

2007-08 MIAC Men's Golf Awards

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St. Paul, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2007-08 MIAC Men's Golf Awards today, May 12, 2008. Leading the award winners is MIAC Player of the Year Joe Schoolmeesters of Saint John's.



St. Thomas first-year Grant Shafranski was named the MIAC Freshman of the Year. Saint Mary's Tom Farren and Gustavus' Scott Moe were named MIAC Co-Coaches of the Year.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the second annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for men'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 - Joe Schoolmeesters, Saint John's University

Saint John's University junior Joe Schoolmeesters (Litchfield, Minn.) has been named MIAC Player of the Year for the second straight season. He shot an average of 72.70 over 20 rounds in 10 tournaments during the season. Schoolmeesters is currently ranked first in the region and third in the country according to Golfstat. In his 10 events this season, he had four wins and four second place finishes. Schoolmeesters finished second at the MIAC Championships in October with a three-over par 219. Schoolmeesters and the Johnnies will look to defend their 2007 NCAA Championship this week in Georgia.

MIAC Freshman of the Year - Grant Shafranski, University of St. Thomas

University of St. Thomas first-year Grant Shafranski (Stevens Point, Wis./Pacelli) played in 11 tournaments (22 rounds) for the Tommies in 2007-08. He finished the year with a 79.13 scoring average including a 76.30 average in the spring. Shafranski finished tied for 27th at the MIAC Championships in October. He was also co-medalist at the Saint John's Spring Invite and finished second by a shot at the St. Olaf Invite.

MIAC Co-Coach of the Year - Tom Farren, Saint Mary's University

Saint Mary's University head coach Tom Farren led the Cardinals to a tie for fifth place with Concordia at the MIAC Championship in October at Bunker Hills. The Cardinals finished with a three-day score of 924, which was the best team finish in Farren's nine years as the Cardinals' head coach. Farren passed away suddenly in late November while performing his duties as Saint Mary's Ice Facility Manager.

MIAC Co-Coach of the Year - Scott Moe, Gustavus Adolphus College

Gustavus Adolphus College head coach Scott Moe led the Gusties to their 25th MIAC Championship in school history with a team total of 880 (+16) at Bunker Hills in October. The Gusties also had team titles at the Augsburg Invitational (17 teams) and the Wartburg Invitational (18 teams) during the season. Gustavus will compete in the 2008 NCAA Championships this week in Georgia.

2008 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Andrew Womeldorf (Sr., Northfield, Minn.)
Bethel - Bjorn Hanson (Jr., Long Prairie, Minn.)
Carleton - Paul Rotelie (Sr., St. Paul, Minn.)
Concordia - Drew Dvorak (Sr., Litchfield, Minn.)
Gustavus - Jordan Hawkinson (Sr., Lindstrom, Minn.)
Macalester - Ben Langworthy (Fy., Tucson, Ariz.)
Saint John's - Matt Bohlig (Sr., Eagan, Minn.)
Saint Mary's - Jesse Polk (Sr., Hastings, Minn.)
St. Olaf - Tucker Weisman (Sr., Edina, Minn./Breck)
St. Thomas - Ben Jensen (Jr., Litchfield, Minn.)