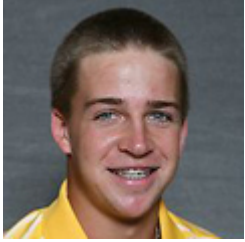


Tyler McMorrow, Gustavus

St. Cloud, Minn. / Cathedral
Week of: 2012-05-01



Gustavus' **Tyler McMorrow** (St. Cloud, Minn./Cathedral) picked a good time to shoot the best round of his young college career. The Gustie sophomore turned in his best collegiate score to finish under par and take second place among a talented field at Sunday's 36-hole Saint John's Spring Invitational. In the process, he helped Gustavus move from seventh place after round one, to second place in the final standings as the top Division III team in the field. For his performance, McMorrow has been named the final MIAC Men's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week of the 2011-12 season.

McMorrow got off to a good start with a 73 (2-over par) over the first 18 holes, but he was just getting warmed up. He followed with the best 18-hole round of his career - a 5-under par 66 - to equal the lowest 18-hole score of the day and move into second place in the individual standings. He helped Gustavus improve from a first-round 297 to a season-best 280 over the second 18 holes to finish as the runner-up to Division II St. Cloud State. The Gusties were six shots better than the rest of the field, which included six other MIAC schools.

The Saint John's Invite was the final event on the regular-season schedule for Gustavus in 2011-12. Now the Gusties will await word from the NCAA to see if they will receive an at-large bid to the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championship. The NCAA meet will be held May 15-18 in Howey in the Hills, Fla., and the qualifiers will be announced on May 7 on the NCAA's Web site.

Simon Erlandsson, Gustavus

Mjolby, Sweden / Bildningcentrum Facetten
Week of: 2012-04-24



The Gustavus men's golf team has plenty to be proud of after a tremendous performance at the Bobby Krig Invitational, which the Gusties hosted over the weekend. Not only did the host school capture the team title against a great 16-team field, with sophomore **Simon Erlandsson** (Mjolby, Sweden/ Bildningcentrum Facetten) delivering the individual highlight, finishing second in the 96-player field by shooting a 74 or better in each of the tournament's three rounds. For his performance, Erlandsson has been named the MIAC Men's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week.

Erlandsson started strong with a first-day 74 (2-over par) at the par 72 Ridges at Sand Creek course in Le Sueur, Minn. He followed with his best performance of the weekend in round two. The Gustie sophomore fired a 68 - 2-under par - at the par 70 Le Sueur Country Club, and he finished with a 3-over par 73, also at LCC, to finish with three-day total of 215 (3 over par). He was second only to UW-Eau Claire's Jimmy Hutchings, who finished with an even-par 212. As a team, the Gusties won with an 18-over-par 866 (294-283-289) to beat second-place Saint John's by five shots. The loaded field featured all of the MIAC teams, and five teams ranked in the Top 30.

Gustavus and its super sophomore will try to continue their excellent play at the final event on the regular season schedule this weekend. Saturday and Sunday the Gusties will be part of the field at the Saint John's Invitational, which will be a two-round, 36-hole event held in St. Cloud, Minn., and Monticello, Minn.

Casey Vangsness, Saint Benedict

Alexandria, Minn. / Alexandria
Week of: 2012-04-17



The Saint John's men's golf team is off to a terrific start this spring, with two wins in two appearances, and one of the constants in the Johnnies' pair of victories has been the play of sophomore **Casey Vangsness** (Alexandria, Minn.). SJU beat Division II St. Cloud State in a dual with Vangsness recording a ridiculously low score to earn medalist honors, and he also had a top-seven finish to help his team finish first at its home Territory Triangular match. For his performance, Vangsness has been named the first MIAC Men's Golf Co-Athlete-of-the-Week of the spring 2012 season.

Vangsness got his spring off to a tremendous start when he showed absolutely no rust after a long winter with a four-under par 68 in the dual win over St. Cloud. His great performance helped SJU card a 286 as a team, and beat its D-II rival by three shots. he also carded a 3-over par 75 to help the Johnnies shoot a 299 and best Concordia and UW-Eau Claire in the home triangular with a seventh-place individual finish. Vangsness adds his Athlete-of-the-Week award to the MIAC All-Conference honors he received earlier this season for finishing in a tie for third at the MIAC Championships with a score of 223 (plus-7) after three days.

Saint John's was back in action early this week at the University of Wisconsin-Stout Border Battle in Menomonie, Wis. The Johnnies were one of three MIAC teams in action at the event, and they'll also participate in the two-day Gustavus Bobby Krig Invitational along with seven other MIAC schools Sunday and Monday.

