

# MIAC Baseball Athletes-of-the-Week - Feb. 29, 2016

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## MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week

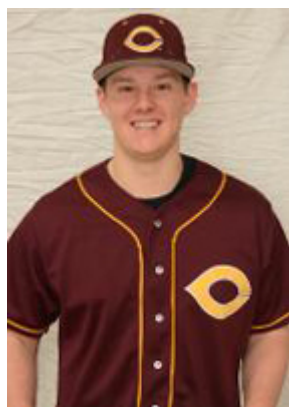
**Joe Seegers, Saint Mary's  
Oconomowoc, Wis. / Homeschool**

The Saint Mary's baseball team and sophomore Joe Seegers (Oconomowoc, Wis. / Homeschool) certainly started the 2016 season off on the right foot last week. The

Cardinals went 7-1 last week on their spring trip to Winter Haven, Fla., and Seegers batted .438 (14-for-32) with nine runs, six RBI, three steals, two doubles and one walk-off winning hit in the bottom of the ninth. For his performance, the MIAC sports information directors honored Seegers Monday with the first MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week award of the 2016 season.

The Cardinals opened the season with a loss to Augustana, but then reeled off seven-straight wins, with Seegers catching fire over the last six. In the last six games of the week, he had five multi-hit games, three three-hit games and he batted .583 with all nine of his runs and all six of his RBI. Sunday, he capped his big week with a two-out game-winning single to right to give the Cardinals a 4-3 walk-off win over Franklin. Seegers finished with a .513 on-base percentage and a .500 slugging percentage in his first week of the season.

Thanks to the hot start, Saint Mary's opened its season 7-1, and is now 7-2 after a 6-3 loss to Mount Union earlier on Monday. The team finished up the trip with a second game against the Purple Raiders Monday afternoon, and then will take a few weeks off before traveling to Illinois to take on Aurora, Wheaton and Cornell on March 18-19. Saint Mary's will host its first game in Winona on March 29 when St. Scholastica comes to town for a nonconference doubleheader.



## MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week

**Fletcher Andel, Concordia  
Oxbow, N.D. / Kindred**

The Concordia baseball team got a stellar collegiate debut from pitcher Fletcher Andel (Oxbow, N.D.) during its season-opening trip to Florida. The rookie righty dazzled in his first college start, throwing seven hitless and scoreless innings to earn his first Cobber win with a gem against Lyndon State. For his performance, the MIAC sports information directors honored Andel Monday with the first MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week award.

Andel made his collegiate debut on Feb. 21 with two innings (four hits, three runs, three walks, one strikeout) in a 10-4 loss in Augustana, but it turned out he was just getting warmed up for his first career start. He took the mound on Friday against Lyndon State and hurled an absolute gem. He didn't allow a hit or a run in seven near-perfect innings, with seven strikeouts and three walks. His team held on for the 5-3, nine-inning win, to give Andel a memorable first collegiate victory. Thus far in 2016, he is 1-0 with a 3.00 ERA, with three runs,

four hits, six walks and eight strikeouts in nine innings.

Andel's near-perfect debut start was one of the highlights of a strong opening week for the Cobbers. Concordia went 6-4 on its 10-game trip to Winter Haven and Auburndale, Fla. The team will take nearly a month off before taking on Carroll, Wheaton and Edgewood on March 25-26 in Carol Stream, Ill., and then the Cobbers will host their home opener when Jamestown visits Moorhead, Minn., on March 28.

# MIAC Baseball Athletes-of-the-Week - March 7, 2016

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## MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week

**Jacob Picht, Hamline  
Oakdale, Minn. / Tartan**

It certainly didn't take Hamline's Jacob Picht (Oakdale, Minn. / Tartan) long to heat up in 2016. The Pipers' junior first baseman got at least two hits in each of the Pipers' first four games over the

weekend in Tucson, Ariz., with a .588 batting average (10-for-17), nine runs, seven RBI, three doubles and a triple. He recorded an .882 slugging percentage and a .682 on-base percentage as Hamline split the four games. For his performance, the MIAC sports information directors honored Picht Monday with the Baseball Player-of-the-Week award.

Picht was 2-for-5 with two runs and two RBI in a 15-0 season-opening win over Marian Saturday, then was a bright spot with a 3-for-3 day with another RBI and two walks later that day in a 17-5 loss to Whitman. He had three hits again the next day, as he went 3-for-5 with four runs and two doubles in an 11-10 loss to Marian, then drove in four runs and scored three times while going 2-for-4 in a 29-14 win over Wesleyan. Picht didn't strike out in 21 plate appearances, and ranks in the top five in the MIAC in batting, on-base percentage and slugging percentage.

The Pipers got off to a 2-2 start, and will hope to build on Sunday's big win when they return to Tucson, Ariz., for a second spring trip March 18-25. On its next trip South, Hamline will play 10 games in eight days to get revved up for conference play. The Pipers start the MIAC schedule when they return with a doubleheader at Saint John's on April 2.



## MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week

**Alex Bauermeister, Hamline  
Andover, Minn. / St. Francis**

Hamline right-handed pitcher Alex Bauermeister (Andover, Minn. / St. Francis) helped his team start the season in strong fashion with a dominant 2-1 debut in his team's opening game Saturday in Tucson, Ariz. Bauermeister was the winning pitcher in a 15-0 win, as he led the Piper staff to a shutout in his first start of the season. For his performance, the MIAC sports information directors honored Bauermeister Monday with the MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week award.

Bauermeister was nearly unhittable in his 2016 debut, as the sophomore took a no-hitter into the fourth inning, and only allowed two hits and two walks over his six superb innings. Bauermeister struck out five batters - nearly one per inning - while keeping Marian off the scoreboard and he only allowed two runners to get as far as third base as he earned his first win of the season.

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# MIAC Baseball Athletes-of-the-Week - March 14, 2016

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## MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week

**Derek Schiebel, Saint John's  
Apple Valley, Minn. / Eastview**

After a slow two-game start to the 2016 season, both the Saint John's University baseball team and junior Derek Schiebel (Apple Valley, Minn. / Eastview) caught

fire to close out their first week of action on the team's spring trip to Tucson, Ariz. SJU won three of its last four games to even its record, and Schiebel ended up hitting .345 (10-for-29) with two home runs, two triples, a double, six runs scored and 12 RBI. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Schiebel Monday with the MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week award.

Schiebel went just 1-for-11 over the first two games of 2016, and Saint John's lost both before both reversed their fortunes in a big way. Over the next four, Schiebel hit the cover off the ball, going 9-for-18 (.500) with two homers, a triple and 12 RBI. He hit both homers and had eight RBI in a March 11 doubleheader sweep of Wheaton. A right-handed hitter, Schiebel batted .474 (9-for-19) against fellow righties and .462 (6-for-13) with runners in scoring position. Thus far, the Johnnie junior leads the MIAC in triples, home runs and RBI and is third in total bases (21) and slugging percentage (.724).

After one week of play, Saint John's is exactly .500 at 3-3. The team has one more trip South, as Schiebel and company will head to Fort Meyers, Fla., to play 10 games from March 20 to March 25. The team will host UM-Morris in its home opener on March 30, then will welcome Hamline to Collegeville for the MIAC opener on April 2.



## MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week

**Sam Thomas, Macalester  
Kansas City, Mo. / Pembroke Hill**

The Macalester baseball team headed south to start the 2016 season, and junior pitcher Sam Thomas (Kansas City, Mo. / Pembroke Hill) appeared to be in mid-season form right out of the gate. The Scots' starter tossed a three-hit gem in his first 2016 outing to help his team complete a sweep of Southern Vermont Sunday in Tucson, Ariz. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Thomas Monday with the MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week award.

Thomas didn't waste any time setting the tone for 2016, with a brilliant season debut in Sunday's 5-1 victory over Southern Vermont. The junior threw six stellar innings, as he allowed just one earned run on three hits and three walks while striking out five. He also handled his only chance in the field cleanly in Sunday's win. After just one start, Thomas' 1.50 earned run average ranks sixth in the MIAC. His average of

7.50 strikeouts per game ranks 10th and opposing hitters are managing just a .136 batting average against him, with is the fourth-best mark in the MIAC.

The strong start by Thomas helped the Scots move above .500 in the early part of 2016 with a 2-1 overall record. The team continues its trip to Tucson this week with seven games - one each Monday, Wednesday and Friday and doubleheaders on Thursday and Saturday. Macalester will then return home for its home opener at the end of the month, when it hosts UW-Superior on March 30. The Scots host Carleton in the MIAC opener on April 2.





# MIAC Baseball Athletes-of-the-Week - March 21, 2016

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## MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week

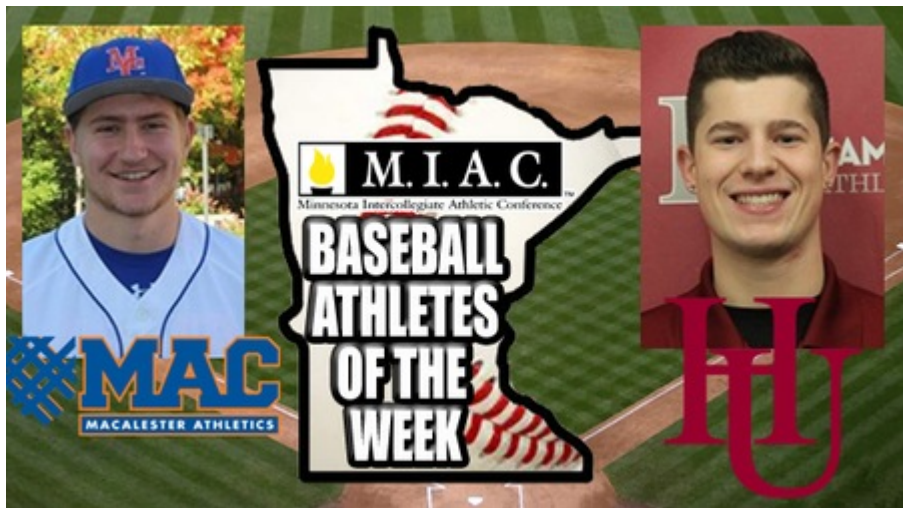
**Collin Brantner,**  
**Macalester**  
**Farmington, Conn. /**  
**Kingswood Oxford**

The Macalester baseball team completed a tremendous trip to Tucson, Ariz., by going 7-1 last week. Sophomore catcher Collin Brantner (Farmington, Conn. / Kingswood Oxford) played a

huge role in the Scots' success, as he hit .647 with 11 RBI, five runs, three doubles and three walks, with a .714 on-base percentage and an .824 slugging percentage in five games. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Brantner Monday with the MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week award.

