

1998 MIAC Baseball Athletes of the Week

1998 MIAC Players of the Week

5/12 Player of the Week -- Tomy Giuliani, St. John's (Jr., 1B, St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall HS) -- Giuliani helped the Johnnies to a pair of doubleheader sweeps over Macalester and St. Mary's, clinching a tie for the MIAC crown with St. Thomas and a berth in the NCAA playoffs in the process. For the week, Giuliani collected eight hits in 13 at-bats (.615 batting average), including two doubles and two home runs. He also scored five runs and drove in six.

5/12 Pitcher of the Week -- Brian Toov, St. Thomas (So., Austin, Minn.) -- Toov hurled St. Thomas to a 7-2 regular season-ending victory over Gustavus. In his complete-game effort, Toov allowed just five hits while striking out seven and walking none. Toov finished MIAC play with a 4-1 record and 1.08 earned-run average.

5/5 Player of the Week -- Buzz Hannahan, St. Thomas (Sr., 2B, St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall HS) --Hannahan led St. Thomas in doubleheader sweeps over Macalester and St. Mary's, collecting eight hits in 13 at-bats (.615 batting average), including a double, a triple and a home run. He also scored eight runs and drove in four. Hannahan now has 150 career hits.

5/5 Pitcher of the Week -- Charlie Brookins, St. Olaf (So., Cottage Grove, Minn./Park HS) -- Brookins gained victories in both his starts during the week. He threw a complete-game four-hitter against Gustavus, and followed it up with six innings of three-hit ball against Augsburg. For the week, Brookins gave up two earned runs, struck out nine and walked just four.

4/27 Player of the Week --Kevin Truax, Hamline (Sr., SS/P, Rochester, Minn./Mayo HS) -- Truax collected 11 hits in 21 at-bats (.523 batting average) in Hamline's five games during the week. Truax had three doubles, a triple and a home run in the games. He also threw a two-hitter with seven strikeouts in the Pipers' 3-2 loss to Macalester.

4/27 Pitcher of the Week -- Rod Swenson, Gustavus (Jr., New Ulm, Minn.) -- Swenson pitched a complete-game five-hitter in Gustavus' 8-1 victory over Hamline. Swenson struck out 10 and walked only two in earning his fifth victory in six decisions.

4/20 Co-Players of the Week -- Andy Johnson, Hamline (Jr., 2B, Litchfield, Minn./Riverland CC) and Rich Swenson, St. Thomas (Jr., OF, Maple Grove, Minn./Osseo HS, North Hennepin CC) -- Johnson and Swenson played key roles in helping their teams to outstanding weeks. Johnson collected 11 hits in 19 at-bats (.579 batting average) to help Hamline to a doubleheader sweep of Carleton and a 4-1 record on the week. Johnson, who had four doubles and a home run among his hits, had multi-hit games in four of the Pipers' five contests. Johnson also put together a .727 on-base percentage from his leadoff position and stole four bases in four attempts. Swenson racked up a .769 batting average (10-for-13) as St. Thomas swept MIAC foes St. Olaf and Concordia-Moorhead. Swenson, who is batting .600 in conference play, had three doubles, two homes and six RBI on the week.

4/20 Pitcher of the Week -- Matt Anderson, Bethel (Sr., Cambridge, Minn.) -- Anderson pitched in 12 1/3 of the 28 innings that Bethel played during the week. Anderson picked up wins in his starts against Gustavus and St. Mary's, as well as pitching an inning of scoreless relief in a third contest. Overall, Anderson posted a 1.46 ERA, allowed only eight hits, and struck out eight in his three outings.

4/13/98 Player of the Week -- Dan Richards, Bethel (Fr., 1B, Bloomington, Minn./Jefferson HS) -- Richards collected six hits in 11 at-bats (.462 average) to help Bethel to consecutive doubleheader sweeps over Carleton and Concordia-Moorhead. Richards, who had three doubles among his six safeties, contributed key RBIs throughout the week in spearheading Bethel's 5-1 MIAC start.

4/13/98 Pitcher of the Week -- Andy Schneider, St. John's (So., St. Joseph, Minn./St. Cloud Apollo HS) --Schneider pitched a no-hitter in St. John's 10-0 victory over St.Olaf. Schneider, a right-hander, struck out six and walked only one in his pitching gem.

4/6/98 Player of the Week -- Chris Ohm, Concordia (Sr., DH, Lidgerwood, N.D.) -- Ohm led Concordia to six straight wins during the week ending April 5. Ohm collected 11 hits in 14 at-bats (.786 batting average) as the Cobbers swept Valley City State, Minnesota-Morris and MIAC foe Macalester. Included in Ohm's rampage was a 9-f-of-9 stretch over three games. Ohm's safeties included two doubles and one home run, good for nine RBI and a slugging percentage of 1.062.

4/6/98 Pitcher of the Week -- Bud Heifort, St. Mary's (Jr., St. Francis, Minn./Totino-Grace HS) -- Heifort collected a save and a win in the Cardinals' MIAC-opening sweep of St. Olaf. Heifort pitched a scoreless seventh inning to preserve the Cardinals' 7-5 victory in Game 1, then came back to hurl a 4-2 complete-game victory in the nightcap. In his starting effort, Heifort gave up nine hits and two earned runs while striking out one.