

# 2008-09 MIAC Men's Golf Awards

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St. Paul, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2008-09 MIAC Men's Golf Awards today, May 21, 2009. Leading the award winners is MIAC Player of the Year Joe Schoolmeesters of Saint John's.



Bethel first-year Mason Swenson was named the MIAC Freshman of the Year and Saint John's head coach Bob Alpers was named the MIAC Coach of the Year.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the third 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 senior Joe Schoolmeesters (Litchfield, Minn.) has been named the MIAC Player of the Year for the third straight season. For the second season in a row, Schoolmeesters led the MIAC in stroke average (73.4). The third-team All-American helped the Johnnies win the MIAC title in October and finish eighth at the NCAA Championships last week. At the MIAC Championships, Schoolmeesters shot a 54-hole total of 218 (+2) to win his second MIAC title in three years.

## **MIAC Freshman of the Year** - Mason Swenson, Bethel University

Bethel University first-year Mason Swenson (Eagan, Minn.) has been named the MIAC Freshman of the Year. Swenson had the second-best stroke average for the Royals in 2008-09, shooting for an average of 77.3 over 15 rounds. His average was also 12th best in the MIAC. He was named the MIAC Athlete of the Week on September 8 after he led Bethel to a first place team finish and earned medalist honors at the Augsburg Invitational. Swenson also finished 17th at the MIAC Championships with a 54-hole total of 235 (+19).

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

Saint John's University head coach Bob Alpers has been named the MIAC Coach of the Year. Alpers has guided the Johnnies to seven MIAC titles in the last nine years and ten straight NCAA appearances, including back-to-back national championships in 2007 and 2008 and an eighth-place finish in 2009. With a team total of 889, Saint John's won the MIAC Championship in October at Bunker Hills by 28 strokes with all five Johnnie golfers finishing in the top seven and earning All-Conference honors.

## **2008-09 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team**

Augsburg - Colby Anderson (Sr., Luverne, Minn.)  
Bethel - Bjorn Hanson (Sr., Long Prairie, Minn./Grey Eagle)  
Carleton - Trent Wells (Jr., Rochester, Minn./Century)  
Concordia - Zach Kappes (So., Moorhead, Minn.)  
Gustavus - AJ Olson (Jr., White Bear Lake, Minn.)  
Macalester - Ben Langworthy (So., Tucson, Ariz./Tucson Magnet School)  
Saint John's - Ben Cahill (So., Grand Rapids, Minn.)  
Saint Mary's - Rob Klein (Jr., Lake Bluff, Ill./Lake Forest Academy)  
St. Olaf - Bror Herrick (Sr., Golden Valley, Minn./Minnehaha Academy)  
St. Thomas - Sean Barrett (So., Mahtomedi, Minn.)