

Nea Harkness, Bethel

Week of: 2009-04-27



Bethel University junior pitcher **Nea Harkness** (Winthrop, Minn./Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop) was 2-0 last week, which included an eight-inning, 4-3 win over Augsburg, one of last year's playoff teams, that helped Bethel clinch its first ever MIAC playoff berth. Against St. Olaf last Wednesday, Harkness allowed just three hits while striking out four batters and walking none in a five-inning complete game that the Royals won 9-0. On Saturday against the Auggies, Harkness cruised through the first four innings before giving up three unearned runs in the fifth, but then threw an additional three shutout innings in a 4-3 win. With the win against Augsburg, Harkness also helped Bethel set a school record for most conference wins in a season.

Erin Truebenbach, Gustavus

Week of: 2009-04-20



Gustavus Adolphus College sophomore pitcher **Erin Truebenbach** (Mankato, Minn./Maple River) compiled a record of 3-0 on the week with a 0.31 earned run average, while holding her opponents to a .077 batting average. Truebenbach opened the week with a complete game no-hitter against Bethel as she struck out nine and walked two. It marked the first time in Gustavus softball history that a pitcher had tossed back-to-back no-hitters as Truebenbach had thrown a five-inning perfect game against Macalester the previous Saturday. Truebenbach also claimed a 2-1 win over Hamline on Thursday as she scattered six hits in seven innings, while striking out five. She threw one perfect inning in relief against Saint Benedict on Saturday and then wrapped up the week with a one-hitter against Saint Mary's as she struck out two and walked two in a 4-0 victory. Truebenbach is now 10-1 on the season with a 1.12 ERA. Gustavus is currently 27-3 overall and in first place in the MIAC with a record of 16-0.

Jessalyn Weaver, Hamline

Week of: 2009-04-13



Hamline University junior pitcher **Jessalyn Weaver** (Eagan, Minn.) threw four complete games for a 4-0 record, including two shutouts, in helping the Pipers to a 6-0 MIAC week. She earned a win over Augsburg in five innings, 8-0, a pair of wins against Carleton (2-0 and 9-2), and then won the opening game against Concordia, 6-2. She also pitched 1 1/3 innings to finish out the second game of the double-header against Augsburg. Weaver compiled an ERA of 0.77 as she struck out 26 batters in 99 at-bats over 27 1/3 innings pitched last week. She walked just two batters.

Betsie Collins, Gustavus

Week of: 2009-04-06



Gustavus Adolphus College junior pitcher **Betsie Collins** (Waseca, Minn.) posted a record of 2-0 during the week as she registered a 2-hit 8-0 shutout (5 inn.) at Carleton on Thursday, and a 2-hit 11-0 shutout (5 inn.) against Augsburg on Saturday. Against Carleton, Collins allowed two hits, while striking out five in five innings of work. Against Augsburg, Collins again allowed only two hits, while striking out eight and walking two. For the season, Collins is 5-2 overall with a 1.40 ERA. She has struck out 46, while walking six, and she is limiting her opponents to a .260 batting average. Gustavus is currently 15-3 overall and 4-0 in the MIAC.

Kelsey Tacheny, Hamline

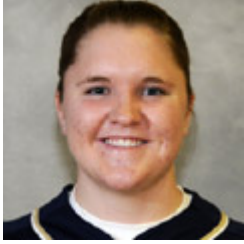
Week of: 2009-03-30



Hamline University sophomore pitcher **Kelsey Tacheny** (St. Paul, Minn./Harding) was a perfect 4-0 in her four starts for the Pipers, who went 7-3 last week. Her four wins included two complete-games, one a shutout. She struck out 12 batters and only gave up 21 hits, 1 per inning pitched on the week en route to an ERA of 1.00 for the week. Those hits resulted in just five runs given up with Tacheny on the rubber, only three of those earned runs.

