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Erin Leone, Saint Mary's

Week of: 2006-04-24

Pitcher - Saint Mary's University first-year pitcher Erin Leone (Farmington, Minn.) was perfect in her three appearances last week, as the SMU freshman posted a 2-0 record and did not allow a run in 12.1 innings in helping the Cardinals to a 5-1 record last week. After two perfect relief appearances in wins over Bethel and Gustavus - including 3.1 innings of scoreless, no-hit relief in SMU's 5-4, come-from-behind Game 2 win over the Gusties - Leone tossed a complete-game, three-hitter against Concordia, striking out a season- and career-high 14 batters

Jenny Schipp, Saint Mary's

Week of: 2006-04-17

Pitcher - Saint Mary's University senior pitcher Jenny Schipp (Oakdale, Minn. / North St. Paul) helped Saint Mary's go 4-0 in league games and move into a second-place tie in the MIAC standings. Schipp compiled a 2-0 record and an 0.93 ERA in 15 innings, striking out a team-best 17. She pitched SMU to a 2-1 eight-inning win over Augsburg and a 5-2 win over Saint Benedict.

Jessica Lewandowski, St. Catherine

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Pitcher - Gustavus junior pitcher Joyce DeWitz (Good Thunder, Minn.) compiled a 4-1 record with a earned run average of 0.93 as she allowed 17 hits and four earned runs in 30.2 innings of work while striking out 30 and walking 15. The Gusties posted a record of 7-1 including a 6-0 mark on their spring break trip to Orlando, Florida. DeWitz pitched all nine innings in the Gusties 7-6 win over regionally rated DePauw, and then scattered six hits and allowed one earned run while striking out 12 in the team's 7-1 win over regionally rated UW-Whitewater. This past Saturday, DeWitz did not allow an earned run and limited Augsburg to two hits in six innings of work, but the Gusties lost 1-0 to the Auggies. She then pitched two and two-thirds innings of the second game and did not allow a hit and picked up the win as the Gusties claimed a 4-3 victory. On the season, DeWitz is 4-3 with a 2.98 earned run average.

Nikki Conway, St. Thomas

Week of: 2006-05-01

Player - University of St. Thomas senior catcher Nikki Conway (Mendota Heights, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall), in UST's 5-1 week, Conway batted .400 (6-for-15), had an on-base percentage of .591, scored seven runs, drove in four runs, walked seven times, had three doubles and a homer and stole three bases. She broke the MIAC career walks record and became the first MIAC player to surpass 100 career extra-base hits. She also moved into second all-time in career runs in Division III with 209 in 175 games. Defensively, she had one error in 56 defensive chances. In Sunday's sweep of St. Ben's, Conway reached in her first five trips, went 4-for-6, hit her 41st career HR in a 3-for-3 game one performance, and moved to 102 career extra-base hits. In Wednesday's split at Gustavus, UST trailed 1-0 in the sixth when she walked, stole second, took third on a bunt and scored on a squeeze bunt in an eventual 2-1 win. In game two, UST trailed 2-1 in its last at-bat when she doubled home the tying run in an eventual 3-2 loss. In Monday's sweep of Division II Concordia-St. Paul, she walked four times and went 1-for-3.

Rachel Click, Gustavus

Week of: 2006-04-24

Player - Gustavus Adolphus College first-year shortstop Rachel Click (Rochester, Minn./Mayo) hit .500 (9-for-18) while scoring 11 runs and driving in eight to help the Gusties post a record of 7-1 on the week. Click was just as effective in the field as she was at the plate as she recorded four putouts, with 14 assists and one error for a .947 fielding percentage. Click was 2-for-5 with three runs scored in the Gusties doubleheader sweep of Hamline to start the week. She then 1-for-5 with one run scored and three RBI as the Gusties split with Saint Mary's on Thursday. On Saturday, Click went 1-for-3 with a triple, two walks and three runs scored as Gustavus swept St. Catherine. Click wrapped up the week going 5-for-5 with four runs scored and four RBI as Gustavus swept Carleton. Stats for the week: AB: 18, Runs: 11, Hits: 9, RBI: 8, 2B: 0, 3B: 1, HR: 0, BB: 5, SB: 7/8, HBP: 2, SAC: 1, SO: 1, Putouts: 4, Assists: 14, Errors: 1, Batting Average: .500, Fielding Percentage: .947

Audrey Lenocho, Gustavus

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Player - Gustavus Adolphus College senior first baseman Audrey Lenocho (Pine Island, Minn.) hit .833 in two games last week as she helped the Gusties sweep Concordia College 7-0 and 6-0 in St. Peter. Lenocho went 4-for-4 with a triple, a run scored, and five RBI to help Gustavus post a 7-0 victory in game one. She also recorded seven putouts, with one assist and no errors. In game two, Lenocho went 1-for-2 with two walks as the Gusties claimed a 6-0 win. Lenocho also contributed eight putouts and one assist. Gustavus has won nine straight games over the past two weeks and Lenocho has led the way as she hit .667 during that stretch (18-for-27) with 10 runs scored and 17 RBI.

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Week of: 2006-04-10

Player - University of St. Thomas senior catcher Nikki Conway (St. Paul, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall), the Tommie leadoff hitter, reached base in 11 of 19 plate appearances, hit .500, stole six bases, scored nine runs, had two doubles and a homer and added six RBI to lead the Tommies to a 6-0 week. Conway went 8-for-16 and extended her hitting streak to 10 games, and threw out five runners on the bases from her catcher position. In Saturday's key doubleheader vs. second-place Saint Mary's, Conway went 3-for-5 with two walks and three steals. She hit her 37th career home run to move into No. 8 on the Division III all-time list. The Toms are 31-0 on her career vs. Division III teams when she's homered. Her nine runs on the week moved her to 190 on her career which also ranks eighth on the Division III all-time list. She also picked off one runner and threw out four runners trying to steal vs. Carleton. The Tommies improved to 25-1 overall and have won 42 in a row vs. Division III competition.

Carrie Embree, St. Thomas

Week of: 2006-04-03

Player - University of St. Thomas junior shortstop Carrie Embree (Waukee, Iowa) hit .700 (7-for-10) with two homers, a triple, a double and three singles with four runs and four RBI last week to help the Tommies sweep Augsburg and Hamline by a combined 34-0. The Tommies are 18-0 this season when Embree hits safely or scores a run. She leads the MIAC in batting (.468), hits (29), steals (19), runs (21) and triples (two). The top-ranked Tommies improved to 19-1 and have won 36 consecutive games vs. Division III opposition.