

2013-14 MIAC Women's Hockey Preview and Preseason Coaches' Poll

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2013-14 MIAC Women's Hockey Conference Preview

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The puck is about to drop to start the 2013-14 women's hockey season in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC), and a familiar question is again at the forefront of preseason speculation. Will the reign of success continue for Gustavus Adolphus College? The mighty Gusties are gunning for their 10th-straight MIAC title, though a host of challengers enters the season designed on taking down the perennial favorite.

In recent years, the conference has appeared to close the gap between Head Coach **Mike Carroll's** Gustavus squad and the rest of the league, but in 2012-13 the Gusties were as dominant as ever with a perfect run through the league and an unbeaten regular season. Gustavus finished 27-2-1, with its only two losses coming in the NCAA Division III Frozen Four, with a perfect 18-0 MIAC regular season record and two more wins en route the conference Playoff title.

Behind the Gusties, there were a trio of teams all clamoring for contention, and the race for second place was an exciting, hard-fought battle. St. Thomas (14-8-2, 13-4-1 MIAC, 27 points) took the second spot in the standings, edging third-place Concordia (13-8-5, 11-4-3, 25 points) by just two points and third-place Bethel (15-10-2, 11-5-2 MIAC, 24 points) by three. The Cobbers took down the Tommies on the road to advance to the MIAC Playoff title game for the second-straight season, and Bethel had a third-period lead on Gustavus in the other semifinal to show the league's parity among the talented top four.

St. Catherine (11-12-3, 8-7-3 MIAC, 19 points) swept St. Olaf (11-12-2, 7-10-1, 15 points) over the season's final weekend to claim the fifth and final MIAC Playoff spot and create separation between two more of the league's talented teams. Saint Mary's finished just three points behind the Oles in seventh with a 7-14-2 overall record, a 5-22-1 conference mark and 12 points.

The standings' final three spots were separated by just a single point, as Saint Benedict (5-13-4, 3-13-2 MIAC, 8 points) claimed eighth place in the league by the slimmest of margins. Augsburg (6-16-3, 2-13-3, 7 points) and Hamline (5-15-5, 2-13-3, 7 points) shared ninth place to round out the 2012-13 standings. In 2012-13, each MIAC team won at least five games, and had a winning percentage of .300 or better overall.

As 2013-14 begins, Gustavus looks at extending its conference-title streak to double-digits, while teams like the Tommies, Cobbers and Royals hope to finally shake things up and send the championship trophy to a new destination. The Wildcats, Oles and Cardinals also hope to make a leap up and join the top contenders in a battle for Playoff seeds, and to end the Gusties' reign, while the Blazers, Auggies and Pipers enter the new campaign hopeful for improvement as well and a chance to contend for a trip to the conference's postseason tourney.

The coming months should be more than exciting as the answers to these questions take shape in "The State of Hockey." The time for speculation is over, and the time to settle things on the ice is here.

COACHES GO WITH GUSTIES AGAIN

The 2013-14 Women's Hockey Preseason Coaches' Poll has a familiar name at the top, as the conference coaches have unanimously predicted Carroll's Gustavus club will win its 10th-straight MIAC title. The Gusties received 81 points and nine-of-10 first-place votes to finish as the unquestioned front-runner, as coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team.

The same trio of contenders were also established by the coaches as Gustavus' top threats to title No. 10 in a row. St. Thomas was tabbed as the top contender, as the Tommies finished second with 71 points. Bethel received the other first-place vote and came in third with 65 points, and Concordia received 58 points to come in fourth. St. Catherine garnered 47 points in the poll to round out the top five, as the coaches predict the same five teams will qualify for the MIAC Playoffs as a season ago.

St. Olaf was the first team outside the Playoff prediction, coming in sixth with 38 points. Saint Mary's was seventh with a total of 30 points, just three ahead of eighth-place Augsburg (27). Saint Benedict (17) edged Hamline (16) by a single point to round out the final two spots in the poll.

WHAT'S NEW?

There will be one new - and very young - face in the MIAC coaching circle this season as **Sarah Erickson** makes her head coaching debut at Concordia. Erickson replaces **Brett Bruininks**, who accepted an assistant coaching position with Division I Minnesota State-Mankato in the offseason. In the process, she became the youngest head coach in Cobber history, graduating from college herself in 2012.



