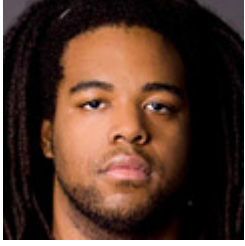


## Al McCoy, St. Thomas

Week of: 2008-03-03



University of St. Thomas junior center **Al McCoy** (St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall) came off the bench to spark two St. Thomas comebacks and let UST claim its third consecutive conference playoff championship. McCoy averaged 13 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 3.5 apg and 2.0 spg and converted 10-of-14 shots from the field. He had the tying basket with 1:55 left and a huge offensive rebound in the last 10 seconds of a 69-68 victory over Bethel, then had 17 points to lead a 76-73 comeback win over Gustavus. His two free throws and key defensive rebound in the last minute helped UST ice the victory over the Gusties. UST is 11-0 this season when McCoy has scored eight or more points. He's a candidate for MIAC Sixth Man of the Year honors.

## Zach Johnson, Carleton

Week of: 2008-02-25



Carleton College junior forward **Zach Johnson** (Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview) led the conference last week with 61 points in leading Carleton to a 2-0 week on the road. He scored 29 points and grabbed 7 rebounds in the Knights' victory over St. Olaf on Wednesday. With the win, Carleton maintained possession of the famed Goat Trophy and clinched a MIAC playoff berth. On Saturday, he knocked down several key shots and poured in 32 points, including 19 in the second half, as Carleton locked up the third seed in the playoffs. Stats for the week: 61 points (30.5 ppg), 11 rebounds (5.5 rpg), 7 assists (3.5 apg), 8 turnovers, 2 steals 20-for-32 FG (63%), 3-for-7 3FG (43%), 18-for-25 FT (75%)

## Luke Linz, Concordia

Week of: 2008-02-25



Concordia College senior forward **Luke Linz** (Watkins, Minn./Eden Valley-Watkins) averaged 21.0, 6.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists in helping Concordia win two huge games last weekend to secure the No.4 seed in the playoffs. The fourth-place finish is the highest league finish for the Cobbers since the 2003-04 season. It also caps a season where the Cobbers went from last place in the MIAC standings in 2006-07 to hosting a first-round playoff game this year. In Concordia's 67-57 win over nationally-ranked St. Thomas on Wednesday, Linz had 12 points and six rebounds and was a huge factor in the Cobber defense that held the Tommies to their lowest point total of the season. He also went 8-for-9 from the free throw line including several key foul shots in the final minutes of the game. The win snapped UST's 10-game winning streak. On Saturday, Linz had 30 points in his final regular-season home game against Saint Mary's. He scored the first 16 points of the game for the Cobbers. In the 84-77 win, Linz also had seven rebounds and five assists

## Ryan Lieser, Saint John's

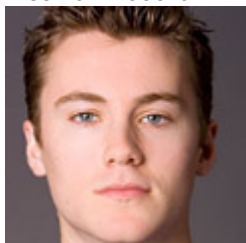
Week of: 2008-02-18



Saint John's University senior wing **Ryan Lieser** (Cold Spring, Minn./Rocori) averaged 21.0 points, 3.0 steals and 2.5 assists in the Johnnies' two MIAC wins last week and became the 31<sup>st</sup> player in Saint John's history to score 1,000 career points in the process. Lieser totaled 18 points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals in SJU's 82-69 win at Macalester Feb. 13 to reach the scoring milestone in just his third season. Lieser then added 24 points, including the Johnnies' final five points in regulation, in the 69-67 win at Hamline Feb. 16. Stats for the Week: FG: 15-36 (.417), Assists: 5 (2.5 apg), Points: 42 (21.0 ppg), Steals: 6 (3.0 spg), Minutes: 71 (35.5 mpg).

