**Carleton College athletics**

**Carleton women's basketball notes - Jan. 16, 2004**

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**2003-04 Carleton Knights (12-0, 9-0 MIAC)**

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**Carleton, St. Benedict clash in battle of MIAC unbeatens**

Carleton, winners of 12 consecutive games, faces its toughest challenge of the season to date when it travels to St. Joseph, Minn., to face the College of St.Benedict.

The Blazers are the only other undefeated team in MIAC play and are coming off a huge win over Gustavus Adolphus, who was previously unbeaten in conference play. The winner of this game will be the lone unbeaten in MIAC competition, and thus will have sole possession of first place in the conference. St Benedict finished last year with a 20-2 conference record, which left them tied with Carleton and Gustavus for the MIAC regular season championship.


**Broadcast information**

Saturday’s game will be broadcast by KMYN 1080 AM, which covers the Northfield area and the south metro of Minneapolis/St. Paul. Jeff Johnson will be on the call. The game can also be heard worldwide on the Internet at Knights Online (www.carleton.edu/athletics/broadcasts/).

**Vig MIAC Player of the Week**

Megan Vig was named the MIAC’s player of the week after averaging 19.3 points and 7.0 rebounds a game last week. The sophomore led the Knights to three victories last week to run the team’s winning streak to 19.3 points and 7.0 rebounds a game last week. The sophomore led the Knights to three victories last week to run the team’s winning streak to 19.3 points and 7.0 rebounds a game last week. The sophomore led the Knights to three victories last week to run the team’s winning streak to 19.3 points and 7.0 rebounds a game last week. The sophomore led the Knights to three victories last week to run the team’s winning streak.

She tallied a career-high 25 points and grabbed nine rebounds in Carleton’s 71-59 victory over Concordia-Moorhead on Wednesday. She tallied 20 points on 9-for-14 shooting in Saturday’s 73-61 victory over Hamline, marking the first time in her collegiate career she’s scored 20 or more points in consecutive games. The sophomore added 13 points and eight rebounds in Monday’s home contest against Gustavus.

**Knights continue stretch of tough games, will be home for stretch run**

Including Wednesday’s win over St. Thomas, Carleton will face three of the five other 2003 MIAC Playoff qualifiers in one week. After Saturday’s game against fellow 2002-2003 MIAC tri-champion, St. Benedict, Carleton will meet the other team that tied for the regular season MIAC title, Gustavus Adolphus, when the Gusties come to the West Gym on Monday, Jan. 19. Last year, Carleton was 6-2 against the top four finishers in the final MIAC standings and 10-2 against the eventual MIAC Playoff qualifiers.

Monday’s home contest against Gustavus starts a stretch in which the Knights play nine home games in their final 12 contests. Over the last four seasons, the Knights are 38-4 at home, 31-3 in MIAC play.

**Engel breaks theft record**

Senior forward Linnea Engel broke Carleton’s all-time steal record, previously held by Anna Bandick (1986-90), in matching her career high with seven steals in her first game since being named MIAC player of the week.

**Individual Player Notes**

- **Megan Vig** tallied 16 points and five rebounds against St. Thomas in her first game since being named MIAC player of the week.
- **Linnea Engel** scored 18 points in back-to-back games last week against St. Mary’s and Concordia.
- **Katie Freeman’s** 16 points in Saturday’s win over Hamline was a new career high.
- **Kristi Colbenson** has scored in double figures in 10 of Carleton’s 12 games.
- **Cassie Hammond** tallied 11 points and eight rebounds against Hamline, the second game she’s scored in double figures.
- **Beth Freeman** didn’t score in double figures for the first time all season vs. Hamline, but she tallied a career-high six assists.

**Team Notes**

- Carleton is one of only seven unbeaten teams remaining in Division III.
- Carleton leads the MIAC in scoring defense (37.7 ppg allowed).
- The Knights lead the MIAC in turnover margin (+6.17) and rebounding margin (+5.2).
- Carleton has forced more turnovers than it has committed in 11 of 12 games.

**Probable Carleton Starting Line-up**

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**Key reserves**

- **Cassie Hammond**
- **Andrea Korb**
- **Karl Christianson**

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**Visuals**

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other two) to tally 70 or more steals in a single season, as Engel posted 71 thefts last year. Engel has notched more than 50 steals in each of her first three seasons at Carleton and has 42 steals in Carleton’s first 11 games, leaving her only eight away from 50 for the year. No player has accomplished that feat all four years at Carleton.