However, her pedigree certainly is impressive within The State of Hockey. Erickson was a two-time captain for the University of Minnesota, and helped the Golden Gophers win the 2012 national championship, scoring 69 career goals. Erickson's team started the Gopher women's current winning streak, which has spanned three seasons and two national titles, and is currently at 57 games.

Concordia was the only MIAC team to make a coaching change, as the other nine teams all welcome back their head coaches. Carroll is the longest-tenured at 15 seasons, while St. Catherine's **Brad Marshall**, Saint Mary's **Terry Mannor** and St. Olaf's **John Bazzachini** are all entering their ninth season with their current program.

MIAC officiating will have a new look this season as well, as the women move from a three- to a four-official system. Instead of one referee and two linesmen, the MIAC will now employ two referees and two linesmen for each game, which mirrors a change the MIAC men made a year ago. With another set of capable eyes on the ice, the game is expected to be safer and cleaner in 2013-14 and beyond.

WHO'S BACK?

If the Gusties are to make it 10-straight titles, they'll need to replace the production and leadership of two-time All-American and 2012-13 MIAC Player-of-the Year **Lindsey Hjelm**, as well as second-team All-American **Kelsey Kennedy** and All-MIAC forward **Megan Wanecke**, but Carroll's cupboard - as usual - is far from bare. All-MIAC senior defender **Maddie Bergh** is back to lead the blue line, while All-MIAC honorable mention forwards **Carolyn Draayer** and **Allison Eder-Zdechlik** will assume larger scoring roles with the Gustavus offense this season as the team looks to reload once again.

It's no surprise the Tommies are again the top contender, as Head Coach **Tom Palkowski** has a ton of talent back, starting between the pipes. Two-time All-America **Alise Riedel** returns in goal for St. Thomas with her career 1.57 GAA and .937 save percentage. The UST defense is further strengthened by the return of two-time All-MIAC defender **Maria Bothwell**, and All-MIAC forward **Christina Rozeske** is back to lead the Tommie offense.

Head Coach **Brian Carlson's** Bethel squad graduated some of its top talent in forward **Biz Huss** and goalie **Jess Newstrom**, but the Royals should continue to contend with their brightest star back on the ice. MIAC points and goals leader **Cristina Masten** returns for her senior season after earning All-America Second Team honors as a junior. Junior forward **Lindsay Burman** also returns, and goalie **Erika Allen** is back between the pipes with a very good 1.73 GAA.

Erickson's rookie season at Concordia should be aided by the talent the Cobbers have coming back in 2013-14. All-MIAC forward **Madison Gendreau** led the team in scoring in conference games as a sophomore last season, and she'll team up with 2011-12 All-MIAC selection **Abby Taffe** to give Concordia some serious scoring punch. The defense is aided by the return of sophomore goalie **Madison Denny**, who was in the net in 14 of 18 games last season in her collegiate debut.

St. Catherine has high hopes for a return to the MIAC Playoffs, led by a trio of talented forwards back in the mix. All-MIAC junior **Megan Killmer** - the conference's assists leader - is back this season, as is All-MIAC Honorable Mention sophomore **Annie Buttermore** and junior **Bailey Rasmussen**. St. Olaf has the tall task of replacing four-time All-MIAC forward **Nicole Stumpf**, but a pair of All-MIAC seniors return in forward **Margot Fleming** and defender **Shea Noerenberg**. Two-time captain **Kira Clunis** also returns at forward for the Oles.

Saint Mary's is optimistic about improvement this season, with most of Mannor's nucleus returning. All-MIAC defender **Macki Fadness** will lead again on the blue line, and All-MIAC Honorable Mention forward **Breanna Peterson** will team with **Mary Debartolo** to lead the Cardinal offense. Augsburg Head Coach **Michelle McAteer** also welcomes back many of her top players, starting with talented juniors **Rachel Hennessy** (forward) and **Brianna Schulz** (goalie) who were both All-MIAC Honorable Mention last season. Sophomore forward **Kayla Fuechtmann** also returns after a breakout rookie campaign.

