

Charlie Rudd, St. Olaf

Week of: 2001-05-10

Pitcher of the Week

St. Olaf College first-year pitcher Charlie Rudd (Cannon Falls, Minn.) went 2-0 and allowed only two earned runs in 11 innings. In game two against St. John's, Rudd pitched seven innings, allowing only two hits, one walk and one earned run with seven strikeouts. In an 18-5, game-two win over St. Thomas, Rudd pitched four innings, striking out five and allowing only one earned run. The Oles, 27-7 overall and the winners of 12 in a row, repeated as MIAC champions with an 18-2 finish. They tied an MIAC record by sweeping nine conference doubleheaders in a season..

Eric Williamson, Saint Mary's

Week of: 2001-04-23

Pitcher of the Week

Saint Mary's University sophomore Eric Williamson (St. Charles, Minn.) went 2-0 to lead St. Mary's to a 5-1 week. Williamson tossed a five-hitter in SMU's 5-3 win over St. John's, allowing one earned run in six innings, while walking one and striking out seven. He followed that up with a complete-game two-hitter as the Cardinals beat first-place St. Olaf 7-1, and handed the Oles their first conference loss in 18 games. Williamson struck out four and walked three vs. St. Olaf, while lowering his week-low ERA to 1.08.

Bryan Marudas

Week of: 2001-04-17

Pitcher of the Week

Concordia-Moorhead sophomore pitch Bryan Marudas (Hinckley, Minn.), in his only outing of the week, threw a two-hit shutout against St. John's in Concordia's 2-0 victory over the Johnnies. He struck out nine and did not walk a batter. Marudas did not allow a runner past first base and faced 24 batters, three over the minimum. His pitch control was made even more impressive by the adverse weather conditions -- the game was delayed for 15 minutes due to a slight rain, and the temperature at game time hovered around 40 degrees.

Brian Sprout, St. Olaf

Week of: 2001-05-10

Player of the Week

St. Olaf College junior Brian Sprout (Lake City, Minn.) helped the Oles to a 6-0 week. Sprout had 12 hits and scored 13 runs. He hit four home runs Monday to lead a doubleheader sweep of St. Thomas. In game one, Sprout hit a grand slam in the second inning to give the Oles a 5-2 lead, and he added a solo shot in the fourth in a 13-5 victory. In game two, Sprout hit a two-run blast in the third inning and a solo shot in the fourth and the Oles won 18-5. In the two games, Sprout scored eight runs, with five hits and eight RBI. In the wins against Concordia and St. John's, Sprout had seven hits and scored five runs. The Oles, 27-7 overall and the winners of 12 in a row, repeated as MIAC champions with an 18-2 finish. They tied an MIAC record by sweeping nine conference doubleheaders in a season.

Matt Soltvedt, Macalester

Week of: 2001-04-30

Player of the Week

Macalester College senior catcher **Matt Soltvedt** (Golden Valley, MN / Robbinsdale Armstrong H.S.) hit .529 (9-for-17) in six MIAC games last week with six runs scored and five RBI to go along with a 1.000 slugging percentage. Soltvedt went 3-for-5 in a doubleheader loss to St. Olaf, 1-for-5 in a pair of losses to St. Thomas, and 5-for-7 with four runs, four RBI, two doubles and two homers in a sweep over Concordia. His seventh-inning double drove in the tying run in game one and the Scots won 7-6 in eight innings.

Jake Mauer, St. Thomas

Week of: 2001-04-23

Player of the Week

University of St. Thomas senior second baseman Jake Mauer (St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall) helped the first-place Toms to a 4-0 week and broke the UST record for career hits. In doubleheader sweeps of St. John's and Augsburg that ran the Toms' win streak to nine, Mauer batted .417 (5-for-12) with five RBI and three runs scored. He also played errorless defense in 16 infield chances; reached base in seven of 14 at-bats with five hits, a walk, and a hit-by-pitch; and had a stolen base and a sacrifice. He drove in one run in Saturday's 2-1 win over Augsburg. Mauer now has 209 hits and 159 runs in 162 career games, and the Toms are 136-35 in his era. On the season, Mauer is batting .522 with 47 hits, 34 RBI and 23 runs in UST's 21-3 start.

Dan LaManna, St. Olaf

Week of: 2001-04-17

Player of the Week

St. Olaf junior catcher Dan LaManna (South St. Paul, Minn.) led St. Olaf to an 8-0 record last week, including six conference wins. In conference play, LaManna was 12-21 (.571) with six runs scored, 14 RBI and five doubles. LaManna slugged .810 for the week and fielded 1.000 behind the plate. The Oles, who lead the MIAC at 6-0, are 13-5 overall with wins in 11 of their last 12 games.