nation last year. St. Thomas will challenge for a league title after a second place finish last season. St. Olaf, Augsburg, and Saint Mary's were all playoff qualifiers last year and will likely battle for a spot in this season's playoffs. In 2004-05, Bethel and Saint Benedict narrowly missed out on a playoff spot. Both the Royals and Blazers will be legitimate playoff contenders this winter. Concordia, Hamline, and St. Catherine are all looking to make improvements from last season with young and talented teams.

Gustavus is looking to pick up where it left off last season when the Gusties won the MIAC regular season and playoff titles and advanced to the NCAA Frozen Four where they finished third in the nation. Coach Mike Carroll is excited about the return of 11 veteran players and the addition of 11 talented newcomers. The team begins the season ranked second in the USCHO poll. Andrea Peterson, last year's MIAC Player of the Year, returns as the leader of the Gusties. Peterson led the nation in scoring by a defenseman with 61 points. She will be joined on the blue line by three-time all-conference performer Abby Randall.

St. Thomas has the goaltending, the experience and the depth to go a long way in the 2005-06 season. The eighth ranked Tommies, 21-4-2 last season, have six regular-season games against potential top-10 teams this season. St. Thomas returns 15 of its top 18 players from a squad that lost in double-overtime in the MIAC playoff finals at Gustavus. The Toms boast what might be Division III's "best goaltending tandem" with senior two-time All-American Becky Kilpatrick and junior Katie Jetland. The pair helped hold foes to only 36 goals in 27 games last season.

Interim head coach John Bazzachini inherits a proven group that helped St. Olaf to a school record 15 wins in 2004-05, and he hopes that the 2005-06 version can continue upward in the MIAC. A solid defense and a scoring punch that ranked among the best in the MIAC return. Lindsay Weier, a three-time All-MIAC pick, joins Melissa Mueller to lead the defensive unit. Weier led the MIAC in power play scoring last season and has 63 career points to her credit.

Augsburg enters 2005-06 after losing 13 letterwinners from last year's club that went 13-10-3 overall, 10-7-1 in MIAC play. The Auggies, having just 17 players on the roster, are confident in the talent of their 11 returning letterwinners, along with a strong class of newcomers. The Auggies look to contend for their fourth straight berth in the conference postseason playoffs. Captains Calla Lundquist and Britt Pennington return to lead the Auggies in their senior seasons.

Former Saint Mary's men's assistant coach Terry Mannor takes over the Cardinal women's program in 2005-06. Mannor plans to have his new team contend for another MIAC playoff berth after finishing fifth a year ago. The Cardinals will be led by All-MIAC goalie Nikki Jung and honorable-mention All-MIAC selection Melissa Mondo.

Bethel is looking forward to the upcoming season with a solid core of returners and some key newcomers. Despite an injury plagued season in 2004-05, the Royals finished with their best season ever and just missed the playoffs finishing sixth in the MIAC. Bethel returns their leading scorer from a year ago in senior tri-captain Heidi Govednik who finished with 15 points on 11 goals and four assists.

New Head Coach Neil Andruschak inherits a Saint Benedict team that finished the 2004-2005 season 7-16-0 overall and 7-11-0 in the MIAC. The Blazers sixth place finish last season nearly qualified them for the MIAC Playoffs. Seniors Lisa Bush and goalie Kelsey Robinson will lead the Blazer's push for a top five finish. The Blazers also return junior Erin Baldwin who led the team in points and goals last winter.

Concordia will feature 11 freshmen and three sophomores on a team that only has one senior. The biggest asset for the Cobbers this season will be the netminding of senior Jenna Johnson. Johnson is a three-year starter who has posted three straight years of having a goals against average under 3.25. If Concordia finds some consistent


scoring to compliment Johnson's goaltending, they may make a run at the playoffs.

Hamline brings in 14 new first-year athletes along with nine returners from a team that set the school record for conference wins in a season, finishing 4-21-1, 3-14-1 in the MIAC. On the team's 25-player squad, Asmundson has 21 sophomores and first-years to mold with two seniors and a junior. The Pipers will look for leadership from senior goaltender Rachael Young who was selected All-MIAC first team last season after posting a 4-13-1 record with a 4.24 goals against average and .900 save percentage.