Pat Dietz, Concordia

Moorhead, Minn. / Moorhead
Week of: 2012-04-17



Despite less-than-ideal golfing conditions, Concordia senior **Pat Dietz** (Moorhead, Minn.) got his spring season off to a tremendous start with a championship-caliber performance at the Territory Triangular meet hosted by Saint John's. The Cobbers finished second to the host Johnnies and ahead of UW-Eau Claire, led by Dietz's medalist, under-par performance. For his efforts, Dietz has been named the MIAC Men's Golf Co-Athlete-of-the-Week. This is the first men's golf honor of the spring, and the second for Dietz in 2011-12.

Dietz earned medalist honors by coming in with a 2-under par 70 - a great score in ideal conditions - despite battling the cold and strong winds throughout the round. With Deitz leading the way, Concordia shot a very good team score of 298, which was just a shot behind the 299 scored by the host Saint John's squad. Deitz adds his latest MIAC honor to his MIAC All-Conference award he claimed at the fall conference championship event for finishing in the top 10 with a three-day total of 228.

The Concordia men's golf team and its star senior were back in action this week in their hometown of Moorhead at the Valley City Invite. The Cobbers will then take almost two weeks off before returning to competition April 28-29 at the Saint John's Spring Invite, where they'll get another shot at SJU and six other conference opponents.

Coy Papacheck, Concordia

Fargo, N.D. / Fargo South
Week of: 2011-10-11



Both the Concordia men's golf team and freshman **Coy Papachek** (Fargo, N.D./Fargo South) saved their best for last with a stellar performance in the final event of the 2011 fall season. The Cobbers rallied from seven shots back in the final round of the Twin Cities Classic to snatch the team title from three nationally-ranked teams with Papachek leading the way and earning individual medalist honors. He made up a six-shot deficit with a final-round 73 (1-over-par) to claim his first collegiate victory by one shot and, as a result, Papachek has been named the MIAC Men's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week.

Papachek started the three-day event strong, shooting an even-par 72 at the Links at Northfork in Ramsey to start out in a tie for second place. He followed with a second-round 76 at the Elk River Country Club and then used his brilliant final round at Rush Creek Golf Course in Maple Grove to finish with a 54-hole total of 221, or 5-over-par. His final-round 73 helped the Cobbers shoot 303 as a team on the final day to finish with a team score of 903 (294-306-303) and edge No. 19 UW-Eau Claire (904), No. 14 Gustavus (910), No. 3 Saint John's (911) and MIAC champion St. Thomas (925) for their third first-place finish, and the first win at a major regional event in program history.

The win marks the end of the fall season for the Concordia men's golf team. The Cobbers will take a hiatus for the winter, and will hope to carry the momentum over from their big win into the spring season, where they'll try to compete for an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championships.

Justin Volling, St. Olaf

Excelsior, Minn. / Minnehaha Academy

Week of: 2011-10-04



St. Olaf's **Justin Volling** (Excelsior, Minn./Minnehaha Academy) made the most of his final appearance in the MIAC Men's Golf Championships. The senior used an even-par second round bookended by two other great 18-hole scores to finish just 5-over-par after 54 holes to share medalist honors and earn a spot on the MIAC All-Conference team. Volling's low score helped his team to a fourth-place finish and, for his performance, he has been named the MIAC Men's Golf Co-Athlete-of-the-Week.

Volling opened the 2011 MIAC Championships with a 3-over-par 75 and finished with a very good 2-over-par 74, but he was at his best over Sunday's 18 holes, shooting an even-par 72 to finish with a three-day total of 221. Volling's score was better than 48 of the 50 players in the field, and it equaled St. Thomas' Alex Kapraun's card as the two shared medalist honors and headlined the All-MIAC team. In the process, Volling helped the Oles shoot 307 or better each day to record a 54-hole team total of 908, which was good for fourth place and just 11 shots behind conference champion St. Thomas.

The individual MIAC title, All-Conference honor and MIAC weekly award are a great way to cap Volling's outstanding senior fall season, which includes a 75.5 scoring average, fifth-best in the MIAC this season. Volling and his teammates will wrap up their fall with one more big event - the Oglethorpe Invitational. St. Olaf will travel to Flowery Branch, Ga., for the three-day event which will be held Oct. 16-18.

