

Larry Knutson honored with MIAC's Mike Augustin Award

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MOORHEAD, Minn. -- Longtime Concordia radio play-by-play broadcaster Larry Knutson was awarded the Mike Augustin MIAC Media Award last Wednesday at halftime of the Cobber men's basketball victory over Saint Mary's.

The award is given annually to recognize a media member for outstanding contributions to Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) athletic programs. Recipients of the award are chosen by MIAC Sports Information Directors.

It is named in memory of the late Mike Augustin, a longtime sportswriter at the Pioneer Press. Mike was an articulate friend, follower and advocate of the MIAC. He respected Division III institutions, student-athletes and coaches. He died after a sudden illness in December of 1997.

Knutson has been broadcasting Concordia athletic events for over 25 years. During that time he has been the lone broadcaster for all Cobber men's and women's basketball games and CC football games. Knutson, the longest running play-by-play radio announcer in the MIAC, is not only known for his outstanding talent to broadcast the game, but also as a person that cares about all teams in the conference. He is known throughout the MIAC as one of the nicest and most sincere people in the conference. His character shows through in all his work and he is probably the most one of the most well-respected broadcasters to ever do MIAC games.

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Larry Knutson receiving his award and a standing ovation on Wednesday, February 18.
(Photo courtesy of Concordia Sports Information)

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Concordia head men's basketball coach Rich Glas can earn career win No. 500 with a victory against St. Mary's at 7:30 tonight at Memorial Auditorium.

Larry Knutson, longtime radio voice of the Cobbers, will call the game. He's covered Concordia for 26 years and Moorhead High for 30. At halftime of the men's game, Knutson will be presented with the Mike Augustin Award. That award is given annually to recognize a media member for outstanding contributions to Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference athletic programs.

Knutson has made many memorable calls in his radio career and a 500th victory by Glas tonight could add to his list.

Below are some of his most memorable moments behind the microphone:

Concordia wins women's title

Concordia won the 1988 NCAA Division III women's basketball title, beating St. John Fisher in the championship game at Memorial Auditorium.

Knutson specifically remembers the Final Four, which Concordia hosted.

"If you talk to the players and the coaches themselves, too, they'll remember that weekend as if it happened yesterday," Knutson said.

Concordia men win MIAC

The Cobbers defeated Gustavus 47-43 for the MIAC men's basketball tournament championship in 1996 and earned the men's first NCAA Division III tournament berth. Daimen Crump, who averaged 19.6 points per game, particularly stuck out in Knutson's mind.

"You don't win it alone. You've got to have some people that understand their roles and understand his role, and they did," Knutson said. "They worked well together."

George scores 40 vs. the Cobbers

Devean George, a future NBA player, scored 40 points in a 1999 game at Concordia while playing for Augsburg. George scored 27 points in the first half.

"It was obvious from that, that he was something special," Knutson said. "And to be a part of that, not everybody can say that. So you remember those kinds of things."

Spuds claim first state football title

The Moorhead Spuds went 14-0 in 1987 en route to the Minnesota Class 2A state football title. The Spuds beat Winona 13-7 in the championship game.

"As I recall that year unfolding, nobody really anticipated that this was a state championship team," Knutson said. "Nobody I even think talked about it being a state contender. Yet, things fell into place."

Blues take fourth at World Series

The Moorhead Blues placed fourth in the 1988 America Legion World Series and finished the year with a 50-14 record.

Knutson still has a vivid memory of Chad Mattson's over-the-shoulder diving catch in center field that preserved a win in Game 2 at the World Series.

"It was a catch that, regardless of level of play, was as good as it gets," Knutson said.