

2014-15 MIAC Women's Hockey Preview and Preseason Coaches' Poll

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2014-15 MIAC Women's Hockey Conference Preview

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- There was a changing of the guard a year ago, as St. Thomas ended Gustavus' nine-year reign atop the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) women's hockey standings. As the 2014-15 season begins, the Tommies and Gusties are expected to engage in another season-long battle for MIAC supremacy, with a host of other contenders mixed in to make for an entertaining season in "The State of Hockey."

Though the Tommies emerged with the 2013-14 MIAC title - and the MIAC Playoff championship as well - the fight to the finish was a sight to behold, as the final weekend opened with three teams all in contention for the championship. However, St. Thomas (20-7-3 overall, 14-2-2 MIAC) finished with 30 points in the standings to claim the MIAC title, just two points ahead of Gustavus (28 points, 17-8-2 overall, 14-4 MIAC) and four points ahead of third-place Bethel (26 points, 17-7-2 overall, 13-5 MIAC).

Concordia was also in the mix and joined the top three in the MIAC Playoffs with 24 points in the standings (13-10-4 overall, 11-5-2 MIAC), and St. Catherine emerged from a closely-grouped foursome to grab the fifth and final Playoff spot. The Wildcats (11-14-1 overall, 8-9-1 MIAC) used a big final weekend to finish with 17 points atop a group of four teams that was separated by just five points.

Saint Mary's (9-15-1 overall, 7-11 MIAC) was sixth with 14 points, St. Olaf finished with 13 (6-18-1 overall, 6-11-1 MIAC) and Augsburg ended with 12 (9-16 overall, 6-12 MIAC). Hamline (7-16-2 overall, 3-13-2 MIAC) and Saint Benedict (7-18 overall, 4-14 MIAC) tied for the final spot in the MIAC standings with eight points apiece.

The MIAC's success went beyond the conference level, as St. Thomas advanced to the NCAA Division III Women's Hockey Frozen Four, where it came up just short against eventual national champion Plattsburgh State in a 1-0 overtime loss in the semifinals.

The league's parity throughout the season was reflected in the 2014 MIAC Playoffs, as three of the four games were decided by a single goal, and two of the games needed overtime to decide the winner.

As the puck is set to drop to start the 2014-15 season, anticipation is at an all-time high. Can St. Thomas successfully defend its title? Will Gustavus reclaim its throne? Will Bethel break through with its first MIAC title? Will a surprise team join the contenders at the top, and how many teams will carry Playoff hopes into the season's final weekend? Those questions - and many more - will finally start to receive their answers.

GUSTIES GRAB TOP SPOT IN COACHES' POLL

Though St. Thomas knocked Gustavus off the top of the MIAC mountain a year ago, the league coaches expect the Gusties to return to the top of the standings in 2014-15. The MIAC coaches tabbed Gustavus as the favorite to win the conference title in the 2014-15 MIAC Women's Hockey Preseason Coaches' Poll. The Gusties received 79 points and seven of the 10 first-place votes to take the top spot in the ranking, with St. Thomas coming in second with 73 points and two first-place votes.

Bethel also received a first-place vote and came in third with 62 points. The Cobbers were right behind the Royals, as Concordia came in fourth with 59 points. St. Catherine just barely edged Augsburg for fifth place, 45 to 43, as the coaches slotted the Wildcats in the final Playoff spot. Saint Mary's was seventh with 34 points, St. Olaf came in eighth with 25 points and Saint Benedict (18) and Hamline (12) finished out the final two spots in the preseason predictions.

MIAC BOASTS TWO TOP-10 TEAMS

The MIAC coaches weren't the only ones to predict big things for the teams atop the conference heading into the new season. The MIAC placed two teams in the top 10 of both the USCHO.com and D3hockey.com preseason national rankings, and had a third team receive votes. St. Thomas leads the way, ranked No. 6 in Division III by both entities, while Gustavus also received a pair of top 10 nods. The Gusties were ranked No. 8 in the nation by the USCHO and No. 10 by D3hockey.com, and Bethel also received votes in the USCHO poll.

