

# Saint Benedict duo headlines 2014 MIAC Women's Tennis Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- Women's tennis continues to shine in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC), and the 2014 season may have been the best yet in terms of quality and parity on the court. Wednesday, the top performers from a tremendous season were honored with the announcement of the 2014 MIAC Women's Tennis Awards, with Saint Benedict sweeping the top two individual honors.

The 2014 Chris Evert Award was given to Saint Benedict senior Jamie Hoffman (Bemidji, Minn.). The award annually recognizes a senior tennis student-athlete with outstanding sportsmanship and exemplary athletic, academic and humanitarian accomplishments.

Hoffman's off-the-court accolades were a big reason for her Evert Award selection, but she also had a tremendous senior year on the court, as she earned All-MIAC doubles honors. She was 10-8 overall in doubles matches and 6-4 in conference play mostly from the top spot in the lineup. She went 6-7 overall in singles play, including a 5-4 MIAC mark, while playing in the No. 2 and 3 spots in the lineup. Hoffman was further honored as the Blazers' representative on the All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team.

The honors continued for Saint Benedict as Scott Larsen was voted the MIAC Women's Tennis Coach-of-the-Year by his peers for the second time in his eight seasons. This season, he reached the 100-win plateau and now has a career record of 101-64. His team was 9-10 overall this season, including 6-4 in conference play, and the Blazers finished the season on a four-match winning streak to earn a trip to the MIAC Playoffs. Larsen coached four All-MIAC doubles players and one singles All-Conference selection, and was also honored as the MIAC's Coach-of-the-Year in 2011.

The 2014 MIAC Women's Tennis All-Conference Singles and Doubles teams were also recognized. The All-Conference team is selected based on performance during conference dual matches, with the top 18 players (including ties) recognized for both singles and doubles. A player must play in six conferences matches at any position to be eligible for the honor.

Conference champion Carleton had eight total All-Conference selections - four singles and four doubles, as did St. Catherine. Gustavus had seven total selections, with three singles and four doubles players honored. St. Olaf had six total selections, three singles and three doubles. St. Thomas had three singles and two doubles for a total of five All-MIAC picks. Saint Benedict tied for the lead with four doubles selections, and added one singles pick for five total as well.

In all, the two teams were sophomore heavy, with 17 sophomore selections on the two honor squads. There were six seniors, 11 juniors and five first-year players who also earned All-Conference accolades.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the eighth annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for women's tennis. 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.



## 2014 MIAC WOMEN'S TENNIS AWARDS

**Chris Evert Award:** Jamie Hoffman, Saint Benedict (Sr., Bemidji, Minn.)

**Coach-of-the-Year:** Scott Larson, Saint Benedict (Eighth Season)

## 2014 MIAC WOMEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE SINGLES TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Mikayla Becich	Carleton	So.	Bradfordwoods, Pa. / North Allgheny
Victoria Bravo	St. Catherine	Sr.	Tuscon, Ariz. / Rincon
Sidney Dirks	Gustavus	So.	St. Peter, Minn.
Laura Finn	Saint Benedict	Fy.	Delano, Minn.
Katherine Greenberg	Carleton	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Clayton
Alisa Hall	St. Olaf	So.	Lakeville, Minn. / North
Molly Hemes	Carleton	Sr.	Green Bay, Wis. / Preble
Shelby Henderson	St. Thomas	So.	Lakeville, Minn. / South
Erin Hynes	St. Olaf	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall
Kylie Ketcho	St. Catherine	Jr.	Edina, Minn. / Academy of Holy Angels

Maria Koval	St. Catherine	Jr.	Green Bay, Wis. / Notre Dame Academy
Laurel Krebsbach	Gustavus	Jr.	North Oaks, Minn. / Mounds View
Kara Lefsrud	St. Thomas	Jr.	Mahtomedi, Minn.
Maya MacGibbon	St. Olaf	So.	Minnetonka, Minn.
Bridget Noack	St. Thomas	So.	Hartland, Wis. / Brookfield East
Mikinzee Salo	St. Catherine	So.	Brainerd, Minn.
Michaela Schulz	Gustavus	Fy.	Elk River, Minn.
Claire Spencer	Carleton	So.	Newport News, Va. / Menchville

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## 2014 MIAC WOMEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE DOUBLES TEAM

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown/Previous School</u></b>
Mikayla Becich	Carleton	So.	Bradfordwoods, Pa. / North Allgheny
Ellie Black	Saint Benedict	Jr.	Litchfield, Minn.
Victoria Bravo	St. Catherine	Sr.	Tuscon, Ariz. / Rincon
Grace Davis	Carleton	So.	Neenah, Wis.
Sidney Dirks	Gustavus	So.	St. Peter, Minn.
Laura Finn	Saint Benedict	Fy.	Delano, Minn.
Alisa Hall	St. Olaf	So.	Lakeville, Minn. / North
Jamie Hoffman	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Andrea Jumes	St. Olaf	Jr.	Appleton, Wis. / Xavier
Kylie Ketcho	St. Catherine	Jr.	Edina, Minn. / Academy of Holy Angels
Maria Koval	St. Catherine	Jr.	Green Bay, Wis. / Notre Dame Academy
Laurel Krebsbach	Gustavus	Jr.	North Oaks, Minn. / Mounds View
Kara Lefsrud	St. Thomas	Jr.	Mahtomedi, Minn.
Anne Lombardi	Carleton	Sr.	Hinsdale, Ill. / Central
Maya MacGibbon	St. Olaf	So.	Minnetonka, Minn.
Bridget Noack	St. Thomas	So.	Hartland, Wis. / Brookfield East
Daley Rugar	Saint Benedict	So.	Merrill, Wis. / Newman Catholic
Mikinzee Salo	St. Catherine	So.	Brainerd, Minn.
Michaela Schulz	Gustavus	Fy.	Elk River, Minn.
Lizzy Stanczyk	Gustavus	Fy.	Plymouth, Wis.
Joyce Yu	Carleton	So.	Taipei, Taiwan / Taipai Amerincan

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## 2014 WOMEN'S TENNIS ALL-MIAC SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM

Bethel - Amanda Johnson (Sr., Vadnais Heights, Minn. / White Bear Lake)  
 Carleton - Molly Hemes (Sr., Green Bay, Wis. / Preble)  
 Concordia - Kaitlyn Davies (Jr., Aitkin, Minn.)  
 Gustavus - Bailey Abeyesekera (Sr., Brooklyn Park, Minn. / Champlin Park)  
 Hamline - Jordan Danielson (Fy., Maplewood, Minn. / Roseville)  
 Macalester - Katelyn Glenna (Jr., Winona, Minn.)  
 Saint Benedict - Jamie Hoffman (Sr., Bemidji, Minn.)  
 St. Catherine - Alicia Knoll (Fy., Waseca, Minn.)  
 Saint Mary's - Grace Zachman (Sr., Elk River, Minn.)  
 St. Olaf - Maya MacGibbon (So., Minnetonka, Minn.)  
 St. Thomas - Paige Becher (Fy., Rochester, Minn. / Mayo)

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