Carleton College athletics


This Week in Knights Men's Basketball

Game #19: Bethel (11-5, 6-5 MIAC) at Carleton (7-10, 6-6 MIAC)
Saturday, January 27 • 1 p.m. • West Gym
Radio: None
Internet Audio: www.carleton.edu/athletics/broadcasts
All-time series: Knights lead 33-29
Last Meeting: Carleton 66 Bethel 62 on Dec. 6, 2006
Leaders Royals Knights
Pts Madison 18.8 Johnson 18.2
Rebs Meadowcroft 8.1 Rosett 5.8
Ast Laugen 3.0 Phillips 4.5

Carleton's MIAC Stretch Run Begins with Johnnies, Royals

The Knights begin their most pivotal week of the season to date when they travel to Saint John's on Wednesday and host Bethel on Saturday. The Johnnies are in a tie for first in the MIAC, while the Royals are a half game in front of the Knights for the fourth spot. Carleton is coming off a disappointing 62-57 loss at home against Concordia on Monday evening.

With eight games to go, the 2006-07 MIAC playoff race is shaping up. Barrings any strange developments, there will be three open spots for the conference's remaining eight teams as Saint John's, St. Thomas, and Gustavus are virtual locks for the postseason.

2006-07 Carleton Knights

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Head Coach: Guy Kalland, 23rd season (Concordia College, Moorhead/1974)
Assistant Coaches: Jim Hayes, third season (Hamline University/1994) Ross Peterson, fifth season (Gustavus Adolphus/1979)
Captains: Mike Kootsikas, Jake Phillips, Tucker Schiek

Pronunciation Guide

11 Rodney Kuhl KOO1
23 Mike Kootsikas KOOT-sih-kiss
43 Taylor Schiek SHEEK
41 Morris Nwogwugwu WHOH-gwu-gwu
45 Bryan Rosett ROE-set
53 Steve Ramey RAY-mee
55 Tucker Schiek SHEEK
Guy Kalland KULL-und

Roster Breakdown

Seniors.......................... 3
Juniors.......................... 8
Sophomores......................... 1
First Years......................... 3

Texas........................................ 1
Minnesota................................... 14
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Knights News and Notes

• Jake Phillips is closing in on a rare milestone for Carleton. He has 950 career points and 382 career assists. Only one other Carleton player, Scott Christensen ’03, has posted more than 1,000 points and 400 assists in a career. Only three MIAC players—Christensen and Bethel’s Keith Newman (1989-92) and Dave Blanchard (1977-80)—have accomplished the same feat.

• Carleton has not missed the MIAC playoffs since 2000-01.

• The Knights lead the nation in fewest fouls per game, as they average a mere 13.3 personal fouls in each contest.

• Carleton’s 10.9 turnovers per game is also fourth best in the nation.

• Carleton has struggled guarding the three-point shot so far, as opponents are making nearly 42 percent of their long-range shots against the Knights.

• Prior to their December win over the Knights, Saint John’s had lost four of its last five contests to Carleton.

• Bethel is 13th in the country in scoring average, posting up 86.0 points per game.

Probable Starter and Reserve Notes (Updated Jan. 24):

#21 Jake Phillips, Sr., G, 6-2, Brainerd, Minn. (Brainerd HS): His 208 career three-point field goals made is third all-time at Carleton and eighth all-time in the MIAC... Ranks third all-time at Carleton with a 43.9% three-point shooting percentage, and third all-time at Carleton with 382 career assists... Leads the team in steals with 39... Was named All-MIAC in 2005-06... With another stellar offensive season, Jake should go over the 1,000 point mark for his Carleton tenure as he currently sits at 950 career points... Career 82 percent free throw shooter... Four-year starter at point guard for the Knights... Post-school ambition is engineering... Physics major.

#31 Zach Johnson, So., F, 6-5, Apple Valley, Minn. (Eastview HS): Fourth in the MIAC in scoring at 18.2 points per game... Has scored double figures in 36 of his 45 career games, including 16 of 17 this season... Was named to the All-MIAC first year squad as well as the All-MIAC team... He was the first Carleton first-year player to earn All-MIAC first team honors since Luke Schmidt and Josh Wilhelm ’99 did so in 1995-96... Also member of Carleton football team... Economics major.

