

Cloepfil, Kimble headline 2013 MIAC Women's Soccer Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The College of Saint Benedict and Macalester College women's soccer teams were the top two programs in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) throughout the 2013 season, finishing in the top two spots in both the regular season and MIAC Playoffs. It was no surprise Thursday when the Blazers and Scots split the top two honors to headline the 2013 MIAC Women's Soccer Awards.

Saint Benedict Head Coach Steve Kimble - who guided the Blazers to both the MIAC regular season and Playoff titles - was selected by his peers as MIAC Coach-of-the-Year. Macalester star forward Georgia Cloepfil, who led the Scots to second-place finishes in both the regular and post seasons, was honored for her high-scoring season with the MIAC Player-of-the-Year award.



In addition to the top individual honors, the MIAC also recognized the MIAC All-Conference team, the All-Conference Honorable Mention squad and the All-MIAC Sportsmanship team. All conference awards were nominated and voted on by the league's coaches.

Cloepfil was a scoring star for the second-place Scots during her senior season. Overall, her 19 goals, 50 points and 126 shots ranked first in the MIAC, while her 12 assists ranked second. She was 2-for-3 on penalty kicks to also rank second in that category, and her three game-winning goals ranked seventh in the MIAC.

The Scots' star forward was just as good in conference play. In MIAC games only she also led the conference in goals with 11, points with 29 and shots with 80. Her seven assists again ranked second in the league, and she was third in penalty kicks (1-for-1) and ninth in game-winning goals (two). Cloepfil capped her incredible career with her third-straight All-MIAC honor in addition to the Player-of-the-Year award.

Kimble was honored by his peers with his second MIAC Coach-of-the-Year honor after guiding his team to an incredible season. The Blazers enter the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Tournament with a tremendous 16-2-1 overall record. Saint Benedict went 9-2 in conference play to capture the regular-season title, and went 2-0 to add the MIAC Playoff championship to its outstanding year. The MIAC regular-season and postseason titles were the Blazers' second in the past three seasons, along with Kimble's second MIAC coaching honor in the same span. In Kimble's four-plus seasons, Saint Benedict is 57-29-10 overall and 36-16-3 in conference play with a top-five MIAC finish in each season.

The Blazers' stats prove they were the league's top defensive team, and possibly the most balanced. Saint Benedict led the MIAC with just 15 goals allowed and a goals against average of 0.77 overall. The Blazers tied for the second-most goals (45) and ranked third in goals per game (2.4). The team's offense was especially good in conference play, leading the MIAC with 26 goals and an average of 2.4 goals per game. Saint Ben's allowed just nine goals (0.80 per game) on defense to rank in the top four in both categories as well.

The top 20 players in the MIAC were named to the All-Conference team, with the next 20 named Honorable Mention. This season's All-Conference team featured four players from champion Saint Benedict, three each from Macalester, Concordia and St. Thomas, two apiece from St. Olaf, Carleton and Hamline and one from Augsburg. The team included eight seniors, seven juniors and five sophomores.

Saint Benedict star Colleen Bouchard closed her decorated MIAC career with her fourth-straight All-Conference selection. Bouchard also earned Co-Player-of-the-Year honors in 2011 as she is the only member of this year's senior class to earn All-MIAC in each of her four seasons. Cloepfil was the only other three-time honoree, while St. Olaf's Nora Forbes, Concordia's Libby Fransdal, St. Thomas' Jaclyn Glaser and Jenna Savino and Carleton's Layne Teska each received their second-straight All-MIAC selection.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the eighth-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.

2013 MIAC WOMEN'S SOCCER AWARDS

Player-of-the-Year: Georgia Cloepfil, Macalester (Sr., Portland, Ore. / Lincoln)

Coach-of-the-Year: Steve Kimble, Saint Benedict (Fifth season)

2013 MIAC WOMEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Name	Team	Year	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
Eden Behrens	Hamline	So.	MF	Vancouver, Wash. / Columbia River
Bonnie Bentson	Macalester	Sr.	MF/D	Minneapolis, Minn. / Southwest

