

Matt Schuld, St. Thomas

Plymouth, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstrong
Week of: 2010-05-17



University of St. Thomas senior pitcher **Matt Schuld** (Plymouth, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong) retired 17 of the last 19 batters to finish a 5-0, complete-game shutout of Saint John's in an elimination game at the MIAC playoffs. The Johnnies only had one runner reach second base. Schuld was the lone pitcher to throw a shutout or a complete game in the seven games on the weekend. He struck out 10 and walked two and became the first MIAC pitcher to reach 29 career wins. Schuld is 6-1 with a 2.03 ERA in eight career postseason games, including a 3-0 record in elimination games. The fifth-ranked Tommies are in the NCAA playoffs for the 15th time in the last 16 seasons.

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Plymouth, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstrong
Week of: 2010-05-10



University of St. Thomas senior pitcher **Matt Schuld** (Plymouth, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong) went 2-0 on the week and broke the conference career wins record at 28 as he helped the fifth-ranked Tommies secure the program's eighth consecutive MIAC championship. With a pivotal game tied 1-1 he threw the last five innings against Hamline and allowed one hit, two walks and no runs in a 2-1, 10-inning victory. He started against St. Olaf and threw six shutout innings with no walks of a 19-4 win. Schuld has not allowed a run in his last 19 innings and is 20-2 over the last two seasons. He lowered his season ERA to 1.99. The Toms are the top seed for the MIAC playoffs which start Friday.

Cass Kreitlow, Hamline

Glenwood, Minn. / Minnewaska Area
Week of: 2010-05-10



Hamline University junior pitcher **Cass Kreitlow** (Glenwood, Minn./Minnewaska Area) threw a complete-game one-hitter against #5 St. Thomas in a 10-inning, 2-1, loss on Wednesday. The Tommies' lone hit in the game was a lead-off single in the first inning. That runner would eventually score on a sacrifice fly for the only earned run of the game. After that single, Kreitlow would go on to retire the next 23 batters until allowing two harmless walks in the eighth (his only two walks of the game). St. Thomas ultimately scored the game-winner in the 10th on a pair of Piper fielding errors. Adding to the impressive performance, this nine and two-thirds inning complete game came just four days after Kreitlow threw 10 innings against Saint John's on Saturday, May 1. In that double-header, he threw two scoreless innings to finish off the opener, then tossed a complete game in an eight-inning win in the second game.

Matt Schuld, St. Thomas

Plymouth, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstrong

Week of: 2010-05-03



University of St. Thomas senior pitcher **Matt Schuld** (Plymouth, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong) kept the Tommies in the MIAC title race with a three-hit shutout of MIAC co-leader Concordia-Moorhead in game one Saturday. In a game that was just 3-0 into the home half of the fifth, the host Toms won 12-0. Schuld worked out of two bases-loaded situations as he struck out seven and walked four. It was the first time the Cobbers were shutout in their last 34 MIAC games. Schuld also struck out two of the three batters he faced for a save in Tuesday's 3-0 win over Saint Mary's. Schuld, who lowered his season ERA to 2.41, improved to 26-5 on his career and moved within one win of tying the UST career wins record. No. 5-ranked UST went 4-1 on the week.

Cass Kreitlow, Hamline

Glenwood, Minn. / Minnewaska Area

Week of: 2010-04-26



Hamline University junior pitcher **Cass Kreitlow** (Glenwood, Minn./Minnewaska Area) entered the second game against Saint Mary's in the fifth inning with runners on first and second, two outs, and a 4-4 score. He struck out the next Cardinal batter and went on to throw six more innings, striking out two more batters (for a total of three) in earning the win in the 11-inning game. He scattered five hits, all of them singles, to help the Pipers to an essential MIAC sweep of Saint Mary's.

Hayden Zimmerman, Saint John's

New Richmond, Wis. / New Richmond

Week of: 2010-04-19



Saint John's University sophomore pitcher **Hayden Zimmerman** (New Richmond, Wis.) answered the Johnnies' loss in game one at Carleton with a complete-game victory in game two. He allowed two runs, both unearned, on seven hits with six strikeouts. The win improved his record to 6-1 on the season. He is now 3-0 with a conference-leading 1.77 ERA (min. 20 IP) in five MIAC appearances (20.1 innings). He has a .213 opponent batting average with 17 strikeouts and just four walks in conference play.