Saint Benedict Head Coach **Jennifer Kranz** will look for the Blazers to continue their improvement in her third season, starting with All-MIAC Honorable Mention junior **Jenna Traut** back in goal. Forwards **Alli O'Brien** and **Ally Nielsen** also return to lead the CSB offense in 2013-14. A sophomore duo have Hamline fans optimistic about the Pipers' future foundation after breakout seasons a year ago. Head coach **Steve DeBus** welcomes back All-MIAC forward **Chelsea Koehn** and defender **Jenny Magill**, and senior forward **Corinne Henning** will provide the leadership for Hamline this season.

CIRCLE THESE DATES

Fans don't have long to wait for the puck to drop on the 2013-14 season. Four of the MIAC's teams open their seasons Friday, with four more getting started on Saturday. Conference play opens on the weekend of Nov. 15-16, and the final weekend of regular-season action will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22. The five-team MIAC Playoffs will be held Feb. 28, March 1 and March 8, with the winner receiving the MIAC's automatic bid to the 2013-14 NCAA Division III Women's Hockey Tournament.

There are plenty of intriguing weekends throughout the regular season, starting a marquee matchup the second weekend of conference play. Concordia will travel to Bethel Nov. 22-23 for a matchup of MIAC Playoff teams, and squads hoping to contend for more this season.

February will feature a ton of great MIAC action. The weekend of Feb. 7-8 features showdowns between Saint Mary's and Augsburg, and Saint Benedict and Hamline, in what will be key series for all four teams as they try to move up in the MIAC standings. The following weekend - Feb. 14-15 - will also have huge championship and title implications as Gustavus and St. Thomas square off in a home-and-home series, and St. Catherine will face St. Olaf in a series that decided the final postseason spot a year ago.

A CLOSER LOOK

The rest of the 2013-14 MIAC Women's Hockey Preview contains complete results from the 2013-14 Preseason Coaches' Poll, MIAC Playoff details, helpful links and a preview for each team submitted by their sports information director. The new MIAC web site - www.miacathletics.com - will be an outstanding source for MIAC women's hockey news, schedules, scores, stats and more throughout the 2013-14 season.

Visit the [MIAC scoreboard](#) on game days to follow all the action, and download the [MIAC mobile app](#) to have all the information with you anywhere you travel. Also, connect to the conference on its [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) pages for updates and interaction all season long.

2013-14 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 (nine for first, eight 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.

2013-14 MIAC Women's Hockey Preseason Coaches' Poll

Rank	Institution	Total
1	Gustavus (9)	81
2	St. Thomas	71
3	Bethel (1)	65
4	Concordia	58
5	St. Catherine	47
6	St. Olaf	38
7	Saint Mary's	30
8	Augsburg	27
9	Saint Benedict	17
10	Hamline	16

2013-14 MIAC Women's Hockey Playoffs

The 2013-14 MIAC Playoffs will feature the top five teams in the conference standings playing in a high-seed-host, single-elimination postseason tournament. The lone quarterfinal game between the No. 4 and No. 5 seeds will be played Friday, Feb. 28, with the two semifinal games to follow the next day, Saturday, March 1. The championship set for the following Saturday, March 8. The winner will receive the MIAC's automatic bid to the 2014 NCAA Division III Women's Hockey Tournament.

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

Head coach

- Michelle McAteer (Fourth season)

A Year Ago

- 2-13-3 MIAC (T-9th place) | 6-16-3 Overall

Top Returners

- Rachel Hennessy (F, JR | All-MIAC and MIAC All-Rookie Team in 2011-12, All-MIAC HM in 2012-13 ... 11G-8A--19P in 2012-13 ... t-11th in MIAC in goals and t-14th in points in overall stats in 2012-13 ... 31G-16A--47P in 50 career games, 7th in career goals and t-10th in career points in school history)
- Brianna Schulz (G, JR | All-MIAC HM in 2011-12 and 2012-13, MIAC All-Rookie Team in 2011-12 ... 778 saves, .933 save pct., 2.27 GAA, 6-16-3 record and 2 shutouts in 2012-13 ... In 42-game career, has 12-23-7 record, .933 save pct. and 2.43 GAA933 save pct. is tops in school history, while 2.43 GAA is 3rd-best.)
- Kayla Fuechtmann (F, SO | 2nd on team in scoring, with 7G-6A--13P in 2012-13 ... t-5th in MIAC in overall first-year scoring in 2012-13.)

Key Losses

- Jessica Larkin (F | All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team in 2011-12 and 2012-13 ... 1G-7A--8P in 2012-13 ... 10G-23A--33P in 98 career games ... t-6th most games played and t-14th in career assists in school history.)
- Erica Berthold (F | 6G-3A--9P in 2012-13 ... 11G-10A--21P in 90 career games.)

