

Nicky Bloom, Carleton

Week of: 2008-11-10



Carleton College senior forward **Nicky Bloom** (Evanston, Ill./Evanston Township) figured in all three goals as the Knights dispatched of Concordia-Moorhead, 3-0, to win the MIAC Playoffs Final and secure the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Championships. Bloom also had an assist in Carleton's semifinal victory over Macalester on Wednesday. In Saturday's contest, she assisted on the first score and added a goal of her own as the Knights jumped out to an early 2-0 advantage eight minutes into the match. Bloom, who leads Carleton in goals and points, added an insurance score midway through the second half.

Esther Sowles, Bethel

Week of: 2008-11-03



Bethel University senior forward **Esther Sowles** (Waconia, Minn./Mayer-Lutheran) scored what proved to be the game-winning goal early in the second half of Bethel's 3-1 win over Saint Mary's last Saturday. The win helped Bethel go 3-1-1 in their last five games to finish at 9-7-2, which is the best winning percentage for the women's soccer program in its 16-year history. The goal was Sowles' ninth in her last five games, and helped her finish her career with 68 total points, which is good for the second highest all-time at Bethel.

Catie Christoffel, St. Olaf

Week of: 2008-10-27



St. Olaf College first-year forward **Catie Christoffel** (Woodbury, Minn.) had three goals and two assists to lead the St. Olaf women's soccer team to a 6-3 win over host Hamline University on Saturday afternoon. Christoffel's eight points rank as the most in an MIAC game this season and are the second-most for any player from the league in any game. She scored the Oles' first, fourth and final goals in the game, and assisted on tallies from Jenny Kallas and Lindsay Howard.

Kirsten Moran, St. Thomas

Week of: 2008-10-20



University of St. Thomas junior forward **Kirsten Moran** (Dallas, Texas/Southlake Carroll) scored the game winning goal in the Tommies 2-0 victory over Macalester to clinch a MIAC Playoff berth. Moran has now tallied three goals and three assists in the past six games. St. Thomas is still unbeaten on the season and the Tommies have built a 14-game unbeaten streak dating back to October 2007. It was the Toms' first victory at Macalester in 20 seasons and St. Thomas was just 1-8-4 in all games vs. Macalester in the previous 12 seasons.

Chelsea Craven, Gustavus

Week of: 2008-10-13



Gustavus Adolphus College junior forward **Chelsea Craven** (St. Cloud, Minn./Cathedral) scored three goals to lead the Gusties to a 3-1 win over Bethel University in St. Peter this past Saturday. Craven's first goal in the 26th minute tied the score at 1-1, while her second goal in the 70th minute turned out to be the game-winner. Her third goal in the 87th minute secured the win for Gustavus. Craven's hat trick was the first hat trick by a Gustavus player since Samantha Engh scored four goals against Bethel in October of 2003. Craven leads the team in scoring with six goals and two assists for 14 points. The Gusties are currently 5-6-1 overall and 3-3-1 in the MIAC.

Jenny Lee, Macalester

Week of: 2008-10-06



Macalester College senior goalkeeper **Jenny Lee** (Circle Pines, Minn./Centennial) stopped all seven shots in the Scots' critical 1-0 conference win over Saint Benedict on Saturday. The shutout was the 20th of her career in her 46 starts at Macalester. The win helped the Scots remain in the hunt for the conference title. After starting the conference season with a last-minute 2-1 loss at Carleton, the Scots have now shut out four straight MIAC foes to improve to a second-place 4-1 record in the league. Lee has been the leader on the Macalester defense that has yielded just two goals in five MIAC matches - tied for the league's best. In the team's other game of the week, Lee helped the Scots almost pull off an upset over No.3-ranked UW-Eau Claire. Macalester jumped on top of the Blugolds 1-0 but then nationally-ranked Eau Claire scored two goals to win 2-1. It was only the third time all season that a team has stayed within one goal of the Blugolds and the two goals allowed by the Scots marks only the fifth time in Eau Claire's first 14 games that an opponent has held them under three goals.

Erin Sprangers, St. Thomas

Week of: 2008-09-29



University of St. Thomas junior forward **Erin Sprangers** (Woodbury, Minn./Hill-Murray) helped the Tommies to two victories last week scoring her seventh and eighth goals of the season. Sprangers scored the second goal of a 2-0 win over Carleton by beating two defenders to the ball and then punching the unassisted goal into the left side of the net. On Saturday, Sprangers recorded the tying goal vs. Hamline in the 60th minute and then assisted on the game-winning goal three minutes into the first overtime for the 2-1 victory. This is Sprangers first season as forward, moving from defensive back where she played the last two seasons. She is also an All-American in Track & Field.

Sam Johnson, Concordia

Week of: 2008-09-22



Concordia College sophomore forward **Sam Johnson** (Fargo, N.D./North) scored all four goals in the Cobbers' two critical wins last week. She scored a pair of goals in the team's 2-0 win at regional foe St. Scholastica on Tuesday and then repeated the feat on Saturday in Concordia's 2-0 win over Carleton. Johnson now has a team-high seven goals on the year and is second in the MIAC in scoring. Johnson scored her first two goals against the Saints, who earned a spot in the NCAA playoffs last season and were 5-1 entering the game. She tallied the eventual game-winner at 53:19 and then added the second score 23 minutes later to give CC a much-needed insurance goal. Against the Knights, who were unbeaten in conference play heading into the game, she finished off a breakaway pass in the first half and then manufactured a spectacular goal on her own on a rocket shot that found the far side netting of the goal. For the week Johnson scored four goals and had nine shots, six of which were on goal.

Charli Sorensen, Bethel

Week of: 2008-09-15



Bethel University senior goalkeeper **Charli Sorensen** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South) carried Bethel through the first week of MIAC play to continue the best start in team history. Sorensen was instrumental in all of Bethel's three games this past week by stopping each opponent's effort to knock off the undefeated Royals. At Hamline, she saved 9 of 11 shots on goal and cleared 11 corner kicks for a Bethel victory. In the week she also contributed to the offense by kicking the game-winning goal on a penalty kick against UW-Stout last Thursday. At St. Thomas, she thwarted 17 shots on goal, and 19 corner kicks in a 0-0 double overtime tie on Saturday. The win over UW-Stout and the St. Thomas tie extended Bethel's undefeated streak to a school record seven games. With her efforts in holding the shutout vs. St. Thomas, Bethel earned their first point ever against the Tommie's in the 16-year history of the Royals women's soccer program. Sorensen is now just 42 saves shy of setting the new career mark for saves at Bethel.