**Last time out – Carleton 72, St. Thomas 60**

Megan Vig scored 16 points and Carleton erased a 15-point first-half deficit to beat visiting St. Thomas, 72-60. Kristi Colbenson and Linnea Engel each tallied 12 points and six rebounds for the Knights.

The Tommies held a 35-28 halftime lead, but the Knights used a 13-4 run to start the second half to take a 41-39 lead. After St. Thomas then battled back to take a 49-43 lead, Carleton went on a 13-2 run to take a 56-51 advantage with little more than two minutes remaining.

Carleton was 22-24 from the free throw in the second half and 30-for-37 for the game. The Knights’ defense forced 11 second-half Tommies turnovers, as they held a 21-7 edge in points off turnovers in the final 20 minutes.

**About St. Benedict**

Head Coach Mike Durbin returns three starters and eight letterwinners from last year’s MIAC tri-champion team, but lost perhaps his two best players from that team. Even with the loss of over 35 points per game, the Blazers are off to a torrid start.

In the backcourt the Blazers start a slew of talented players. Senior wing Ashley Brown is the most impressive of the bunch, as she averages 11.1 points per game, including wins in 19 of the last 22 games at Claire Lynch Hall, as Carleton has only two wins in its last 20 trips to St. Joseph. Recently, however, the competition between the two teams has been top-notch. Over the last 10 games the teams are 5-5 against each other, and last year each team won on their respective home court. The Knights and Blazers have, however, met twice in the MIAC playoffs, with Carleton winning each matchup.

**About St. Benedict**

This marks the 44th meeting between the two schools. Carleton won the first three games of the series before St. Benedict won a staggering 30 games in a row against the Knights from 1983-1999 and lead the series 36-8, including wins in 19 of the last 22 games at Claire Lynch Hall, as Carleton has only two wins in its last 20 trips to St. Joseph. Recently, however, the competition between the two teams has been top-notch. Over the last 10 games the teams are 5-5 against each other, and last year each team won on their respective home court. The Knights and Blazers have, however, met twice in the MIAC playoffs, with Carleton winning each matchup.

**Upcoming Games**

Jan. 17

Concordia at Augsburg, 1 p.m.

Carleton at St. Benedict, 1 p.m.

Macalester at Hamline, 1 p.m.

St. Olaf at St. Thomas, 1 p.m.

Bethel at Gustavus, 1 p.m.

Jan. 19

St. Mary’s at St. Thomas, 7:30 p.m.

Gustavus at Carleton, 7:30 p.m.

Hamline at St. Olaf, 7:30 p.m.
Knights streaking to start season

The Knights’ victory over St. Thomas stretched their winning streak to 12 games, the second-longest in school history. Last year’s squad won a school-record 23 consecutive games to start the season en route to a 25-3 mark. The 2000-01 squad won 10 consecutive games.

In the polls

Carleton moved up three places to a tie for ninth in this week’s USA Today/ESPN/WBCA top 25 coaches’ poll. The Knights also moved up two spots in this week’s D3Hoops.com ranking from 17th to 15th.

Carleton has now been ranked in either or both polls a school-record 26 consecutive times.

Tammy Metcalf-Filzen

Tammy Metcalf-Filzen moves into her seventh season as head coach at Carleton. In only six seasons she has turned the program into a conference contender, leading them to three consecutive MIAC Playoff titles, 20-win seasons and NCAA Tournament bids in 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03. In 2002-03 she was named the MIAC co-coach of the year and WBCA Region Coach of the Year, leading the Knights to a school-record 25 victories. She earned the same honors in 2000-01. She previously served as head coach at St. Olaf and as an assistant at Temple and Minnesota. She is Carleton’s all-time winningest coach.

Metcalf-Filzen has presided over one of the most remarkable turnarounds in all of NCAA Division III women’s basketball. When she took over prior to the 1997-98 season, the Knights had a program winning percentage of .323. Since Metcalf-Filzen assumed the head coaching position, the program has won more than 68% of 162 contests. Metcalf-Filzen has led Carleton to a 60-9 record over the last three seasons and 8-2-4 over the last four.

Carleton has improved its record in each of Metcalf-Filzen’s first six seasons and her .688 winning percentage is the best in school history. A 1983 St. Olaf graduate, Metcalf-Filzen earned her M.S. from the University of Minnesota in 1987. She won four varsity letters as a point guard for the Oles, twice earned All-MIAC honors, led the NCAA Division III in free-throw percentage in 1982-83, and was inducted into the St. Olaf Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Northfield Hall of Fame in 1992.

