

## Brian Arrigoni, Hamline

St. Paul, Minn. / Hill-Murray

Week of: 2011-03-07



Hamline University junior **Brian Arrigoni** (St. Paul, Minn./Hill-Murray) has scored big goals for the MIAC-champion Pipers all season, so it was no surprise the star forward was at his best in the team's biggest game. Arrigoni racked a hat trick with three of Hamline's five goals in Saturday's 5-2 win over Concordia in the 2010-11 MIAC Men's Hockey Playoff championship game. Arrigoni scored both the game winner, and an empty net goal that clinched the win – and the Playoff title – for the Pipers. For his performance, Arrigoni has been named the MIAC Men's Hockey Athlete-of-the-Week for the second time this season.

The top-seeded Hamline offense flashed its ability right from the start of Saturday's title game. The Pipers scored on their first two shots of the game before Arrigoni took over. His first goal came 9:03 into in the game to give the Pipers a 3-0 cushion, and it ended up being the eventual game winner. After the Cobbers scored the lone goal in the second to make it a 3-1 game, Arrigoni scored twice in the third period to complete the hat trick and seal the victory. His second goal came three minutes into the final period on a spectacular move in front of the net, and his final goal was a long-range shot that found Concordia's empty net with just 34 seconds to play. This season, Arrigoni's 36 points rank second in the MIAC, and his 19 goals are tied for second. He's also tied for 11th in the league with 17 assists.

Saturday's win not only gave Hamline the postseason conference title – it helped it improve to 16-6-5 overall and it gave the Pipers the MIAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Men's Hockey Tournament. The field was announced today, and Hamline will open the tournament Wednesday ([more info](#)) at UW-Superior (16-12-1), with the winner advancing to meet top-ranked St. Norbert in Saturday's quarterfinals.

## Beau Christian, Hamline

Moorhead, Minn. / Moorhead

Week of: 2011-02-28

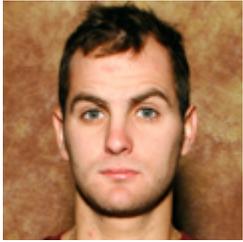


The Hamline men's hockey team has one MIAC title under its belt this season and put itself in position to play for the postseason title as well with a 3-0 shutout of Gustavus in Saturday's MIAC Men's Hockey Playoff semifinals in St. Paul. Pipers' goalie **Beau Christian** (Moorhead, Minn.) was spectacular in goal in the win over the Gusties to help his team reach the postseason title game. The junior kept the Gusties off the board all game and, as a result, has been named the MIAC Men's Hockey Co-Athlete-of-the-Week for the second time this season.

Christian made 36 saves in his semifinal shutout of Gustavus, including nine saves against the Gustie power play, with eight of those coming in the second period. Christian was great from the drop of the puck, as many of his biggest saves came early in the game. He made seven stops in the first 10 minutes, including one on a breakaway, to set the tone and put his team in position to win and advance. The postseason win is just part of Christian's spectacular season. He ranked first in the MIAC in winning percentage with a 13-4-3 record in the net (.725). He also finished second in save percentage (.922) and third in goals against average (2.41).

The No. 1 seeded Pipers and their star goalie will return to the ice Saturday when they host third-seeded Concordia for the MIAC Playoff championship. The winner will receive the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Playoffs. The puck drops at 7 p.m. at Warner Coliseum. Hamline and the Cobbers split the season series just two weeks ago in the regular season's final weekend.

## Ben Payne, Concordia



The Concordia men's hockey team got off to a good start in the 2011 MIAC Men's Hockey Playoffs Saturday with a 4-2 road win in the semifinals over second-seeded St. Thomas. A big reason for the Cobbers' road success – and their spot in the tournament's title game – was the play of forward **Ben Payne** (Maple Ridge, B.C./Quesnell). Payne scored two of Concordia's four goals and was the main offensive catalyst in the Cobbers' big win. As a result, the sophomore has been named the MIAC Men's Hockey Co-Athlete-of-the-Week.

Payne set the tone for the upset right from the start as he scored the game's first goal just 3:18 into the game. After St. Thomas tied the game in the second and the two teams were deadlocked to start the final period, Payne struck again with the goal that put Concordia ahead for good 7:13 into the third. The Cobbers scored again three minutes later, and after UST cut it back to a one goal game, they finished off the win with an empty-net goal in the final minute. Both of Payne's goals were when both teams were at even strength. This season, Payne has nine goals and seven assists for a total of 16 points. His nine goals have him tied for 13th most in the MIAC.