### **Joe Scott, St. Thomas**

Week of: 2008-02-11



University of St. Thomas sophomore guard **Joe Scott** (St. Anthony, Minn./DeLaSalle) averaged 23.3 ppg and 2.3 rpg and made 15-of-27 from 3-point range to lead the first-place Tommies to a 3-0 week. The 3-0 week raised their winning streak to nine and avenged both of their conference defeats. In Monday's 100-48 win over Macalester, Scott scored 16 points in the game's first 14:00 (5-of-6 from 3-point range) and played just 21 minutes overall. In Wednesday's 16-point road win over then third-place Bethel, he scored 26 points (6-of-13 from 3-point range). In Saturday's eight-point win over second-place Gustavus, Scott scored 25 points, including seven points in a game-closing 9-4 run (4-of-4 FT in final 90 seconds) that helped hold off a big Gustie comeback. Scott is averaging 19 ppg in the Toms' nine-game winning streak and is shooting 44% from 3-point range with a conference-best 62 treys on the season. Totals for the week: 24-39 FG, 15-27 3 FG, 7-10 FT, 23.3 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 2.0 apg, 1.0 tpg, 1.0 spg, 29 mpg.

### **Femi Solaja, Augsburg**

Week of: 2008-02-11



Augsburg College senior center **Femi Solaja** (Cottage Grove, Minn./St. Paul Harding) collected two point-rebound double-doubles in leading Augsburg in three victories during the past week, part of a five-game winning streak for the Auggies. In Monday's 75-67 win at St. Olaf, Solaja scored 16 points with 10 rebounds, including 10 points and seven rebounds in the second half as the Auggies outscored the Oles by a 42-34 margin. In Wednesday's 88-71 win over Macalester, Solaja scored 14 points with four rebounds on 7-of-8 shooting from the field. In Saturday's 77-64 win over Saint John's, Solaja claimed his eighth double-double of the season with 22 points and 13 rebounds. Solaja also shot 10-of-12 from the free-throw line on Saturday. On the week, Solaja scored 52 points (17.3 ppg) on 20-of-33 shooting (.606) with 27 rebounds (9.0 rpg). On the season, Solaja is one of only two MIAC players to average a double-double, standing second among MIAC players in overall rebounding (10.7 rpg) and 14th in scoring (14.2 ppg). He also leads the MIAC in field-goal percentage (.620, 124-of-200), as the only conference player in overall play to hit better than 60 percent from the field.

## Bryan Rosett, Carleton

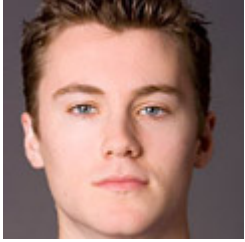
Week of: 2008-02-04



Carleton College sophomore forward **Bryan Rosett** (Cottage Grove, Minn./Park) recorded his first double-double of the season in Saturday's matchup with St. Thomas. For the week, Rosett averaged 17 points and 9 rebounds for the Knights. He had 13 points and 8 boards in an overtime loss against Saint John's on Wednesday. He followed that performance up with a 21-point, 10-rebound effort versus the Tommies. Rosett's stats for the week: 34 points, 18 rebounds, 11-for-21 FG (52.3 percent), 1-for-3 3FG, 11-for-14 FT (79 percent), 3 assists, 1 block.

## Joe Scott, St. Thomas

Week of: 2008-02-04



University of St. Thomas sophomore guard **Joe Scott** (St. Anthony, Minn./DeLaSalle) averaged 23.5 ppg and 3.0 rpg and made 8-of-16 3-pointers to lead the first-place Tommies to a pair of road victories in a 2-0 week. In Wednesday's 17-point win at Hamline, he scored a career-high 26 points -- 20 in the game's first 21 minutes -- on 11-of-15 shooting. In Saturday's seven-point comeback win at third-place Carleton, Scott scored 21 points and had a steal and layup with 3:27 left that pushed the lead to nine points. Scott is averaging 17.5 ppg in the Toms' six-game winning streak and is shooting 41% from 3-point range with a conference-best 47 treys on the season.

