

Joe Schraeder, St. Thomas

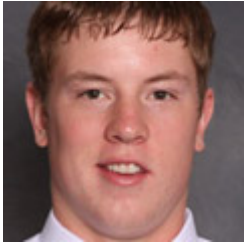
East Stroudsburg, Pa. / Berkshire
Week of: 2010-03-08



University of St. Thomas senior goaltender **Joe Schraeder** (East Stroudsburg, Pa./Berkshire) stopped 38 of 39 shots over 63:27 to help the third-seed Tommies knock off top-seed Gustavus in overtime, 2-1, in Wednesday's MIAC playoff title game. Schraeder helped UST post road upsets in overtime of No. 9 Hamline (5-4) and No. 6 Gustavus (2-1) in a five-day span. The Tommies fell behind 1-0 early to both Gustavus and Hamline but Schraeder had important early saves to keep his team in the games. A first-year starter, the senior has come up big during the Tommies' recent 7-1 run with a 2.70 GAA and .906 save percentage in that eight-game span. UST was 6-9-4 and allowing four goals a game before its recent hot streak. The Tommies will return to St. Peter to face the Gusties in an NCAA first-round game this Wednesday night.

Justin Lochner, Augsburg

Sauk Rapids, Minn. / Sauk Rapids-Rice
Week of: 2010-03-01



Augsburg College first-year goaltender **Justin Lochner** (Sauk Rapids, Minn./Sauk Rapids-Rice) was in goal for all but 17 seconds of Augsburg's 228:18 of game action in two MIAC playoff games over the weekend, collecting 137 saves on 145 shots (.945 save percentage). He saw action in the equivalent of nearly four regulation 60-minute games in a 28-and-a-half-hour span. In Saturday's 6-5, four-overtime loss at Gustavus in the MIAC semifinals, Lochner set an NCAA men's hockey all-divisions record for saves in a single game, stopping 98 of the Gusties' 104 shots. The game set an NCAA Division III record with 138:38 of game action, just 2:57 shy of the longest game in NCAA college hockey history. Lochner's record-setting performance came just a day after he spent 89:23 in goal, collecting 39 saves in Augsburg's 3-2, two-overtime victory over St. Olaf in a playoff first-round game. In his first season at Augsburg, Lochner finished with a .925 save percentage -- tops among MIAC goalies in overall statistics and 12th-best nationally. His 2.32 goals-against-average was second-best among MIAC goalies and ranks 17th nationally.

Britton Smith, St. Olaf

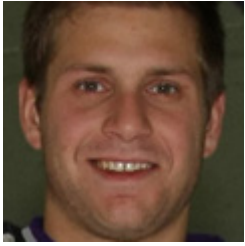
Burnsville, Minn. / Burnsville
Week of: 2010-02-22



St. Olaf College sophomore forward **Britton Smith** (Burnsville, Minn.) had four goals and two assists to help St. Olaf to a split with Saint John's in the final regular season series of the season. His three-goal, two-assist game in the team's 8-3 win on Saturday gave St. Olaf its sixth MIAC playoffs berth in the last seven seasons. In the win, he assisted on the game's first goal, scored the next two and added his third at the 12:54 mark of the third for the hat trick.

Alex Arnason, St. Thomas

Blaine, Minn. / Totino-Grace
Week of: 2010-02-15



University of St. Thomas senior forward **Alex Arnason** (Blaine, Minn./Totino-Grace) scored the game-winning goal in each game of a pivotal weekend sweep of Bethel and finished with four goals and one assist. He helped the 11-10-4 Tommies extend its run of .500 or better finishes to 28 seasons and continue a 25-year streak of conference playoff berths. In Friday's game, UST trailed 4-1 and later was down 5-3 after two periods before a rally capped by Arnason's short-handed goal with 6:00 left. That broke a 5-5 tie and gave the senior a hat trick plus one assist. Saturday in his 100th career game, Arnason scored the second goal in a 4-1 win that secured a MIAC playoff berth. In the last nine games with his team backed to the wall, Arnason has eight goals and eight assists and the Tommies have gone 6-2-1. He has 69 career points.

Kyle Kurr, Hamline

Elk River, Minn. / Elk River
Week of: 2010-02-08



Hamline University senior forward **Kyle Kurr** (Elk River, Minn.) had a six-point weekend with three goals and three assists as #10-ranked Hamline swept Saint John's. In Thursday night's 5-4 come-from-behind road win, Kurr had an assist on the second Piper goal and scored the game-tying goal at 10:43 in the third. He then passed the puck to Brian Arrigoni for the game-winner with just over a minute remaining in the game, tallying his second assist of the night. In Saturday's 5-2 win in Saint Paul, Kurr scored the second Piper goal to break a 1-1 tie on a power play late in the first period. He then scored the fourth Piper goal and had an assist on the final Hamline score. The sweep allowed the Pipers to clinch their third straight MIAC playoff berth.

