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St. Thomas' Nick Rapisarda headlines 2012 MIAC Men's Soccer Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) just wrapped up an exciting 2012 men's soccer season, and a thrilling postseason conference tournament. Thursday, the MIAC recognized the top performers from the recently-completed campaign with the 2012 MIAC Men's Soccer Awards, which include the top individual awards, All-Conference and Honorable Mention teams, and the All-MIAC Sportsmanship squad.

St. Thomas junior **Nick Rapisarda** was voted the 2012 MIAC Men's Soccer Player-of-the-Year after leading the league in goals and points in conference play and helping the Tommies to a conference Playoff bid. Carleton's **Bob Carlson** was voted the 2012 MIAC Men's Soccer Coach-of-the-Year after guiding the Knights to a near-perfect regular-season campaign, including a share of the conference title and a runner-up finish in the postseason tournament.



MIAC Player-of-the-Year
Nick Rapisarda of St.
Thomas

Rapisarda continued to stake his claim as one of the league's top offensive playmakers - particularly in conference play - as the Tommies were one of the league's bright spots this season. The junior forward's 10 goals and 22 points both led the league in MIAC-only games, and his 37 shots, 18 shots on goal and two game-winning goals all ranked in the top five. Rapisarda's 13 total goals ranked third in the league, and his 29 points were the fifth-highest total, and his shots (68), shots on goal (34) and three game-winning goals also all ranked in the top five on the MIAC leader board.

The MIAC Player-of-the-Year led St. Thomas to an 11-5-3 overall record, a 7-2-1 MIAC record, a third-place finish in the conference and a spot in the 2012 MIAC Playoffs. In addition, Rapisarda also received his third-straight All-MIAC honor, as he was also named to the squad in each of his first two seasons with the Tommies. He is the first UST player to claim the league's top honor since 1994.

This season, Carlson directed his Carleton team to its fifth MIAC regular season championship, with all five coming in the past six seasons. In his 16th year as the Knights' head coach, Carleton has lost just once, compiling a 17-1-2 overall record, and an 8-1-1 conference mark to share the title with Gustavus. The Knights led the MIAC in goals (62), assists (52), goals allowed (10) and goals against average (0.48) in overall games this season, and will continue their campaign this weekend when they host an NCAA Division III Regional. This is Carlson's third MIAC Coach-of-the-Year honor, after receiving the award in back-to-back years in 2007 and 2008.

Rapisarda headlined the 20-member All-Conference team, which was heavy on sophomores and juniors this season. Only two seniors were honored, with 11 juniors, five sophomores and two freshmen rounding out the All-MIAC team. Co-champs Carleton and Gustavus tied for the most selections with four apiece, while St. Thomas and St. Olaf each placed three players on the squad. Saint John's and Augsburg both had two players honored, and Macalester and Saint Mary's each placed one player on the All-Conference team.

In addition to Rapisarda, the 2012 All-Conference team featured two other MIAC Player-of-the-Year honorees, as St. Olaf's **David Rosenthal** and Augsburg's **Chad Gilmer** each won the league's top honor in 2011 and 2010, respectively. **Rapisarda, Gilmer**, Saint John's **Michael Coborn** and Gustavus' **Lucas Thompson** all received their third-straight All-Conference selection, while Rosenthal, his teammate **Stephen Johnson** and Macalester's **Robin Forslund** were all repeat picks. The MIAC also announced a 19-member All-Conference Honorable Mention squad.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the seventh-annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for men'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.

2012 MIAC Men's Soccer Awards

Player-of-the-Year - Nick Rapisarda, St. Thomas (Jr., F., Green Bay, Wis./Notre Dame H.S.)
Coach-of-the-Year - Bob Carlson, Carleton (16th Season)

2012 MIAC Men's Soccer All-Conference Team

Name	Team	Year	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
Neil Bartholomay	Carleton	Jr.	D	St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall
Ryan Bernhardt	St. Thomas	Fr.	F	Madison, Wis./West
Zach Brown	Gustavus	So.	F	Eau Claire, Wis./Memorial
Michael Coborn	Saint John's	Jr.	M	St. Cloud, Minn./Cathedral
Will Corcoran	Carleton	Jr.	M	Mahtomedi, Minn.
Robin Forslund	Macalester	Jr.	M	Madison, Wis./Memorial
Matt Graber	Saint Mary's	So.	F	Denver, Colo./East
Chad Gilmer	Augsburg	Sr.	D	Bloomington, Minn./Jefferson