COACHES' ROUNDUP

There was very little activity on the MIAC coaching carousel in the offseason, as nine of the league's 10 head coaches are all back with their respective programs. Concordia was the lone school to hire a new leader, as Jason Gregorie was tabbed as the third Cobber head women's hockey coach in as many seasons following the departure of Sarah Erickson.

The 2014-15 will be a milestone season for several of the MIAC's coaches, as St. Catherine's Brad Marshall, Saint Mary's Terry Mannor and St. Olaf's John Bazzachini are all celebrating a decade with their squads as they begin their 10th seasons. Gustavus' Mike Carroll remains the longest-tenured coach in the league as he starts his 16th season. Reigning MIAC Coach-of-the-Year Tom Palkowski of St. Thomas begins



his eighth season on the bench. Augsburg's Michelle McAteer, Bethel's Brian Carlson and Hamline's Steve De Bus all open their fifth seasons, and Saint Benedict's Jen Kranz is starting season No. 4 with the Blazers.

WHO TO WATCH FOR

Despite seeing their conference championship and Playoff title streaks end a year ago, Carroll's Gustavus team enters 2014-15 eyeing a return to the top thanks to a strong returning nucleus. forwards Allison Eder-Zdechlik and Carolyn Draayer and defender Courtney Boucher all return after earning All-MIAC honors a year ago, and will be counted to lead another talented Gustie squad.

Defending champion St. Thomas graduated a handful of stars, including All-American goalie Alise Riedel, defender Mary Grace Flesher and forward Christina Rozeske, but Palkowski's club also brings back more than enough talent to hunt a second-straight MIAC championship. Forward Paige Baldwin and defender Megan Juricko both return after earning All-MIAC honors a year ago, and All-Conference Honorable Mention forward Courtney Umland also returns to give St. Thomas a solid nucleus.

Bethel also hopes to again be in contention with most of its core back, but the Royals will need to replace graduated star and MIAC Player-of-the-Year Cristina Masten. Fortunately, the team still boasts plenty of scoring punch, with All-MIAC forwards Lindsay Burman and Kalie Johnson and All-Rookie team forward Kathryn Larson all back in blue in 2014-15. Gregorie also has the benefit of a great returning crew at Concordia this season, as All-MIAC selections Madison Gendreau (forward) and Libby Fransdal (defender) both return, as does goalie Andrea Klug, who was an All-Rookie team pick during her breakout season a year ago.

St. Catherine hopes to return to the MIAC Playoffs this season, and the Wildcats have their top two scorers back in All-MIAC Honorable Mention forwards Bailey Rasmussen and Megan Killmer, and defender Randi Fabsits was also an Honorable Mention selection last season. Augsburg anticipates taking another step forward this season with most of its top talent back. Leading scorer and All-MIAC forward Kayla Fuechtmann returns, as does two-time Honorable Mention goalie Brianna Schulz and talented senior forward Rachel Hennessy.

Saint Mary's has to replace some graduated talent at a few key spots, but also welcomes back some mainstays that should keep the Cardinals in contention for the postseason. Two-time All-MIAC defender Macki Fadness is back to lead the blue line, and All-MIAC forward Breanna Peterson also returns, along with fellow forward Mary DeBartolo. St. Olaf has both of its talented goaltenders back, as Sam Ubl and Cassie Alexander will again form a formidable tandem in net, and forward Devyn Hotho is back for her senior year to lead the Ole skaters.

Hamline has high hopes for the continued development of sophomores Chelsea Koehn - who was an All-MIAC and All-Rookie team honoree - and defender Jenny Magill. The Pipers expect Corinne Henning to provide the senior leadership in 2014-15 as well. Saint Benedict hopes for continued improvement behind the return of a pair of All-MIAC Honorable Mention selections. Forward Tara Frey and goalie Jenna Traut both return after earning conference honors in 2013-14, as does team goals leader Stephanie Kirk.

