Mohamed Sankoh, Augsburg

St. Paul, Minn. / Como Park Week of: 2010-11-09



Facing a 2-0 deficit late in the 2010 MIAC Men's Soccer Playoff championship game, Augsburg needed a spark. And while experience usually comes up big in the postseason, it was an opportunistic freshman that stepped up and played hero for the Auggies. After Augsburg cut Concordia's deficit to 2-1 on a penalty kick, first-year forward **Mohamed Sankoh** (St. Paul, Minn./Como Park) scored the game-tying goal near the end of regulation, and the game-winner in overtime to give the Auggies the title, and an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Playoffs. For his heroics, Sankoh has been named the MIAC Men's Soccer Athlete-of-the-Week.

With just 10:55 left in the game, Sankoh took a nice feed from teammate Chad Gilmer in front of the net and slid the ball past the Cobber keeper to tie the score at 2-2, and in a similar situation 8:08 into overtime, Sankoh was in perfect position again to rebound a Gilmer shot and put it in the net to give Augsburg the game, and the championship. All three Auggie goals came in the game's final 28 minutes, and the result was a joyous celebration on the turf at Edor Nelson Field last Friday night.

Sankoh certainly saved his best for last, as the freshman finished with just three goals, but two were of the game-winning variety. Augsburg will enter the NCAA playoffs with a 15-4-1 record. It faces St. Scholastica in Whitewater, Wis., Friday at approximately 7:30 p.m. The winner will face the winner of Friday's 5 p.m. game between UW-Whitewater and Macalester Saturday at 6 p.m.

Michael Coborn, Saint John's

St. Cloud, Minn. / Cathedral Week of: 2010-11-02



The Saint John's men's soccer team scored a split in two overtime games last week when it needed a pair of wins to work itself into the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) playoff conversation, however, the future looks extremely bright thanks to the play of standout freshman **Michael Coborn** (St. Cloud, Minn./Cathedral). The first-year midfielder scored all five of SJU's goals last week – including the game-winner in overtime against Concordia – to put an exclamation point on his rookie season. For his big week, Coborn has been named the MIAC Men's Soccer Athlete-of-the-Week.

Last Tuesday, Coborn dominated the first half against eventual MIAC champ Macalester, scoring three goals in the opening 41:57 to give the Johnnies a 3-1 lead at the half. However, the Scots came back and pulled off a stunning 4-3 comeback win in overtime en route to the league title. Saturday, Coborn struck again in the first half to put SJU up 1-0 and, after Concordia tied the game and forced overtime, he netted his fifth goal of the week at 92:10 to give the Johnnies the win and end their 2010 season on a high note. For the week, Coborn had 13 shots – 12 on goal – and the five goals to move onto the MIAC season leader boards. He finished fourth in shots (58), eighth in assists (five) and tied for eighth in goals (six) and points (17).

Though SJU's season is over, the Johnnies have a lot to look forward to. They finished 2010 6-6-4 overall and 5-3-2 in the competitive MIAC. Saint John's finished sixth in the conference standings with 17 points and, with talent like Coborn coming back in 2011, the future is bright in Collegeville.

Stephen Murphy-Logue, Macalester

Anchorage, Ak. / West Week of: 2010-10-26



With less than 15 minutes to play, things did not look good for the Macalester men's soccer team as it still faced a 3-0 deficit against St. Thomas. However, that's when **Stephen Murphy-Logue** (Anchorage, Ak./West) took control and sparked an unbelievable comeback. Logue scored twice as the Scots charged back to tie the game and force overtime, where they eventually won 4-3. For his role in the remarkable win, Murphy-Logue has been named the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Men's Soccer Athlete-of-the-Week.

At the 75:53 mark, Murphy-Logue converted a penalty kick to cut the Tommies' lead to 3-1 and end the shutout bid. However, when he ran down a loose ball and beat the UST keeper on a shot from eight yards out at 87:03, the improbable comeback suddenly seemed possible. Macalester rallied for the tying goal in the final minute of regulation, then scored again early in overtime to complete the come-from-behind victory. Murphy-Logue led the way with four shots, three on goal, and two goals. This season the Scots' senior midfielder is fourth in the MIAC in goals (seven), tied for eight in points (16) and 10th in shots (39).