- Jeanna Dudley (D | 2G-2A--4P in 2012-13 ... 4G-13A--18P in 95 career games ... t-15th in career games played in school history ... Serving as volunteer assistant coach in 2013-14.)

By the Numbers

- 17: Number of games decided by two goals or less in 2012-13. Augsburg was 4-10-3 in those games, while it was 2-5 in one-goal games in 2013-14.
- 13: Goals scored in a 13-0 win over Finlandia (Mich.) on Jan. 5, setting an Augsburg single-game scoring record. The previous mark was 12 in a 12-1 win over Hamline on Nov. 20, 2003.
- 0: Number of seniors on the 2013-14 Augsburg women's hockey roster. Augsburg's roster is made up of five juniors, eight sophomores and 11 first-years.

Did You Know?

- Augsburg is entering its 19th season of varsity women's ice hockey competition in 2013-14. Augsburg was the first collegiate varsity women's ice hockey program established in the Midwest when it began play in the 1995-96 season.

Off the Ice

- Augsburg's women's hockey team had six student-athletes earn Academic All-MIAC honors in 2012-13.



BETHEL | [Royals' women's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Brian Carlson (Fourth season)

A Year Ago

- 11-5-2 MIAC (Fourth place) | 15-10-2 Overall

In the 2013 Postseason

- 3-2 win over No. 5 St. Catherine and 3-2 loss to No. 1 Gustavus

Top Returners

- Cristina Masten (F, Sr. | MIAC All-Conference, All-Region, 2nd Team All-American, 24 G, 13 A, 37 Pts.)
- Lindsay Burman (F, Jr. | 11 G, 14 A, 25 Pts.)
- Erika Allen (G, So. | 7-5 W-L, 1.73 GA Avg., .935 Save Pct.)

Key Losses

- Biz Huss (F | MIAC All-Conference, 12 G, 13 A, 25 Pts.)
- Jess Newstrom (G | 8-5-2 W-L-T, 2.07 GA Avg., .926 Save Pct.)
- Molly Eagles (D | 1 G, 10 A, 11 Pts., +15 +/-)

By the Numbers

- 3: During the past five years, three members of the Bethel University women's hockey squad have been honored as an AHCA Division III All-American: forward Cristina Masten, defenseman Anna Carlson, and goalie Beth Spurrier.
- 7: Not only did Cristina Masten lead the MIAC in total points (37) and goals (24) following the 2012-13 season, but Masten also led the league in game-winning goals. Her seven game-winning scores also ranked No. 1 among all NCAA Division III hockey players.
- 16: Three members of the Bethel women's hockey squad, Biz Huss, Lindsay Burman, and Cristina Masten, were selected to the 2012-13 MIAC All-Conference squad. In the last three years, the Royals have totaled 16 MIAC All-Conference honorees.

Did You Know?

- The Royals have advanced to the MIAC Playoffs in five of the last six seasons, with postseason victories in the last three years. Bethel reached the MIAC Championship Game in 2010-11, but fell in the semifinals the last two seasons.

Off the Ice

- Five student athletes earned MIAC Academic All-Conference accolades last year after playing in more than 50% of the contests and sustaining a GPA of 3.50 or better. Included in the handful of players were Casie Ecklund, Kalie Johnson, Charise Kendrick, Cristina Masten, and Melanie Robertson.



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

Head coach

- Sarah Erickson (First season)

A Year Ago

- 13-4-1 MIAC (Third place) | 13-8-5 Overall

In the 2013 Postseason

- Beat St. Thomas 2-1 in the MIAC Semifinals, lost to Gustavus 4-1 in the MIAC Championship

Top Returners

- Madison Gendreau (F, Jr. | 2012-13 All-MIAC; led the team in scoring in conference games with nine goals and seven assists; tied for the

lead in the MIAC in shorthanded goals)

- Abby Taffe (F, Sr. | 78 career points; 2011-12 All-MIAC)
- Madison Denny (G, So. | Started 14 of the team's 18 MIAC games in 2012-13, fourth in the MIAC in goals against average last season)

Key Losses

- Breann Julius (F | Led the team in scoring in 2012-13 with 21 pts., 2011-12 All-MIAC)
- Jenna Westerham (F | fifth on the team in scoring in 2012-13)
- Ali Nelson (D | One of the team's top defensemen, 4-year starter)

By the Numbers

- 3: The Cobbers have three coaches who all played NCAA Division I hockey
- 5: Concordia has earned a spot in the MIAC playoffs in five of the past six seasons
- 12: Concordia has 12 newcomers on the roster this season

Did You Know?