CIRCLE THESE DATES

The wait is almost over for MIAC fans, as the puck drops on the new season Friday, with half of the conference opening the 2014-15 season over the first weekend. Nonconference play extends for another week before the start of conference play, which begins with all 10 teams in MIAC action on Nov. 14-15. The pre-Holidays portion of the MIAC schedule concludes Dec. 5-6.

The league will spend the first half of January playing nonconference games against teams from around the Midwest, with MIAC play resuming the weekend of Jan. 16-17. The final weekend of the regular season will be Feb. 20-21, and if recent seasons are any indication, it will take until that final set of games to determine the champ and the five team MIAC Playoff field.

The MIAC Playoff format received a slight change this year, as the quarterfinal game between the No. 4 and 5 seeds was moved from Friday to Thursday. Now, the 4-5 game will be played Feb. 26, with the winner joining the top three seeds in the semifinals on Saturday, Feb. 28. The MIAC will crown its 2014-15 Playoff champion, and award its automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Women's Hockey Playoffs, the following Saturday, March 7.

A CLOSER LOOK

The rest of the 2014-15 MIAC women's Hockey Preview contains complete results from the 2014-15 Preseason Coaches' Poll, helpful links and a preview for each team submitted by their sports information director. The MIAC web site - www.miacathletics.com - will be an outstanding source for MIAC women's hockey news, schedules, scores, stats and more throughout the 2014-15 season.

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

2014-15 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.

2014-15 MIAC Women's Hockey Preseason Coaches' Poll		
Rank	Institution	Total
1.	Gustavus (7)	79
2.	St. Thomas (2)	73

3.	Bethel (1)	62
4.	Concordia	59
5.	St. Catherine	45
6.	Augsburg	43
7.	Saint Mary's	34
8.	St. Olaf	25
9.	Saint Benedict	18
10.	Hamline	12

2014-15 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 Playoff schedule received a slight update in 2014-15, with the quarterfinal game moving up a day. The lone quarterfinal game between the No. 4 and No. 5 seeds will now be played Thursday, Feb. 26, with the two semifinal games to follow on Saturday, Feb. 28. The championship game is set for the following Saturday, March 7. The winner will receive the MIAC's automatic bid to the 2015 NCAA Division III Women's Hockey Tournament.

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

Head Coach

- Michelle McAteer (Fifth season)

A Year Ago

- 6-12-0 MIAC (8th place) | 9-16-0 Overall

Top Returners

- Kayla Fuechtmann (F, JR | All-MIAC in 2013-14 ... Led team with 9 goals and 16 points in 2013-14, along with 7 assists ... Goal or assist in 10 of 22 games played, with 4 multiple-point games ... Career (47 games): 16G-13A--29P.)
- Brianna Schulz (G, SR | All-MIAC HM in 2013-14, 2012-13 and 2011-12 ... 8-13-0 record, 2.55 GAA, .920 save pct. in 21 games in 2013-14, along with 3 shutouts ... Career (63 games): 20-36-7 record, 2.46 GAA, .929 save pct. with 5 shutouts.)
- Rachel Hennessy (F, SR | All-MIAC in 2011-12, All-MIAC HM in 2012-13 ... 9 goals, 1 assist for 10 points in 2013-14 ... Career (75 games): 40G-17A--57P.)

Key Losses

- Casey Miller (D | 1G-2A--3P in 2013-14 ... Career (75 games): 5G-10A--15P.)

By the Numbers

- 9: Wins for Augsburg in 2013-14, its most victories since the 2004-05 season (13-10-3). Augsburg's six conference wins were its most since 2005-06 (7-8-3).
- 108: Points scored in 2013-14 (among 121 total points scored by the team), including 52 of its 58 goals, from the 14 skaters returning to the Augsburg lineup in 2014-15.
- .929: Career save percentage for goalie Brianna Schulz, currently the best in school history. Schulz also ranks second in school history with a 2.46 career goals-against-average and third with 20 career wins.

