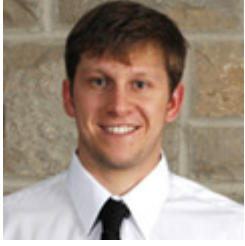


Alex Sommer, St. Olaf

Week of: 2009-05-11



St. Olaf College senior pitcher **Alex Sommer** (Tonka Bay, Minn./Holy Family) allowed seven hits and two walks in a complete game shutout victory (8-0) over top-seeded and eighth-ranked St. Thomas in the MIAC playoffs championship. The performance came less than 24 hours after Sommer pitched the first four innings of the Oles' 9-4 win over Hamline. Sommer's shutout marked the first time in the ten-year history of the MIAC tournament that UST has been shut out, spanning 33 games. In all, Sommer allowed one earned run in 13 innings of work, striking out two while walking one.

James Murrey, Macalester

Week of: 2009-05-04



Macalester College junior pitcher **James Murrey** (Western Springs, Ill./Lyon Township) tossed a two-hit shutout Saturday (May 2) over Bethel in the first game of a Macalester doubleheader sweep over Bethel as the Scots took the opener 3-0. Murrey struck out 10 and walked just two, reaching double-digits in strikeouts for the third time in five conference starts. In five MIAC starts, the Macalester ace went 3-2 with a 0.81 ERA, striking out 42 and walking only four in 33 1/3 innings. MIAC opponents hit just .172 off him.

Ethan Guevin, Carleton

Week of: 2009-04-27



Carleton College senior pitcher **Ethan Guevin** (Davis, Calif.) went the distance in defeating #7 St. Thomas by a 2-1 score on Saturday, lowering his ERA to 2.83. It was Carleton's first win over UST since 1995. He limited the Tommies, who entered the contest with a MIAC-best .353 team batting average to only five hits (in 23 at bats for a .217 average during the game). Guevin walked a pair and racked up six strikeouts, the second-highest total by a pitcher against St. Thomas this season. He permitted only two runners to get into scoring position all day and closed out the contest with a perfect seventh frame, including two strikeouts. Guevin also started and tossed 1.0 inning in a win over then-second place Macalester on Tuesday.

Matt Schuld, St. Thomas

Week of: 2009-04-20



University of St. Thomas junior pitcher **Matt Schuld** (Plymouth, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong) had a win and a save, allowed no runs and two hits (both singles) to lead first-place St. Thomas to a 3-1 week. He threw a one-hit shutout of St. Olaf in a tight 2-0 victory as he allowed one single, one walk, one HBP and only one runner past first base as he struck out seven. He came on Saturday in the sixth inning with UST leading Augsburg 6-5, one out, and runners at first and second. He got a strike out and a caught stealing to end that threat, then retired three of four batters in the seventh for the save to run his scoreless streak to 17 innings. Schuld has beaten region powers St. Scholastica, UW-Whitewater, UW-Oshkosh and St. Olaf so far this season and is the lone MIAC staff ace still unbeaten on the season (6-0). Schuld, 14-3 on his career, has held teams to a .205 BA this season.

Adam Johnson, Concordia

Week of: 2009-04-13



Concordia College junior pitcher **Adam Johnson** (Pelican Rapids, Minn.) threw a three-hit, complete-game shutout over previously unbeaten Gustavus to help the Cobbers post a crucial sweep at Gustavus on Friday. The sweep against the Gusties was the first for the Cobbers since 2004 and the first at Gustavus since 1993. Johnson allowed just three hits, all singles, did not allow a base runner past second base and only allowed one runner to reach second in shutting down the Gustie offense. It was the first shutout of the season for Gustavus and the first time in 29 games they have been held scoreless. Johnson also struck out six batters and faced only four batters above the minimum in the seven-inning complete game. He also did not allow a left-handed hitter to get a hit as they went 0-for-9 against Johnson.

Sam Weber, Augsburg

Week of: 2009-04-06



Augsburg College junior pitcher **Sam Weber** (Arden Hills, Minn./Mounds View) tied a career-high with a 12-strikeout effort in Augsburg's 3-0, complete-game victory over Carleton in the opener of a doubleheader on Friday. Walking just two hitters in the game, Weber had a no-hitter going until the bottom of the sixth inning, when he surrendered his only two hits of the game in back-to-back fashion. Over the final four innings of play, eight of the 10 outs Weber gained came by strikeout. The 12-strikeout effort is just the third time an Augsburg pitcher has had 10 strikeouts or more in the last decade. Weber also had 12 strikeouts in a game against Wisconsin-Stout in 2008, and Evan Almeroth threw 11 strikeouts in a 2006 game against Macalester. Augsburg's single-game record for strikeouts is 15, set by Chris Gleason in a 1978 game against Saint Mary's.

