

2012 MIAC Women's Hockey Preview and Preseason Coaches' Poll

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The 2012-13 MIAC women's hockey season is about to drop the puck this weekend, and expectations are sky high for Division III's premier league to have another unforgettable campaign in "The State of Hockey." Last season ended with a trio of MIAC teams ranked in the top 11 in the nation, and this season the depth and talent across the board appears as strong as it's ever been.

Gustavus ran away with another MIAC championship last season en route to a trip to the Division III Frozen Four and the No. 4 national ranking, and the Gusties will try to continue their reign over the MIAC, which includes eight-straight regular season crowns and 11 titles in 17 years of MIAC women's hockey. Head Coach **Mike Carroll's** club also the MIAC Playoff title once again, as they have in each of the event's nine years.

However, the rest of the conference could be catching up, starting with runner-up Concordia. The Cobbers and reigning MIAC Coach-of-the-Year **Brett Bruininks** were just a step behind Gustavus in the regular season and had a lead in the Playoff championship, and could be inching closer to the Gusties' elite level. Concordia joined Gustavus in the NCAA Division III Women's Hockey tournament field, and finished the year ranked No. 9. Meanwhile, St. Thomas was the first team outside the Top 10 in the final 2011-12 poll, giving the MIAC a formidable top three on a national level.

Bethel and St. Olaf tied for fourth a year ago and rounded out the five-team Playoff field, and both expect to be in the mix again, while St. Catherine and Saint Mary's hope to return to the postseason after just missing out a year ago. Augsburg, Saint Benedict and Hamline also proved the conference's depth by challenging the top teams night-in and night-out, and all are expected to improve in 2012-13 to make the league even deeper.

It's the Gusties again

Though the rest of the conference may be starting to catch up, it's clear that Carroll's crew are again the favorites to hoist the MIAC trophy when the ice shavings settle in late February. Gustavus topped the 2012-13 MIAC Women's Hockey Preseason Coaches' Poll with eight of the 10 available first-place votes and 8-0 total points. Concordia is again predicted to be the No. 1 contender, as the Cobbers finished second with 74 points and the other two first-place votes.

St. Thomas rounded out the top three with 63 points, while Bethel and St. Olaf received 58 and 48 points each, respectively, to mirror the top five in the 2011-12 final standings. While the coaches predicted the same five squads to qualify for the MIAC Playoffs, they also have St. Catherine (39 points), an improved Augsburg team (30 points) and Saint Mary's (29 points) in the mix for postseason bids as well. Hamline (16 points) and Saint Benedict (13 points) rounded out the final two spots in the coaches' predictions. Complete results can be found below.

What's new?

Part of the conference's strength and depth can be attributed to the continuity. There was no coaching turnover in the MIAC this off-season, meaning that each team will have a familiar face on the bench setting the lineups and calling the shots. Women's hockey is one of the few sports across the league that doesn't have at least one new head coach this season.

However, at the end of the year the MIAC will have a new Player-of-the-Year, as 2011-12 MVP Allie Schwab graduated after leading Gustavus to the conference title. In all, 11 All-MIAC players graduated, leaving plenty of room for new stars to emerge in 2012-13.

Another new wrinkle will be some of the ice surfaces around the league. St. Catherine moves closer to campus and, after a decade at the University of Minnesota's Ridder Arena, the Wildcats make the move to Drake Arena which is located just a block from the SCU campus. Gustavus' Don Roberts Ice Rink also received a facelift this off-season, with new boards and glass and more spacious bench areas for the teams, and Hamline will mix in home games at Ridder and the Vadnais Heights Sports Complex in addition to its usual home ice, Warner Coliseum.

Who's back?

Despite some of the league's brightest stars receiving their diplomas and moving on, there are still plenty of talented players back throughout the conference to watch in 2012-13. Again, the focus starts on the Gusties, who will be led by returning All-MIAC selections **Amanda Cartony** (Jr., F) and **Lindsey Hjelm** (Sr., D). Hjelm is a three-time All-Conference pick, while Cartony is a two-time selection. All-MIAC Honorable Mention picks **Kelsey Kennedy** (Sr., D) and **Carolyn Draayer** (So., F) are also back, and Draayer was also a member of the MIAC All-Rookie team a year ago.