- Concordia junior forward Kelsey Vandegrift has climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.



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

Head coach

- Mike Carroll (15th Season)

A Year Ago

- 18-0-0 MIAC (First place) | 27-2-1 Overall

In the 2013 Postseason

- 2013 MIAC Playoff Champion - defeated Bethel (3-2) in the semifinals, Concordia (4-1) in the championship.
- 2013 NCAA Division III Playoffs - defeated UW-River Falls (2-1) in the quarterfinals, lost to Elmira (4-3, OT) in the semifinals and Plattsburgh State (4-0) in the third place game.

Top Returners

- Maddie Bergh (Sr., D | 2012-13 MIAC All-Conference, +14 in 17 conference games last season)
- Carolyn Draayer (Jr., F | Two-time MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention (2011-12, 2012-13), third on team in goals scored with 13 (t-7th/MIAC), fourth on team in points scored with 20 (t-13th/MIAC))
- Allison Eder-Zdechlik (So., F | 2012-13 MIAC All-Rookie Team, 2012-13 MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention, led all MIAC rookies in scoring last season with 14 goals (t-1st/team) and 10 assists for 24 points (2nd/team))

Key Losses

- Lindsey Hjelm (F | 2012-13 MIAC Player-of-the-Year, two-time AHCA First-Team All-American, four-time MIAC All-Conference, led team in all three scoring categories with 14 goals (t-4th/MIAC), 16 assists (t-1st/MIAC), and 30 points (2nd/MIAC), holds school record for games played in a career (120) and penalties (112-224), scored 110 career points on 48 goals and 62 assists)
- Kelsey Kennedy (D | 2012-13 AHCA Second Team All-American, 2012-13 MIAC All-Conference, two-time MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention (2010-11, 2011-12), played in 117 career games, scoring 50 points on four goals and 46 assists)
- Megan Wanecke (F | 2012-13 MIAC All-Conference, scored 24 points (t-7th/MIAC) on 12 goals (t-9th/MIAC) and 12 assists (t-10th/MIAC) last season, played in 119 career games, scoring 38 goals and 36 assists for 74 points)

By the Numbers

- 9: The number of consecutive regular season MIAC championships won by Gustavus. The streak is the longest of any team in the league, as the Gusties have won 11 conference titles in the 14-year history of women's hockey in the MIAC.
- 11: The number of first-year players on this season's roster. Of the 25 players on this year's squad, 11 are first-years, the most since 2008-09 when the Gusties kept an identical 11 first-year players on the team. That year, Gustavus finished the season 22-2-4 overall and 16-0-2 in the MIAC on the way to winning both the MIAC regular season and playoff championships.
- .710: The percentage of scoring that returns from last season. Losing a total of 39 goals from players that are not returning to the ice this season, Gustavus still gets 71-percent of its scoring back from a season ago, led by Allison Eder-Zdechlik, Carolyn Draayer, and Melissa Doyle, who scored 14, 13, and 10 goals, respectively.

Did You Know?

- Last season, Gustavus became one of just three teams in the history of Division III women's hockey to finish the regular season without a loss in the NCAA Championship era, which began in the 2001-02 season. The Gusties finished a near-perfect 24-0-1, joining a pair of Plattsburgh State teams as the only trio to accomplish the feat. Plattsburgh finished 23-0-2 both last season and in the 2006-07.

Off the Ice

- Since its inception in the 2009-10 school year, a Gustavus women's hockey player has won every NCAA Elite 89 ever awarded at the Division III women's hockey site. With a grade point average of 3.97 in Communication Studies, junior Carolyn Draayer was last year's recipient of the prestigious award. She follows in the footsteps of three previous Gusties to be honored: Marah Sobczak in 2012, Sara Yungner in 2011, and Nara Higano, who won the first ever Elite 89 for Division III women's hockey in 2010.