Concordia will need similar offensive firepower to pull off one more upset in the MIAC Playoff championship game. The Cobbers will travel back to St. Paul to face top-seeded Hamline Saturday at Warner Coliseum. The puck drops at 7 p.m. and the winner receives the MIAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Playoffs. Concordia split its season series with Hamline during the final week of the regular season.

### **Jordan Van Gilder, Hamline**



The No. 15-ranked Hamline men's hockey team entered the final weekend of the regular season needing just a single point to lay claim to an outright MIAC championship and the No. 1 seed in the conference playoffs. The Pipers pulled away in their final game of the season to put the finishing touches on the title and the top seed with a 7-4 win at Concordia Saturday night. Junior forward **Jordan Van Gilder** (Lino Lakes, Minn./Centennial) came up big in that win with a hat trick, including the game-winning goal, to help his team lock up the championship. For his clutch performance, Van Gilder has been named the MIAC Men's Hockey Co-Athlete-of-the-Week for the second time in 2010-11.

After being shut out on Friday night and going into must-win mode on Saturday, Van Gilder came up big with his trifecta to help Hamline pull away for the victory. All three of his goals came after Concordia had pulled to within 3-2 midway through the second period. The first was shorthanded to regain a two-goal lead, the second was the eventual game winner 1:08 into the third period, and the hat trick came with eight minutes left to clinch the win and the championship. Van Gilder finished the regular season in the top 10 in the MIAC in points with 10 goals and 15 assists for 25 points.

As the No. 1 seed, Hamline enjoys a bye into the semifinal round of the MIAC Playoffs, and it will enjoy home-ice throughout the postseason. The Pipers will host a semifinal game Saturday at 2 p.m. at Warner Coliseum against the winner of Friday's first-round game between No. 4 Gustavus and No. 5 Augsburg. The championship game will be held Wednesday, March 2.

## **Kelly Andrew, Concordia**

Calgary, Albt. / Wichita Falls (NAHL)

Week of: 2011-02-21



The Concordia men's hockey team had a big final weekend of the season. A win over eventual MIAC champ Hamline put the Cobbers in the MIAC Men's Hockey Playoffs, and helped it earn the tournament's No. 3 seed and avoid the postseason's first-round game. Concordia scored its important split with the Pipers thanks largely to a great performance in goal by freshman **Kelly Andrew** (Calgary, Alberta/Wichita Falls), who recorded his first collegiate shutout and made 61 saves over the two games. For his performance, Andrew has been named the MIAC Men's Hockey Co-Athlete-of-the-Week for the second time this season.

Andrew turned in the best performance of his young career in the Cobbers' 4-0 upset of 12th-ranked Hamline Friday night. The first-year goaltender made 32 saves to keep the conference champs off the board in a crucial win for Concordia, as the team qualified for its first trip to the postseason since 2002-03. Andrew did his best to keep the Cobbers in contention for a sweep with 29 saves – many of them difficult in nature – on Saturday as well, but Hamline pulled away for a win and a split. Andrew finished with 61 saves and a 3.00 Goals Against Average (GAA) for the week. Andrew finished the regular season sixth in the MIAC with a 2.95 GAA and also sixth with a .903 save percentage in his first season.

Thanks to its win, Concordia finished in a three-way tie for third in the MIAC, and it won the tiebreaker for the playoffs' No. 3 seed. That means the Cobbers will open the postseason Saturday with a semifinal game at No. 2 St. Thomas. The puck will drop Saturday at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Ice Arena in Mendota Heights, Minn., with the winner advancing to the title game on Wednesday, March 2.

## **Andrew Kappers, St. Thomas**

Lakeville, Minn. / North

Week of: 2011-02-14



The St. Thomas men's hockey team clinched a MIAC Playoff berth and wrapped up its regular season on a high note with a pair of impressive wins over Bethel. There were plenty of points scored by the Tommies, with most of them coming from senior **Andrew Kappers** (Lakeville, Minn./North). Kappers had a seven-point weekend – including five goals – to lead the way in the sweep of the Royals. Kappers' play keyed a UST offense that put up 15 goals in the two wins. For his performance, Kappers has been named the MIAC Men's Hockey Athlete-of-the-Week for the second time in 2010-11.

