



2003 MIAC WOMEN'S GOLF PREVIEW

The 2003 MIAC Women's Golf season is underway. The University of St. Thomas, 2001 and 2002 defending MIAC Champions, will try and retain their title despite graduating four of their top six golfers from last season. Watch for Concordia College to try and continue their dominance at the conference championship. Concordia has won nine of the eleven team championships since the beginning of the MIAC Women's Golf Championship in 1991, including six straight from 1995 to 2000. Also keep an eye on Gustavus, second place finisher in 2001 and 2002, to challenge for the top spot in the conference this fall. The 2002 MIAC Women's Golf co-coaches of the year were Mike Boschee (GAC) and Cathy Lombritto (UST).

The 2003 MIAC Women's Golf Championship will take place October 4th and 5th at Cedar Valley Golf Course in Winona, Minn.

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Augsburg College		
Head Coach:	Troy Nygaard (1st season) Laura Levi (1st season)	
2002 Record:	8th at MIAC Championships	
Key Returners:	Micaela Pommerening (So., Hopkins, Minn./Blake HS), led team with 93.43 stroke average (92.17 in spring); low round an 84 at Wartburg Invite. Brooke Hamman (So., Perham, Minn.), second on team with 101.52 stroke average in 2002-03. Jackie Jacobs (Sr., Canton, S.D.), 103.79 stroke average in 2002-03; 109.78 career stroke average. Julie Dick (Sr., Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins HS), 154.82 stroke average in 2002-03; 160.57 career stroke average.	

Season Preview:	For the decade-long history of the Augsburg College women's golf team, it appeared that the only constant thing was "change," with eight coaches in nine seasons, including five in the last four seasons, and a program history filled with stops and starts. Now, the Auggies want to see a different word starting with C associated with women's golf -- "consistency." Last spring, Troy Nygaard and Laura Levi were hired as co-coaches for the Auggie women's golf program. And with their hiring has come the beginnings of what could be a resurgence in the sport at Augsburg. Already, the Auggies have the largest roster in school history, with nine golfers making commitments to compete in the fall half of the season. And among the five recruits -- the most ever in a single season -- are several talented golfers who should make immediate impacts for the Auggies this season. Consistency could be just around the corner for the Auggie women's golf program as it enters its 10th season. Both Nygaard and Levi enter the Auggie program with plenty of experience in the Twin Cities golf scene. Both work for the Three Rivers Park District (formerly Hennepin Parks) and are based out of the Eagle Lake Golf Course in Plymouth, Minn., Nygaard as the course's operations supervisor and Levi as an instructor with a focus on youth golf. The coaching duo have made a commitment to build the program through recruiting and instruction, with a goal of making the program an enjoyable one to be in for a player's four-year career. With just two seniors and one junior, the Auggie roster will be a young one, but a talented bunch that could help the team improve from its eighth-place finish at last season's Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship meet. Jackie Jacobs (Sr., Canton, S.D.) has experienced the recent history of Auggie golf firsthand, entering her fourth year in the program. She has consistently lowered her score during her tenure at Augsburg, trimming her stroke average 16 strokes in three seasons, to a career-best 103.79 strokes per 18-hole round last year. A solid sophomore duo should continue to set the pace for the Auggies in 2003-04. Micaela Pommerening (So., Hopkins, Minn./Blake HS) had one of the best individual seasons in school history last year, with a 93.43 stroke average (92.17 in the spring half) and two rounds in the 80s. Brooke Hamann (So., Perham, Minn.) made strong strides during her first collegiate campaign, edging close to the century mark in average with a 101.52 mark. Julie Dick (Sr., Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins HS) has continued to show improvement in her individual game, and returns for her senior season, just her third in competitive golf. Nygaard and Levi are encouraged by a solid recruiting class, including transfer Darcy Aadland (Jr., Golden Valley, Minn.) and two freshmen who had outstanding state junior golf careers, Kelsey Boler (Fr., Eden Prairie, Minn./Minnehaha Academy HS) and Marisa Navarro (Fr., Rochester, Minn./Century HS). Freshmen Angela Berktoold and Katherine Gavin (Fr., Lake City, Minn.) will also join the program.
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Carleton College			
Head Coach:	Eric Sieger (3rd season)		