Concordia also has plenty of star power back on the ice, starting with a pair of junior forwards. Both **Breann Julius** and **Abby Taffe** were All-MIAC selections last season, and both **Libby Frandsdal** (So., D) and **Madison Gendreau** (So., F) appear ready to build on their All-Rookie Team honors in their debut seasons. St. Thomas' defense should be a serious strength with the return of **Maria Bothwell** (Jr. D) and **Elise Reidel** (Jr., G), who were both All-MIAC selections, and a pair of All-Conference Honorable Mention forwards - **Korinne O'Connor** (Sr.) and **Christina Rozeske** (Jr.) - are also back for the Tommies.

Two of the league's top returners will be back in Bethel's lineup this season, as forwards Biz Huss (Sr.) and **Cristina Matsen** (Jr.) have been All-MIAC honorees each of the past two seasons. The Royals also welcome back Honorable Mention goalie **Jess Newstrom** (Sr.) and All-Rookie selection **Kalie Johnson** (So., F). St. Olaf senior **Nicole Stumpf** (Sr., F) joins Hjelm as the only returning three-time All-MIAC

selections, and the Oles also have Honorable Mention forward **Margot Fleming** (Jr.) and All-Rookie Team defender **Shea Noerenberg** (So.) back this season.

St. Catherine returns a pair of talented sophomores in goalie **Samantha Geissler** and forward **Megan Kilmer**, and both will have larger roles leading the Wildcats in 2012-13. Augsburg will also rely on the contributions of talented second-year stars **Rachel Hennessy** (So., F) and **Brianna Schulz** (So., G), who were both All-Rookie Team choices in 2011-12. Hennessy also received All-MIAC honors and Schulz was an Honorable Mention selection.

Saint Mary's will again be led by All-MIAC Honorable Mention forward **Breanna Peterson** (So.) and also returns goalie **Sarah Gustafuson** (Jr.). Hamline brings back its top two goal scorers from a year ago in sophomore forward **Jordan Verleye** and All-MIAC Honorable Mention pick **Corinne Henning** (Jr., F). Junior defender **Christine Brodersen** returns to lead Saint Benedict after her All-MIAC Honorable Mention campaign a season ago, and sophomore forward **Megan Brettingen** will be counted on again to provide the Blazers' offensive punch.

Circle these dates

The puck drops to start the new season Friday, with many of the MIAC's teams opening their season with nonconference series this weekend. The first weekend of conference play will be Nov. 9-10, with three weekends of MIAC play prior to the December break. League play will resume on Jan. 18-19, with conference series running the rest of the way, finishing up on Feb. 22-23. The MIAC Playoffs will begin the following week with first-round action on Feb. 26, semifinal games on Feb. 28 and the championship on March 2.

The top two teams in the coaches' poll - Gustavus and Concordia - will face off in St. Peter on the Gusties home ice on Jan. 25-26 in a series that could have huge championship implications. The Gusties play a home-and-home with St. Thomas early in the season - Nov. 16-17 - while the Cobbers host the Tommies on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. The other two returning Playoff teams - Bethel and St. Olaf - will meet in a home-and-home series Jan. 18-19.

Postseason hopefuls St. Catherine, Augsburg and Saint Mary's will all hope to get off to strong starts against one another in hopes to stay in contention. The Wildcats face the Auggies Nov. 9-10 and the Cardinals just a week later on Nov. 16-17, with Augsburg and Saint Mary's meeting on Jan. 25-26. Hamline and Saint Benedict meet in a key Thursday-Saturday MIAC series on Jan. 24 and 26.

