Anders Halvorsen, St. Thomas

Week of: 2009-03-02



University of St. Thomas sophomore forward **Anders Halvorsen** (St. Paul, Minn./Sibley) scored 23 points in 28 minutes off the bench to help a balanced St. Thomas team sweep the MIAC regular-season and playoff titles for the fourth year in a row and cap a 22-0 run vs. the conference for just the second time in MIAC history. The 6-foot-8 Halvorsen blocked two shots and had nine points in 14 minutes in a 40-point semifinal win over Gustavus. In Saturday's title game against Bethel the Toms led just 41-37 with 13:30 left and five backups on the floor when Halvorsen scored 12 points during a knockout 22-3 run over the next 10 minutes. He finished with 14 points in 14 minutes of play, and scored 21 of his 23 points on the week in the second half to help blow open games. Halvorsen has scored eight or more points in 15 of the Toms' 27 games and averages 7.5 ppg despite playing just 14 minutes a game.

John Fraase, Concordia

Week of: 2009-02-23



Concordia College sophomore forward **John Fraase** (Bismarck, N.D./Century) had a record-setting week in helping Concordia go 2-0 in the final week of the season and giving the Cobbers a three-game winning streak to end the year. On Wednesday against St. Mary's, Fraase had 34 points and 21 rebounds and is believed to be the first person in MIAC history to score at least 30 points and grab 20 rebounds in a conference game. His monster night helped Fraase finish the year by averaging 15.6 points and 11.4 rebounds per game. The 11.4 rebound average sets a school record for highest rebounding average in a single season. He also becomes the first player in school history to average at least 10 points and 10 rebounds per game for an entire season. In Wednesday's record-setting game against the Cardinals, Fraase was 15-for-20 from the free throw line and 8-for-17 from the field. On Saturday, Fraase had 15 points and 13 rebounds in leading CC to an overtime win over St. Olaf. It was his 15th double-double of the season which sets a school record for most double-doubles in a season. For the year, Fraase led the MIAC in rebounding as he was the only player to average more than 10 rebounds per game. He was also fifth in the league in scoring.

Cory Laugen, Bethel

Week of: 2009-02-16



Bethel University senior guard **Cory Laugen** (Blaine, Minn./Monticello) was one of Bethel's team leaders this past week that saw the Royals nearly upset undefeated and #1 nationally ranked St. Thomas, and then come from behind to defeat Augsburg. Against the Tommies on Wednesday, Laugen had 17 points on 6-for-9 shooting from the field, which included 3-for-5 from behind the three-point arc. On Saturday, the starting point guard was Bethel's second leading scorer with 12 points - seven of them coming from the free throw line, including two clutch free throws with just 10 seconds remaining to give the Royals a three-point lead to seal the victory. Laugen is among the top five free throw shooters overall and in conference play.

Zach Johnson, Carleton

Week of: 2009-02-09



Carleton College senior forward Zach Johnson (Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview) continues to pace the MIAC in scoring at 23.9 points per

game and is now only 28 points from the Carleton all-time scoring record of 1,967 held by Josh Wilhem '99. Johnson began his huge week by matching his career high with 36 points while adding seven rebounds and four assists to lead the Knights to a 78-66 victory over rival St. Olaf. It was his seventh career game with at least 30 points and the fourth time he tallied 36. He's the only active MIAC player, and only Carleton player ever, to score 36 or more points multiple times. He then poured in 23 points, snatched nine rebounds and notched four steals to lead Carleton past Saint Mary's, 68-50, on Wednesday as the Knights clinched a berth in the MIAC Playoffs for the eighth consecutive season. Johnson concluded the week by scoring 24 points against #1 St. Thomas.

Nate Alm, Augsburg

Week of: 2009-02-09



Augsburg College senior forward **Nate Alm** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) had point-rebound double-doubles in all three games during the past week, scoring 55 points with 38 rebounds to help Augsburg clinch its first berth in the MIAC postseason playoffs since the 2000-01 season. In Monday's 65-58 win over Gustavus, Alm had 21 points and 14 rebounds. In Wednesday's 69-64 overtime loss to Concordia, Alm had 20 points and 10 rebounds. In Saturday's 66-52 win at Macalester, Alm contributed 14 points and 14 rebounds. Alm has eight double-doubles this season, including five in his last eight games. On the season, Alm currently leads the Auggies in scoring (14.4 ppg), rebounding (9.1 rpg), while topping Auggie regulars in both free-throw percentage (.859) and field-goal percentage (.542).

Carl Hipp, Hamline

Week of: 2009-02-02



Hamline University sophomore center **Carl Hipp** (Little Canada, Minn./Totino-Grace) averaged a double-double last week with 15.0 points per game and 12.7 rebounds per game, helping the Pipers to a 2-1 week. In Hamline's 60-58 win at St. Olaf on Wednesday, Hipp led Hamline with 14 points and added 11 rebounds for the double-double. He also had two assists and three blocked shots in the game. On Sunday during the Pipers' 68-56 victory over Concordia, Hipp had tallied a double-double before the first half was over, scoring 18 points and pulling down 10 boards in the first 20 minutes. He finished the game with 25 points, a career-high 21 rebounds (eight offensive, 13 defensive) and six blocked shots. Prior to Sunday, Hipp's career-high rebounds in a game was 13. The double-double against Concordia was his fifth of the season and his second in three games.

