

GAMEDAY

Saint Mary's University • Cardinal Athletics

Cardinals not about to take a step back

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9, 2005 • 5:30 P.M.

Today's Ticket: Saint Mary's vs. Hamline

SEC. ROW SEAT



• **THE RECORDS:**
SMU: (11-5 MIAC, 15-5)
Hamline: (4-12 MIAC, 6-13)
• **LAST ACTION:** The Cardinals put an end to a 35-game losing streak vs. St. Benedict on Monday, as SMU held off a late Blazers' charge en route to a 61-54 victory — its first win vs. CSB since a 60-58 win on Dec. 12, 1987. ... Hamline, meanwhile, dropped its second straight, falling to

Augsburg 70-62.

• **LAST MEETING:** Ashley Luehmann equaled her season high with 21 points, leading five SMU players in double figures as the Cardinals knocked off Hamline 88-78 on Jan. 12, 2005.

• **GAME NOTES:** Jamie Rattunde scored 12 points and pulled down 10 rebounds vs. St. Ben's, giving the reigning MIAC Player of the Week double-doubles in each of SMU's last four games. ... Ashley Luehmann netted a game-high 20 points vs. the Blazers, marking the sixth time this season the SMU junior has netted 20 or more points. ... Luehmann has now scored in double figures in nine straight games, while Rattunde had her streak of scoring 20 or more points snapped at five in a row. ... The Cardinals have now won three straight, five of their last six, seven of their last nine and 10 of their last 13. ... SMU has not lost more than two games in a row all season.

WINONA, Minn. — When Angie Arrington, Jamie Rattunde and Tessa Stranik were five — and probably first learning how to dribble a basketball — the Saint Mary's University women's basketball team recorded a 60-58 victory over St. Benedict in a Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference game.

Seventeen years later, the SMU trio — all grown up — did something that no other Cardinals had done since that Dec. 12 afternoon in 1987: They guided SMU to a win over St. Benedict.

The Cardinals — behind Rattunde's fourth straight double-double (12 points and 10 rebounds), Arrington's 10 points, and a 20-point effort from junior Ashley Luehmann — held off the three-time defending MIAC champion Blazers 61-54 at the SMU Gym.

Along with their first win in 36 games vs. CSB, the Cardinals also locked up an MIAC playoff berth, and closed in on yet another first — a home playoff game.

"(Last Saturday's) win against Gustavus was a big boost for us," said SMU coach Dan Messmann of the Cardinals' 61-55 victory over GAC. "That put us ahead of them in the playoff race, and gave us the inside track on home court.

"But as sweet as that win was, (the St. Ben's win) was even sweeter — we've played some close games against them over the years, but we never quite able to get over the hump."

Monday night, the Cardinals finally did.

"I told the team to savor the win for the next 24 hours, but then it's back to business," said Messmann, whose team is back in action tonight, playing host to Hamline. "We took a giant step forward (by beating the Blazers) — we can't afford to take any steps backwards."

AROUND THE MIAC

Standings Through Tues., Feb. 8

Team	MIAC	O'all
Carleton*	15-1	15-4
Concordia*	13-3	15-4
St. Benedict*	13-4	16-4
Saint Mary's*	11-5	15-5
Gustavus*	11-6	13-7
St. Thomas	6-10	8-12
St. Olaf	6-10	7-13
Bethel	5-11	7-13
Hamline	4-12	6-13
St. Catherine	3-14	4-15
Augsburg	3-14	3-17

*Clinched MIAC playoff berth

Monday's Results

Concordia 85, St. Catherine 77
Gustavus 90, Bethel 76
Saint Mary's 61, St. Benedict 56
Augsburg 70, Hamline 62
St. Olaf 68, St. Thomas 67

Today's Games

Augsburg at Concordia
St. Thomas at Bethel
Gustavus at St. Olaf
Hamline at Saint Mary's
Carleton at St. Catherine

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Angie Arrington



The Vitals
Senior • Guard
Spring Grove, Minn.,

2004-05 Statistics
GP FG FT Reb./G Avg.
20 100-216 36-56 3.3 13.5

From Coach Messmann: "Angie has been a great leader for this team — both on and off the court. She's our sparkplug, she provides the energy on the floor and has been an offensive force for us all season."

UP NEXT



Saint Mary's
at St. Thomas

Sat., Feb. 12 / 1 p.m.