2002 Record:	6th at MIAC Championships	
Key Returners:	Kelly Lewis (So./Flossmoor, Ill./Homewood-Flossmoor), team MVP, led team with 86.06 stroke average, 6 top 10's, 5 top 5's in 10 events Kate Waller (So./Oak Harbor, Wash.), second on team with 88.18 average, 4 top 10's in 10 events. Katie Larson (Sr./Maplewood, Minn./Mounds Park Academy), three-year letterwinner and starter, improved stroke average by nearly 10 strokes over last three seasons Laina Amerson (Jr./Stillwater, Minn.), two-year starter, team's most improved player Lydia McClure (Peidmont, Calif.), starter as first-year player in 2002-03	
Season Preview:	The Carleton Knights, in their sixth season as a varsity golf program, will field its most talented and accomplished team in the short history of the team in 2003-04. A pair of sophomores who paced the team last year return in Kelly Lewis and Kate Waller (pictured left). Lewis was one of the region's top-ranked players the entire season and paced the team with an 86.06 stroke average. She finished in the top 10 in 6 of 10 events and in the top five in five events. Waller, meanwhile, averaged 88.18 and tallied four top 10's and three top 5's. "Kelly and Kate give us a solid one-two combination at the top of our line-up," Carleton head coach Eric Sieger said. "The fact that they now have a year of college golf experience should help them immensely this year." Carleton's top newcomer, Kassie Wells of Rochester (Minn.) Century HS, figures to fill one of the top three spots in Carleton's line-up. Wells is a three-time Minnesota Class AA state tournament qualifier and ranked eighth on the Minnesota PGA Players Tour points list last year. "Kassie gives us another experienced, tested player at the top of our line-up," Sieger said. "We'll count on her to be one of our top players this year." Carleton's lone senior, Katie Larson, returns for her fourth year and third as team captain. She's improved her stroke average by 10 shots from her first year. "If Katie can continue to make that type of improvement, we'll be a very competitive team this year." Junior Laina Amerson and sophomore Lydia McClure, both of whom made huge improvements last season, will round out Carleton's line-up for 2003-04. Amerson and McClure both ended the season by recording a career-best round at the MWCGA State Tournament. For a full preview, please visit http://www.carleton.edu/athletics/wgolf/	

Concordia College		
Head Coach:	Troy Odegard (1st season)	
2002 Record:	3rd at MIAC Championships	
Key Returners:	Katie Taylor Sr., Owatonna, Minn./Owatonna HS - 2002 MIAC All-Conference. Finished in fifth place at the 2002 MIAC Championship Tournament. Had a team-low 81.5 scoring average in 2002.	

Season Preview:	There will be two major changes for the Concordia women's golf team. First and foremost is the absence of 23-year head coach Duane Siverson. In his place will be men's golf coach Troy Odegard. Siverson will remain as an advisor to the team and be at the ready to offer swing tips and help with the grind of MIAC women's golf.
	The second big change will be the role that the Cobbers will find themselves playing in the 2003 season. No longer are the Cobbers the favorite to hoist the team trophy at the end of the MIAC tournament. For the first time since the MIAC started women's golf, Concordia has not won the title in a span of two years.
	The team is coming off its second consecutive third place finish and will have to replace four of the team's top five golfers. The lone returner is senior Katie Taylor who earned MIAC All-Conference honors in 2002 by finishing fifth at the conference tournament. Taylor was the owner of the team's low scoring average in 2002. Her 81.5 average was the lowest in her three years in maroon and gold. She should continue to compete for medalist in every tournament that the Cobbers compete and will be one of the favorites at the MIAC Championship Tournament in October.
	The rest of the top five golfers will be filled out by the team's only other returning player, Katy Stevens, and a handful of first-year players. Stevens was the squad's sixth golfer in 2002.
	Odegard will have his hands full in 2003 if he wants to fill the giant spike marks left by Duane Siverson. If he can find a group of young golfers to develop throughout the year, then he will be on his way to helping Concordia get back to the top of the MIAC.

