

2005 MIAC MEN'S GOLF PREVIEW

This season should be no different than in years past. The MIAC is traditionally known for being one of the toughest men's golf conferences in the nation and that will be true once again in 2005-06. Leading the way will likely be 2004 MIAC Champion Saint John's led by all-conference performers; Chad Michelson and Clinton Dammann. But, the Johnnies will have to fend off talented squads from Gustavus and St. Thomas. Last season the Johnnies, Tommies, and Gusties finished 1,2,3 but were separated by a mere six strokes from first to third place. Last season the second tier of teams in the conference include Bethel, Augsburg, and Concordia. Those teams will use what they learned in 2004 to make a jump in the MIAC standings. Macalester and Saint Mary's both showed signs of improvement last season and this could be the year that they make some noise in the MIAC Championships. St. Olaf and Carleton will look to make a move up in the conference standings after disappointing results last season.

The 2005 MIAC Men's Golf Championship is set for October 1 and 2 at Bunker Hills in Coon Rapids, Minn.

<u>Augsburg College</u>		
Co-Head Coach:	Ted Vickerman (1st season) Jim Rustad (1st season)	
2004 Record:	5th at MIAC Championships	
Key Returners:	Not Available	
Season Preview:	Not Available	

Bethel University		
Head Coach:	Bill Shulenberg (13th season)	
2004 Record:	4th at MIAC Championships	
Key Returners:	Lucas Bonstrom (Sr., Eagan, MN) Co-Captain David Franke (Sr., Cambridge, MN) Co-Captain Brian Bomgren (Sr., Woodbury, MN) Rob Youngquist (Sr., Excelsior, MN) Judson McCormick (Jr., Eden Prairie, MN)	
Season Preview:	The Bethel Royals look to improve on their best year in school history with a strong returning cast. Losing only one player to graduation, MIAC champion Tim Brovold, several players look to lead the Royals toward what should be a promising year. Four seniors lead the way with plenty of experience: Lucas Bonstrom, David Franke, Rob Youngquist, and Brian Bomgren. They set out to prove that this is a program on the rise and only one thing will satisfy the Royal golf team this year—a title.	

<u>Carleton College</u>		
Head Coach:	Phil Zrimsek (4th season)	
2004 Record:	10th at MIAC Championships	
Key Returners:	Jesse Saucedo (So./Diamond Bar, Calif.) led team with 80.3 stroke average in 2004-05 Matt Yelle (Sr./Wadena, Minn./Wadena-Deer Creek) Three-year starter, fourth on team with 85.0 stroke average.	

Season Preview:	<p>With three of its top five players gone from last year's squad, the Carleton College men's golf team will look to its lone senior and a group of talented youngsters in its quest to move up in the MIAC standings in 2005-06. Among those talented underclassmen is last year's top player, sophomore Jesse Saucedo. The lefty paced the Knights with an 80.3 stroke average and tallied a trio of top-10 finishes in nine starts. His best finish came on Carleton's home course, Northfield Golf Club, where the then-rookie posted rounds of 76 and 77 to tie for fifth.</p> <p>Also back is senior Matt Yelle, who moves into his fourth year in the starting line-up. He figures to be joined there by a pair of talented newcomers, Hal Baseman (Chevy Chase, Md./Bethesda-Chevy Chase) and Fred Kiely (Edina, Minn.).</p> <p>The Knights are hopeful to battle their way into the middle of the MIAC standings with their young group of players in 2005-06.</p>
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Concordia College	
Head Coach:	
2004 Record:	
Key Returners:	Not Available
Season Preview:	Not Available