Did You Know?

- Three transfer students are joining the Auggies in 2014-15 -- goalie Erika Allen, who earned All-MIAC honors at Bethel in 2013-14; forward/defender Halie Gudmonson, who scored 7 goals and had eight assists for Gustavus last season; and forward Emma Rucinski, who played her first college season at Manhattanville (N.Y.) last year.

Off the Ice

- Augsburg had five women's hockey players earn Academic All-MIAC honors in 2014-15, each recording a 3.50 or greater grade-point average while playing in 50 percent or more of the team's regular-season contests.



Head coach

- Brian Carlson (Fifth season)

A Year Ago

- 13-5 MIAC (3rd place) | 17-7-2 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- No. 2 Gustavus 3, No. 3 Bethel 2 – MIAC Semifinals

Top Returners

- Lindsay Burman (F, Sr. | MIAC All-Conference, 34 Pts.)
- Kalie Johnson (F, Sr. | MIAC All-Conference, 30 Pts.)
- Kathryn Larson (F, So. | MIAC All-Rookie Team, 28 Pts.)

Key Losses

- Cristina Masten (F | Two-time All-American, MIAC leading scorer in 2013 & 2014, 2014 MIAC Player-of-the-Year, Bethel's All-Time Leading Scorer)

By the Numbers

- 92.9: Bethel's blueliners were second to none among conference teams last year in the penalty kill. The Royals mitigated any damage by holding opponents scoreless in 92.9 percent of their power play opportunities. This also ranked No. 4 among all Division III squads nationwide.
- 17: Last year was a banner year for the Royals, as they set a new program record for wins in a season with 17 victories. On its way to 17 wins, Bethel defeated four teams ranked in the USCHO Top 10, which is the most ranked opponents BU has defeated in a single season.
- 5: Kathryn Larson's MIAC All-Rookie team accolade that followed the 2013-14 season was Bethel's fifth honor in the last four years. Four of the five awardees have gone on to receive MIAC All-Conference recognition in the years that followed. The Royals have had 21 All-MIAC skaters in that same time period.

Did You Know?

- Cristina Masten's First Team All-American award marked the third time in the last four years that a member of the Bethel University women's hockey team was honored with All-American honors.

Off the Ice

- Bethel had the most MIAC Academic All-Conference honorees in 2013-14 with seven Royals maintaining a 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA and playing in over half of the team's contests.



Head coach

- Jason Gregoire (First season)

A Year Ago

- 11-5-2 MIAC (4th place) | 13-10-4 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- Beat St. Catherine in the MIAC quarterfinals 2-1 OT; lost to St. Thomas in the MIAC semifinals 4-3 OT

Top Returners

- Madison Gendreau (F, Sr. | 2-time MIAC All-Conference; led the team in scoring in MIAC games; tied for the MIAC lead in game-winning goals)
- Libby Fransdal (D, Sr. | 2013-14 MIAC All-Conference; third in the MIAC in scoring by a defenseman; sixth in the MIAC in assists with 9.)
- Andrea Klug (G, So | 2013-14 MIAC All-Rookie Team; led the MIAC in goals against average and save percentage; second in Division III in goals against average and save percentage)

Key Losses

- Abby Taffe (F | 4-year starter for Concordia; finished her career with 85 points)

By the Numbers

- 4: Concordia has been to the MIAC playoffs for four straight seasons. It is the longest streak in program history.
- 12: Concordia was unbeaten in 12 of its last 14 games in 2013-14
- 49: The Cobbers return players who scored 49 of the team's 53 goals last season

Did You Know?

- Cobber senior defenseman Libby Fransdal also starred for the Concordia women's soccer team and has played in 145 games in her two-sport collegiate career.
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GUSTAVUS | [Gusties' women's hockey home page](#) |

Head coach

- Mike Carroll (16th season)

A Year Ago

- 14-4-0 MIAC (2nd place) | 17-8-2 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- After defeating Bethel 3-2 in the MIAC semifinals, the Gusties' season came to an end with a 2-0 loss to St. Thomas in the MIAC Playoff Championship.