Kelly Berg, Bethel

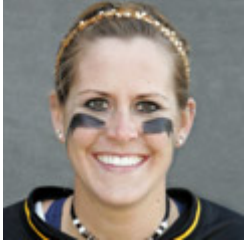
Week of: 2009-04-27



Bethel University sophomore shortstop **Kelly Berg** (South Haven, Minn./Annandale) had a big hand in helping Bethel clinch its first ever conference playoff berth last week as she hit six home runs and had 10 RBIs in the Royals 5-1 week. Against St. Olaf, Berg hit the second pitch she saw over the centerfield fence for a two-run blast and Bethel went on to defeat the Oles 5-2. Then, against Saint Benedict, Berg was a combined 6-for-8 with four home runs, six RBIs, and five runs as Bethel swept the season series. Finally, against Augsburg, the starting shortstop was 3-for-3 with a home run, and scored the winning run in the top of the eighth inning after leading off with a double. The win over the Auggies proved to be the MIAC playoff clinching victory the Royals needed. Berg now leads the team in batting average and holds Bethel's single season home run record.

Rachael Click, Gustavus

Week of: 2009-04-27



Gustavus Adolphus College senior shortstop **Rachael Click** (Rochester, Minn./Mayo) helped the Gusties post a record of 5-1 and claim the MIAC title outright as she compiled a .647 batting average, 1.411 slugging percentage, and .714 on-base percentage. Click was 11-for-17 at the plate with one double, four home runs and two stolen bases. She was also perfect in the field with six putouts and seven assists. The Gusties split a critical series with St. Thomas (3-1, 3-4) as Click went 2-for-3 with one RBI and one run scored. The Tommies walked her three times in the doubleheader. Against Concordia, Click was 4-for-7 with two home runs and then in the regular season finale against St. Kate's she was 5-for-7 with two home runs and a double. Click won the MIAC batting title for the second time in the last three years with a .529 average. She also finished first in slugging percentage (1.216), on-base percentage (.594), RBI (27), home runs (10), total bases (62), and walks (11). Click also set the school record for home runs in a season with 12 and became only the third player in MIAC history to hit 30 home runs (31) in a career.

Rachael Click, Gustavus

Week of: 2009-04-20



Gustavus Adolphus College senior shortstop **Rachael Click** (Rochester, Minn./Mayo) played a major role in helping the Gusties compile a record of 8-0 during the week with wins over Bethel (5-1, 6-0), Hamline (5-0, 2-1), St. Benedict (8-0, 9-2), and Saint Mary's (4-3, 4-0). Click went 12-for-23 at the plate with five home runs, eight runs scored, and nine runs batted in. Her batting average was .523, while her slugging percentage was 1.173, and her on-base percentage was .695. Click, who became the career home run leader at Gustavus during the week (currently with 27), hit one home run against Bethel, two against Hamline, and two against St. Benedict. Against the Blazers, Click was 6-for-6 in the doubleheader (including the two home runs) with five runs scored and 5 RBI. She also became the career RBI leader at Gustavus during the week as she pushed her four-year total to 155. Click is currently hitting .444 with a slugging percentage of .901 and an on-base percentage of .510. The Gusties are currently 27-3 overall and in first place in the MIAC with a record of 16-0.

Lauren Habisch, Bethel

Week of: 2009-04-13



Bethel University junior first baseman **Lauren Habisch** (Lakeville, Minn./Apple Valley) helped Bethel earn its first ever sweep of Saint Mary's, keeping Bethel in the top half of the conference standings. The Royals went 3-3 last week, which included games against #4 ranked St. Thomas, Saint Mary's, and UW-River Falls. Habisch hit safely in five of Bethel's six games, notching two or more hits in four of those games, raising her average 74 points during the course of the week. She had one of Bethel's two hits in the first game against St. Thomas on Tuesday, then proceeded to hit a perfect 3-for-3 against Saint Mary's in the first game of the doubleheader with two doubles and three RBIs in a 5-1 win on Wednesday. The next game, Habisch was 2-for-4 with another double and scored the game-tying run in the bottom of the seventh inning in an 8-6 win over the Cardinals. On Thursday, she was a combined 4-for-7 against UW-River Falls, including her fourth double in as many games and her first home run of the season. She scored a run and batted in three of Bethel's four runs in a 4-1 win in the nightcap of the doubleheader. Habisch is tied for the team lead in hits and leads the team in extra base hits, RBIs, and total bases.