St. Catherine first year Head Coach Brad Marshall is excited to begin his first year at St. Kate's with the majority of last year's team returning. The 2005-2006 team captains for the Wildcats are Angela M. Johnson, Morgan Kane, and Laurel Volenec. Marshall plans for his team to improve upon last season's record and contend for a playoff spot in March.

The 2005-06 MIAC Women's Hockey season opens up this Friday, November 4 with two weeks of non-conference games. MIAC play will start on Friday, November 18. The MIAC Playoffs will be held February 28 - March 4., 2006

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<b>Augsburg College</b>		
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Jill Pohtilla (11th season)	
<b>2004-05 Record:</b>	13-10-3 overall, 10-7-1 MIAC (4th)	
<b>Key Returners:</b>	<b>Jocelyn Cookson</b> (Sr., F, Edina, Minn./Bloomington Jefferson) <b>Amanda Bockmann</b> (So., G, Wind Lake, Wis./Muskego). <b>Britt Pennington</b> (Sr., D, St. Cloud, Minn./Tech) <b>Calla Lundquist</b> (Sr., D, Gillette, Wyo./Campbell County) <b>Jenny Schmidt</b> (So., F, North St. Paul, Minn.) <b>Brittney LeBlanc</b> (So., D, Anoka, Minn.)	

**Season Preview:**

The Augsburg College women's hockey team won't be playing the "numbers game" this season.

Unless you mention the number four. As in reaching the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference postseason playoffs four straight years. That's the goal for the Auggies this season.

Despite losing 13 letterwinners from last year's club that went 13-10-3 overall, 10-7-1 in MIAC play and having just 17 players on the roster, head coach Jill Pohtilla is confident in the talent of her 11 returning letterwinners, along with a strong class of newcomers, which should enable the Auggies to contend for their fourth straight berth in the five-team conference postseason playoffs.

"We're not worried about the numbers. The kids that are here want to play and they love hockey," said Pohtilla, entering her 11th season as Augsburg's head coach. "We might have a roster of 17, but Gustavus went to the (2005) national tournament with a roster of 19. I don't think there's any room for excuses. I expect us to make the playoffs."

Captains Calla Lundquist (Sr., Gillette, Wyo./Campbell County HS) and Britt Pennington (Sr., St. Cloud, Minn./Tech HS) return to lead the Auggies in their senior seasons.

Lundquist enters her fourth Auggie campaign with a reputation as a hard-working defender who is willing to do anything to help the team, Pohtilla said. Last season, Lundquist played several games late in the season at a forward spot, and may do that again this season. She has seven points (two goals, five assists) in her career.

"Calla has really grown into a leadership role. She's embraced it," Pohtilla said. "She has naturally learned to be assertive and she's become a very strong leader. She leads by example and she works hard all the time."

Pennington, entering her third season as an Auggie, has 18 points (six goals, 12 assists) in her Auggie career, including four goals and five assists last season, third-best among Auggie defenders.

"Britt and Calla will lead the team in a very positive direction," Pohtilla said. "Britt is a very steady defender."

Jocelyn Cookson (Sr., Edina, Minn./Bloomington Jefferson HS) transferred to Augsburg last season from Division I Wisconsin and became one of the top scorers in the MIAC, collecting 29 points (18 goals, 11 assists), including five power-play goals. Her goals total last year was 17th-best in the Division III national rankings. She earned MIAC Player of the Week honors twice last season and was named a first-team All-MIAC honoree.

"Jocelyn has a knack for getting the puck in the net that you can't really coach. That's something a player has naturally," Pohtilla said.