Top Returners

- Allison Eder-Zdechlik (Jr., Forward, Stillwater, Minn.) | 2013-14 MIAC All-Conference honoree...Led team in scoring with 26 points off a team-high 19 goals and seven assists...Scored five power play goals, three short-handed goals, and three game-winners...Recorded six two-goal games and ranked second on the team in plus/minus at +19.
- Courtney Boucher (Sr., Defender, Hastings, Minn.) | Team captain...2013-14 MIAC All-Conference honoree...Transitioned from forward to defense her junior season...Gustavus' top scoring defender last season with a 17 points off three goals and a team-best 14 assists...Has played in a team-leading 86 career games and registered 43 points (15G, 28A).
- Carolyn Draayer (Sr., Forward, Deephaven, Minn.) | Team captain...2013-14 MIAC All-Conference honoree...Finished fifth on team in scoring last season with eight goals and six assists for 14 points...Scored two power play goals, two short-handed goals, and three game-winners...Gustavus' highest scoring upperclassman with 61 points (40G, 21A) in 85 career games.

Key Losses

- Melissa Doyle (Forward) | 2013-14 All-Conference honoree...Finished second on the team in scoring last season in both points (20) and goals (11)...Played in 114 career games and scored 63 points (34G, 29A).
- Maddie Bergh (Defender) | Four-year staple of the Gustavus' blue line...Played in 109 games and logged 109 points (6G, 28A).

By the Numbers

- 49: Gusties' home unbeaten-streak that was snapped on Nov. 8, 2013 with a 2-1 loss to UW-Superior. The loss to the Yellowjackets also ended Gustavus' 27-game winning-streak at Don Roberts Ice Rink.
- 11: The number of conference titles the Gusties have won in the 15-year history MIAC women's hockey.
- .763: Coach Mike Carroll's winning percentage since arriving at Gustavus. Carroll has compiled a record of 331-78-25 during his 15-year tenure.

Did You Know?

- Coach Carroll is also the Gustavus baseball coach and played professional baseball in the Montreal Expos organization for two seasons.

Off the Ice

- Senior captain Carolyn Draayer was named to the 2014 Capital One Academic All-America Division III At-Large Team, becoming the fifth women's hockey player in program history to earn the Academic All-America honors. A communication studies major with a near-perfect GPA of 3.98, Draayer also received the MIAC Elite 22 Award following last season's MIAC Playoff Championship.



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

Head coach

- Steve De Bus (Fifth 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

- Jen Kranz (Fourth season)

A Year Ago

- 4-14 MIAC (T-9 place) | 7-18 Overall

Top Returners

- Tara Frey (F, Sr | All-MIAC Honorable Mention, 4 goals, 2 assists)
- Jenna Traut (G, Sr | All-MIAC Honorable Mention, 278 saves, .900 save percentage)
- Stephanie Kirk (F, So | Led team with 11 goals, co-led team with 16 points)

Key Losses

- Kaitlyn Rolando (G | 171 saves)
- Christine Brodersen (D | 4 goals, 5 assists)

By the Numbers

- 7: Number of first years on this year's roster.
- 33: Number of goals returning athletes scored last season.
- 1075:08: Number of minutes CSB's returning goalies played last season.

Did You Know?

- The 2013-14 season was the best since 2008-09 for the Blazers.

