

Melissa Mackley, Gustavus

Week of: 2009-03-09



Gustavus Adolphus College junior forward **Melissa Mackley** (Burnsville, Minn.) scored two goals to help the Gustie women's hockey team defeat St. Thomas 3-0 to win the MIAC Playoff Championship game on Wednesday evening in St. Peter. Mackley gave Gustavus a 1-0 lead when she scored at 15:20 of the second period and then she closed out the scoring with an empty net goal with :30 seconds remaining in the game. Mackley is the Gusties leading scorer with eight goals and 19 assists for 27 points. Gustavus, which won the MIAC Playoff title for the sixth consecutive year, will now host UW-River Falls in a NCAA Quarterfinal game on Saturday at 2:00 pm. The Gusties enter the NCAA Tournament in the midst of a 26-game unbeaten string, which is the longest in collegiate women's hockey.

Lauren Bradel, St. Thomas

Week of: 2009-03-02



University of St. Thomas junior goaltender **Lauren Bradel** (Bemidji, Minn.) became the first St. Thomas goalie to reach 40 career wins as she stopped all 22 shots in Saturday night's 3-0 win over Bethel in the MIAC playoff semifinals. The game was just 1-0 through the first 50 minutes. Bradel and her teammates helped kill off all seven Bethel power plays. Bradel ranks first or second nationally among full-time goalies in GAA (1.18) and save percentage (.951) and recorded her 17th career shutout. It was just the second shutout win for St. Thomas in 17 all-time postseason games. Bradel's 14-3-3 record this season includes two 1-0 losses. She will face No 1-ranked Gustavus in Wednesday's final. In seven career starts vs. the potent Gusties, Bradel had four 1-0 losses and a .955 save percentage with a 1.40 GAA.

Allie Schwab, Gustavus

Week of: 2009-03-02



Gustavus Adolphus College first-year forward **Allie Schwab** (Stillwater, Minn.) scored two unassisted goals to help the Gusties defeat St. Olaf 5-0 in a MIAC Playoff semifinal game on Saturday in St. Peter. Schwab's first goal at 19:02 of the first period gave Gustavus a 2-0 lead. She stole the puck in the St. Olaf zone, beat one defender and then snapped a wrist shot into the upper left corner from a sharp angle at the bottom of the left face-off circle. Schwab's second goal at 17:03 of the second period was again due to outstanding individual effort as she beat a defender at the blue line and then beat the goaltender with a wrist shot into the upper left corner. The goal gave the Gusties a 3-0 lead. Schwab leads the team in goals scored with 14. Gustavus, which is now 21-1-4 on the season, will face St. Thomas on Wednesday in St. Peter in the MIAC Playoff Championship game.

Beth Spurrier, Bethel

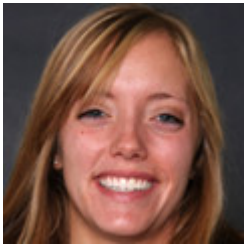
Week of: 2009-02-23



Bethel University senior goaltender **Beth Spurrier** (Plymouth, Minn./Wayzata) led Bethel to a 1-0-1 week that saw them earn three out of a possible four points in the conference standings against #6 St. Thomas with a 1-0 win and a 2-2 tie. Prior to this past weekend, #1 Gustavus was the only other team in the conference to limit St. Thomas to two goals or less in a two game series this season. The three-time All-MIAC goalie shut out the Tommies on Friday night, halting each of the 38 shots that came her way, making her just the second goalie to shut out St. Thomas this season. Spurrier now has 14 career shutouts, which is second best among active MIAC goalies. The following afternoon, she kept the Royals in the game by making 43 saves, giving the team an opportunity to tie, and stopped two shots in the overtime period to preserve the tie. Bethel's win and tie gives the program its best overall and conference record in its 10-year history. Spurrier finishes the regular season in the top third of MIAC goalies for goals against average, save percentage, and winning percentage.

