2005 MIAC Men's Golf Championships

Saint John's Claims MIAC Golf Title, Gustavus Finishes Second

The Saint John's University men's golf team claimed its second consecutive MIAC Championship with a 36-hole total of 301-295--596. The Johnnies finished 11 strokes ahead of second place Gustavus which posted a total of 308-299--607. Freshman Joe Daly of Saint John's claimed medalist honors with a 36-hole total of 73-69--142 (-2).

The Johnnies, who held a two-shot lead over Concordia after Saturday's first round score of 301, pulled away from the field with an impressive final round total of 295. Saint John's placed three golfers in the top ten including medalist Daly, fourth place finisher Kyle Frederickson (76-73--149), and fifth place finisher Andrew Longbella (74-76--150). Other Johnnie scores included Joe Schoolmeesters placing 19th (tie) with a total of 81-77--158, and Chad Michelson placing 28th (tie) with a total of 78-83--161.

Gustavus rallied from fourth place after Saturday's round (308), to finish second with a strong final round of 299. The Gusties were led on the final day by sophomore Jordan Hawkinson, who fired a one-under 71, which was the second lowest round of the tournament. Hawkinson tied for second place overall with a 36-hole total of 76-71--147. Senior Clayton Johnson tied Hawkinson for second place with a 36-hole total of 74-73--147. Other Gustie scores included Jon Hagedorn placing 14th (tie) at 79-77--156, Mark Stuckey placing 17th (tie) at 79-78--157, and Eric Harris placing 30th at 83-79--162.

Team finishes behind the champion Johnnies and runner-up Gusties included Augsburg in third at 311-303--614, Concordia (303-314--617) and St. Thomas (307-310--617) tying for fourth, Bethel finishing sixth at 319-324--643, Macalester placing seventh at 328-326--654, Saint Mary's finishing eighth at 338-320--658, St. Olaf placing ninth at 325-335--660, and Carleton finishing tenth at 331-331-662.

The all-conference team is made up of the top ten individual finishers in the tournament. The all-conference honorees for 2005 included medalist Joe Daly (73-69--142) of Saint John's, second place finishers Jordan Hawkinson (76-71--147) and Clayton Johnson (74-73--147) of Gustavus, fourth place finisher Kyle Frederickson (76-73--149) of Saint John's, fifth place finishers Andrew Longbella (74-76--150) of Saint John's, John Treacy (74-76--150) of St. Thomas, and Andrew Womeldorf (78-72--150) of Augsburg, eighth place finisher Drew Dvorak (72-79--151) of Concordia, and ninth place finishers Erik Helgerson (74-78--152) of Augsburg and Jon Lundeen (74-78--152) of St. Thomas.