Metcalf-Filzen owns a 147-76 record in nine seasons overall and 121-50 in seven seasons at Carleton.

Carleton Players’ Season & Career Highs (updated thru 1/16/04)

**KARL CHRISTIANSEN**

Points: 12 vs. Luther, 12/30/03
13 at Concordia, 12/14/02

Rebounds: 5 on two occasions
5 on two occasions

Assists: 6 at Augsburg, 12/6/03
7 at Concordia, 12/14/02

Steals: 3 on two occasions
3 on three occasions

**KRISTI COLENBENSON**

Points: 18 at Augsburg, 12/6/03
18 at Augsburg, 12/6/03

Rebounds: 9 at St. Catherine, 12/8/03
9 at St. Catherine, 12/8/03

Assists: 3 on four occasions
4 vs. Macalester, 12/6/02

Steals: 3 vs. Augsburg, 12/6/03
3 on four occasions

**ANDREA DAHL**

Points: 8 at Augsburg, 12/6/03

Rebounds: 2 on three occasions

Assists: 1 at Augsburg, 12/6/03

**Linnea Engel**

Points: 18 at SMU, 1/5/04,
18 vs. Concordia, 1/7/04
24 vs. Gustavus, 3/1/04

Rebounds: 10 vs. George Fox, 11/29/03
14 at St. Catherine, 2/15/01

Assists: 3 on three occasions
5 on three occasions

Steals: 7 on three occasions
7 on four occasions

**Beth Freeman**

Points: 14 vs. George Fox, 11/29/03
18 at St. Catherine, 12/9/02

FT Pct.: 1.000* (12/12), vs. George Fox, 11/29/03

Rebounds: 11 vs. George Fox, 11/29/03
12 vs. Gustavus, 3/1/03

Assists: 6 at Hamline, 1/10/04
4 on two occasions

Steals: 4 on two occasions
4 on two occasions

**Katie Freeman**

Points: 16 at Hamline, 1/10/04
16 at Hamline, 1/10/04

3-point FGs: 2 on two occasions
2 on two occasions

Rebounds: 7 on three occasions
7 on four occasions

Assists: 6 vs. Luther, 11/30/03
6 vs. Luther, 11/30/03

Steals: 2 on five occasions
4 on two occasions

**Cassie Hammond**

Points: 14 at St. Olaf, 12/10/03

Rebounds: 8 on two occasions

Assists: 3 at St. Olaf, 12/10/03

Steals: 3 at Hamline, 1/10/04

**Abby Kalland**

Points: 3 at Bethel, 12/3/03
6 on two occasions

Rebounds: 4 vs. Macalester, 1/26/02
3 at Macalester, 1/3/04
3 at Macalester, 1/3/04

Assists: 3 at Macalester, 1/3/04

Steals: 1 on two occasions
1 many times

**Andrea Korb**

Points: 6 on two occasions
6 on two occasions

3-pt FGs: 2 at St. Catherine, 12/8/03
2 at St. Catherine, 12/8/03

Rebounds: 5 at St. Mary's, 1/5/04
5 at St. Mary's, 1/5/04

Assists: 6 at St. Mary's, 1/5/04
6 at St. Mary's, 1/5/04

Steals: 4 on two occasions
4 on two occasions

**Kate Krueger**

Points: 9 at Augsburg, 12/6/03
9 at Augsburg, 12/6/03

3-pt FGs: 3 at Augsburg, 12/6/03
3 at Augsburg, 12/6/03

Rebounds: 3 at Bethel, 12/3/03
5 at St. Catherine, 12/3/01

Assists: 4 vs. St. Thomas, 1/14/04
4 on two occasions

Steals: 3 at Bethel, 12/3/03
3 at Bethel, 12/3/03

**Megan Vign**

Points: 25 at Hamline, 1/10/04
25 at Hamline, 1/10/04

3-pt FGs: 3 vs. Concordia, 1/7/04
4 vs. St. Thomas, 2/15/03

Rebounds: 10 on two occasions
10 on two occasions

Assists: 6 at Augsburg, 12/6/03
6 at Augsburg, 12/6/03

Blocks: 2 on four occasions
3 at St. Mary's, 2/5/03

Steals: 4 at St. Catherine, 12/8/03
4 on two occasions

*indicates school record
Listings are season-highs first, followed by career
miscellaneous 2003-04 statistics

Games as leading scorer
Kristi Colbenson ............................................. 3/2
Linnea Engel .................................................. 3/3
Beth Freeman ................................................... 2/2
Megan Vig ...................................................... 8/16