Andrew Aebly, Saint John's

Madison, Wis. / Edgewood
Week of: 2010-04-12



Saint John's University senior pitcher **Andrew Aebly** (Madison, Wis./Edgewood) pitched a complete-game 2-1 victory at No. 1 St. Thomas on April 7. The win snapped a five-game losing streak to UST and served as the Tommies' first loss to an NCAA Division III opponent in 18 games going back to last season (13-game winning streak in 2010). He struck out three, walked none, and scattered six hits (1-for-10 with runners on base) while allowing one run, which was unearned. Aebly entered the game with an 8.76 ERA in 12.1 innings pitched (four starts). His performance at UST sparked a staff that allowed six walks in 27 innings last week, a far cry from the 70 walks allowed in 137 innings before the week started.

Bryce Gapinski, St. Thomas

Foley, Minn. / Foley
Week of: 2010-04-05



University of St. Thomas sophomore pitcher **Bryce Gapinski** (Foley, Minn.) went 2-0 last week as he worked eight innings to beat Edgewood (8-1) and a seven-inning complete game over Carleton (4-1) in a game that was tied 1-1 in the sixth inning. For the week, Gapinski allowed only two runs in 15 innings of work for a 1.20 ERA while striking out six. Gapinski is 7-0 in his last nine starts dating back to May 2009. Gapinski is 10-2 overall in 15 career starts with a 3.28 ERA.

Ben Hughes, St. Olaf

St. Louis Park, Minn. / The Blake School
Week of: 2010-03-29



St. Olaf College sophomore pitcher **Ben Hughes** (St. Louis Park, Minn./The Blake School) struck out 16 hitters on the way to a nine-inning complete game win as the Oles defeated Edgewood 12-4 on Sunday. Hughes scattered 12 hits in the win, walking just two, as the Oles snapped a four-game losing skid in the process. His outing came two days after suffering a loss in a relief appearance against Bowdoin. Hughes is now 3-1 on the season (wins over Buena Vista, Wartburg and Edgewood) with a 4.50 ERA. In 26 innings, he has struck out 28 hitters against just six walks.

James Murrey, Macalester

Western Springs, Ill. / Lyons Township

Week of: 2010-03-22



Macalester College senior pitcher **James Murrey** (Western Springs, Ill./Lyons Township) is 3-0 with a 1.38 ERA through his first four appearances, two at the Metrodome and two in Arizona over Spring Break. In 26 innings of mound duty, Murrey has 41 strikeouts against just four walks and has wins over Wartburg, UW-Superior and Concordia (Wis.). He worked the first eight innings against No. 30-ranked Johns Hopkins in a 1-0 Macalester win, and struck out 18 batters, matching a school record established in 1937. For that effort, Murrey was named national Division III pitcher of the week.

Roy Larson, St. Thomas

Eagan, Minn. / Eagan
Week of: 2010-05-17



University of St. Thomas senior shortstop **Roy Larson** (Eagan, Minn.) had five multi-hit games, helped turn seven double plays, had no errors in 28 chances at shortstop, batted .500 with two homers and had 11 hits in the Toms' 4-1 run to the MIAC playoff title. Larson ran his hitting streak to seven. He drove in three runs in the 7-6 win over Concordia, and his two-run homer Sunday put UST ahead to stay. Larson and his fellow seniors are 27-10 in career postseason games. The fifth-ranked Tommies are in the NCAA playoffs for the 15th time in the last 16 seasons.

John Slick, Bethel

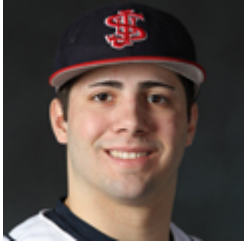
River Falls, Wis. / River Falls
Week of: 2010-05-10



Bethel University senior outfielder **John Slick** (River Falls, Wis.) helped Bethel win three games in the final week of the regular season by posting a .583 average and driving in the winning runs in two of the three victories. On Wednesday against Carleton, Slick accounted for two of Bethel's three hits and both runs in a 2-1 win by belting a two-out double to the right field corner to score two runs in the bottom of the first. In the second game, Slick was 3-for-4 with two doubles, a run, and an RBI. He also threw out a runner trying to tag up and advance from second to third in the 7-3 win. Finally, on Saturday against Concordia, he hit a bases loaded single in the top of the eighth inning to drive in two runs and Bethel hung on to defeat the second-seeded team in the conference 4-2. Slick hit safely in eight out of Bethel's last 10 conference games, and the Royals put together a 7-3 record in that span.

