

2002 MIAC MEN'S GOLF PREVIEW

The 2002 MIAC Men's Golf season is underway. Look for Saint John's University, three time defending MIAC Champion and eighth place finisher at the 2002 NCAA Championship, to continue their winning ways as they return their top five players who competed last spring. Watch for Gustavus Adolphus College to challenge SJU as they try and recapture the MIAC title which they held for 16 out of 17 years prior to the Johnnies winning the past three championships. The Gusties finished fifth last season at the 2002 NCAA Championships.

The 2002 MIAC Men's Golf Championship is set for October 4 and 5 at Bunker Hills in Coon Rapids, Minn.

Augsburg College		
Head Coach:	Brian Ammann (14th season)	
2001 Record:	4th at MIAC Championship	
Key Returners:	Ted Vickerman (Sr., Eden Prairie, Minn.), second on team in stroke average in 2001-02 (78.18), All-MIAC in 2001 with 5th place finish at MIAC championships; 79.35 career stroke average (46.5 career rounds). T.J. Sybilrud (So., Eden Prairie, Minn.), fifth on team in stroke average in 2001-02 (79.53), medalist honors at Augsburg Invitational in 2001, on No. 1 team in six of nine meets. Nick Krasin (So., Appleton, Wis./Appleton West HS), sixth on team in stroke average in 2001-02 (80.17). Nick Collins (Jr., Green Bay, Wis./Green Bay Notre Dame HS), ninth on team in stroke average in 2001-02 (81.60).	
Season Preview:	<p>The Augsburg College men's golf team will have a new look in the 2002-03 season. Losing six letterwinners from last year's squad and returning just four players, the 11 Auggie golfers will face fierce competition to make the five-player rotation for varsity meets, says coach Brian Ammann.</p> <p>"This year's squad will be really new compared to the past few years, because we graduated five guys," said Ammann, entering his 15th season as Augsburg's golf coach. "There will be a lot of spots open for returners and the incoming freshmen."</p> <p>Ammann is aiming for solid results from his squad, including a top-four finish in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, considered one of the toughest conferences in the nation in NCAA Division III men's golf. Last year, after three straight third-place league finishes, the Auggies placed fourth in the fall conference meet. Augsburg has placed in the top four at the MIAC meet every season since 1994.</p> <p>Four Auggies return, including two who had scoring averages in the 70s -- Ted Vickerman (Sr., Eden Prairie, Minn.) and T.J. Sybilrud (So., Eden Prairie, Minn.). Vickerman, who has a 79.35 career stroke average, broke into the varsity lineup as a regular last season and had an outstanding year in 2001-02, averaging 78.18 strokes per round and finishing fifth in the MIAC championships to earn all-conference honors. Sybilrud earned medalist honors in his first collegiate meet last year and finished with a 79.53 stroke average in 2001-02.</p> <p>Nick Krasin (So., Appleton, Wis./Appleton North HS) and Nick Collins (Jr., Green Bay, Wis./Green Bay Notre Dame HS) also return to the Auggie roster. Both were just over the 80 mark in scoring average last year, and have the potential to make a move into the varsity lineup, Ammann said.</p> <p>Seven newcomers will enter the Auggie program in 2002-03, led by senior Nate Edgeton (Sr., Apple Valley, Minn.), who transfers after playing two seasons (1998-2000) at St. Cloud State.</p> <p>Freshmen Anders Dybdahl (Fr., Plymouth, Minn./Shattuck-St. Mary's HS), Chris Lorenz (Fr., White Bear Lake, Minn./Mahtomedi HS), Evan Holmes (Fr., Janesville, Minn./Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton HS) and Anthony Haupt (Fr., Red Wing, Minn.) all have experience in both high school and summer golf in Minnesota, along with Ron Barkosky (Fr., Coon Rapids, Minn.). Blake Luethmers (Fr., Park Falls, Wis.) was an experienced player in northern Wisconsin.</p> <p>Complete preview can be found at: http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics/golf/0203mpreview.html</p>	

Bethel College		
Head Coach:	Bill Shulenberg (10th season)	
2001 Record:	6th place at MIAC Championship	

Key Returners:	Tim Brevold, Sophomore, Andover, Minn. Richard Sauer, Sophomore, Wells, Minn. Kasey Kirby, Junior, Lake Forest, Ill.
Season Preview:	<p>After a sixth place finish at the MIAC championships last season, Bethel is looking to move up in the standings behind a quality group of young players. Gone are Todd Peterson and Pete Yankowiak, two players that consistently scored well throughout their careers. Peterson earned All-MIAC honors as a junior in 2000.</p> <p>Sophomores Tim Brevold and Richard Sauer return to the Royals following impressive rookie years. Brevold finished 13th in the MIAC championships as he shot 78-77 in tough conditions to finish one stroke out of earning All-MIAC honors. Sauer finished in 27th place as he shot 83-82 on the weekend. Behind Brevold and Sauer are several young players who get the opportunity to gain ground in the MIAC.</p>