St. Paul, Minn.

Saint Mary's Cardinals

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown
4	Jenni Wick	So.	G/F	5-7	Ingleside, Ill.
10	April Johnson	Jr.	G	5-5	Owatonna, Minn.
12	Kelly Tanke	Fr.	G	5-7	La Crosse, Wis.
14	Amy Saufferer	Fr.	G	5-8	Morristown, Minn.
20	Tessa Stranik	Sr.	G	5-5	Eatonville, Wash.
22	Sarah Murphy	So.	F	5-10	Belle Plaine, Minn.
24	Angie Arrington	Sr.	G	5-7	Spring Grove, Minn.
30	Jacqui Ripoli	So.	G	5-2	Belvidere, Ill.
32	Ashley Luehmann	Jr.	G	5-8	Lewiston, Minn.
34	Megan Moran	So.	F	5-9	Burlington, Wis.
40	Ashley Fosmo	Fr.	G	5-8	Plainview, Minn.
42	Jessica Weisbrod	Fr.	F	5-10	Rollingstone, Minn.
44	Jamie Rattunde	Sr.	G	5-9	Rollingstone, Minn.
50	Lindsay Maus	Fr.	G	5-7	Winona, Minn.
52	Selina McCarthy	Jr.	P	6-3	Palos Park, Ill.
54	Alissa Banttari	Jr.	P	6-2	Forest Lake, Minn.

Head coach: Dan Messmann (3rd season)

Assistant: Ray Winter, Tony Cicalello

Cardinal Leaders

2004-2005 Overall Statistics
Through Sunday, Feb. 6

##	Player	GP	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Reb/G	A	TO	BLK	STL	Avg.
44	Jamie Rattunde	20	110-201	94-111	8.2	103	67	3	54	15.8
32	Ashley Luehmann	20	93-215	78-102	4.2	37	49	12	32	15.4
24	Angie Arrington	20	100-216	36-56	3.3	38	48	3	26	13.5
30	Megan Lick	1	3-4	1-1	0.0	0	2	0	1	8.0
34	Megan Moran	20	59-154	21-33	4.2	31	40	3	30	8.0
42	Jessica Weisbrod	20	55-115	24-41	4.8	21	40	6	12	6.7
10	April Johnson	18	18-57	14-16	1.1	12	16	0	10	3.2
20	Tessa Stranik	14	15-50	2-3	1.3	4	9	0	7	3.1
30	Jacqui Ripoli	11	9-26	2-4	1.0	5	10	1	3	2.1
54	Alissa Banttari	19	16-44	5-13	3.2	14	16	15	6	1.9
40	Ashley Fosmo	9	5-30	3-4	1.3	3	5	1	4	1.8
22	Sarah Murphy	16	8-19	2-2	1.4	6	8	0	3	1.3
52	Selina McCarthy	10	4-13	3-5	2.0	1	6	2	7	1.1
04	Jenni Wick	8	3-12	1-3	0.5	3	1	0	5	1.0
12	Kelly Tanke	8	2-5	0-0	0.1	1	0	0	0	0.6
14	Amy Saufferer	7	1-2	0-0	0.6	1	7	0	1	0.3
50	Lindsay Maus	2	0-2	0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Saint Mary's		20	501-1165	286-394	38.3	280	337	46	201	70.9
Opponents		20	456-1121	245-370	34.2	225	359	54	147	62.1

Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 26-27	Colorado College	Tourn.	Jan. 15	St. Thomas	W, 72-58
Nov. 26	Cal Lutheran	W, 84-65	Jan. 19	at St. Olaf	L, 58-51
Nov. 27	Colo. College	W, 72-54	Jan. 22	St. Catherine	W, 82-67
Dec. 1	at St. Catherine	W, 78-70	Jan. 26	Augsburg	W, 74-62
Dec. 4	at Augsburg	W, 97-72	Jan. 30	at Concordia	L, 65-63
Dec. 6	at Macalester	W, 76-41	Feb. 2	at Bethel	W, 68-59
Dec. 11	Carleton	L, 57-42	Feb. 5	at Gustavus	W, 61-55
Dec. 12	Concordia	L, 77-76 OT	Feb. 7	St. Benedict	W, 61-54
Jan. 1	at Winona St.	W, 72-66	Feb. 9	Hamline	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 3	Bethel	W, 87-66	Feb. 12	at St. Thomas	1 p.m.
Jan. 5	Gustavus	W, 60-53	Feb. 16	at Carleton	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	at St. Benedict	L, 65-54	Feb. 19	St. Olaf	1 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Hamline	W, 88-78			

