Marta Radcliffe, St. Thomas

Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville Week of: 2010-05-03



University of St. Thomas senior pitcher **Marta Radcliffe** (Lakeville, Minn.) went 3-0 with an 0.00 ERA in 24 innings as the Tommies swept second-place Gustavus and secured UST's ninth conference title in 11 seasons. Radcliffe pitched all 18 innings in the road sweep of the 24th-ranked Gusties. She threw a six-hit shutout to win 1-0 in the opener as she stranded two runners at third base, then returned to the mound and pitched all 11 innings of a 5-3 win, with all three runs unearned. She won game two despite seven Tommie errors as she stranded 14 runners on base. She finished MIAC play 14-0 with a save, an 0.46 ERA and 116 strikeouts in 94 innings.

Marta Radcliffe, St. Thomas

Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville Week of: 2010-04-26



University of St. Thomas senior pitcher **Marta Radcliffe** (Lakeville, Minn.) went 3-0 with an 0.73 ERA last week, and in the Tommies' current 26-2 stretch, she has won 17 of her last 18 decisions. She had 30 strikeouts and just two walks while holding opposing hitters to a .159 average. She retired 14 of the last 15 batters with nine strikeouts as the Toms held off St. Olaf in eight innings, 2-1, to remain alone in first place in the MIAC. Her 16 strikeouts matched a career best. In two wins over Bethel, she had 14 Ks and just one walk and allowed one run over 11 innings. Radcliffe, who surpassed 500 career strikeouts, leads conference pitchers in wins, ERA, opponent batting average and strikeouts.

Marta Radcliffe, St. Thomas

Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville Week of: 2010-04-19



University of St. Thomas senior pitcher **Marta Radcliffe** (Lakeville, Minn.) improved to 34-2 in MIAC career decisions with a 4-0 week as the Toms won all five games she pitched. She threw a four-hit shutout to beat Hamline, 1-0. In game two, she relieved with UST trailing 2-0 and a runner on third in the first inning and threw 6 2-3 shutout innings to secure a 6-2 win. She retired 22 of 23 batters faced in a sweep of St. Catherine (no hits, one walk in 7 2-3 innings over two games). She also topped St. Mary's 5-3 (one earned run) in a game UST trailed 2-1 in the fifth inning. Radcliffe has won 14 of her last 15 decisions for the 21st-ranked Tommies and leads MIAC pitchers in wins, ERA and strikeouts.

Marta Radcliffe, St. Thomas

Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville Week of: 2010-04-12



University of St. Thomas senior pitcher **Marta Radcliffe** (Lakeville, Minn.) moved past 50 career wins as she went 4-0 with an 0.94 ERA in six appearances last week to lead the Tommies' 6-0 week. Radcliffe had 31 strikeouts and allowed just seven walks. She allowed no hits in six innings of a sweep at Concordia-Moorhead and allowed just one earned run in nine innings of a sweep against Augsburg. She also went 7-for-12 at the plate with a double, two homers, six runs, three RBI and a 1.17 slugging percentage. Radcliffe is 52-13 on her pitching career including a 30-2 record against MIAC opposition. St. Thomas has won 17 of its last 18 games.

Betsie Collins, Gustavus

Waseca, Minn. / Waseca Week of: 2010-04-05



Gustavus Adolphus College senior pitcher **Betsie Collins** (Waseca, Minn.) posted a 2-0 record in helping the Gusties sweep Bethel (10-4, 3-1) and #20 UW-La Crosse (2-0, 5-2) last week. Collins pitched a complete game as Gustavus opened MIAC play with a 10-4 win over the Royals in Arden Hills on Wednesday. She scattered 11 hits and allowed four earned runs, while striking out 10 and walking one batter. Against UW-La Crosse, Collins limited the nationally ranked Eagles to three hits and one earned run while striking out five and walking one in seven innings of work as Gustavus claimed a 5-2 win in La Crosse, Wis. Gustavus, which has now won four straight games, is now 9-5 overall and 2-0 in conference play.

Marta Radcliffe, St. Thomas

Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville



University of St. Thomas senior pitcher **Marta Radcliffe** (Lakeville, Minn.) allowed no runs, five hits and one walk with eight strikeouts in 11 innings last week to pick up two victories. She spun a five-hit shutout of Tufts -- a 44-3, NCAA quarterfinal team of 2009. She also allowed no hits and one walk in four innings to beat Buena Vista. Opposing batters only hit .185 against Radcliffe in the two games last week. Radcliffe is 44-11 on her career with 385 strikeouts in 339 innings.

Rebecca Akerson, Bethel

Lakeville, Minn. / North Week of: 2010-03-22



Bethel University junior pitcher **Rebecca Akerson** (Lakeville, Minn./North) was responsible for five of Bethel's eight wins on the Royals' 16-game spring break trip. The All-MIAC pitcher pitched two complete game shutouts and finished the week as the team leader in innings pitched (44.2), ERA (2.51), and strikeouts (25). She also helped herself out at the plate by batting .357 on the week.

