

GAMEDAY

Saint Mary's University • Cardinal Athletics

Plenty at stake as Cardinals host St. Olaf

SATURDAY, FEB. 19, 2005 • 1 P.M.

Today's Ticket: Saint Mary's vs. St. Olaf

SEC. ROW SEAT



• **THE RECORDS:**
SMU: (12-7 MIAC, 16-7)
St. Olaf: (7-12 MIAC, 8-15)
• **LAST ACTION:** Carleton completed a season sweep of the Cardinals Wednesday, as the Knights beat SMU 62-48. ... St. Olaf, meanwhile, had its hopes of an MIAC playoff berth dealt a serve blow as the Oles lost to last-place St. Catherine 69-62.
• **LAST MEETING:** St. Olaf

used an 8-1 run over the game's final 1:46 to hand the Cardinals a 58-51 setback on Jan. 19, 2005.

• **GAME NOTES:** With one game left in the regular season, SMU and Gustavus are tied for fourth in the MIAC standings. Because SMU holds the tiebreaker over GAC with its two wins over the Gusties this season, the Cardinals need a win today — or a Gustavus loss vs. St. Benedict — to secure the No. 4 spot in the six-team MIAC tournament, and the home game that goes with it. If SMU finishes No. 4, the Cardinals will host Gustavus on Monday at 7:30 p.m. If Gustavus is No. 4, SMU will travel to St. Peter, Minn., to take on the Gusties. ... St. Olaf, meanwhile, still has an outside shot at the sixth and final playoff spot. The Oles currently trail St. Thomas by one game. Because St. Olaf holds the tiebreaker, STO needs to beat SMU, then hope St. Catherine can pull its second straight upset of the week by knocking off UST.

WINONA, Minn. — The Saint Mary's University women's basketball team entered Wednesday's Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference game at Carleton with two shots to achieve one goal — a home playoff berth.

Thanks to the Knights' 62-48 win, however, the Cardinals now face a new scenario — one or none.

SMU, which dropped its second straight game for just the second time this season, is currently tied with Gustavus for the No. 4 spot in the conference standings. One win today in their home finale against St. Olaf — or one loss by Gustavus in its final regular-season game vs. St. Benedict — and the Cardinals will lock up that fourth position.

And that elusive one home MIAC playoff game.

"We did not play particularly well (against Carleton) — we dug ourselves too big of a hole in the first half and were never able to climb out," said SMU coach Dan Messmann, whose team struggled through its two worst offensive performances of the season vs. the Knights — managing just 42 points in a 57-42 loss on Dec. 11, and 48 in Wednesday's 62-48 setback. "Fortunately, that game didn't hurt (SMU's playoff chances) that much."

Now, everything is riding on the St. Olaf game.

And, along with the revenge factor (SMU lost to the Oles 58-51 earlier this year), there are a couple of other variables working in the Cardinals' favor — today's game is on their home floor (where SMU is 7-2), and it's the final regular-season home game for graduating seniors Jamie Rattunde, Angie Arrington and Tessa Stranik.

"We've got a lot riding on this game and all the outside variables seem to be on our side — we're at home, it's Senior Day ...," said Messmann. "We hold all the cards — we control our own destiny. Now all we have to do is go out there and get the job done."

AROUND THE MIAC

Standings Through Fri., Feb. 18

Team	MIAC	O'all
Carleton*	17-2	17-5
Concordia*	16-3	18-4
St. Benedict*	15-4	18-4
Saint Mary's*	12-7	16-7
Gustavus*	12-7	14-8
St. Thomas	8-11	10-13
St. Olaf	7-12	8-15
Bethel	6-12	8-14
Hamline	4-15	7-16
St. Catherine	4-15	5-16
Augsburg	4-16	4-19

*Clinched MIAC playoff berth

Wednesday's Results

Concordia 76, St. Thomas 66
St. Benedict 93, Augsburg 60
St. Catherine 69, St. Olaf 62
Bethel 87, Hamline 77
Carleton 62, Saint Mary's 48

Today's Games

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

End Regular Season

THE CARDINAL SENIORS



#24 Angie Arrington

Senior • Guard • Spring Grove, Minn.

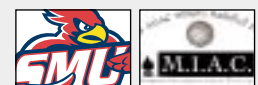
#44 Jamie Rattunde

Senior • Guard • Rollingstone, Minn.

#20 Tessa Stranik

Senior • Guard • Eatonville, Wash.

UP NEXT



Saint Mary's
in MIAC Playoffs

Mon., Feb. 21 / 7:30 p.m.