Gustavus Adolphus College	
Head Coach:	
2004 Record:	
Key Returners:	<p>Jon Hagedorn (Sr.)</p> <p>Clayton Johnson (Sr.)</p> <p>Eric Tone (Sr.)</p> <p>Mark Stuckey (So.)</p>
Season Preview:	<p>The Gustavus men's golf team will be looking to bounce back from its third place finish at the MIAC Championships last year. The third place finish was the lowest for the program in 23 years. Coach Moe will look to seniors Jon Hagedorn and Clayton Johnson to lead the 2005 squad. Hagedorn placed eighth and Johnson 12th at last year's conference tournament. Junior Eric Tone, who placed third at last year at the MIAC meet, also returns as does sophomore All-America Mark Stuckey. Stuckey finished a strong freshman campaign with a 24th place individual finish at the NCAA Championships. Joining those four veteran returners will be a talented group of sophomores that includes Arie DeGrio, Jordan Hawkinson, Kyle Rohlfs, and Eric Harris.</p> <p>The Gusties will once again play a very difficult fall schedule that includes the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational, the UW-Eau Claire Invite and the Twin Cities Classic.</p>

Macalester College	
Head Coach:	
2004 Record:	
Key Returners:	<p>Eric Kelsey (Jr., Hilton Head, S.C. / Shady Side Academy)</p> <p>Chris Olson (So., Tokyo, Japan / American School)</p> <p>Tony Pratt (Jr., Hayward, Wis. / Northern Lights Academy)</p>

Season Preview:	<p>August 30, 2005 - Macalester moved up three spots at last year's MIAC tournament from the previous season, posting its best conference finish since '96, and with strong depth on the roster could make another step up under sixth-year Coach Martha Nause. It won't be easy, though, because the Scots must replace graduates Kramer Lawson and Wes McFarland. Lawson was the team's low-scorer in almost every Mac competition over the last four years.</p> <p>Eric Kelsey (Jr., Hilton Head, S.C. / Shady Side Academy) has often been the team's No. 2 player the past two years and this season will take over the leadership reigns from Lawson. Kelsey was 26th at last year's conference tourney with a 159 and also placed in the top-third of the Carleton Invitational. He was sixth this past spring at the St. Olaf Invite and was the team's low scorer at the Bemidji State Invitational with a 152.</p> <p>Chris Olson (So., Tokyo, Japan / American School) is coming off a solid frosh campaign and should move forward, as should Tony Pratt (Jr., Hayward, Wis. / Northern Lights Academy). Olson turned in Mac's second-best score last spring at the three-round 238. Pratt was the team's No. 2 golfer last spring at the Bemidji tournament with a 153, finishing in the top third of the 130-player event, and also was second on the team at the St. John's Spring Invitational.</p> <p>"I am very excited about the prospects of the season," said Coach Nause. "We will definitely have big shoes to fill with the loss of Kramer and Wes, but the returning golfers have excellent talent and depth. With the addition of Wisconsin all-state golfer Jeff Swick (Fy., Fond du Lac, Wis. / Goodrich), I expect us to continue our improvement in the conference. The returning players have worked very hard over the summer and it looks like we'll have our deepest and most talented team in recent history."</p> <p>The Scots tee off their fall campaign Sept. 4 with a dual against St. Mary's in Winona. They also play in tournaments hosted by St. Thomas, St. John's and Carleton, and in the three-day Twin Cities Classic in mid-October. The highlight of the season is the Oct. 1-2 MIAC championships at Bunker Hills in Coon Rapids.</p>
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Saint John's University		
Head Coach: 2004 Record: Key Returners:	Bob Alpers (13th season)	
	1st at MIAC Championships 6th at NCAA Championships	
	<p>Andrew Longbella (Jr., Chippewa Falls, Wis./McDonnell) tied for 17th place at the 2005 NCAA Championships, third-team All-American.</p> <p>Kyle Fredrickson (Sr., Eagan, Minn./Eastview) tied for 38th place at the 2005 NCAA Championships.</p> <p>Clinton Dammann (So., Glencoe, Minn./Glencoe-Silver Lake) tied for 45th at the 2005 NCAA Championships, named to the 2005 GCAA All-Freshman Team and a Ping All-Region selection, 2005 MIAC Freshman of the Year, tied for eighth to earn All-MIAC honors.</p> <p>Chad Michelson (Sr., Marshall, Minn.) tied for 66th at the 2005 NCAA Championships, a 2005 Cleveland Golf All-America Scholar recipient, finished second to earn All-MIAC honors.</p>	
Season Preview:	<p>The Saint John's University golf team enters the 2005 fall season after making its sixth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance in 2005 and finishing in sixth place, the second-best finish in school history.</p> <p>The Johnnies have had five top eight NCAA Championship finishes since 2000, including a school-best third place finish in 2003. SJU is also the defending Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference team champion and have won four of the last six conference titles.</p> <p>SJU is expected to return four players in 2005 that have NCAA Championship experience.</p> <p>Junior Andrew Longbella (Chippewa Falls, Wis./McDonnell) finished tied for 17th place at the 2005 NCAA Championships and was named a third-team All-American.</p> <p>Senior Kyle Fredrickson (Eagan, Minn./Eastview) finished tied for 38th place at the 2005 NCAA Championships.</p> <p>Sophomore Clinton Dammann (Glencoe, Minn./Glencoe-Silver Lake) tied for 45th at the 2005 NCAA Championships, was named to the 2005 GCAA All-Freshman Team and a Ping All-Region selection with six top-10 finishes last year. Dammann was also selected as the 2005 MIAC Freshman of the Year. Dammann tied for eighth to earn All-MIAC honors last fall at the conference championships.</p> <p>Senior Chad Michelson (Marshall, Minn.) tied for 66th at the 2005 NCAA Championships and was a 2005 Cleveland Golf All-America Scholar recipient. Michelson finished second to earn All-MIAC honors last fall at the conference championships.</p> <p>SJU's complete 2005 golf season preview can be found at: http://www.gojohnnies.com/golf/05preview.htm</p>	