Brantner was brilliant with the bat, as he hit safely in all five games, and had at least two hits in four of the five. He was 2-for-3 with three RBI in a 16-1 win over Dubuque, 3-for-4 with two doubles, two runs and four RBI in an 8-7 win over Wesleyan, 2-for-4 with a run and two RBI in a 9-6 win over UW-Superior and 3-for-4 with two RBI, two runs and a double in a 9-3 win over Caltech. This season, Brantner is hitting .600 with seven runs and 12 RBI to go along with a .655 on-base percentage and a .720 slugging percentage. He's fielding at a 1.000 percent clip thus far, and has thrown out three of five potential base stealers.

Thanks to the great week, Macalester improved to 8-2 on the young season, and has won eight of its last nine games. The Scots will take about 10 days off following the completion of their Arizona adventure, and will host their first home doubleheader of the season when they welcome UW-Superior to St. Paul for a 2 p.m. first pitch on March 30. The Scots host Carleton on April 2 to open MIAC play.



## MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week

**Alex Bauermeister, Hamline**  
**Andover, Minn. / St. Francis**

The Hamline baseball team began its spring trip to Tucson, Ariz., over the weekend, and got off to a tremendous start thanks to the right arm of Alex Bauermeister (Andover, Minn. / St. Francis). The Piper sophomore threw a complete-game, two-hit shutout to help his team beat Carthage, 5-0, and he has yet to allow a run in his first two 2016 starts. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Bauermeister Monday with his second MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week award of the young season.

Bauermeister was brilliant yet again in his second outing of 2016, as he threw 102 pitches in the seven-inning, complete-game shutout. The Hamline starter took a no-hitter into the sixth inning and allowed a Carthage runner to reach second base just twice in the game. He recorded at least one strikeout in each inning, and struck out the side in the seventh to finish the game with a serious exclamation point. He finished

with 11 strikeouts against just two walks and two hits over his seven innings. The win helped Bauermeister improve to 2-0 with a perfect, MIAC-leading ERA of 0.00. Opponents are hitting just 0.93 off him, also tops in the MIAC, and his 11.08 strikeouts per game also leads the league.

The Pipers were 2-1 over the weekend to start their spring trip, and improved to 4-3 overall in 2016. The trip to Tucson continues this week with a doubleheader against Williams Monday, two games against Buena Vista Tuesday, a single game vs. DePauw Thursday and a doubleheader against Oberlin Friday. The team returns home to open MIAC play at Saint John's on April 2.

# MIAC Baseball Athletes-of-the-Week - March 28, 2016

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## MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week

**Hayden Tsutsui, Carleton Northridge, Calif. / Chatsworth**

The Carleton baseball team was in Tucson, Ariz., last week in search of warmer weather, but the hottest thing on the Knights' spring break trip was the bat of senior star Hayden Tsutsui (Northridge, Calif. /

Chatsworth). The Carleton catcher batted .560 (14-for-25) with 11 runs, 5 RBI, four doubles, a triple and a

home run in six games, and finished the week by hitting for the cycle against Carthage. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Tsutsui Monday with the MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week award.

Tsutsui hit safely in all six games, with four multi-hit efforts and he had at least three hits in half of his appearances. His crowning achievement was Friday's cycle against Carthage, which is the first cycle at Carleton in more than a decade. He went 4-for-4 with a run and three RBI with a single, double, triple and home run. He also went 3-for-3 with two runs and a double against Oberlin and scored five runs in a 3-for-4 performance in a 21-10 win over Colby. Six of his 14 hits went for extra bases to give him a .920 slugging percentage last week, and he drew three walks to help his .621 on-base percentage. Behind the plate, he threw out 5-of-7 potential base stealers, meaning he had more steals himself (three) than he allowed (two) in five games behind the plate.

The Knights' catcher is one game short of qualifying for the MIAC leader board thus far in 2016, but his .558 batting average and .621 slugging percentage would lead the league, and his 11 extra-base hits and .612 on-base percentage would rank second. Despite Tsutsui's off-the-charts week with the bat, Carleton went just 1-5 and is now 2-14 overall in 2016. The Knights were back in action Monday afternoon with a nonconference game at Bethany Lutheran College that started at 3 p.m., and the team will open MIAC play Saturday with a 1 p.m. doubleheader in St. Paul, Minn., at Macalester.



## MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week

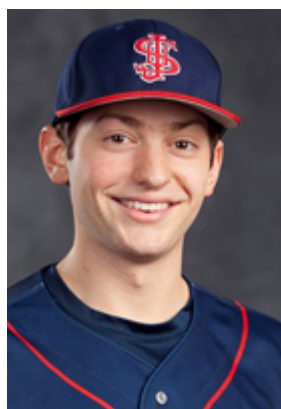
**Alex Kendall, Saint John's St. Cloud, Minn. / Saint John's Prep**

The Saint John's baseball team had an outstanding week in Fort Myers, Fla., as the team was 6-2 to close out its spring break trip. Two of the six wins were highlighted by brilliant pitching performances by junior hurler Alex Kendall (St. Cloud, Minn. / Saint John's Prep), who went 2-0 in a pair of starts with a 1.80 ERA, with three earned runs allowed on 10 hits and one walk against 11 strikeouts in 15 innings. His week included a complete-game, nine-inning, four-hit shutout win. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Kendall Monday with the MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week award.

Kendall's first outing of the week was an absolute gem, as he shut out St. Lawrence in a 12-0 win with a spectacular nine-inning performance. Kendall struck out six, allowing just four hits and one walk in the victory.

He followed that up with a 6-3 win over Millikin to close the trip, where he allowed three runs on six hits and no walks and he struck out five. Kendall allowed only one two-out hit during the spring trip (1-for-15) and two hits with runners on base (.105, 2-for-19). This season he's 2-1 and ranks third in the MIAC in strikeouts (19) and fifth in ERA (1.69) and strikeouts per game (8.02). Opponents are batting just .210 against Kendall in 2016.

Thanks to last week's 6-2 record in Fort Myers, the Johnnies improved to 11-5 overall and return to Minnesota having won 10 of their last 12 games. SJU will play its first in-state game Tuesday when it hosts UM-Morris at 2:30 p.m., then Saint John's will welcome Hamline to Collegeville, Minn., Saturday for a 1 p.m. first pitch to open conference play.





# MIAC Baseball Athletes-of-the-Week - April 1, 2016

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## MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week

**Nick McMullen,  
Macalester  
Payson, Ariz. / Payson**

The Macalester baseball team split a pair of key MIAC doubleheaders last week, with sophomore Nick McMullen's (Payson, Ariz.) bat driving the Scots' offense to 32 total runs in the four games. The

outfielder hit .625 (10-for-16) with six RBI, three runs, three doubles, a home run and two stolen bases to help Macalester go 2-2. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored McMullen Monday with the MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week award.

McMullen was especially hot in Wednesday's home doubleheader against St. Paul rival Hamline. After going 2-for-3 with an RBI and a double in a game one loss, the sophomore went 5-for-5 with three RBI, two doubles, a run and two stolen bases to power the Scots to a 9-4 win in game two. He also went 3-for-5 with a home run and two runs scored in a 16-14 win over Augsburg in the second game of Sunday's doubleheader. For the week, McMullen registered a 1.000 slugging percentage and a .611 on-base percentage. This season, McMullen's .475 batting average ranks fourth in the MIAC, and he's sixth in slugging percentage (.678) and 10th in on-base percentage (.508). He's got 18 RBI, 11 runs scored, two home runs and six doubles in 16 games.

Thanks to the split, Macalester stayed above .500 overall at 10-6, and it is now 2-4 in conference play, but just a game out of fourth place in the standings, as just two games separates seven teams between 4-2 and 2-4. This week, McMullen and the Scots host Saint John's for a 2:30 p.m. MIAC doubleheader Tuesday and Minnesota-Morris comes to town for a nonconference twin bill Friday at 2:30 p.m. Macalester wraps up a busy week Sunday with a short trip across St. Paul to take on St. Thomas at 1 p.m.



## MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week

**Aaron Stoneberg, Hamline  
Hastings, Minn. / Hastings**

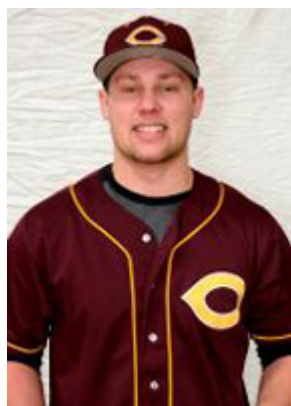
In a pair of tough spots last week, the Hamline baseball team turned to Aaron Stoneberg (Hastings, Minn.), and both times the junior reliever came through in a big way. Stoneberg threw 7.2 scoreless innings of relief with a 0.00 ERA to earn a pair of victories out of the bullpen, allowing just five hits and one walk with four strikeouts in two appearances. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Stoneberg Monday with the MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week award.

Stoneberg's much needed relief started Wednesday, when he threw the final four innings of a 6-2 win over Macalester, with just two hits allowed and four strikeouts as Hamline rallied for the victory. Saturday, the degree of difficulty was even more impressive. He came in again in the fourth with two one, one out and three runs already in. He ended that threat and shut out Gustavus the rest of the way to help his team score a 4-3 victory. Stoneberg leads the MIAC in wins with a 5-0 record, with all five wins coming in relief. He also has a save in eight appearances, and his 2.43 ERA ranks fourth in the MIAC. He has allowed just one run in his last 12 innings.

