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PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

SPORT	ATHLETE	SCHOOL	YR	POS
Baseball Player	Blake Eller	St. Scholastica	JR	OF
Baseball Pitcher	Alex Stein	Bethany Lutheran	JR	P
Softball Player	Erica Kozacek	St. Scholastica	SR	OF
Softball Pitcher	Brittany Schmitt	Northland College	FR	P
Men's Track & Field	Mitch McGuire	Minnesota-Morris	JR	
Women's Track & Field	Megan Croatt	Minnesota-Morris	FR	
Men's Tennis	Dan Laitinen	Martin Luther College	JR	
Women's Tennis	Jenny Joecks	Martin Luther College	SR	

Baseball Player

This week's Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) baseball player of the week is St. Scholastica junior outfielder Blake Eller. (Eller Brainerd, MN) was 8-for-17 (.533) last week for the Saints with two doubles, three triples and drove in eight runs. He had a 1.067 slugging pct., a .600 on-base pct. and had six putouts in the field.

Baseball Pitcher

The Upper Midwest athletic conference baseball pitcher of the week is Alex Stein of Bethany Lutheran College. Stein (Jr. Big Lake, MN) was 2-0 for the Vikings last week in UMAC conference games. He worked 12 innings allowing just 10 hits, two earned runs, 14 strikeouts (including a season high 9 against Presentation College) and giving up just two walks

Softball Player

St. Scholastica senior outfielder Erica Kozacek has been selected as the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) softball player of the week. In eight games for CSS, Kozacek (Jefferson City, TN) was 13-for-23 (.565) with three doubles, three triples and one homerun. She scored 10 runs and had a 1.087 slugging pct., .630 on-base pct., not to mention was 3-for-4 in the stolen base department.

Softball Pitcher

Brittany Schmitt of Northland College has been named the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) softball pitcher of the week. Schmitt (Fr. Abbotsford, WI) was 3-0 for the Lumberjills last week. In 18 innings, Schmitt allowed just one unearned run, walked one and had 26 strikeouts will giving up just eight hits, all singles.



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Men's Track & Field

The Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) men's track and field athlete of the week is Minnesota-Morris senior Mitch McGuire. At the Carleton College meet Saturday, McGuire (Annandale, MN) set a new UMM school record in the weight throw with a throw of 129'-8".

Women's Track & Field

For the second time this season, Minnesota-Morris standout freshman Megan Croatt has been named the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) women's track and field athlete of the week. At the Concordia-Moorhead Cobber twilight meet last Tuesday, Croatt (Ortonville, MN) won the 100 meter dash with a new school record time of 12.73. She took first over athletes from several Division II schools as well as a Division I school. Megan also placed 4th in the 200 meters (26.45). And then at the St. Olaf meet Saturday, set a new UMM school record in the pole-vault at 9'-0".

Men's Tennis

Dan Laitinen of Martin Luther College is the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) men's tennis player of the week. Laitinen (Jr. New Ulm, MN) went 3-0 last week with impressive wins against conference opponents Bethany and St. Scholastica and picked up a solid non-conference victory against Buena Vista, to go 3-0. Against St. Scholastica, Laitinen picked up the lone singles victory against a very tough Saints squad.

Women's Tennis

The Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) women's tennis player of the week is Jenny Joecks of Martin Luther College. Joecks (Menominee Falls, WI), The Knights # 1 singles ran up her impressive, undefeated record to 8-0 with wins against Bethany, UM-Morris, and St. Scholastica this week. In doubles competition, Joecks helped get wins against Bethany and Northwestern. None of Joecks matches last week reached three sets.