

# 2001-02 MIAC Women's Hockey Athletes of the Week

## March 5, 2002

Saint Mary's University sophomore forward **Emily Kearns** (Hopkins, Minn.), who scored three goals and added an assist in helping to lead the Cardinals to the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament title, was named the conference's player of the week. Kearns netted a pair of goals in SMU's 5-3 semifinal win over St. Thomas last Friday, then tallied the game-winner with less than five minutes remaining in regulation as the Cardinals knocked off regular-season conference champion Gustavus 2-1 to earn the MIAC's automatic berth into the NCAA Division III national tournament. The Cardinals (21-5-1 overall) will play Gustavus Tuesday evening in St. Peter, Minn., in the opening round of the six-team national tournament, with the winner facing host Elmira (N.Y.) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Kearns' three goals over the weekend, giving her a school-record 32 for the season, breaking the old mark of 30, set by Tennie McCabe (Rochester, Minn.) last season. Her four points, meanwhile, pushed her team-leading total to a school-record 50, again breaking McCabe's school record of 49.

## February 25, 2002

Gustavus Adolphus College sophomore forward **Ann Katz** (Mahtomedi, Minn./Mahtomedi HS) scored three goals and recorded one assist, to help Gustavus sweep Augsburg 3-0 and 5-1 last weekend. Katz scored one goal in the Gusties 3-0 win at Augsburg on Friday night and then added two goals and one assist in the 5-1 win in St. Peter on Saturday afternoon. Katz, a Mahtomedi, Minn. native, scored the Gusties first two goals on Saturday and then assisted on the third goal to help her squad jump out to a 3-0 lead. She finished sixth in the MIAC in scoring with 16 goals and 12 assists for 28 points and second in power play goals with five. The Gusties, who won their second consecutive MIAC title and third in the past four years, will face the winner of the St. Ben's/Concordia game on Friday, March 1 at 5:30 pm in the MIAC Playoff semifinals.

## February 18, 2002

Saint Mary's University sophomore forward **Emily Kearns** (Hopkins, Minn.) scored 11 goals and added three assists as the SMU went a perfect 4-0 last week, sweeping Lake Forest and St. Benedict. Kearns, the team's leading scorer, scored four goals against the Foresters, including a hat trick in Tuesday's 8-2 win and a single goal in Wednesday's 2-0 victory. Against St. Benedict, Kearns netted a school-record five goals and tied a school mark with six points in Friday's 10-0 victory. She closed out her scoring barrage with a pair of goals in Saturday's regular season-ending 5-2 win over the Blazers. For the season, Kearns has 29 goals, leaving her one shy of the SMU record of 30 set by MIAC Player of the Year Tennie McCabe last season. Kearns also leads the team in assists (17) and points (46). Her 46 points are three shy of the Cardinals all-time record. The Cardinals closed out their regular season with a 19-5-1 overall record, including a 15-2-1 mark and a second-place finish in the MIAC.

## February 11, 2002

University of St. Thomas junior goaltender **Karissa Stapf** (Burnsville, Minn.) stopped all 35 shots in goal in recording her first shutout of the season in Sunday's 3-0 win at Saint Benedict, which completed a weekend sweep for UST and locked up a MIAC playoff berth. The Tommies were outshot 35-18 Sunday and led only 1-0 after two periods and 2-0 until scoring an empty-net goal. The Toms, 12-8-3 overall and 10-3-3 in the MIAC, have won seven of their last nine games and are in position to finish in third place in the conference for the second year in a row.

## February 4, 2002

University of St. Thomas sophomore forward **Tomery Stolz** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) became the Tommies' career scoring leader as she led the Tommies to a road series split at No. 7-ranked UW-Superior. Stolz scored one goal in Friday's 4-3 loss, then scored a goal and two assists in Saturday's 5-3 victory. She now has 78 points in two seasons, including 19 goals this season, to move into first on the UST career chart. St. Thomas is 10-8-3 overall, including an 8-3-3 MIAC record. The Toms need one win or two ties in their final four games to clinch a playoff berth.

## January 28, 2002 -- Co-Players of the Week

Concordia College junior center **Annie Knierem** (Glasgow, Mont./Glasgow HS) had two goals and two assists in Concordia's two-game sweep at Augsburg. Both goals scored were game-winning goals. Knierem's goal on Saturday came in sudden-death overtime to cap a 4-3 Cobber comeback. Friday night she scored the second goal in Concordia's 6-1 win. In the past five games Knierem has totaled six goals and four assists. She has helped the team win four times on the road, and hold down second place in the conference. Concordia is currently 11-2-1 in the MIAC and 12-2-1 overall.