The two big wins picked up by Stoneberg were part of an impressive 5-1 week for the Pipers, who are now 14-8 overall and alone in third place in the MIAC with a 4-2 record. The team will look to continue its hot streak this week when it hosts Saint Mary's Tuesday for a 2:30 p.m. doubleheader. The team will then have a week off before hosting defending MIAC champ Bethel at CHS Field on April 20.

# MIAC Baseball Athletes-of-the-Week - April 4, 2016

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## MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week

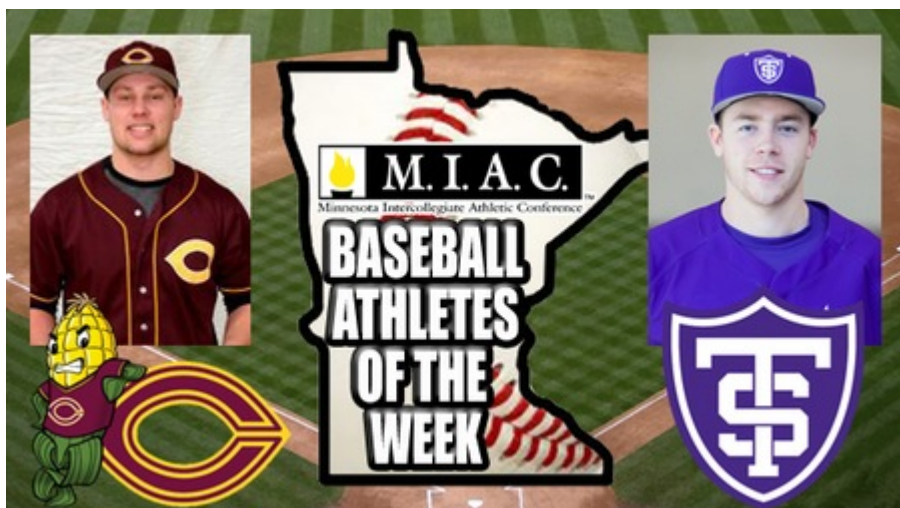
**Tim Carlson, Concordia  
Cumberland, Wis. /  
Cumberland**

The Concordia baseball team - particularly the offense - had a big week, going 2-1 with 37 runs scored in three games, and catcher Tim Carlson's (Cumberland, Wis.) bat was a huge reason for the

Cobbers' high-scoring output. The senior homered in all three games and hit .462 (6-for-13) with five RBI, five runs, a .533 on-base percentage and a 1.308 slugging percentage. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Carlson Monday with the MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week award.

Carlson's big week started with a masterful performance to dethrone 30-1 Jamestown, which was ranked ninth in the NAIA. The Cobber catcher went 2-for-5 with a solo home run, a double and two runs in the 11-8 win. Then, he helped Concordia split its MIAC-opening doubleheader against St. Olaf by going 2-for-3 with a homer, a double, two walks, two runs and two RBI in a 14-13 win, and he was 2-for-5 with a home run and two RBI in a 12-11 loss. This season, Carlson is hitting .373 and he ranks second in the MIAC in home runs (four), fourth in total bases (45) and sixth in RBI (20) and slugging percentage (.672).

Thanks to the 2-1 week, Concordia is now 10-7 overall and started MIAC play 1-1, which puts the Cobbers in a tie for fourth after the conference's opening day. Concordia will now face a huge week on the road, with a nonconference game at UM-Morris on Tuesday at 3 p.m. Then, the Cobbers head to Arden Hills, Minn., to face defending MIAC champ Bethel Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., and Saturday Concordia is at St. Thomas for a 1 p.m. MIAC doubleheader.



## MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week

**Eric Veglahn, St. Thomas  
La Crescent, Minn. / La Crescent**

The St. Thomas baseball team started MIAC play in strong fashion with a sweep at Saint Mary's Sunday, and the first win came courtesy of the strong left arm of Eric Veglahn (La Crescent, Minn.). The Tommie starter hurled a gem in his 2016 conference debut, a complete game, 4-1 victory, to remain unbeaten thus far in his senior season. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Veglahn Monday with the MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week award.

Veglahn was dominant in his 2016 MIAC debut. In his seven innings of work, the Tommie lefty allowed just one earned run on four hits while striking out nine Cardinal hitters. He didn't allow a run until the game's final inning and retired the first eight batters in order. Veglahn had four 1-2-3 innings and only allowed two runners to reach second base. This season, Veglahn is 3-0 with a save in five appearances. He leads the MIAC in ERA (0.67), strikeouts (33), strikeouts per game (11.14) and fewest walks (1). His 33-to-1 strikeout-to-walk ratio is the best among all 926 NCAA baseball teams.

Thanks to the sweep, St. Thomas improved to 9-3 overall, and the team is off to a perfect 2-0 start in conference play, tied atop the standings with two other teams that swept Sunday. UST is ranked No. 21 in the nation in the NCBWA D3baseball.com Division III Poll. This week, the Tommies will enjoy a pair of home conference doubleheaders, starting with a visit from Augsburg Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Then, Concordia will come to town Saturday for a 1 p.m. MIAC twin bill.



