

Molly Erickson, St. Olaf

Bloomington, Minn. / Jefferson
Week of: 2011-05-03



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Erickson (Bloomington, Minn./Jefferson) carded a pair of birdies en route to her 82 and fourth-place individual finish, and in the process she led the Oles to a third-place finish in the team contest. St. Olaf scored a 342 as a team, finishing behind only Gustavus (334) and the host school, UW-Eau Claire (336). Erickson's 82 was nine-over par, and just three strokes off the pace of the meet's medalist. The strong finish ends a good spring season for Erickson, as this is her second MIAC Athlete-of-the-Week award in the past four weeks.

The Eau Claire Invite marked the end of the season for Erickson and her St. Olaf squad, but as just a sophomore, she'll have plenty to build on when she returns to begin her junior campaign in the fall. In addition to her two Athlete-of-the-Week awards, Erickson earned All-MIAC honors in the fall thanks to her fourth-place finish in the conference championships.

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Jackson's (Fargo, N.D./Shanley) 82 and fourth-place individual finish helped the Gustavus women claim yet another tournament title during their remarkable 2010-11 season. The MIAC champions held off the host school, UW-Eau Claire, by two shots to win the team title 334-336. Jackson paced the Gusties, who placed five golfers in the top 15, with her 9-over-par 82. She finished just three shots off the pace of the tournament's individual medalist, and earned her first MIAC Athlete-of-the-Week honor of 2010-11 in the process.

The Eau Claire Invite marked the end of the regular season for the Gusties, but now they'll turn their focus to the NCAA Division III Championships for the sixth-straight season. Gustavus earned the MIAC's automatic bid to the tournament with its conference title in the fall, and the Gusties will try to equal or better last year's second-place finish at nationals. This year's NCAA Championships will be held May 10-13 at Mission Inn Resort and Golf Club in Howey in the Hills, Fla.

Kathryn Hauff, Saint Benedict

Fargo, N.D. / Shanley
Week of: 2011-04-26



Saint Benedict golfer **Kathryn Hauff** (Fargo, N.D./Shanley) recently put the finishing touches on her strong 2010-11 junior regular season, and she certainly ended the year in style. Hauff rallied from a two-shot deficit after the first day of competition at the Carleton Invitational at Northfield Country Club, using a final-round 77 to leapfrog the leaders and claim medalist honors. Hauff's recent win marked the third time this season she finished first in a tournament and, as a result, she has been named the MIAC Women's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week for the second time in 2010-11.

The Blazers' star opened the two-day tourney with a 9-over-par 81 to sit two shots behind the leader after 18 holes. However, Hauff was at her best over the final 18 holes, carding the lowest score in the field and claiming a two-shot victory over the rest of the field. She finished the 36-hole tournament with a final score of 158, 14 shots over par. In the process, Hauff led Saint Benedict to a fifth-place finish at the 11-team tournament. The Blazers collectively carded a 704 (347-357) to finish nine shots behind fourth-place Wartburg.

The third win of her season capped another great regular season campaign. In addition to the three wins, she earned MIAC All-Conference honors at the conference championships in October, and she adds this Athlete-of-the-Week honor to the one she claimed on Sept. 21. At last spring's NCAA Division III Championships, Hauff was the recipient of the prestigious Elite 88 award, given to the student-athlete with the best grade point average at each championship event.

Katie Schenfeld, Gustavus

Indianola, Iowa / Indianola
Week of: 2011-04-19



For some golfers, winter can really interrupt their season and it can be tough to get back to form in the spring. However, Gustavus senior **Katie Schenfeld** (Indianola, Iowa) has proven time and time again that she is not most golfers. Schenfeld was her usual terrific self Sunday at the St. Thomas Invitational, winning medalist honors and leading the Gusties to another team title. As a result, the Gustavus star has been named the MIAC Women's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week for the first time this spring, and the fifth time during her stellar senior season.