Complete Augsburg preview at:

<http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics/whockey/0506preview.html>


**Bethel University**

**Head Coach:** Jeff Palmer (8th season)


**2004-05 Record:** 7-13-2 overall, 6-10-2 MIAC (Tied 6th)




<b>Key Returners:</b>	<p><b>Lisa Kinney</b> (Sr., FW, White Bear Lake, Minn.)</p> <p><b>Heidi Govednik</b> (Sr., FW, North St. Paul, Minn.)</p> <p><b>Amie Lorence</b> (So., D, Mounds View, Minn.)</p> <p><b>Elicia Adams</b> (Sr., FW, Cambridge, Minn.)</p> <p><b>Kelly Moriarty</b> (So., G, Shoreview, Minn.)</p>
<b>Season Preview:</b>	<p>The Bethel women's hockey team is looking forward to the upcoming season. With a solid core of returners and some key newcomers expectations will be high for this year's team. Despite an injury plagued season in 2004-05, the Royals finished with their best season ever and just missed the playoffs finishing sixth in the MIAC. Bethel returns their leading scorer from a year ago in senior tri-captain Heidi Govednik who finished with 15 points off of 11 goals and four assists. Also returning for the Royals is tri-captain Lisa Kinney who finished behind Govednik with seven goals and four assists last season. Rounding out the senior class is tri-captain Elicia Adams who is a tenacious two-way player and will team up with Govednik and Kinney to provide experience and leadership to an otherwise young team. The women have added their best recruiting class to date as they bring in Bethany Murphy, Sandra Felton, Anna Baumgarten and Beth Spurrier. Look for each of these girls to challenge for ice time throughout the year.</p> <p>Complete Bethel preview at: <a href="http://cas.bethel.edu/athletics/W_Hockey.html/2006/preview.htm">http://cas.bethel.edu/athletics/W_Hockey.html/2006/preview.htm</a></p>

<b>Concordia College</b>		
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Kerry Norman (4th season)	
<b>2004-05 Record:</b>	4-18-2 overall, 3-13-2 MIAC (8th)	
<b>Key Returners:</b>	<b>Jenna Johnson</b> (Sr., G, Wadena, Minn./Wadena-Deer Creek )  <b>Ceara Bergsrud</b> (So., D, Devils Lake, N.D.)  <b>Hannah Impola</b> (Jr., F, Brainerd, Minn.)  <b>Paige Stone</b> (Jr., F, San Dimas, Calif.)	


<b>Season Preview:</b>	<p>One of the most important items for fans watching the 2005-06 Cobber women's hockey team this year will be a program that lists all the numbers and names. This year's edition of Concordia's team will feature 11 freshmen and three sophomores on a team that only has one senior.</p> <p>Gone are the days when Concordia was a freewheeling, total offense, no defense team. In their place are players willing to play both ways and buy into a team-orientated philosophy as fourth-year head coach Kerry Norman tries to build the program into a consistent contender for the top spots in the MIAC.</p> <p>Last year the Cobbers went 4-18-2 overall and were in the hunt for a conference playoff spot until the middle of February. In order for Concordia to see the chase all the way through to March, they will have to improve on their offensive production in pressure games and find a way to get a balanced scoring attack from three lines. In 2004-05, the Cobbers ranked in the middle of the pack in goals scored but only scored five goals in the six games against the top three teams in the league.</p> <p>The biggest asset for the Cobbers this season will be the netminding of senior Jenna Johnson (Wadena, Minn./Wadena-Deer Creek HS). Johnson is a three-year starter who has posted three straight years of having a goals against average under 3.25. She always keeps the Cobbers in the game and rarely lets up a goal that is not earned. Look for her to be among the league leaders in every goaltending category in 2004-05.</p> <p>Hoping to beef up their offense, Concordia will turn to a pair of junior forward who were among the team leaders in scoring in 2004-05. Hannah Impola (Brainerd, Minn.) is the top returning scorer on the team. She finished fourth on the team in scoring last year and will look to add to that total now that she is one of the "go-to" players on the ice. Joining Impola will be Paige Stone (San Dimas, Calif.). Stone was second on the team in goals scored in 2004-05 with seven.</p> <p>Finding consistency on the blueline will be another key for Concordia in 2005-06. Sophomore captain Ceara Bergsrud (Devils Lake, N.D.) is a solid defenseman who can stop the opposing team's attack and occasionally jump into the offense to help the attack. Joanna Berringer (Kenora, Ont./Beaver Brae HS) is another defenseman who is not about flash and hype and is just about making sure she does her job well and doesn't allow the other team to score.</p> <p>There are several freshman players who could make an impact right away. Forwards Bre Brian (Cadarsburg, Wis.), Mandy Samuelson (Willmar, Minn.), Alyssa Dahl (Willmar, Minn.) and Kelsey Puffe (Moorhead, Minn.) will all have a chance to make an immediate impact on the Cobber offensive output. A pair of incoming defensemen will also help the squad. Brit VanderKooy (Redlands, Calif.) and Stacy Hill (Cohasset, Minn.) both bring outstanding credentials to the team in hopes of shoring up the blueline.</p> <p>With all the new talent and the solid core of returning players, Concordia is hoping to get through the early-season growing stages and then make a run at the playoffs as they continue to show that the team is more important than the individual.</p>
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<b>Gustavus Adolphus College</b>			
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Mike Carroll (7th season)		
<b>2004-05 Record:</b>	25-4-1 overall, 17-1-0 MIAC (1st)		