Simon Ginet	Carleton	Jr.	F	Arlington, Mass.
Stephen Johnson	St. Olaf	Jr.	D	Apple Valley, Minn./Hamline
David Lilly	Gustavus	So.	M	Maple Grove, Minn.
Mackenzie Lund	St. Olaf	Jr.	M	Hudson, Wis./UW-Green Bay
Clayton Lynch	Augsburg	Jr.	GK	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Xavier
Branden McGarrity	Carleton	Fr.	F	Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South
Nick Rapisarda	St. Thomas	Jr.	F	Green Bay, Wis./Notre Dame H.S.
David Rosenthal	St. Olaf	Jr.	F	Burnsville, Minn./Apple Valley
Ian Scudder	Saint John's	So.	F	Sherwood, Ore.
Lucas Thompson	Gustavus	Sr.	D	Sioux Falls, S.D./Lincoln
Kit Weaver	St. Thomas	Jr.	D-M	Iowa City, Iowa/West
Brett Ylonen	Gustavus	So.	GK	Lake Elmo, Minn./Stillwater

2012 MIAC Men's Soccer All-Conference Honorable Mention Team

Name	Team	Year	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
Joe Balder	Saint John's	Jr.	D	Stillwater, Minn.
Fernando Camacho	Saint Mary's	Fr.	D	Chicago, Ill./East Leyden
Scott Clinton	Augsburg	So.	F	Bloomington, Minn./Jefferson
Macalister Enderson	St. Thomas	Jr.	M	Lakeville, Minn./North
Justin Flack	Concordia	So.	M	Westminster, Colo./Standley Lake
Michael Forston	Concordia	Jr.	M	Evansville, Ind./Harrison
Asa Goldsmith	Saint Mary's	Fr.	D	Grayslake, Ill./Central
Joe Laue	Saint John's	Jr.	D	St. Louis Park, Minn./Holy Angels
Paul Lund	Macalester	Jr.	D	Madison, Wis./West
Alex Niederloh	Saint John's	Fr.	M	Maple Grove, Minn.
Greg Northrop	Hamline	Jr.	M	Arden Hills, Minn./Mounds View
Taylor Rasmussen	Macalester	Sr.	F	Eagan, Minn./Eastview
Jared Rice	Concordia	Sr.	M	Kalispell, Mont./Glacier
Zach Schmith	Gustavus	Jr.	D	Sioux Falls, S.D./Washington
Sean Sendelbach	Gustavus	Jr.	M	Sioux Falls, S.D./Lincoln
Sam Slagle	Hamline	Sr.	M-D	Appleton, Wis./Xavier
Alex Voorhees	Carleton	Sr.	M	Winnetka, Ill./New Trier
Cody Walkup	Bethel	Jr.	D	Des Moines, Iowa/Johnston
David Wee	Saint John's	So.	M	Savage, Minn./Prior Lake

2012 All-MIAC Men's Soccer Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Josh Sweeney (Sr., Bloomington, Minn./Jefferson)
 Bethel - Gavin Woodland (Sr., Waconia, Minn.)
 Carleton - Joey Pedtke (Jr., Evanston, Ill./Township)
 Concordia - Matt Glogozza (Jr., Fargo, N.D./Shanley)
 Gustavus - Eric Schneider (So., St. Anthony, Minn.)
 Hamline - Eric Feil (Sr., Eagan, Minn.)
 Macalester - Jesse Yourish (Sr., Port Townsend, Wash.)
 Saint John's - Elliott Olsen (Jr., Cedar, Minn./St. Francis)
 Saint Mary's - Gunnar Knutson (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret's)
 St. Olaf - Austin Dressen (Sr., Wayzata, Minn./The Blake School)
 St. Thomas - Mitchell Wolff (So., Orono, Minn.)

