

Lonnie Robinson, St. Thomas

Week of: 2008-05-12



University of St. Thomas senior pitcher **Lonnie Robinson** (Brooklyn Park, Minn./Osseo) had two complete-game wins to help the Tommies go 5-0 and secure the MIAC regular-season and playoff titles. He secured an outright MIAC title for the Toms with a seven-inning win at Concordia last Monday as he struck out seven, walked none and allowed two runs in a 7-2 win. In the pivotal Friday night winners' bracket game of the playoffs, he held St. Olaf to one run and three hits over eight innings and finished with 10 strikeouts and two runs allowed in a 6-2 victory. Robinson improved to 20-3 on his career as he had 17 strikeouts and just three walks on the week and has 66 Ks and just 12 walks in 56 innings on the season.

Kyle McCracken, Bethel

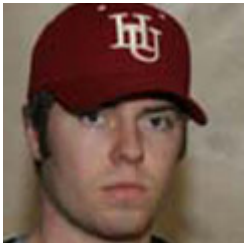
Week of: 2008-05-05



Bethel University sophomore pitcher **Kyle McCracken** (Johnston, Iowa) pitched nine and one-third innings of scoreless baseball to earn a win and a save during Bethel's 4-2 week. Against Macalester, he pitched the final three innings in the Royals 9-2 win to earn the save. Two days later, he pitched an additional three and two-thirds innings, earning the decision in Bethel's 4-1 win over Saint Mary's. In that game against the Cardinals, he came in with the bases loaded and just one out. The first batter he faced hit a come-backer to him, forcing an inning-ending, rally-killing double play. On Saturday, McCracken pitched two and two-thirds innings against Simpson, facing just one more batter than the minimum. He reduced his ERA from 2.70 to 1.93 in the past week, putting him among the top five pitchers in the conference. Weekly line: 3 APP, 1-0, 1 save, 0.00 ERA, 9.1 IP, 7 hits, 5 Ks, .233 opponent batting average.

Josh Roiger, Hamline

Week of: 2008-04-28



Hamline University senior pitcher **Josh Roiger** (West St. Paul, Minn./Sibley) led the Pipers to a road sweep of the #13 Tommies last week, coming in from left field for the save in the seventh inning of the opener. He then returned to the mound 30 minutes later to pitch a complete-game shutout in game two. The sweep over St. Thomas on their field marked the first time that the Tommies were swept in an MIAC baseball doubleheader in six seasons, covering 62 doubleheaders. It was the first time St. Thomas was swept at home in 10 years. While facing the minimum number of batters in the seventh inning in the game one 6-5 win Roiger struck out two and gave up one hit. In the complete-game shutout in game two, Roiger walked none and gave up just four hits, none with runners on base. He also threw six strikeouts in shutting down the Tommies.

Isaac Hamilton, Bethel

Week of: 2008-04-21



Bethel University senior pitcher **Isaac Hamilton** (Chaska, Minn./SW Christian) pitched two complete games for the Royals this week, including his first career shutout. He allowed four earned runs in six innings of work against Gustavus in the Royals 5-3 loss, and then bounced back for a two-hit shutout of Carleton as the Royals won 2-0. Hamilton retired the last 13 batters he faced in Bethel's win over the Knights. He is now 5-2 with a 3.48 ERA in 44.0 innings pitched, and has a strikeout to walk ratio of nearly 3:1.

Adam Bren, Gustavus

Week of: 2008-04-14



Gustavus Adolphus College sophomore pitcher **Adam Bren** (Chatfield, Minn.) allowed only two hits in seven innings to help the Gusties defeat Concordia 3-1 in game two and complete an important league sweep in Moorhead on Sunday afternoon. Bren allowed one hit and one earned run in the third inning and an infield single in the fourth and that was it as he put the Cobbers down in order in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings. He walked one batter and struck out four including two in the bottom of the seventh inning. The Gustavus pitching staff registered three complete game victories to help the Gusties post a 4-0 record on the week. Gustavus is now 12-8 overall and 4-0 in the MIAC.