Travis Adams, Bethel

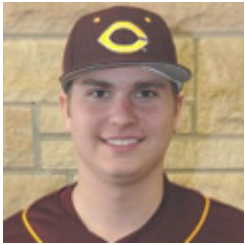
Week of: 2009-03-30



Bethel University senior pitcher **Travis Adams** (Chanhassen, Minn./Minnetonka) became just the second MIAC pitcher to throw a complete game shutout against St. Thomas in the last three seasons last Saturday as the Bethel Royals upset the #17 Tommies 1-0 in the first game of the conference season opening doubleheader. The lefthander allowed just five hits while striking out four batters and walking none. Adams stranded five Tommie runners in scoring position, including runners on second and third base with no outs to start the fifth inning. The win over St. Thomas is the first for Bethel since the 2006 season, and is the first shutout of the Tommies in more than 10 years.

Scott Schumacher, Concordia

Week of: 2009-03-23



Concordia College senior right-handed pitcher **Scott Schumacher** (Thompson, N.D.) threw a complete game two-hitter in the Cobbers 9-1 win SUNY-New Paltz on March 19 in Mesa, Arizona. Schumacher worked seven innings surrendering only one run and two hits while striking out five. At the plate, Schumacher added a hit and a run scored in the game.

Matt Schuld, St. Thomas

Week of: 2009-03-16



University of St. Thomas junior right-handed pitcher **Matt Schuld** (Plymouth, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong) has posted complete-game wins over No. 14-ranked St. Scholastica (two-hit shutout) and No. 6 UW-Whitewater in his two 2009 appearances to date. UST lost the first game of both twinbills but rode Schuld's dominant pitching to get splits on the day. He has 22 strikeouts and just three walks in 14 innings. In his last seven appearances since last April, Schuld has a 6-1 record with a 1.49 ERA and 11 walks and 48 strikeouts in 47 innings. His lone loss was in extra innings to 2008 World Series qualifier UW-Whitewater in the 2008 regional tournament in a game that was 1-1 through nine innings.

Todd Mathison, St. Olaf

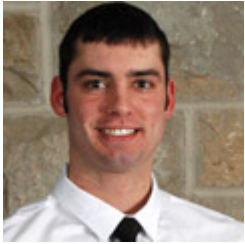
Week of: 2009-05-11



St. Olaf College senior infielder/pitcher **Todd Mathison** (Northfield, Minn.) went a combined 9-for-23 with two homers, three doubles, 12 RBIs and two walks to help St. Olaf to the MIAC playoffs championship. In Sunday's sweep of St. Thomas, Mathison was 7-for-10 with two homers, two doubles and 10 RBIs as the Oles clinched their third trip to the NCAA's in the last four seasons. His first inning grand slam in the first game set the tone for the victories.

Tyler Johnson, St. Olaf

Week of: 2009-05-04



St. Olaf College senior infielder **Tyler Johnson** (Chanhassen, Minn./Holy Family) helped St. Olaf clinch a playoff berth with a five-homer week. He went 10-for-22 over the stretch as he completed the move from first base to the middle infield, playing second base and short when Ole ace Todd Mathison pitches. He hit three homers in the Oles' game two win over Hamline on Thursday and had one each in wins over Gustavus and Carleton. In the postseason-clinching sweep over Carleton, Johnson went 4-for-6 with a walk, two runs and two RBIs. His five homers this week gives him 12 for the season, one shy of the school record. His 39 RBIs are a career-high.

Kyle Johnson, Concordia

Week of: 2009-04-27



Concordia College senior catcher **Kyle Johnson** (Cambridge, Minn./Cambridge-Isanti) hit five home runs in six games including a three-run walkoff bomb against Saint Mary's on Saturday. Johnson hit .563 for the week and posted an unbelievable 1.500 slugging percentage. He also had 11 RBI as the Cobbers went 3-3 and held onto the chance of earning a spot in the MIAC playoffs. Johnson had at least one hit in five of the six games on the week. In four of the six games Johnson had multiple RBI and in game 1 against Saint Mary's he drove in a season-high five runs on a pair of long balls. His game-winning shot in the bottom of the seventh carried over the 25-foot high batter's eye in dead center field.

