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Carleton Football Report - Week Four

KNIGHTS, JOHNNIES CLASH IN MEETING OF UNBEATENS

Two of the MIAC's three unbeaten teams collide when Carleton travels to nationally-ranked St. John's University.

The Knights are coming off their biggest upset win of the last two decades, as they beat nationally-ranked Bethel University last week. The Johnnies, meanwhile, had to rally with two fourth-quarter scores and a last-minute goal-line stand to beat Concordia-Moorhead.

The game is part of Homecoming for the Johnnies, who bring a 23-0 record into the game against Carleton. It also marks the return of former Johnnie quarterback and MIAC most valuable player Kurt Ramler to the SJU campus as Carleton's head coach.

KNIGHTS' UPSET GARNERS MEDIA ATTENTION

Carleton's upset of Bethel received media attention throughout the state and within Division III football circles. Saturday's Pioneer Press ran the game recap as its top small college story and D3Football.com also had a link as one of its top games from Saturday. Patrick Reusse's Monday column in the Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune, "Between the Quotes" mentioned Carleton snapping its 12-game losing streak to the Royals.

Carleton's game with St. John's was mentioned in the Star Tribune as a "Game to Watch" on Saturday, marking the first time the Knights have received that designation two weeks in a row in recent memory.

MORE ON CARLETON'S WIN OVER BETHEL

The Knights' win marked their biggest upset since the Knights beat top-ranked St. Thomas during the 1986 season, which put the Knights on the proverbial MIAC map. The Royals were ranked 31st in the latest Football Gazette Division III poll following their victory last week over Concordia-Moorhead, and were also receiving votes in the D3Football.com top 25 poll. The Royals were picked to finish fourth in the MIAC coaches' preseason poll while the Knights were slotted ninth.

KOOTSIKAS, TOPEFF KEEP KNIGHT TREND AS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Carleton senior offensive tackle **Matt Topeff** (Andover, Minn./Blaine) and senior free safety **Mike Kootsikas** (Rosemount, Minn.) have been named the MIAC's offensive and defensive players of the week.

Topeff, a former tight end, caught a key pass that set up Carleton's first touchdown and then threw the eventual game-winning touchdown pass of 53 yards as Carleton upset Bethel, 17-14. With the Knights trailing, 7-3, midway through the second quarter, Topeff took a lateral from **Darren Caspers** (Sr./Bemidji, Minn.), rumbling down to the 2-yard line. Carleton eventually scored to take a 10-7 at halftime. With the Knights trailing midway through the fourth quarter, Topeff took a lateral from Caspers and hit wide receiver Matt Frank for a 53-yard TD. Topeff was part of an offensive effort that had only one turnover.

Kootsikas, who had started his previous 22 career games at wide receiver, tallied six tackles, two pass breakups and an interception in his second career start at free safety. Kootsikas, who didn't play football his rookie season, ranks in Carleton's all-time top 10 in receptions and receiving yardage, moved over to defense this season to aid a young secondary and responded with a huge game this week. He broke up a key third-down pass on Bethel's last drive from the Carleton 25-yard line and intercepted a pass late in the first half, allowing Carleton to try a 48-yard field goal at the end of the half. The

GAME DAY

Date: September 30, 2006
Time: 1 p.m. CDT
Location: Collegetville, Minn.
Site: Clemens Stadium (1908)
Capacity: 7,000
Surface: SprinTurf (artificial)
Rankings: St. John's #3 in American Football Coaches Association (AFCA); #4 in D3Football.com; Carleton unranked

BROADCAST INFORMATION

Radio: KQCL 95.9 FM
Website: A live broadcast is available on Carleton's official athletic website at www.carleton.edu/athletics/broadcasts/. KDHL/Power 96 sports director Gordy Kosfeld will be on the call

ON-LINE INFORMATION

Carleton: www.carleton.edu/athletics
St. John's: www.gojohnnies.com

SERIES INFORMATION

Series: SJU leads 23-0-0
Last meeting: at SJU 41, Carleton 7
Current streak: SJU, 23 games

CARLETON (3-0, 1-0 MIAC)