<b>Key Returners:</b>	<p><b>Andrea Peterson</b> (Jr., Defense)</p> <p><b>Kelly Crandall</b> (Jr., Forward)</p> <p><b>Molly Doyle</b> (So., Forward)</p> <p><b>Abby Randall</b> (Sr., Defense)</p> <p><b>Margaret Dorer</b> (So., Defense)</p>
<b>Season Preview:</b>	<p>The Gustavus women's hockey team is looking to pick up where it left off last season when the Gusties won the MIAC regular season and playoff titles and advanced to the NCAA Frozen Four where they finished third in the nation. Coach Mike Carroll is excited about the return of 11 veteran players and the addition of 11 talented newcomers. The team begins the season ranked second in the U.S. College Hockey Division III poll.</p> <p>Andrea Peterson, last year's MIAC Player of the Year, returns to lead the squad. Peterson led the nation in scoring by a defenseman with 32 goals and 29 assists for 61 points. She became the first player in the program's history to score more than 60 points in a season. Peterson needs 44 points to become the all-time leading scorer at Gustavus. She will be joined on the blue line by three-time all-conference performer Abby Randall, who contributed 8 goals and 20 assists for 28 points a year ago. Sophomore Margaret Dorer, who was named to the MIAC All-Rookie team last year, also returns. Coach Carroll also expects newcomers Liz Haakenson, and Stefanie Ubl to provide solid depth to the Gustie defense. Haakenson was an all-conference performer at Moorhead High School last year, and Ubl is a transfer from the University of North Dakota.</p> <p>Up front, the Gusties will be led by junior Kelly Crandall, sophomore Molly Doyle, Laura Vanelli, and Tanna Tuomie. Crandall was the second leading scorer on the squad last year with 22 goals and 30 assists for 52 points. Doyle was the leading scorer among first year players in the MIAC with 18 goals and 27 assists for 45 points. Vanelli (6g, 6a) and Tuomie (5g, 5a) are savvy veterans who will give the second and third lines valuable experience. In addition, talented newcomers Jessy Doig, Mari Gunderson, Jenny Pusch, and Christine Wicker are expected to make significant contributions in the offensive end.</p> <p>Coach Carroll commented that the goal in the off-season was to improve team depth both on the offensive and defensive ends and he feels that the team accomplished that goal. He realizes that the challenge will be to integrate the 11 newcomers with the 11 returners, however he is confident that with hard work and dedication the team will grow into a cohesive unit.</p> <p>The Gusties will play one of the most demanding schedules in Division III. The team will begin the season by facing UW-River Falls, Lake Forest, and UW-Stevens Point before moving into conference play in late November. In February, the Gusties will take a trip out East to face #1 Middlebury, Plattsburgh State and Williams.</p> <p>Complete Gustavus preview at: <a href="http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/athletics/news.cfm?view=whky&amp;id=1687">http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/athletics/news.cfm?view=whky&amp;id=1687</a></p>


<b>Hamline University</b>		
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Garnet Asmundson (3rd season)	
<b>2004-05 Record:</b>	5-18-1 overall, 3-14-1 MIAC (9th)	