<u>Carleton College</u>		
Head Coach:	Phil Zrimsek (1st season)	
2001 Record:	9th at MIAC Championship	
Key Returners:	Ryan Deisler (So./Saginaw, Mich./Heritage) Luke Hasskamp (Sr./Elk River, Minn.) Andrew Liesch (Jr./St. Louis Park, Minn.) Nate Larsen (Jr./Concord, N.H.)	
Season Preview:	Carleton, under the direction of new head coach Phil Zrimsek, will attempt to build on a successful 2002 spring season while replacing the graduated Matt Stangl. A two-time all-conference performer, Stangl ranks as one of the best men's golfers in Carleton history. The Knights will need the quartet of Deisler, Hasskamp, Liesch and Larsen to continue their strong play from this past spring and hope one or two first-year players step forward. Zrimsek, a 1987 graduate of Carleton, played on Carleton's highest-finishing MIAC Championships team in 1986.	

Concordia College		
Head Coach:	Troy Odegaard (1st season)	
2001 Record:	3rd place at MIAC Championship	
Key Returners:	Andrew Beliveau (Jr., Alexandria, Minn.) Jason Christiansen (Sr., Clinton, Minn.) Adam Hanson (Sr., Barrett, Minn.) - MIAC All-Conference in 2001-02 - 4th Place Carl Hunt (So., Crookston, Minn.)	
Season Preview:	<p>"Transition" is the best way to describe the 2002 Concordia men's golf season. The Cobbers are in transition from having a coach that was part-time to a coach that will be able to devote all his efforts into recruiting and building a solid program. First-year coach Troy Odegaard hoped that his extra "hands on" ability will help Concordia make the transition from a consistent "top five" MIAC team to one that finishes first or second every year. The team is also hoping to make the transition from outsiders at the NCAA tournament to first-time participants.</p> <p>All these hopes and dreams will be carried by a team that has a hopeful MIAC medalist in senior Adam Hanson (Barrett, Minn.), and trio of players that have been around the college game long enough to understand what it takes to shoot consistently low numbers. Hoping to make the transition to all-conference performers are Andrew Beliveau (Jr., Alexandria, Minn.), Jason Christiansen (Sr., Clinton, Minn.) and Carl Hunt (So., Crookston, Minn.). Of the three Hunt has the most ability to "go low". He carded a 79.3 average last year and barely missed out on all-conference golfer honors in 2001.</p> <p>Along with the key returning golfers, Odegaard is counting on several newcomers to have an impact on the team's overall performance. If all the cards fall into place, the 2002 season could be a transition to glory for the Cobbers.</p> <p>Follow Cobber Men's Golf all season long at: www.cord.edu/dept/sports/mg03</p>	

Gustavus Adolphus College		
Head Coach:	Scott Moe (7th season)	

2001 Record:	2nd at MIAC Championship; 5th at NCAA Championships	
Key Returners:	Neil Johnson (Jr., River Falls, Wisc.) Third at MIAC Championships, All-Conference, First Team All-District, 13th at NCAA Championships, Third Team All-America A.J. Hoffmann (So., Mankato, Minn.) 17th at MIAC Championships, MIAC Freshman of the Year, 22nd at NCAA Championships, Honorable Mention All-America Dan Suedbeck (Sr., Redwood Falls, Minn.) 7th at MIAC Championships, All-Conf., 75th at NCAA Championships Jake Sand (Sr., Bemidji, Minn.) Two-year letterwinner Charlie Seitzer (Jr., St. Peter, Minn.) Two-year letterwinner	
Season Preview:	The Gusties will attempt to wrestle the MIAC title away from St. John's this fall and then set their sights on earning their 19th consecutive bid to the NCAA Championships in the spring. Coach Scott Moe returns three members from last year's team that finished fifth at the NCAA Championships. Those key returners are two-time All-American Neil Johnson, three-time NCAA Championships qualifier Dan Suedbeck and last year's MIAC Freshman of the Year A.J. Hoffmann. This is an excellent group to build around however, Moe will be without two-time all-conference performer Luke Benoit in the fall as he will be studying abroad. Moe will look to senior Jake Sand, junior Charlie Seitzer and talented freshmen Jon Hagedorn (Blue Earth) and Chris Rudeen (Woodbury) to battle for the two open spots on the first team.	

Macalester College		
Head Coach:	Martha Nause (3rd season)	
2001 Record:	10th place at MIAC Championship	
Key Returners:	Alex Loesch (Sr., Kimball, MN) Kramer Lawson (So., Kenmore, WA) Wes McFarland (So., Arden Hills, MN)	
Season Preview:	Macalester showed excellent improvement throughout the fall campaign last year before struggling through a disappointing season-ending MIAC tournament. The Scots lost former all-conference performer Eli Amerson to graduation, but should be much improved again under third-year coach Martha Nause. Wes McFarland (So., Arden Hills, MN / Mounds View), Kramer Lawson (So., Kenmore, WA / Nathan Hale) and Alex Loesch (Sr., Kimball, MN / St. Cloud Cathedral) are expected to lead the way.	