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



Head coach

- Brad Marshall (10th season)

A Year Ago

- 8-9-1 MIAC (5th place) | 11-14-1 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- No. 5 seed – lost to No. 4 Concordia 2-1 in OT in MIAC quarterfinals

Top Returners

- Bailey Rasmussen (F, Sr. | All-MIAC Honorable Mention, 2014; Led Wildcats in goals (9) and points (12); Led MIAC in power play goals (6), second in game-winners (5))
- Megan Killmer (F, Sr. | All-MIAC Honorable Mention, 2014; All-MIAC 2013; Led Wildcats in assists (7), second in points (11))
- Randi Fabsits (D, Jr. | All-MIAC Honorable Mention, 2014; Led Wildcat defense in scoring with nine points; Led team in assists (7))

Key Losses

- Nicki Mosbeck (F/D | MIAC Sheila Brown Award; Three-time Academic All-MIAC)
- Alex Hall (G | School record for career save percentage (.931 – two seasons); 2.36 GAA, .926 sv pct.)

By the Numbers

- 30: Leading the Wildcats in assists the last two seasons, Megan Killmer now has 30 career assists which ranks No. 9 all-time at St. Kate's. She is just eight assists from taking over the No. 5 spot.
- 4: The Wildcats were second in the MIAC last season in short-handed goals with four – each goal was scored by a different player.
- 6: Bailey Rasmussen's six career game-winning goals – collected in just two seasons with five alone in 2013-14 – ranks No. 5 all-time at St. Kate's. Two-time All-American Michaela Michaelson holds the school record with 14.

Did You Know?

- The Wildcats qualified for the MIAC playoffs for the second-consecutive season in 2013-14 and the third time in five years under Head Coach Brad Marshall.

Off the Ice

- Nicki Mosbeck earned the MIAC Sheila Brown Award for the 2013-14 season for her long-term contributions to the team's success. She is the first Wildcat to earn the award – named in honor of the late St. Catherine AD – since Mel Gerten in 2010-11. Mosbeck also earned the Wildcat Sheila Brown Award for her outstanding contributions to St. Catherine athletics.

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

**Head coach**

- Terry Mannor (10th season)

A Year Ago

- 7-11-0 MIAC (6th place) | 9-15-1 Overall

Top Returners

- Breanna Peterson (6-0, Sr., For. | 25 GP, 6 G, 9 A, 15 Pts. | First-Team All-MIAC in 2013-14, H-M All-MIAC, 2012-13)
- Macki Fadness (5-10, Jr., Def. | 24 GP, 4 G, 2 A, 6 Pts. | 2 PPG, Two-Time First-Team All-MIAC)

- Mary DeBartolo (5-5, Sr., For. | 23 GP, 5 G, 10 A, 15 Pts. | Led team in assists, shared team lead in points)

Key Losses

- Haley Coolsaet (25 GP, 4 G, 5 A, 9 Pts. | 3-time honorable-mention All-MIAC)
- Brittany Therrien (25 GP, 5 G, 5 A, 10 Pts.)
- Sarah Gustafson (19 GP, 2.29 GAA, .915 save %, 4 shutouts, team-high 42 saves, 3rd all-time in saves with 1,631)

By The Numbers

- 3: Goalie Sarah Gustafson (Esko, Minn.), who stopped a team-best 450 shots last season, closed out her career ranking No. 3 all-time in wins (24), No. 3 in saves (1,631), No. 5 in save percentage (.914) and No. 5 in goals-against-average (2.46).
- 5: Saint Mary's had five players score their first collegiate goals this season — Lindsay Paschke (New Prague, Minn.), Kassie Lien (Grantsburg, Wis.), Jesse Cwik (Chicago, Ill.), Taylor Pogreba (St. Paul, Minn.), Jane Hannula (Coon Rapids, Minn.) and Ingrid Curwin (Duluth, Minn.).
- 10: Saint Mary's closed out the season with six players owning 10 or more points — Peterson (15), DeBartolo (15), Parent (12), Lien (10), senior Brittany Therrien (Brooklyn Park, Minn. / 10) and Lindsay Paschke (New Prague, Minn. / 10).

Did You Know?

- The Cardinals posted a season-high 52 shots on goal in their 3-0 win over UW-Eau Claire on Jan. 10. It was the most shots on goal since Feb. 25, 2004, when the Cardinals peppered Hamline with 53 shots.

