

Tony LePage, Carleton

Week of: 2002-05-06

Carleton College junior pitcher Tony LePage (Duluth, Minn. / Denfeld HS) became the first MIAC pitcher in recent memory to toss two complete-game victories in the same double header when he beat Bethel 4-2 and 9-3. In game one he allowed only two runs on four hits while striking out seven. In the night cap he allowed three runs, one earned, on seven hits with three strikeouts. LePage is 6-5 with 10 complete games and a 5.60 ERA on the season. He has completed all 10 games that he has started.

John Schaffler, Gustavus

Week of: 2002-04-30

Gustavus Adolphus College junior pitcher John Schaffler (LeSueur, Minn./LeSueur-Henderson HS) struck out six and allowed only two hits as Gustavus defeated nationally ranked St. Thomas 2-0 in St. Peter. Schaffler was masterful on the mound as he faced only 26 batters and did not allow a Tommy baserunner past second base in the seven-inning game. He is only the second pitcher to shutout the defending national champion Tommies in the past two seasons. Schaffler has compiled a record of 4-0 in MIAC games with an earned run average of 1.73. The Gusties are currently 20-9 overall and 11-5 in the MIAC.

Charlie Ruud and Erik Goodmanson, St. Olaf

Week of: 2002-04-22

St. Olaf College pitchers **Charlie Ruud** (So., Cannon Falls, Minn.) and **Erik Goodmanson** (Sr., Albert Lea, Minn.) both pitched one run, complete-games in picking up wins over defending Division III National Champion St. Thomas last week. It was the Tommie first losses in the MIAC this season. In the first game Ruud held the Tommies to one run on four hits. He walked only two batters and struck out four. The one run that was scored against St. Olaf was unearned, as Ruud lowered his season ERA to 1.56, as he picked up third win of the year. He is currently in second place in ERA for MIAC pitchers, with a conference ERA of 0.64. MIAC hitters are currently hitting a mere .141 against the sophomore hurler. In the nightcap Goodmanson continued to shut the Tommies down. He also went the full seven innings and only allowed a single run. For the game, Goodmanson gave up five hits, struck out five and didn't allow a single walk. He won his team-leading fifth game of the year and currently leads the MIAC in that category.

Steve Derrington, Macalester

Week of: 2002-04-15

Macalester College sophomore pitcher Steve Derrington (Amery, WI / Amery H.S.) went 2-0 on the week with a 1.38 ERA in 13 innings of work, picking up MIAC wins over Augsburg and St. Olaf. He struck out nine batters, while allowing just nine hits and one walk. Derrington tossed a three-hit shutout Tuesday in a 7-0 win over Augsburg, fanning four and walking just one. On Sunday, he pitched the final six innings of Macalester's 20-3 win at St. Olaf, allowing two runs on six hits and no walks while striking out five.

Joel Brettingen, Macalester

Week of: 2002-05-06

Macalester College sophomore second baseman Joel Brettingen (Minnetonka, Minn.) hit .591 (13-for-22) over six games as the Scots went 4-2 on the week. He scored a run in every game and drove in a run in all but one, finishing the week with nine runs and nine RBI. Brettingen had a double, triple and homer with two steals and fielded 32 chances without an error. On the week, Macalester swept Hamline and Bethel and lost a pair to Gustavus. The MIAC's RBI leader, Brettingen set Macalester school single-season records with 66 hits and 102 total bases, and had a hit in 33 out of the team's 36 games. He ranks in the top four in the MIAC in batting, hits, RBI, runs and total bases.

Kyle Olson, St. Thomas

Week of: 2002-04-30

University of St. Thomas senior catcher Kyle Olson (Maple Grove, Minn./Osseo HS) continued his versatile play and caught 39 of 40 innings in the Tommies' 4-2 week that kept them in the MIAC title race. Olson batted .500 (7-for-14) with 8 RBI and six runs. He had a home run, two doubles, two sac flies, two walks, two sacrifices and was hit by pitch twice, and either reached base or had a sacrifice in 15 of 22 plate appearances. In Sunday's 9-7 win at Gustavus that let UST salvage a split, he had a three-run homer in the first and walked and scored an insurance run in the seventh. Olson reached base four times in both the St. Mary's sweep and the St. John's split. He also converted all 47 defensive attempts at catcher. The Tommies are 22-8 overall and 12-4 in the MIAC.

Brandon Burmeister, Gustavus

Week of: 2002-04-22

Gustavus Adolphus College senior Brandon Burmeister (Windom, Minn.) was named MIAC Baseball Player of the Week. During the Gusties' 3-1 week, Burmeister batted .667, going 10-for-15 at the plate. In an 8-3 win over St. Mary's, Burmeister went 3-of-4 with three RBI, one run, and a solo home run. He followed that with a 4-for-4 performance with two RBI in the lone loss to SMU. On Saturday, Burmeister went 3-for-4, scoring four runs off a double and two stolen bases in Gustavus's 13-1 win over Carleton. Burmeister is now batting .478 for the season with 11 RBI, eight doubles, and 15 runs. For the week: .667 (10-15), 5 RBI, 5 runs scored, 2 SB, 1 2B, 1 HR. Gustavus is now in third place in the conference at 14-7 overall and 7-3 in MIAC play.

Tom Carroll, St. Thomas

Week of: 2002-04-15

University of St. Thomas junior thirdbaseman Tom Carroll (Sioux City, Iowa / Heelan HS) ran his current hitting streak to 18 games and batted .630 (14-of-22), reaching base in 20 of 27 plate appearances, to help the Tommies go 6-0 on the first week of their MIAC season. He scored 11 runs, had six RBI, walked four times, and was hit by a pitch once. Carroll had a homerun, triple, two doubles and 10 singles. He was 7-for-8 vs. Carleton, 4-for-7 vs. Bethel and 3-for-7 vs. Augsburg. His RBI single in the fifth vs. Augsburg built a 2-0 lead in a 4-0 victory. Carroll converted 19 of 21 chances defensively at 3B. He leads the Tommies with 32 hits in 20 games and is batting .444. St. Thomas is 16-4 overall and 6-0 in the conference.