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3 p.m. • Radio: KYMN 1080 AM/Knights Online

Broadcast Information

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Engel reaches 1,000 career points

Senior Linnea Engel became the seventh Carleton player in program history to reach 1,000 points for her career with a lay-up at the 1:41 mark of the first half against Gustavus. Her 1,005 career points ranks her seventh on Carleton’s all-time scoring list. She needs seven points to pass Denell Downum ’94 for sixth on Carleton’s scoring list. Engel ranks in Carleton’s all-time top 10 in points, field goals, free throws, assists, blocked shots and steals. She is two assists shy of becoming the first Carleton player ever with at least 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 200 steals, 200 assists and 50 blocked shots in a career. The senior forward is averaging a career-high 113 points and 5.7 rebounds per game this season. Her 111 games played is also a school record.

Knights three-time playoff champions

Carleton is the three-time defending MIAC Playoff champion and moved its all-time MIAC Playoff record to 8-0 with Wednesday’s victory. The Knights won the inaugural post-season event as the second seed in 2001, edging St. Benedict in overtime in the semifinals and upsetting St. Thomas in the finals. Two years ago the Knights won as the third seed, beating St. Olaf at home, winning at St. Thomas in the semifinals and at St. Benedict in the finals. Last year the Knights were the top seed and beat St. Thomas (semifinals) and Gustavus (finals) at West Gym.

Knights unbeaten at home

Carleton kept its home unbeaten streak intact by winning on Wednesday, marking the Knights 14-0 at home this season. Over the last four seasons the Knights are 48-3 at home, 43-3 in MIAC play.

The top three seeds in the MIAC Playoffs were all undefeated at home before Concordia handed St. Benedict its first home loss of the season on Wednesday. Concordia’s only home loss this year came against Carleton.

Beth Freeman named MIAC Player of the Week

Junior Beth Freeman earned the MIAC co-player of the week after delivering one of the best performances in Carleton’s victory over St. Benedict. She scored 30 points on 14-of-21 shooting and added eight rebounds, four assists and three steals to lead the Knights to the victory that clinched them a share of the MIAC title. The 30 points were the most by a Carleton player since Bridget Seeeger ’01 scored 32 points against St. Benedict in the 2001 MIAC Playoff Semifinals. The point total came on 14 field goals, which is the second most field goals made in a single game in Carleton history. Carleton’s all-time leading scorer, Katherine Frewing ’92, made 16 field goals in scoring 35 points at St. Mary’s on Feb. 15, 1992. For the week she averaged 19 points, six rebounds and four assists, shooting 64 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free-throw line. It marked the first time in Freeman’s career she’s been named MIAC player of the week. She shared the award with St. Olaf’s Molly Simon, who led the Oles to an upset of St. Thomas on Wednesday night.

Super sophomore leads Knights in scoring for second straight season

Sophomore Megan Vig, who led the Knights in scoring as a first-year reserve last year, paces the Knights in scoring again this season, pouring in 15.8 points per game. She scored her 400th point of the season in last Saturday’s season finale, becoming only the fourth Carleton player to accomplish the feat. Katherine Frewing ’92 and Lisa Nordeen ’90 did it three times and Laurie Peterson ’00 reached the mark once. Her 412 points leaves her three points from passing Lisa Nordeen’s ’90 1987-88 total of 414 points. Katherine Frewing ’92 scored a nearly unbelievable 580 points her senior year in only 22 games, a 26.4 points per game average.

Concordia Series

Concordia leads the all-time series 36-8 but all eight of Carleton’s victories have come in the last four years. Carleton has swept the regular-season series from the Cobbers in each of the last four seasons.

About Concordia

The Cobbers, under first-year head coach Jessica Rahman (pronounced ray-mun), has improved seven games over last year’s win total, finishing fourth in the league in 2003-04.

The Cobber attack is keyed by junior point guard Mandy Pearson. She paced the conference in assists per game at 6.4 assists per game, but it’s been her ability to cut down on turnovers this sea-
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In the polls
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Tammy Metcalf-Filzen

Tammy Metcalf-Filzen moves into her seventh season as head coach at Carleton. In only six seasons she has turned the program into a conference contender, leading them to three consecutive MIAC Playoff titles, 20-win seasons and NCAA Tournament bids in 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03. In 2002-03 she was named the MIAC co-coach of the year and WBCA Region Coach of the Year, leading the Knights to a school-record 25 victories. She earned the same honors in 2000-01. She previously served as head coach at St. Olaf and as an assistant at Temple and Minnesota. She is Carleton’s all-time winningest coach.

Metcalf-Filzen has presided over one of the most remarkable turnarounds in all of NCAA Division III women’s basketball. When she took over prior to the 1997-98 season, the Knights had a program winning percentage of .323. Since Metcalf-Filzen assumed the head coaching position, the program has winning percentage of .688 and has posted its first 20-win seasons. Metcalf-Filzen has led Carleton to a 71-12 record over the last three seasons and 93-17 over the last four.

Carleton has improved its record in each of Metcalf-Filzen’s first six seasons and her .688 winning percentage is the best in school history. A 1983 St. Olaf graduate, Metcalf-Filzen earned her M.S. from the University of Minnesota in 1987. She won four varsity letters as a point guard for the Oles, twice earned All-MIAC honors, led the NCAA Division III in free-throw percentage in 1982-83, and was inducted into the St. Olaf Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Northfield Hall of Fame in 1992.

Metcalf-Filzen owns a 159-79 record in nine seasons overall and 133-53 in seven seasons at Carleton.

Carleton Career Scoring List (updated 2/26/04)
1. 1712 - Katherine Frewing (94 games) - 1988-92
2. 1649 - Lisa Nordeen (96 games) - 1986-90
3. 1520 - Laurie Peterson (91 games) - 1991-95
4. 1296 - Renée Willette (107 games) - 1998-02
5. 1157 - Brooke Anderson (91 games) - 1994-98
6. 1011 - Denell Downum (99 games) - 1990-94
7. 1005 - Linnea Engel (111 games) - 2000-04
8. 1003 - Anna Bandick (86 games) - 1986-90
9. 963 - Bridget Seegers (99 games) - 1997-01
10. 934 - Melissa Williams (93 games) - 1993-97

Carleton Season Scoring List (updated thru 2/26/04)
1. 580 - Katherine Frewing (22 games) - 1991-92
2. 548 - Katherine Frewing (25 games) - 1990-91
3. 466 - Lisa Nordeen (24 games) - 1986-87
4. 444 - Katherine Frewing (25 games) - 1989-90
5. 414 - Lisa Nordeen (24 games) - 1987-88
6. 412 - Megan Vig (26 games) - 2003-04
7. 406 - Lisa Nordeen (23 games) - 1988-89
8. 400 - Laurie Peterson (25 games) - 1995-97
9. 390 - Brooke Anderson (21 games) - 1995-96
10. 371 - Jessica Thornton (25 games) - 1994-95

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Megan Vig 3rd

Games as leading rebounder
Eleven points by Megan Vig 3rd
Beth Freeman 3rd
Kate Freeman 3rd

Games as leading assists
Eleven points by Megan Vig 3rd
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Double-Doubles (not including triple-doubles)
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AMONG THE MAC LEADERS (as of Feb. 27)
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Steals
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Turnover Margin
+3.38 2nd
Assist/Turnover ratio
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