A closer look

The rest of the 2012-13 MIAC Women's Hockey Preview contains more details and information about each team to provide a closer look at each MIAC squad as the season draws near. Scroll down to see complete results from the 2012-13 MIAC Women's Hockey Preseason Coaches' Poll, Playoff information, helpful links and team-by-team previews along with links to each team's women's hockey home page. This season, the team previews - provided by each school's sports information director - received a facelift to give fans a more user-friendly way to prepare for the upcoming season.

Continue to visit the MIAC Web site throughout the season for updated scores, standings, stats and more, and for additional updates and interaction connect to the MIAC on its social media pages, including [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

2012-13 MIAC Women's Hockey Preseason Coaches' Poll

Coaches voted for every team in the conference except their own team. Points were assigned for each vote (10 for first, nine for second, etc.) Teams are ranked in order of highest point total to lowest with vote totals listed and first-place votes shown in parentheses.

| 2012-13 MIAC Women's Hockey Preseason Coaches' Poll | | |
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| Rank | Institution | Total |
| 1 | Gustavus (8) | 80 |
| 2 | Concordia (2) | 74 |
| 3 | St. Thomas | 63 |
| 4 | Bethel | 58 |
| 5 | St. Olaf | 48 |
| 6 | St. Catherine | 39 |
| 7 | Augsburg | 30 |
| 8 | Saint Mary's | 29 |
| 9 | Hamline | 16 |
| 10 | Saint Benedict | 13 |

2012-13 MIAC Women's Hockey Playoffs

The 2012-13 MIAC Women's Hockey Playoffs will feature the top five teams in the conference standings playing in a high-seed-host, single-elimination postseason tournament. The first-round game between the No. 4 and No. 5 seeds will take place Tuesday, Feb. 26, with the semifinal round to follow on Thursday, Feb. 28. The two remaining teams will meet in the championship on Saturday, March 2, with the winner claiming the postseason title, as well as the MIAC's automatic bid to the 2013 NCAA Division III Women's Hockey Tournament.

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AUGSBURG | [Auggies' women's hockey home page](#) |

Head Coach

- Michelle McAteer (Third season)

A Year Ago

- 3-11-4 MIAC (Eighth place) | 6-11-8 overall

Top Returners

- Rachel Hennessy (SO, F | 20 goals, 8 assists, 28 points in 2011-12; All-MIAC and MIAC All-Rookie Team in 2011-12).
- Brianna Schulz (SO, G | 6-7-4 record, 2.65 goals-against-average and .932 save percentage in 2011-12; All-MIAC honorable mention and MIAC All-Rookie Team in 2011-12).
- Jessica Larkin (SR, F | 5 goals, 9 assists, 14 points in 2011-12; All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team in 2011-12; 73 career games: 9 goals, 16 assists, 25 points).

Key Losses

- Katie Lamirande (D | 3 assists in 2011-12; Career (60 games): 5 goals, 4 assists, 9 points).
- Jenna Marquardt (F | Played in 67 games in Augsburg career).
- Amy Wenzel (F | Played in 21 games in Augsburg career, 2 assists).

By the Numbers

- 20: Goals by Augsburg forward Rachel Hennessy in 2011-12, ranking her seventh among NCAA Division III women's hockey players nationally in goals per-game (0.80). Her 20 goals were fourth-most among NCAA Division III rookies last season, and her 1.12 points per-game (28 points) were fifth-most among the nation's rookies.
- 13: First-years or sophomores on this season's Augsburg women's hockey team.
- 8: Ties in 2011-12, the most for Augsburg in a single season in its 17-year women's hockey history. Augsburg played 10 overtime games in 2011-12, also the most in a single season in school history.

Did You Know?

- Augsburg sophomore forward Kendall Christian is part of a legendary hockey family. Her father Dave Christian was a member of the gold-medal-winning 1980 U.S. Olympic men's hockey team and later played parts of 16 seasons in the NHL; her grandfather Bill and great-uncle Roger were members of the gold-medal-winning 1960 U.S. Olympic men's hockey team; another great-uncle, Gordon, was a member of the 1956 silver-medal-winning U.S. Olympic men's hockey team.

