

1998 MIAC Softball Athletes of the Week

5/4/98 Player of the Week -- Angie Wright, St. Mary's (So., OF, La Crosse, Wis./Logan HS) -- Wright batted .667 with three doubles, a triple and a home run in her six hits, also walking three times and stealing two bases in the Cardinals' doubleheader sweeps of Bethel and Hamline. St. Mary's, 37-1 on the season, went 4-0 to complete an unprecedented 22-0 record in MIAC softball. The Cardinals, who repeated as MIAC champions, have won 28 consecutive MIAC games (no MIAC Pitcher of the Week selected for 5/4/98).

4/27/98 Player of the Week -- Heather Johnson, Hamline (Jr., C, St. James, Minn.) -- Johnson batted .545 with 12 hits, three triples and a home run to help the 10-16 Pipers sweep St. Catherine in a conference twinbill.

4/27/98 Pitcher of the Week -- Jill Hocking, St. Mary's (Fr., Apple Valley, Minn.) -- Hocking was 4-0, allowing no runs and six hits in 21 innings while striking out 23 and walking just four for the Cardinals. St. Mary's, 33-1 on the season, went 8-0 on the week and have won 24 consecutive MIAC games. The Cardinals can clinch their second consecutive outright MIAC title with three more wins, or two wins and a St. Thomas loss.

4/20/98 Player of the Week -- Jen Meyer, St. Mary's (Fr., CF, Oconomowoc, Wis.) -- Meyer batted .610 with 25 hits, 18 RBI, 16 runs, 10 stolen bases and had 24 chances without an error for the 25-1 Cardinals. St. Mary's went 14-0 last week, including doubleheader sweeps of nationally-ranked UW-Eau Claire and St. Thomas and a 6-0 record to win the Concordia-St. Paul tournament. The Cardinals have won 16 consecutive MIAC games.

4/20/98 Pitcher of the Week -- Kerri Kangas, Augsburg (Sr., Fridley, Minn.) -- Kangas recorded a 5-1 record with a 0.98 ERA to help Augsburg pull into third place in the MIAC race. She threw a six-hit shutout in a 1-0 win over St. Benedict and also posted four wins over Gustavus and Carleton. She fanned 11 and walked two in 43 innings.

4/15/98 Player of the Week -- Jessica Boumeester, St. Thomas (Jr., OF, Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins HS) -- Boumeester batted .540 with 10 runs and seven RBI in leading the Tommies to six wins in nine games, including a 12-for-15 batting clip (.800) in a 4-0 MIAC start.

4/15/98 Pitcher of the Week -- Teisha Smith, St. Mary's (So., Elma, Iowa/New Hampton HS) -- Smith was 3-0 with a 0.93 earned-run average, including two complete-game shutouts for St. Mary's, which was 6-0 last week, 4-0 in the conference.