Sept. 9 at UM-Morris W 50-14
Sept. 16 Macalester College W 52-0
Sept. 23 Bethel University* W 17-14
Sept. 30 at St. John's University* 1 p.m.
Oct. 7 at University of St. Thomas* 1 p.m.
Oct. 14 Hamline University* (HC) 1 p.m.
Oct. 21 at Augsburg College* 1 p.m.
Oct. 28 Concordia College* 1 p.m.
Nov. 4 at St. Olaf College* 1 p.m.
Nov. 11 Gustavus Adolphus* 1 p.m.
* indicates MIAC contest

#3/#4 ST. JOHN'S (4-0, 2-0 MIAC)

Sept. 2 UW-Eau Claire W 15-11
Sept. 9 UW-River Falls W 41-9
Sept. 16 at Augsburg College* W 60-0
Sept. 23 at Concordia-Moorhead* W 14-12
Sept. 30 Carleton College* (HC) 1 p.m.
Oct. 7 at St. Olaf College* 1 p.m.
Oct. 14 Gustavus Adolphus College* 1 p.m.
Oct. 21 Hamline University* 1 p.m.
Oct. 28 at University of St. Thomas* 1 p.m.
Nov. 11 Bethel University* 1 p.m.

Knights' defense held Bethel to 233 total yards and only 77 yards rushing, including 36 yards on 19 carries by preseason All-American Phil Porta. Porta had averaged 141 yards rushing in his three previous career games against the Knights. Kootsikas was an all-metro defensive back during his prep career at Rosemount High School.

It marks the third straight week that at least one Carleton player has earned MIAC player of the week honors. **R.J. Jackson** (Jr./Roseville, Minn./DeLaSalle) earned offensive player of the week honors by scoring six touchdowns in one half in the Knights' season-opening victory over UM-Morris. Quarterback **Darren Caspers** was the MIAC offensive player of the week last week after tossing five touchdown passes in the first half against Macalester College.

CASPERS MIAC'S CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Senior **Darren Caspers** was named the conference co-offensive player of the week after throwing for a career-high five touchdowns in Carleton's victory over Macalester.

Caspers finished the game 10-of-15 for 248 yards with scoring passes of 5, 19, 7, 72 and 60 yards. All of his action came in the first half, as the Knights rolled to a 38-0 halftime lead. He posted what is believed to be a Carleton school-record single-game efficiency rating of 315.55. His performance helped lead Carleton to a 52-0 win over the Scots and retain the Book of Knowledge trophy for the fourth consecutive year.

It marked the first time in his career that Caspers has earned MIAC player of the week honors and the second straight week a Carleton offensive back has earned the award from the conference. Last week, **R.J. Jackson** scored six touchdowns, also earning offensive player of the week honors.

RAMLER'S COACHING START ONE OF BEST EVER AT CARLETON

A search of the Carleton football archives by student assistant Adam Rossow '07 revealed that rookie head coach Kurt Ramler's 3-0 start is the best in 72 years. With a victory on Saturday, Kurt Ramler could become the first head coach since George Gibson to begin his coaching career 4-0. Gibson began his career 5-0 in 1934 and led the Knights to a 6-1 overall record that season.

CASPERS NEARS 4,000 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE

Darren Caspers cooled a bit against a stingy Bethel defense last week, but he is 46

yards away from 4,000 career yards of total offense. He enters Saturday's game with 323 career completions for 3,582 yards and 22 touchdowns.

This season, Caspers has completed 63.3 percent of his passes for six touchdowns and only one interceptions. His 175.60 passer rating efficiency ranks 10th in the country as he makes his 30th career start on Saturday. He needs nine more completions to pass Ted Kluender for fourth on the all-time list, and he has a very realistic shot at overtaking Jon Groteboer's '01 school record of 401 career completions.

Caspers has also moved up to seventh on the all-time passing yardage list at Carleton with 3,473 and is eighth in all-time touchdown passes with 22.

FOSS IN SEARCH OF 300 TACKLES

Senior **Randy Foss** (Hastings, Minn.) saw little action in Carleton's first two games of the season due to the large margins of victory posted by the Knights, and he enters the fourth game of the season with 289 career tackles after making five tackles against Bethel last week. Only five players have recorded 300

BY THE NUMBERS

+11 Turnover margin for the Knights through four games this season, the second-best mark in Division III. The Knights were at +3 in last week's win over Bethel.

46 Number of total offensive yards needed by quarterback Darren Caspers to reach 4,000 for his career. He needs 62 yards to pass Bill Ford for seventh all-time.