Alex Kapraun, St. Thomas

Rochester, Minn. / Lourdes

Week of: 2011-10-04



Playing in his first MIAC Golf Championship, St. Thomas' **Alex Kapraun** (Rochester, Minn./Lourdes) certainly didn't look like a freshman on the course. Instead, the first-year navigated Bunker Hills Golf Course in Coon Rapids, Minn., like a seasoned veteran throughout all three rounds, finishing just 5-over-par after 54 holes to earn co-medalist honor and a spot on the MIAC All-Conference team. In the process, Kapraun also helped lead the Tommies to their first MIAC men's golf title since 1980 and, as a result, he has been named the MIAC Men's Golf Co-Athlete-of-the-Week.

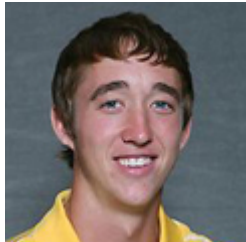
Kapraun opened with a solid round, shooting a 3-over-par 75 Saturday over the tournament's first 18 holes. However, he was even better Sunday and Monday, carding identical 73s (1-over-par) each day to move to the top of the field and share co-medalist honors with St. Olaf's Justin Volling. As a team, UST charged into the lead with a 293 in the second round, and shot a 302 on Monday to hang on for a four-shot win to claim the conference title, and an automatic bid to nationals.

The individual MIAC title, All-Conference honor and MIAC weekly award are a great way to cap Kapraun's spectacular first fall, which includes a 75.4 scoring average, fourth-best in the MIAC this season. Kapraun and his teammates have one more event on their schedule this fall - the Twin Cities Classic Oct. 8-10 - before going on hiatus until the spring, when they'll prepare for their trip to the Division III Championships.

Coby Rowley, Gustavus

Prior Lake, Minn. / Prior Lake

Week of: 2011-09-27



The Gustavus men's golf team sent their second squad to the Macalester Invitational over the weekend while the Gusties first-team competed at the prestigious Gordin Collegiate Classic in Howey in the Hills, Fla., but it was one of their golfers who stayed behind this weekend who made the biggest splash. Junior **Coby Rowley** (Prior Lake, Minn.) scored the first individual tournament title of his collegiate career with a brilliant overall performance - particularly in the final round - at the Macalester Invitational. In the process, he led Gustavus' second squad to a third-place finish, behind only Concordia and Saint John's second team. For his performance, Rowley has been named the MIAC Men's Golf Co-Athlete-of-the-Week along with St. Thomas' Michael Mortenson.

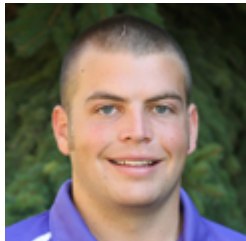
Rowley opened with a solid 76 (4-over-par) at the Chaska Town Course, but was even better over the second day to overcome a three-shot deficit and win his first tournament title. Rowley shot even par, 72, over the final 18 holes at Dahlgreen Golf Course to finish with a two-day total of 148. He was one of only nine players in the 64-player field to break 80 both days, and he was just one of two players to shoot a 72 over the course of the tournament. In the process, Rowley led the Gusties to their third-place finish with a 36-hole score of 624 (321-303).

Rowley's medalist performance came at a great time as teams are finalizing their lineups with an eye towards this weekend's 2011 MIAC Golf Championships, which will be held Oct. 1-3 at Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids, Minn. A year ago, Gustavus finished fifth as a team at the MIAC meet, but will be looking to climb up the ladder to the top three, or into contention for the title.

Michael Mortenson, St. Thomas

Iola, Wis. / Iola

Week of: 2011-09-27



St. Thomas junior **Michael Mortenson** (Iola, Wis.) went up against a big field and tough competition over the weekend, and played some of his best golf to date, breaking par over the first 18 holes and recording a great score despite rainy conditions over the final 18 holes. In the process, Mortenson earned a Top 10 finish in the 131-player field and led the Tommies to a fifth-place finish in the 25-team field. For his performance, Mortenson has been named the MIAC Men's Golf Co-Athlete-of-the-Week along with Gustavus junior Coby Rowley.

Mortenson was at his best over the first 18 holes Saturday at the University of Dubuque Invitational. He found himself in third place with a 1-under-par 71. Sunday saw much tougher weather conditions for the golfers, but Mortenson hardly seemed phased, shooting a 76 to finish with a 147 and eighth place at the end of the 36-hole event. As a team, St. Thomas shot a 599 (302-297) to finish fifth against some top-flight competition. Though that was Mortenson's first action of the 2011-12 season, his 73.5 stroke average ranks second in the MIAC.

St. Thomas and Mortenson are hoping the experience and such a prestigious meet will help them prepare for this weekend's 2011 MIAC Golf Championships, which will be held Oct. 1-3 at Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids, Minn. A year ago, St. Thomas scored a top-three finish, with Mortenson narrowly missing All-Conference honors by coming in 17th in the individual competition.