Games as leading rebounder
Kristi Colbenson ............................................. 3/2
Linnea Engel .................................................. 1/16
Beth Freeman ................................................... 2/16
Katie Freeman ................................................ 3/2
Cassie Hammond ............................................. 1/16
Megan Vig ...................................................... 6/15

Games as leading assists
Kari Christianson ............................................. 2/3
Kristi Colbenson ............................................. 3/2
Linnea Engel .................................................. 1/17
Beth Freeman ................................................... 2/3
Katie Freeman ................................................ 3/8
Andrea Korb ................................................... 3/3
Kate Krueger ................................................... 2/4
Megan Vig ...................................................... 2/3

Double-Double (not including triple-doubles)
Linnea Engel .................................................. 2/3
Beth Freeman ................................................... 2/2
Megan Vig ...................................................... 2/3

Double-figure scoring games
Kari Christianson ............................................. 3/4
Kristi Colbenson ............................................. 3/2
Linnea Engel .................................................. 10/41
Beth Freeman ................................................... 6/15
Katie Freeman ................................................ 3/2
Cassie Hammond ............................................. 3/5
Megan Vig ...................................................... 11/25

20-point games
Linnea Engel .................................................. 3/3
Megan Vig ...................................................... 3/5

10-rebound games
Linnea Engel .................................................. 2/5
Beth Freeman ................................................... 2/2
Megan Vig ...................................................... 2/2

10-assist game
None

AMONG THE MIAC LEADERS (as of Jan. 16)

**Category** | **Player** | **MIAC Rank**
---|---|---
**Scoring:** | 16.6 ppg by Megan Vig | 5th
| 12.8 ppg by Linnea Engel | 17th
| 11.2 ppg by Kristi Colbenson | 21st
**Rebounding:** | 6.8 rpg by Megan Vig | 8th
| 6.1 rpg by Kristi Colbenson | 10th
**FT Percentage:** | .815 by Megan Vig | 3rd
| .804 by Kristi Colbenson | 5th
**Steals:** | 3.7 by Linnea Engel | 2nd
**Blocked Shots:** | 1.0 bpg by Megan Vig | 8th
**Offensive Rebounds:** | 2.42 rpg by Linnea Engel | 18th
| 2.36 rpg by Cassie Hammond | 10th
**Defensive Rebounds:** | 4.92 rpg by Megan Vig | 7th
| 3.92 by Kristi Colbenson | 10th

**Category** | **Statistic** | **MIAC Rank**
---|---|---
**Scoring Offense:** | 70.8 ppg | 3rd
**Scoring Defense:** | 57.7 ppg | 1st
**Scoring Margin:** | +12.1 | 2nd
**FT Percentage:** | .753 | 1st
**FG Pct. Defense:** | .385 | 4th
**Rebounding Off:** | 40.8 rpg | 3rd
**Rebounding Def:** | 35.5 rpg | 1st
**Rebounding Margin:** | +5.3 | 1st
**Assists:** | 16.00 apg | 3rd
**Steals:** | 12.55 spg | 2nd
**Turnover Margin:** | +6.17 | 1st
**Assist/Turnover ratio:** | 0.97 | 2nd
**Offensive Rebounds:** | 16.08 rpg | 1st

**carleton's record when...**

| Home | Away | Neutral | Carleton leads at the half | Carleton trails at the half | Tied at the half | Overtime | Carleton shoots 50 percent or better from the floor | Carleton shoots 40-49.9 percent from the floor | Carleton shoots less than 40 percent from the floor | Opponent shoots 50 percent or better from the floor | Opponent shoots 40-49.9 percent from the floor | Opponent shoots less than 40 percent from the floor | Carleton has more rebounds | Opponent has more rebounds | Teams have same number of rebounds | Carleton commits more turnovers | Opponent commits more turnovers | Teams have equal turnovers | Carleton scores 70 or more points | Opponent scores less than 70 points | Opponent scores 70 or more points | Opponent scores less than 70 points |
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**carleton in the polls**

ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Top 25 (Poll #9 Jan. 13, 2004)

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Drop out: No. 21 DePauw, No. 23 Emmanuel

Others receiving votes: Lebanon Valley 47, Muhlenberg 40, Emmanuel 37, Millikin 35, DePauw 33, Pacific Lutheran 22, Buena Vista 20, Rowan 18, Ithaca 6, Wilmington 4, McMurry 3, Otterbein 3, Williams 3, St. Lawrence 2, Montclair State 2, Franklin 2, Catholic 1, KPH 1.

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