23 Straight meetings won by St. John's over Carleton. The Knights haven't beaten the Johnnies since joining the MIAC in 1983.

72 Years since a Carleton football coach won his first four games guiding the Maize and Blue. George Gibson started the 1934 season 5-0 en route to a 6-1 rookie campaign.

14 Years since Carleton started the season 3-0. The Knights started 3-0 in 1992 on their way to the MIAC title, their only MIAC title in the modern era.

MIAC STANDINGS

	MIAC	Overall
Saint John's	2-0	4-0
St. Olaf	2-0	4-0
Carleton	1-0	3-0
St. Thomas	1-0	2-1
Bethel	1-1	3-1
Gustavus	1-1	3-1
Hamline	0-2	1-2
Augsburg	0-2	0-3
Concordia	0-2	0-3

Games This Week

Concordia at Augsburg, 1 p.m.

Carleton at St. John's, 1 p.m.

St. Thomas at Bethel, 1 p.m.

St. Olaf at Gustavus, 1 p.m.

Macalester at Hamline, 1 p.m.

Games Last Week

St. Olaf 68, Augsburg 17

Gustavus 20, Hamline 8

Carleton 17, Bethel 14

Saint John's 14, Concordia 12

Games Next Week

Bethel at Gustavus, 1 p.m.

Saint John's at St. Olaf, 1 p.m.

Concordia at Hamline, 1 p.m.

Carleton at St. Thomas, 1 p.m.

Wartburg at Augsburg, 1 p.m.

CARLETON CAREER PASSING YARDAGE LIST

- 5,429 - C.G. Shoap (391-833-73) - 1994-97
- 4,869 - Ted Kluender (331-705-45) - 1989-93
- 4,749 - Jon Groteboer (401-870-39) - 1998-01
- 4,742 - Todd Nickodym (336-672-46) - 1983-86
- 4,611 - John Nielson (303-612-33) - 1987-90
- 3,827 - Tim Nielson (242-549-34) - 1985-88
- 3,582 - Darren Caspers (323-620-21) - 2003-06**
- 2,674 - Bill Ford (182-397-33) - 1978-79,81

CARLETON CAREER COMPLETIONS LIST

- 401 - Jon Groteboer (401-870-39) - 1998-01
- 391 - C.G. Shoap (391-833-73) - 1994-97
- 336 - Todd Nickodym (336-672-46) - 1983-86
- 331 - Ted Kluender (331-705-45) - 1989,91-93
- 323 - Darren Caspers (323-620-21) - 2003-06**
- 303 - John Nielson (303-612-33) - 1987-90
- 242 - Tim Nielson (242-549-34) - 1985-88
- 182 - Bill Ford (182-397-33) - 1978-79,81

CARLETON CAREER TD PASSES LIST

- 49 - Ted Kluender - 1989,91-93
- 44 - John Nielson - 1987-90
- 38 - C.G. Shoap - 1994-97
- 32 - Tim Nielson - 1985-88
- 30 - Bill Ford - 1978-79,81
- 27 - Jon Groteboer - 1998-01
- 25 - Todd Nickodym - 1983-86
- 22 - Darren Caspers - 2003-05**
- 21 - Phil Bredine - 1960-64
- 18 - John Worcester - 1963-65

CARLETON CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE LIST

- 5,606 - Tim Nielson (1055-1779) - 1985-88
- 5,353 - John Nielson (857-742) - 1987-90
- 5,327 - Ted Kluender (814-122) - 1989-93
- 5,264 - C.G. Shoap (850-139) - 1994-97
- 4,765 - Jon Groteboer (1139-16) - 1998-01
- 4,387 - Todd Nickodym (795-355) - 1983-86
- 4,015 - Bill Ford (unavailable) - 1978-81
- 3,954 - Darren Caspers (915-372) - 2003-06**

or more tackles in their Carleton careers, with Scott Klein's '97 359 tackles standing as the current school record. He needs four more tackles to move into sixth on Carleton's all-time tackles list.

KNIGHTS SECOND IN COUNTRY IN TURNOVER MARGIN

The Knights forced four Bethel turnovers in last week's victory and had but one give-away themselves (their first of the season) to move their turnover margin to +11. The per-game average of +3.7/game ranks the Knights second behind Tufts.