Schenfeld claimed her latest medalist finish with a 4-over-par 76 at the St. Thomas Invitational, which was held at the Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker, Minn. In the process, she helped the Gusties finish with a team score of 320 (32-over-par) for an 11-shot win over second-place St. Olaf. In 2010-11, Schenfeld has finished first four times in eight appearances, including at the MIAC Championships in the fall, and she leads the conference with a 77.3 stroke average – which is more than two shots better per round than anyone else in the league. Schenfeld has been in the top 10 in all eight tournaments, and in the top five in seven of eight.

The Gusties and their star senior will try to win another tournament this weekend, as they travel to Northfield, Minn., for the two-day Carleton Invite on Friday and Saturday. Gustavus will have one more regular-season tune-up – in Eau Claire, Wis., on April 30 and May 1 – before heading to the NCAA Championships May 10-13 in Florida.

Molly Erickson, St. Olaf

Bloomington, Minn. / Jefferson
Week of: 2011-04-12



The St. Olaf women's golf team started the 2011 spring season in strong fashion, recording a second-place finish at the Wartburg Spring Invitational as sophomore **Molly Erickson** (Bloomington, Minn./Jefferson) claimed medalist honors to lead the Oles. Erickson turned in a great performance at the tournament, taking a five-shot lead over the first day, and hanging on for a four-shot win to finish first in her spring debut. For her performance, Erickson has been named the first MIAC Women's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week of the spring season.

Erickson started strong, showing no effects of the long winter layoff, in her very first 18-hole round of the spring. She shot a 3-over-par 72 to take a five-shot lead over the entire field heading into the second and final day. She followed that up with an 80 over the final 18 holes – which was only two shots off the best score of the day – and claimed her medalist honors with a two-day total of 155 (11-over-par). To earn her four-shot victory, Erickson had to hold off teammate – and roommate – Molly Knutson, who shot a 159 to finish as the runner-up. Erickson's weekly award comes after she earned All-MIAC honors in the fall at the conference championships in a tie for fourth place individually.

The Oles and their super sophomore will be back on the course April 16 and 17 when they travel to Becker, Minn., to compete in the St. Thomas Invite at Pebble Creek GC. St. Olaf will also play at the Carleton Invite April 23-24 and at the UW-Eau Claire Invitational April 30 and May 1.

Katie Schenfeld, Gustavus

Idianola, Iowa / Idianola
Week of: 2010-10-12



All season, Gustavus senior **Katie Schenfeld** (Indianola, Iowa) has established herself as the best women's golfer in the MIAC, and one of the best in NCAA Division III. However, this weekend Schenfeld proved her greatness transcends even her division. Against a field of all Division I and II golfers, Schenfeld turned in another brilliant performance to put herself in familiar honored territory. For the third week in a row and the fourth time this fall (out of five weeks) Schenfeld has been named the MIAC Women's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week.

The Gusties' senior star earned her latest league honor for her performance at the Huskie Classic, hosted by Northern Illinois in Huntley, Ill. Schenfeld's consistent brilliance was on full display with a 76 over each 18 hole round and a two-day total of 152 to finish in a tie for third place individually in the 76 player field. She led Gustavus to a seventh-place finish out of 12 teams, all from either Division I or II. This season, Schenfeld leads the MIAC with a 77.1 stroke average, and she has carded six of the eight best individual rounds in the conference this fall.

This was Schenfeld and the Gusties' final competition of the fall season. By virtue of its third-straight MIAC title, Gustavus has secured a spot in the NCAA Division III Women's Golf National Championships, which will be held in the spring season.

Katie Schenfeld, Gustavus



To say Gustavus star **Katie Schenfeld** (Indianola, Iowa) has dominated MIAC women's golf this fall may be an understatement. The senior was spectacular over the weekend, winning her second-straight individual medalist honor at the MIAC Women's Golf Championship and leading Gustavus to its third team title in a row. For her outstanding effort, Schenfeld has been named the MIAC Women's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week for the third time in four weeks.

