

Gusties rally to claim second consecutive MIAC Championships crown

Tournament Recap - Coon Rapids, Minn. (10/05/03) – Gustavus Adolphus College posted a final-round team score of one-over par 289 to repeat as conference champions at the 2003 MIAC Championships at Coon Rapids' Bunker Hills Golf Course.

St. John's University's Josh Sherlin won individual medalist honors with a four-under par 140, firing a pair of 70s over the two-day event, besting Luke Benoit of Gustavus by four shots. The Gusties' Neil Johnson was third at two-over par 146, one of four Gustavus players to finish in the top 10. Brent Borgstahl (T5th, 148) and Brady Hoffman (7th, 149) were the other two.

In the team race, the Johnnies placed second at 601, followed by first-round team leader the University of St. Thomas at 608. The Tommies, seeking their first team title since 1980, led the Gusties by three shots after a first-round 295, but faded to a 313 on the final day. The race for fourth place was tight, with Concordia finishing at 640, one shot ahead of fifth-place Augsburg, two ahead of St. Mary's, four better than Bethel and eight up on Carleton. Only 14 shots separated fourth place from ninth place.