

2006 MIAC Men's Golf Awards

MIAC Player of the Year - Andrew Longbella, Saint John's University

Saint John's University junior Andrew Longbella (Chippewa Falls, Wis./McDonnell) has been named 2006 MIAC Men's Golf Player of the Year. Longbella, a two-time MIAC Golf Athlete of the Week in 2006, is the sixth consecutive Johnnie to receive the MIAC Player of the Year award. Longbella averaged a 75.62 in the fall of 2005. He was also named a 2006 GCAA All-America Scholar on 5/11/06.

MIAC Freshman of the Year - Joe Daly and Joe Schoolmeesters, Saint John's University

Saint John's University freshmen Joe Schoolmeesters (Litchfield, Minn.) and Joe Daly (Owatonna, Minn.) were named MIAC Freshman of the Year. It is the fourth time and second consecutive year that a Saint John's golfer has won this award (SJU's Clinton Dammann received the honor last year). Daly claimed medalist honors at the 2005 MIAC Championships and earned the MIAC Golf Athlete of the Week award for his performance, averaging a 75.62 in the fall. Schoolmeesters finished fifth at the Fred B. Kravetz Invitational in Rochester, N.Y. this spring and averaged a 75.77 in the fall.

MIAC Coach of the Year - Bob Alpers, Saint John's University

Saint John's head coach Bob Alpers is in his 13th season as head golf coach at Saint John's University during the 2005-06 season. Alpers has guided the Johnnies to five MIAC titles and seven straight NCAA appearances. The Johnnies have a third-place finish (2003), a sixth-place finish (2005), two seventh-place finishes (2000 and 2001), one eighth-place finish (2002) and a 13th place finish (2004) at the NCAA Division III Championships under Alpers. Alpers, the 2005 GCAA Eaton Golf Pride Regional Coach of the Year, has now won MIAC Coach of the Year honors five times in his coaching career (1999, 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2006).

2005 MIAC All-Confernece (Top 10 finishers)

Rank Player Team Scores Total Par

- 1 Joe Daly St. John's University 73 69 142 -2
- t 2 Jordan Hawkinson Gustavus Adolphus College 76 71 147 +3
- t 2 Clayton Johnson Gustavus Adolphus College 74 73 147 +3
- t 4 Andrew Longbella St. John's University 74 76 150 +6
- t 4 John Treacy University of St. Thomas 74 76 150 +6
- t 4 Andrew Womeldorf Augsburg College 78 72 150 +6
- t 7 Drew Dvorak Concordia College, Moorhead 72 79 151 +7
- t 7 Kyle Frederickson St. John's University 78 73 151 +7
- t 9 Erik Helgersen Augsburg College 74 78 152 +8
- t 9 Jon Lundeen University of St. Thomas 74 78 152 +8