Josh Swartout, Gustavus

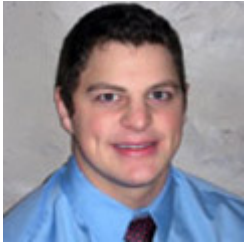
St. Louis Park, Minn. / St. Louis Park
Week of: 2010-02-08



Gustavus Adolphus College junior goaltender **Josh Swartout** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) registered 45 saves and allowed one goal in two games to help the Gusties claim a sweep of Concordia by the scores of 5-1 and 2-0 last weekend. Swartout made 26 saves and allowed one goal in Friday night's 5-1 win in St. Peter and then on Saturday, Swartout made 19 saves and recorded the shutout as Gustavus claimed a 2-0 victory. Swartout, who leads the MIAC in goals against average at 2.21, stopped 45 of the 46 shots that he faced during the weekend. The Gusties lead the MIAC with record of 9-1-2 (20 points) and are rated #8 in the USCHO.com Division III poll.

Brian Arrigoni, Hamline

Saint Paul, Minn. / Hill-Murray
Week of: 2010-02-01



Hamline University sophomore forward **Brian Arrigoni** (Saint Paul, Minn./Hill-Murray) had the second Hamline goal of the game as the Pipers overcame a 4-0 deficit to tie the game and send it to overtime in Friday's 5-4 loss at Augsburg. His score kicked off a three-goal Piper third. On Saturday, Arrigoni scored the second and third Piper goals of the game in a 3-2 victory for the split with the Auggies.

Stu Van Ess, Saint John's

Kewaskum, Wis. / Gilmour Academy
Week of: 2010-02-01



Saint John's University senior goaltender **Stu Van Ess** (Kewaskum, Wis./Gilmour Academy) kept the Johnnies' MIAC Playoff hopes alive with a .954 save percentage and a 1.44 GAA in the Johnnies' three-point weekend against Concordia. He made 37 saves, including 15 on the power play, in the 7-2 win Saturday. He followed that performance with 25 saves in the 1-1 overtime tie Sunday afternoon. The Cobbers were a combined 2-for-13 on the power play in the series (1-of-3 with a 5-on-3). Van Ess currently leads the MIAC (conference games only) in both save percentage (.929) and GAA (1.94). He has a 4-5-3 career record with a .910 save percentage and a 2.55 GAA in 11 career starts in net.

David Martinson, Gustavus

St. Louis Park, Minn. / St. Louis Park
Week of: 2010-01-25



Gustavus Adolphus College senior forward **David Martinson** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) registered a total of four goals and one assist, as the Gusties gained three points with a 3-3 tie Friday night in St. Peter, Minn. and a 6-4 win Sunday morning in the Xcel Energy Center against Saint John's. The Johnnies led 3-2 at the 8:36 mark of the third period on Friday before Martinson was able to tie the game at 3-3 with an unassisted goal at the 12:07 Mark. Martinson had two goals and assist in the game as Gustavus was able to hold on for the 3-3 tie. In Saturday's 6-4 victory, Martinson scored two of the six Gustavus goals on six shots. Martinson finished with a plus minus of +5 on the week while taking 10 shots.

Erick Galt, Concordia

Fargo, N.D. / Fargo
Week of: 2010-01-18



Concordia College sophomore defenseman **Erick Galt** (Fargo, N.D.) had five assists in the Cobbers' win and tie against St. Thomas on the weekend. Galt had two assists in Concordia's 5-4 dramatic come-from-behind win on Friday. The win was the first for the Cobbers over the Tommies in 13 games in a streak that dated back to 2002-03 season. He assisted on the first goal of the night for CC - a goal that kick-started the team's three-goal comeback and five consecutive goals. He also got a helper on the fourth goal which put Concordia in the lead to stay. He completed the weekend by adding three assists in the team's 4-4 overtime tie on Saturday. The biggest of his three assists on the weekend came in the final two minutes of play in regulation when he set up the game-tying goal at 18:51 which sent the game into overtime. The win and tie in a conference series marked the first time since the 2006-07 season that Concordia has come away with more than two points in a series against an MIAC opponent.

Joel Sauer, Augsburg

Madison, Wis. / Memorial
Week of: 2010-01-11



Augsburg College junior forward **Joel Sauer** (Madison, Wis./Memorial) had four goals and two assists on the weekend as Augsburg claimed two nonconference overtime wins, extending the Auggies' winning streak to seven straight games and their unbeaten streak to eight games in a row (7-0-1). In Friday's 5-4 OT win over defending national playoff semifinalist Wisconsin-Stout, Sauer scored two goals, including the game-winner 48 seconds into overtime. He also assisted on the game-tying goal, an extra-attacker goal with 14 seconds left in regulation. In Saturday's 4-3 OT win over St. Olaf in Buffalo, Minn., Sauer scored the first two goals of the game, both power-play tallies, and had an assist on the game-winning goal at the 4:26 mark of overtime. On the season, Sauer now is second on the team in scoring with seven goals and eight assists for 15 points, including a team-high four power-play goals.

