Carleton seeks momentum heading into MIAC Playoffs

Carleton College begins the final week of the regular season by traveling north to face St. John's University. The Knights are in the hunt for the fourth seed in the upcoming MIAC Playoffs, while the Johnnies are on their way to finishing with a losing overall record for the second straight year and a losing record in MIAC play for the first time in 28 seasons.

Broadcast Information

Wednesday's game will be carried by KKJM-FM, 92.9 out of St. Cloud. The feed is available on SJU's website at www.gojohnnies.com/metafries/live.ram.

Knights, Royals, Tommies jockey for playoff position

With only two games left on Carleton's MIAC regular-season docket, the Knights could be seeded anywhere from fourth to sixth in the MIAC Playoffs. If Carleton and Bethel win out, the Knights would be the fifth seed and Bethel would be seeded fourth. If Carleton wins out and Bethel loses to Gustavus, the Knights would gain the fourth seed by virtue of beating league-leading Gustavus. If Carleton loses its final two games and St. Thomas beats St. Olaf and Bethel, the Tommies would gain the fifth seed based on their win earlier this season on Gustavus. Bethel would be the fourth seed in the final scenario.

Knights return to MIAC Playoffs

Carleton claimed its 12th MIAC Playoff berth with last Wednesday's win over Hamline. Carleton's 12 conference-tournament appearances is the fourth-most of any MIAC school. St. Thomas leads with 17 appearances. Gustavus Adolphus College will be making its second appearance later this month and Concordia will be making its third appearance in 20 of 23 games overall this season.

Tommes would gain the fifth seed based on their win earlier this season. Their overall record of 7-15 ties them with UW-Stout and Carleton, while the Johnnies are on their way to finishing with a losing record for the second straight year and a losing record in MIAC play for the first time in 28 seasons.

Sexton Arena, Collegeville, Minn.

Wednesday, Feb 17, 2004

St. John’s University (10-12, 8-9 MIAC)

Game 24

Carleton College (14-9, 11-7 MIAC)

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(14-9, 11-7 MIAC)

November

25 - Upper Iowa University ............... W 76-46
28 - Wisconsin Lutheran College $ .... W 73-40
29 - University of Wisconsin, Stout $ .... L 54-61

December

5 - Bethel College$ ..................... W 69-60
6 - Augsburg College$ .................... W 68-51
8 - Crown College$ ....................... W 72-24
10 - St. Olaf College$ ..................... W 62-50
30 - MSU, Mankato ....................... L 62-72

January

3 - Macalester College* ................. L 44-69
5 - St. Mary's University* .............. W 59-58
7 - Concordia College, Moorhead* .... L 59-60
10 - Hamline University* ............... W 58-50
14 - University of St. Thomas* ......... W 75-42
17 - St. John’s University* .............. W 70-62
19 - Gustavus Adolphus College* .... L 53-59
21 - Bethel College* ..................... L 63-72
24 - Augsburg College* .................. W 84-52
31 - St. Olaf College* .................... W 59-57

February

2 - Macalester College* .................. L 60-71
4 - St. Mary’s University* .............. W 69-55
7 - Concordia College, Moorhead* .... L 57-78
11 - Hamline University* ............... W 69-63
14 - University of St. Thomas* ......... L 66-63
18 - St. John’s University* .............. 7:30 p.m.
21 - Gustavus Adolphus College* .... L 53-61
24 - MIAC Playoffs-Quarterfinals ...... 7:30 p.m.
26 - MIAC Playoffs-Semifinals ......... 7:30 p.m.
28 - MIAC Playoffs-Finals ............... 7:30 p.m.

$- UW-Stout Tournament, Menomonie, Wis.

* - MIAC contest

bold indicates home contest

College, Moorhead, will be appearing in the post-season event for the fourth time. Gustavus leads all schools with seven titles, followed by St. Thomas and St. John’s (5) and Bethel and Concordia with one each.

Schieck continues upping scoring chart

Tanner Schieck tied the 3-point record on Wednesday as his 12 points in Saturday’s loss to St. Thomas moved his career scoring total to 1,151 points. He moved past Jim Tolf’ 82 all-time single-game highs with seven steals against St. Olaf College earlier in the season, while his five blocked shots two weeks ago at Macalester is the second-highest single-game total in the MIAC this year.

Forkrud fills stat sheet

Dan Forkrud’s 15 rebounds in Wednesday’s win was the second-highest by any single MIAC player this season. Forkrud has put up MIAC single-game highs with seven steals against St. Olaf College earlier in the season, while his five blocked shots two weeks ago at Macalester is the second-highest single-game total in the MIAC this year.

