

# 2010-11 MIAC Men's Golf Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2009-10 MIAC Men's Golf Awards today, May 11, 2011. Leading the award winners is MIAC Player-of-the-Year Tony Krogen from Saint John's University.

The conference-champion Johnnies, fresh off their top-three finish at the NCAA Division III Championships, swept the individual awards. SJU freshman Casey Vangsness 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 fifth 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** - Tony Krogen, Saint John's University

Krogen (Jr., Marshall, Minn.) won his second-straight MIAC Player-of-the-Year honor following a great season for Saint John's. The junior received All-MIAC honors while leading SJU to victory at the MIAC Championships in October. Krogen tied for third individually at the MIAC Championships, and his season scoring average of 74.4 was tied for the third-best average in the league for players who had played 10 or more rounds. In 10 tournament appearances, Krogen had four top-five finishes, seven top-10 finishes and nine in the top 20. His low round of 68 was just two strokes off the best MIAC score all season, and he was named MIAC Men's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week on Oct. 12. Krogen's Player-of-the-Year honor comes a week after earning GCAA All-District honors.

## **MIAC Freshman-of-the-Year** - Casey Vangsness, Saint John's University

Vangsness (Fr., Alexandria, Minn.) made quite an impact as a rookie for a very good SJU squad. This latest honor comes on the heels of his GCAA Central Region Freshman-of-the-Year award and his All-MIAC selection after finishing in the top 10 at the MIAC Championships in October. Vangsness was named MIAC Men's Golf Athlete-of-the-Week three times in 2010-11, including the final two weekly spring honors. Vangsness had a 74.8 scoring average - good for fifth in the MIAC for golfers who played at least 10 rounds. His low round of 67 was tied for the second-best score in the conference this season, and he recorded seven top-20 finishes with five in the top 10 and three in the top five in 10 tournament appearances this season.

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

Alpers - named MIAC Coach-of-the-Year for the ninth time in 18 seasons as head coach - has led the Johnnies to nine MIAC titles in the past 11 years and 12-straight NCAA appearances. In October, Saint John's won the MIAC Championship by 13 strokes with a three-day total of 892, and it recently finished in a tie for third place at the NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championships. In 10 tournament appearances in 2010-11, SJU's varsity never finished lower than third. The Johnnies were first six times, second twice and third twice. Four Johnnie golfers currently rank in the top six on the MIAC scoring average leader board (of players with at least 10 rounds), and SJU's average team score of 297.2 was the best in the conference by more than two full shots. Alpers' latest Coach-of-the-Year honor comes in a season in which he was inducted into the GCAA Hall of Fame.

## **2010-11 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team**

Augsburg - Brian Deuel (Jr., Vadnais Heights, Minn./White Bear Lake)

Bethel - Toby Robinson (Jr., Mankato, Minn./West)

Carleton - Michael Hantho (Sr., Edina, Minn.)

Concordia - Andrew Whitchurch (So., Litchfield, Minn.)

Gustavus - Trevor Gervais (So., Fergus Falls, Minn.)

Macalester - Matt Butler (Jr., Southlake, Tex./Carroll)

Saint John's - Ben Cahill (Sr., Grand Rapids, Minn.)

Saint Mary's - D.J. Borgen (Jr., Red Wing, Minn.)

St. Olaf - Billy Utter (Sr., Plymouth, Minn./Wayzata)

St. Thomas - Michael Mortenson (So., Iola, Wis.)