Thanks to the unforgettable win over St. Thomas, Macalester controls its own MIAC-title destiny heading into the final week of play. If the Scots win both their games – Tuesday at Saint John's and Friday at home against Hamline – they will earn six points, jump to the top of the standings and claim the conference crown. Tuesday's match is at 3:30 p.m. with Friday's regular season finale' set for 7:30 p.m.

Riley McGlynn, Concordia

Hampstead, N.C. / Bozeman (Mont.)





Concordia junior forward **Riley McGlynn** (Hampstead, N.C./Bozeman [Mont.]) scored all three of the Cobbers' goals last week as CC ran its unbeaten streak to nine games and climbed into a tie for first place in the MIAC standings. During the last nine games Concordia is 8-0-1 and has is now 11-3-1 and on the verge of clinching its first-ever conference playoff spot. For his three-goal performance against Hamline and St. Thomas, McGlynn was named the MIAC Men's Soccer Player of the Week – the second time he has earned the award this season.

McGlynn scored both goals in the Cobbers' 2-0 win over the Pipers on Wednesday and then backed that outstanding performance up by netting the game winner against St. Thomas in Concordia's 1-0 victory over the Tommies on Saturday. The win vs. UST marked the first time that CC has beaten St. Thomas since 2000. For the season McGlynn currently leads the MIAC with 12 goals and 10 assists for 34 points. That point total is the second highest in program history and his goal total is also the second highest in school history. He is nine points away from breaking the school record in points for a single season.

The Cobbers have just three games left on their regular season schedule with a MIAC title still a distinct possibility. After a pair of nonconference games in St. Louis on Oct. 24 and 25, Concordia closes the regular season at Saint John's on Oct. 30. Concordia and Carleton enter the final weeks of the regular season tied atop the MIAC standings with 6-2-1 records, Macalester currently sits at 5-2 and Augsburg is 4-2-1.

Philip Bruckbauer, Concordia

Fargo, N.D. / Shanley Week of: 2010-10-12



No. 24 Augsburg was soaring into its Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) men's soccer match at Concordia Saturday, but **Philip Bruckbauer** (Fargo, N.D./Shanley) sparked the Cobbers' upset hopes early in an eventual 4-3 Concordia victory. The senior midfielder scored twice in the first 22 minutes to give his team the momentum and the confidence it needed to pull off the big win. For his performance, Bruckbauer has been named the MIAC Men's Soccer Athlete-of-the-Week.

Bruckbauer first found the net just 1:10 into the game to put the home team up 1-0. At 21:18, he struck again to give the Cobbers a 2-0 lead, and Concordia managed to hold off the Auggies enough for the win in Concordia's only action of the week. This season, Bruckbauer has six goals and five assists for 17 points and a pair of game-winning goals. The senior is fifth in the MIAC in points, fourth in goals and sixth in assists. Concordia, now 9-3-1 overall and 4-2-1 in the MIAC, is unbeaten in its last seven games and in second place in the conference standings.

The Cobbers and their Athlete-of-the-Week will host a pair of MIAC games this week. Wednesday, Hamline heads up to Moorhead for a 4 p.m. conference match, and St. Thomas will travel northwest on Saturday for a big MIAC matchup at 1 p.m.

Taylor Rasmussen, Macalester

Eagan, Minn. / Eastview Week of: 2010-10-05



The Macalester men's soccer team is off to a great start in 2010, and sophomore **Taylor Rasmussen** (Eagan, Minn./Eastview) has been a major catalyst for the Scots' success. Last week, Rasmussen delivered the decisive not once but twice in a pair of 1-0 conference wins for Macalester. For his heroics, Rasmussen has been named the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Men's Soccer Athlete-of-the-Week.