# MIAC Baseball Athletes-of-the-Week - April 18, 2016

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## MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week

**Patrick Strey, Saint John's  
Apple Valley, Minn. / Eastview**

The Saint John's baseball team had an outstanding week with a total of five victories over MIAC opponents, including two doubleheader sweeps, and an extra-innings win in a

completion of a halted game. Leading the way was senior Patrick Strey (Apple Valley, Minn. / Eastview), who

hit .588 (10-for-17) with 10 RBI, four runs scored, two doubles and two home runs, including one of the game-winning, walk-off variety. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Strey Monday with the MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week award.

Strey started his big week by going 2-for-7 with two RBI and a run scored to help the Johnnies sweep a road doubleheader at Macalester in dramatic fashion with an 11-10 win in the first game, and an 8-7 win in the second. However, it was Saturday's doubleheader against Gustavus when he really caught fire. In game one, Strey came up with two on and two out in the bottom of the seventh and his team trailing by a pair. He blasted a game-winning, three-run homer to give SJU an 8-7 victory and cap a 4-for-5 game with a double, a homer and four RBI. In game two, he was 4-for-4 with two runs, a double, another home run and four more RBI. This season, Strey leads the MIAC in doubles (16) and total bases (74) and shared the MIAC lead in RBI (38), and his .755 slugging percentage ranks second. The Johnnie slugger his batting .429 with four home runs and 29 runs scored, and ranks in the MIAC's top eight in each of those categories as well.

Thanks to the five wins, Saint John's improved to 19-8 overall and 7-3 in conference play this season. The Johnnies are alone in second place in the MIAC standings, with two more wins than the league's other three-loss teams. This week, Strey and Saint John's hope to stay on a tear with two more MIAC doubleheaders on the calendar. St. Olaf visits Collegeville Wednesday for a 2:30 p.m. twin bill, and the team heads to Minneapolis Saturday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader at Augsburg.



## MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week

**Tyler Heitmann, Bethel  
Baldwin, Wis. / Baldwin-Woodville**

Bethel ace Tyler Heitmann (Baldwin, Wis. / Baldwin-Woodville) took the hill against a pair of opponents who were each unbeaten in MIAC play, and he certainly stepped up to the daunting task last week. The senior went 1-1 in his two tough starts - both complete-game efforts - with a remarkable 0.64 ERA, allowing just one earned run on 17 hits and one walk with 12 strikeouts in 14 innings. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Heitmann Monday with the MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week award.

Heitmann's week began Tuesday with the task of facing St. Thomas, which is now 17-3 overall and 10-0 in the MIAC), and he nearly pitched his team to victory. Heitmann allowed just one earned run in a complete-game, 3-1 loss, as he struck out six against 11 hits and just one walk. He was even better Saturday against Carleton, which entered with a 5-0 MIAC record. Heitmann tossed a complete-game, six-hit shutout in a 7-0 win, with six strikeouts and no walks to give the Knights their first conference loss. This season, Heitmann is 2-3 in eight appearances (six starts) with the MIAC's seventh-best ERA (3.86). He leads the MIAC in innings pitched (46.2) and shutouts (one), is ranked third in complete games (two) and ranks fifth in both strikeouts (45) and strikeouts per game (8.68).

After going 2-3 last week, Bethel is now 15-13 overall and an even .500 at 5-5 in the MIAC. The Royals are currently in a three-way tie for fifth, and tied with the two third-place teams in the win column. This week, Heitmann and company have one MIAC doubleheader and one nonconference game on the schedule. Bethel will head to CHS Field Wednesday to take on Hamline in a 2:30 p.m. conference twin bill, and Sunday the team will host a rematch with St. Scholastica at 1 p.m.





# MIAC Baseball Athletes-of-the-Week - April 25, 2016

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## MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week

**Willie Doll, Saint Mary's Amherst, Wis. / Amherst**

The Saint Mary's baseball team and senior Willie Doll (Amherst, Wis.) both had a red-hot week in a pair of MIAC doubleheaders. The Cardinals went 3-1, with the only loss coming by a single run, while Doll hit

.733 (11-for-15) with a pair of four-hit games and 10 runs scored, five RBI, two home runs, two triples, two walks, a double and six stolen bases. Doll's on-base percentage was .789, and he slugged at a clip of 1.467. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Doll Monday with the MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week award.

Doll was brilliant with the bat all week, starting with a 4-for-5 performance Thursday with a run and a stolen base in a 6-5 loss to Augsburg. He helped Saint Mary's return the favor in a big way with a two-run walk-off home run to cap a two homer game with three RBI and three runs in a dramatic 7-5 win. Saturday, Doll just missed the cycle in a 13-7 win over Macalester, as he went 4-for-4 with four runs, two RBI, two stolen bases, two singles, a double and a triple. He was 1-for-3 with two runs and two more steals in a 6-4 win to complete the sweep of the Scots. This season, Doll leads the MIAC in stolen bases (21), he's second in hits (54) and total bases (78), third in batting average (.432) and also in the top 10 in runs (32), triples (3), home runs (4), on-base percentage (.514) and slugging percentage (.624) in overall games.

