

## **Mike Ramthun, St. Thomas**

Week of: 2004-05-10

Pitcher - University of St. Thomas senior pitcher Mike Ramthun (Bloomington, Minn./Jefferson HS) held St. Olaf to two runs and four hits with no walks over six innings to help the Toms win 9-2 and finish a doubleheader sweep of the Oles en route to winning the MIAC championship. Ramthun improved to 7-0 on the season and 19-6 on his career, and led the conference in ERA at 1.17. Ramthun earlier this season beat Gustavus with five strong innings of relief and shut out Augsburg and Bethel. St. Thomas is 33-6 and won the MIAC for the sixth time in nine seasons with a 17-3 finish.

## **Eric Tobias, St. Olaf**

Week of: 2004-05-03

Pitcher - St. Olaf College sophomore pitcher Eric Tobias (Prescott, Wis.) pitched a complete-game win against Concordia on Saturday. Tobias pitched seven innings with four hits, one run, one earned run, five base on balls, while striking out seven batters. Tobias is currently 4-2 for the season with a 3.29 ERA, including 49 strikeouts on the season. St. Olaf is 11-5 in the MIAC and 17-13 overall. Stats for the week: 7 IP, 4h, 1r, 1er, 5 bb, 7 k, complete game win vs. Concordia.

## **Jeremy Hinderks, Saint Mary's**

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Week of: 2004-04-19

Pitcher - Concordia College senior Jeremy Hinderks (RHP, Renville, Minn./R-C-W HS) won two games, collected two saves and threw two complete games in his four appearances this past week. He helped Concordia win seven straight games and improve their MIAC record to 7-3. Hinderks pitched in 16.2 innings and only allowed one earned run (0.41 ERA). He also struck out 11 while only walking two batters. In Concordia's sweep over Gustavus on Monday, Hinderks won the opener by pitching a complete game and only giving up one earned run. In the second game, he entered the game in the top of the seventh inning with Concordia clinging to a one-run lead and retired the side in order. Against Saint John's, Hinderks pitched another complete game in the opener. He only allowed six hits and did not give up an earned run in the Cobbers' 4-1 victory. In the second game, he pitched 1.2 innings and picked up his second save of the week.

## **Kyle Foster, Hamline**

Week of: 2004-04-12

Pitcher - Hamline University freshman Kyle Foster (RHP, Apple Valley, Minn./ Eastview HS) pitched seven solid innings in his second collegiate start as the Pipers beat Concordia 2-1 in the first game of a doubleheader on Wednesday. Foster scattered four hits while striking out eight and walking one in the contest. He gave up just one run in the seventh inning when Luther Kangas led off the inning with a solo homer. Foster settled down and retired the side in order to earn his first win of the season.

## **Jeremy Nelson, Augsburg**

Week of: 2004-04-05

Pitcher - Augsburg College junior pitcher Jeremy Nelson (Maplewood, Minn./Roseville) scored the pitching victory for the Auggies in the first game of a doubleheader against defending conference regular-season champion St. Thomas on Saturday, as Augsburg broke an 11-season, 22-game losing streak to the Tommies. Nelson pitched 6.1 innings, striking out three while walking three and allowing seven hits, throwing 106 pitches in the victory. On the season, Nelson has been Augsburg's most dominant pitcher, with a 2.19 ERA and a 3-1 record in five starts.

## **Bryant Rogness, Gustavus**

Week of: 2004-05-10

Fielder - Gustavus Adolphus College senior second baseman Bryant Rogness (Second Base, Lakeville, Minn.) compiled a batting average of .688, a slugging percentage of 1.000 and an on-base percentage of .684 as the Gusties posted a 4-0 league record and clinched an MIAC Playoff spot. Rogness recorded 11 hits in 16 at-bats, scored 10 runs and drove in six runs as Gustavus swept Hamline (11-2, 26-2) and Carleton (10-4, 11-2). A co-captain of the squad, Rogness came up big when the Gusties needed him the most. He went six-for-eight at the plate (with three doubles), scored seven runs and drove in three runs in the sweep over Hamline. Against Carleton (10-4, 11-2), Rogness went 5-for-8 (with two doubles), scored three runs and drove in three runs. He was also perfect in the field for the week with four putouts, five assists and no errors. Gustavus, which has now won eight straight MIAC games, finished third in the regular season standings at 13-7 and will be the #3 seed in the post-season tournament on Friday. The Gusties are currently 25-13 overall. Stats for the week: At-bats:16, runs:10, Hits: 11, RBI: 6, 2B: 6, 3B: 0, HR: 0, SO: 0, BB: 2, SB: 1/1, SAC: 1, PO: 4, A: 5, E: 0. Batting Average: .688, Slugging Percentage: 1.000, On-base percentage: .684, Fielding percentage: 1.000