The Knights are ranked as a team in a number of other categories. The Knights are 40th in rush defense (74.0 ypg allowed), 18th in passing offense (266.7 yds/game), seventh in scoring offense (39.7 ppg), 25th in scoring defense (9.3 ppg allowed) and fourth in kickoff returns (33.0 yards/return).

Individually, **Darren Caspers** is ranked 10th nationally in passing efficiency at 175.6. **Matt Frank** (So./Caledonia, Minn.) is 24th in receiving yards per game (99.7 yds/game) and **R.J. Jackson** is fifth in the country in scoring (14.0 points per game). **Chris Gardner** (So./Gaylord, Minn./Sibley Co. East) is 25th in punt return average at 14.3 yards per return and **Tim Kane** (So./Hopkins, Minn.) 15th in field goals per game at 1.0.

RAMLER, RAMBOLDT RETURN TO ALMA MATER

Carleton head coach Kurt Ramler played at Saint John's from 1993-96, starting at quarterback for three seasons. He was part of four MIAC championship teams and led the Johnnies to two NCAA playoff berths, including a trip to the Division III semifinals as a sophomore in 1994.

Ramler holds a host of school records for the Johnnies, including most career passing yards (8,134), 300-yard passing games (6) and touchdown passes (87).

Assistant coach Mick Ramboldt is a 1992 St. John's graduate. He still holds the SJU record for highest average yards per catch (18.7 yards/reception).

LAST TIME OUT: KNIGHTS PULL IMPROBABLE UPSET OF ROYALS

Carleton had four takeaways and offensive lineman **Matt Topeff** threw a 53-yard touchdown pass to **Matt Frank** midway through the fourth quarter as the Knights rallied past nationally-ranked and previously unbeaten Bethel University, 17-14, for the Knights' biggest upset win in 20 years.

The Knights took the opening kickoff and marched 50 yards before settling for a Tim Kane 37-yard field goal. The Royals took their first lead of the day with a 10-play, 62-yard drive, ending in Ben Wetzell's 1-yard plunge, with 2:49 left in the first.

Neither team sustained a long offensive drive for the rest of the half. The Knights, though, were able to take advantage of a dropped snap on a punt attempt deep in Bethel territory, as **R.J. Jackson** took an option pitch on fourth-and-goal from the 3-yard line to put the Knights ahead, 10-7 at the break.

The defensive domination continued into the second half. Bethel, which had the field-position advantage the entire second half, finally took the lead with 3:31 minutes left in the third as Wetzell hit John Shirkey from 10 yards out, giving the Royals a 14-10 advantage heading into the final quarter.

Carleton had one more trick up its sleeve. After taking over at their own 35-yard line, the Knights moved out to the 47. On second down, Topeff took a lateral from Darren Caspers and found Frank all alone down field. Frank gathered the pass in and outraced the Bethel defense to put the Knights ahead, 17-14, with 6:28 remaining.

The Royals had two more chances, driving inside the Carleton 30-yard line both times. A Bethel fumble after a pass completion at the Knights' 24 was recovered by **Adam Rossow** (Sr./Byron, Minn./Le Sueur-Henderson). The Royals forced a three-and-out and Bethel pushed to the Carleton 24-yard line, aided by a Knight personal-foul penalty. On third down **Mike Kootsikas** made an amazing play, breaking up Wetzell's pass to Kyle Lee, and on fourth down **Kaizen Yang** (Jr./Northfield, Minn.) sacked Wetzell, sealing the win for the Knights.

The Royals outgained the Knights, 233-163, but the Knights won the battle of turnovers, having just one interception while the Royals lost three fumbles and had one interception by Kootsikas late in the first half. The Knights held Bethel's pre-season All-America running back, Phil Porta, to 36 yards rushing on 19 carries. Porta had averaged more