Bert Marsnik, Saint John's

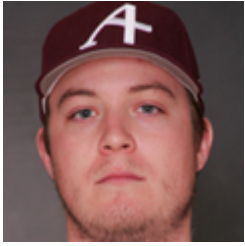
Annandale, Minn. / Annandale
Week of: 2010-05-03



Saint John's University sophomore third baseman **Bert Marsnik** (Annandale, Minn.) batted .615 (8-for-13) with a .846 slugging percentage and four RBI as the Johnnies went 3-1 in MIAC play last week. He leads the team in batting average (.455), runs (16), hits (25), doubles (6), home runs (2), slugging percentage (.673) and on-base percentage (.516) in 18 conference games. Marsnik is currently riding a 12-game hitting streak and has reached base safely in each of the Johnnies' last 21 games (33 of the 35 games overall).

Joe Pierce, Augsburg

Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie
Week of: 2010-04-26



Augsburg College senior first baseman **Joe Pierce** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) extended his consecutive-game hitting streak to 31 straight games with hits in all five of Augsburg's games during the past week, including a 5-for-7 effort in a doubleheader against Saint John's on Sunday. On the week, Pierce went 9-for-17 with four runs scored, a double and two RBI, while also having a perfect fielding week in 34 chances. Pierce's streak is now at 31 straight games, the longest active and overall streak of any hitter in NCAA Division III baseball this season. The 31-game streak is now the 16th-longest in NCAA Division III history. Augsburg's cleanup hitter, Pierce currently leads the team in all three hitting percentages -- an MIAC-leading .477 batting average, .651 slugging percentage (fourth in the MIAC) and .520 on-base percentage (third in the MIAC) -- while also leading the team in hits (52, also MIAC-leading), extra-base hits (12) and RBI (34, second in the MIAC). At first base, Pierce also leads Augsburg's regulars in fielding percentage at .995 (one error in 220 defensive chances).

Jay Slick, Bethel

River Falls, Wis. / River Falls
Week of: 2010-04-26



Bethel University sophomore catcher **Jay Slick** (River Falls, Wis.) was a tough out for Bethel last week as he reached base in 15 out of his 20 plate appearances, batting .722 with six extra base hits. On Tuesday against Northwestern, Slick was 5-for-5 with two runs, four RBI, a double, and a home run in Bethel's 14-2 win. He became the first Royal to earn five hits in one game in almost five years. Then on Wednesday against St. Olaf, Slick had a hit in each game, including a two-RBI triple in the first game and an RBI single in the second game. Finally, on Sunday, the All-MIAC catcher was a collective 6-for-7 with six runs, six RBI, a double, and two home runs against Gustavus in Bethel's doubleheader sweep of the Gusties. Slick raised his batting average 65 points and has now hit safely in all but two conference games.

Grant Bowen, Carleton

Duxbury, Mass. / Duxbury
Week of: 2010-04-19



Carleton College junior catcher **Grant Bowen** (Duxbury, Mass.) paced the Knights with a .667 average as the team earned splits with Augsburg and Saint John's. He reached base 10 times during the week, including 9 of 10 plate appearances over his first three games. He got the scoring started during the Knights' 12-run inning (the best individual frame for Carleton in at least 15 seasons) against Saint John's on Saturday with his third homer of the season. He finished the contest with 5 RBI, tops by a Carleton player since the 2008 season finale. He ranks third in the conference with a .548 average during MIAC games, is tied for second with 17 hits, tied for fourth with 11 RBI, and leads with the three roundtrippers.

John Slick, Bethel

River Falls, Wis. / River Falls
Week of: 2010-04-19



Bethel University senior outfielder **John Slick** (River Falls, Wis.) was instrumental in helping Bethel go 4-0 in baseball last week by hitting .636 and driving in eight runs. Five of Slick's seven hits went for extra bases, including the first two home runs of his collegiate career. Last Tuesday against Saint Mary's, Slick was a combined 4-for-6 with a double, triple, and home run, as well as four runs and four RBI in Bethel's 11-4, 5-2 sweep of the Cardinals. His three RBI in the second game proved to be the difference and the wins were the first two in conference play for the Royals this season. Then on Saturday against UW-Stout, Slick was 1-for-3 at the plate in game one and came in as the closer, pitching a perfect 1-2-3 inning for the save. In the second game, he was 2-for-2 with four RBI, a double, home run, and sacrifice fly. Slick raised his batting average nearly 40 points during the week and has hit safely in seven of his last eight games.