Pat Deitz, Concordia

Moorhead, Minn. / Moorhead

Week of: 2011-09-20



Tough weather conditions and a talented field didn't bother Concordia senior **Pat Deitz** (Moorhead, Minn.) over the weekend at the 2011 Saint John's Fall Invitational. The Cobber men's golfer turned in a spectacular two-day performance, shooting even par over the first 18 holes and finishing just 5-over to earn medalist honors at the prestigious tournament. In the process, Deitz led Concordia to a third-place finish among U.S. schools and fourth overall and, for his performance, he has been named the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Men's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week.

Deitz started his spectacular performance by shooting even par despite windy conditions Saturday at Greystone G.C. in Sauk Centre, Minn., which was two shots better than anyone in the 115-player field. He came back the next day and held on for a one-shot win by shooting a 5-over-par 77 at Blackberry G.C. in Sartell, Minn. Deitz's two-day total was a 5-over-par 149, which was one-shot better than the runner up and two shots better than any other MIAC golfer in the field. His strong showing helped Concordia card a team total of 622 (313-309) for 36 holes to trail only the University of Manitoba (611), Saint John's (612) and Gustavus (617) in the 21-team field. Deitz's 74.5 scoring average this season currently ranks second in the MIAC, just a half-shot off the lead.

Thus far, the Cobbers have a second-place and two fourth-place finishes in three tournament appearances. Concordia has a busy week with a trip to the UM-Morris Invite Thursday, and an appearance in the Macalester Invite Saturday and Sunday. Those will be the Cobbers' final two tune-ups before the 2011 MIAC Golf Championships, which will be held Oct. 1-3 at Bunker Hills G.C. in Coon Rapids, Minn.

Alex Klehr, Saint John's

Mankato, Minn. / West

Week of: 2011-09-13



The Saint John's men's golf team entered the 2011-12 season with the No. 2 ranking in all of Division III and the Johnnies, led by senior **Alex Klehr** (Mankato, Minn./West) lived up to that billing in their first tournament appearance of the season. The Johnnies cruised to a 12-shot win at the 2011 Augsburg Invitational, while Klehr finished third individually to lead Saint John's and all other Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) golfers by shooting even par over 36 holes. For his performance, Klehr has been named the MIAC Men's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week.

Klehr was both outstanding and consistent in his first performance of his senior year, firing a one-under 71 over the first 18 holes and a one-over 73 over the second 18 to finish with a two-day total of 144 to finish even par for the event. Klehr was third overall in the individual competition, just three shots away from medalist honors and one shot out of second place. Led by Klehr, SJU finished just six-over par as a team with a two-day total of 582 (289-293) to start their season with a first-place finish. The 22-team field featured nine MIAC varsity teams at Majestic Oaks G.C. in Ham Lake, Minn.

The second-ranked Johnnies are back in action this weekend at another two-day, 36-hole event. However, this time, SJU will put its nationally-ranked squad and reigning Athlete-of-the-Week on display in front of the home gallery at the SJU Fall Invitational. Saturday's opening round starts at 10 a.m. at Greystone C.C. in Sauk Centre, followed by an 8:30 a.m. tee time Sunday at Blackberry Ridge G.C. in Sartell.

Bennett Schroeder, St. Thomas



Inclement weather forced the University of St. Thomas' first men's golf competition of the 2011-12 season to be cut short after just one round and 18 holes, but the rain didn't spoil the brilliant collegiate debut of Tommies' freshman **Bennett Schroder** (Eden Prairie, Minn.). Schroder turned in a spectacular score in his first college round, finishing in fourth place individually in a solid field of 118 players and leading his squad to a third-place finish in the team standings in the process at the rain-shortened Edgewood College Invite in Janesville, Wis. As a result, Schroder was named the first Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Men's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week for the 2011-12 season.

Schroder adapted to the college level extremely quick as he flirted with even par in his very first event. The first-year finished his debut round with a score of 72, just one shot over par, to pace the Tommies and finish in fourth place overall. As a team, UST carded an even 300, to secure a top-three finish in the 18-team field, and tops among the three MIAC teams in the field. St. Thomas was just two shots behind winner Viterbo and one shot behind runner-up Edgewood White.

St. Thomas and its fantastic freshman will try to continue their solid play this weekend with a long road trip down south to - hopefully - better weather. The Tommies will compete in the Transylvania Invite at University Club GC in Lexington, Kent., on Friday and Saturday.