## **Kirby Carr, Bethel**

Week of: 2004-05-03

Fielder - Bethel College freshman centerfielder Kirby Carr (Fergus Falls, Minn.) hit .571 for the week and led Bethel to a split with league-leading St. Thomas and a sweep of Hamline. In Bethel's 9-6 win over St. Thomas, Carr went 3-4 with three RBI's. Carr's seventh homerun of the season in the bottom of the sixth inning, a three-run shot over the right field fence, put Bethel in front 8-6. In Bethel's 7-1 win over Hamline, Carr went 2 for 3 with one RBI. In the Royals 8-7 win over Hamline in the series finale, Carr went 3 for 4 with one RBI and scored 2 runs. His triple in the top of the sixth inning tied the score at 7 and he later scored the winning run. Stats for the week: 8 for 14 (.571 average) 3 runs scored 5 RBI 1 homerun 1 triple 1 double 10 Putouts 0 Errors.

## **Tony Cicalello, Saint Mary's**

Week of: 2004-04-26

Fielder - Saint Mary's University senior Tony Cicalello (2B/SS, St. Paul, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall HS) hit .625 last week, collecting 10 hits in 16 at-bats, including a pair of doubles, four runs scored and four RBIs in leading Saint Mary's to a 2-2 week. In SMU's sweep of Bethel last Thursday, Cicalello had just one at-bat in which he did not get a hit, going 6-for-7 and scoring three times. For the season, Cicalello leads the team in virtually every offensive category, including average (.475), at-bats (99), runs (29), hits (47), doubles (6), triples (1), total bases (55) and stolen bases (4).

## **Ryan Hebrink, Concordia**

Week of: 2004-04-19

Fielder - Concordia College senior Ryan Hebrink (SS, Sacred Heart, Minn./R-C-W HS) hit five home runs and drove in 10 runs in helping Concordia to a perfect 7-0 record over the past week. Hebrink hit .391 and scored nine runs as the Cobbers swept Gustavus at home, beat NCAA Division II North Dakota State, and then swept Saint John's and Augsburg on the road over the weekend. In the series against Gustavus, Hebrink single-handedly kept the Cobbers in the first game by smashing a pair of home runs and driving in three of Concordia's six runs in the game. Hebrink duplicated his two-homer performance against NDSU. He hit hit two mammoth shots against the Bison pitching staff. In the Cobbers' sweep over the Johnnies on Saturday, he went 3-for-7. He then finished the week by hitting a home run in the series against Augsburg. He also picked up the win in the second game by shutting down the Auggies in the fifth and sixth innings. His home run in the fourth inning of game one set a new school record for most home runs in a single season. Hebrink now has 10 roundtrippers this season and 29 for his career - both are school records.

## **Jay Kasner, Saint John's**

Week of: 2004-04-05

Fielder - Saint John's University freshman outfielder Jay Kasner (Rochester, Minn./Lourdes) went 6-for-14 (.429) at the plate with a triple, a home run, a .786 slugging percentage, a .529 on-base percentage and seven RBI in four wins last week for the Johnnies. Kasner also had nine putouts and one assist in 10 chances during the week. In a doubleheader sweep of Wis.-Superior on March 31, Kasner went 1-for-2 with a home run and two RBI in the first game and 2-for-4 in the second game. In a doubleheader sweep of Gustavus on April 3, Kasner had the game-winning hit in the bottom of seventh inning in both games. Kasner's seventh-inning single in the first game scored two runs to give the Johnnies a 5-4 win. In the second game, Kasner tripled and singled in the seventh inning as SJU scored six runs to win 12-11. Kasner's single with two outs scored two runs for the win. Kasner is currently hitting .333 in 13 games this season for the Johnnies. SJU is 8-6 overall and 2-0 in the MIAC.