

Augsburg College Men's Basketball History

(1927-Present)

Augsburg College joined the Minnesota College Conference (later named MIAC -- Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) in basketball in 1924. In 1927, under the direction of the Auggies' first coach, **Si Melby**, the team took the first of 13 conference crowns. Coach Robert Carlson led the team to a second conference championship in 1946, tying with St. Thomas.

From 1948 to 1970, **Ernie Anderson** coached basketball at Augsburg. He directed the team for 23 years gaining MIAC championship titles in 1963, 1964 and 1965; advancing to the NAIA National Tournament twice; and placing **Dan Anderson** on the second and first All-America teams in 1964 and 1965 respectively. Anderson was eventually drafted by the NBA and later played in the ABA for three seasons with the New York (now Brooklyn) Nets.

Lloyd "Butch" Raymond moved up from an assistant to Anderson to the head coaching position in for the 1970-71 season. Raymond continued the Augsburg winning tradition by recording a three-year record of 54-25. Sheldon Anderson made NAIA third-team All-America during Raymond's tenure in 1973. **Erv Inniger** carried on the Auggies winning tradition after Raymond left by compiling a 99-42 record in five years. During the years under Inniger, the Auggies took three more conference titles, tying with Gustavus in 1975, and standing alone at the top of the MIAC in 1976 and 1977.

Rees Johnson coached at Augsburg from 1978-79 through the 1981-82 season. During Johnson's tenure the Auggies won MIAC conference titles in 1980 and 1981. The 1981 team set a new school record by winning 24 games in a row and was ranked as high as second in the NAIA national poll. For that year the Auggies ended the season with an overall record of 29-2. **Greg Boone** was named to the NAIA All-America first team, and was later drafted by the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers, though he never played in the NBA. The Auggies went on to the national tourney before being eliminated. **Dave Boots** took over the head coaching responsibilities in 1982 and guided the Auggies in six seasons to an overall record of 100-56. The Auggies won consecutive MIAC titles in 1984 and 1985 under Boots. Following the 1984-85 regular season, the Auggies were invited to participate in the NCAA Division III national playoffs for the first time. Boots was named MIAC Coach of the Year following the 1983-84 season and MIAC Co-Coach of the Year following the 1984-85 campaign.

In 1988, **Brian Ammann** returned to Augsburg, where he had become an All-American and the school's all-time leading scorer, to become head basketball coach. In the 1996-97 season, the Auggies reached the MIAC postseason tournament for the first time in Ammann's tenure as Augsburg head coach.

In 1997-98, Augsburg claimed its first MIAC regular-season championship, cruising to an 18-2 conference record, which featured winning streaks of seven and nine games. The Auggies reached the NCAA Division III national playoffs for the second time and finished with one of the best overall records in school history, 22-4. Ammann was named MIAC Co-Coach of the Year with **Mark Hanson** of Gustavus. **Devean George** was named MIAC Most Valuable Player and earned multiple All-America honors for his outstanding season.

Ammann was again named MIAC Coach of the Year after the 1998-99 season, in which Augsburg had its second-best MIAC mark ever -- 19-1, and claimed the MIAC's regular-season title for the second year in a row. The Auggies made the Division III playoffs for the second year in a row, winning the school's first-ever NCAA home playoff game before falling in the second round. George, again named the MIAC's MVP and a multiple All-American, made Division III history following the season, when he became the first player ever from the NCAA's non-scholarship level to be drafted in the first round by an NBA team, when the Los Angeles Lakers made him the 23rd overall pick in the 1999 NBA Draft. George has been a member of two straight NBA title teams with the Lakers.

In 2005, former Chaminade University head coach **Aaron Griess** was hired as the ninth head coach in Augsburg school history. During his tenure at Augsburg, Griess has recorded four top-three finishes in the MIAC regular season standings and has helped guide the Auggies to the MIAC post-season tournament six times. From 2008-16, Griess and the Auggies have compiled the second-best overall winning percentage among MIAC schools (.622) with a record of 130-79. While at Augsburg, Griess has coached NCAA All-West Region selections **Nate Alm** ('09) and **Andy Grzesiak-Grimm** ('12), West Region Freshman of the Year **Brett Rasmussen** ('15), College Sporting News MIAC Player of the Year **Jon Cassens** ('09), as well as two-time All-West Region selection, MIAC Player of the Year and All-American **Dan Kornbaum** ('14).