Tyler Kruse, Saint Mary's

Week of: 2009-04-20



Saint Mary's University senior outfielder **Tyler Kruse** (Minneapolis, Minn./De La Salle) hit a team-best .625 in five games last week, including a 2-for-3, two-run effort in SMU's streak-snapping 6-3 MIAC victory in Game 2 vs. Bethel Saturday. Kruse, who also drove in three runs and scored twice last week, collected two hits in each of the five games he played in, going 2-for-3 in Game 2 vs. Luther last Monday, followed by 2-for-3 and 2-for-4 showings vs. Saint John's and back-to-back 2-for-3 outings vs. Bethel. For the season, Kruse is hitting .347 with a team-leading eight extra-base hits - including three triples - and has driven in 11 runs.

David Ames, Carleton

Week of: 2009-04-13



Carleton College sophomore shortstop **David Ames** (Riverwoods, Ill./Deerfield) appeared in all four games for Carleton this week, with multi-hit games in his three contests with a plate appearance. He was 7-for-9 at the plate for a .778 batting average and he batted in four runs. Batting in the ninth spot in the lineup, provided a spark for the top of the order as he reached base in eight consecutive plate appearances at one point during the week. Ames also stole three bases during the week. Solid play in the field also contributed towards Carleton's first five-game win streak since April 1997.

Tim Oesterlin, Bethel

Week of: 2009-04-06



Bethel University junior centerfielder **Tim Oesterlin** (Rochester, Minn./John Marshall) was a key contributor to Bethel's doubleheader sweep of Hamline last Friday, as he was a combined 6-for-8 with three runs and three extra base hits. The starting centerfielder was 3-for-4 with two runs and a double in Bethel's 11-0 win in the first game. In the second game, he again batted 3-for-4 with a double and his third triple in his last four games. He also batted in three runs to lift Bethel to an 11-2 win in the nightcap. Oesterlin now has a conference batting average of .769 through four games and leads the Royals in several offensive categories, including hits, runs, triples, RBIs, total bases, and stolen bases.

Matt McQuillan, St. Thomas

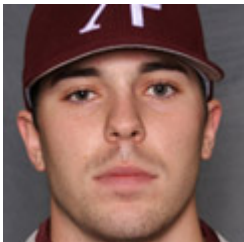
Week of: 2009-03-30



University of St. Thomas sophomore center fielder **Matt McQuillan** (St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall) helped the Tommies cap off a 9-2 trip to Florida and split an MIAC set with Bethel. McQuillan, the Tommie leadoff hitter, batted .517 in nine games last week with 15 hits and 12 runs. He struck out just once in 33 plate appearances. His two-out triple broke open a close game vs. Bethel and helped UST get a split. In four games vs. nationally-ranked UW-Oshkosh, he was 7-for-12 with a walk and HBP and scored five runs. McQuillan has hit safely in 10 of his last 11 games and raised his season average to .396.

Craig Henry, Augsburg

Week of: 2009-03-23



Augsburg College junior catcher **Craig Henry** (Lino Lakes, Minn./Centennial) hit .500 (14-of-28) with 13 runs scored, 13 RBI and six

doubles, as Augsburg went 4-6 in its 10 games at the Greater Phoenix Invitational last week. He collected a team-best .714 slugging percentage and .600 on-base percentage on the week. He reached base 21 times in his 35 plate appearances on the week. Henry is currently on an 11-game hitting streak, and had multiple-hit games four times on the Arizona trip.

Matt Butorac, Saint John's

Week of: 2009-03-16



Saint John's University sophomore shortstop **Matt Butorac** (Maple Grove, Minn.) leads the Johnnies in virtually every batting category following SJU's first 12 games. Butorac is batting .478 with 22 hits, nine doubles, 13 RBI and 33 total bases for a .717 slugging percentage. Butorac, who bats left-handed, was 6-for-12 against left-handed pitching and 7-for-13 with runners in scoring position. On March 6 against Dakota State (S.D.) in Chandler, Ariz., Butorac blasted a double off the fence in right (park was 365 ft. down the lines, 420 ft. to center) before going 9 for his next 13 at the plate in the final three games of the spring trip. In the Johnnies' 24-8 win over Dickinson (Pa.), Butorac went 4-for-7 with six RBI, two doubles and a run scored. In the trip's finale, a 12-11 win over No. 19 Wheaton (Mass.) in 10 innings, Butorac was 4-for-5 with three RBI, three runs scored and two doubles. Butorac cracked a leadoff double in the bottom of the 10th, before a SAC bunt moved him to third and a game-winning hit scored him from third.