<b>Key Returners:</b>	<p><b>Rachael Young</b> (Sr., G, 5-6, Buffalo, Minn.)</p> <p><b>Emily Dusold</b> (So., F, 5-6, Shoreview, Minn.)</p> <p><b>Mindy Lein</b> (So., F, 5-6, Red Wing, Minn.)</p> <p><b>Marie Gross</b> (So., D, 5-3, West St. Paul, Minn.)</p>
<b>Season Preview:</b>	<p>In the television show Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, Ty Pennington turns an obsolete house into a magnificent mansion. In Extreme Makeover: Hamline Women's Hockey, head coach Garnet Asmundson has transformed a run down team into a squad capable of battling in the MIAC.</p> <p>That makeover continues this season as Asmundson brings in 14 new first-year athletes along with nine returners from a team that set the school record for conference wins in a season and beat conference foes Concordia and St. Catherine for the first time in school history, finishing 4-21-1, 3-14-1 in the MIAC. On the team's 25-player squad, Asmundson has 21 sophomores and first-years to mold with two seniors and a junior.</p> <p>"It's my goal to acclimate the young athletes we have and form them into a team that can compete consistently in the MIAC," Asmundson said of the.</p> <p>The Pipers will look for leadership from senior goaltender Rachael Young. The Buffalo, Minn. native was selected All-MIAC first team last season after posting a 4-13-1 record with a 4.24 goals against average and .900 save percentage. It was the second time in her career that Young was named all-conference.</p> <p>Complete Hamline preview at:  <a href="http://www.hamline.edu/hamline_info/athletics/womens_hockey/0506/outlook.html">http://www.hamline.edu/hamline_info/athletics/womens_hockey/0506/outlook.html</a> </p>

<b>College of Saint Benedict</b>		
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Neil Andruschak (1st season)	
<b>2004-05 Record:</b>	7-16-0 overall, 7-11-0 MIAC (Tied 6th)	
<b>Key Returners:</b>	<b>Lisa Bush</b> (Sr., F, 5-3, Shoreview, Minn./Mounds View)  <b>Sarah Wilson</b> (Jr., F, 5-4, Fairmont, Minn.)  <b>Erin Baldwin</b> (Jr., F, 5-7, Brooklyn Park, Minn./Park Center)	
<b>Season Preview:</b>	CSB Hockey finished the 2004-2005 season 7-16-0 Overall and 7-11-0 in the MIAC. The 2005-2006 Blazer hockey team hopes to take their skills on the ice "to the next level". Captain Lisa Bush is the only senior returning from last year. Another senior, GK Kelsey Robinson, is also coming back after not playing her sophomore and junior years. CSB also returns junior Erin Baldwin who led the team in points and goals last winter with 23 and 14 respectively.  Neil Andruschak, an assistant coach in the CSB hockey program the past two seasons, will be the team's new interim head coach. With a new coach and a new attitude of taking their game to the next level the Blazers plan to make 2005-2006 a season in which they grow and succeed as a team.	


<b>College of St. Catherine</b>		
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Brad Marshall (1st season)	

<b>2004-05 Record:</b>	2-20-1 overall, 2-15-1 MIAC (10th)	
<b>Key Returners:</b>	<b>Angela M. Johnson</b> (Wadena, Minn.) <b>Jasey Porter</b> (Rosemount, Minn.) <b>Nichole Hottinger</b> (Mankato, Minn.)	
<b>Season Preview:</b>	<p>Coach Marshall is excited to begin his first year at St. Kate's with the majority of last year's team returning. The 2005-2006 team captains are Angela M. Johnson (Wadena, MN), Morgan Kane (Apple Valley, MN), and Laurel Volenec (Loyal, WI).</p> <p>Coach Marshall is very optimistic about his upcoming first season. "We have a good mix of returners to help guide our new players. The leadership is in place to have a successful season. I know that this group will show up every day ready to work and learn. This year's team expects to make significant improvements throughout the year and will look to be a playoff contender at the end of the regular season. This group of student-athletes is dedicated to each other and our system of play. They represent the College of St. Catherine very well both on and off the ice, as we will continue to lead and influence in both the community and the classroom." Marshall plans to continue the tradition of St. Catherine hockey and guide his players to be leaders.</p> <p>As the season unfolds, the new coaching staff and players will continue the "team first" philosophy instilled at St. Kate's years ago. Coach Marshall stated, "We will be totally team orientated in our approach. In each game of hockey, if the goals of the group are to be reached, it will occur through the dedication and efforts of many individuals. Nothing can be accomplished alone in hockey. Everyone is excited to work and grow as a team."</p> <p>Complete St. Catherine preview at: <a href="http://minerva.stkate.edu/athletics.nsf/pages/hoc_pre05">http://minerva.stkate.edu/athletics.nsf/pages/hoc_pre05</a></p>	