Spencer Anderson, Hamline

Chicago, Ill. /
Week of: 2010-01-04



Hamline University junior forward **Spencer Anderson** (Chicago, Ill.) had an impressive debut weekend for #10-ranked Hamline. Anderson joined the line-up for the first time as the Pipers hosted #4-ranked Adrian. Adrian was riding a 37-game, 14-month win streak into the series. Anderson tallied a goal and two assists in Friday's 6-5 victory that ended the Bulldogs' win streak. His second assist was on the game-winning goal. On Saturday he recorded the first Piper hat trick of the season as he tallied three goals and an assist in Hamline's 7-3 win for the sweep.

Grant Ellena, Saint John's

Coon Rapids, Minn. / Coon Rapids
Week of: 2009-12-14



Saint John's University sophomore forward **Grant Ellena** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) posted his first career four-point game with a goal and three assists in the Johnnies' 7-3 non-conference win over Finlandia (Mich.) on Dec. 13. He scored SJU's first goal, which tied the game at 1-1, and then assisted on Alex Lindeberg's first career goal to break a 2-2 tie 14:05 into the second period. He later assisted on two of the Johnnies' three goals in the third period to break the game open. Ellena finished with a plus-four on the day. He currently leads the Johnnies with nine assists and a plus/minus of +5, and is tied for the team-lead with 13 points (4g/9a). Ellena has now recorded a point in eight of the last nine games played.

Josh Swartout, Gustavus

St. Louis Park, Minn. / St. Louis Park
Week of: 2009-12-07



Gustavus Adolphus College junior goaltender **Josh Swartout** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) turned in two outstanding performances to help the Gusties sweep St. Thomas in a key MIAC series last weekend. Swartout registered 31 saves and recorded his first shutout of the season in Friday's 4-0 win in Mendota Heights and then he turned away 20 shots and allowed one goal in Saturday's 7-1 win in St. Peter. Swartout is now 4-1-1 in league play with a 2.44 goals against average and a .903 save percentage. The Gusties are currently in first place in the MIAC with a record of 4-1-1.

Beau Christian, Hamline

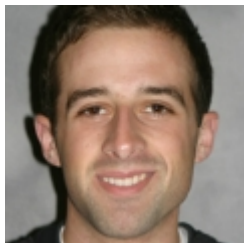
Moorhead, Minn. / Moorhead
Week of: 2009-11-30



Hamline University sophomore goaltender **Beau Christian** (Moorhead, Minn.) had an outstanding game in goal for the #15 Pipers during a 4-1 victory over UW-Eau Claire on Tuesday. In the first period, the Blugolds out-shot Hamline 12-5, but Christian preserved the 0-0 tie. He recorded 31 total saves in the game and tallied his first collegiate assist on the Pipers' fourth goal.

David Martinson, Gustavus

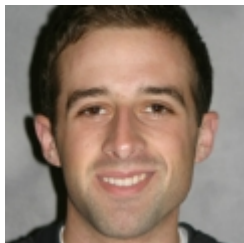
St. Louis Park, Minn. / St. Louis Park
Week of: 2009-11-23



Gustavus Adolphus College senior forward **David Martinson** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) continued his torrid scoring streak as he tallied five goals and registered one assist for six points as Gustavus split its weekend series with Bethel. Martinson scored four goals on Friday night in St. Peter including three power play goals, but the Gusties lost 6-5 in overtime to the Royals. Then on Saturday, Martinson registered the assist on the game-winner and then scored the Gusties third goal in a 3-1 win in Blaine. Through eight games, Martinson leads all of Division III in goals scored with 10 and he also leads the MIAC in scoring with 10 goals and 7 assists for 17 points.

David Martinson, Gustavus

St. Louis Park, Minn. / St. Louis Park
Week of: 2009-11-16



Gustavus Adolphus College senior forward **David Martinson** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) registered a 7-point weekend to help Gustavus claim a win and a tie in an important MIAC series against St. Olaf. Martinson recorded two assists in Friday's 3-3 tie at Northfield, and then exploded for four goals in the Gusties 5-4 win in St. Peter on Saturday. Martinson's first goal tied the score at 2-2 in the first period and his second goal tied the score at 3-3 in the second period. His third and fourth goals came 90 seconds apart early in the third period giving Gustavus a 5-3 lead. Martinson's fourth goal turned out to be the game-winner. The Gusties and defending champion Oles were picked by the league coaches to be two of the top teams in the league this season and the series, even though it was played in the opening week of MIAC play, was significant. Martinson, a 2008-09 All-American, has now scored five goals and registered seven assists for 12 points in six games this season. He currently leads the nation in shorthanded goals with two and ranks 16th in points scored at 2.00 per game.