Adam Johnson, Concordia

Week of: 2008-04-07



Concordia College sophomore pitcher **Adam Johnson** (Pelican Rapids, Minn.) pitched six scoreless innings and earned the win in the Cobbers' 5-3 victory in game 1 over Carleton on Saturday. Johnson gave up only two hits and struck out five in picking up his second straight win. In the first five innings of his outing he only allowed only one runner to reach second base and at one point retired nine straight hitters. Johnson then came out of the game at the end of the sixth inning with Concordia clinging to a 2-0 lead. With his scoreless six innings, Johnson lowers his season ERA to a team-leading 2.18. He has only allowed two runs in his last 20 innings of work.

Lonnie Robinson, St. Thomas

Week of: 2008-03-31

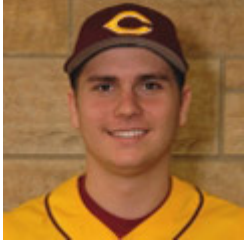


University of St. Thomas senior pitcher **Lonnie Robinson** (Brooklyn Park, Minn./Osseo) threw a four-hit shutout to beat No. 7-ranked UW-Oshkosh in the Tommies' doubleheader split last Tuesday in the Metrodome. It was just the

fourth time Oshkosh (now 8-3) has been shutout in its last 241 games over seven seasons. Six days earlier, Robinson pitched a shutout of Salve Regina (R.I.) -- its lone shutout loss in its last 169 games. In the Oshkosh win, he struck out six and didn't walk a batter in a game that was scoreless through three innings and 3-0 into the seventh inning. Robinson twice stranded a runner who reached third base with one out. The righthander improved to 3-0 on the season and 16-3 on his career.

Scott Schumacher, Concordia

Week of: 2008-03-24



Concordia College junior pitcher **Scott Schumacher** (Thompson, N.D.) went 2-0 during Concordia's spring trip to Arizona during the past week. He helped the Cobbers post a 6-4 record which is the first time since the 2003 season they have posted a winning record on their annual spring break trip. Schumacher started two games and pitched 11 innings in recording his two wins. He struck out 10 and only allowed six hits. Opponents hit a mere .158 against the right-hander and he only allowed two extra-base hits, both only doubles.

Chris Bullis, St. Thomas

Week of: 2008-05-12



University of St. Thomas senior outfielder **Chris Bullis** (Waconia, Minn.) went 10-of-18 and hit safely in all five games to run his hitting streak to nine games in a sweep of Concordia and a 3-0 run through the MIAC playoffs. He now has 19 multi-hit games and leads all MIAC players in batting at .509, which is on school-record pace. Bullis reached base in 12 of 20 trips and helped the Tommies secure the outright conference title and sweep the playoff crown. Bullis has been error-free in 47 outfield chances this season. In eight games over the last two years at the MIAC playoffs, Bullis hit .543 (19-of-35) with 11 RBI and 12 runs to leads UST to a 7-1 record and two championships.

Todd Mathison, St. Olaf

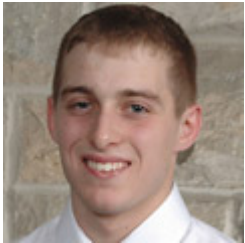
Week of: 2008-05-05



St. Olaf College junior third baseman **Todd Mathison** (Northfield, Minn.) had four multi-hit games to help the Oles to a playoff berth-clinching 5-0 week. He went 3-for-4 in Tuesday's win at Carleton, was a combined 3-for-6 in a sweep of Macalester and had a 4-for-9 day in Saturday's two wins at Saint John's. Mathison also hurled a four-hit shutout in Saturday's game one win over the Johnnies, striking out seven while allowing no walks. Weekly line: .526 BA, 10-for-19, 4 runs, 2 2B, 1 3B, 8 RBIs, .737 slugging %, .526 OB %

Tyler Jones, St. Olaf

Week of: 2008-04-28



St. Olaf College sophomore outfielder **Tyler Jones** (Farmington, Minn.) extended his hitting streak to six over the Oles' 5-0 week, as he went a combined 8-for-10 in a sweep of Saint Mary's on Tuesday, 4-for-7 against Gustavus on Wednesday and 2-for-3 on Sunday against Carleton. His 14-for-20 week, helped by his third and fourth four-hit games of the year on Tuesday, raised his average from .337 to .408.

