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2023 MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION DELFINA ALL-MPSF EAST MEN'S WATER POLO SELECTIONS

2023 MPSF Player of the Year

DECLAN HUTTON • #1A • SOPHOMORE • GOALKEEPER • AUGUSTANA



Augustana sophomore goalkeeper **Declan Hutton** (Bedfordview, South Africa) earned the season's first Delfina MPSF East Player of the Week award, after he accumulated 43 saves (.606) and 11 steals through 2.75 games played on opening weekend against a mix of D-I and D-II opponents. Hutton collected 18 saves and scored a rare goalkeeper goal in the win over Mount St. Mary's, and saved seven of 10 penalty shots faced that week. On Nov. 4, Hutton collected 13 saves and allowed just seven goals (.650) in a 9-7 win over Austin College to seal the MPSF Eastern Division's top seed. The Vikings, competing in just their third men's water polo season and second in the MPSF, completed a second-straight unbeaten conference schedule and won 13 of 18 regular season games (.722). Hutton, the eastern division's first-ever two-time major award recipient (newcomer of the year in '22), is the first Viking to earn MPSF Player of the Year.

2023 MPSF Newcomer of the Year

IAN PALMROOS • #6 • FRESHMAN • ATTACKER • AUGUSTANA



Augustana freshman **Ian Palmroos** (San Diego, CA) accumulated 36 goals through his 17 regular season games (2.12 GPG), and is the only freshman from either division named to the All-MPSF first team. Palmroos recorded seven hat tricks, 11 multiple-goal games, and scored in all but three of his outings. He totaled a conference-high three S&R Sport MPSF Newcomer of the Week awards. His first honor came after his collegiate debut when he combined for seven goals, four steals, and three assists against a mix of D-I and D-II schools. Palmroos then scored nine goals and collected four steals in the Los Angeles area en route to his second award (Oct. 2), which included two goals in a win vs. a higher-ranked No. 6 Occidental. His third weekly award came after a huge 11-goal, five-assist, and five-steal MPSF weekend, which included hat tricks in wins over Austin and Penn State Behrend. Palmroos makes it two-straight MPSF Newcomer of the Year awards for the Vikings.

2023 MPSF Coach of the Year

GINA-BELLA MATA'afa • HEAD COACH • 1ST YEAR • PENN STATE BEHREND



Penn State Behrend Head Coach **Gina-Bella Mata'afa** took over at the helm of the program just weeks prior to the season opener, after spending the previous two years as the Lions' assistant. She proceeded to coach the squad to seven regular season wins, tying the program record and achieved just two other times since 2000. The Lions managed to pick up two MPSF wins, also a program first. Penn State Behrend placed a school record six players on the All-MPSF teams this year, led by Jack Holl and Ryan Kenney earning first team selections. Mata'afa is Penn State Behrend's first-ever MPSF major award recipient.

DELFINA ALL-MPSF FIRST-TEAM

Student-Athlete	No.	Year	Position	School	Hometown
^ Oskar Bannister	8	Sophomore	Attacker	Augustana	Bainbridge Island, WA
^ Joseph Addison	20	Senior	Attacker	Augustana	Eads, TN
Aidan Wade	12	Sophomore	Attacker	Austin College	Flower Mound, TX
Jack Stack	11	Sophomore	Attacker	Austin College	Concord, CA
Aidan Miller	17	Sophomore	Attacker	Washington & Jefferson	Grove City, OH
^ Chris Edwards	4	Junior	Attacker	Washington & Jefferson	Bexley, OH
^ Dylan McArthur	23	Senior	2-Meter Def.	Austin College	Missouri City, TX
Ian Palmroos	6	Freshman	Attacker	Augustana	San Diego, CA
^ Jack Holl	2	Junior	Center	Penn State Behrend	Greenwich, CT
^ Ryan Kenney	18	Senior	Attacker	Penn State Behrend	Skippack, PA
^ Declan Hutton	1B	Sophomore	Goalkeeper	Augustana	Bedfordview, South Africa

DELFINA ALL-MPSF SECOND-TEAM

Eli Anderson	5	Senior	Attacker	Penn State Behrend	Encinitas, CA
Nikolas Koelzer	5	Senior	Attacker	Austin College	Richmond, TX
Sebastian Scheier	10	Freshman	Center	Austin College	La Palma, CA
^ Colin McDowell	15	Junior	Center	Augustana	Jenison, MI
^ Chase Cordon	9	Senior	Attacker	Penn State Behrend	Canyon Lake, CA
^ Mitchell Rubio	13	Junior	Attacker	Washington & Jefferson	Wexford, PA
^ Alan Rosenberg	1	Senior	Goalkeeper	Austin College	Naperville, IL

DELFINA ALL-MPSF HONORABLE MENTION

^ Mark Addison	5	Sophomore	Attacker	Augustana	Eads, TN
Rhys Lomax	17	Freshman	Center-Def.	Augustana	Johannesburg, South Africa
Eugene Kruger	7	Junior	Attacker	Penn State Behrend	Pleasanton, CA
Andrew Galt	16	Junior	Two-Meter Def.	Austin College	Southlake, TX
Anthony Sury	14	Freshman	Attacker	Austin College	Lake Jackson, TX
^ Ethan Friedman	1	Sophomore	Goalkeeper	Penn State Behrend	Valley Center, CA
^ Zishuo Ma	1	Senior	Goalkeeper	Washington & Jefferson	Los Alamitos, CA

^ Two-Time All-MPSF Selection