

2006-07 MIAC Men's Hockey Athletes of the Week

March 5, 2007

Bethel University freshman goaltender **Aaron Damjanovich** (Coleraine, Minn.) recorded 55 saves in helping Bethel to a 2-0 week and their first ever MIAC Playoff Championship in team history. In Thursday's MIAC Semifinal match-up versus St. Olaf, Damjanovich stopped 21 of 22 shots as the Royals claimed a 5-1 win. Damjanovich followed up that outing with another strong performance as he made 33 saves in the Championship match against St. Thomas that included a 25 save streak to finish the game as Bethel went on to win 5-3. Damjanovich finished the weekend 2-0 with a 2.00 goals against average and a .931 save percentage. For the season, Damjanovich led the MIAC in all major goalie statistics with a .711 winning pct., .912 save percentage, and 2.56 GAA. Stats: 2-0 record, 55 saves (21 Thursday, 33 Saturday), 2.00 GAA, .931 save percentage

February 26, 2007

Augsburg College senior forward **Aaron Johnson** (Plymouth, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong) had an eight-point weekend (four goals, four assists), as Augsburg swept Hamline to clinch the No. 3 spot in the upcoming MIAC playoffs. In Friday's 6-3 Augsburg victory, Johnson scored the second goal of a three-goal, 32-second blitz for the Auggies midway through the second period. In Saturday's 9-2 Auggie win, Johnson tied a single-game scoring record for the second time this season with a seven-point night. He collected three goals for his first collegiate hat trick and added four assists. He also accomplished the seven-point feat earlier this season, tying a school record first set in 1980. Johnson finished the regular season with 15 goals and team-highs of 27 assists and 42 points. His assist total leads the MIAC in overall stats for the second straight year, and he currently stands second in the MIAC in overall points. His goal total is fifth-best among MIAC players in overall statistics.

February 19, 2007

University of St. Thomas junior forward **Nick Pernula** (Osseo, Minn.) had six goals and one assist to lead the Toms to a 5-1, 7-2 sweep of Hamline. The wins let the Tommies secure a playoff berth for the 22nd year in the 22-year history of the format, clinch the program's 25th consecutive winning season, and move into second place in the conference standings. In Friday's win he scored the first and last goal of a game which UST led just 2-1 with 12:00 to go. Saturday, he scored two goals in the first nine minutes and a pair in period two as UST raced to a 7-1 lead. Pernula is second nationally in power-play goals with 15, 13th nationally in scoring with 40 points (20 goals, 20 assists) and leads the MIAC in goals with 15 in 14 games.

February 12, 2007

University of St. Thomas senior forward **Nick Harris** (Hastings, Minn.) had an 11-point weekend to help the Tommies secure a sweep of Concordia-Moorhead and stay in the MIAC men's hockey title race. In Friday's 9-3 victory, Harris had a career-best four goals and two assists. He came back Saturday to score five assists in a 5-1 victory in a game that was scoreless into period two. Harris has nine goals and 12 assists in his last seven games helping UST go 6-1 in that span, and he moved into the MIAC scoring lead with 25 points in 12 games. Harris recently became the 40th member of St. Thomas' 100-point scoring club, and UST is 66-32-9 in his era. The Tommies need three more points in their last four games to clinch their 25th consecutive winning season and two points to reach the playoffs for the 22nd time in the 22-year history of the format.

February 5, 2007

University of St. Thomas senior forward **Kevin Rollwagen** (Bloomington, Minn./Holy Angels) had an eight-point weekend to lead the Tommies to a 6-5, 6-0 sweep of first-place Gustavus. He scored a goal and four assists in Friday's 6-5 victory at Gustavus and helped UST score on four of five power-play tries. In Saturday's rematch, he scored two short-handed goals for an early 3-0 lead and added an assist. He's now tied for the Division III lead with four short-handed goals this season, and has six on his career. He has scored a point in 10 of the last 11 games, including a game-winning overtime goal Jan. 27 at Saint John's. In 104 career games, Rollwagen has 89 points and has a shot to become the 41st Tommie to reach the career 100-point club. The Toms have won five of their last six games to move to 10-9, over .500 for the first time since Nov. 17.