CARLETON IN MIAC RANKINGS		
Scoring Offense Avg.		
1. St. Olaf		41.2
2. Carleton		39.7
3. St. John's		32.5
Scoring Defense Avg.		
1. St. John's		8.0
2. Carleton		9.3
Pass Offense Yds./G		
1. St. John's		277.2
3. Carleton		266.7
Pass Defense Yds./G		
1. Gustavus		98.0
2. St. John's		117.8
5. Carleton		182.7
Rush Offense Yds./G		
1. Bethel		190.2
5. St. John's		120.8
4. Carleton		91.3
Rush Defense Yds./G		
1. Bethel		27.8
3. Carleton		74.0
5. St. John's		118.8
Total Offense Yds./G		
1. St. Olaf		442.8
2. St. John's		398.0
3. Carleton		358.0
Total Defense Yds./G		
1. Bethel		193.8
3. St. John's		236.5
4. Carleton		256.7
Turnover Margin Margin		
1. Carleton		+11
4. St. John's		+1
Penalties No. Yds./G		
1. Gustavus	9	23.3
3. St. John's	16	42.5
4. Carleton	13	43.3
3rd Down Conversions Pct.		
1. St. Olaf		47.8
2. St. John's		45.7
7. Carleton		28.9
Opp. 3rd Down Conversions Pct.		
1. Bethel		19.2
2. St. John's		27.3
7. Carleton		31.7
Kickoff Returns Avg.		
1. Carleton		33.0
6. St. John's		18.5

than 140 yards rushing per game in three previous games against the Knights. Carleton won despite converting only 2-of-14 third downs and allowing seven Bethel sacks. Bethel also failed to convert on three trips deep into Carleton territory in the second half, as the Royals had the ball for 17:21 in the second half and had an average starting field position of their own 44-yard line.

Jerad Phelps (Jr./Northfield, Minn.) paced Carleton with 13 tackles and **Drew Ziller** (Byron, Minn./Rochester Lourdes) added 10 stops. **James Colbenson** (Jr./Rushford, Minn./Rushford-Peterson) and **James Clark** (Jr./St. Paul, Minn./Highland Park) added seven stops and one sack each as Carleton put together arguably its best defensive performance in at least seven years.

Caspers was under pressure all day but managed to go 14-of-26 passing for 109 yards with only one interception. Jackson tallied 24 yards rushing and Frank paced the Knights with six catches for 85 yards.

JACKSON SETS SCHOOL RECORD WITH 6 TDS IN VICTORY

Junior running back **R.J. Jackson** had an unbelievable record-setting performance in Carleton's season opener, scoring six touchdowns in the first half in leading the Knights past UM-Morris, 50-14. Jackson set a new Carleton single-game record by scoring six touchdowns (on only 12 touches) in leading Carleton to a victory in new head coach Kurt Ramler's debut. Jackson's scores came on touchdown runs of 11, 30, 2 and 1 yards, a 46-yard screen pass and a 93-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. He broke the previous Carleton record of five touchdowns and 30 points scored in one game, held jointly by Skye Flanagan '98, set against St. Thomas in 1996, and Jim Bradford '92, set against Gustavus in 1990. Jackson played only one series in the second half as Carleton scored on its first five possessions of the game in taking a 41-7 lead at halftime. For the game he tallied 69 yards rushing on only 10 carries, 46 yards receiving and 93 yards on the kickoff return, leaving him with 208 all-purpose yards.

HONORS FOR JACKSON FROM MIAC, D3FOOTBALL.COM

For his outstanding performance, **R.J. Jackson** was been named the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference offensive player of the week on Sept. 11 after his record-setting performance in the Knights' season opening win. This marks the fifth time Jackson has been named MIAC player of the week. He has earned the award for his special teams play three times and twice on offense. Jackson is a two-time All-MIAC first team pick as a utility player and was All-MIAC second team last season at running back.

Additionally, Jackson was named the to the D3football.com's "Team of the Week."

JACKSON, KOOTSIKAS NAMED TO ALL-AMERICA TEAM











Carleton junior **R.J. Jackson** has been named to the Football Gazette preseason All-America second team as a return specialist and senior wide receiver **Mike Kootsik** has earned preseason All-America honorable mention status.

Jackson, a two-time All-MIAC first team pick as a utility player, was a threat as a punt and kick returner in 2005. He averaged 15.8 yards per punt return and 30.8 yards per kick return, but fell short of the required attempts in both categories to qualify for the MIAC lead or NCAA ranking in both categories. He scored a punt return and kick return touchdown this season and needed only one more kick return to qualify for the national rankings, and would have ranked third in NCAA Division III with his kick return average. Jackson was all-region honorable mention by Football Gazette at the end of the 2005 season.

Jackson, the team's leading rusher each of the last two seasons, averaged 71.3 yards rushing per game last season, sixth best in the conference. He ranked third in the MIAC all-purpose yards at 139.6 yards per game, seventh in scoring (6.6 pts./game), and sixth in touchdowns scored with 11.