Last Wednesday, Rasmussen beat the Carelton keeper just 8:19 into the match, and the Scots made that slim lead stand up to score a 1-0 win in the rematch of last season's MIAC Playoff Championship game. Just two days later, Rasmussen was at it again as his team-leading sixth goal in the 78th minute dealt Bethel a 1-0 loss to help Macalester improve to 9-2-1 overall and 3-1 in the conference. No one in the MIAC has been better in the clutch, as Rasmussen's four game-winning goals are the most in the conference. He also ranks second in the league in shots (49) and shots per game (4.08), and he's third in goals (six) and fifth in points (13).

Rasmussen and the Scots will try to improve to 4-1 in the MIAC Friday when they host Saint Mary's for an important conference showdown. The match is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at Macalester Stadium.

Matt Bowman, Augsburg

Maple Grove, Minn. / Maple Grove Week of: 2010-09-28



The Augsburg men's soccer team is off to a great start in 2010, and last weekend it earned its signature win with a thrilling 1-0, double-overtime upset of 15th-ranked Macalester. Auggie junior **Matt Bowman** (Maple Grove, Minn.) was the hero with the game's only goal. The midfielder was also a main catalyst in Augsburg's other win last week, resulting in his selection as the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Men's Soccer Athlete-of-the-Week.

In the 102nd minute of the second overtime period of Saturday's game between Augsburg and the Scots, Bowman was awarded a penalty kick and he cashed in to hand Macalester its first MIAC loss of the season and just its second overall in 2010. The win helped the Auggies (7-2, 2-1) move a half-game ahead of Macalester (7-2-1, 1-1) and secure the head-to-head tiebreaker. The huge conference win came on the heels of a 4-0 nonconference victory over Northwestern. Bowman was vital in the Augsburg attack with four shots, three shots-on-goal and one assist. The junior is ranked fourth in the MIAC this season with four assists.

Augsburg looks to continue its three-game winning streak Wednesday when it hosts St. Olaf for a MIAC contest in Minneapolis at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, the Auggies head north for a nonconference match at UW-Superior.

Riley McGlynn, Concordia

Hampstead, N.C. / Bozeman (Mont.) Week of: 2010-09-21



The Concordia men's soccer team pulled off a big 2-1 win Saturday over Gustavus, and the scoring touch of forward **Riley McGlynn** (Hampstead, N.C./Bozeman [Mont.]) ended up being the difference in the victory. McGlynn scored both the Cobbers' goals to continue his hot start to the 2010 season. For that performance, he has been named the 2010 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Men's Soccer Athlete-of-the-Week.

McGlynn scored the first goal of the game in Satuday's win at the 28:43 mark to put Concordia up 1-0. He followed that up with the dramatic game-winner with just 3:50 left in regulation with a perfectly-timed run and a nifty shot past the Gusties' keeper. This season, McGlynn has been one of the top strikers in the MIAC, as he leads the league in shots (29), shots per game (4.14), points (14) and goals (6) in overall games. Thus far Concordia is 4-3 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

The Cobbers and McGlynn will return to action Wednesday when they host the University of Mary for a 5 p.m. nonconference match. Saturday, Concordia returns to MIAC play with a trip to Northfield, Minn., to face St. Olaf at 1 p.m.

Ben Wexler, Augsburg

Minnetonka, Minn. / Providence Week of: 2010-09-14



It didn't take long for **Ben Wexler** (Minnetonka, Minn./Providence) to make his presence felt on the soccer field for Augsburg College. The transfer from Providence College has led the Auggies to a 4-1 start with three goals in his first four games. As a result, Wexler has earned the first Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Men's Soccer Athlete-of-the-Week award of the 2010 season.

Wexler's impact was felt immediately, as he scored the lone goal to give Augsburg a 1-0 season-opening win over Luther College. For an encore, the added two goals – including another game-winner – in the team's 3-0 win over Pacific Lutheran University. In the four games he's played, Wexler leads the Auggies in shots on goal (six), goals (three) and game-winning goals (two). He's second on the team with eight total shots.

Augsburg and its newest star will try to continue its hot start Wednesday when it opens MIAC play in Collegeville, Minn., with a 4 p.m. game at Saint John's University. The Auggies face another conference road test Saturday with a 1 p.m. game at the University of St. Thomas.