#33 Tommy Drake, Jr., F, 6-5, Eden Prairie, Minn. (Eden Prairie HS): Missed the game on Monday against Concordia due to an illness, status for this week unknown... Can play all five positions on the floor for Carleton... Has started all 70 games of his career for the Knights... Has averaged 12.5 points and 5.7 rebounds over his career... All MIAC first-year team selection in 2004-05 as well as an All-MIAC honorable mention selection... Also played soccer at Eden Prairie HS, leading them to state title... Economics major.

#23 Mike Kootsikas, Sr., G, 6-0, Rosemount, Minn. (Rosemount HS): Recorded career highs in points (18) and rebounds (six) to lead Carleton over Macalester on 1/15... Recorded 21 assists in a five-game stretch from 12/11 to 1/8... Started the last 14 games for the Knights and has appeared in 89 career games... Member of Carleton football team and moved from receiver to safety in 2006, earning All-MIAC second team honors... Economics major.

#15 Jeremy Sutherland, Fy., G, Eagan, Minn. (St. Bernard’s HS): Scored in double figures for the third time this season against Augsburg last Saturday (11 points)... Scored a career high 13 points in the loss at MSU-Mankato... Leads the team in blocks with 17... Named All-Conference and Academic All-State in his senior season which he lead St. Bernard’s to the conference title... Also named to the Pioneer Press All-Defensive Team... Has appeared in all eight of the Knights’ contests this season.

#45 Bryan Rosett, Fy., F, 6-6, Cottage Grove, Minn. (Park HS): Posted a career-high 20 points in the win over Augsburg on Saturday... Named Academic All-State and All-Conference...
in his senior year...is the team's leading rebounder this season, averaging 5.8 boards a game...pulled down a career high 10 in the win over Bethel.

#13 Jay Melson, So., G, 6-2, Cottage Grove, Minn. (Park HS); Returned to action after missing over a month with foot injury...Scored a career high 14 points in the crucial win at Concordia, canning four 3-pointers, which was also a career high...Was named to the All-MIAC first year team in 2005-06...One of the Knights best perimeter defenders...Also outstanding baseball player who was the Knights third baseman last season.

#55 Tucker Schieck, Jr., F, 6-5, Austin, Minn. (Austin HS); Moves into senior year with Knights... Has appeared in 56 career games for Carleton... Older brother Tanner '03 and younger brother Taylor '09 have also played for the Knights...International Studies major.

Tonight's Opponent:
Saint John's Knights

Statistical Comparison

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Scouting the Knights:

One week ago, Saint John's was riding high after beating rival and third-ranked St. Thomas 64-59. Since then, two dismal performances and one upset loss to Saint Mary's have humbled the MIAC frontrunners following their 11-0 start. The Knights dropped 66-63 to Saint Mary's on Monday night and fell back into a first place tie with the Tommies in the MIAC.

Nevertheless, Saint John's has been playing superb basketball for much of this season. They are 13-4 overall and have lost only one game by more than five points to a Division III school. Longtime head coach Jim Smith, in his 43rd season, believes the Knights have what it takes to get back to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2001.

Tyler Westman is the offensive end, averaging 13.9 points per game. The reigning MIAC Player of the Week is becoming known as one of the conference's most clutch players, after he hit his second big three pointer in as many games. Brink is averaging 7.0 points, while shooting .54.5 percent from beyond the arc.

The Johnnies also sport the MIAC's best inside-outside twins with 10.1 points while also grabbing a career-high 4.4 assists per contest and is also second on the team in steals.

On the interior, the Schafer twins are having solid senior campaigns for the Johnnies. Craig is averaging in double-figures with 10.1 points while also grabbing a career-high 4.4 assists per contest and is also second on the team in steals.