Off the Ice

- Five Auggies earned Academic All-MIAC honors in 2011-12: Emerson Ball, Erica Berthold, Diana Bocklund, Sandra Hinz and Jessica Larkin. Hinz was one of three Augsburg student-athletes to maintain a perfect 4.0 grade-point average in the 2011-12 school year.
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BETHEL | [Royals' women's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Brian Carlson (Third season)

A Year Ago

- 9-7-2 MIAC (T-4th place) | 12-11-4 Overall

In the 2011-12 Postseason

- Defeated No. 4 St. Olaf as the No. 4 seed in the 2011-12 MIAC Playoffs before losing to MIAC Champion, Gustavus, 1-0 in semifinals.

Top Returners

- Cristina Masten (Jr., F | 17 G, 10 A, 27 Pts., 2011-12 MIAC All-Conference)
- Biz Huss (Jr., F | 15 G, 14 A, 29 Pts., 2011-12 MIAC All-Conference)
- Kalie Johnson (So., F | 11 G, 12 A, 23 Pts. 2011-12 MIAC All-Rookie Team)

Key Losses

- Anna Carlson (D | 4 G, 22 A, 26 Pts., 2011-12 Four-time MIAC All-Conference, ACHA 2012 CCM First Team All-American)
- Rachel Geng (D | 5 G, 14 A, 19 Pts., 2011-12 MIAC All-Conference, 2011-12 Shelia Brown Award winner)

By the Numbers

- 4: Four Royals women's hockey players have been named All-MIAC each of the past two seasons, which include returners Cristina Masten and Biz Huss. The junior and senior forwards were All-Conference skaters in both 2010-11 and 2011-12. Together the duo has combined for 109 points in the last two seasons.
- 7: The Royals will play seven games against teams that finished the 2011-12 season in the NCAA Division III Top 10, including six in the first ten games.
- 51: Junior forward Cristina Masten has scored 51 points in the first two years of her career at Bethel which already has her in the BU career top 10 scoring leaders, tied for 8th.

Did You Know?

- The Royals have made the MIAC playoffs four of the past five seasons. In each of the past two seasons they have won their first game reaching the finals in 2010-11 and the semifinals in 2011-12.

Off the Ice

- The Royals will be traveling to Italy for eight days from December 27-January 3. While there, Bethel will play several games against against the Ladies Lugano Team and the Swiss Champions Zurich Team along with sight-seeing in Como, Venice, Milan and Zurich, Switzerland.



CONCORDIA | [Cobbers' women's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Brett Bruininks (Third season)

A Year Ago

- 10-3-5 MIAC (Second place) | 15-6-5 Overall

In the 2011 Postseason

- 2011-12 MIAC Playoff Runner-up - Defeated St. Thomas (4-1) in semifinals, Lost to Gustavus (4-2) in championship
- 2011-12 NCAA Division III Playoffs - Lost to RIT (5-2) in NCAA Quarterfinal

Top Returners

- Breann Julius (Jr., F | 2011-12 MIAC All-Conference, led the MIAC in goals in conference play in 2012, fourth in the MIAC in overall scoring)
- Abby Taffe (Jr., F | 2011-12 MIAC All-Conference, in the top 10 of the MIAC in overall points, goals and assists, tied for second on the team in scoring in MIAC games)
- Libby Fransdal (So., D | 2011-12 MIAC All-Rookie Team, +6 in her 14 conference games)

Key Losses

- Katelyn Dold (F | 2011-12 AHCA All-American, three-time MIAC All-Conference, 100-point scorer)

By the Numbers

- 10: Cobber junior All-Conference forward Abby Taffe had at least one point in 10 of the 18 MIAC games last year
- 15: Concordia has posted 15 wins in each of the past two seasons. That is a school record for most wins in a single season
- 77: Concordia senior forward Jenna Westerham has played in 77 games in her career – the most of any returning player for the Cobbers

Did You Know?

- Concordia senior defenseman Ali Nelson has participated in 18 postseason games – the most of any athlete in the history of Concordia athletics. Nelson, who is also the starting goalie for the 2012 MIAC regular-season Cobber women's soccer team, has played in nine MIAC playoff games and nine NCAA tournament games. She will appear in at least one more playoff contest as CC will host the MIAC semifinals in women's soccer.



