

GAINED DAY

Saint Mary's University • Cardinal Athletics

Cardinals are eager to get back to work

FRIDAY, DEC. 5, 2003 • 7:05 P.M.

Today's Ticket: SMU vs. St. Catherine

SEC. ROW SEAT



SAINT MARY'S Cardinals

MIAC: 2-0-0
Overall: 3-1-1

Last Action:

The Cardinals have been off since Nov. 23, when they completed a two-game sweep of Concordia with a 3-0 victory.



ST. CATHERINE Wildcats

MIAC: 0-2-0
Overall: 0-5-1

Last Action:

The Wildcats snapped a season-opening five-game losing streak with a 4-4 tie vs. UW-Eau Claire on Nov. 25.

WINONA, Minn. — In their last three games, the Saint Mary's University women's hockey team has been anything but an offensive juggernaut, scoring just six goals.

But then, with freshman goalie Nikki Jung (*Inver Grove Heights, Minn.*) between the pipes, who needs an offensive juggernaut?

Jung posted her second shutout in her last three starts in the Cardinals' last game, stopping all 28 Concordia shots as SMU completed its MIAC-opening sweep of the Cobbers with a 3-0 victory on Nov. 23.

SMU had opened conference play with a 2-1 win vs. the Cobbers, with Melissa Mondo (*Vadnais Heights, Minn.*) and Emily Kearns (*Hopkins, Minn.*) accounted for SMU's two goals, while Jung stopped 23 of the 24 shots she faced.

"Nikki played well all weekend," understated SMU coach Duncan Ryhorchuk, whose team not only opened conference play with a perfect 2-0 mark, but also improved to 3-1-1 overall. "She faced well over 50 shots and only allowed one goal, which was great to see."

Great for the Cardinals, but bad for the Cobbers, who outshot SMU 52-44 on the weekend, but were outscored 5-1.

"We came out and pretty much controlled play early on in both games, then just played them even the rest of the way," Ryhorchuk said. "We were able to skate four lines and all six defensemen, so it was good to see everyone contribute."

Speaking of contributing, Aja Walters (*Fairmont, Minn.*), Jenny Hocum (*Rochester, Minn.*) and Laura Mueller (*St. Paul, Minn.*) gave Jung more than enough offensive support in the 3-0 sweep-clinching win, as SMU pushed its winning streak to three straight.

"It was nice to get some other people into the (scoring column)," said Ryhorchuk, whose returns to conference action this evening, playing host to St. Catherine. "Overall, it was a good weekend for us. It's never easy to win on the road, so it was nice to go up there (to Moorhead, Minn.) and come away with two wins.

"The (Thanksgiving) break came at a good time for us," continued Ryhorchuk. "We were able to get some rest and get everyone healthy. Now it's time to get back to work."

IN THE SMU SPOTLIGHT



**Nikki
Jung**

Fr. • Goalie
Inver Grove Hts., MN

'03-04 Statistics
GP GAA Sv%
4 1.00 .957

From the coach:
"Nikki's a very hard worker who always gives 100 percent. She is already showing that she has the ability to be one of the top goalies in the MIAC."

THIS AND THAT



SMU went 1-0-1 vs. the Wildcats last year, winning 3-2 behind two goals from Emily Kearns (*Hopkins, Minn.*) and tying 2-2.



GAME STATS: Nikki Jung (*Inver Grove Heights, Minn.*) posted her second shutout in her last three starts with a 28-save effort in

SMU's 3-0 win vs. Concordia. ... SMU has outscored its opponents 6-1 in its last three games.

MIAC STANDINGS

Team	MIAC	Pts	O'all
St. Thomas	2-0-0	4	4-1-1
Saint Mary's	2-0-0	4	3-1-1
Augsburg	2-0-0	4	4-2-0
St. Olaf	2-0-0	4	2-2-2
St. Benedict	1-0-1	3	2-2-1
Bethel	0-1-1	1	0-2-1
Gustavus	0-2-0	0	2-3-0
Concordia	0-2-0	0	1-3-0
Hamline	0-2-0	0	0-3-0
St. Catherine	0-2-0	0	0-5-1

AROUND THE MIAC

Today's Games	Saturday's Games
Gustavus at Augsburg	Concordia at Hamline
Concordia at Hamline	Saint Mary's at St. Kate's
Bethel at St. Thomas	Augsburg at Gustavus
St. Kate's at Saint Mary's	St. Thomas at Bethel
	St. Ben's at St. Olaf
	Sunday's Game
	St. Olaf at St. Ben's

