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Midwest Conference Men's Soccer

Carroll Looks To Follow First Ever Championship With Tourney Win

RIPON, WIS. -- Carroll University finished 9-0-0 in league play to win the school's first-ever Midwest Conference Men's Soccer Championship and the right to host the four-team postseason tournament, Nov. 7-8. The tournament winner will earn the league's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament. All games will be played at Schneider Stadium in Waukesha, Wis. and can be purchased and viewed live at www.midwestconference.tv. The price for each match is \$5.95.

Semifinal #1 – No. 4 Lawrence at No. 1 Carroll

Carroll defeated Lawrence 5-0 on October 5 at Carroll

Blake Johnson's Lawrence squad (6-11-1, 5-3-1) crashed the tournament party after being picked to finish sixth in the preseason coaches' poll. Senior **Tristan Lipe** leads the Lawrence offensive attack with six goals while freshman **Stephen Exarhos** and senior **Chris Carlson** give the Vikings another pair of legitimate scoring threats. Exarhos finished with eight points in 2008 on three goals and two assists with Carlson just behind with three goals and one assist. Sophomore **Andrew Finley** and junior **Steven Schnorr** have shared time in the nets for Lawrence. Each has won three games for the Vikings and boast a similar goals against average – Schnorr 2.05; Finley 2.31.

Rick Mobley has Carroll (15-3-0, 9-0-0) entering the tournament on a 12-match winning streak. The Pioneers finished the regular season with the highest scoring offense, tallying 37 goals in nine league matches. Junior forwards **Marc Hietpas** and **Andy Prentice** led Carroll during the regular season with 13 goals and four assists each in 18 overall games this season. Hietpas tied for the league-high in goals with 10 strikes in MWC competition. Four other Pioneers finished with double-digits in scoring during the regular season, including junior **Craig Carlson** (7 goals, 6 assists), seniors **Dona Lado** (3 goals, 10 assists), **Alex Goranson** (5 goals, 2 assists) and **Derek Marie** (2 goals, 7 assists). Carroll surrendered just four goals during league play, three against junior goalkeeper **Stanislaw Miaskowski**.

Semifinal #2 – No. 2 St. Norbert vs. No. 3 Grinnell

St. Norbert defeated Grinnell 2-1 on October 11 at Grinnell

First-year head coach **Andy Steger** kept the Green Knights (13-5-0, 8-1-0) where they have been for the better part of this decade: among the league and region's best. The Green Knights finished second in the league in just about every offensive category and led the MWC defen-

sively, surrendering a mere three goals during league play. Junior **Adam Sanchez** finished the regular season with 16 goals and three assists for 35 points. His 10 goals in league play tied for tops in the MWC. Seniors **Ben Vanden Avond** (19 points) and **John Cremer** (13 points), along with sophomores **Kevin Conrath** (13 points) and **Eric Natwick** (12 points) have given St. Norbert five double-digit scorers. Junior **Joe Schwartz** and freshman **Noah Davis** split time in the net, with the duo finishing with six and seven wins, respectively.

Head Coach **Brian Jaworski** once again has his Grinnell (11-5-1, 6-2-1) battling for the conference tournament title. Grinnell is making its third consecutive MWC Tournament appearance and enters with a solid offensive attack (17 goals in league play) to go along with a very stingy defensive unit (9 goals surrendered in league play). Senior **Andrew Walsh** ranked among the league's best in points and goals during the 2008 campaign. His 16 points and seven goals in MWC competitions ranked him third-best. Sophomore **Mark Rosenberg** (5 goals, 2 assists) and junior **Andrew Stephenson** (4 goals and 4 assists) joined Walsh as double-digit scorers. Freshman **Greg Fox** and sophomore **Ben Schemp-er** saw most of the action in the net for Grinnell, with Fox going 8-2 with a measly 0.62 gaa.

By: Rick Mobley, Carroll Sports Information Director

--2008 MWC Men's Soccer Tournament Schedule--

Friday, November 7 - Semifinals

Match 1 - No. 4 Carroll at No. 1 Lawrence~ 11 a.m.
 Match 2 - No. 3 Grinnell vs. No. 2 St. Norbert~ 2 p.m.

Saturday, November 8 - Championship Match

Winner of Match 1 vs. Winner of Match 2~ Noon

--Past MWC Tournament Champions--

2007	Carroll	1997	Ripon
2006	St. Norbert	1996	Lake Forest
2005	St. Norbert	1995	Lake Forest
2004	St. Norbert	1994	Grinnell
2003	St. Norbert	1993	Grinnell
2002	St. Norbert	1992	Lake Forest
2001	Monmouth	1991	Lake Forest
2000	Ripon	1990	Illinois College
1999	Ripon	1989	Grinnell
1998	Ripon		

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