Last time out - St. Thomas 63, Carleton 61

Dan Forkrud scored 18 points, all in the second half, but St. Thomas held off host Carleton, 63-61, at West Gym on Saturday. Forkrud netted 14 of Carleton’s final 16 points. His fourth-pointer of the game with 1:01 left tied the game at 61-61. UST’s Neal Anderson missed from the baseline, but Nick Schader was there for the rebound. His follow-up shot missed, but he grabbed his own miss and put it back in for a 63-61 UST lead. Carleton had four looks at the basket in the final nine seconds. Anthony Baquero missed from the right wing and again on the follow in the lane. Tanner

Probable Carleton Starting Line-up

13 - Anthony Baquero Jr. G 9.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 1.5 apg, 44.4 3-pt FG%
21 - Jake Phillips Fy. G 5.0 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 1.8 apg, 52.5 3-pt FG%
31 - Kyle Beste Jr. F 12.2 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 2.0 apg
33 - Tanner Schieck Sr. F 14.3 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 2.2 rpg, 51.4 FG%
41 - Dan Forkrud So. F 11.9 ppg, 6.1 rpg, 2.5 rpg, 42.6 3-pt FG%

Key reserves

11 - Mike Kotsikas Fy. G 1.5 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 40.0 3-pt FG%
15 - Khalid Lakanwal Fy. G 2.3 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 1.7 apg, 42.9 3-pt FG%
23 - Gunnar Stapp Sr. G 2.3 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 1.2 apg
35 - Micah Johnson Jr. G 4.0 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 42.6 3-pt FG%
Bester and Schieck scored 12 points each for Carleton, with Schieck adding 10 rebounds for his 23rd career double-double. The game was essentially won by St. Thomas' superior shooting, as the visitors made 54.3 percent of their shots, compared to 36.2 percent for the Knights. Carleton did a great job on the offensive glass, grabbing 18 offensive boards, but turned that into a mere 11 second-chance points. Carleton did commit only seven turnovers and had a 15-2 advantage in points off turnovers.

The Johnnies have started two first-year players and two sophomores most of the season. SJU has been able to score the ball – it ranks fifth in the MIAC at 68.8 points per game – but the Johnnies are last in scoring defense, allowing 74.1 points per game. SJU is 19-19 overall and 10-10 in conference play.

Assistant Larsson to miss rest of season

Long-time assistant coach Dan Larson will miss the remainder of the 2003-04 season after undergoing successful quadruple by-pass surgery in the beginning of February. His impact on the program has been more than evident, as 18 of Carleton’s 23 All-MIAC players over the past 20 seasons have worked under his tutelage. Larson, a member of Carleton’s staff for the last 21 years, is also an elementary school teacher at Northfield’s Sibley Elementary.

St. John’s Series

St. John’s leads the series with Carleton, 35-24, and has won in nine of the last 13 meetings. In the last 10 seasons, SJU leads the series 13-10. Carleton has won only seven times in 29 trips to Collegeville and has lost eight times in its last 10 trips to Sexton Arena. Four of the last six games on SJU’s home floor have been decided by seven points or less.

About St. John’s

The Johnnies are guided by Jim Smith, who is finishing up his 40th season on the Johnnie bench. SJU will suffer its first losing MIAC season since 1975 this year, and injuries and youth are the main culprits. The Johnnies have started two first-year players and two sophomores most of the season. SJU has been able to score the ball – it ranks fifth in the MIAC at 68.8 points per game – but the Johnnies are last in scoring defense, field goal percentage defense and second-to-last in three-point field goal percentage defense. The Johnnies are the best rebounding team in the conference, and they are especially active on the offensive glass, getting 12.4 offensive rebounds per game.

Individually, sophomore post Paul Heinrichs is the team’s leading scorer, ranking fifth in the MIAC at 16.4 points per game while leading the conference in rebounding at 9.3 collections a game. Rookie Matt Ohme also checks in the top 20 in scoring in the league at 11.5 points per game. Senior guard Pat McKenzie leads the conference in assists at 4.2 per game and is third on the team in scoring at 11.2 points per game.

Smith, the all-time winningest coach in Minnesota college basketball history, is 626-426 overall.

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Schieck’s rebound put-back was no good, but St. Thomas couldn’t control the rebound, giving the Knights the ball under their own basket with four seconds. Kyle Bester got an open look at a deep baseline jumper at the horn, but his shot was just long.

