

Mamoru Kanazawa, Carleton

Tokyo, Japan / St. Mary's International
Week of: 2011-02-07



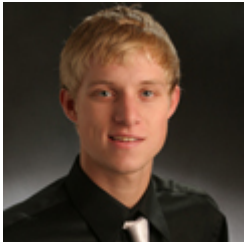
Over the weekend, many of the MIAC swimming and diving teams got to test themselves against top Division I and Division II competition at the University of Minnesota Challenge in Minneapolis, and Carleton's Mamoru Kanazawa (Tokyo, Japan/St. Mary's International) was one of the Division III swimmers that made a real splash at the U of M Aquatic Center. The sophomore swimmer swam two lifetime bests and anchored a first-place relay team against the loaded field. For his performance, Kanazawa has been named the MIAC Men's Swimming and Diving Athlete-of-the-Week.

Kanazawa placed in the top 13 in both his individual events. He swam a lifetime best of 1:43.21 in the 200-yard freestyle to finish in seventh overall. He was the top Division III finisher in the event, and his time is the second best in the MIAC this season. He added a 13th place finish at a lifetime best time of 4:47.78 in the 500-yard freestyle, where he was the fifth-best Division III finisher and his time now ranks third in the MIAC in 2010-11. Kanazawa swam the anchor leg of Carleton's 800-yard freestyle relay team, which finished first with a time of 7:04.14. It's time is the second-best in the MIAC this season. He also helped the Knights' 200-yard medley relay team finish fourth overall and second among Division III schools with a time of 1:38.08.

The Minnesota Challenge was the final tune-up for Carleton before the 2011 MIAC Swimming and Diving Championships, which will be held at the U of M Aquatic Center Feb. 17-19. The Knights will take the next week-plus to rest up and focus for the conference meet, which will be broadcast live online by Webcast America and all results and info will be available on the MIAC Web site.

Wes Schlichting, Saint John's

Sauk Rapids, Minn. / Sauk Rapids-Rice
Week of: 2011-01-31

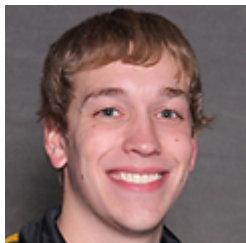


Saint John's junior **Wes Schlichting** (Sauk Rapids, Minn./Sauk Rapids-Rice) had a consistently great week on the diving board. The Johnnies' diver was great on both boards at a pair of meets last week, winning three of his four events and hitting the NCAA qualifying standard on all four. For his two big performances, Schlichting has been named the MIAC Men's Swimming and Diving Athlete-of-the-Week.

Schlichting started his big week with a pair of first-place finishes Friday at the University of St. Thomas diving invitational. He won the 1-meter diving event with a total score of 497.05, and he added another victory on the 3-meter board thanks to a score of 477.90. Schlichting was nearly as good the next day at the St. Catherine University Invitational. He again won the 3-meter event with a score of 442.00 and he added a second-place finish on the 1-meter board with a score of 440.10. All four of Schlichting's scores met national qualifying standard.

The Johnnies and their star diver have just one more tune up on the schedule before the MIAC Swimming and Diving Championships. They'll head to the Twin Cities this weekend for the University of Minnesota Challenge, held at the U of M Aquatic Center on Friday and Saturday.

Whitaker Davis, Gustavus



It's hard to imagine a swimmer having a better meet than Gustavus Adolphus senior **Whitaker Davis** (Palatine, Ill.) did last weekend in Grinnell, Iowa. Davis led the Gustie men to a team victory at the Grinnell Invitational thanks to an incredible individual effort. Davis won four individual events and set pool records in each, as well as contributing to three relay wins that also all set new pool records. For his dominant performance, Davis has been named the MIAC Men's Swimming and Diving Athlete-of-the-Week.