College of Saint Benedict first year forward **Susan Engel** (Roseville, Minnesota) scored four goals and added one assist in two games to help St. Ben's claim an important MIAC series sweep over St. Olaf by the scores of 6-1 and 3-1. Friday night Engel scored four goals including the game winner at 15:47 of the first period. Her last three goals were all highlight film goals as she weaved in and out of traffic and put the puck high on the Oles goaltender each time. Saturday evening Engel set-up line mate Anna Richardson to give St. Ben's the lead at 15:51 in the 3-1 win. Engel leads Blazers with 14 goals. St. Ben's is currently 8-10-0 overall and 7-5-0 in the MIAC.

## January 21, 2002

Augsburg College first-year forward **Carrie Velenchenko** (Maple Grove, Minn.) scored three goals in Augsburg's weekend sweep of St. Olaf, 5-4 on Thursday and 4-3 on Saturday, to move the Auggies back into the MIAC playoff race. Velenchenko had the game-winning goals in both wins over the Oles, and has scored five goals in her last three games, all Auggie victories. Her tally at 15:16 of the third period in Thursday's game was the eventual game-winner, and her goal at 11:41 of the third period Saturday broke a 3-3 tie and gave the Auggies the win.

## January 14, 2002

Gustavus Adolphus College sophomore forward **Katie Deschneau** (Arden Hills, Minn./Mounds View HS) scored three goals and added two assists as the Gusties swept a key MIAC series against St. Thomas by the scores of 5-0 and 5-1. Deschneau, a native of Arden Hills, scored one goal on Friday night as the Gusties shut out the Tommies 5-0 in St. Paul. On Saturday afternoon, Deschneau tallied two goals and two assists as Gustavus completed the sweep with a 5-1 win in St. Peter. Deschneau is the second leading scorer for the Gusties with eight goals and eight assists for 16 points. Gustavus is currently ranked fourth nationally and atop the the MIAC with records of 8-2-1 overall and 8-0-0 in the MIAC.

## January 7, 2002

Saint Mary's University junior forward **Christy Hicks** (Bloomington, Minn./ Jefferson HS) scored five goals and added two assists as SMU's women's hockey team swept its MIAC series with Bethel last weekend. Hicks scored one goal and added two assists in Friday's 11-0 victory, then came back with a four-goal effort in the Cardinals' 8-3 win on Saturday. For the season, Hicks is second on the team in goals with seven and third on the team in points with nine.

### **December 17, 2001**

University of St. Thomas sophomore goaltender **Danielle Mikolai** (Lino Lakes, Minn./Centennial HS) stopped 44 of 46 shots in 125 minutes in goal and posted her third MIAC shutout as the Tommies got a 3-0 win and 2-2, overtime tie at previously-unbeaten Concordia-Moorhead, Dec. 14-15. In five MIAC games Mikolai compiled a 3-0-2 record with a .975 save percentage and an 0.58 GAA. The Tommies ran their unbeaten streak to seven (5-0-2) and improved to 5-3-3 overall and 4-1-3 in the MIAC.

### **December 10, 2001**

Gustavus Adolphus College senior forward **Sarah Moe** (West Des Moines, Iowa) scored four goals in two games to help Gustavus claim an important MIAC series sweep over St. Mary's by the scores of 3-0 and 4-3. On Friday night in Winona, Moe scored two goals including the gamewinner at 10:08 of the first period. Her second goal was an open net goal in the final minute of play. On Saturday afternoon in St. Peter, the Gusties and Cardinals were tied at 2-2 in the third period when Moe scored two goals in just over one minute of play to allow Gustavus to claim the 4-3 win. Moe gave the Gusties a 3-2 lead with an unassisted goal at 14:13 and then scored the gamewinner at 15:20 which was also unassisted. Through eight games this season, Moe leads the team in scoring with eight goals and five assists for 13 points. Gustavus is currently 6-1-1 overall and 6-0-0 in the MIAC.

### **December 3, 2001**

Saint Mary's University junior goalie **Missie Meemken** (St. Cloud, Minn.) stopped 54 of the 55 shots she faced in leading the the squad to a sweep of their MIAC series vs. Augsburg. Meemken, a second-team All-American as a sophomore a year ago, stopped 27 of 28 shots in Friday's 2-1 victory, then added a 27-save effort in recording her second shutout of the season as SMU completed the sweep with a 1-0 victory on Saturday.

### **November 19, 2001**

Concordia College junior forward **Katie Jacques** (Tempe, Ariz./Corona Del Sol HS) tallied five goals and two assists in Concordia's two-game sweep over Bethel this weekend. Jacques scored both game-winning goals and was a part of seven of Concordia's nine goals on the weekend. In Friday's 5-1 victory, Jacques scored three goals and had an assist. Her three consecutive goals in the second and third periods proved to be the game breaker after the scored was tied 1-1. In Saturday's game Jacques scored two goals and had an assist. She scored all her points with the game in the balance as she scored the Cobber's first and third goals and assisted on the second. For the weekend Jacques was a +7 and had 13 shots on goal.