<u>Saint Mary's University</u>		
Head Coach:	Tom Farren (8th season)	
2004 Record:	8th at MIAC Championships	
Key Returners:	Jesse Polk (So., Hastings, Minn.) Scott Savage (Jr., Mahtomedi, Minn.),	
Season Preview:	<p>Saint Mary's University men's golf coach Tom Farren will be the first to admit that he was a bit disappointed with his team's eighth-place finish at last season's Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships.</p> <p>But</p> <p>Farren's disappointment wasn't in the fact that his team finished eighth, it was in the fact that, despite putting up some of their best rounds of the season, eighth was the best the Cardinals could do.</p> <p>"When you look at last year's (MIAC) championships, you can't just go by the final team standings," said Farren. "You have to look at what the scores were. And our scores (at the 2004 MIAC) were better than they were the year before — and as a team, we finished two places lower.</p> <p>"It's a tough, tough conference we play in, and every year, the scores you need to put up to compete keep getting lower and lower," continued Farren. "You have to improve a bunch (individually) to improve a little (as a team)."</p> <p>And Farren is confident that this year's team has done just that.</p> <p>Led by All-MIAC performer Jesse Polk (Hastings, Minn.) and junior Scott Savage (Mahtomedi, Minn.), Farren has the luxury of a talent-rich roster that goes deeper than any he's had in several years.</p> <p>"We've got seven or eight guys who can shoot in the 70s on a regular basis, so there's going to be a lot of people battling for the three, four and five spots," said Farren. "I'm very optimistic. Obviously we're going to have to wait and see how things unfold, but the potential for us to make a real charge is certainly there."</p>	