Andy King, Hamline

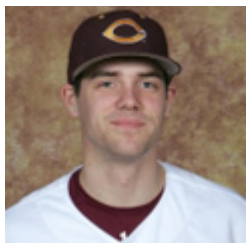
Ft. Myers, Fla. / South Ft. Myers
Week of: 2010-04-12



Hamline University sophomore outfielder **Andy King** (Ft. Myers, Fla./South Ft. Myers) led the Pipers to a 3-2 week in which they went 3-1 in MIAC, sweeping Macalester 4-3 and 7-3 before splitting with Carleton (W, 7-2, L, 9-2). The Pipers' non-conference loss came to the Division I University of Minnesota at the Metrodome. King hit .600 for the week and .667 in the four MIAC games. Against MIAC opponents, King went 8-for-12 at the plate and hit a double and a homerun while tallying six RBI and scoring three runs. He was perfect in the outfield and recorded five putouts. His slugging percentage in conference play last week was 1.000 and his on-base percentage was .615 against MIAC opponents.

Nick Lewis, Concordia

Fergus Falls, Minn. / Fergus Falls
Week of: 2010-04-05



Concordia College senior outfielder **Nick Lewis** (Fergus Falls, Minn.) batted .583 in Concordia's three games during the week and helped the Cobbers post an MIAC-opening sweep over Hamline on Saturday. Lewis was 3-for-3 in Concordia's 4-2 loss to the University of Minnesota and then went 4-for-9 with two home runs in the two wins against the Pipers. Against the Gophers, Lewis did not record an out in his four at bats and drove in both of the team's runs in the 4-2 loss. He was 3-for-3 and had a double and a walk. Against Hamline, he hit a pair of home runs in the first game that set the tone for CC's 9-4, 16-5 sweep. He started the scoring for the Cobbers in the opener by hitting his first home run of the season in the second inning and then added another long ball in the fifth. In the team's three games during the week, Lewis did not make an error in eight chances and came through with a huge assist in the first game against Hamline when he threw a runner out from right field as he was trying to stretch a hit down the line into a double. For the season, Lewis is hitting .318 and has not made an error in 25 chances.

Alan Woitas, Gustavus

Sleepy Eye, Minn. / Sleepy Eye Saint Mary's
Week of: 2010-03-29



Gustavus Adolphus College senior shortstop **Alan Woitas** (Sleepy Eye, Minn./Sleepy Eye Saint Mary's) hit .455 (10-22) last week, as the Gusties went 4-2 in non-conference play against Loras (L 12-4, L 4-3), Thomas (W 12-1, W 4-1), and Marian (W 9-7, W 9-2). Woitas struck out just twice in 22 at bats last week, tallying six RBIs, eight runs, two doubles, and a home run. He currently has a season batting average of .429, and has gotten a hit in all eight games of the season. In the doubleheader against Marian on Sunday, Woitas went 5-for-8 with three RBIs and five runs. He also pitched all seven innings in the 12-1 win over Thomas College, giving up one earned run and striking out two.

Joe Pierce, Augsburg

Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie
Week of: 2010-03-22



Augsburg College senior first baseman **Joe Pierce** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) hit .500 (17-of-34) on the week, with team highs in hits (17), extra-base hits (6), RBI (13) and slugging percentage (.735), while striking out just once in 34 at-bats, as Augsburg went 5-5 at the Greater Phoenix Invitational last week. Pierce had at least one hit in each of the Auggies' 10 games, extending his hitting streak to 13 straight games. He also had six multiple-hit games, including a 3-for-4, 3-RBI effort in a 13-6 win over Keene State (N.H.) on Friday. Pierce also drove in at least one run in nine of the Auggies' 10 games in Arizona. On the season, Pierce is hitting a team-best .460 (23-of-50), with six extra-base hits, 15 RBI, a .620 slugging percentage and a .491 on-base percentage. He has struck out just two times in 50 at-bats so far this season.