Tiffany Magnuson, Augsburg

Week of: 2009-02-16



Augsburg College senior forward **Tiffany Magnuson** (Green Bay, Wis./Notre Dame) had a four-point weekend, with three goals and an assist, leading Augsburg to a win and tie over Saint Mary's in a conference series. In Friday's 4-2 win at Saint Mary's, Magnuson scored the Auggies' final goal on a power-play marker in the second period, adding an assist for a two-point night. In Saturday's 2-2 overtime tie, Magnuson scored both Augsburg goals. On the season, Magnuson leads the team with 16 points (seven goals, nine assists). The lone senior on the squad, Magnuson has 96 career points (63 goals, 33 assists) in 96 career games, and is now five goals away from tying Augsburg's career record for goals, 68, set by Angie Rieger (1998-2001).

Jackie Carroll, St. Thomas

Week of: 2009-02-09



University of St. Thomas senior forward **Jackie Carroll** (St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall), playing her 99th and 100th career games, had a five-point weekend to help the No. 7-ranked Toms pull out a sweep of Saint Mary's that ran their winning streak to six and kept them one point behind Gustavus. Carroll scored a hat trick and one assist in Friday's win, including two goals 32 seconds apart early in period three to break open a close game. She scored a power-play goal Saturday in the third period for the eventual game winner in a 2-1 victory. Carroll now has 131 career points (60 goals, 71 assists) and is closing in on a top-15 MIAC career total. She has helped the Toms post a 72-26-2 record in her era.

Becca Kent, Concordia

Week of: 2009-02-02



Concordia College first-year forward **Becca Kent** (Princeton, Minn./Elk River) had three goals and three assists in the Cobbers' two-game sweep over Augsburg this weekend. Her six-point outburst helped Concordia move into fourth place in the league standings. Kent was part of an offense that scored 14 goals on the weekend, the most ever in a two-game series for a Cobber team in the history of the program. In Friday's 7-1 win, Kent had two goals and two assists including the assist on the game-winning goal. In Saturday's 7-0 win she added one goal and one assist to bring her weekend total to six. For the season, Kent has nine goals and six assists for 15 points. She is currently tied for the team lead in goals and is second in points. Kent is also third in the league in freshman scoring in league games.

Lauren Bradel, St. Thomas

Week of: 2009-01-26



University of St. Thomas junior goaltender **Lauren Bradel** (Bemidji, Minn.) helped the Tommies win two tight games on their longest road trip of the season as she stopped all 58 shots in 120:25 in net on the series to help the No. 7-ranked Tommies sweep playoff contender Concordia, 4-0 and 1-0 in overtime. Friday's game was 2-0 into the final 40 seconds when UST added two empty-net goals. It's the first time in the last three seasons that one goalie has shutout a team in a weekend MIAC series. Bradel helped kill all six of the Cobber power plays. In her five January games, including three consecutive games vs. No. 1-ranked Amherst and Gustavus, Bradel has allowed only two regular goals and one penalty-shot goal in 299 minutes with 152 saves and has helped kill all 20 power plays. On the season, Bradel is 8-3-1 with a .949 save percentage and 1.28 GAA. UST is still one-half game behind MIAC leader Gustavus with eight conference games to go.

Gretchen Leyendecker, Saint Benedict

Week of: 2009-01-19



College of Saint Benedict sophomore forward **Gretchen Leyendecker** (Rochester, Minn./Lourdes) led the Blazers to a key sweep over Augsburg. She netted her first collegiate hat trick on Friday night, starting with a goal just 18 seconds into the game. Leyendecker assisted the next goal, then scored the next two consecutively converting on a powerplay rebound and a back door rebound in the second period. She continued her scoring spree on Saturday, assisting on Patty King's first goal of the year before scoring herself diving across the slot to swat in a rebound. She assisted on the final goal of the afternoon as well giving her a hand in 7 of the 8 goals scored by the Blazers in the series totalling 4 goals and 3 assists. She also finished with a +7 rating having not allowed a single goal against while on the ice. The sweep boosts the Blazers to sixth place in the tight MIAC race with a 4-4 conference record and 6-4 overall.

Jessica Ptachick, St. Olaf

Week of: 2009-01-12



St. Olaf College junior goaltender **Jessica Ptachick** (Burnsville, Minn./Apple Valley) made 28 saves in Saturday's 2-1 overtime win over St. Catherine and 31 in Sunday's 4-1 road victory to help the Oles complete the sweep and move to 3-2-1 in six appearances this season. Her .948 save percentage this winter ranks third in the MIAC overall and her 1.64 goals against average is fifth in the conference.