## Zach Johnson, Carleton

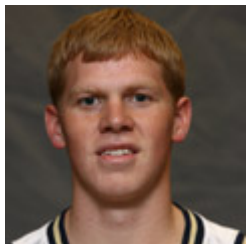
Week of: 2008-01-28



Carleton College junior forward **Zach Johnson** (Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview) led the Knights during their 2-1 week with 50 points and 23 rebounds this week (16.7ppg, 7.7rpg) as he moved into ninth on Carleton's all-time scoring list with 1,207 points. He began the week with a 17-point, 6-rebound, 3-steal performance against Gustavus, in a 70-65 loss. He followed that up with his third double-double of the year, tallying 20 points, corralling a career-best 13 rebounds and handing out 6 assists in leading Carleton to the 74-56 victory over Augsburg. Johnson then added 13 points as the Knights held off Concordia for a 64-62 win in Moorhead on Saturday. Johnson's stats for the week: 50 points (17-for-36FG -- 47.2%, 15-for-21FT -- 71.4%), 23 rebounds, 13 assists, 4 turnovers, 5 steals.

## Tim Madson, Bethel

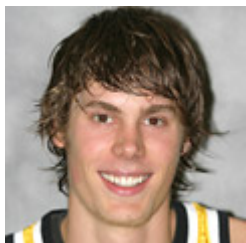
Week of: 2008-01-21



Bethel University junior guard **Tim Madson** (Redwood Falls, Minn.) helped Bethel go 2-0 in games this past week by scoring 38 pts (19 ppg), and adding 11 assists (5.5 apg). Madson scored 25 points against Macalester on Wednesday on 8-for-19 field goal shooting and 7-for-9 from the free throw line. On Saturday, Madson was the team's second leading scorer with 13 points, 11 of which he scored in the first half to put Bethel up 65-38 at halftime. Madson was 5-for-7 from the floor, including 3-for-4 from the perimeter against the Cardinals. Madson currently ranks second in scoring in the MIAC, averaging 20.6 ppg.

### **Trevor Wittwer, Gustavus**

Week of: 2008-01-14



Gustavus Adolphus College senior wing **Trevor Wittwer** (Redwood Falls, Minn.) averaged 19.3 points and 5.7 rebounds per game to help the Gusties compile a 2-1 record last week. Wittwer scored 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds as Gustavus opened the week with a 85-79 win over Saint Mary's. He then scored 13 points and recorded 5 rebounds as the Gusties lost 69-57 at Concordia on Wednesday evening. Wittwer saved his best for last as he scored 24 points and grabbed 3 rebounds to help the Gusties upset #23 St. Thomas 59-58 in St. Peter on Saturday afternoon. In the three games, Wittwer shot 58.8 percent from the field (20-34) and 66.7 percent from the free throw line (18-27). Wittwer leads the team in scoring (15.3 ppg) and rebounding 6.4 rpg). The Gusties are currently 9-3 overall and 5-2 in the MIAC. Stats for the Week: FG: 20-34 (.588), 3 PT FG: 0-2, FT: 18-27 (.667), Reb: 17 (5.7 pg), Fouls: 8, Points: 58 (19.3), Assists: 5, Turnovers: 11, Blocks: 4, Steals: 4, Minutes: 88 (29.3 mpg).

### **Eric Clute, Hamline**

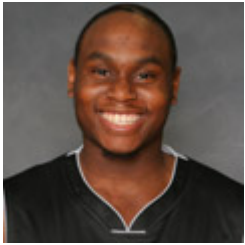
Week of: 2008-01-07



Hamline University first-year guard **Eric Clute** (Hawley, Minn.) averaged 33.0 points per game and shot .688 from the floor, as well as .667 from outside the arch, in the Pipers two victories last week, an 88-84 win over Northwestern College and an 80-79 win over Augsburg. Additionally, Clute was 18-20 (.900) from the free throw line. Against Northwestern, Clute scored 40 points, include a three-point shot that gave the Pipers the lead for the first time with 1:48 remaining in the first half. In the conference win over Augsburg, Clute tallied 26 points. Two free throws from Clute gave the Pipers their first lead of the second half, 61-60 at 8:33, and another free throw gave the Pipers a key 79-74 lead with a minute to play after he finished off a three-point play.