Hamline Pipers

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown
20	Andrea Eilertson	So.	F	5-11	Kiester, Minn.
22	Megan Haugen	So.	G	5-4	New Richmond, Wis.
23	Ashlee Senser	So.	G/F	5-9	Edina, Minn.
25	Allison Bratsch	Fr.	G	5-9	New London, Minn.
30	Errin Koehler	Jr.	G	5-8	North Branch, Minn.
32	Erin Petrich	So.	G	5-6	White Bear Lake, Minn.
33	Kelly Lines	Jr.	G	5-8	North Branch, Minn.
35	Carolyn Korchik	Jr.	G	5-9	Bloomington, Minn.
42	Shelby Hyllegren	Fr.	G/P	5-9	Cannon Falls, Minn.
43	Britt Herzog	Fr.	G	5-7	Mt Iron, Minn.
44	Laurisa Ewert	Jr.	F	6-0	Andover, Minn.
54	Ashley Busch	Fr.	G/F	5-9	Fairfax, Minn.
55	Steph Jurewicz	Fr.	C	6-0	St. Louis Park, Minn.

Head coach: Melissa Young-Kruse

Assistants: Katy Hertel, Julie Hamiel, Jodi Loeblein, Jenny Dimitroff, Angel Leon

Piper Leaders

2004-2005 Overall Statistics
Through Tuesday, Feb. 8

##	Player	GP	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Reb/G	A	TO	BLK	STL	Avg.
44	Laurisa Ewert	17	107-249	38-67	8.9	35	57	17	56	15.1
33	Kelly Lines	19	77-191	53-72	4.4	34	58	2	21	12.7
35	Carolyn Korchik	19	81-220	46-61	4.4	27	66	4	28	12.6
32	Erin Petrich	17	64-170	28-38	4.0	48	44	2	25	9.6
54	Ashley Busch	19	46-94	38-54	5.5	5	29	1	23	6.8
20	Andrea Eilertson	19	41-95	8-18	5.2	11	16	8	12	4.9
25	Allison Bratsch	18	28-80	13-17	2.4	19	24	1	12	4.8
23	Ashlee Senser	18	26-80	11-20	2.1	12	41	3	7	3.8
24	Megan Haugen	19	11-27	1-3	0.7	18	17	0	13	1.7
30	Errin Koehler	16	10-22	0-0	0.6	6	5	1	1	1.8
55	Steph Jurewicz	11	7-13	5-9	2.0	1	6	1	0	1.7
40	Shelby Hyllegren	3	2-3	0-1	2.0	1	1	0	1	1.3
43	Britt Herzog	2	1-4	0-0	0.0	1	2	0	0	1.5
50	Lori Koep	2	0-2	0-0	1.0	0	0	0	1	0.0
Hamline		19	501-1252	241-360	42.3	218	373	40	200	71.9
Opponents		19	455-1138	311-466	40.1	265	392	54	180	70.3

Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 19	Cornell	W, 104-45	Jan. 19	at Concordia	L, 80-53
Nov. 23	North Central	W, 118-47	Jan. 22	Gustavus	L, 76-70
Nov. 29	at River Falls	L, 72-68	Jan. 26	at Carleton	L, 68-62
Dec. 1	at Gustavus	L, 80-64	Jan. 29	St. Thomas	L, 59-54
Dec. 4	Carleton	L, 70-51	Jan. 31	St. Catherine	W, 75-70
Dec. 6	at St. Thomas	L, 90-69	Feb. 2	at St. Olaf	L, 75-55
Dec. 8	at St. Catherine	L, 85-82	Feb. 7	at Augsburg	L, 70-62
Jan. 3	St. Olaf	W, 77-72 (OT)	Feb. 9	at Saint Mary's	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Augsburg	W, 81-45	Feb. 10	Trinity Bible	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Saint Mary's	L, 88-78	Feb. 12	at St. Benedict	1 p.m.
Jan. 15	St. Benedict	L, 84-60	Feb. 16	Bethel	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Bethel	W, 84-60	Feb. 19	Concordia	1 p.m.