



2000 MIAC WOMEN'S GOLF PREVIEW

The 2000 MIAC Women's Golf season will be getting underway soon. Watch for Concordia College, 1999 MIAC Champion, to continue their dominance of the conference tournament. Concordia has won eight of the nine team championships since the beginning of the MIAC Women's Golf Championship in 1991, including five straight since the 1995 season. Keep an eye on Gustavus to challenge for the top spot in the conference as they have a veteran squad this fall.

The 2000 MIAC Women's Golf Championship is set for Oct. 8 and 9 at Mankato Golf Club hosted by Gustavus.

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Augsburg College

Head Coach: Sheryl Maize (Interim, 1st season)

1999 MIAC Championship: N/A

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Highlight)

Janell Johnson (So.)

Angie Gliniany (Jr.)

Season Preview:

A new season brings a new coach to Augsburg's women's golf program for 2000. Sheryl Maize, an LPGA teaching and club professional at Baker National Golf Course in Medina, MN, was hired in August as interim head coach, replacing David Staniger, who resigned after two years as Augsburg's head coach to take a men's basketball head coaching position at the College of St. Scholastica. Maize brings plenty of experience to the position, having served as a key assistant coach at the University of Minnesota for two seasons. She was also a scholarship golfer at the University of Miami (FL), has played professional golf, and served as a teaching pro for the past five years.

Just two players -- Janell Johnson (So., St. Paul, MN) and Angie Gliniany (Jr., Brooklyn Park, MN) return from last spring's squad. Augsburg did not field a team in the fall half of last season, and only competed in one meet in the spring half. Two newcomers join the Auggie team for the fall half of the season. Nicole Thurmes (Fr., Farmington, MN) was a two-time all-conference selection in high school. Jackie Jacobs (Fr., Canton, S.D.) also joins the team after playing four years of high school golf.

Carleton College

Head Coach: Betsy Larey (3rd season)

1999 MIAC Championship: N/A

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Highlight)

Katie Berg, So., Bloomington, Minn.

Season Preview:

Coach Betsy Larey is excited about having a full squad in the third year of women's golf at Carleton. The team is young—five of her seven players are first-year students. First-years Emily Skinner (Wichita, Kan.) and Stella Schulte (Portland, Ore.) were key players on their high school teams and each competed at the State meet. Adding to the depth of the squad will be sophomore Katie Berg and first-year Catherine Larson (Maplewood, Minn.). The Knights are anticipating a much-improved level of play this season as several fine athletes will battle for the top five spots.

Concordia College

Head Coach: Duane Siverson (20th season)

1999 MIAC Championship: 1st

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Highlight)

Jenni Kovash Sr. Moorhead MN, Moorhead (3rd team All-American in 2000)

Maria Amlen Sr. Stockholm, Sweden (9th place NCAA Finish in 2000)

Season Preview:

Since the inception of MIAC women's golf in 1991 Concordia has won eight of the nine team championships, including five straight since the 1995 season. To continue this dominance in 2000 the Cobbers will need strong performances from Jenni Kovash (Sr. Moorhead MN, Moorhead) who was a third team All-American selection in 2000 and Maria Amlen (Sr. Stockholm, Sweden) who placed ninth in last spring's NCAA national meet. Missing from last year's NCAA runner-up team will be All-Americans Kari Weidner (Fargo) and Christie Strecker (Albert Lea) who graduated in the spring. Coach Duane Siverson is looking to add solid golfers in the final three spots on the team to continue the Cobbers tradition of excellence. The strength of the team should come from a strong incoming class of first year students.

Dating back to 1991 the Cobbers have won the MIAC eight times and been NCAA National Runners-up twice. During that time frame the Cobbers have had over 30 All-MIAC performers, and have placed 12 golfers on All-American teams.

Gustavus Adolphus College

Head Coach: Mike Boschee (6th season)

1999 MIAC Chapionship: 3rd

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Highlight)

Alicia Golembeski, JR, Waconia, MN (Two-time All Conf, played in the #1 position last year)

Kate Reiman, JR, Cannon Falls, Minn. (Two-time All-Conf, played in the #2 position last year)

Molly Grisham, SR, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Finished third at the Minn. Women's State Tourn. last spring)

Heidi Miller, JR, Plymouth, Minn. (Played #5 position most of last spring, two-year letterwinner)

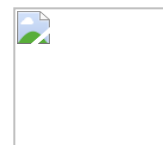
Season Preview:

The Gustavus women's golf team returns a veteran squad for the 2000 fall season and will set its sights on challenging Concordia for the MIAC title. Coach Mike Boschee's squad has been among the top teams in the

MIAC for the past several years, however they have not been able to break the stranglehold of Concordia on the MIAC Championship. The Gusties top returners include all-conference performers Alicia Golembeski, a junior

from Waconia, Minn. and Kate Reiman, a junior from Cannon Falls, Minn. Other key returners with several years of varsity experience include senior Molly Grisham, and juniors Amy Ellingson, Janelle Evenson and Heidi Miller. Coach Boschee is also pleased to add sophomore transfer Alyssa Klein who is

expected to contribute. The highlights of the team's fall schedule includes the MIAC Championships which they will host at Mankato Golf Club on Oct. 8-9 and the Lenoir Rhyne Invitational in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on October 16-17.