January 29, 2007

Bethel University freshman goaltender **Aaron Damjanovich** (Coleraine, Minn.) recorded 48 saves in a pivotal MIAC series helping Bethel hand Gustavus their first two conference losses of the year 4-3 and 3-2. Damjanovich finished the weekend 2-0 with a 2.50 goals against average and .906 save percentage with three of his five goals given up coming on the penalty kill. He is currently fourth in the MIAC in GAA and tied for third in save percentage and winning percentage. Stats: 2-0 record, 48 saves (31 Friday, 17 Saturday), 2.50 GAA, .906 save percentage

January 22, 2007

Gustavus Adolphus College sophomore goaltender **Kevin Johnson** (Montrose, Minn.) recorded 63 saves in two games (.913 save percentage) to help the Gusties sweep St. Olaf and remain unbeaten in MIAC play with a mark of 8-0-0. Johnson recorded 37 saves and allowed three goals in Friday night's 4-3 win in St. Peter. On Saturday night, he turned away 26 shots and allowed three goals to help Gustavus claim a 4-3 overtime victory. Johnson was particularly impressive on the power play as helped the Gusties limit the Oles to two goals on 20 power-play opportunities on the weekend. Johnson improved his mark to 10-3-0 overall and 8-0-0 in the MIAC. He ranks third in the MIAC in goals against average at 2.08 and fourth in save percentage at .912.

January 15, 2007

Gustavus Adolphus College senior forward **Mike Hosfield** (Golden Valley, Minn./Armstrong) scored two goals and picked up three assists for five points to help the Gusties claim a sweep against NCHA opponents UW-Eau Claire (4-3) and UW-Stevens Point (6-3) last weekend. On Friday night, Hosfield recorded two goals and one assist including a shorthanded goal midway through the third period that turned out to be the game-winner. On Saturday, Hosfield picked up assists on the third and sixth goals as Gustavus claimed its sixth consecutive victory. Hosfield leads the Gusties in scoring with six goals and 10 assists for 16 points. Gustavus is currently 8-6-1 overall and 6-0-0 in the MIAC.

January 9, 2007

Saint Mary's University junior goalie **Dan Smith** (Rochester, Minn.) stopped 39 of the 40 shots he faced in leading Saint Mary's to a 3-1 nonconference win over St. Scholastica Saturday. Smith, who has now stopped 39 or more shots in three of his 11 appearances, lost his bid for his first shutout as a Cardinal with less than five minutes remaining in regulation. Smith stopped 10 shots in the first period, 15 in the second and 14 in the third en route to his third win of the season.

December 11, 2006

Augsburg College sophomore goaltender **Andy Kent** (Lakeville, Minn.) stopped 64 of 65 shots he faced on the weekend (.985 save percentage), as Augsburg took three points from Bethel over the weekend with a 5-1 victory on Friday and 0-0 overtime tie on Saturday. On Friday, Kent stopped 33 of 34 shots in the win, giving up just a first-period goal. On Saturday, he came up with 31 saves, including 24 through the first two periods, as Augsburg played to its first scoreless tie since the 1998-99 season. After splitting time in goal early in the season, Kent has now appeared in nine straight games as Augsburg's No. 1 goalie. He has a 2.44 goals-against-average (tops among MIAC goalies overall) and .914 save percentage (third-best among MIAC goalies overall). In MIAC games only, his 1.89 GAA and .930 save percentage are both second-best. Augsburg stands in second place in the MIAC with a 2-0-4 league record.

December 4, 2006

Bethel University junior forward **Dan Bonne** (White Bear Lake, Minn.) was the consistent force that led the Royals to a upset sweep of St. Thomas this past weekend. Bonne assisted on Bethel's first goal and then scored the game winner in leading the Royals to a 4-3 victory and their first win over the Tommies in 20 years. Saturday, Bonne stepped up again scoring two more goals and adding two more assists in helping Bethel to a 9-3 win and the sweep. Before this weekend, Bethel had a 1-45 record vs. St. Thomas since 1987-88, including a 0-38 mark in regular season play. Stats for the week: 3 goals, 3 assists, 6 points

November 20, 2006

Hamline University sophomore forward **Joe Long** (Dayton, Minn./Elk River/Green Bay Gamblers - USHL) tallied a goal and three assists as the Pipers earned a series split with Saint John's over the weekend. On Saturday night, the Pipers defeated the Johnnies 2-1 behind a pair of assists from Long. He added a goal and an assist in Sunday's 7-2 loss to the Johnnies. For the season, Long has posted seven goals and three assists in six games.