2008 MIAC Women's Soccer Awards

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St. Paul, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2008 MIAC Women's Soccer Awards today, November 17, 2008. Leading the 20-player All-Conference team is St. Thomas junior forward Erin Sprangers who was named the 2008 MIAC Player of the Year. Sprangers helped the Tommies to the MIAC Regular Season title while leading the conference in goals (9), assists (5), and points (23).

St. Thomas head coach Sheila McGill was named the MIAC Coach of the Year in her second season leading the Tommies. St. Thomas finished 9-0-2 in conference play winning their first outright MIAC crown since 1987.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the third annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for women's soccer. Members of the All-MIAC Sportsmanship team are selected by their coaches and teammates as individuals who demonstrate ideals of positive sportsmanship both on and off the field of competition.

Player of the Year - Erin Sprangers, St. Thomas (Jr., Woodbury, Minn./Hill-Murray)

Coach of the Year - Sheila McGill, St. Thomas (2nd season)

2008 MIAC All-Conference

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
K.C. Beed	St. Olaf	So.	M	Rochester, Minn./John Marshall
Chelsea Craven	Gustavus	Jr.	F	St. Cloud, Minn./Cathedral
Brittini Deeb	St. Catherine	So.	D	Lake Elmo, Minn./Creighton
Maggie DeGroot	Augsburg	Sr.	GK	Waukesha, Wis./West
Felicia Faison	Augsburg	Sr.	D	Minneapolis, Minn./South
Abby Habein	Concordia	So.	M	Billings, Mont./Senior
Sam Johnson	Concordia	So.	M/F	Fargo, N.D./North
Mallory Koula	Hamline	Fy.	F	Appleton, Wis./Kimberly
Jenny Lee	Macalester	Sr.	GK	Circle Pines, Minn./Centennial
Rachel Loftus	Saint Benedict	Sr.	D	Savage, Minn./Holy Angels
Maddie Mette	Macalester	Jr.	D	Burnsville, Minn.
Kirsten Moran	St. Thomas	Jr.	F	Southlake, Texas/Carroll
Stephanie Paasch	St. Thomas	Sr.	D	Cottage Grove, Minn./Park
Charli Sorensen	Bethel	Sr.	GK	Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South
Erin Sprangers	St. Thomas	Jr.	M	Woodbury, Minn./Hill-Murray
Alison Tourville	Saint Benedict	Jr.	M/D	Plymouth, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong
Courtney Walior	St. Thomas	Sr.	D	Prior Lake, Minn.
Abby Wills	Carleton	Fy.	M/F	Portland, Ore./St. Mary's
Sophie Wood	Carleton	Sr.	D	Lake Bluff, Ill./Lake Forest

Mia Zutz	Carleton	Jr.	М	Middleton, Wis.

2008 MIAC Honorable Mention All-Conference

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Emily Berg	Saint Mary's	Sr.	D	Owatonna, Minn.
Nicky Bloom	Carleton	Sr.	M	Evanston, Ill./Evanston Township
Callie Christensen	Gustavus	Sr.	М	Bloomington, Minn./Jefferson
Alison Dittmer	Gustavus	Jr.	D	Plymouth, Minn./Osseo
Whitney Holman	Augsburg	Jr.	D	New Hope, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong
Liz Hormann	Macalester	Sr.	D	Salem, Ore./South Salem
Rachel Iblings	Gustavus	Jr.	D	Plymouth, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong
Jamie Kelly	Hamline	So.	F	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Kristin Kishaba	Bethel	Sr.	D/M	Eau Claire, Wis./Memorial
Abie Krause	St. Thomas	Sr.	M	Minneapolis, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret's
Haley Leverington	Hamline	Jr.	M	Burnsville, Minn.
Katie Medd	Augsburg	Sr.	F	Mankato, Minn./East
Christina Mills	St. Olaf	Jr.	D	White Bear Lake, Minn./St. Paul Academy
Kelsey Nistler	St. Catherine	So.	F	Champlin, Minn./Champlin Park
Susan Obermiller	Concordia	So.	F/M	Fargo, N.D./North
Mariana Sanchez	Saint Mary's	Jr.	GK	Puebla, Mexico
Deanne Schmidt	St. Olaf	Fy.	М	Lincoln, Neb./East
Nicole Tomita	Carleton	Fy.	F	Redwood City, Calif./Woodside
Kelsey Watsabaugh	Augsburg	Sr.	М	Eden Prairie, Minn./Hopkins
Emily Willaert	Saint Benedict	Jr.	М	North Mankato, Minn./Loyola

2008 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Maggie DeGroot (Sr., Waukesha, Wis.)

Bethel - Kylie Dirks (Sr., Excelsior, Minn.)

Carleton - Merritt Swain (So., Mendota Heights, Minn.)

Concordia - Becky Shepherd (Sr., Burnsville, Minn.)

Gustavus - Ashley Voigtlander (Sr., Lino Lakes, Minn.)

Hamline - Lizzie Steinert (Jr., Chicago, Ill.)

Macalester - Lauryn Gutierrez (So., Hickory, N.C.)

Saint Benedict - Maria Conroy (Sr., Monticello, Minn.)

St. Catherine - Brittany Bernsten (Sr., Rosemount, Minn.)

Saint Mary's - Emily Berg (Sr., Owatonna, Minn.)

St. Olaf - Christina Mills (Jr., White Bear Lake, Minn.)

St. Thomas - Alison True (Jr., Wauwatosa, Wis.)