Colleen Bouchard	Saint Benedict	Sr.	F	Cedar Rapids, Iowa / Xavier
Kajsa Brindley	St. Olaf	So.	M	Lexington, Ky. / Paul Laurence Dunbar
Georgia Cloepfil	Macalester	Sr.	F	Portland, Ore. / Lincoln
Nora Forbes	St. Olaf	Sr.	GK	Edina, Minn.
Libby Fransdal	Concordia	Jr.	D	Hopkins, Minn.
Bonnie Gale	Macalester	Jr.	M	Anchorage, Alaska / South
Jaclyn Glaser	St. Thomas	Sr.	MF	Wauwatosa, Wis./West
Megan Lenz	Saint Benedict	So.	D	Lino Lakes, Minn. / Centennial
Steph McCartan	St. Thomas	Sr.	MF	Waukesha, Wis./Kettle Moraine
Olivia Muyres	Augsburg	Jr.	F	Rochester, Minn. / Lourdes
Laura Prosinski	Concordia	Jr.	M	Billings, Mont. / West
Peggy Reiner	Saint Benedict	So.	M	Plymouth, Minn. / Benilde-St. Margaret's
Elizabeth Robinson	Concordia	Jr.	F	Minneapolis, Minn. / Southwest
Jenna Savino	St. Thomas	Sr.	D	Vadnais Heights, Minn. / Hill-Murray
Layne Teska	Carleton	Sr.	D	Wilmette, Ill. / New Trier
Bailey Ulbricht	Carleton	Jr.	M	Severna Park, Md.
Erin Urbanowicz	Hamline	Jr.	GK	Gresham, Ore.
Grace Vaughan	Saint Benedict	So.	F	Shakopee, Minn.

2013 MIAC WOMEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Sarah Anderson	St. Catherine	Jr.	D	Marshalltown, Iowa / Shattuck-St. Mary's
Estee Berg	Gustavus	Sr.	D	Stillwater, Minn.
Caroline Blackwood	Saint Mary's	So.	M	Norwalk, Ohio
Amanda Cartony	Gustavus	Sr.	MF	Stillwater, Minn.
Emma Crumley	St. Olaf	Sr.	M	Plymouth, Minn. / Wayzata
Marie Fitzgerald	Augsburg	So.	F	Fort Atkinson, Wis.
Lensa Gurmessa	St. Catherine	Sr.	MF	Minneapolis, Minn / North
Mikayla Coulombe	Carleton	So.	GK	Crystal, Minn. / Benilde-St. Margaret's
Olivia Haggerty	Bethel	Jr.	D	Buffalo, Minn.
Jessica Huseby	Bethel	Jr.	M	Medina, Minn. / Heritage Christian
Micale Jensen	Bethel	Fr.	GK	St. Michael, Minn. / St. Michael-Albertville
Heather Kaluzniak	Saint Benedict	Fr.	GK	Plymouth, Minn. / Armstrong
Amanda Leone	St. Olaf	Sr.	M	Plymouth, Minn. / Wayzata
Morgan McConachie	St. Thomas	Jr.	D	Lake Forest, Ill.
Maggie Molter	Macalester	Sr.	MF/F	Cedarburg, Wis.
Marta Prosinski	Concordia	Jr.	M	Billings, Mont. / West
Abi Rodstein	Augsburg	Jr.	MF	Eagan, Minn.
Emma Schaefer	Saint Mary's	Fr.	M	Falcon Heights, Minn. / Roseville
Jamie St. Germain	Concordia	Sr.	M	Harwood, N.D. / Fargo North
Mackenzie Zink	Hamline	Fr.	D	Vancouver, Wash. / Skyview

2013 WOMEN'S SOCCER ALL-MIAC SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM

Augsburg - Alekzandra Miller (Sr., St. Paul, Minn. / Highland Park)

Bethel - Christa Heiligenthal (Jr., Ames, Iowa)

Carleton - Courtney Jones (Jr., Westerville, Ohio / Central)

Concordia - Jessica Scherr (Sr., Great Falls, Mont.)

Gustavus - Valerie Belanger (Jr., Zimmerman, Minn.)

Hamline - Alyssa Koulentis (Sr., Gresham, Ore. / Centennial)

Macalester - Margaret Molter (Sr., Cedarburg, Wis.)

Saint Benedict - Kaitlyn Lauer (Sr., Plymouth, Minn. / Wayzata)

St. Catherine - Kristi Thorwick (Sr., Maplewood, Minn. / Roseville)

Saint Mary's - Bethany Schmidt (Sr., Sparta, Wis. / La Crosse Aquinas)

St. Olaf - Susie Jelinek (Sr., Englewood, Colo. / Cherry Creek)

St. Thomas - Jenny Grahek (So., Minnetonka, Minn. / Hopkins)

