

2019 MIAC Men's Golf Championship Preview

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JORDAN, Minn. – The 2019 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Men's Golf Championships are set to tee off on Saturday morning in Jordan, Minn.

Ten MIAC teams will compete in the three-day, 54-hole Conference tournament, which returns to The Ridges at Sand Creek for the third consecutive year. Saint Mary's University will serve as tournament host.

CHAMPIONSHIP 101

The action will begin Saturday morning with the first wave of golfers set to tee off at 11:00 a.m. Teams are seeded based on their finish in last year's Championships and golfers will tee off in descending order of their place in the lineup (No. 5 to No. 1). The top-three seeded teams (St. Thomas, Gustavus, and Augsburg) will tee off in Group 1, followed by seeds 4-6 (Saint John's, St. Olaf, and Bethel) at 11:40 a.m. and seeds 7-10 (Concordia, Saint Mary's, Carleton, Macalester) at 12:20 p.m.

Sunday's pairings will be ordered according to first day scores and teams will reorder their golfers according to first round results, with the highest score playing in the No. 5 spot and the lowest at No. 1. Second-round tee times begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Round three will get underway at 8 a.m. on Monday. Each school will enter five players in the tournament, with the four best performances each day determining the team score.

The team that comes away with the lowest score over the course of the tournament will receive the MIAC's automatic qualifier to the 2020 NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championship.

First-round tee times can be found [here](#). Teams have until 9 a.m. on Saturday to submit their final lineups.

FOLLOW THE ACTION

There are numerous ways fans who are not traveling to Jordan can follow all the action throughout the tournament. The MIAC will once again offer enhanced (unofficial) live scoring and hole-by-hole updates through Golfstat's live scoring system. Fans will easily be able to track team and individual progress throughout all three rounds.

The MIAC has a championship home page for the event, that will serve as the online home of the tournament. The championship page will include tee times, pairings and results as they become available, as well as recaps, photos and more.

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IN THE POLLS

Five MIAC squads received national attention in the latest [Bushnell Golfweek Division III Coaches' Poll](#), released on September 27. St. Thomas cut its ranking in half, moving up to No. 11 in the country in the most recent balloting. Saint John's also climbed one spot to No. 14, while Gustavus went from receiving votes in August to No. 25 in September. Augsburg made its season debut as well, receiving one vote in the balloting.

TIDBITS FROM THE TEEBOX

A few MIAC storylines and golfers to keep an eye on throughout the tournament.

The 2019 field of competitors features eight of the top-10 scorers from last year's MIAC Championships, including [Jacob Pedersen](#), Gustavus (1st); [Emmet Herb](#), St. Thomas (T-2nd); [Brett Buckingham](#), Augsburg (4th); [Peder Larson](#), St. Thomas (5th); [Matt Wahl](#), Saint John's (T-6th); [Max Ullan](#), Gustavus (8th); [Jon Espe](#), Bethel (9th); and [David Schneider](#), Saint John's (10th). Two more golfers -- Saint John's [Matt Lutz](#) and St. Olaf's [Noah Parker](#) -- cracked the top-10 in 2017, with Lutz tying for fourth and Parker tying for eighth.

Two former MIAC medalists will be in competition this weekend, as 2017 co-medalist [Brett Buckingham](#) (Augsburg) and 2018 medalist [Jacob Pedersen](#) (Gustavus) look to join the exclusive class of multi-time individual champions. Only six men on record have earned MIAC medalist honors multiple times: Dan Prochnow (Gustavus; 1976-78), J.P. Prenevost (Gustavus; 1996, 1998), Mike Maras (Gustavus; 1985-86), Jon Lindquist (Gustavus; 1990-91), Scott Moe (Gustavus; 1992-94), and Joe Schoolmeesters (Saint John's; 2006, 2008).

Gustavus head coach Scott Moe was a three-time MIAC men's medalist for the Gusties from 1992-94, while Augsburg head coach Eric Rolland finished third at the MIAC Men's Championship in 1995 and fourth in 1996, helping the Auggies claim the men's title in '95. Another competitor-turned-coach, Macalester's Tucker Weisman captained his alma mater, St. Olaf, to a fourth-place team finish at the 2007 Men's Championships.



NAMES TO KNOW

Augsburg senior **Brett Buckingham** shot an even-par 216 to finish in 16th place at the Pioneer Creek Collegiate last month. The field included 27 Division I golfers and Buckingham's score ranked fifth-best among golfers from the eight NCAA Division III and Canadian schools in the tournament.

Bethel senior **Jon Espe** matched a career-low with a second-round 70 at the Saint John's Fall Invitational. Espe tallied five birdies on the final 18 holes to notch his second top-10 finish of the year.

Carleton first-year **Anderson Murphy** fired a final-round 68 - the lowest by a Knight in at least 15 seasons - to tie for first place at last month's triangular meet with Macalester and St. Olaf. Murphy has shot 79 or better in ten of his 12 collegiate rounds.

Concordia senior **Gage Stromme** chipped in for eagle on the 18th hole in the final round of the Twin Cities Classic last weekend to tie for individual medalist honors. The win is Stromme's second in the last three tournaments and his three rounds over the weekend dropped his season average to 73.9 for the year.

Gustavus sophomore **Jacob Pedersen** shot two rounds of one-under-par golf followed by an even-par 73 on Monday to finish in a tie for medalist honors at the Twin Cities Classic. The defending MIAC medalist led or was tied for the lead through all three rounds of the tournament.

Macalester sophomore **Alex Johanson** put together a 36-hole career-low 148 at the Saint John's Fall Invitational two weeks ago and has recorded the Scots' three lowest rounds of the season.

Saint John's senior **David Schneider** finished 21st overall at the 2019 NCAA Division III National Tournament last spring and picked up right where he left off this fall, placing sixth out of 90 golfers at the prestigious D-III Preview in September.

Saint Mary's **Bryce Galewski** teed off his senior season in style, claiming medalist honors at the Twin Ports Collegiate on opening weekend. Galewski shot a school-record six-under-par 65 in round two for a 139 total and a nine-stroke victory margin of victory.

St. Olaf senior **Noah Parker** has shot 80 or better in all six of his rounds this fall. An All-Conference selection on the golf course in 2018, Parker also earned honorable mention All-MIAC distinction last winter as a goalie for the Oles' hockey team.

St. Thomas senior **Emmet Herb** shot a career-best five-under-par 65 in the season-opening dual meet with Gustavus. Herb's mark helped the Tommies total 274 on the day, good for the lowest numerical round in program history.