Thanks to the 3-1 week, Saint Mary's improved to 20-12-1 overall this season, and they moved to 8-6 in the crowded MIAC standings. The Cardinals are currently alone in fourth place, with just four games separating spots two through nine in the standings. This week, Doll and company hope to build on their three-game winning streak with a home doubleheader against Carleton Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., and a nonconference road game against cross-town Division III foe Winona State (7 p.m.) Wednesday.



## MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week

**Drew Molin, St. Thomas Cottage Grove, Minn. / East Ridge**

The 10th-ranked St. Thomas baseball team had several strong pitching performances last week, but Drew Molin's (Cottage Grove, Minn. / East Ridge) shined the brightest. The sophomore lefty threw a dominant complete-game, three-hit shutout to lead the Tommies to a 2-0 win over UW-Stout Tuesday in nonconference action. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Molin Monday with the MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week award.

Molin's first collegiate complete game was truly a gem, as he didn't even let Stout threaten to score in the 2-0 victory. In his seven innings of work, Molin allowed just three hits - all singles - and walked just two hitters while recording eight strikeouts. The Blue Devils didn't advance a runner past second base, and only two made it past first. Molin took a no hitter into the fourth, and faced the minimum in four of seven innings. This season, Molin

improved to 4-0 with a 2.29 ERA in four appearances. In 19.2 inning pitched he's struck out 22 and allowed just five earned runs on 14 hits and five walks. Molin is averaging 10.07 strikeouts per game.

Thanks to the 4-2 week, St. Thomas improved to 21-5 overall and 11-1 in the MIAC. The Tommies are alone in first place with a three-game lead over second-place Saint John's in the conference standings, and are currently ranked 10th nationally. This week, Molin and company have a nonconference doubleheader at Central (Iowa) Monday at 1 p.m. Tuesday they travel to Saint John's for a clash of the MIAC's top two teams at 2:30 p.m., and Saturday they head to St. Olaf for a 1 p.m. doubleheader.



# MIAC Baseball Athletes-of-the-Week - May 2, 2016

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## MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week

**Patrick Strey, Saint John's  
Apple Valley, Minn. / Eastview**

The Saint John's baseball team and senior star Patrick Strey (Apple Valley, Minn. / Eastview) continued their outstanding 2016 season last week, as the senior led SJU to a 3-1 record in a pair

of key MIAC doubleheaders. The 1B/Pitcher had another huge week at the plate, batting .500 (7-for-14) with seven RBI, three runs scored, a home run and his 18th double of the season, which is a new Johnnie single-season record. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Strey Monday with his second MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week award of the season.

Strey and company opened the week with huge sweep of No. 8/11-ranked St. Thomas. In addition to pitching the team to a 4-1 win in the first game, the Johnnie senior went 1-for-2 with a walk, a double, a run scored and two RBI. His two-run double gave SJU a 2-0 lead in game one, and he belted a three-run home run in the first inning of the second game to propel Saint John's to an 8-7 win. He was 2-for-4 with a walk, two runs scored and three RBI as his team completed the sweep. Strey followed that up by going 4-for-8 with two RBI in a split at Bethel Saturday. This season, his 45 RBI lead the MIAC and are the third-most in a single season in SJU history. He also ranks in the top 10 in the MIAC in hitting (.417, seventh), home runs (five, second), total bases (90, first), runs scored (35, sixth), slugging (.709, fourth) and on-base percentage (.513, sixth).

Thanks to the 3-1 week, the Johnnies are now 25-10 overall and 13-5 in conference play, just a game behind co-leaders St. Thomas and Hamline. SJU locked up a spot in the MIAC Playoffs, since they can't fall lower than fourth and the teams currently in fourth and fifth play one another this week. Strey and company have just one MIAC doubleheader left on the regular-season schedule, as they host Concordia Saturday at 1 p.m. SJU will be a part of the 2016 MIAC Baseball Playoffs, which will be played on the Johnnies' home field May 12-14.



## MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week

**Steph Scatassa, Saint Mary's  
Westchester, Ill. / St. Joseph**

Saint Mary's starting pitcher Steph Scatassa (Westchester, Ill. / St. Joseph) only made one appearance last week, but he certainly made it count. The Cardinal ace prevailed in an intense pitcher's duel to beat Carleton 2-0, with a complete-game, five-hit shutout. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Scatassa Monday with the MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week award.

Scatassa's first complete game of the season - and second of his career - was a beauty Tuesday, as he kept the Knights off the scoreboard and gave his team the narrow victory. He surrendered just five hits, didn't issue a walk, and equaled his season-high with eight strikeouts. Scatassa only allowed two runners to advance as far as second, and none to reach third, and three of his seven innings were of the 1-2-3 variety, including the seventh as finished strong. This season, Scatassa is 5-1 with a 2.36 ERA. His five wins rank fourth in the MIAC, his ERA ranks third, and he ranks fourth with 47 strikeouts and 53.1 innings pitched.

Thanks partly to Scatassa's shutout, Saint Mary's swept Carleton to go 2-0 last week. SMU is now 22-12-1 overall and 10-6 in conference play, and is in fourth place in the MIAC standings. This week, the Cardinals will close the regular season with a pair of huge MIAC doubleheaders. Wednesday they head to Moorhead to take on Concordia at 1 p.m., and Sunday they'll host Bethel in the regular season finale at 1 p.m.