GUSTAVUS | [Gusties' women's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Mike Carroll (14th season)

A Year Ago

- 16-1-1 MIAC (First place) | 24-4-2 Overall

In the 2011-12 Postseason

- 2012 MIAC Playoff Champion - Defeated Bethel (1-0) in semifinals, Concordia (4-2) in the championship.
- 2012 NCAA Division III Playoffs - Defeated UW-River Falls (4-2) in the first round. Lost to Norwich (4-3) in overtime in the semifinals, and Plattsburgh State (4-3) in overtime in the third place game.

Top Returners

- Lindsey Hjelm (Sr., Defender, North Oaks, Minn.) | Three-time All-MIAC performer... AHCA First Team All American... Fifth on team with 26 points - 11 goals and 15 assists
- Amanda Cartony (Jr., Forward, Stillwater, Minn.) | Two-time All-MIAC performer... Third on team with 30 points - 14 goals and 16 assists
- Carolyn Draayer (So., Forward, Deephaven, Minn.) | 2011-12 MIAC All-Rookie Team... All-MIAC Honorable Mention... Fourth on team with 27 points - 19 goals and 8 assists

Key Losses

- Allie Schwab (Forward, Stillwater, Minn.) | 2011-12 MIAC Player-of-the-Year... AHCA First Team All American... Led team with 46 points - 25 goals and 21 assists... Led MIAC in goals and points - 22 goals, 18 assists for 40 points... Gustavus all-time leader in games played (118), third in goals scored (71), and sixth in points scored (125)
- Mollie Carroll (Forward, Eagan, Minn.) | 2011-12 All-MIAC Team... AHCA First Team All American... Second on team with 39 points - 16 goals and 23 assists
- Danielle Justice (Goalie, Alexandria, Minn.) | Two-time All-MIAC Honorable Mention... Gustavus all-time leader in wins (63), goalie minutes (5,000:51), shutouts (24), saves (1,316), and save percentage (.931), second all-time in goals against average (1.16)

By the Numbers

- 8: The Gusties have won eight straight MIAC regular season and playoff titles.
- 24: Last season, the Black and Gold won a total of 24 games, which ranks second on the Gustavus all-time wins in a season list.
- 27: Carolyn Draayer amounted 27 points last season, the most by a first-year since Melissa Mackley tallied a matching 27 points in 2006-07.

Did You Know?

- For the first time since 1992, Don Roberts Ice Rink got a facelift with an upgrade to its dasher boards and glass. Gustavus removed its 20-year-old boards and plexiglass and replaced them with new boards and seamless tempered glass. With the standard height of hockey boards measuring 3.5-feet, Gustavus' former board/glass combination measured 6.5-feet on sides and 8.5-feet on the ends. The rink's new walls measure a combined 9.5-feet (3.5' boards, 6' glass) around the entirety of the ice sheet, adding three feet to the sides and one foot to both ends. Although the size of the rink remains 85-feet wide by 195-feet long, an additional eight feet has been added to the benches and the size of both the penalty boxes and scorers area has been increased. In the past ten seasons, Gustavus has a record of 75-44-10 (.620) at home.

Off the Ice

- With a cumulative grade point average of 3.85, senior Lindsey Hjelm earned her place on the CoSIDA Capital One Academic All-America Third Team in 2011-12.



HAMLIN | [Pipers' women's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Steve DeBus (Third season)

A Year Ago

- 4-13-1 MIAC (T-9th place) | 8-15-2 Overall

Top Returners

- Corinne Henning (Jr., F, St. Paul, Minn., 7 G, 8 A, Hon. Mention All-MIAC)
- Jordan Verleye (So., F, Detroit, Mich., 8 G, 6 A, top returning goalscorer)

- Sarah Schneekloth (So., G, Marshall, Minn, 12 GP, 2.56 GAA, .928 save Pct.)