Saint Mary's Cardinals

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown / High School
1	Kyle Rizner	G	Fr.	5-8	Brooklyn Park, Minn. / Champlin Park
3	Rachel Harrison	F	Fr.	5-5	Madison, Wis. / Madison West
4	Shannon Dinneen	D	Fr.	5-9	St. Paul, Minn. / St. Paul Central
5	Megan Chown	F	Fr.	5-9	Onalaska, Wis. / Onalaska
6	Steph Evenson	D	Jr.	5-6	La Crosse, Wis. / Onalaska
7	Jessica Ribish	F	Fr.	5-2	Elm Grove, Wis. / Brookfield East
8	Ashley Graf	F	So.	5-4	So. St. Paul, Minn. / South St. Paul
9	Jenny Hocum	F	Jr.	5-4	Rochester, Minn. / Rochester JM
10	Kate Williams	D	Jr.	5-4	Minnetonka, Minn. / Minnetonka
11	Lauren Boardman	F	Fr.	5-7	Lake Villa, Ill. / Lake Forest Acad.
12	Diane Amsden	D	Sr.	5-6	No. St. Paul, Minn. / North St. Paul
14	Jessica Frye	D	So.	5-8	Boynton Beach, Fla. / Atlantic
15	Shannon Calvert	F	Fr.	5-2	Pekin, Ill. / Pekin Community
17	Rebecca Jelenc	D	Fr.	5-9	Sheboygan, Wis. / Sheboygan South
18	Aja Walters	F	Jr.	5-4	Fairmont, Minn. / Fairmont
19	Laura Mueller	F	Fr.	5-5	St. Paul, Minn. / St. Paul Central
20	Katie Berg	F	Fr.	5-8	Apple Valley, Minn. / Burnsville
21	Beth Zubrzycki	D	Sr.	5-4	So. St. Paul, Minn. / South St. Paul
22	Melissa Mondo	F	Fr.	5-5	Vadnais Hts., Minn. / White Bear Lake
24	Tennie McCabe	F	Sr.	5-5	Rochester, Minn. / Rochester JM
26	Emily Babcock	F	Fr.	5-7	St. Paul, Minn. / St. Paul Central
27	Alissa Schultz	F	Sr.	5-2	LeSueur, Minn. / LeSueur-Henderson
29	Emily Kearns	F	Sr.	5-4	Hopkins, Minn. / Hopkins
30	Nikki Jung	G	Fr.	5-6	Inver Grove Hts., Minn. / Simley
35	Amanda Gage	G	Fr.	5-5	Lino Lakes, Minn. / Forest Lake

Head coach: Duncan Ryhorchuk (4th season)

Assistant: Anna-Marie Brickner Manager: Kendall French

Cardinal Leaders

Through Thursday, December 4

Player	GP	G	A	Pts
Emily Kearns	5	2	4	6
Jessica Ribish	5	2	1	3
Melissa Mondo	5	1	2	3
Laura Mueller	5	2	0	2
Kate Williams	5	1	1	2
Rachel Harrison	5	0	2	2
Jenny Hocum	5	1	0	1
Aja Walters	5	1	0	1
Katie Berg	5	0	1	1
Alissa Schultz	5	0	1	1
Beth Zubrzycki	5	0	1	1
Diane Amsden	5	0	0	0
Emily Babcock	5	0	0	0
Lauren Boardman	2	0	0	0
Shannon Calvert	5	0	0	0
Megan Chown	5	0	0	0
Shannon Dinneen	1	0	0	0
Ashley Graf	5	0	0	0
Rebecca Jelenc	5	0	0	0
Saint Mary's	5	10	13	23
Opponents	5	6	3	9

Name	GP	Minutes	GA	GAA	Saves	SV%	W-L-T
Nikki Jung	4	239:14	4	1.00	88	.957	3-1-0
Amanda Gage	1	65:00	2	1.85	26	.929	0-0-1
Saint Mary's	5	305:00	6	1.18	114	.950	3-1-1
Opponents	5	305:00	10	1.97	124	.925	1-3-1

