

2007 MIAC Women's Golf Awards

St. Paul, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2007-08 MIAC Women's Golf Awards today, May 12, 2008. Leading the award winners is MIAC Player of the Year Laura Heck of St. Thomas.

Also receiving honors were: Gustavus' Rachel Roberg (MIAC Senior of the Year), Gustavus' Katie Schenfeld (MIAC Rookie of the Year) and Carleton's Eric Sieger (MIAC Coach of the Year).

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announces the second annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for women's golf. Members of the All-MIAC Sportsmanship team are selected by their coaches and teammates as individuals who demonstrate ideals of positive sportsmanship both on and off the field of competition.

MIAC Player of the Year - Laura Heck, University of St. Thomas

University of St. Thomas sophomore Laura Heck (Chisholm, Minn./Hibbing) had the the lowest stroke average in the MIAC with a 79.1 in 2007-08. Heck won the MIAC Championship in October by eight shots and also tied for first at the Midwest Classic this spring. Heck, currently ranked fifth in the country, will compete with the rest of her teammates in the NCAA Championships this week in Waverly, Iowa.

MIAC Senior of the Year - Rachel Roberg, Gustavus Adolphus College

Gustavus Adolphus College senior Rachel Roberg (Rice Lake, Wis.) finished her senior year with a stroke average of 79.6, which is second best in the conference. Over her four-year career, Roberg was named 2007 NGCA All-American, 2006 and 2007 MIAC All-Conference, and was a four-time letter winner for the Gusties with 83.3 career average. She is also a NGCA Academic All-American, MIAC Academic All-Conference award winner and carries a 3.67 GPA. Roberg and the Gusties will compete in the NCAA Championships this week in Waverly Iowa.

MIAC Rookie of the Year - Katie Schenfeld, Gustavus Adolphus College

Gustavus Adolphus College first-year Katie Schenfeld (Indianola, Iowa) had a stroke average of 84.0 over the season, which is tops among MIAC and region first-year golfers. She improved to an average of 80.67 over the spring and was named MIAC Women's Golf Athlete of the Week on May 7. Schenfeld had four top ten finishes this year, including tying for tenth at the MIAC Championships. Schenfeld and the Gusties will compete in the NCAA Championships this week in Waverly Iowa.

MIAC Coach of the Year - Eric Sieger, Carleton College

Carleton College head coach Eric Sieger led a youthful Knight's roster to a fifth place finish at the MIAC Championships in October. Carleton then heated up this spring to finish third at the Minnesota Women's Collegiate Golf Association's State Championship and a fourth at the UW-Eau Claire Spring Invitational. Sieger will coach Carleton junior Katrina Wood this week in the NCAA Championships.

2008 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Ellen Watters (Jr., Lindstrom, Minn.)
Carleton - Sarah Ingebritsen (Sr., Spokane, Wash.)
Concordia - Erin Douglass (Sr., Northfield, Minn.)
Gustavus - Kimbra Kosak (Jr., Grand Rapids, Minn.)
Macalester - Karla Leon (So., Quito, Ecuador)
Saint Benedict - Ann Dressen (Jr., Alexandria, Minn.)
Saint Mary's - Katie O'Connor (Sr., Orland Park, Ill.)
St. Olaf - Anna Johnson (Sr., Fridley, Minn.)
St. Thomas - Katie Potts (Sr., Dubuque, Iowa)