Auggie Men 's Basketball MIAC Titles

Year	Coach	MIAC Overall	
1998-99	Brian Ammann	19-1	24-4
1997-98	Brian Ammann	18-2	22-4
1984-85	Dave Boots	18-2	21-7
1983-84	Dave Boots	17-3	19-7
1980-81	Rees Johnson	18-0 *	29-2*
1979-80	Rees Johnson	16-2	25-4
1976-77	Erv Inniger	13-3	23-7
1975-76	Erv Inniger	15-3	22-7
1974-75	Erv Inniger	13-5	20-9
1964-65	Ernie Anderson	14-2	26-4
1963-64	Ernie Anderson	14-2	19-3
1962-63	Ernie Anderson	15-1	23-2
1945-46	Robert Carlson	11-1	18-1
1926-27	Si Melby	11-1	20-1

*Augsburg later forfeited title due to inadvertent use of a transfer player with insufficient credit hours

Augsburg W-L Records since 1959-60

Year	Overall	MIAC/Place
2011-12	16-10	13-7, 4 th /11
2010-11	15-10	10-10, T-6 th /11
2009-10	19-8	13-7, 3 rd /11
2008-09	15-12	12-8, T-3 rd
2007-08	12-13	10-10, T-6 th
2006-07	10-15	7-13, T-8 th
2005-06	4-21	3-17, 11 th /11
2004-05	9-16	7-13 8/11 th
2003-04	9-16	6-14, T-8 th /11
2002-03	11-14	8-12, 7 th /11
2001-02	10-15	6-14 8 th /11
2000-01	12-13	11-9, T-5 th /11
1999-2000	16-8	15-5/2 nd /11
1998-99	24-4	19-1, 1 st /11
1997-98	22-4	18-2, 1 st /11
1996-97	15-10	12-8, 4 th /11
1995-96	15-9	11-9, 7 th /11
1994-95	12-12	10-10, 6 th /11
1993-94	10-14	8-12, 8 th /11
1992-93	12-12	10-10, T-5 th /11
1991-92	11-14	9-11, 8 th /11
1990-91	9-16	6-14, 9 th /11
1989-90	10-15	7-13, 8 th /11
1988-89	8-17	5-15, 9 th /11
1987-88	11-14	10-10, T-6 th /11
1986-87	13-12	11-9, T-3 rd /11
1985-86	18-8	14-6, 4 th /11
1984-85	21-7	18-2, 1 st /11.
1983-84	19-7	17-3, 1 st /11
1982-83	18-8	12-6, 2 nd /10
1981-82	20-6	15-3, 2 nd /10
1980-81	29-2 (19-12')	18-0 (8_10*)
1979-80	25-4	16-2, 1 st /10
1978-79	17-10	13-5, 2 nd /10
1977-78	18-9 (7_20*)	13-4 (7-11')
1976-77	23-7	13-3, 1 st /10
1975-76	22-7	15-3, 1 st /10
1974-75	20-9	13-5, T-1 st /10
1973-74	16-10	11-5, 2 nd /9
1972-73	20-8	12-4

1971-72	15-10	9-7
1970-71	19-7	11-5, 2nd/9
1969-70	13-13	10-6, 4th/9
1968-69	5-17	4-12, 8th/9
1967-68	7-16	4-12, 8th/9
1966-67	6-16	5-11, 8th/9
1965-66	8-16	5-11, 6th/9
1964-65	24-3	14-2, 1st/9
1963-64	19-3	14-2, 1st/9
1962-63	25-2	15-1, 1st/9
1961-62	16-10	8-8, T-4h/9
1960-61	15-8	9-7, 4th/9
1959-60	15-9	10-6, 3rd/9

(Records prior to 1960 are incomplete)

(* denotes years in which Augsburg had to forfeit games because of ineligible players)