Friday, Kappers was spectacular, netting a hat trick to help St. Thomas hand Bethel an 8-3 loss. His scoring came at a crucial point and helped the Tommies break open a game that was much closer late in the second period (4-3) than the final score indicated. Saturday, Kappers showed off both his scoring tough and his playmaking ability as he added two goals and a pair of assists to his spectacular weekend. Again, Bethel was right there in the second period (tied 2-2 midway through), but St. Thomas pulled away behind the clutch play of their senior star. Kappers ranks second in the MIAC in scoring with 20 points (12 goals, eight assists, and he now has 94 career points in 101 games, and he was also named the MIAC Athlete-of-the-Week on Nov. 29, 2010.

The two wins helped the Tommies finish strong on a six-game unbeaten streak. St. Thomas went 4-0-2 over the

last three weeks, and it will enjoy a bye over the final week of the regular season. The Tommies will rest up for the playoffs, where they will likely enter as one of the top two seeds.

### **Tony Civello, Saint John's**

Shoreview, Minn. / Mounds View  
Week of: 2011-02-07



Heading into last weekend's MIAC men's hockey action, first-place Hamline hadn't lost a conference game in 2010-11. However, Saint John's stunned the then-eighth-ranked Pipers by winning Thursday's game 3-1, and following with a 3-3 tie to earn three points. One of the biggest reasons for the Johnnies' terrific weekend against the conference front-runner was the play of goalie **Tony Civello** (Shoreview, Minn./Mounds View). Civello made 77 saves (.951) over the weekend and allowed 1.92 goals per game to lead SJU to its biggest weekend of the season thus far. For his performance in the net, Civello has been named the MIAC Men's Hockey Athlete-of-the-Week.

In Friday's 3-1 upset, Civello was spectacular between the pipes. The junior stopped 40 of the 41 shots he faced, including 13 saves against the Hamline power play. Civello followed that up with 37 more saves Saturday night in a 3-3 tie against the Pipers. Over his last four games, Civello is 2-0-2 against nationally-ranked Hamline and Gustavus with a .952 save percentage and a 1.68 goals against average in that span. He has a .921 goals against average in conference games, which ranks third in the MIAC and his 2.50 GAA ranks fifth.

With the three-point weekend, the Johnnies improved to 5-14-2 and 4-6-2 in the MIAC, and now they're in striking distance of a spot in the MIAC playoffs. SJU is currently just one point away from joining the five-team field, and it will hope to make up that and more this weekend when it faces Saint Mary's in a home-and-home series.

### **Charlie Raskob, St. Olaf**

Hastings, Minn. / Holy Angels  
Week of: 2011-01-31



The St. Olaf men's hockey team had one of its best weekends of the season, sweeping MIAC rival Bethel and putting itself back in contention for a spot in the conference playoffs. The offensive catalyst behind the Oles' outburst was junior **Charlie Raskob** (Hastings, Minn./Holy Angels). The forward had a six-point weekend with two goals and four assists to lead St. Olaf to the two huge victories. For his performance, Raskob has been named the MIAC Men's Hockey Athlete-of-the-Week.

Friday, Raskob assisted on three of the Oles' four goals in a 4-2 home win over the Royals. Saturday, he got in the scoring column as well with two goals and an assists as St. Olaf erupted for seven goals in a 7-2 win to secure the sweep. Raskob scored the Oles' second and sixth goals and assisted on the third in the win. This season, Raskob ranks in the top 22 in goals (six), assists (10) and points (16) and he's tied for 11th in the MIAC with eight power play points.

The sweep helped St. Olaf improve to 9-7-3 overall and 3-4-3 in conference play. The Oles currently have nine

points in the conference standings, and are just a point out of the final playoff spot. St. Olaf will try to continue its surge this weekend against one of the MIAC's front runners. Friday the Oles are at St. Thomas, and Saturday they'll host the Tommies in another huge series.