# MIAC Baseball Athletes-of-the-Week - May 9, 2016

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## MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week

**Bob Kinne, Saint Mary's**  
**St. Paul, Minn. /**  
**Cretin-Derham Hall**

The Saint Mary's baseball team wrapped up the regular season in style last week, going 3-1 in a pair of MIAC doubleheaders and locking up a second-

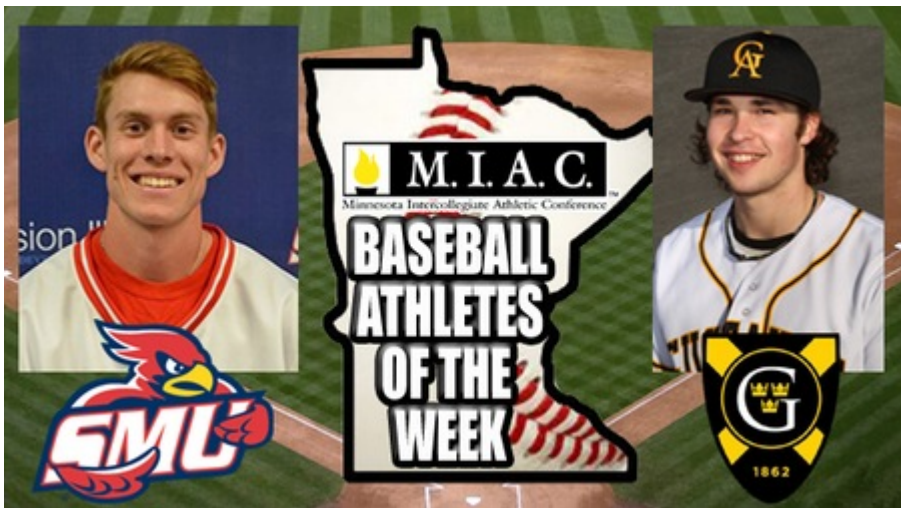
place finish and its fourth trip to the MIAC Playoffs in the

last five years. Junior outfielder Bob Kinne's bat was a

big reason for the Cardinals' success last week, as he batted .563 (9-for-16) with eight RBI, five runs scored, two home runs and a double, and he hit safely in all four games with three multi-hit performances. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Kinne Monday with the final MIAC Baseball Player-of-the-Week award of the season.

Kinne helped the Cards lock up their postseason bid Wednesday by going 4-for-8 with three runs and homer and four RBI in a huge sweep of Concordia. He was especially good in game two, going 3-for-4 with two runs, a home run and all four RBI. He may have been even better Sunday against Bethel, as he went 5-for-8 with two runs, a double, another home run and four more RBI in a split, which including another three-hit, four-RBI game with a homer in game two. This season, Kinne's 44 RBI rank second in the MIAC, his six home runs and 91 total bases rank third and his 13 doubles and .641 slugging percentage both rank fifth. He enters the Playoffs hitting .380 with a .444 on-base percentage.

Thanks to the 3-1 week, the Cardinals improved to 25-13-1 and finished the regular season with a 13-7 MIAC record. Saint Mary's tied for second in the conference standings with Saint John's and Hamline. Due to tiebreaker criteria, the Cardinals will be the No. 4 seed in the MIAC Playoffs, and will open the postseason against No. 1-seeded St. Thomas Thursday at Saint John's Becker Park in Collegeville, Minn., at 7 p.m. The four-team, double-elimination tournament will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Collegeville and Cold Spring, Minn.



## MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week

**Jacob Volness, Gustavus**  
**Cokato, Minn. / Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted**

The Gustavus baseball team swept a pair of MIAC doubleheaders against the last two conference champions to push its winning streak to six in a row. Senior pitcher Jacob Volness (Cokato, Minn. / Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted) came up big on the mound to earn a win in each series, as he went 2-0 with a 1.80 ERA, with just two earned runs allowed in 10 innings on five hits and two walks with five strikeouts. For his performance the MIAC sports information directors honored Volness Monday with the final MIAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week award of the season.

Volness began his week with a gem in his final career MIAC start. He threw a two-hit complete game to lead Gustavus to a 5-2 win over 2015 MIAC champ Bethel, with just one earned run allowed and one walk. He struck out three, and faced just five batters more than the minimum. Saturday, he came out of the bullpen to earn another win, as the Gusties rallied to beat 2016 MIAC champ St. Thomas for the first time in eight tries, and for the first time at UST in nine years. Volness worked the final three innings of the 6-5 comeback win, allowing one run on three hits with one walk and two Ks.

This season, Volness is 5-3 overall and 4-1 in MIAC play. His 3.26 ERA is ranked sixth in the MIAC and he's second in innings pitched (66.1), third in complete games (three), sixth in wins (five), and eighth in strikeouts (45). Thanks to last week's sweeps, Gustavus moved above the .500 mark at 20-18 overall, and finished the conference season 9-11, tied with Augsburg and Bethel for sixth place in the MIAC standings. Tuesday, Volness and company will wrap up the team's 2016 season - the first under new Head Coach Brad Baker - with a 1 p.m. nonconference doubleheader at UW-Superior.