Off The Ice

- The Cardinals boasted a pair of players — Mackenzie Klimek (Hastings, Minn.) and Heidi Martin (Ankeny, Iowa) — on the 2013-14 Academic All-MIAC Team.

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

- John Bazzachini (10th season)

A Year Ago

- 6-11-1 MIAC (7th place) | 6-18-1 Overall

Top Returners

- Devyn Hotho (F, Sr. | Seven points on two goals and five assists in 2013-14)
- Sam Ubl (G, Sr. | 2.56 GAA in 2013-14, .925 save percentage)
- Cassie Alexander (G, So. | 2.84 GAA, .917 save percentage as a first year)

Key Losses

- Margo Fleming (F | All-MIAC... 12 goals, four assists)
- Katie Moeller (F | All-MIAC... Nine goals, three assists, all in MIAC play)
- Lisa Turri (F | Four goals, team-best eight assists in 2013-14)

By the Numbers

- 4: St. Olaf plays four of its first five at home to open the 2014-15 season
- 100: The Oles return 100 percent of their goaltending minutes from 2013-14... Sam Ubl (2.56) and Cassie Alexander (2.84) each had GAA under 3.00.

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

- Tom Palkowski (Eighth season)

A Year Ago

- 14-2-2 MIAC (MIAC Champions) | 20-7-3 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- MIAC Playoff Champions: defeated Concordia 4-3 (OT) in the Semifinals, defeated Gustavus 2-0 in the final.
- NCAA postseason: defeated UW-Stevens Point 5-0 in the Quarterfinals, fell to Plattsburgh State 1-0 (OT) in the Semifinals, and lost to UW-River Falls 5-3 in the Third Place game.

Top Returners

- Paige Baldwin (Forward, Sr. | 2013-14 All-MIAC... Scored 10 goals (11th/MIAC) to go along with five assists for 15 points (t-16th/MIAC) last season... Career: 80 games, 19 goals, 17 assists)
- Megan Juricko (Defense, Jr. | 2013-14 All-MIAC; 2012-13 MIAC All-Rookie Team; 2012-13 All-MIAC Honorable Mention... Integral piece of a Tommie defense that tallied a goals against average of 1.57 (2nd/MIAC) last season... Scored seven goals coupled with five assists for 12 points... Career: 59 games, 11 goals, 12 assists)
- Courtney Umland (Forward, Jr. | 2x All-MIAC Honorable Mention (2012-13, 2013-14)... Recorded 20 points (t-9th/MIAC) on nine goals (t-12th/MIAC) and 11 assists (t-7th/MIAC) last season... Career: 54 games, 16 goals, 16 assists)

Key Losses

- Alise Riedel (Goalie | 3x All-American (First Team 2013-14, 2011-12; Second Team 2012-13); 3x All-MIAC, 2010-11 All-Rookie Team; 2010-11 All-MIAC Honorable Mention)
- Mary Grace Flesher (Defense | 2013-14 All-MIAC, 2010-11 MIAC All-Rookie Team... Scored one goal and added 11 assists for 12 points last season)
- Christina Rozeske (Forward | 2x All-MIAC (2013-14, 2012-13); All-MIAC Honorable Mention (2011-12)... Recorded 14 points on nine goals (t-12th/MIAC) and five assists last season)

By the Numbers

- 10: The number of freshmen on this year's squad. Last season's MIAC Coach of the Year Tom Palkowski welcomes 10 newcomers to the 2014-15 team, as he looks to replace nine seniors last to graduation a year ago.
- 11: The number of years that have passed since the last time St. Thomas won back-to-back MIAC titles. The last time the Tommies were repeat conference champions was in the 2002-03 and 2003-04 seasons.

Did You Know?

- This year's incoming freshman class features three Hobey Baker Character Award winners.

Off the Ice

- Last year's Tommie women's hockey team place six players on the MIAC Academic All-Conference list, including four seniors and two sophomores.

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