Among the leaders--MIAC Stats Only (as of 1/24)

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Career Records Watch (as of 1/24)

2-point field goals made
1. 239 - Jim Lovrien (99 games) - 1994-98
2. 224 - Scott Krohn (105 games) - 1989-93
3. 208 - Jake Phillips (97 games) - 2003-07

3-point field goals made
1. 1445 - Ken Coblin (61-137) - 1991-95
2. 1150 - Matt Tompkins (110-248) - 1995-99
3. 439 - Jake Phillips (208-474) - 2003-07

MIAC Players Career 3-Point FGs
1. 277, Patrick Russell, Macalester - 1998-93
2. 255, Bryan Schnettler, St. Thomas - 2003-07
9. 208, Jake Phillips, Carleton 2003-07

MIAC All-Time Coaching Wins List
2. Joe Hutton, Hamline - 588-186 - 1931-65
4. Tom Feeley, St. Thomas - 417-269 - 1954-80
5. Mark Hanson, Gustavus - 334-124 - 1990-present
7. Whitey Skoog, Gustavus - 292-301 - 1957-81
[through games of Jan. 23, 2006]
### MISCELLANEOUS 2006-07 STATISTICS

**Games as leading scorer**
- Tommy Drake: 4/10
- Zach Johnson: 7/14
- Jake Phillips: 1/1

**10-rebound games**
- Tommy Drake: 1/6
- Bryan Rossett: 1/1

**Assists**
- Zach Johnson: 12, vs. Saint John's
- Bryan Rossett: 11, vs. Saint Mary's, 1/10/07
- Mike Kootsikas: 7, vs. Saint John's

**Rebounds**
- Zach Johnson: 11, vs. Saint Mary's, 1/10/07
- Mike Kootsikas: 10, vs. Augustana, 1/13/06
- Bryan Rossett: 7, vs. Saint John's

**3-point FG**
- Zach Johnson: 5, on three occasions
- Bryan Rossett: 2, on eight occasions

### Carleton’s Record When...
- Opponent scores 70 or more points: 7-3
- Opponent shoots 50 percent or better from the floor: 0-5
- Opponent commits more turnovers: 0-2
- Teams have equal turnovers: 0-1
- Teams have same number of rebounds: 0-1
- Carleton leads at the half: 4-2
- Carleton trails at the half: 3-7
- Tied at the half: 1-0
- Overtime: 1-1

### Individual Player Season/Career Highs

**Tommy Drake**
- Points: 25, at Hawaii Pacific, 11/25/06
- 3-point FG: 2, on five occasions
- Rebounds: 7, vs. Augsburg, 12/9/06
- Assists: 3, vs. St. Olaf, 1/13/07

**Zach Johnson**
- Points: 18, at Bethel, 2/28/06
- 3-point FG: 2, on seven occasions
- Rebounds: 5, on two occasions
- Assists: 6, at Macalester, 1/15/07

**Mike Kootsikas**
- Points: 18, at Macalester, 1/15/07
- 3-point FG: 2, on five occasions
- Rebounds: 5, on three occasions
- Assists: 5, on two occasions
- Steals: 6, at Macalester, 1/15/07

**Bryan Rossett**
- Points: 20, vs. Augsburg, 12/20/06
- Rebounds: 10, at Bethel, 12/6/06
- Assists: 3, at Chaminade, 11/28/06

**Rodney Kuhl**
- Points: 3, at St. Olaf, 1/13/07
- 3-point FG: 2, on two occasions

**Jay Melson**
- Points: 14, at Concordia, 12/11/06
- 3-point FG: 4, at Concordia, 12/11/06

**Jake Phillips**
- Points: 26, at Saint Mary's, 1/16/06
- 3-point FG: 5, on three occasions
- Rebounds: 7, at Hamline, 1/25/06

**Bobby Schmitz**
- Points: 20, at Augsburg, 12/9/06
- Rebounds: 3, at Concordia, 12/11/06
- Assists: 2, at Augsburg, 12/9/06

**Tucker Schieck**
- Points: 4, at Augsburg, 12/9/06
- Rebounds: 3, at Hamline, 12/4/06
- Assists: 2, at Augsburg, 12/9/06

**Jeremy Sutherland**
- Points: 19, vs. Augsburg, 12/9/06
- 3-point FG: 1, on five occasions
- Rebounds: 10, vs. Chaminade, 1/2/07
- Assists: 5, vs. St. John's, 12/5/06

**Bryan Rossett**
- Points: 28, on two occasions
- 3-point FG: 2, on two occasions
- Assists: 1, vs. St. Olaf, 1/13/07

**Steals**
- Zach Johnson: 7, vs. Saint John's
- Bryan Rossett: 1, vs. Chaminade
- Mike Kootsikas: 1, at Macalester, 1/15/07
- Bryan Rossett: 0, vs. Chaminade

**Listings are season-highs first, followed by career. Only one listing indicates season- and career-highs are identical.**