Davis did most of his individual damage in the freestyle events with three victories. He won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:45.24, the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:40.32 and the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time of 16:50.55. His fourth individual win and record came in the 200-yard butterfly, with a time of 2:01.94. He also contributed to relay victories and pool records in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:35.47), the 800-yard freestyle relay (7:15.91) and the 400-yard medley relay (3:35.47). As a team, Gustavus racked up 1,312.5 points to beat the host school, Grinnell College (1,254.5) and Luther College (716).

The Gusties and Davis will try to keep their hot streak going when they face another tough test Friday. Gustavus will travel to nearby Mankato to face Division II Minnesota State-Mankato in a dual meet. The start time is set for 5 p.m.

Eric Brenner, Carleton

Plymouth, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstrong
Week of: 2011-01-17



Though the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships are a ways off, Carleton senior **Eric Brenner** (Plymouth, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong) proved that he's nearing postseason form with his outstanding performance last week in a home dual meet against Gustavus. Brenner won both the 1- and 3-meter diving titles at the meet. His 1-meter score met the NCAA qualifying mark, and he was just four points off of hitting the standard on the 3-meter board as well. For his performance, Brenner has been named the MIAC Men's Swimming and Diving Athlete-of-the-Week.

Brenner won the 1-meter title Friday evening with his score of 282.25, and his score of 281.45 on the 3-meter board was just four points shy of the NCAA standard on the higher platform, but it was still good enough to make him a double winner in the meet. He won both events by more than 70 points apiece to credit his dominant performance. Brenner nearly led the Knights to victory, as Gustavus pulled out a 157-143 win at Carleton's Thorpe Pool. The next day, Brenner added a third-place finish in the 1-meter event (235.00) and a second-place finish in the 3-meter event (241.30) in a meet at Saint John's University.

This week, Brenner and the Knights will be back home in their own pool Saturday to host Saint Mary's University for a MIAC dual meet. The event is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. at Carleton's Thorpe Pool.

Ben Henrickson, St. Thomas

Chanhassen, Minn. / Chaska
Week of: 2011-01-10



The University of St. Thomas men's swimming and diving team started off the 2011 portion of its schedule with a strong performance in a double-dual against Gustavus and Hamline, and it was a first-year swimmer leading the way for the Tommies. UST beat both of its MIAC rivals head-to-head and won six events, with freshman **Ben Henrickson** (Chanhassen, Minn./Chaska) winning two individual events and anchoring a first-place relay team as well. For his outstanding performance, Henrickson has been named the first MIAC Men's Swimming and Diving Athlete-of-the-Week of 2011.

Henrickson showed poise beyond his years as he swam to individual victory in a pair of sprint events, the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle. He won the 50 with a time of 21.67 and his time of 47.71 was tops in the 100. He also swam the freestyle leg of the 200-yard medley relay, and his split of 20.84 anchored the team to a win with an overall time of 1:37.38. His split was the fastest in the meet as well. Thanks to Henrickson's heroics, the Tommies beat host Gustavus 163-137 and Hamline 244-31.

Henrickson and St. Thomas will be back in the water this weekend when they host a pair of MIAC teams in their brand-new facility for another competition. Both Augsburg and St. Catherine will be in attendance – along with the Tommies – at the meet that begins Saturday at the Anderson Recreation Complex at 1 p.m.

Chris Bateman, St. Olaf

Naperville, Ill. / Naperville
Week of: 2010-12-06



St. Olaf swimmer **Chris Bateman** (Naperville, Ill.) has already turned in numerous spectacular performances to start his senior season, but the Oles' star was at his best last week at the Carthage Classic in Kenosha, Wis. Bateman won three individual events and led off a pair of first-place relays to lead St. Olaf to a second-place finish. For his performance, Bateman was named the MIAC Men's Swimming and Diving Athlete-of-the-Week.

Bateman finished first in the 200-yard individual medley, the 200-yard backstroke and the 400-yard individual medley. He recorded a time of 1:50.79 in the 200-IM, 1:48.61 in the 200-back and 3:57.73 in the 400-IM, and all three times are the best in the MIAC this season by a significant margin. Bateman also led off both the first-place 800-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard medley relay. His splits of 1:41.27 in the 800-Free Relay and 51.71 in the 400-Medley Relay were a big reason for the team's success.

