2006 Saints Schedule/Results
Women’s Record: 18-5, 3-0 UMAC

- Sep. 12 UW-River Falls W 9-0
- Sep. 16 UW-Eau Claire W 5-4
- Feb. 3 Univ. of N.D. L 7-2
- Feb. 5 Hamline W 6-3
- Feb. 11 St. Ben’s L 7-2
- Feb. 12 St. Mary’s W 8-1
- Feb. 17 Bethel W 8-1
- Feb. 18 Dordt % W 8-1
- Feb. 25 UW-Eau Claire W 7-2
- Feb. 25 Winona State W 5-3
- Mar. 4 St. Cloud St. W 6-3

Florida Spring Trip
- Mar. 13 Saint Mary’s, IN W 6-3
- Mar. 15 Southern Nazarene L 6-3
- Mar. 17 Minnesota State L 5-4
- Mar. 17 Northwood L 6-3
- Mar. 17 Hamilton Coll. W 5-4
- Mar. 25 Bethany Lutheran * W 9-0
- Mar. 25 Martin Luther * W 9-0
- Apr. 1 Northwestern * W 9-0
- Apr. 8 MN-Crookston W 8-1
- Apr. 8 Concordia-Neb. % W 8-1
- Apr. 8 Tabor College W 9-0
- Apr. 9 Univ. of Sioux Falls % W 6-3
- Apr. 22 Northwestern * 1 pm
- Apr. 23 MN-Morris* Noon
- Apr. 23 Bethany Lutheran* 9am
- Apr. 29 Martin Luther* Noon
- Apr. 30 MN-Morris* 4 pm
- May 5-6 NAIA Playoffs TBA

Home matches in bold at Wellness Center
* indicates UMAC opponent
% indicates Region III opponent

- Even with a split squad, the Saints were able to pick up four wins in as many matches last weekend. The depth of the team enabled Coach Patten to divide the team into two groups, one that would travel to Nebraska and South Dakota, and another that would stay home and defend the Wellness Center turf. The road squad picked up three wins while the home crew easily defeated MN-Crookston.

- Two of the three matches on the road last weekend were against NAIA Region III opponents. Already this season the Saints picked up a Region win with an 8-1 victory over Dordt College. Wins over Concordia-Neb. and Sioux Falls this past weekend gives the Saints a 3-0 record within the Region, and a leg up on earning a #1 seed for the Region III Tournament in May. At a minimum, the Saints should enter this spring’s Region Tourney as a #2 seed.

- Last season, the Region Tournament was a fall semester final, a disadvantage to the Saints and other Spring semester conferences. St. Scholastica won their opening match in the four-team tournament but lost to St. Ambrose in the tourney final. In the national tournament, St. Ambrose fell to Northwood (Fla.) University in the opening round.

- The Saints finished the UMAC schedule undefeated last season and are off to a 3-0 start this time around. But Coach Patten definitely sees improvement within the conference this year especially from Martin Luther who returned 4 of their top 7 players from last season.

- The Singles and Doubles line-ups have fluctuated only slightly as this season has progressed...
  - The doubles pairings of Jessica Rich and Steph Sparby at #1, Shannon Hohl and Lindsey Shoden at #2, and #3 pairing of Kristen Anderson and Marissa Udermann have played the bulk of the schedule together. They have been together and at the #1, #2 and #3 slots for at least 20 of the team’s 23 matches thus far this year. Any changes now as the teams enter tournament time would probably be unexpected.
  - A bit more fluctuation has been seen in the six singles positions, but not much more. At the top, Sparby has played 21 of 23 matches at #1, Rich has played 16 matches at #2, Hohl has been in the #3 slot 17 times, and Shoden has played 18 matches at #4. Both the #5 and #6 slots have been filled by three players - Knutson, Robero, and Mary Udermann. Knutson played at #5 for 4 matches but also played at the #4 position 4 times. Robero has accumulated 16 matches at #6 but also played 4 times at #6. Udermann has picked up 12 matches at #6 for the Saints. Like in doubles, these are the women who will almost certainly make up the six singles positions as the Saints get ready for postseason tournaments.

- Playing at the #1 singles position might perhaps be an unrewarding position. Even if a team lacks depth, you know where their best player is going to be. Though carrying an 8-13 record at #1 into the Easter break, Steph Sparby has played well for the Saints all season. The only match she looks to have been overwhelmed in was against Larikah Russell of Southern Nazarene (Okla.) - the 2005 NAIA Singles Champion and All-American. Five of her other losses have been in three sets.

Upcoming UMAC slate:
- April 18
  - MN-Crookston @ MN-Morris - TBD
  - Martin Luther @ Dordt (Iowa) - 4 pm
  - Bethel Univ. @ Northwestern - 4 pm
- April 20
  - Martin Luther @ Northwestern - 3 pm
- April 21
  - MN-Morris @ Bethany Lutheran - 3 pm
- April 22
  - Martin Luther @ MN-Morris - Noon
  - Northwestern @ St. Scholastica - 1 pm

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Women’s 2006 UMAC Standings
(as of Apr. 11)

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