

2002-03 MIAC Women's Hockey Athletes of the Week

March 3, 2003 (Co-Players of the Week)

University of St. Thomas goalkeepers **Danielle Mikolai** (Junior, Lino Lakes) and **Becky Kilpatrick** (Freshman, Burnsville) were named co-MIAC players of the week. Mikolai and Kilpatrick combined to stop 47 of 48 shots in two MIAC playoff games and help the Tommies add the playoff championship to their regular-season championship. In Friday's 1-0 semifinal win over St. Mary's, Mikolai stopped all 22 shots to lead a 1-0 victory and record her second shutout of the season. In Saturday's 4-1 victory over Gustavus, Kilpatrick stopped 25 of 26 shots. Kilpatrick is 10-4-1 with an .899 save percentage and a 2.31 GAA. Mikolai is 9-2-1 with an .889 save percentage and a 2.48 GAA. The Tommies, 19-6-2, received one of four automatic berths into the seven-team NCAA playoffs. The field and first-round pairings will be announced March 9, with first-round games March 14-15.

February 24, 2003

Saint Mary's University senior goaltender **Missie Meemken** (St. Cloud, Minn.) stopped 76 of the 81 shots she faced in helping Saint Mary's to a sweep of its regular season-ending series with league-champion St. Thomas. Meemken, a two-time All-American, kicked aside 39 shots in Friday's 3-2 win, then added a 37-save performance as SMU completed the sweep with a 4-3 overtime win on Saturday. Along with her 2.44 goals-against-average in the two-game series, Meemken also posted a stellar .938 save percentage.

February 17, 2003

Concordia College senior goaltender **Shyla Wilson** (Cohasset, Minn.) stopped 45 of the 48 shots she faced in Concordia's series split with Gustavus. Wilson stopped 24 of the 25 shots she faced in Friday night's 3-1 win over the Gusties. The victory marks the first time in school history that the Cobbers have beaten Gustavus. On Saturday, she had 21 saves in Concordia's 2-1 overtime loss. She currently has a 2.67 goals against average. With the win on Friday, the Cobbers remain in position to finish second or third in the MIAC which would be the highest league finish in school history.

February 10, 2003

Augsburg College junior forward **Annie Annunziato** (Commack, N.Y.) scored her second Augsburg hat trick of the season with a three-goal, one-assist night in Augsburg's 5-4 win at Concordia on Friday, adding another goal in Augsburg's 5-4 loss to the Cobbers on Saturday. The split with the Cobbers keeps Augsburg in the hunt for an MIAC postseason playoff berth. Annunziato now has 20 goals and 22 assists for 42 points this season, the points total fifth-highest in Division III women's hockey. Augsburg's top line of Annunziato, Lauren Chezick and Carrie Velenchenko is of the top scoring lines in the nation in Division III women's hockey. The trio has 47 of Augsburg's 73 goals this year (64.4 percent) and 108 of Augsburg's 180 total points (60.0 percent).

February 3, 2003

St. Olaf College first-year defender **Lindsay Weier** (Menomonie, Wisc.) scored two goals and added one assist in the Saturday 8-0 victory over Hamline. Weier was a strong force on defense helping the Oles earn two shutouts on the weekend against the Pipers.

January 27, 2003

University of St. Thomas first-year forward **Maureen Hardwick** (Warroad, Minn.) scored four goals and one assist to lead the No. 9-ranked Tommies to a key conference sweep of second-place Concordia-Moorhead. In Saturday's 7-4 win, she scored two second-period goals to give UST leads of 2-1 and 4-1. In Sunday's 5-3 victory, her breakaway goal with 2:02 to play gave the Toms a 5-3 lead after the Cobbers had pulled within one goal with 4:00 to go. The Tommies 13-2-1 overall and 11-0-1 in the conference, are 19-0-1 in their last 20 MIAC regular-season games. They have a six-point lead over the Cobbers and Gustavus with six games to play.

January 20, 2003

St. Olaf College sophomore forward **Erin Baxter** (Rosemount, Minn.) scored the game winning goal in overtime, in the St. Olaf 4-3 win over Augsburg College on Thursday night. In St. Olaf's 5-4 win over Augsburg on Saturday, Baxter set a school record with 5 points (1 goal, 4 assists) and leads the team with 18 points this season. Baxter has played in all 17 of St. Olaf's games this season. The two game win over second place Augsburg, gave the St. Olaf women their first sweep as a team. The win moves St. Olaf to 4-5-1 in the MIAC and 6-9-2 overall.