Danielle Justice, Gustavus

Week of: 2009-01-05



Gustavus Adolphus College first-year goaltender **Danielle Justice** (Alexandria, Minn./Jefferson) recorded 17 saves and did not allow a goal to help the Gusties defeat #1 ranked Amherst on Friday in St. Peter, Minn. Justice made 11 of her 17 saves in the first period including stops on a 2-0 breakaway and a 1-0 breakaway. She made one more breakaway stop in the second period and another breakaway stop in the third period. Justice's performance in the first period kept the Gusties in the game and then she shut the door in the second and third period as her teammates scored three times. Justice is 3-1-1 on the season with two shutouts and a 0.78 goals against average. The Gusties are now 7-1-1 overall and 5-0-1 in the MIAC.

Jackie Carroll, St. Thomas

Week of: 2009-01-05



University of St. Thomas senior forward **Jackie Carroll** (St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall) scored two power-play goals in a two minute stretch of the second period and those stood up in the Tommies' 2-1 victory over No. 1-ranked Amherst in non-conference play Saturday. Carroll ranks among the Division III leaders in assists with 13 in 11 games and has moved into fourth in UST career scoring with 122 points in 92 career games. With the win, the Tommies (9-2) have a chance to rejoin the national top 10 rankings.

Rachel Deick, Hamline

Week of: 2008-12-15



Hamline University first-year forward **Rachel Deick** (Edina, Minn./Hopkins) had five goals on just eight shots (.625 shooting percentage) to lead Hamline to a sweep of St. Catherine this weekend. In Friday's 4-2 win, she scored the opening goal of the game, and then the goal that put Hamline up 3-1. On Saturday, she tallied a hat trick in a 5-0 win. Her goals included the first two of the game. Four of Deick's five goals this weekend came with the teams skating even-strength.

Beth Spurrier, Bethel

Week of: 2008-12-08



Bethel University senior goaltender **Beth Spurrier** (Plymouth, Minn./Wayzata) was a key factor in helping Bethel earn their first ever point against Gustavus in the conference standings as the Royals and #6 Gusties skated to a 1-1 tie last Friday. The three-time all-conference goalie saved 30 of the 31 shots on goal that came her way in 65 minutes of play. She then went on to record 43 saves the following afternoon, shutting Gustavus out for the first 45 minutes of the game and allowing just one goal. The last time a MIAC goalie limited the Gusties to just two goals in a two-game series was in 1999, and Bethel became the first team to earn a point in the conference standings against Gustavus since February of 2007. Spurrier currently has the second highest save percentage and fourth lowest goals against average among MIAC goalies in conference play.

Abbie Helminen, Saint Benedict

Week of: 2008-11-24



College of Saint Benedict sophomore goaltender **Abbie Helminen** (Brighton, Mich/Belle Tire) stopped 26 of 27 shots in the Blazer's overtime win against Bethel on Friday night, and returned on Saturday to stop 38 of 39 shots in Bethel's 1-0 win. Helminen made several spectacular saves Saturday, especially during Bethel's opening flurry in which they outshot Saint Benedict 18-1. She stopped two breakaways, and was constantly playing the puck up ice, keeping the Royals out of the Blazer defensive zone. Over the weekend, Helminen held the MIAC's top two scorers, Sandra Felten and Bethany Murphy-Aultman, to a single goal and help the Blazer's gain a split of the series.

Bethany Murphy-Aultman, Bethel

Week of: 2008-11-17



Bethel University senior forward **Bethany Murphy-Aultman** (Grand Rapids, Minn.) helped Bethel begin their season with a series sweep over Augsburg by earning six points on three goals and three assists last weekend. In Friday night's game, Murphy-Aultman recorded two goals in the span of 21 seconds to put the Royals up 4-0 on their way to a 7-1 win. She also had two assists in the contest to give her four points in one game for the third time in her career. The next afternoon, Murphy-Aultman had an assist on the game-winning goal, and then added an insurance goal of her own in Bethel's 4-2 win over the Auggies. Murphy-Aultman is a three-time All-MIAC athlete and is Bethel's all-time leading scorer with 88 career points.