Schenfeld quelled any doubt about her repeat chances over the Championships' first 36 holes. She shot a 1-over-par 73 in each of the first two rounds Saturday and Sunday to build a 17-shot lead heading into Monday's final round. She finished off the first repeat MIAC medalist performance in Gustavus history with a 78 Monday for a total score of 224 (8-over-par) and a 15-shot victory. Schenfeld automatically earned her fourth-straight All-MIAC honor to become just the third Gusties' player to achieve that remarkable feat. Schenfeld's individual performance helped Gustavus finish off its team three-peat by an incredible 46 shots, and with the win, the team secured an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Women's Golf National Championships.

The Gusties and their star will try to put the finishing touches on a remarkable fall season this weekend with a trip Huntley, Ill. The Northern Illinois University Invitational will run Saturday and Sunday this weekend.

Katie Schenfeld, Gustavus



Gustavus junior **Katie Schenfeld** (Indianola, Iowa) is following up her 2009-10 MIAC Player-of-the-Year season with another strong campaign as a senior. Over the weekend, Schenfeld scored her second individual victory of the season while leading the Gusties to a third-place team finish at the SMSU Mustang Invite in Marshall, Minn. For her performance, Schenfeld was named the MIAC Women's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week for the second time already this season.

Schenfeld was her usual consistent self to tie for medalist honors at the two-day tournament featuring mostly Division II competition hosted by Southwest Minnesota State. Schenfeld shot a 75 both Saturday and Sunday for a 36-hole total of 150. There were 13 teams and 82 players in attendance. This season, Schenfeld has finished fifth or better in all four of her tournament appearances, and she ranks No. 1 in the MIAC individual standings, with an average of 78.3 strokes per round. Gustavus also sits atop the team leader board with an average of 327.2 strokes per round.

This weekend, Schenfeld can go a long way towards defending her Player-of-the-Year crown and Gustavus can aim for another MIAC title at the 2010 MIAC Women's Golf Championships. The three-round tournament will be held Saturday through Monday at Bunker Hills Golf Course in Blaine, Minn.

Kathryn Hauff, Saint Benedict

Fargo, N.D. / Shanley
Week of: 2010-09-21



Saint Benedict women's golf **Kathryn Hauff** (Fargo, N.D./Shanley) had an outstanding season as a sophomore in 2009-10, and if the early returns are any indication, she may be poised to take another step forward in 2010-11. Hauff shot even-par over the first 18 holes at the DIII Midwest Classic last weekend en route to earning medalist honors and leading the Blazers to a third-place team finish. For her performance, Hauff has been named the MIAC Women's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week.

Hauff's even-par 72 over the first day of competition at the meet hosted by Carleton College at The Jewell was a career-best. To cap it off, she sunk a six-foot eagle putt on the 18th hole. Hauff followed that spectacular round with an 80 over the final 18 holes for a two-day total of 152 and a comfortable eight-shot win over the runner-up. This was Hauff's first medalist honor of the 2010-11 season, and her third top-three finish in as many events this fall.

This weekend, Hauff and her teammates hope to continue their hot streak on their home course as the Blazers host the CSB Fall Classic Saturday and Sunday. That will be their final tune-up before the MIAC Championships, which will be held Oct. 2-4.

Katie Schenfeld, Gustavus

Indianola, Iowa / Indianola
Week of: 2010-09-14



After a spectacular 2009-10 season, Gustavus Adolphus College golfer **Katie Schenfeld** (Indianola, Iowa) picked up right where she left off. The senior captain earned medalist honors in her first 2010-11 appearance and added a top-four finish in her second tournament as the Gusties finished second and third as a team, respectively. Schenfeld's early-season success resulted in her selection as the first MIAC Women's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week for the 2010-11 season.

Schenfeld was on top of her game in the season's first event – the Georgianni Memorial Invite in Eau Claire, Wis. – on Sept. 6. She shot a two-day total of 157 (80-77) to claim first place as Gustavus carded a 665 to finish second as a team behind only the host school, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Schenfeld backed up her medalist honors with another strong performance over the weekend at the Wartburg Invitational. She carded a consistent 162 (81-81) to earn a tie for fourth place, as the Gusties finished third as a team with a total of 674.

Gustavus and Schenfeld will try to continue their strong start Sunday when they travel to Notre Dame, Ind., to compete in the two-day O'Brien National Invitational.