January 13, 2003

Augsburg College forward **Lauren Chezick** (So., Hastings, Minn.) tied a school record, set another and had a solid week as Augsburg went 2-0-1 in nonconference play to improve to 7-7-1 overall. In Augsburg's 6-0 win over Amherst (Mass.) on Friday, Chezick netted her first collegiate hat trick and tied a school single-game record with a five-point night (three goals, two assists). Two of her three goals were shorthanded tallies. In Saturday's 3-2 win over Wisconsin-Superior, she set a school record for quickest first goal in a game, when she lit the lamp just 11 seconds into play. She had a goal and assist in the win over the Yellowjackets. In Tuesday's 5-5 tie with Wesleyan (Conn.), Chezick had the game-tying goal with 56 seconds left in regulation. Chezick has scored at least a goal or assist in 14 of Augsburg's 15 games this season and co-leads the team with 29 points (14 goals, 15 assists). Augsburg has a five-game unbeaten streak (4-0-1), and after starting the season 0-5, has won seven of its last 10 games.

January 6, 2003

Gustavus Adolphus College goaltender **Anne Kautzer** (Sophomore, Shoreview, Minn./Totino-Grace HS) turned in a very strong performance as she turned away 23 shots including three breakaways in Sunday's 3-1 victory over #7 nationally ranked Williams College. Kautzer improved her record to 2-3-2 and the Gusties improve to 6-3-2 overall.

December 16, 2002

Augsburg College forward **Genevieve Allegrezza**, (Jr., Anchorage, Alaska/Service HS) tied an Augsburg single-game school record with a four-goal effort in Augsburg's 6-3 home win over Bethel on Wednesday night. Allegrezza got her hat trick in the first two periods, scoring the first two goals of the game and added another in the second period. Allegrezza finished her scoring on a rebound, power-play goal with 1:52 remaining in the third period. On Saturday, she had an assist in Augsburg's 4-1 win at Bethel. As part of Augsburg's second line, Allegrezza has five goals and four assists for nine points this year, good for fourth on the team in scoring. She was a 2001 Division III All-American at Manhattanville (N.Y.), and transferred to Augsburg this season.

December 9, 2002

Gustavus Adolphus College goaltender **Molly O'Donnell** (Junior, Minneapolis, Minn./So. St. Paul HS) turned away 52 of the 54 shots she faced as the Gusties split a weekend series with Augsburg College. O'Donnell made 24 saves on Friday night as Gustavus lost 1-0. The lone goal was a breakaway goal midway through the third period. On Saturday, O'Donnell made 28 saves and allowed one goal as the Gusties posted a 4-1 win over the Auggies. O'Donnell recorded a .963 save percentage and a 1.0 goals against average in the important MIAC series. On the season, O'Donnell has compiled a record of 2-1-0 with a 0.91 goals against average and a .964 save percentage. The Gusties are currently 3-4-2 overall and 3-2-1 in the MIAC.

December 2, 2002

St. Olaf College goaltender **Andrea Smith** (Soph., Burnsville, Minn.) made 51 saves in a 4-3 overtime loss to #4 nationally rank UW-Steven's Point. On the season Smith has a 92.7% save percentage in 302 minutes of play. She currently is ranked second in the MIAC in save percentage.

November 25, 2002

Augsburg College forward **Annie Annunziato** (Jr., Commack, N.Y.) scored her first hat trick as a member of the Augsburg women's hockey team in Saturday's 6-1 win at St. Mary's, completing Augsburg's first-ever sweep of the Cardinals. Annunziato had a goal and assist in Augsburg's 4-0 home win on Friday night, then had three goals in the first two periods, including a power-play goal and shorthanded goal, in Saturday's road win. Annunziato, a transfer from Manhattanville (N.Y.) who earned ECAC All-Star honors last year, has a team-high nine goals (ranked 10th nationally) and 14 points (ranked 11th nationally) this season, including four power-play goals (second nationally) and two shorthanded goals (second nationally).

November 19, 2002

University of St. Thomas first-year **Mel Drake** (D-F, Shoreview/Mounds View) scored three goals and one assist to help the unbeaten Tommies post a series sweep of Augsburg. She scored the go-ahead and clinching goals in Friday's 4-1 victory, helping UST rally from a 1-0 deficit. Drake scored at 18:33 of the second to let the Tommies take a 2-1 lead into the third period. In Saturday's 7-3 win, her second-period power-play goal broke a 2-2 tie. The No. 9-rated Tommies are 3-0 overall, 2-0 in the MIAC.

November 12, 2002

Concordia-Moorhead College forward **Katie Jacques** (Sr., Tempe, Ariz./Corona Del Sol HS) scored four goals and had an assist in Concordia's two-game sweep at UW-Superior. On Friday night Jacques had two goals and an assist. Her points came on three consecutive goals for the Cobbers and helped turn a tight 1-1 tie game into a 4-1 lead. Her second goal of the game was the eventual game-winner, as the Cobbers went on to win 6-3. On Saturday Jacques scored two more clutch goals, helping Concordia to a 5-4 overtime victory. In the two games Jacques had 13 shots on goal and collected five points.