Gustavus Adolphus College		
Head Coach:	Wayne Norman (1st season)	
2002 Record:	2nd at MIAC Championships	
Key Returners:	Katie Aplin, JR, St. Cloud, MN (24th at NCAA Championships) Erin Schliep, SO, Rochester, MN (33rd at NCAA Championships, MWCGA Freshman of the Year) Alana Reetz, SO, Milaca, MN (33rd at NCAA Championships) Kelsey Getz, JR, Mendota Heights, MN (43rd at NCAA Championships) Breanne Staples, FY, Windom, MN (Three State Tournament appearances)	
Season Preview:	First year Head Coach Wayne Norman inherits eight letterwinners and four regulars from a team that finished seventh at the NCAA Championships last May. Junior Katie Aplin, who finished 24th at the national tournament, will lead this deep and talented squad. Aplin earned all-conference honors by finishing seventh at last year's MIAC Championships and posted a stroke average of 86.5 in 20 rounds of play. Joining Aplin will be sophomore Kelsey Getz, the Minnesota Collegiate Women's Golf Association Freshman of the Year, who also tied for 33rd at the national tournament, sophomore Alana Reetz, who tied for 33rd at the national tournament and junior Kelsey Getz, who finished 43rd at the national tournament. While Aplin, Schliep, Reetz and Getz will form the core of the squad, Norman has a quality group of golfers to round out the squad. Included in that group are junior Steph Polzin, and sophomores Kelli Groff, Andrea Nelson and Jessica Zsedeny. All four played regularly for the team last season and earned varsity letters. In addition, the Gusties welcome first year player Breanne Staples, a three-time State Tournament qualifier, who is expected to contribute right away. The Gusties will set their sights on winning the program's first ever MIAC Championship after finishing second or third in each of the past eight years.	

Macalester College	
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Head Coach:	Martha Nause (3rd season)		
2002 Record:	9th place at MIAC Championships		
Key Newcomers:	Kylie Thomson (Seattle, WA / Seattle Prep) Grace Arnold (Iowa City, IA / West) Sarah Gibson (Rochester, MN / Mayo) Elizabeth Gliske (St. Paul, MN / Arlington).		
Season Preview:	First-year players will make up Macalester's entire lineup as the Scots look to build the foundations of a successful Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) program. The Scots will try to build their new team following the graduation of All-American Kristy Schaaf, the best player the school has ever produced. Schaaf placed fifth last Spring at the NCAA Division III championships – the best finish ever for a Macalester golfer. She won the Minnesota State Collegiate tournament and took second at the conference tourney last Fall. With Schaaf and fellow teammate Carolyn Kilberg lost to graduation, Coach Martha Nause will be working with an all new team. We're bringing in some good recruits that are excited to be part of the rebuilding of Macalester's women's golf," observed Coach Nause. "Even though we will be very young, we have the potential to build a good team. I am looking forward to working with the women and will use the inspiration of last year's trip to nationals to keep us working toward a return trip in the coming years!"		

College of St. Benedict		
Head Coach:	Theresa Solarz (12th season)	
2002 Record:	4th at MIAC Championships	
Key Returners:	Katie Strei, SR, Wayzata, All-MIAC Megan Sand, SO, Albany Teresa Werth, SR, Glencoe Kaley Kosak, SO, Grand Rapids Katie Schmucker, SR, Cold Spring Missy LeVoir, SR, Eagan	

Season Preview:	After posting a fourth place finish at the MIAC Championship last year, the Blazers have both experience and familiarity returning to compete for the top spot in the MIAC. With five returning seniors, CSB hopes to post their best season in five years. Senior Katie Strei has come back strong and ready to lead the Blazers. After a sixth place finish at the MIAC Championships last year, Strei will be among the top players in the MIAC. Senior Katie Schmucker has worked hard this summer and will be looking to compete with Strei for the top spot on the team. Other seniors looking to contribute are Missy LeVoor, Cherrie Sandborn and Teresa Werth. Sophomores Kaley Kosak, Megan Sand and Meghan Ellenbecker will round out the Blazers top spots. Kosak, Sand and Ellenbecker all have a year under their belt and the experience will help to provide stability in scores.
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Saint Mary's University		
Head Coach:	Dan Messmann (4th season)	
2002 Record:	7th at MIAC Championships	
Key Returners:	Andrea Hanke (So., Janesville, Minn., 92.2 scoring average) Emily Nordstrom (Sr., Mendota Heights, Minn., 94.4 scoring average)	
Season Preview:	During his three years as the Saint Mary's University women's golf coach, Dan Messmann has seen his teams continue to improve with every season. The steps may have been small — and sometimes maybe even unnoticeable to the untrained eye — but they were always there, and they were always “walking” in the right direction. Now, with a 10-woman roster — including senior captain Emily Nordstrom (Mendota Heights, Minn.) and sophomore standout Andrea Hanke (Janesville, Wis.) — Messmann figures it's time for his Cardinals to stop walking and start running. Right up the conference ladder. Every year since I've been here we have improved from the beginning of the season to the end,” said Messmann, whose team placed seventh at last season's Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships, then followed that up with an impressive spring season, which included a third-place effort at the MCWGA state tournament in Woodbury, Minn. “Last year we had a pretty decent fall season, then really came on in the spring. I'm excited about the season,” he said. “This is by far the deepest team I've had in my four years. Will that depth allow us to compete with St. Thomas, Gustavus, Concordia ...? We'll just have to wait and see.”	