The Oles and their star senior will enjoy almost a month off due to finals and the Holidays. St. Olaf returns to the water on New Year's Eve, although they'll get to avoid some of the Minnesota winter weather with a trip to Florida. The Oles will compete in the Ed Kennedy Classic in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on Dec. 31.

Billy Schultze, Gustavus

Mankato, Minn. / East
Week of: 2010-11-22



The Gustavus men's swimming and diving team had a great showing last week, finishing first in the Saint John's/Saint Benedict Invitational. The Gusties' had a number of standout individual performances that led to the first-place finish, including that of junior **Billy Schultze** (Mankato, Minn./East). Schultze won two individual events and led two Gustavus relay teams to first- and second-place showings to help the Gusties pile up the points. For his performance, Schultze has been named the MIAC Men's Swimming and Diving Athlete-of-the-Week.

Schultze dominated the breaststroke events, winning both the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke races. He recorded a winning time of 1:01.28 in the 100 and 2:15.31 in the 200. Both of those times are the second-best times in the MIAC this season. Schultze also helped the 200-yard medley relay team finish first with a time of 1:38.94 and the 400-yard freestyle relay team finish second with a time of 3:21.28. His breaststroke split of 27.61 in the medley and his freestyle split of 48.37 were both the fastest in the meet.

Gustavus won the meet with a total of 1,252 points. Saint John's finished second with 1,042 and Luther College was third at 566. The Gusties will take this week off before returning to the water on Dec. 3 and 4 when they travel to Minneapolis for the Falcon Invite, hosted by UW-River Falls at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center.

Andrew Mering, Carleton

Baraboo, Wis. / Baraboo
Week of: 2010-11-15

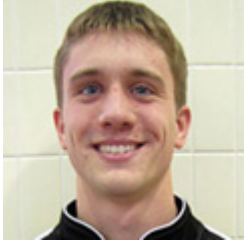


The Carleton men's swimming team had a great showing last week in a double-dual against MIAC rivals Saint Mary's and St. Thomas, and they largely have senior swimmer **Andrew Mering** (Baraboo, Wis.) to thank. Mering won all three of his individual events and led off for a second-place relay team as the Knights beat the Cardinals 234-43 and lost a close one to the defending MIAC champion Tommies, 173-127. For his performance, Mering has been named the MIAC Men's Swimming and Diving Athlete-of-the-Week.

Mering won the 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard individual medley, and he opened the Knights' second-place 200-yard medley relay team with a 25.24 split. Mering's winning times were 54.22 in the 100 back, 1:59.73 in the 200 back and 2:02.88 in the 200 individual medley.

After their strong performances, Mering and the Carleton squad will take some time off before getting back in the pool to compete. The next meet on the Knights' horizon is the UW-River Falls Falcon Invite, which will be held Dec. 3-4 at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center.

Erik Huls, St. Thomas



The St. Thomas swimming and diving team started its season off on a high note, winning the four-team Hamline Invitational Saturday. Leading the way was junior **Erik Huls** (Farmington, Minn.), who finished first in a pair of individual events and helped a relay team also win its race. For his performance, Huls has been named the inaugural recipient of MIAC Men's Swimming and Diving Athlete-of-the-Week in 2010-11.

Huls showcased his talent and versatility in Saturday's win, as he claimed individual titles in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.37, and another in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 54.19. He also swam the fly in the 200-yard medley relay, which St. Thomas won with a time 1:39.77. Huls finished his split in 23.16. In all, UST won nine events and finished second in eight more to rack up 622 points and defeat Saint John's (490), Saint Mary's (212) and Hamline (132).

Huls and the Tommies have a big week coming up. They'll compete in the Ted Mullin "Hour of Power" in their new pool at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, and they host a triangular meet in the Anderson Athletic and Recreation Complex Saturday at 1 p.m.