Baquero’s magical touch carries Knights past Oles

Anthony Baquero set a new school record for three-point shooting percentage in a game, going 8-for-8 from beyond the arc in the Jan. 31, 2000, 59-57 win over St. Olaf College. The performance broke his own school record for three-point percentage in a game, a mark he shared with Scott Krohn, as both players had gone 7-for-9 (77.8%) in a game. [The minimum number of attempts to qualify for the record is five.] He scored a season-high 18 points in the victory, including a clutch basket with 39 seconds left which proved to be the game winner.

MIAC Standings

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Results

Feb. 16
- St. Mary’s at St. John’s, 77-68
- Bethel at Gustavus, 73-60
- St. Olaf at St. Thomas, 73-60

Feb. 14
- Concordia 87, Hamline 47
- Gustavus 83, St. John’s 73
- St. Mary’s 88, Augsburg 82
- St. Thomas 63, Carleton 61
- St. Olaf 75, Macalester 71

Upcoming contests

Feb. 18
- Augsburg at Concordia, 7:30 p.m.
- Bethel at Gustavus, 7:30 p.m.
- Macalester at Hamline, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Olaf at St. Thomas, 7:30 p.m.
- Carleton at St. John’s, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 21
- Gustavus at Carleton, 3 p.m.
- St. John’s at Macalester, 3 p.m.
- St. Thomas at Bethel, 3 p.m.
- Hamline at St. Olaf, 8 p.m.

END REGULAR SEASON
Earlier this season in Northfield - Carleton 70, St. John's 62

Anthony Baquero tallied a season-high 17 points, including three 3-point baskets and Tanner Schieck added 18 points, eight rebounds and four steals and host Carleton scored the game's final 10 points in holding off St. John's on Jan. 17.

Paul Henriques paced SJU with 17 points and six rebounds and Pat Mckenzie added 15 points and seven assists. Carleton broke to a 35-23 halftime lead, mainly by canning 6-of-10 three-point baskets. The Johnnies rallied back, using a 22-8 run to take the lead, 62-60, with 3:18 left on a Nate Kopetska jumper. The Knights, however, responded with a Baquero triple and then made 7-of-8 free throws in the final 2:41 to seal the win.

Guy Kalland

Guy Kalland enters his 20th year at the helm of the Carleton men's basketball program as one of the most successful coaches in the MIAC. A 1974 graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, Kalland has led his team to the MIAC playoffs 10 times in the past 14 seasons and 11 times overall. The 2002-03 season marked another milestone in his storied career, as he passed his predecessor, Jack Thurnblad, as Carleton's all-time winningest coach. He also reached a coaching milestone with his 250th win on Dec. 6, 2003, against Augsburg College. Kalland, a former assistant men's basketball coach at the University of Minnesota from 1979-80, spent four years at Inver Hills (Minn.) Community College, leading the team to a 1982 state championship and runner-up honors in Region XII.

Kalland also coached for three years at Eagle Bend (Minn.) High School and Cannon Falls (Minn.) High School. He runs numerous successful basketball camps during the summer, and is a professor of physical education, athletics and recreation at Carleton. Kalland and his wife, Linda, have a daughter, Abby, a senior on Carleton's women's basketball and softball teams.

Kalland is 260-241 in his 20th season at Carleton and overall. He is one of only four MIAC coaches with 250 or more wins at his respective school.
Games as leading scorer Season/Career
Anthony Baquero .................................................. 5/8
Kyle Beste ................................................................. 8/19
Dan Forkrud ............................................................. 3/7
Tanner Schieck ........................................................ 10/22
Gunnar Stapp ........................................................... 0/1

Games as leading rebounder Season/Career
Anthony Baquero .................................................. 2/2
Kyle Beste ................................................................. 8/9
Dan Forkrud ............................................................. 7/16
Khalid Lakanwal ...................................................... 1/1
Jake Phillips .............................................................. 2/2
Tanner Schieck ........................................................ 16/56

Games as leading in assists Season/Career
Anthony Baquero .................................................. 2/6
Kyle Beste ................................................................. 4/9
Dan Forkrud ............................................................. 9/13
Micah Johnson ........................................................ 0/1
Mike Koostikas ......................................................... 2/2
Khalid Lakanwal ...................................................... 4/4
Jake Phillips .............................................................. 4/4
Tanner Schieck ........................................................ 5/8
Gunnar Stapp ........................................................... 1/1

Double-Doubles (not including triple-doubles) Season/Career
Kyle Beste ................................................................. 0/4
Dan Forkrud ............................................................. 2/4
Tanner Schieck ........................................................ 7/23

Double-figure scoring games Season/Career
Anthony Baquero .................................................. 10/26
Kyle Beste ................................................................. 18/50
Dan Forkrud ............................................................. 16/32
Micah Johnson ........................................................ 1/3
Khalid Lakanwal ...................................................... 2/2
Tanner Schieck ........................................................ 18/59
Gunnar Stapp ........................................................... 0/6