St. Catherine Wildcats

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown / Last Team Played For
1	Marie Benesh	So.	G	North St. Paul, Minn. / North St. Paul H.S.
2	Laurel Volenec	So.	F	Loyal, Wis. / Wisconsin Challengers
3	Kaycee Veenis	Fr.	F	Shoreview, Minn. / Mounds View H.S.
4	Amber Janssen	Fr.	F/D	Morris, Minn. / MBA Storm
5	Alyssa Evenson	Fr.	F	Benson, Minn. / MBA Storm
6	Angela M. Johnson	Fr.	F	Wadena, Minn. / Wadena-Deer Creek H.S.
7	Danni Herkal	Fr.	D	Burnsville, Minn. / Burnsville H.S.
8	Jenna Kane	So.	D	Apple Valley, Minn. / Apple Valley H.S.
10	Angela F. Johnson	Fr.	G/F	Shoreview / Mounds View H.S.
11	Deidre Lindstrom	Jr.	F	Benson, Minn. / Benson H.S.
12	Katie Eichten	Sr.	F	Coon Rapids, Minn. / Coon Rapids H.S.
13	Jenny Neveln	Fr.	G	New Ulm, Minn. / New Ulm H.S.
14	Davin Boesiger	Jr.	F	Grimes, Iowa / Omaha H.S.
16	Katie Drew	Sr.	F/D	Inver Grove Heights, Minn. / Simley H.S.
17	Michelle Byers	So.	F	Minneota, Minn. / Marshall H.S.
18	Michelle Bazzanella	Fr.	F	Three Lakes, Wis. / Northern Pines H.S.
19	Nichole Hottinger	So.	F	Mankato, Minn. / Mankato East H.S.
20	Erin Thomas	Fr.	D	Burnsville, Minn. / Burnsville H.S.
21	Angie Carstenbrock	Jr.	F	So. St. Paul, Minn. / So. St. Paul H.S.
22	Sarah Robinson	Fr.	F	Mahtomedi, Minn. / Mahtomedi H.S.
30	Kendra Graper	Sr.	G	Conover, WI / Eagle River U-19s
31	Morgan Kane	So.	G	Apple Valley, Minn. / Apple Valley H.S.

Head coach: Mary Brown

Assistants: Angie Rieger, Mary Russell

Wildcat Leaders

Through Thursday, December 4

Player	GP	G	A	Pts
Angela M. Johnson	4	4	0	4
Kaycee Veenis	6	1	2	3
Deidre Lindstrom	6	0	3	3
Angie Carstenbrock	6	2	0	3
Laurel Volenec	6	2	0	2
Katie Eichten	6	0	1	1
Nichole Hottinger	6	0	1	1
Michelle Bazzanella	6	0	1	1
Michelle Byers	6	0	0	0
Katie Drew	6	0	0	0
Alyssa Evenson	6	0	0	0
Angela F. Johnson	6	0	0	0
Sarah Robinson	6	0	0	0
Erin Thomas	5	0	0	0
Davin Boesiger	4	0	0	0
Amber Janssen	4	0	0	0
Danni Herkal	4	0	0	0
Jenna Kane	3	0	0	0
Debralyn Bryant	2	0	0	0
St. Catherine	6	9	8	17
Opponents	6	30	28	58

Name	GP	Minutes	GA	GAA	Saves	SV%	W-L-T
Marie Benesh	3	180:00	11	3.67	88	.889	0-3-0
Morgan Kane	2	108:48	13	7.17	60	.822	0-2-0
Kendra Graper	1	65:00	4	3.69	22	.846	0-0-1
Jenny Neveln	1	11:12	2	10.71	6	.750	0-0-0
St. Catherine	6	365:00	30	4.93	176	.854	0-5-1
Opponents	6	365:00	9	1.48	132	.936	5-0-1

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 7	Superior	L, 3-0
Nov. 8	at Superior	L, 9-0
Nov. 12	at River Falls	L, 5-1
Nov. 21	at St. Olaf	L, 3-0
Nov. 22	St. Olaf	L, 6-4
Nov. 25	Eau Claire	T, 4-4
Dec. 5	at Saint Mary's	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 6	Saint Mary's	8:05 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Concordia	4 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Concordia	Noon
Jan. 15	at Hamline	7 p.m.
Jan. 17	Hamline	12:05 p.m.
Jan. 21	at Eau Claire	7 p.m.
Jan. 23	St. Benedict	6:05 p.m.
Jan. 24	at St. Benedict	2 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Stevens Pt.	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	at St. Thomas	7 p.m.
Feb. 7	St. Thomas	5:05 p.m.
Feb. 12	Augsburg	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Augsburg	2:05 p.m.
Feb. 20	Gustavus	6:05 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Gustavus	2:05 p.m.
Feb. 25	Bethel	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 28	at Bethel	7 p.m.
March 4	MIAC Playoffs	