Saint John's University		
Head Coach:	Bob Alpers (10th season at SJU)	
2001 Record:	1st place MIAC Champion / 8th NCAA finish	
Key Returners:	Sammy Schmitz, Sr., Farmington – 2002 MIAC Player of the Year and All-Central Region team, three-time All-MIAC. Nathan Proshek, Jr., New Prague – 2002 All-Central Region team, tied for 22nd at 2002 NCAA meet. Josh Sherlin, So., Glenwood – tied for fifth at 2001 MIAC meet to earn All-MIAC honors. Ben Goodman, Sr., Stillwater – tied for 92nd at 2002 NCAA meet. Paul Ponath, Sr., St. Cloud - tied for 9th at 2001 MIAC meet, GCAA All-America Scholar Award winner.	
Season Preview:	The Saint John's University golf team enters the 2002 fall season with high expectations after three consecutive MIAC titles and top eight finishes at the NCAA Championships. The Johnnies are expected to return all five players that competed at last spring's NCAA Championships, where they finished eighth and only four strokes away from fifth place. Leading the way this fall for the Johnnies will be senior Sammy Schmitz, Farmington, who finished tied for 10th at nationals last spring to earn second team All-America honors. Schmitz was named 2002 MIAC Player of the Year after finishing second at the MIAC Championships and has had earned three consecutive All-MIAC honors and top-15 finishes at nationals in his career. Complete preview can be found at: gojohnnies.com/golf/02preview.html	

Saint Mary's University		
Head Coach:	Tom Farren (5th season)	
2001 Record:	7th at MIAC Championship	

Key Returners:	Eric Thom (Jr., Portland, Ore. / 78.1 stroke average, 15th at MIAC Championships) Kyle Sabot (Jr., Arden Hills, Minn. / 80.5 stroke average)
Season Preview:	<p>The Saint Mary's University men's and women's golf teams both made a statement at the season-ending Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships a year ago - on an individual basis.</p> <p>The Cardinal women got an 11th-place showing from Ellen Berndt, while the SMU men's Eric Thom also cracked the conference's top 15.</p> <p>Conference titles, however, aren't won with one good individual score.</p> <p>Unfortunately for the Cardinals, getting more than one good individual at a time was a bit of a rarity last year. But for men's coach Tom Farren and women's coach Dan Messmann, that was then, and this is now.</p> <p>The Cardinal men, led by Thom (78.1 stroke average), enter this season with much more depth, including several newcomers who Farren is hoping can step right in and contribute.</p> <p>The SMU women are also a deeper bunch this year. Led by Kris Klimmek, who averaged a team-low 91.5 strokes per round, coach Messmann is looking for his team to make a giant leap up the conference ladder.</p> <p>A complete SMU golf preview can be found at: sports.smumn.edu/golf/2002/newsletter/gpreview.html</p>

<u>St. Olaf College</u>		
Head Coach:	Ken Pratt (14th season)	
2001 Record:	8th at MIAC Championship	
Key Returners:		
Season Preview:	The Fall 2002 men's golf team brings a new hope to the Ole Linksters. New to the golf coaching ranks is St. Olaf Baseball coach, Matt McDonald who begins his first year as the men's head golf coach. The team is led by juniors Erik Polzin (Bloomington, MN) and junior Brandt Uthus (Minot, ND) who both have experience playing in the varsity ranks. Coach McDonald says, "We are looking to improve upon our eighth place finish in the conference meet last year. Our guys are eager to play and we look forward to some low scores in our meets this fall."	

<u>University of St. Thomas</u>		
Head Coach:	Dave Landry (6th season)	
2001 Record:	5th at MIAC Championship	
Key Returners:	Luke Tierney, SR, White Bear Lake (2000 MIAC: 11th; 2001 MIAC: 24th) Mark Niles, JR, Fargo, N.D. (2001 MIAC: 25th) John Weiberg, SR, Cretin-Derham Hall David DuBord, SO, Roseville (Played on Toms' MIAC champion hockey team) Joe Seltz, SO, Alexandria (3rd at Class AA state tournament in 2001)	
Season Preview:	David Landry is in his sixth year as St. Thomas men's golf coach and has guided the Tommies to top-five conference finishes each season. The 2002 Tommies graduated at least one key player - 2001 MIAC meet medalist Tom Wroblewski. He posted a record-low 36-hole score of 4 under-par 140 at Bunker Hills. Last spring, the Tommies finished the season ranked 16th in Division III and just missed an invitation to the national tournament in the loaded Central Region. Among their victories were wins against top-10 teams UW-Eau-Claire, Nebraska Wesleyan, St. John's, and Gustavus. Junior Travis Kalis, a transfer from Augsburg, should help the Tommie lineup, as will former Elk River High standout Matt West.	

October 4 - 5, 2001
Bunker Hills Golf Course, Coon Rapids

2001 Team Results	
St. John's	304-299---603
Gustavus	301-307---608
Concordia	311-304---615
Augsburg	314-315---629
St. Thomas	317-315---632
Bethel	335-318---653
St. Mary's	325-331---656
St. Olaf	333-326---659
Carleton	339-328---667
Macalester	337-331---668