20-point games Season/Career
Anthony Baquero .................................................. 0/1
Kyle Beste ................................................................. 1/5
Dan Forkrud ............................................................. 1/2
Tanner Schieck ........................................................ 4/11

10-rebound games Season/Career
Kyle Beste ................................................................. 0/5
Dan Forkrud ............................................................. 2/4
Tanner Schieck ........................................................ 8/27

10-assist game Season/Career

Carleton Career Scoring List (updated thru 2/14/04 contests)
1. 1,957 - Josh Wilhelm (97 games) - 1995-99
2. 1,903 - Gerrick Monroe (105 games) - 1989-93
3. 1,440 - Ivan Grimm (43 games) - 1958-60
4. 1,366 - Scott Krohn (105 games) - 1989-93
5. 1,356 - Mark Wandmacher (70 games) - 1981-84
6. 1,300 - Laurie Slocum - 1954-55
7. 1,205 - Roy Hanson (64 games) - 1975-79
8. 1,151 - Tanner Schieck (89 games) - 2000-present
9. 1,136 - Jim Tolf (59 games) - 1979-82
10. 1,103 - Jim Lovrien (99 games) - 1995-98
11. 1,095 - Dave Current (62 games) - 1960-63
12. 1,086 - Leon Smith (60 games) - 1971-74
13. 1,070 - Scott Christensen (91 games) - 1999-2003
14. 1,068 - Howard Rosenblum
15. 1,025 - Michael Armacost
16. 1,023 - Tom Klimisch (99 games) - 1991-95
17. 1,013 - August Schlaffer

Carleton’s record when...
Home ................................................................. 7-4
Away ................................................................. 6-5
Neutral ............................................................... 1-0
Carleton leads at the half ........................................ 12-3
Carleton trails at the half ........................................ 2-5
Tied at the half ..................................................... 0-1
Overtime ............................................................ 0-0
Carleton shoots 50 percent or better from the floor .......... 4-0
Carleton shoots 40-49.9 percent from the floor ............... 6-3
Carleton shoots less than 40 percent from the floor .......... 4-6
Opponent shoots 50 percent or better from the floor ........ 1-5
Opponent shoots 40-49.9 percent from the floor .......... 3-4
Opponent shoots less than 40 percent from the floor .......... 10-0
Carleton has more rebounds .................................. 8-3
Opponent has more rebounds .................................. 6-6
Teams have same number of rebounds ......................... 0-0
Carleton commits more turnovers ................................ 3-3
Opponent commits more turnovers .............................. 11-5
Teams have equal turnovers .................................... 0-1
Carleton scores 70 or more points ............................. 6-0
Carleton scores less than 70 points ............................ 8-9
Opponent scores 70 or more points ........................... 0-4
Opponent scores less than 70 points .......................... 14-5

AMONG THE MIAC LEADERS (through games of Feb. 14)
Category Player MIAC Rank
Scoring: 14.3 ppg by Tanner Schieck 13th
12.7 ppg by Kyle Beste 18th
11.9 ppg by Dan Forkrud 19th
9.4 ppg by Anthony Baquero 27th
Rebounding: 7.8 by Tanner Schieck 4th
6.1 by Dan Forkrud 9th
FG Percentage: .514 by Anthony Baquero 6th
.426 by Micah Johnson T10th
FT Percentage: .757 by Kyle Beste 10th
Steals: 2.17 spg by Tanner Schieck T1st
3-pt FG Percentage: .444 by Anthony Baquero 6th
.426 by Micah Johnson T10th
3-pt. FG Made: 1.91 by Anthony Baquero T10th
1.04 bpg by Dan Forkrud 5th
Blocked Shots: .78 by Kyle Beste 7th
1.04 by Dan Forkrud 5th
Offensive Rebounds: 2.57 by Dan Forkrud T3rd
2.30 by Tanner Schieck 7th
Defensive Rebounds: 5.48 by Tanner Schieck 4th

Category Statistic TEAM MIAC Rank
Scoring Offense 64.1 ppg 7th
Scoring Defense 56.7 ppg 1st
Scoring Margin +73 3rd
FT Percentage .688 5th
FG Percentage .425 7th
FG Pct. Defense .419 3rd
3-pt FG Percentage .382 6th
3-pt. FG Pct. Defense .332 2nd
Rebounding Margin +0.2 7th
Blocked shots 3.09 3rd
Assists 14.26 apg 4th
Steals 8.91 spg 5th
Turnover Margin +3.26 1st
Assist/Turnover ratio 1.04 4th
3-pt FGs Made 7.00/g 3rd