Emily Klein, Gustavus

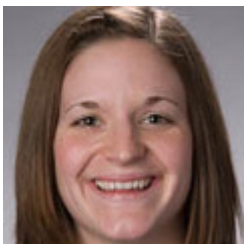
Week of: 2009-04-06



Gustavus Adolphus College senior centerfielder **Emily Klein** (Red Wing, Minn.) went 7-for-12 (with six extra base hits) to help the Gusties post a mark of 4-0 during the week with wins over Carleton (8-0, 9-0) and Augsburg (11-0, 13-3). Klein posted a .583 batting average, a 1.75 slugging percentage, and a .615 on-base percentage in the four games and she extended her hitting streak to 18 games, which includes every game the team has played this season. Against Carleton, Klein stroked a home run in the first game and a triple in the second game and drove in three runs. Against Augsburg, she was 5-for-6, with a double, a triple, and two home runs. She set a school record for runs batted in in the second game as she drove in seven runs with a solo home run, a three-run home run, and a bases loaded triple. Through 18 games, Klein is hitting .500 (30-for-60), with a .950 slugging percentage, and a .538 on-base percentage. Gustavus is currently 15-3 overall and 4-0 in the MIAC.

Alison Wright, St. Thomas

Week of: 2009-04-06



University of St. Thomas junior outfielder **Alison Wright** (Pewaukee, Wis.) extended her hitting streak to 33 games and batted .650 with 13 hits and 13 RBI to help the Tommies go 6-0 last week, including a 9-4, 7-0 sweep of MIAC contender Hamline. Her 33-game streak is a new MIAC record and ties for the third longest streak in Division III history. Wright had two homers and three doubles and also scored eight runs and had a 1.100 slugging percentage on the week. In leading the third-ranked Toms to a 20-2 start, Wright had 10 doubles, seven homers and 41 hits with a 1.000 slugging percentage and 31 RBI and 29 runs. Wright joined a select group of conference players to reach 20 career home runs.

Alison Wright, St. Thomas

Week of: 2009-03-30



University of St. Thomas junior outfielder **Alison Wright** (Pewaukee, Wis.) continued her torrid offensive play as she ran her school-record hitting streak to 27 games dating back to April 2008. Wright batted .500 in 10 games last week with 16 hits, 12 RBI and 11 runs. She had key RBI hits three times late in a game to break open close games. In 16 games this season, Wright is batting .538 with 28 hits, 21 runs, 17 RBI, seven 2Bs, five HRs and a .962 slugging percentage. In her three-year career, UST is 98-11 (50-0 vs. MIAC teams) and she's batting .465 with 149 hits, 91 runs, 87 RBI, 18 homers, 35 doubles and two triples in 108 games.

Emily Klein, Gustavus

Week of: 2009-03-30



Gustavus Adolphus College senior outfielder **Emily Klein** (Red Wing, Minn.) hit .447, pounded out five doubles and stole six bases to help the Gusties post a record of 8-2 on their Spring Break trip to Arizona. Klein, who recorded at least one hit in all 10 games, also had five multiple hit games including three hits in the Gusties 5-2 win over #21 California-San Marcos. In that game, Klein had a double, a triple, stole a base and scored two runs. Klein leads the team in hitting (.479), slugging percentage (.750), and on-base percentage (.519) in 14 games. The Gusties are currently 11-3.

Ali Nystrom, Macalester

Week of: 2009-03-23



Macalester College junior outfielder **Ali Nystrom** (Minnetonka, Minn.) hit .438 over 10 games at the Gene Cusic Classic in Ft. Myers, Fla., to lead the Macalester attack. Nystrom, the Scot's leadoff batter, collected 13 hits in 32 at-bats and scored seven runs. She was 4-for-4 on stolen base attempts with three walks, and registered a .486 on-base percentage.

Steph Moores, St. Thomas

Week of: 2009-03-16



University of St. Thomas senior catcher **Steph Moores** (Big Lake, Minn.) is off to a fast start for the unbeaten and No. 5-ranked Tommies, now 6-0. The senior catcher had eight RBI and had a game-winning three-run home run to cap a sweep of UW-River Falls on March 5, then last weekend helped UST sweep Buena Vista and previously unbeaten UW-La Crosse. In six games, Moores is 13-for-21 with 14 RBI, two homers, four doubles, a walk and three runs. In her three seasons as a starter, UST in 90-9 and she has 104 hits, 21 doubles, eight HR, 71 RBI, and has 26 walks in 93 games.