Mike Moberg, Bethel

Week of: 2009-01-26



Bethel University senior center Mike Moberg (Plymouth, Minn./Maple Grove) was instrumental in Bethel's 3-0 week, with each win

coming on the road. The All-MIAC center had two double-doubles and was twice the game's leading scorer as Bethel moved into sole possession of third place in the conference standings. Last Monday, Moberg had 12 points and 12 rebounds in the Royals' 76-61 win over Carleton. Then on Wednesday night against Saint John's, Moberg led all scorers with 21 points and added 10 rebounds for his sixth double-double of the season. He shot 9-for-12 from the field and 3-for-3 from the free throw line against the Johnnies and had a similar performance against Saint Mary's when he was 8-for-12 from the field and 8-for-8 from the line for a total of 24 points, which was the game's highest and also his season's highest point total. Moberg continues to be among the top five rebounders in the conference and is now just 44 points away from reaching 1,000 in his career at Bethel.

Will Wright, Saint Mary's

Week of: 2009-01-19



Saint Mary's University sophomore guard **Will Wright** (Chicago, Ill./Marist) averaged 27 ppg in leading the Cardinals to a 1-1 week. The SMU sophomore scored a team-leading 24 points in SMU's 80-72 victory over Concordia last Wednesday - giving the Cardinals their first two-game winning streak of the season. Wright then tossed in a game-high 30 points in SMU's 71-67 loss to St. Olaf on Saturday. It was the third time this season that Wright has scored 30 or more points. He has now scored 10 or more points in 33 of the team's last 39 games - including 20 or more points 10 times in the Cardinals' last 14 contests

Zach Johnson, Carleton

Week of: 2009-01-19



Carleton College senior forward **Zach Johnson** (Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview) started the week with game highs in points (18) and rebounds (8) in Carleton's 66-64 victory over Augsburg on Wednesday. He then matched his career high with a 36-point effort in a 86-75 triumph over Macalester on Saturday, the Knights sixth conference win in their last seven games. Johnson hit the 36-point mark for the third time in his career. He's the only active MIAC player, and only Carleton player ever, to score 36 or more points multiple times. He paces the conference at 24.8 points per game and has now scored 20 or more points in eight of Carleton's last ten games.

Zach Johnson, Carleton

Week of: 2009-01-12



Carleton College senior forward **Zach Johnson** (Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview) tallied his sixth career double-double to lead Carleton to a 70-62 victory over Saint Mary's University on Wednesday. The win was the Knights' 17th straight in the series. He had 22 points and a season high-tying 11 rebounds. He was 6-of-12 from the field and 10-for-11 from the charity stripe. On Saturday at No. 2-ranked St. Thomas, he scored a season-best 35 points-one shy of his career high. He finished 12-of-16 overall from the field, including a career best five 3-pointers. He also contributed four rebounds, four assists, a blocked shot and a steal. Johnson tallied 28 of his 35 points in the second half as he made his first 10 field-goal attempts, including a quartet of treys. His lone misfire came from long range with less than 30 seconds remaining and the outcome no longer in doubt. He continues to lead all conference players in scoring (24.4 overall, 23.7 in MIAC games.). He is one of only two MIAC players to rank among the league's top 15 in points, rebounds and assists. His 35-point effort was the highest in any conference game this season and pushed him over 1,700 career points.

Chris Schwartz, Saint John's

Week of: 2009-01-05



Saint John's University sophomore wing Chris Schwartz (Sioux Falls, S.D./Lincoln) scored a career-high 30 points in the Johnnies' 77-

67 win over Saint Mary's on Saturday, January 3. The win extended Saint John's winning streak to six games since starting the season 0-3. Schwartz was 10 of 19 from the field and nailed six three-pointers in the contest. Schwartz currently leads the MIAC with 31 three-point field goals and is third in scoring (19.9 ppg).

Zach Johnson, Carleton

Week of: 2008-12-15



Carleton College senior forward **Zach Johnson** (Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview) led Carleton to a pair of road conference victories, moving the Knights up into a tie for third in the MIAC. Johnson had 18 points, including 10 in the second half with two 3-pointers as Carleton erased a nine-point second-half deficit for the win at Concordia, 60-54. He led all scorers with 23 points and added six rebounds, a season-high five assists, a block and a steal as Carleton defeated St. Olaf, 65-47, and maintained possession of the Goat Trophy on Wednesday.

Joe Scott, St. Thomas

Week of: 2008-12-08



University of St. Thomas junior guard **Joe Scott** (St. Anthony, Minn./DeLaSalle) led St. Thomas to close MIAC wins over Concordia and St. Olaf last week as he averaged 23.0 ppg, 3.0 steals, 2.5 assists and 2.5 rebounds with just one turnover in 33 minutes a game. He made 7-of-13 from 3-point range and 7-of-8 at the foul line. He scored 17 of his career-best 26 points in the second half as the Toms rallied from six down to win by 11 over the Cobbers. After the Oles rallied to tie UST 45-45 with 9:47 left, Scott scored five points during a game-closing 15-7 run. In his two seasons, UST is 16-1 when Scott has scored 17 or more points in a game. Scott has 93 treys in 33 games at UST, and 151 threes in 61 college games overall. The sixth-ranked Tommies, 5-0 overall, have two MIAC games this week.