St. Olaf College		
Co-Head Coach:	LeAnn Finger (3rd season) Glen Peterson (1st season)	
2004 Record:	9th at MIAC Championships	
Key Returners:	Brian DeLaitsch (Jr., Owatonna, Minn.) All-MIAC in 2004 Mitch Forderer (Sr., Wells, Minn.) Drew Hoffman (Jr., Appleton, Wis.)	
Season Preview:	<p>The St. Olaf men's golf team hopes to make a climb in the MIAC on the heels of a quality group of returners and a talented group of newcomers.</p> <p>Brian DeLaitsch (Jr., Owatonna, Minn.) returns after becoming St. Olaf's first All-MIAC men's golfer in the last seven seasons. DeLaitsch was sixth in the MIAC's last fall at Bunker Hills in Coon Rapids, Minn., shooting a two-round 152, just six strokes off the lead.</p> <p>Mitch Forderer (Sr., Wells, Minn.) and Drew Hoffman (Jr., Appleton, Wis.) are back as well. Forderer finished second at the St. Olaf Invitational last spring.</p> <p>Mack Traynor (Fy, Minnetonka, Minn.) and Bror Herrick (Fy, Golden Valley, Minn.) join the program this fall. Traynor broke in with a team-best 13th place finish at the University of St. Thomas Invitational at Willingers Golf Club and Hillcrest Golf Club at the Oles' first meet this fall.</p> <p>Sophomores Tucker Weisman (So., Edina, Minn.) and Bobby Hunter (So., W. St. Paul, Minn./Sibley) are also playing golf for the first time. Weisman and Hunter, who also play basketball at St Olaf, each shot two-round 161's at the UST Invite.</p>	

University of St. Thomas	
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Co-Head Coach:	Dave Landry (9th season)
2004 Record:	2nd at MIAC Championships
Key Returners:	<p>Luke Juhl (Sr.) two-time All-MIAC, tied for 8th in the MIAC</p> <p>Pat Bohn (Sr.) 2003 All-MIAC</p> <p>Justin Lorence (Jr.)</p> <p>John Treacy (So.)</p>
Season Preview:	<p>Head coach David Landry saw his 2004-05 Tommies post several strong performances and just miss a trip to Division III nationals. Their MIAC runner-up finish last October was St. Thomas' best conference showing in seven years. UST beat Gustavus for the first time in a conference meet in more than 20 years.</p> <p>St. Thomas also set a school record for low team round with a 278 in a dual win over Bethel; placed third of 21 at the Twin Cities Classic; and last spring took third of 18 at the St. John's Invite; third of 16 at the Augustana (Ill.) Invite; and placed fifth of 14 at the Gustavus Invite.</p> <p>Leading the returners are seniors Luke Juhl, a two-time all-conference player, and Pat Bohn, a 2003 all-conference honoree, as well as sophomore Justin Lorence, who shot 67 and 70 in the spring on the way to setting an all-time UST record with a scoring average of 73.7.</p> <p>UST has at least four fall competitions, including the Oct. 1-2 MIAC Championships at Bunker Hills, and will have another 4-6 spring meets.</p>

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2004 Team Results	
1	St. John's 306-302=608 (+32)
2	St. Thomas 305-308=613 (+37)
3	Gustavus 304-310=614 (+38)
4	Bethel 311-315=626 (+50)
5	Augsburg 316-311=627 (+51)
6	Concordia 311-317=628 (+52)
7	Macalester 319-320=639 (+63)
8	St. Mary's 319-322=641 (+65)
9	St. Olaf 319-329=648 (+72)
10	Carleton 333-334=667 (+91)

2004 All-Conference (Top 10 All-Conf.)	
1	Tim Brovold BU 74-73=147 (+3)
2	Chad Michelson SJU 76-74=150 (+6)
3	Brett Egge UST 76-75=151 (+7)
	Jesse Polk SMU 76-75=151 (+7)
	Eric Tone GAC 77-74=151 (+7)
6	Brian Delaitsch STO 75-77=152 (+8)
	Drew Dvorak CON 76-76=152 (+8)
8	Jon Hagedorn GAC 74-79=153 (+9)
	Dan Moline UST 79-74=153 (+9)
	Clinton Dammen SJU 77-76=153 (+9)
	Luke Juhl UST 74-79=153 (+9)

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