Heidi Larsen, Hamline

Andover, Minn. / Andover Week of: 2010-05-03



Hamline University junior second baseman **Heidi Larsen** (Andover, Minn.) helped the Pipers to a 6-0 week, sweeping St. Olaf, Carleton, and St. Catherine to close out their MIAC schedule. She hit four homeruns, including two in one game against Carleton, and drove in seven runs for the week while scoring seven. Larsen was 9-for-19 at the plate during the week for a .474 batting average. Of her nine hits, just three were singles and she posted a slugging percentage of 1.263. The junior also had her first collegiate triple in the opening game against St. Olaf.

Shannon Eveland, Saint Benedict

Maple Grove, Minn. / Maple Grove

Week of: 2010-04-26



College of Saint Benedict senior shortstop **Shannon Eveland** (Maple Grove, Minn.) went a combined 11-for-21 for a .524 batting average and helped the Blazers to a 5-1 MIAC record during the week. In a series split against Carleton, Eveland was 3-for-7 in both games. She then went 4-for-5 with a double, three runs, and an RBI in game one against Macalester. Saint Benedict went on to sweep the Scots as Eveland went 6-for-9 with four runs in the two games. In Sunday's sweep of Saint Mary's, she hit her first career homerun, a walk-off shot in the bottom of the eighth of game one. In game two, she scored the winning run from second base, again in the bottom of the eighth. For the day, Eveland was 2-for-5 with a double, a homerun, two walks, three runs, two RBI and a sacrifice fly.

Kelly Berg, Bethel

South Haven, Minn. / Annandale

Week of: 2010-04-19



Bethel University junior shortstop **Kelly Berg** (South Haven, Minn./Annandale) put together a very strong week to help the Royals go 4-0 and climb back into the thick of the MIAC playoff race. The all-conference shortstop went 10-for-15 and reached base in 12 out of 16 plate appearances. Half of her hits were for extra bases, including two home runs. She scored eight runs while driving in another eight, surpassing her RBI total from last season. Last Wednesday, despite going 0-for-4 in game one of Bethel's doubleheader against Saint Mary's, Berg rebounded to go 4-for-4 with four RBI, including a three-run home run in game two against the Cardinals. Berg kept her consecutive hit streak alive against Macalester by going 4-for-4 again with a double, home run, and three RBIs in game one, followed by a 2-for-3 performance in game two, which included another double. Berg is among the top five hitters in the conference for slugging and on-base percentage, runs scored, home runs, and total bases.

Alison Wright, St. Thomas

Pewaukee, Wis. / Pewaukee Week of: 2010-04-12



University of St. Thomas senior first baseman **Alison Wright** (Pewaukee, Wis.) ran her hitting streak to 18 games and moved into second on the MIAC career hits list at 231 as she batted .773 (11-of-15) to lead St. Thomas to a 6-0 week. She had no errors in 34 chances at first base and also had a SF and three sacrifices. She went 4-for-5 against Carleton, 3-for-5 vs. Augsburg and 4-for-5 against Concordia. Wright has struck out just twice in 80 plate appearances on the season. Her 231 hits in 163 games moved past Nikki Conway's 230. She's 13 from moving past leader Michelle Wong's 243 total. The Tommies have won 17 of their last 18 games and have three home MIAC doubleheaders this week.

Lisa Klass, Gustavus

Richfield, Minn. / Richfield Week of: 2010-04-05



Gustavus Adolphus College sophomore second baseman **Lisa Klass** (Richfield, Minn.) hit .500 with seven hits in 14 at-bats to help Gustavus open MIAC play with a sweep of Bethel (10-4, 3-1) and then sweep #20 UW-La Crosse (2-0, 5-2) the next day. Klass, the Gusties leadoff hitter, went 5-for-7 in the two games against Bethel with four runs scored a double, and one stolen base in one attempt. Against UW-La Crosse, Klass was 2-for-7 with the game-winning RBI in the Gusties 5-2 win in game two. In the field, Klass compiled a 1.000 fielding percentage with 14 chances including five putouts and nine assists. Klass is hitting .400 for the season (18 for 45) with a .978 fielding percentage (19 putouts, 24 assists, 1 error).

Erica Wilson, St. Thomas

Rochester, Minn. / Century Week of: 2010-03-29



University of St. Thomas junior outfielder **Erica Wilson** (Rochester, Minn./Century) helped the Tommies to a 4-0 start in the Sun West Tournament as she went 7-for-10 at the plate and scored five runs. She had a .727 on-base percentage in the four games last week along with one stolen base. Wilson went 3-for-3 with a double and triple in a non-conference game vs. St. Olaf. In 10 games this season Wilson, a first-year starter, is batting .419.

Kelly Berg, Bethel

South Haven, Minn. / Annandale Week of: 2010-03-22



Bethel University junior shortstop **Kelly Berg** (South Haven, Minn./Annandale) put together an impressive week as Bethel played 16 games in eight days on the Royals' recent spring break trip. The All-MIAC shortstop had 23 hits, of which 14 were for extra bases, including two home runs. She also batted in 18 runs and scored 14 to give Bethel an 8-8 record by week's end. Berg hit safely in all but two games and was 2-for-3 with two doubles against nationally ranked Central College as well as 2-for-4 against nationally ranked UW-Whitewater. She was 2-for-2 with a double in Bethel's win against D-II opponent, Saint Michael's College, and 1-for-2 with an RBI and two runs scored in a win against D-II opponent, UMass Lowell.