Kootsik was Carleton's leading receiver for the second straight season, amassing 42 catches for 526 yards and three touchdowns. His best effort came in the penultimate contest of the season, as he tallied nine grabs for 128 yards against Gustavus Adolphus College. His 89 career receptions ranks eighth all-time at Carleton and he needs only 241 yards to move into the school's all-time top 10 in career receiving yardage. His 4.45 receptions per game ranks fourth all-time at Carleton.

SEASON & CAREER STARTS		
Name	2006	Career
Randy Foss, LB	3	33
Darren Caspers, QB	3	29
Mike Gravelle, LB	-	21
Mike Kootsik, WR/FS	3	23
Pat Frett, DE	3	22
Paul Klick, OL	3	22
Wade Thompson, RB	3	21
Andrew Roberts, OL	3	19
R.J. Jackson, RB	3	14
James Clark, DE	3	13
Kaizen Yang, DT	3	13
James Colbenson, LB	3	12
Jerad Phelps, LB	3	12
Sam Larsen, OL	3	12
Matt Frank, WR	3	11
Aaron Fanta, OL	-	9
Adam Rossow, LB	-	6
Drew Ziller, SS	3	5
Chris Gardner, WR	2	3
Eric Paul, LB	-	2
Steve Ramey, TE	3	3
Matt Topeff, OL	3	3
John Hanks, DE	3	3
Nick Cesarek, CB	3	3
Jon Nelson, OL	2	2
John Hollowed, QB	1	1
Reggie Snipes, FS	1	1
Tom Schwarze, OL	1	1

SNAPSHOT OF 2006 OPPONENTS		
	Sept. 9 - at UM-Morris	2-2 Cougars have scored 60+ on weak UMAC foes last two weeks.
	Sept. 16 - Macalester	1-3 Scots fall to U of Chicago, try luck against former MIAC foe Hamline.
	Sept. 23 - Bethel	3-1, 1-1 Loss to upstart Knights turns MIAC race into free-for-all
	Sep. 30 - at St. John's	4-0, 2-0 Johnnies score twice in fourth, rally past host Cobbers again
	Oct. 7 - at St. Thomas	2-1, 1-0 UST hosts Royals team coming off stunning loss... which BU team will show?
	Oct. 14 - Hamline (HC)	1-2, 0-2 Hamline can't spring upset of Gustavus as Gusties finally figure out Pipers
	Oct. 21 - at Augsburg	0-3, 0-2 Auggies allow 60+ points for second straight week, must face hungry Cobbers
	Oct. 28 - Concordia	0-3, 0-2 Should win next two week before hosting St. Olaf.
	Nov. 4 - at St. Olaf	4-0, 2-0 Domination of inferior foes continues with roasting of Auggies, GAC next, then SJU.
	Nov. 11 - Gustavus	2-1, 1-1 GAC solves nemesis Hamline, could spring upset of Oles at home.

CARLETON CAREER RECEPTIONS LIST	
1. 212 - Jim Bradford (212-3719) - 1988-91	
2. 182 - Steve Gorka (160-2133) - 1994-97	
3. 143 - Erik Miller (143-1259) - 1997-00	
4. 117 - Scott Hanks (117-1473) - 1989-92	
5. 117 - Jeff Scherer (117-2153) - 1988-91	
6. 99 - John Winter (99-1702) - 1981-84	
7. 99 - Mark Weshinsky (99-1484) - 1964-66	
8. 94 - Mike Kootsik (94-1293) - 2004-06	
9. 81 - Dan Nienhuis (81-925) - 1983-86	
10. 80 - Dan Reider (80-1165) - 1997-00	

Quick Facts

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Conference: MIAC
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Alma Mater/Year: St. John's (Minn.)/1997
Record at school (years): 3-0 (first season)
Career record (yrs.): same
Assistant Coaches:
Bill Lund (Defensive Coordinator)
Gerald Young (Defensive Line)
Aaron Rushing (Offensive Line)
Tom Bell (Running backs)
Neal Jeppson (Tight Ends)
Mick Ramboldt (Defensive Backs)
Bob Pagel (Defensive Backs)
Overall record last year: 4-6
MIAC record/finish: 2-6/7th place
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 41/14
Starters Returning/Lost: 15/9
Captains: Darren Caspers, James Colbenson, Randy Foss, Mike Kootsikas, Wade Thompson
First season: 1883
All-time record: 464-400-26
Championships:
MIAC: 1924, 1992
MWC: 1925, 1926, 1931, 1932, 1936, 1954, 1956, 1979
Playoff Appearances: One (1992)
Playoff record: 0-1