Site: To Be Determined

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 Friday, Feb. 18

##	Player	GP	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Reb/G	A	TO	BLK	STL	Avg.
44	Jamie Rattunde	23	128-241	117-141	8.0	112	78	5	65	16.3
32	Ashley Luehmann	23	107-248	80-104	4.3	39	54	12	34	15.1
24	Angie Arrington	23	109-247	40-62	3.0	42	55	4	28	12.9
30	Megan Lick	1	3-4	1-1	0.0	0	2	0	1	8.0
34	Megan Moran	22	64-169	23-35	4.0	32	42	3	33	7.8
42	Jessica Weisbrod	23	61-131	32-53	5.2	26	45	6	14	6.7
10	April Johnson	21	18-61	14-16	1.0	12	18	0	11	2.7
20	Tessa Stranik	17	15-53	3-5	1.2	5	9	0	7	2.6
54	Alissa Banttari	22	20-54	6-15	3.1	16	19	15	8	2.1
30	Jacqui Ripoli	12	9-26	2-4	0.9	5	10	1	3	1.9
40	Ashley Fosmo	12	7-37	3-6	1.5	3	5	1	5	1.8
22	Sarah Murphy	19	11-25	4-4	1.3	8	9	0	3	1.7
52	Selina McCarthy	10	4-13	3-5	2.0	1	6	2	7	1.1
04	Jenni Wick	9	3-12	1-5	0.4	3	1	0	5	0.9
12	Kelly Tanke	10	2-5	0-0	0.1	1	0	0	0	0.5
14	Amy Saufferer	8	1-2	0-0	0.5	1	7	0	1	0.3
50	Lindsay Maus	3	0-3	0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Saint Mary's		23	562-1331	329-456	37.6	306	375	49	225	69.7
Opponents		23	526-1274	287-433	34.5	258	401	64	161	62.5

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	W, 75-62
Jan. 3	Bethel	W, 87-66	Feb. 12	at St. Thomas	L, 72-61
Jan. 5	Gustavus	W, 60-53	Feb. 16	at Carleton	L, 62-48
Jan. 8	at St. Benedict	L, 65-54	Feb. 19	St. Olaf	1 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Hamline	W, 88-78			

St. Olaf Oles

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown
10	Kelli Behr	So.	W	5-8	Northfield, Minn.
12	Shurie Madery	Fr.	W	5-9	Kasson, Minn.
14	Christine Schwichtenberg	Jr.	G	5-8	Hopkins, Minn.
20	Molly Simon	Sr.	G	5-6	Hudson, Wis.
22	Lindsey Saunders	Fr.	P	5-11	Willmar, Minn.
24	Holly Grimsrud	So.	G	5-7	Zumbrota, Minn.
30	Courtney Mueller	Jr.	G	5-8	Fort Collins, Colo.
32	Jenny Dettle	So.	W	5-9	Fridley, Minn.
34	Christina Sampson	So.	P/W	5-9	North Branch, Minn.
40	Kristy Larson	Sr.	P	5-11	St. Ansgar, Iowa
42	Corinne Thomas	Fr.	P/W	5-9	Mahtomedi, Minn.
44	Vicky Peterson	Fr.	P/W	5-10	Plymouth, Minn.
50	Laura Jorgenson	So.	W	5-8	Mantorville, Minn.
52	Danielle Stoermer	F/Y	P	5-11	Wayzata, Minn.
54	Kristina Stoermer	Fr.	P/W	5-11	Wayzata, Minn.

Head coach: Pat Buresh
Assistants: Hana Blissett, Judy Stromayer

Oles Leaders

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20	Molly Simon	22	76-261	32-45	4.0	65	70	3	33	9.9
34	Christina Sampson	22	67-174	32-50	5.9	26	37	4	21	9.1
24	Holly Grimsrud	22	75-218	18-27	2.1	38	57	0	20	9.0
40	Kristy Larson	21	61-168	36-43	5.1	14	32	15	20	7.5
14	Chr Schwichtenberg	22	51-136	22-48	3.2	50	65	0	52	5.9
52	Danielle Stoermer	22	47-97	24-26	4.3	17	34	4	18	5.4
54	Kristina Stoermer	22	41-92	23-35	2.4	12	25	9	12	4.8
32	Jenny Dettle	22	26-56	25-34	2.8	20	35	1	19	3.5
44	Vicky Peterson	17	17-47	11-19	1.5	8	11	0	8	2.9
22	Lindsey Saunders	18	6-16	11-20	1.4	5	9	4	2	1.3
42	Corinne Thomas	12	5-9	7-15	0.7	1	4	0	4	1.4
30	Courtney Mueller	16	1-10	2-3	0.8	13	13	1	11	0.2
50	Laura Jorgenson	11	1-15	0-0	0.5	5	3	0	2	0.2
10	Kelli Behr	2	1-3	0-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1.0
12	Shurie Madery	6	0-0	0-2	0.3	1	3	0	1	0.0
St. Olaf		22	475-1303	243-387	38.2	276	414	41	223	59.2
Opponents		22	515-1277	287-448	41.6	320	433	74	199	64.7

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Nov. 23	at Central	L, 59-46	Jan. 17	at St. Catherine	W, 73-58
Nov. 30	Augsburg	W, 65-58	Jan. 19	Saint Mary's	W, 58-51
Dec. 4	at St. Benedict	L, 77-54	Jan. 22	at Augsburg	L, 67-58
Dec. 8	Macalester	W, 57-28	Jan. 26	St. Benedict	L, 67-52
Dec. 11	Concordia	L, 75-54	Jan. 29	at Concordia	L, 73-62
Dec. 29-30	Trinity Tournament		Feb. 2	Hamline	W, 75-55
Dec. 29	Lake Forest	L, 75-52	Feb. 5	Bethel	W, 60-56
Dec. 30	Trinity	L, 71-43	Feb. 7	at St. Thomas	W, 68-67
Jan. 3	at Hamline	L, 78-72	Feb. 9	Gustavus	L, 78-62
Jan. 5	at Bethel	L, 72-68	Feb. 12	Carleton	W, 62-60
Jan. 8	St. Thomas	L, 72-59	Feb. 16	St. Catherine	L, 69-62
Jan. 12	at Gustavus	L, 74-51	Feb. 19	at Saint Mary's	1 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Carleton	L, 53-52			