

2001-02 MIAC Women's Basketball Athletes of the Week

February 25, 2002

Carleton College junior center **Karissa Kramer** (Clearwater, Minn./Monticello HS) scored a team-high 16 points, 14 in the second half, as Carleton won its second straight MIAC playoff title by beating No. 12 St. Benedict, 79-63, in St. Joseph on Saturday. Kramer was 7 of 11 from the floor and grabbed seven rebounds as Carleton outscored the Blazers 45-28 in the final 20 minutes. In Wednesday's semifinal win at St. Thomas, Kramer scored 10 points and grabbed four boards in a 71-62 win. She tallied 12 points in only 16 minutes of action in Monday's first round win over St. Olaf. Kramer was 17 of 28 from the floor (60.7 percent) for the week. Carleton hosts Wartburg (Iowa) in the NCAA Tournament's first round on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

February 18, 2002 -- Co-Players of the Week

University of St. Thomas first-year forward **Kristi Huegel** (Alta Vista, Iowa/New Hampton HS) had her two most productive offensive games of her career, averaging 18.5 ppg, to help the Tommies go 2-0 on the week and share the MIAC Championship. In Wednesday's pivotal 77-64 win over Carleton in a battle of first-place teams, she played 32 minutes and scored a career-high 19 points (15 in second half) with five rebounds and two steals. In Saturday's 106-65 win at St. Catherine, she played 21 minutes and had 18 points. In two games she made 13-of-18 FG, 2-3 3FG, 9-12 FT and had 8 reb., 2 asst, 6 TO, 2 steals. The Tommies are 21-4 and the No. 2 seed for this week's playoffs.

Carleton College senior guard **Bethany Koehler** (Superior, Wis.) scored 41 points and grabbed eight rebounds as Carleton went 1-1 this past week, securing the school's second straight 20-win season. Koehler paced Carleton with 17 points and six rebounds in a Wed. loss to St. Thomas. In Saturday's 86-49 win over St. Olaf, Koehler matched the MIAC record and set a new Carleton record by draining eight 3-pointers for a career-high 24 points as Carleton swept the Oles for the second straight season. Koehler made 8 of 10 long-range shots and added two rebounds and two assists in only 21 minutes of action. Stats for week: 15-28 (53.5%), 11-19 3's (57.9%), 0-0 FT, 8 reb., 4 ast., 4 TO, 1 blk., 2 stl., 41 pts.

February 11, 2002

Carleton College senior forward **Renée Willette** (Minneapolis/South) scored 34 points, grabbed 17 rebounds and added 7 assists, 4 blocks and two steals as No. 24 Carleton posted two wins to keep pace with St. Thomas and St. Benedict for first place in the MIAC. In Wednesday's 88-50 win over Bethel, Willette tallied her first double-double of the season with 19 points and 10 rebounds on 7 of 10 shooting while adding three assists. In Saturday's 73-57 win over SMU, Willette tallied 15 points on 6 of 12 shooting. She grabbed seven rebounds and blocked four shots, helping the Knights set a new school record with 11 blocks. She dished out a team-high four assists. Totals for the week: 13-22 FG (0-0 3's), 8-10 FT, 17 reb., 7 ast., 5 TO, 4 blk., 2 stl., 28 min/game.

February 4, 2002 -- Co-Players of the Week

Gustavus Adolphus College sophomore guard **Angie Peterson** (Northfield, Minn.) led the Gusties to a 3-0 week including wins that knocked two teams out of first place in a three-day stretch. Peterson sank 17-of-18 free throws and 8-of-20 3-pointers while averaging 18.3 ppg. In a 53-50 victory over St. Ben's, she hit a jumper with :24 remaining to give the Gusties the lead for good. In a 76-72 win at St. Thomas -- just the Gusties' second victory over the Tommies in 14 games - - she had 18 of her game-high 27 points in the second half, including 7-of-8 free throws in the final 2:00. In Saturday's 92-78 win over Concordia, she scored all 21 of her points in the second half as the Gusties rallied from a two-point halftime deficit. Gustavus, 15-6 overall and 14-4 MIAC, is currently in fourth place in the conference, just one game out of first place.

College of Saint Benedict junior forward **Danni Hannon** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) led the Blazers to a 2-1 week by averaging 18.3 ppg, 6.0 rpg and 2.0 apg. In Saturday's 79-70 road win at Carleton that lifted St. Benedict into a first-place tie, Hannon made three 3-pointers and finished with 22 points and nine rebounds. In Monday's 53-50 loss at Gustavus, she had 18 points and five rebounds. In Wednesday's 86-61 win over Bethel, she had 15 points, five asists and four rebounds. St. Ben's is 18-3 overall and 15-3 in the MIAC.

January 28, 2002

Saint Benedict junior wing **Michelle Barlau** (Northfield, Minn.) was named MIAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week Monday after helping the Blazers move back into a first-place tie atop the conference. Barlau averaged 21.5 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 3.5 spg and 2.5 apg in a 2-0 week. She scored 17 of her 20 points in the second half in Saturday's pivotal 81-69 home-court win over No. 12-ranked St. Thomas. She also had 23 points, seven rebounds and four steals in an 84-72 road win at St. Catherine. The 19th-ranked Blazers have won nine in a row to move to 16-2 overall and 13-2 in the MIAC.