<b>Saint Mary's University</b>		
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Terry Mannor (1st season)	
<b>2004-05 Record:</b>	11-13-3 overall, 7-8-3 MIAC (5th)	
<b>Key Returners:</b>	<b>Melissa Mondo</b> (Jr., F, Vadnais Hts., Minn.) <b>Rachel Harrison</b> (Jr., F, Racine, Wis.) <b>Jenn Shire</b> (So., F, Anaheim Hills, Calif.) <b>Madeline Loftus</b> (Sr., F, Parsippany, N.J.) <b>Nikki Jung</b> (Jr., G, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.)	



<b>Season Preview:</b>	<p>The name is probably one of the more recognizable around the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.</p> <p>So why does Terry Mannor feel like the new kid on the MIAC block?</p> <p>Because he is — sort of.</p> <p>After spending nine years as the top assistant for the Saint Mary's University men's hockey team, Mannor traded in his "assistant" title for "head" last spring when he accepted the SMU women's hockey head coaching position.</p> <p>"It was a very difficult decision," admitted Mannor, who will make his debut behind the Cardinals' bench on Nov. 6, when his Cardinals play host to UW-Eau Claire. "I played in the (SMU) men's program, I spent nine years as an assistant coach — that program and those players had become a major part of my life.</p> <p>"But I also have always wanted to be a head coach, and when the opportunity arose, I felt it was in my best interest to jump at it," continued Mannor. "It was very tough to leave, but every day I spend with this group, the happier I am with my decision."</p> <p>The fact that he inherits a team that includes All-MIAC goalie Nikki Jung (Inver Grove Heights, Minn.) and honorable-mention All-MIAC selection Melissa Mondo (Vadnais Heights, Minn.) certainly helps put a smile on Mannor's face.</p> <p>"We're returning a lot of talented individuals and our freshman class is pretty solid," said Mannor, who inherited a team that made its fifth straight MIAC tournament appearance a year ago, beating Augsburg 3-1, before being eliminated by Gustavus 5-1. "And from what I've seen so far, everyone on this team has a strong desire to succeed, and they're willing to work hard to reach their maximum potential."</p> <p>Complete Saint Mary's preview at:  <a href="http://sports.smumn.edu/w_hockey/2005/newsletter/whpreview.html">http://sports.smumn.edu/w_hockey/2005/newsletter/whpreview.html</a></p>
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<b>St. Olaf College</b>		
<b>Head Coach:</b>	John Bazzachini (1st season)	
<b>2004-05 Record:</b>	15-9-1 overall, 13-4-1 MIAC (3rd)	
<b>Key Returners:</b>	<p><b>Lindsey Weier</b> (Sr., Defense)</p> <p><b>Lindsey Boeser</b> (So., Forward)</p> <p><b>Susannah Brokl</b> (Jr., Forward)</p> <p><b>Janae Fabini</b> (So., Forward)</p> <p><b>Melissa Mueller</b> (Sr., Defense)</p>	