### **Beau Christian, Hamline**

Moorhead, Minn. / Moorhead

Week of: 2011-01-24



The 12th-ranked Hamline men's hockey team scored two of its biggest wins over the weekend, and credit largely goes to Piper goalie **Beau Christian** (Moorhead, Minn.) for his play between the pipes. Thanks to Christian's stellar goaltending, Hamline swept St. Thomas and remains the only team in the MIAC without a loss in conference play. He allowed just a single goal over the weekend and stopped 66 of the 67 Tommie shots he faced. For his efforts, Christian has been named the MIAC Men's Hockey Athlete-of-the-Week.

Friday, Christian treated the Hamline home crowd at Warner Coliseum to a goaltending clinic, as he turned away all 30 shots he faced in a 6-0 Piper victory. Christian stopped six power play shots and 16 shots in the final period to secure the win and the shutout. Saturday, he was just as good, making 36 saves in a much closer 2-1 road win. Again, Christian made 16 third-period saves and stopped six power play shots. This season, Christian is 9-1-2 in the net for a MIAC best winning percentage of .833. His .929 save percentage is also tops in the league and his 2.22 goals against average is third in the conference.

Currently, Hamline is 11-3-3 overall and 6-0-2 in the MIAC conference, and its 14 points are the most in the league. This weekend, the Pipers and their star net minder have a big MIAC series against rival Augsburg College. Hamline will host Friday's game at 7 p.m., with Saturday's contest scheduled for 7:05 p.m. on the Auggies' campus.

### **Jordan Van Gilder, Hamline**

Lino Lakes, Minn. / Centennial

Week of: 2011-01-17



The 2010-11 Hamline men's hockey team features a ton of talent, which has led to a No. 12 national ranking and a tie for first in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) standings. The latest Piper to step up was **Jordan Van Gilder** (Lino Lakes, Minn./Centennial). The junior forward racked up seven points (one goal, six assists) and was the team's top playmaker in the team's weekend series against Bethel. Thanks to his performance, Van Gilder has been named the MIAC Men's Hockey Athlete-of-the-Week.

Van Gilder was the ultimate distributor in Friday's 6-3 win on the Royals' home ice. He dished out four assists in the win and did a superb job setting up his teammates and attacking the net. Saturday, Van Gilder was equally effective. After assisting on Hamline's first two goals, he finally found the back of the net himself in the biggest spot of the weekend. Van Gilder's goal with 17.1 seconds left in regulation tied the score 4-4 and forced overtime, where the 4-4 tie held and Hamline improved to 4-0-2 in the conference with 10 points. This season, Van Gilder's 12 assists and 17 points are both tied for eighth on the MIAC leaderboard, and he has five goals to his credit as well.

This weekend the 12th-ranked Pipers (9-3-3 overall), who are the only MIAC team remaining without a conference loss will head into a huge series against the University of St. Thomas. Hamline hosts Friday's game at 7 p.m. and the Tommies host Saturday's game at 8 p.m.

### **Brian Arrigoni, Hamline**

St. Paul, Minn. / Hill-Murray

Week of: 2011-01-10



The Hamline University men's hockey team continued its outstanding season by posting a 2-0-1 record over the Holiday break, including a big upset of a top 10-ranked team. Throughout the recent unbeaten streak, the Pipers' main offensive catalyst has been junior **Brian Arrigoni** (St. Paul, Minn./Hill-Murray). The forward scored four goals and racked up seven points to help Hamline go 2-1 over the break, and he continued to rank as one of the MIAC's top offensive players. For his efforts, Arrigoni has been named the first MIAC Men's Hockey Athlete-of-the-Week of 2011.

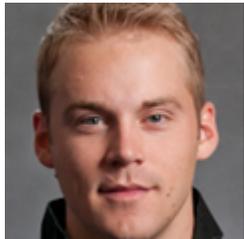
Arrigoni made it a Happy New Year for Hamline by scoring a pair of goals in the Pipers' 4-1 upset over then-No. 9-ranked Milwaukee School of Engineering. Friday, he added three points to his recent hot streak – including two assists and Hamline's final goal – in another 4-1 win over UW-Superior. Finally, he had an assist and a goal to put the Pipers' first two points on the board in an eventual 3-3 tie with Superior. This season, Arrigoni ranks third in the MIAC in goals (nine), tied for 11th in assists (8) and fifth in points (17).

This weekend, No. 11 Hamline returns to MIAC play with a home-and-home series with Bethel. The Royals host Friday's contest at the National Sports Center in Blaine, Minn., at 7 p.m. and the Pipers will host Saturday's matchup at 7:15 p.m. at Warner Coliseum in St. Paul. Hamline enters the weekend with an 8-3-2 overall record, and its 3-0-1 MIAC record and seven points has it in a second-place tie in the league standings.