### **Femi Solaja, Augsburg**

Week of: 2007-12-17



Augsburg College senior center **Femi Solaja** (Cottage Grove, Minn./St. Paul Harding) collected his third double-double of the season with 19 points (on 9-of-11 shooting) and 10 rebounds, as Augsburg scored its first victory of the season with an 84-72 triumph over St. Scholastica on Saturday. Solaja's double-double was the seventh in his last 12 games dating to last season. Solaja scored five points in a key 15-1 run over a 4:52 span of the second half, enabling Augsburg to pull away to a double-digit lead. So far this season, Solaja is averaging 16.7 points (eighth among MIAC players in overall stats) and 9.7 rebounds (third among MIAC players) per-game. His .730 field-goal percentage (54-of-74) is tops among MIAC players in overall stats.

### **Tyler Nicolai, St. Thomas**

Week of: 2007-12-10



University of St. Thomas freshman guard **Tyler Nicolai** (Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins) averaged 20 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 2.8 apg and 1.0 bpg in the Tommies' 2-1 week. Nicolai (5-foot-9) made 21-of-29 shots from the field including 10-of-15 from 3-point range and also converted 8-of-9 foul shots. On the season, he's shooting 64% from the field and 61% from the 3-point arc. He had 22 points in a 72-64 win over Hamline, including a key basket with 2:45 left after the Pipers had pulled within 67-64. He had six points in a 72-70 loss at Macalester. He had 32 points in Saturday's 85-78 road win at St. Olaf -- possibly the highest point total by a Tommie freshman in at least 20 seasons. The Tommies are 7-2 overall and 3-1 in the MIAC and return to action Jan. 5. Three-game totals: 21-29 FG, 10-15 3FG, 8-9 FT, 14 reb, 60 pts, 8 asst, 3 TO, 3 Bl, 2 st, 33 mpg.

### **Tom Conboy, Macalester**

Week of: 2007-12-10



Macalester College senior forward **Tom Conboy** (Chanhassen, Minn./Minnetonka) led Macalester to a pair of two point MIAC wins over Saint Mary's and St. Thomas by averaging 28.5 points and 8.0 rebounds a game and shooting 56% from the floor. Conboy contributed 29 points and nine rebounds in Monday's last-second victory over Saint Mary's and in Wednesday's last-second win over the Tommies went 12-for-16 from the field while finishing with 28 points and seven boards. Stats for the week (2 games): 22-39 FG (.564), 1-3 threes, 12-19 FT (.632), 58 points (28.5 ppg.), 16 rebounds (8.0 rpg.), 3 ast., 4 TOs, 1 steal, 34.5 min./g)

### **Eric Clute, Hamline**



Hamline University first-year guard **Eric Clute** (Hawley, Minn.), in leading the Pipers to a 2-0 start in conference play last week, Clute totaled 54 points and 10 rebounds. Against St. Olaf, Clute scored a team-high 23 points coming off the bench during the Pipers' 87-84 win, going 13-for-14 from the free throw line. During the Pipers' 87-81 upset of preseason number one Bethel, Clute tallied 31 points, shooting 50 percent from the floor. Clute was 3-for-6 from outside the arch and went 6-for-7 from the free throw line. He also pulled in eight rebounds (three offensive, five defensive). In the Bethel win, the Royals had a one-point lead with a minute remaining, but Clute scored five unanswered points to give Hamline a 85-81 lead.