

# 2012-13 MIAC Men's Golf Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2011-12 MIAC Men's Golf Awards Monday, with conference champion, Gustavus Adolphus College, claiming two of the conference's three top individual honors. The Gusties claimed the MIAC's Player-of-the-Year and Coach-of-the-Year awards, with Freshman-of-the-Year honors going to St. Olaf College.

Gustavus' Alex Kolquist fittingly capped his incredible senior year - in which he set a new MIAC Championships scoring record - with the MIAC Men's Golf Player-of-the-Year honor. His coach, Scott Moe, was voted the MIAC Men's Golf Coach-of-the-Year after leading the Gusties to the MIAC championship in October. St. Olaf freshman Charlie Johnson finished his rookie season by receiving the MIAC Men's Golf Freshman-of-the-Year award.



The MIAC Men's Golf Awards were nominated by and voted on by the conference's head coaches. The 2012 MIAC All-Conference team was determined by their performance at the conference championships in the fall, and was honored at that time.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the seventh 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** - Alex Kolquist, Gustavus

Kolquist (Sr., Hermantown, Minn.) was voted the league's top player in 2012-13 after a tremendous season and an unforgettable performance at the MIAC Championships. While most of the golfer struggled in the cold, windy conditions, Kolquist thrived, shooting a 9-under-par 207 over the course of the three-day tournament, and breaking the previous MIAC Championships scoring record by six shots. His brilliance helped Gustavus capture the team title by a 16-shot margin over the runner-up.

This season, Kolquist led the MIAC with a 72.6 scoring average for 18 holes, which was 1.5 shots better than anyone else in the league. The All-Conference performer and MIAC medalist played in 10 events, finishing in the top 20 all but once with seven top-10 finishes and five appearances in the top five. He was the medalist four times this season and runner-up once. Kolquist will lead Gustavus at the 2013 NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championships this week in Destin, Fla.

## **MIAC Freshman-of-the-Year** - Charlie Johnson, St. Olaf

Oles' freshman Johnson (Fr., Excelsior, Minn./Minnetonka) had a breakout campaign in the St. Olaf lineup in 2012-13, finishing with an even 79.0 stroke average while competing in eight tournaments. He was even better during a challenging spring with a 76.0 average per 18 holes. The rookie finished in the top 20 three times in 2012-13, and recorded a season-best score of 73 at the Culver's Edgewood Fall Classic. This year, Johnson helped the Oles finish second once, with three top-five team finishes and three more in the top seven. St. Olaf came in seventh at the MIAC Championships in 2012-13 with Johnson in the lineup.

## **MIAC Coach-of-the-Year** - Scott Moe, Gustavus

Moe (16th season) was voted the MIAC's top coach in 2012-13 after guiding his team to its seventh conference championship in his tenure. The Gusties will make their 14th NCAA Division III Golf Championships appearance under Moe's direction this week in Destin, Fla. His team's 298.2 scoring average was the only average in the MIAC below 300, as it led the league. His team played in 10 events this season, finishing third or better every time out, with five first-place finishes and a pair of runner-up efforts. He coached a trio of All-Conference players and Kolquist to MIAC medalist and Player-of-the-Year honors in 2012-13, as his team captured the conference title by a 16-shot margin.

## **2012-13 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team**

**Augsburg** - Zach Johnson (Sr., Sartell, Minn.)

**Bethel** - Luke Johnson (Sr., Alexandria, Minn./Jefferson)

**Carleton** - Jorde Ranum (So., Spring Lake Park, Minn.)

**Concordia** - Andrew Whitchurch (Sr., Litchfield, Minn.)

**Gustavus** - Andrew Oakes (Jr., Hermantown, Minn.)

**Macalester** - Erik Alfvén (So., Shorewood, Wis.)

**Saint John's** - Pat Cron (So., Eden Prairie, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret's)

**Saint Mary's** - Will Johnson (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn./De La Salle)

**St. Olaf** - Charlie Johnson (Fr., Excelsior, Minn./Minnetonka)

**St. Thomas** - Michael Mortenson (Sr., Iola, Wis.)