Key Losses

- Nicole Jones G (13 GP, 2.00 GAA, 2 shutouts, .940 Save Pct. in 2011-12, All-MIAC)
- Erin Kastner, F (16 career goals in 98 games)
- Jessica Kraus, F (14 career goals in 97 games)

By the Numbers

- 4: Number of "home" games the Pipers will play at Vadnais Heights (3) and Ridder Arenas (1) before they actually get on their home ice, Warner Coliseum
- 15: players returning from 2011-12 team
- 16: Number of first year players who were on the ice for team's first practice

Did You Know?

- Corinne Henning and Sam Berger are also playing on the Hamline's women's soccer team that is currently in competition for a first-ever postseason position.
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SAINT BENEDICT | [Blazers women's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Jennifer Kranz (Second season)

A Year Ago

- 3-12-3 MIAC (T-9th place) | 5-17-3 Overall

Top Returners

- Christine Broderon (Jr., D | All-MIAC Honorable Mention, eight-point scorer, two power play goals)
- Megan Brettingen (So., F | Second on the team in goals with four, third in points with 10)

Key Losses

- Kerri Graske (F | All-MIAC, leading scorer with eight goals and eight assists, three power play goals)

By the Numbers

- 8: Number of goals scored by the Blazers in a split with Augsburg, falling 5-4, before winning 4-1.
- 7: One-goal losses in 2011-12
- 7: Combined goals from Alli O'Brien in her first year, with three in soccer and four on the ice.

Did You Know?

- Head coach Jennifer Kranz wasted little time in earning her first career win last season, scoring a 4-2 victory over Marian in the season opener.

Off the Ice

- The Blazers had four players honored on the MIAC All-Academic team last season, including Aly Nielsen, Ashley Olson and Catherine Pollock who all return in 2012-13.
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ST. CATHERINE | [Wildcats' women's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Brad Marshall (Eighth season)

A Year Ago

- 8-8-2 MIAC (Sixth place) | 12-10-2 Overall

Top Returners

- Samantha Geissler (So., G | 8 wins, .920 save percentage, 2.38 goals against average)

- Megan Killmer (So., F | 13 goals, 7 assists, 20 points)
- Rachel Gasperetti (Sr., F | 5 goals, 10 assists, 15 points)

Key Losses

- Kelsey Abrahamson (F | All-MIAC, 9 goals, 15 assists, 24 points)
- Kayla Clifton (D | All-MIAC Honorable Mention, 3 goals, 14 assists, 17 points)
- Cassie Rooney (F | 10 goals, 7 assists, 17 points)

By the Numbers

- 2: Kasey Evans was ranked No. 2 in the Division III in hat tricks last season. Her two hat tricks is tied for second most in a season and third most in a career at St. Catherine.
- 3: The 2011-12 season was the third-consecutive above .500 finish for the Wildcat hockey team
- 42: In their first season as Wildcats, Kasey Evans and Megan Killmer combined for 42 of the Wildcats total points and were ranked second and third, respectively, on the team in the points category. Both players also ranked in the top-six in freshman scoring in the MIAC in 2011-12.

Did You Know?

- After 10 years at Ridder Arena, the Wildcats will no longer call the Gopher facility home. The St. Catherine hockey team will play and practice at St. Paul Academy's Drake Arena, which is located just one block from campus.

Off the Ice

- Five Wildcat hockey players earned MIAC Academic All-Conference honors last season including returners Nicki Mosbeck and Katie Jirik.



