

2003-04 MIAC Men's Hockey Athlete of the Week

March 8, 2004

University of St. Thomas sophomore forward **Dan Krmpotich** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) was named MIAC Player of the Week today after getting the game-winning goal in each MIAC playoff game. He had a goal and assist in Thursday's 6-3 win over Gustavus and had a goal and two assists in Sunday's championship game, including the overtime game-winner that ended a 16-game St. John's winning streak. Krmpotich now has 29 season points (14 goals, 15 assists). The Tommies (17-7-3) have won four in a row and are 17-3-3 in their last 23 games. They made the NCAA playoffs for the fourth time in six seasons and eight time under 17-year head coach Terry Skrypek. They'll play a first-round game at No. 5-ranked UW-River Falls Wednesday (7:05 p.m.).

March 1, 2004

Bethel College senior forward **Chris Carroll** (Roseville, Minn.) collected five goals and one assist on the weekend as Bethel swept Concordia for their third and fourth MIAC wins of the season. In Bethel's 4-3 win Friday, Carroll had three goals and netted the game-winner at the 15:31 mark of the third period. In the Royals' 6-2 win on Saturday, Carroll continued his strong play as he finished with two goals and an assist.

February 23, 2004

Saint John's University sophomore goalie **Adam Hanna** (Owatonna, Minn.) allowed one goal in a weekend sweep of 13th ranked St. Thomas on Feb. 20 and 21. St. Thomas entered the weekend series at the top scoring team in the MIAC. Hanna made 17 saves in a 4-1 win at St. Thomas and then stopped all 14 shots he faced in a 1-0 win on Saturday. Hanna is 12-2-0 overall with a 1.79 goals against average this season. Hanna is sixth in the country in goals against average. SJU is 19-3-1 overall, 13-1-0 in the MIAC and ranked fourth in the latest USCHO.com national poll. The Johnnies have won a school record 13 straight games.

February 16, 2004

University of St. Thomas sophomore forward **Brandon Wilcox** (Apple Valley, Minn.) had a six-point weekend to lead the first-place Tommies to a 5-3 and 7-2 sweep of Augsburg. In Friday's 5-3 win on the Auggies' ice, he had two power-play goals, the second giving the Toms a 3-2 lead in the final minute of the second period. He added a goal and three assists in Saturday's home win, including a goal and two assists in UST's five-goal second period. In 38 career games Wilcox has 20 goals and 26 assists. The Tommies are unbeaten in their last 10 games and are 13-1-3 in their last 17 games.

February 9, 2004

Saint Mary's University junior goaltender **Ryne Ess** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) stopped 73 of the 77 shots he faced in helping the Cardinals take three out of a possible four points in their weekend series against Gustavus. Ess finished with 32 saves in Friday's 3-3 tie at Gustavus, then followed that up with a 41-save effort in Saturday's 4-1 SMU win. For the season, Ess boasts a 2.49 goals-against average and a .915 save percentage.

February 2, 2004

Saint John's University sophomore goalie **Adam Hanna** (Owatonna, Minn.) made 46 saves to collect two wins against Saint Mary's on Jan. 30-31 in Winona in a battle of second place teams in the MIAC standings. Hanna gave up four goals and had a 92.0 percent save percentage in a 4-1 and 4-3 win over the Cardinals. Overall, Hanna is 7-2-0 in nine games this season. SJU is 13-3-1 overall and 7-1-0 in the MIAC. The Johnnies have won seven straight games and are ranked sixth nationally.

January 26, 2004

Saint John's University senior forward **Kevin Willey** (Maple Grove, Minn./Osseo HS) had three goals and one assist in a weekend sweep of Hamline. In a 4-3 overtime win on Jan. 23, Willey scored the first two goals of the game, including a power-play goal, to give the Johnnies a 2-0 lead and then assisted on the overtime game-winner. In Saturday's 5-0 win, Willey had one goal. On the season, Willey had nine goals and seven assists. SJU is 11-3-1 overall, 5-1-0 in the MIAC and ranked sixth nationally.

January 19, 2004

St. Olaf College senior forward **Dan Norsten** (Eagan, Minn.) helped lead the Oles to a weekend series sweep over Bethel College. Norsten scored four goals and one assist for five points, with two goals in the 4-2 Friday night win over the Royals and two goals and one assist in the Saturday night 4-2 victory. This is Norsten's third game this year where he has scored two goals in a game. For the season, Norsten is the Oles leading scorer, with seven goals and five assists for 12 points. For his career, Norsten has scored 27 goals and 32 assists for 55 points. St. Olaf has won six of their last seven games and is currently on a four game winning streak, to stand at 3-1 in the MIAC and 6-6-1 overall.

January 12, 2004

Augsburg College sophomore forward **Brady Fougner** (International Falls, Minn.) scored three goals to lead the Auggies to a three-point weekend at Concordia-Moorhead, with a 3-3 tie on Friday and 7-5 victory on Saturday. On Friday, Fougner broke a 1-1 tie with a goal in the first minute of the third period, and on Saturday, Fougner scored twice in a 3:52 span to rally Augsburg from an early 2-0 deficit, en route to the team's first conference win of the year. Fougner has a team-leading seven goals and nine points this season.

December 8, 2003

Bethel College junior forward **Dan Ubl** (Coon Rapids, Minn./Blaine HS) recorded a hat trick in the Royals 7-2 win on Friday night, scoring three of Bethel's first five goals. Ubl also added an assist in Saturday's 3-2 overtime win as Bethel swept the Hamline to go improve to 2-0 in the MIAC.

December 1, 2003

University of St. Thomas junior goaltender **Zach Sikich** (Gilbert, Minn. / Eveleth-Gilbert HS) stopped 88 of 91 shots in goal last week to lead the Tommies to a pair of ties on the road versus quality foes. In Wednesday's 1-1 tie at UW-Stevens Point (6-3-1), Sikich stopped 25

of 26 shots and blanked the Pointers over the last 44 minutes. In Saturday's 2-2 tie at No. 12-ranked UW-Superior (6-3-1), Sikich stopped 53 shots -- four off a 27-year-old Tommie school record -- and blanked the Yellowjackets over the last 36 minutes. Superior outshot the Tommies 55-18. On the week Sikich's save percentage was .967 and his GAA was 1.38. In Sikich's last three outings, including a 4-1 win on Nov. 22 vs. UW-Superior, he's stopped 107 of 111 shots (.964 save %) and allowed four goals in 190 minutes (1.26 GAA). After an 0-4 start in which they surrendered 24 goals, the Tommies are 2-0-2 in their last four games with just six goals surrendered.

November 24, 2003

Saint Mary's University junior goaltender **Ryne Ess** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) stopped 36 of the 38 shots he faced in leading SMU to a 3-2 overtime win over UW-Superior Friday night. Making his third start of the season, Ess stopped 11 shots in the first period, 10 in the second and 13 in the third. The junior netminder also kicked out a pair of shots in the overtime period as SMU beat UW-Superior for the first time since the 1985-86 season.