

Holly Noble, St. Thomas

Week of: 2007-05-01

University of St. Thomas junior Holly Noble (Owatonna, Minn.) had the low score out of 36 players last weekend in the five-team UW-Eau Claire Invite with a 75-76/151 total. Noble finished with an MIAC-best 81.1 average in 13 rounds in fall 2006. She's averaging 79.5 for nine rounds this spring. She will lead the No. 3-ranked Tommies into next week's 20-team NCAA Division III Championships as they seek a top-five finish. It's the Tommies' third team trip to nationals since 2002. Noble placed 29th at the NCAA Championships as a freshman in May 2005. Before winning medalist honors at the MIAC meet last fall, she took 24th at the conference meet as a freshman with two rounds in the 90s, and tied for eighth in 2005.

Jordan Matheson, Macalester

Week of: 2007-04-24

Macalester College sophomore Jordan Matheson (Vancouver, B.C./The Nichols School) fired identical rounds of 77-77 to hold off Breanne Staples of Gustavus by one shot and Tricia Nelson of St. Thomas by two and win the Minnesota Women's Collegiate Golf Association's State Championship. The runner-up at last fall's MIAC championships, Matheson captured her first tournament title and joined teammate Karla Leon as a tournament champion this spring.

Tricia Nelson, St. Thomas

Week of: 2007-04-18

University of St. Thomas senior Tricia Nelson (Alexandria, Minn.) posted rounds of 81 and 79 to win the Carleton Invitational by one stroke. Nelson's effort helped lead the third-ranked Tommies to a four-shot victory over second-ranked Gustavus Adolphus, as UST won the Carleton event for the third consecutive season. Nelson, who missed the fall season on a study abroad experience, has posted a 79.4 stroke average since returning to the line-up this spring. The Tommies won the MIAC Championships without her this fall, giving the senior a chance to play at the NCAA Championships on May 8-11 in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

Karla Leon, Macalester

Week of: 2007-04-10

Macalester College first-year Karla Leon (Quito, Ecuador/Colegio Menor SFQ) won the individual championship Monday, April 2 at the nine-team Loras Duhawk Spring Invitational at The Meadows in Asbury, Iowa. Last fall's fifth-place finisher at the MIAC Championships, Leon posted an eight-over par 80 to win by one stroke over Simpson's Megan Smith and St. Ambrose's Kelly Jansen to lead the Scots to a fifth-place team finish. This was Leon 's first collegiate individual championship.

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Week of: 2007-04-03

University of St. Thomas junior Holly Noble (Owatonna, Minn.), the defending MIAC individual champion, opened the spring season with a three-round total of 236, finishing in a tie for fourth at the Jekyll Island Women's Collegiate on March 23-25. The junior tallied rounds of 79-78-79--236 to finish in the top five of one of the top Division III events of the season. The field included 10 teams ranked in the Golf World/Division III coaches poll and two ranked NAIA teams as well. The Tommies, led by Noble, beat third-ranked DePauw and finished second behind NAIA's seventh-ranked team, Berry College (Ga.), with a three-day score of 956, including a final-round 312 that was the low team score of the day and one of the best rounds in St. Thomas history.

Holly Noble, St. Thomas

Week of: 2006-10-10

University of St. Thomas junior Holly Noble (Owatonna, Minn.) collected three of the top 16 individual rounds in conference meet history over the weekend and cruised to MIAC titlist honors. Noble's St. Thomas squad also won the MIAC Championship for the sixth year in a row. Noble finished with a 9-over-par 228 total (76-75-77), clearing the rest of the field by 17 strokes. She collected three of the four rounds played in the 70s among the 44 golfers competing at the 5,810-yard, par-73 Bunker Hills layout.

Kali Griggs, Gustavus

Week of: 2006-10-03

Gustavus Adolphus College first-year Kali Griggs (Burnsville, Minn./Visitation) fired rounds of 79-81-81 to finish at 241 and finish second individually and lead the Gusties to a second-place team finish at the Best Western Riverport Classic at Winona's Cedar Valley Country Club. Her total helped the Gusties defeat St. Thomas by 18 shots, marking the fourth time in five fall meetings that Gustavus has topped St. Thomas. It marked the second top-five finish for Griggs in her first fall season at the collegiate level. She has posted the third-best fall stroke average in the conference at 82.0.

Breanne Staples, Gustavus

Week of: 2006-09-26

Gustavus Adolphus College senior Breanne Staples (Windom, Minn./Windom Area) battled the winds and tough conditions at Troy Burne Golf Club in Hudson, Wis. during the Division III Midwest Classic to take medalist honors. Staples shot a 77, which was four shots better than second place. Day one of the event was rained out, resulting in a one day event. This was Staples' second collegiate victory. The Gusties edged Wartburg by a single stroke to capture the team title, this was Gustavus' third victory of the fall season.

Laura Klatt, St. Thomas

Week of: 2006-09-19

University of St. Thomas junior Laura Klatt (St. Paul, Minn./St. Paul Academy) fired a five-over par 77 to capture medalist honors at the Luther Women's Invitational on Saturday, leading the Tommies to the team title in a key regional meet that included 14 teams and most of the top teams from Iowa and Minnesota. UST shot 323 to top runner-up Simpson by five strokes and Buena Vista by nine shots. The title marked Klatt's first collegiate victory.

Kassie Wells, Carleton

Week of: 2006-09-12

Carleton College senior Kassie Wells (Rochester, Minn./Century) tied for second at the Cobber Open and finished second at the Concordia Invitational this past weekend. In Friday's event, Wells fired a five-over par 77, matching her own second-best score in school history, to finish in a tie for second at the Cobber Open. Wells and UST's Holly Noble were the top MIAC finishers. Her round was two shots off her own school record of three-over par 75, set last season at the Luther Women's Invitational, as she now owns the four best 18-hole scores in school history. Wells followed that finish by placing solo seventh in the two-day Concordia Invitational, second among MIAC players. She fired rounds of 78 and 83, and her 161 total was four shots off her own school record of 157, set at last year's Division III Midwest Classic. Rachel Roberg of Gustavus was the only Division III player to best Wells at 157.

Rachel Roberg, Gustavus

Week of: 2006-09-07

Gustavus Adolphus College junior Rachel Roberg (Rice Lake, Wis.) earned co-medalist honors at UW-Eau Claire Invite. This title marks the first collegiate win for Roberg, who finished 13th at the 2006 NCAA Championships, and earned All-America honorable mention status in process. Her rounds of 77-75-152 set new 18- and 36-hole personal bests. Roberg helped Gustavus to a decisive team title win with a school-record 623, as the Gusties won by an amazing 29 shots over host UW-Eau Claire and 30 shots over MIAC rival St. Thomas. The win came in one of the best fields in Division III women's golf for the entire season, as nine or ten teams will likely be ranked in the NGCA's top 25 when the preseason poll is released later this month.