**Head coach**

- Steve De Bus (Fourth season)

A Year Ago

- 2-13-3 MIAC (T-9th place) | 5-15-5 Overall

Top Returners

- Chelsea Koehn (So., F, 13 G 7 A, All-MIAC, All-Rookie team)
- Corinne Henning (Sr., F, 4 G, 11 A)

- Jenny Magill (So., D, 1 G, 4 A)

Key Losses

- Haley Johnson (F, 99 career games, 4 year regular, 25 G)
- Sarah Schneekloth (G, 2.38 GAA last year)

By the Numbers

- 1: Total amount of college game experience of HU goalie (Sam Stark, 1 game)
- 3: seniors on current team
- 18: returnees with college experience

Did You Know?

- Ellie McElhone's brother Ryan also plays hockey at Hamline.

Off the Ice

- The Pipers recently helped run a fundraiser for MOCA (Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance). They helped with 3500 participants in an event that raised over \$200,000.

SAINT BENEDICT | [Blazers women's hockey home page](#) |**Head coach**

- Jennifer Kranz (Third season)

A Year Ago

- 3-13-2 MIAC (Eighth place) | 5-13-4 Overall

Top Returners

- Jenna Traut (G, Jr. | All-MIAC Honorable Mention, went 3-9-2, in MIAC game only ranked fourth in saves (352), sixth in minutes (762:56) and 10th in GAA (2.75))
- Alli O'Brien (F, Jr. | tied for team lead with six goals and led with, six assists and 12 points despite missing the early part of the season playing soccer)
- Ally Nielsen (F, Sr. | second on the team with 10 points, six goals tied for the team lead, second on the team with a +5)

Key Losses

- Ashley Olson (Scored four goals playing just the first half of the season)
- Alex Carlson (Team captain, played in all 22 games, scored a goal with three assists)

By the Numbers

- 4: Shutouts last season, after finishing without one during the 2011-12 season.
- 5: Games where the defense allowed just one goal, making nine of 22 games last season where the Blazers allowed a goal or less
- 83: Percent of scoring from last season that returns this year, including each of the Blazers top-five scorers.

Did You Know?

- The Blazers allowed over 20 fewer goals this past season, a difference of 30% from 2011-12. They allowed nearly a goal per game less, while raising their save percentage by 20 points.

ST. CATHERINE | [Wildcats' women's hockey home page](#) |**Head coach**

- Brad Marshall (Ninth season)

A Year Ago

- 8-7-3 MIAC (Fifth place) | 11-12-3 Overall

In the 2012 Postseason

- No. 5 seed – lost to No. 4 Bethel 3-2 in Quarterfinals

Top Returners

- Megan Killmer (F, Jr. | All-MIAC; 5 goals, 16 assists, 21 points; Led MIAC in assists; 10th in MIAC in points)
- Annie Buttermore (F, So. | All-MIAC Honorable Mention; 8 goals, 6 assists, 14 points)

- Bailey Rasmussen (F, Jr. | 11 goals, 3 assists, 14 points)

Key Losses

- Becky Clifton (F/D | All-MIAC; D3hockey.com All-West Region Second-Team; 4 goals, 13 assists, 17 points)
- Rachael Gasperetti (F | MIAC All-Sportsmanship Team, 98 career games played, 4 points)|

By the Numbers

- 16: Megan Killmer's 16 assists were tied for the most among all MIAC players in 2012-13. She also played in fewer games than Kalie Johnson (Bethel) and Lindsey Hjelm (Gustavus) who shared the top spot.
- 88.5: The Wildcats' 88.5 penalty kill percentage in conference games was the second best by any MIAC team in 2012-13.
- .935: Alex Hall recorded a save percentage of .935 in 2012-13 which is the best ever by a St. Catherine University goaltender in a single season.

Did You Know?

- The Wildcats' MIAC playoff berth last season was its first since the 2009-10 season when they finished second overall.

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



Head coach

- Terry Mannor (Ninth season)

A Year Ago

- 5-10-2 MIAC (Seventh Place) | 7-13-2 Overall

Top Returners

- Breanna Peterson (6-0, Jr., For. | 23 GP, 8 G, 8 A, 16 Pts, Led nation with 3 SH goals | Two-Time H-M All-MIAC)
- Macki Fadness (5-10, So., Def. | 23 GP, 5 G, 7 A, 12 Pts., 3 PPG, First-Team All-MIAC)
- Mary DeBartolo (5-5, Jr., For. | 23 GP, 7 G, 8 A, 15 Pts., 2 PPG, 2 GWG, 2 OTG, 1 hat trick)

Key Losses

- Julianne Bartosz (23 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 Pts.)