Macalester College

Head Coach: Sara Evens (5th season)

1999 MIAC Chapionship: 6th

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Highlight)

Gabe Hernan (JR, Madison, WI)

Carolyn Kilberg (SO, Arden Hills, MN)

Kristine Schaaf (SO, Manden, ND)

Amanda Slaughter (SO, Cedar Rapids, IA)

Season Preview:

Preview coming soon



College of St. Benedict

Head Coach: Theresa Solarz (9th season)

1999 MIAC Chapionship: 2nd

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Highlight)

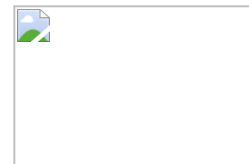
Marjie Milbert, SR, captain, returns after missing last year due to illness and studying abroad.

Becky Cole, JR, All-MIAC '99, solid #1 player and captain.

Jana Cullen, JR, captain, has worked extremely hard on her game and has been shooting great scores.

Season Preview:

The 2000 Blazer golf team will consist of three strong returnees and eight first years. This will definitely be a rebuilding year and it should be exciting to see what the new talent will do. The Blazers expected to hold their top 10 National Division III ranking and hopes to finish high in the MIAC standings. Coach Theresa Solarz is entering her 9th year as the Blazer coach and is expecting many good things with this year's team



Saint Mary's University

Head Coach: Dan Messmann (1st season)

1999 MIAC Chapionship: 7th

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Highlight)

Kristin Klimmek (So., team-leading 99.8 scoring average)

Robyn LaVoie (So., 101.8 scoring average)

Caitie Wondergem (Jr., 113.4 scoring average)

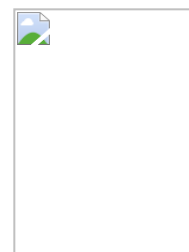
Season Preview:

Saint Mary's University women's coach Dan Messmann isn't quite sure what kind of numbers his women's team will put up this season.

But the first-year head coach is certain of one thing, he will have a team when the Cardinals open the season Sept. 10 at the Carleton Invitational.

"Just knowing that we will have enough players to field a team is a big step," admitted Messmann, who is taking over a program that has struggled with numbers in the past, but did manage to field a complete team in three of its four meets a year ago, including a seventh-place showing at the MIAC Championships. "Now I'd like to see us take the next step, to not just show up at these meets, but to be competitive as well."

And with three of their top four golfers returning, Kristin Klimmek (Jordan, Minn.), who led the team with a 99.8 scoring average, Robin LaVoie (East Grand Forks, Minn.) and Caitie Wondergem (Sheboygan, Wis.), that's not an unrealistic goal.



"We aren't going to get too hung up on where we finish in any certain meet, but I think our expectations are to go out and play up to our abilities," said Messmann. "If we play the way we are capable of playing, there's no question we're going to be competitive."

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St. Olaf College

Head Coach: LeAnn Finger (3rd season)

1999 MIAC Chapiionship: 5th

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Highlight)

LivAnda Knatterud, Sr.

Sonja Wilhelm, Sr.

Meggan McCallum, Sr.

Jenny Moore, Jr., MVP

Emily Koehler, Jr.

Season Preview:

A year ago the Oles finished fifth in the MIAC and were sixth out of 16 teams at the Eau Claire Invitational, where the team set a school record team score of 336. The Oles have experience and numbers. "Sonja, Jenny, LivAnda and Emily will all have a strong showing in the MIAC and we have 10 other returners who will contribute to the success of the team. I'm excited to have the opportunity to work with this team and eager to see the program take off," added Finger.



University of St. Thomas

Head Coach: Cathy Lombritto (4th season)

1999 MIAC Chapiionship: 4th

Key Returners: (Name, Yr, Highlight)

Kris Paulson, SO (1999 MIAC meet medalist)

Abby Owen, JR

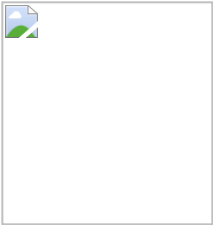
Leah Wangerin, JR

Katti Seversen, JR

Tricia Gavin, SO

Season Preview:

Sophomore Kris Paulson, the 1999 MIAC medalist, leads a deep St. Thomas women's golf team into the 2000-2001 seasons. Fourth-year coach Cathy Lombritto thinks her team has the depth to improve on last season's fourth-place conference finish. St. Thomas had the low team round on the last day of the 1999 MIAC Championship and missed third place by one stroke. The Tommies came back with a solid spring season and finished 1999-2000 ranked eighth nationally in Division III by GolfStat. UST has seven experienced players and six freshmen battling for lineup spots.



1999-00 Links - [2000 NCAA Div III Golf Championship: Concordia second](#), 1999 MIAC Golf Championship: **[Story](#) - [Ind. Results](#)**

1999 Team Results	
Concordia	333-338---671
St. Benedict	344-338---682
Gustavus	357-333---690
St. Thomas	364-327---691
St. Olaf	389-358---746
Macalester	392-374---766
St. Mary's	429-423---872