JACKSON, THOMPSON REACH HISTORIC MILESTONE TOGETHER

Sophomore **R.J. Jackson** and junior **Wade Thompson** both surpassed 1,000 career rushing yards last season. Jackson moved past the milestone with 79 yards in the Oct. 1, 2006, victory over Augsburg while Thompson's 52 yards against St. Olaf on Oct. 8, 2006, pushed him past the 1,000-yard mark. The pair are the 16th and 17th, respectively, to pass the milestone. It is the first time in Carleton football history that two teammates have reached 1,000 career rushing yards in the same season.

JACKSON, THOMPSON CAREER STATS					
Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg./G
Jackson	307	1535	5.0	15	66.7
Thompson	290	1216	4.2	12	39.2

LAST TIME, SEPT. 17, 2005: KNIGHTS OFFENSE CAN'T SOLVE SJU DEFENSE

R.J. Jackson rushed for 48 yards and one touchdown and the Carleton defense forced four Johnnie turnovers, but the Knights' offense couldn't get on track in a 41-7 loss to St. John's.

The Knights managed only 114 yards of total offense in the game. Their lone score came on a 17-play drive that lasted more than nine minutes, culminating in Jackson's 1-yard run.

Jerad Phelps paced the Knights' defense with 11 stops and Nick Brokke '06 added eight tackles, a forced fumble and pass break-up. Luke Muellerleile '06 added seven tackled to go with a leaping interception in the end zone, stopping a SJU drive, while **Pat Frett**, Rich Juelich '06 and **Randy Foss** all recovered fumbles.

The game started out on a promising note for the Knights as Foss recovered a fumble by SJU quarterback Alex Kofoed at the Johnnie 46-yard line. In what would be a thee throughout the day, the Knights' offense was unable to take advantage of the opportunity and field position and was forced to punt.

The hosts broke through late in the first quarter, as Kofoed hooked up with Corey Weber from 16 yards out, putting the Johnnies in front 7-0. SJU was driving again early in the second but Muellerleile picked Kofoed off in the end zone. After the SJU defense forced the Knights to punt, they'd score midway through the second quarter as Kyle Gearman hauled in a 14-yard pass from Kofoed. The hosts tacked on a late touchdown, as Kofoed and Weber hooked up again, this time from 10 yards out, to make the halftime score 20-0.

Two Carleton turnovers in the third quarter sealed the Knights' fate. Quarterback **Darren Caspers** was sacked and fumbled, with SJU recovering. Weber would punch it in from 12 yards out two plays later. At the seven-minute mark of the quarter, Juelich recovered another Kofoed fumble, giving the Knights the ball at the SJU 36-yard line. On the second play of the drive Jackson was stripped of the ball and Brian Adamek returned the fumble 68 yards for the score.

Carleton's lone scoring drive started late in the third quarter. The Knights converted on a fourth-down play when Caspers hit **Wade Thompson** for 10 yards. Jackson's 11-yard burst put the ball inside the 5-yard line, and he carried two more times to put the ball in the end zone.

KNIGHTS' FOOTBALL LIVE ON AIR, OVER INTERNET

For the third consecutive season, all 10 Carleton football games will be broadcast live on KQCL 95.9 FM/Power 96 out of Faribault, Minn. Award-winning sports director Gordy Kosfeld will be on the call in his second season as the voice of the Knights. Additionally, all the games will be carried live via the internet with Carleton's internet broadcast partner, Stretch Internet. Listeners can log on to Knights Online at www.carleton.edu/athletics and click on broadcasts to listen to Carleton football from anywhere in the world. The games are also archived on Knights Online for fans' listening pleasure after the game.

NEXT UP: TOMMIES AWAIT KNIGHTS

One of the two other unbeaten teams in MIAC play, University of St. Thomas, will play host to Carleton next week. The Tommies bring a 13-game winning streak against Carleton into the game and the Knights haven't won at O'Shaughnessy Stadium since 1989. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m.