SAINT MARY'S | [Cardinals' women's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Terry Mannor (Eighth season)

A Year Ago

- 5-9-5 MIAC (Seventh place) | 7-12-6 Overall

Top Returners

- Breanna Peterson (6-0, So., For. | 25 GP, 8 G, 6 A, 14 Pts | H-M All-MIAC)
- Sarah Gustafson (5-4, Jr., G | 23 GP, 2.43 GAA, .915 Save %, 7-9-6)

Key Losses

- Nicole Olson (25 GP, 7 G, 9 A, 16 Pts | H-M All-MIAC | 2-year Captain)
- Erin Stenseth (23 GP, 8 G, 7 A, 15 Pts)
- Dana Kreuser (25 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 Pts)

By The Numbers

- 6: The Cardinals finished with six players boasting 10 or more points — Nicole Olson (16), Erin Stenseth (15), Breanna Peterson (14), Mary DeBartolo (14), Haley Coolsaet (12) and Brittany Therrien (10).
- 8: The Cardinals played eight overtime games this season — meaning one third of their games in 2011-2012 went into OT.
- 18: Eighteen of the Cardinals' 25 games were decided by two goals or less.

Did You Know?

- SMU's six ties last season were a single-season school record.

Off The Ice

- The Cardinals boasted three players on the MIAC All-Academic Team, including two — Nicole Olson and Julianne Bartosz — who earned the MIAC's academic honor in both hockey and fastpitch softball.



ST. OLAF | [Oles' women's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- John Bazzachini (Eighth season)

A Year Ago

- 9-7-2 MIAC (T-4th place) | 9-13-4 Overall

In the 2011-12 Postseason

- Lost to Bethel (5-4) in overtime in quarterfinals.

Top Returners

- Nicole Stumpf (Sr. Forward | Three-time All-MIAC honors, 7 goals and 17 assists for 24 points last season)
- Margot Fleming (Jr. Forward | Two-time MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention, 6 goals and 7 assists for 13 points)
- Alison Umland (Sr. Forward | 3 goals and 8 assists for 11 points)

Key Losses?

- Kristen Latta (Defense | Four-time MIAC All-Conference, Team MVP, Third in team points)
- Taylor Orr (Center | Leading goal scorer in final season, 10, MIAC Honorable Mention)

By the Numbers

- 9: Nine St. Olaf players boasted double digits in the points category.
- 2: Both goalies, Ali McKeever and Sam Ubl, earned MIAC athlete of the week last season.
- 4: The St. Olaf team has made it to the playoffs for the past four seasons.

Did You Know?

- Nicole Stumpf and Alison Umland reached 13th and 15th place respectively in career assists at St. Olaf in 2012, capping 34 and 31 assists. Also, This summer the Oles traveled together to Italy and Switzerland to play three games, going 1-2-0.

Off the Ice

- St. Olaf had eight women's hockey student-athletes earn Academic All-MIAC honors in 2012 (Christina Benjamin, Kira Clunis, Sarah Edgerton, Kristen Latta, Katie Moeller, Taylor Orr, Alana Patrick, Tara Reyelts).



ST. THOMAS | [Tommies' women's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Tom Palkowski (Sixth season)

A Year Ago

- 11-6-1 MIAC (Third place) | 15-9-2 Overall

In the 2011-12 Postseason

- 2011-12 MIAC Playoffs - Lost to Concordia (4-1) in semifinals

Top Returners

- Alise Riedel, JR, GK, Career: 22-15-7, 1.53 GAA, .935 save percentage
- Korinne O'Connor, SR, F, HM All-MIAC, Career: 78 games, 23 goals-29 assists
- Maria Bothwell, JR, F, HM All-MIAC, Career: 52 games, 4 goals-12 assists

Key Losses

- Kaylee Keys, Grad, 2X All-MIAC: Tommie career: 59 games, 20 goals-22 assists
- Meghan Parker, Grad, 3X All-MIAC, Career: 99 games, 20 goals-43 assists

By the Numbers

- 12: Consecutive MIAC top-three team finishes for Tommie women's hockey
- .717: UST win percentage over last three seasons when it allows two or less goals in a game (39-13-8)
- 6: Losses to nationally-ranked teams last season for St. Thomas, in 15-9-3 finish

Did You Know?

- St. Thomas junior forward Christina Rozeske (7 goals-14 assists in two seasons) is a sprinter on the Tommies' MIAC champion track and field team and has received 4x100 relay All-America honors in 2011 and 2012.

Off the Ice

- Three Tommie hockey players received Academic All-MIAC honors last spring, including Rozeske