Dan Kaczrowski, Hamline

Week of: 2008-04-21



Hamline University junior shortstop **Dan Kaczrowski** (St. Anthony, Minn.) hit .706 while going 12-for-17 at the plate, and was perfect at shortstop, while leading the Pipers to a 3-1 record last week. Hamline swept Concordia (11-5 and 5-2) before splitting with St. Olaf (4-3 win and a 14-2 loss). In the opener against Concordia, Kaczrowski went 4-for-5

with two runs scored and an RBI. He went 2-for-4 with two RBI in game two and with the score tied at 1-1, hit a lead-off homerun in a three-run fifth inning for the Pipers. In the win over St. Olaf, Kaczrowski went 3-for-4 with two runs scored, including his 12th double of the season. For the season, Kaczrowski is hitting .491 with 12 doubles, 3 triples, 3 homeruns, 29 RBI, and is 13-for-15 in stolen base attempts.

Jay Melson, Carleton

Week of: 2008-04-14



Carleton College junior infielder **Jay Melson** (Cottage Grove, Minn.) hit safely in five of six games during the week, including four multi-hit contests. Melson was on base at least twice in each game, batting .667 for the week (10/15) with 7 runs, 6 RBI, 4 doubles and 7 walks. He belted his third home run of the season (ranks second in the MIAC) on Thursday versus Augsburg, then was walked four out of next five plate appearances before doubling to help spark an extra-inning win in game two. Melson also made several fantastic plays on defense during the week. Carleton swept North Central University 15-6 and 8-0, lost to Hamline 15-4 and 11-0 and split with Augsburg L, 8-3 and W, 7-4 (8 inn.) during the week.

Kyle Johnson, Concordia

Week of: 2008-04-07



Concordia College junior catcher **Kyle Johnson** (Cambridge, Minn./Cambridge-Isanti) went 6-for-7 and drove in six runs in the Cobbers' sweep over Carleton on Saturday. His performance at the plate helped Concordia win their seventh straight game and post their first MIAC opening series sweep since the 2003 season. In the first game, in Concordia's 5-3 win, he went 2-for-3 and drove in three of the five runs. After striking out in his first at-bat, he proceeded to drive in three runs in his next three at-bats including the game-winning RBI in the top of the seventh inning. In the second game he was a perfect 4-for-4 and cracked two doubles in the Cobbers' 12-2 victory. His 6-for-7 afternoon upped his team-leading batting average to .455. He also extended his hitting streak to seven games and has had multiple-hit games in the past four contests.

Rick Andersen, Augsburg

Week of: 2008-03-31



Augsburg College senior first baseman **Rick Andersen** (Plymouth, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong) hit .750 (6-for-8) at the plate with a double and triple, driving in four runs and scoring four runs, to lead Augsburg in a conference-opening sweep of Saint Mary's, 5-2 and 13-12, on Friday at the Metrodome. In the first game, Andersen, hitting in the cleanup spot in the order, went 2-for-3 with a run scored. In the second game, Andersen went 4-for-5 at the plate with a stolen base, three runs scored and four RBI. He had a two-run triple as part of a four-run fifth inning, then doubled to drive in a run as part of a three-run sixth frame. On the season, Andersen is leading Augsburg regulars with a .409 batting average (18-of-44), with 13 runs scored, six doubles, two triples and 13 RBI. His .636 slugging percentage is a team-high, and his .491 on-base percentage is tops among Augsburg regulars. Defensively, he has had just two errors in 113 chances (.982 fielding percentage).

Andrew Bennett, Hamline



Hamline University senior outfielder **Andrew Bennett** (St. Paul, Minn./St. Paul Academy) has started all of Hamline's opening 17 games and led the Pipers with a batting average of .474 while scoring 23 runs and 23 RBI on 27 hits, including seven doubles and five homeruns. He also had 11 stolen bases on 12 attempts, and drew nine walks while only striking out six times in 57 at-bats. Bennett hit .516 with runners on base, and .529 with runners in scoring position. With a runner on third, he hit .917, tallying 11 RBI in 12 opportunities. In helping the Pipers go 5-4 in complete games played in Arizona (Hamline also concluded, and won, a game that had been started in Minnesota on the first day the season), Bennett hit .677 in going 21-for-31 from the plate, and scored 14 runs and 13 RBI. He only had one strikeout in 31 at-bats in the nine games played in Arizona.