St. Olaf College		
Head Coach:	LeAnn Finger (5th season)	
2002 Record:	5th at MIAC Championships	

Key Returners:	Naomi Schwegler, Sr., Albany, Minn. Abby Sprenger, Sr., Rancho Mirage, Calif. Britta Anderson, Sr., Lindstrom, Minn. Stacia Polzin, Jr., Bloomington, Minn.
Season Preview:	The Fall 2003 golf season will continue the building and shaping of the team that began in the fall of 2002. The Ole women will build upon their strong team of veterans and look for the duo of senior Naomi Schwegler (Albany, MN) and Abby Sprenger (Kiestler, MN) to lead the way this fall. With the loss of only one senior to graduation in the spring, the Oles look to senior Britta Anderson (Lindstrom, MN), and junior Stacia Polzin (Bloomington, MN), to round out the scorers for the Oles. Newcomers Kerri Rollwagen (Junior, Mendota Heights, Minn.) and Britt Bunke (Sophomore, Redwood Falls, Minn.) will gain more playing time and step into the varsity level. The Oles Linksters also have some very promising new comers planning to join the team this fall. First Year student Kelli Behr (Northfield, Minn.) will contribute to the team as she has grown up playing the Northfield Golf Club, the teams home course. "Our returning letter-winners have played and practiced hard all summer" states Coach Le Ann Finger, "therefore, we are confident we can compete with the top schools in the conference. We've added more depth to roster this fall so we are in good shape going into the conference meet in October." The team goals this fall will include finishing competitive rounds with solid team scores and finishing in the top four in the conference standings. "This season I look for our golfers to gain more confidence and turn in more consistent scores" says Coach Finger. "We have a lot of talent and need to work on positive mental imaging and concentration during our competitive rounds." www.stolaf.edu/athletics/golf/women/team_information/season_preview.html

University of St. Thomas		
Head Coach:	Cathy Lombritto (8th season)	
2002 Record:	1st at MIAC Championships	
Key Returners:	Not Available	
Season Preview:	St. Thomas coach Cathy Lombritto returns all her top players from a 2002-2003 squad that repeated as conference champion and just missed a berth in the 10-team NCAA Division III national meet. Sophomore Maureen Hardwick (2002 MIAC meet medalist) and Katie Glorvigen (33rd national meet) lead the returnees. Other returnees include two other All-MIAC players, juniors Stephanie Nelson and Jennifer Greenfield, and sophomore Kerry Shea and junior Megan Doyscher. St. Thomas placed fifth out of 16 teams at the Aug. 30-31 Wisconsin-Eau Claire Invite. Newcomer Tricia Nelson played well with rounds of 81-91/172 to tie for 21st and placed second among the UST players. The Tommie's' fall schedule will build toward the Nov. 4-5 MIAC Championships in Winona.	

2002 MIAC Women's Golf Championships - [Championship Results](#)



2002 Team Results	
1. St. Thomas -	504
2. Gustavus -	526
3. Concordia -	546
4. St. Ben's -	551
5. St. Olaf -	578
6. Carleton -	597
7. St. Mary's -	618
8. Augsburg -	663
9. Macalester -	No Score

2002 All-MIAC

	Score
Maureen Hardwick, UST	83 - 38 -- 121
Kristy Schaaf, MAC	80 - 43 -- 123
Katie Glorvigan, UST	83 - 42 -- 125
Stephanie Nelson, UST	83 - 43 -- 126
Katie Taylor, CC	82 - 45 --127
Katie Strei, CSB	84 - 46 -- 130
Katie Aplin, GAC	82 - 49 -- 131
Gina Sehnert, GAC	90 - 80 -- 132
Kelsey Getz, GAC	86 - 46 -- 132
Jennifer Greenfield, UST	88 - 44 -- 132