By The Numbers

- 0: SMU's 0-0 tie against Concordia on Feb. 15 was the first scoreless tie in program history. Ironically, both of SMU's hockey teams posted 0-0 ties last season, with the Cardinal men's program battling St. Thomas to a scoreless deadlock on Jan. 18.
- 2: Goalies Tori Herrmann (Elk River, Minn.) and Sarah Gustafson (Esko, Minn.) each collected a shutout last season. Herrmann stopped all 34 shots she faced against Concordia on Feb. 15 en route to her first collegiate shutout, while Gustafson finished with 21 saves — seven in each period — in posting her first shutout of the season and fifth of her career on Feb. 2 against Saint Benedict.
- 8: SMU's 2-1 overtime win over Hamline on Nov. 9 snapped its eight-game overtime winless streak — it was the Cardinals' first OT win since beating St. Thomas 2-1 on Jan. 29, 2011. After going winless (0-2-6) in eight overtime games in 2011-12, the Cardinals were 2-0-2 in OT games a year ago. SMU beat Hamline 2-1 and UW-Eau Claire 3-2, while tying Augsburg 3-3 and Concordia 0-0.

Did You Know?

- Breanna Peterson (Macomb, Mich.) closed out the 2012-13 season as the NCAA Division III leader in shorthanded goals with three. The three shorthanded goals were also one shy of the school-record four recorded by Tinnie McCabe.

Off The Ice

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



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

Head coach

- John Bazzachini (Ninth season)

A Year Ago

- 7-10 MIAC (Sixth place) | 11-12-2 Overall

Top Returners

- Margot Fleming (Forward, Senior | All-Conference, Two-time All-conference Honorable Mention)
- Shea Noerenberg (Defense, Junior | All-Conference, All-Conference Honorable Mention)
- Kira Clunis (Forward, Senior | Two-time Captain)

Key Losses

- Nicole Stumpf (Forward | Four-time All-Conference, 2nd in the league for scoring with 19 goals)
- Alison Umland (Forward | All-Conference, 4th in the league for assists with 15)

By the Numbers

- 29: St. Olaf's returning forward Margot Fleming had the team high 29 points last season.

- 5: The team held a five game win streak mid-season.
- 9: The number of seasons John Bazzachini has coached the St. Olaf women.

Did You Know?

- The St. Olaf women's team has student-athletes that also participate in track, softball, club lacrosse, club rugby, and golf.

Off the Ice

- St. Olaf led the MIAC with seven St. Olaf players (Kira Clunis, Katie Moeller, Alana Patrick, Caroline Ponessa, Tara Reyelts, Nicole Stumpf, Lisa Tuuri) earning the Academic All-Conference honor.



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Head coach

- Tom Palkowski (Seventh season)

A Year Ago

- 13-4-1 MIAC (Second place) | 14-8-2 Overall

In the 2012-13 Postseason

- Lost 2-1 to Concordia-Moorhead in MIAC playoff semifinals

Top Returners

- Alise Riedel (SR, GK/2X All-America/Career: 35-22-9 with a 1.57 GAA and a .937 save percentage)
- Maria Bothwell (SR, D/2X All-MIAC/Career: 76 games, 8g-19a)
- Christina Rozeske (SR, F/All-MIAC/14 goals in 2012-13; Career: 75 games, 21g-17a)

Key Losses

- Korinne O'Connor (Grad. D/All-MIAC/66 points in 101 career games)

By the Numbers

- 1.79: Last season's Tommie goals per game allowed, 10th best in Division III
- 13: Consecutive winning seasons and consecutive MIAC playoff trips for Tommie women's hockey
- 23: Returning players for St. Thomas women's hockey

Did You Know?

- New assistant coach Kala Buganski was a two-year captain while playing at Division I Minnesota State Mankato and still ranks in the top five in MSU history for career goals, assists and game-winning goals. She was twice all-state at Anoka High.

Off the Ice

- Senior Christina Rozeske is a track and field 2X All-America relay runner and has a 3.79 gpa in Biochemistry with plans on a career in medicine.

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