### **Rob Johnson, St. Thomas**

Duluth, Minn. / East

Week of: 2010-12-13



The University of St. Thomas men's hockey team is off to one of its best starts, with huge wins over Top-10 ranked teams in recent weeks. The Tommies most recent ranked victim was No. 9 and previously unbeaten Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE). Senior forward **Rob Johnson** (Duluth, Minn./East) has been a catalyst for UST's success all season, but especially in Friday's upset of MSOE with both goals in a 2-1 win. For his performance, Johnson has been named the MIAC Men's Hockey Athlete-of-the-Week.

Johnson's two goals Friday night propelled the Tommies to their 2-1 win and their second Top-10 upset of the season after also beating Gustavus two weeks earlier. Johnson's work wasn't done there, as he added another goal in Saturday's game, which ended up being a 5-4 overtime loss as UST nearly swept No. 9 MOSOE. This season, Johnson's seven goals leads UST and is tied for the fourth-best total in the MIAC. He also has three assists for a total of 10 points, and with 95 games, 93 points and 49 goals, Johnson is closing in on some historic career milestones.

UST is off to an 8-5 start thus far, which is impressive considering the Tommies won their eighth game last season on Jan. 30. The Tommies are off for almost a month for finals and the Holidays, and will return to action in 2011 with a nonconference series Jan. 7-8 vs. UW-Eau Claire and UW-River Falls.

### **Joel Sauer, Augsburg**

Madison, Wis. / Memorial

Week of: 2010-12-06



The Augsburg men's hockey team evened its MIAC record with a big series sweep of Saint John's over the weekend, and the Auggies turned to their star senior to lead the way. Forward **Joel Sauer** (Madison, Wis./Memorial) had a six-point weekend and keyed late surges by Augsburg in both games to help his team lock up the sweep. For his effort, Sauer has been named the MIAC Men's Hockey Athlete-of-the-Week.

Sauer led Augsburg to a 6-3 Friday with two goals and two assists, as the Auggies rallied for three goals in the third period to seal the win. Sauer added a goal and an assist a day later as Augsburg again put up three third-period goals to pull out a 4-2 victory. Sauer now has six goals and 13 assists this season for a total of 19 points. He leads all of NCAA Division III in assists, ranks third in points, sixth in points per game and eighth in assists per game. In the MIAC, Sauer ranks first in points and assists and tied for fourth in goals.

The sweep of the Johnnies was a fine way for Augsburg to finish the 2010 portion of its schedule. After exactly a month off for finals and the Holidays, Augsburg will return to action on Jan. 4 when it hosts Finlandia at 7:05 p.m. The Auggies (6-3-1 overall, 2-2 MIAC) return to conference play Jan. 14-15 with a series against Gustavus.

### **Andrew Kappers, St. Thomas**

Lakeville, Minn. / North

Week of: 2010-11-29



The St. Thomas men's hockey team needed a huge scoring outburst to defeat UW-Superior Saturday, and thanks to the play of senior **Andrew Kappers** (Lakeville, Minn./ North), the Tommies got what they needed. Kappers tallied five points to lead UST to a 8-6 win over UWS, and in the process he moved into a tie atop the Division III assists leader board. For his outstanding performance, Kappers has been named the MIAC Men's Hockey Athlete-of-the-Week.

Kappers used his playmaking ability to get St. Thomas off to a hot start. The senior handed out three assists in the first period alone as his team took a 5-3 lead after the first 20 minutes. Kappers got into the scoring act in the second period, as his goal with 1:14 remaining gave the Tommies a two-goal cushion at 6-4, and he added one more assist for good measure in the third period of the 8-6 victory. Kappers has scored at least one point in four consecutive games, and his 10 assists are tied for the most in the MIAC and Division III this season. Kappers is also tied for third in the MIAC with 12 points and tied for the conference lead with two short-handed points.

Kappers and the Tommies are off to a 6-3 start overall and currently lead the MIAC with six points and a 3-1 conference record. St. Thomas has a huge series ahead this weekend as it will play a home-and-home with sixth-ranked Gustavus – the defending MIAC champs. Friday's game will be held in St. Peter, Minn., with Saturday's contest moving to Mendota Heights, Minn. The puck drops both nights at 7:05 p.m.