January 21, 2002

Carleton College senior forward **Renée Willette** (Minneapolis/South) averaged 14 points, 3.7 rebounds and 3.3 assists as Carleton won three games to pull within one game of league-leading St. Thomas. In Monday's win over the 13th-ranked Tommies, Willette scored a season-high 22 points on 7 of 15 shooting. She was 8 of 11 from the free throw line and grabbed six rebounds and added two assists and three steals as Carleton beat St. Thomas for the second straight time. In Wednesday's win over St. Olaf she tallied 14 points (4 of 7 FG, 6 of 6 FT), three rebounds and two assists as Carleton captured the inaugural Presidents Cup trophy, beating the Oles for the third consecutive time. On Saturday Willette scored six points and dished out six assists in only 22 minutes of action as Carleton blew out Augsburg. Carleton has won four straight and 12 of its last 13 contests.

January 14, 2002

Carleton College senior guard **Bethany Koehler** (Superior, Wis.) averaged 13.3 ppg and shot exceptionally well as Carleton posted a 2-1 mark last week. She made 15-of-24 shots from the field (62.5%), including 7-of-10 from 3-point range. In Monday's win over Bethel, Koehler matched her career-high with 17 points as the Knights won, 78-66. In Wednesday's 64-63 loss at St. Mary's she tallied 14 points and grabbed three rebounds. She sank a key three-pointer with less than a minute left, giving Carleton the lead. She played just 16 minutes in an 83-53 win over St. Catherine and had nine points and a career-high four assists. The Knights, 10-3 overall, are tied for second in the MIAC at 8-2.

January 7, 2002

University of St. Thomas senior guard **Missy Pederson** (Golden Valley, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong HS) averaged 20.5 ppg, 4 apg, 4 rpg and 3 spg (11-25 FG, 5-14 3FG, 14-15 FT) in the Tommies' 2-0 week that kept them atop the MIAC standings. In Saturday 66-59 win at second-place Gustavus, Pederson scored a career-high 28 points with four 3-pointers and 10-of-11 shooting at the foul line. In Wednesday's 79-62 win over St. Mary's, she chipped in 13 points, four steals and four assists. In 95 career games, she's helped UST to an 84-11 record, and is on pace to finish first in UST career FT% (now at 83.5%) and in the Tommies' top three in career scoring, steals and assists. St. Thomas has won nine in a row and is 9-1 overall and 7-0 in the MIAC.

December 17, 2001

Gustavus Adolphus College junior center **Kelly Etzel** (Hamel, Minn./Wayzata HS) led the Gusties to a 2-0 week with MIAC road victories at Bethel and Concordia as she made a remarkable 15-of-17 shots from the field (.882) and 15-of-17 shots at the foul line. In 28 minutes in a 17-point win at Bethel, Etzel had 29 points and nine rebounds while making 10-of-11 from the field and 9-of-9 from the line. In 29 minutes in the 76-73 win at Concordia-Moorhead, she finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds. With the score tied 73-73 with 35 seconds left, Etzel made 1-of-2 free throws to give the Gusties the lead. Gustavus is 5-3 overall and 4-1 in the MIAC, tied for second place.

December 10, 2001

University of St. Thomas senior guard **Missy Pederson** (Golden Valley, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong HS) led the Tommies to a 2-0 week and broke the MIAC career record for 3-point baskets in the process. In Saturday's 78-75 win over previously-unbeaten St. Benedict, Pederson scored seven of her team-high 19 points in the final 42 seconds to cap an 11-1 game-closing run. She converted a three-point play with 34 seconds left to put UST ahead 76-75, then made two free throws with :07 left for a three-point lead. She finished with 19 points and nine rebounds. In Wednesday's 79-33 win at Hamline, Pederson had 20 points, five assists and four steals. She made three 3-point baskets on the week and now had 166 on her career. She also made 10-of-11 at the line and 13-of-27 from the field. Pederson, a 2000-2001 Division III Kodak All-American, has made 166-for-435 career 3-point attempts (38%) and converted 203-of-245 in career free throws (.829). In 91 career games, she has 1,171 points, 309 rebounds, 233 assists and 278 steals, and the Tommies are 80-11 in those games (64-5 in MIAC regular-season games). On the UST career charts, she ranks fourth in scoring, third in steals, eighth in assists and first in free-throw percentage and 3-point baskets. The Tommies, 5-1 overall, have won five in a row and are 4-0 atop the MIAC standings.

December 3, 2001

College of Saint Benedict first-year post **Kim Johnson** (Arden Hills, Minn./Mounds View HS) helped lead the Blazers past Carleton scoring 26 points (8 for 13 FG, 10-15 FT, 9 rebs, 2 blocks, 1 steal) in a very competitive MIAC opening game.

November 20, 2001

College of St. Catharine first-year forward **Lisa Juth** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) started the season off with a 60% shooting percentage in the 69-35 win over Immaculata College in the Tip-off Tournament in Baltimore, MD. Juth was 6-10 from the field in 21 minutes of play for the Wildcats. She continued her strong performance in the championship victory (67-54) over the College of Notre Dame. Juth scored up 16 points 6-15 from the field and 4-6 on free-throws. Juth also grabbed 10 rebounds for the wildcats to complete the double-double and was named tournament MVP.