



This Week In Gustavus Athletics

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GUSTAVUS INSIDE ATHLETICS

NOTABLE PERFORMERS

Women's Hockey Gets First Round Bye in NCAA Tournament

- Gustavus beat St. Thomas 2-1 in overtime on Saturday to win its third consecutive MIAC playoff title. With the win, the Gusties have earned an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament and received a first-round bye. Gustavus will now play the winner of the Middlebury vs. Manhattanville first round game in the Division III Women's Ice Hockey Frozen Four on March 17 at a site yet to be determined.

Men's Swimming Qualifies 10 for NCAA Championships

- The Gusties qualified ten swimmers to compete in the 2006 NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships which will be held at the University of Minnesota, March 16-18. Gustavus will be competing in four relay events and nine individual events. The qualifying swimmers include Brian Amundson, Clement Auyeung, Billy Cuevas, Scott Hagemeyer, Ben Hanson, Jeff Pearson, Greg Pokorski, Tyler Wakefield, Matt Stewart and Connor Ziegler.

Women's Track Finishes 2nd at MIAC Championships

- The Gusties indoor track and field team finished in a tie for second place at the MIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships. The distance medley relay team of Mollie Lager, Blythe Bittman, Ashley Cronen, and Kourtney Joyce registered the only win for the Gusties, taking the victory in a meet and arena record time of 12:29.76. Gustavus had runner-up finishes in the 5000-meter run, the 800-meter relay and the 4x400-meter relay as well as a 2-3-4 finish in the pole vault. Joyce, McKenzie Burgess, Alicia Blomquist and Shanna Dawson all received All-MIAC honors for their top-three individual performances at the conference meet.

Peterson Named MIAC Player of the Year

- Junior defender Andrea Peterson has been named the 2005-06 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year. She becomes the first women's hockey player in the MIAC to receive player of the year honors three times in a career. Peterson leads the team in points with 47 (18g, 29a) and leads all of Division III in scoring by a defender with 1.74 points per game. Peterson is also in first place on the Gustavus all-time scoring list with 147 career points.



Kitty Hurley, a junior goaltender from Minnetonka, MN, allowed only two goals in two games in the MIAC Playoffs to help the Gusties advance to the NCAA Tournament. Hurley made 19 saves on 20 shots in a 3-1 win over St. Olaf, and

turned away 16 of 17 shots in a 2-1 overtime victory against St. Thomas in the MIAC finals.



Christine Askham, a first-year gymnast from Arvada, CO, posted a career best score of 9.65 on the floor exercise and finished second at the NCGA West Regional meet on Friday. Askham's score on the floor exercise helped her qualify as an

individual for the NCGA Championships which will take place March 24-25 in Brockport, NY. The Gusties finished 7th out of 8 as a team.



Jered Hokenson, a senior high jumper from Watertown, MN, claimed titles in the high jump and pentathlon at the MIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships last weekend. Hokenson tallied 4,384 total points in the pentathlon breaking the school record by over 1,000 points and cleared

a height of six feet, five and one-half inches in the high jump. The Gusties finished 5th as a team.



Kourtney Joyce, a senior distance runner from Wadena, MN, set two new school records in the 3000-meter and 5000-meter runs last weekend at the MIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships. Joyce finished 4th with a time of 10:22.38 in the 3000 and 2nd in the 5000 at 17:30.02. She broke

her own record in the 5000-meter run by over 12 seconds and eclipsed Nichole Peterson's time of 10:24.37 in the 3000-meter run set in 2003.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Thursday, March 9

Women's Nordic Skiing at NCAA Championships (Steamboat, CO) All Day

Saturday, March 11

M. Tennis vs. UW-Whitewater 9:00 a.m.
W. Tennis vs. Southwest State 9:30 a.m.
W. Tennis vs. St. Mary's 2:00 p.m.
W. Tennis at Drake 2:00 p.m.
W. Tennis vs. UN-Omaha (at Drake) 6:00 p.m.
W. Tennis vs. Augustana 6:30 p.m.
M. Tennis vs. Augustana 6:30 p.m.
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Sunday, March 12

Softball vs. UW-Eau Claire 10:00 a.m.
Baseball vs. Martin Luther 10:15 p.m.
W. Tennis vs. Concordia 12:00 p.m.
M. Tennis at Drake 2:00 p.m.

KEY EVENTS THIS WEEK

Women's Nordic Skiing - Gustavus senior Chandra Daw will compete in the NCAA National Collegiate Skiing Championships Wednesday through Saturday in Steamboat Springs, Colo. Daw qualified for the NCAA Championships by finishing seventh on the final Central Collegiate Ski Association (CCSA) Qualification Points List.

Baseball - Coach Mike Carroll's squad will play its second doubleheader of the season Sunday at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. The Gusties will face Martin Luther with the first game beginning at 10:15 pm.

Softball - Gustavus (0-2) will play a doubleheader with #16 UW-Eau Claire on Sunday at the Softball Dome in Rosemount. The first game will begin at 10:00 am.

Men's and Women's Tennis - The women's tennis team will face Division I Drake in Des Moines on Saturday at 2 pm and then the men will face the Bulldogs on Sunday at 2 pm.