## **Tim Olson, Hamline**

Apple Valley, Minn. / Eastview  
Week of: 2010-11-22



Hamline defenseman **Tim Olson** (Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview) picked a good time to find his scoring touch. The junior assisted on the game-winning goal Friday, then scored his first two collegiate goals Saturday to help the Pipers – ranked fifth in Division III – sweep MIAC rival Saint Mary’s in a conference series. For his efforts, Olson has been named the MIAC Men’s Hockey Co-Athlete-of-the-Week.

Friday, Hamline used four second-period goals to pull out a tight 4-3 win over the Cardinals. Olson assisted on the fourth goal and helped the Pipers hang on for the victory. Saturday, he scored Hamline’s first goal at 6:48 in the first period, and he helped kill a SMU power play in a big way with a short-handed goal early in the second period as the Pipers cruised to a 6-2 win. With his three points, Olson is tied for 13th in the MIAC in defenseman scoring.

Hamline is off to a great start in 2010-11 with a 5-1-0 record (2-0 MIAC), and it jumped from No. 8 to No. 5 in this week’s USCHO.com Division III Men’s Poll. This weekend, the Pipers will participate in the Adrian Tournament, and it returns to conference play Dec. 3-4 with a series against St. Olaf

## **Kelly Andrew, Concordia**

Calgary, Albta. / Wichita Falls (NAHL)  
Week of: 2010-11-22

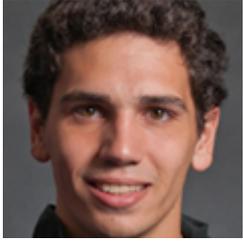


It was a relatively historic weekend for the Concordia men’s hockey program, as the Cobbers beat St. Olaf for the first time since 2004. In the process, Concordia earned three points in a MIAC series for just the second time since 2006-07. Leading the charge was a freshman – Cobber goalie **Kelly Andrew** (Calgary, Albta/Wichita Falls). The rookie had a great weekend in the net, and for his role in Concordia’s big series, he has been named the MIAC Men’s Hockey Co-Athlete-of-the-Week.

Friday, Andrew helped the Cobbers earn a 1-1 tie with St. Olaf thanks to 25 saves and just one goal allowed in 65 minutes of action. The freshman allowed a power-play goal in the first period, but shut the Oles down the rest of the way to help his team earn the tie. Andrew was good again the next day, stopping 25 more shots in Concordia’s 3-2 overtime win, again shutting St. Olaf out in the third period and overtime as the Cobbers scored the game-winner just 13 seconds into the extra period. Over the weekend, Andrew stopped 50 of the 53 shots he faced.

This season, Andrew has allowed nine goals while making 106 saves. His 2.21 goals against average is third in the MIAC, and his .922 save percentage ranks second. Concordia is off this week, and will try to continue its winning ways on Dec. 3-4 with a MIAC series at Bethel.

## **Geoff Sadjadi, St. Thomas**



The St. Thomas men's hockey team got off to a hot start in conference play over the weekend, sweeping a tough Augsburg team 2-1 and 4-0. The Tommies rode the hot hand of freshman goalie **Geoff Sadjadi** (Faribault, Minn./Shattuck-St. Mary's) to both victories, as the rookie stopped 40 of the Auggies' 41 shots over the course of both games. For his performance, Sadjadi has been named the first MIAC Men's Hockey Athlete-of-the-Week of the 2010-11 season.

Friday, Sadjadi made 16 saves and allowed just a single third-period goal to earn the 2-1 win and Saturday he was even better, stopping all 24 Augsburg shots – including 12 in the second period alone – to earn the shut out and help UST score a 4-0 win. Saturday's game was Sadjadi's first collegiate shutout, and he held Augsburg to just 1-for-9 on the power play over the weekend. This season, the freshman is second the MIAC with a 2.17 goals against average and fifth with a save percentage of .910.

This week, Sadjadi and the Tommies hope to build on their 4-2 overall and 2-0 MIAC start to the 2010-11 season. UST will play a home-and-home MIAC series with Saint John's University. Friday St. Thomas will hit the road for a 7 p.m. start in St. Cloud, and Saturday the Tommies will host in Mendota Heights, also at 7 p.m.