<b>Season Preview:</b>	<p>Interim head coach John Bazzachini inherited a proven group that helped the St. Olaf women's hockey team to a school record 15 wins in 2004-05, and he hopes that the 2005-06 version can continue upward in the MIAC.</p> <p>But, it won't be easy. The Oles lost four-year goaltenders, Kerry Rollwagon and Andrea Smith, and a group of experienced seniors to graduation.</p> <p>Fortunately, for Bazzachini and the Oles, a solid defense and a scoring punch that ranked among the best in the MIAC return.</p> <p>Lindsay Weier (Sr., Menomonie, Wis.), a three-time All-MIAC pick, joins Melissa Mueller (Sr., Lakeville, Minn.) to lead the defensive unit. Weier led the MIAC in power play scoring last season and has 63 career points to her credit. First year Jess Magnuson (Rochdale, Mass./Pomfret School) joins the duo.</p> <p>Up front, St. Olaf will lean on junior Susannah Brokl (Minneapolis, Minn./Breck) and sophomore sensations Lindsey Boeser (Lakeville, Minn.), Janae Fabini (Warroad, Minn.), Laura Wild (Mendota Heights, Minn./Cretin) and Katie Bennett (Edina, Minn.).</p> <p>Boeser and Brokl were All-MIAC selections after 33- and 31-point campaigns. The duo ranked ninth and tenth in points, and Brokl's 21 goals overall were third best in the MIAC.</p> <p>Fabini and Wild weren't far behind. Fabini had a 17-goal, eight-assist first year and Wild collected 13 points on four goals and nine assists.</p> <p>A pair of first year Albert Lea linemates, Tessa Christensen and Amy Leach, will add depth to the offensive efforts as will Melissa Sailor (Fy, New Brighton, Minn./Irondale).</p> <p>First year Shannon Herrick (Heartland, Wis./Arrowhead) will start in goal in the Oles' opener. Elaine McKenna (Fy, Evanston, Ill.) will also compete for time in net.</p> <p>St. Olaf opens at UW-Stevens Point before a two-game stint at UW-Eau Claire. The Oles open their MIAC schedule at Bethel on Nov. 18.</p> <p>Complete St. Olaf preview at: <a href="http://fusion.stolaf.edu/athletics//index.cfm?fuseaction=NewsDetails&amp;id=561">http://fusion.stolaf.edu/athletics//index.cfm?fuseaction=NewsDetails&amp;id=561</a></p>
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<b>University of St. Thomas</b>		
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Kevin Gorg (8th season)	
<b>2004-05 Record:</b>	21-4-2 overall, 16-1-1 MIAC (2nd)	
<b>Key Returners:</b>	<b>Becky Kilpatrick</b> (Sr., Goalkeeper) <b>Melanie Drake</b> (Sr., Forward) <b>Maureen Hardwick</b> (Sr., Forward) <b>Tanaya Reitz</b> (Sr. Forward) <b>Katie Jetland</b> (Jr., Goalkeeper) <b>Maggie Toft</b> (Jr., Defense)	

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Preview:**

St. Thomas has the goaltending, the experience and the depth to go a long way in the 2005-06 women's hockey season. Yet the Tommies are only ranked eighth nationally and will not be the favorite in the MIAC.

That's fine with Coach Kevin Gorg.

The eighth-year coach knows his team will have plenty of opportunities to show its ability. The Tommies, 21-4-2 last season, have six regular-season games against potential top-10 teams this season including a road game with defending NCAA champion Middlebury, two February games with Gustavus and three games vs. strong Wisconsin teams. Gorg said the Tommies are content to "fly a little under the radar" and let No. 2-ranked Gustavus absorb the pressure as the conference and region team to beat.

"This is the deepest and most talented team we have ever had," Gorg said. "If we can develop proper team chemistry like we did last year, this group may be able to do something special."

St. Thomas returns 15 of its top 18 players from a squad that lost in double-overtime in the MIAC playoff finals at Gustavus. The Toms boast what Gorg says is Division III's "best goaltending tandem" with senior two-time All-American Becky Kilpatrick and junior Katie Jetland. The pair helped hold foes to only 36 goals in 27 games last season.

Gorg has two exceptional defenders in junior Maggie Toft and sophomore Holly Noble. "Maggie has All-America potential," Gorg explained. "Holly will be a go-to defender because she is so athletic and has improved her rink vision from last season."

On the forward court, the Tommies will be led by senior Tanaya Reitz and sophomores Ashley Reinhardt and Courtney Sekevitch. Sekevitch will be in her first full year of the program after transferring from Colgate last January.

Newcomers expected to make immediate contributions are junior Ashley Andrews, a transfer from St. Cloud State, and freshman Jackie Carroll of Cretin-Derham Hall. "Ashley has terrific skills, and her size in the trenches will be a big plus," Gorg said. "Jackie may be the best passer of the puck we have ever had, and her skills will be a nice addition to our power-play this winter."

St. Thomas opens its season at home Nov. 11 vs. UW-River Falls.

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