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Midwest Conference Men's Golf

Knox Aims To Repeat En Route To 30th Men's Golf Championship

RIPON, WIS. -- Judging by the past four years, the 2009 Midwest Conference Men's Golf Championships is anyone's for the taking. Knox's 2008 MWC title marked the third different team in the four years to take the league crown. The Prairie Fire hope to add their 30th title and be the first team to repeat since they took eight consecutive from 1994-2001. Eight other MWC squads will look to ruin Knox's repeat bid as the battle for conference supremacy is set to tee-off Thursday, April 30 and conclude Saturday, May 2 in Rockford, Illinois. The Championships will be held at the Aldeen Golf Club's blue tee course – an 18-hole, par 72 layout that measures 6,471 yards. The course rates as a 71.2 and features a slope of 121. The winner will be crowned the 2009 MWC Champion and will compete as the league representative in the National Championships located in Port St. Lucie, Florida taking place from May 12-15.

Second year head coach **Brian Vraney** hopes to see improvement from last year's ninth place finish at this weekend's championship. The Bucs have not won an MWC Championship in 46 years but have seen great promise from some of its younger golfers. This year's squad will be lead by sophomore **Patrick Kenny** who will look to crack into the conference's top ten by the end of the weekend.

Head Coach **Dave Andrew's** Carroll squad appears to have as good of a shot as any to go home with the conference's top honors. The Pioneers finished last year's championship in a fourth place tie and hope to continue to climb toward the top of the conference. This year's squad has turned in four of the conference's top 18-hole rounds. Andrews looks to a pair of juniors to lead the way in **Mike Riek** and **Jay Gitlewski**. Gitlewski currently is tied for the second best score (72) throughout the year while Riek has turned in the conference's third best mark (73).

Grinnell enters this weekend's play in contention for its first MWC championship since 1965. Head Coach **Brian Jaworski** will look to junior **Peter Kieselbach** to improve on last year's 12th place individual finish and pave the way for this year's Pioneer squad. Jaworski will also need a pair of underclassmen to continue their solid play as sophomore **Alex McDonald** and freshman **Pete Marsho** have already been large contributors on this year's squad. Marsho currently is tied for the MWC's second best individual 18-hole performance (72) while McDonald is tied for 15th (76).

Illinois College Head Coach **Ray DeFrisco** enters with plans on improving from last year's eighth place finish. The Blueboys return a couple of quality golfers highlighted by junior **Mark Strain**. Strain posted the fifth best individual performance at last year's Championships and will be counted on to help lead his squad as they climb to the top half of the conference ladder.

Despite losing last year's individual champion **David Marquardt**, Knox looks to become the first repeat champions since 2001. Head Coach **Rob Purlee's** Prairie Fire squad returns four of its top six golfers from their 2008 Championship team including the tenth place individual finisher in junior **Kevin Foerster**. Juniors **Bryce Goodman** (73) and **Taylor Mueller** (76) and freshman **Bobby Stuebi** (75) have shot some of the league's best rounds and will look to keep Knox at the top of the standings.

Head Coach **Joel DePagter** comes into the 2009 Championships with a Lawrence team that is hungry to win its second title in the last four years. The Vikings return five of their top six golfers from a young squad that turned out a fourth place last season. Among those returning are a pair of quality juniors in **Adam Ferguson** and **Tom Vyskocil**, who will aim to improve on their individual sixth and seventh place finishes, respectively.

Monmouth is coming off a second place finish in 2008 as the Fighting Scots finished just six strokes shy of a conference title. Head Coach **Dave Ragone's** squad will be led by sophomore **Rodney Clayton** who is in the hunt for this year's individual title. Clayton finished eighth during his freshman campaign and has turned in this year's best conference 18-hole round (71).

Ripon Head Coach **Cody Pinkston** will look to improve off of last year's fourth place tie and continue to move toward the top of the MWC. Pinkston's squad will be led by junior **Mike Moldenhauer** who finished third individually at the 2008 Championships. Moldenhauer along with fellow juniors **Billy Kollatz** and **Ben Lukoski** return to give Pinkston a solid nucleus for potential team improvement this weekend.

St. Norbert Head Coach **Connie Tilley** returns a pair of the conference's top individual performers from a year. Junior **Gabe Dahl** finished second overall while senior **Seth Oberschlake** turned in a ninth place performance. Tilley will need both Dahl and Oberschlake to continue their impressive play from a year ago in order to help the Green Knights move to the top of the conference after last year's seventh place finish.



--2008 MWC Golf Championship Results--

Team	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total
1. Knox	315	317	338	970
2. Monmouth	316	326	334	976
3. Grinnell	312	336	338	986
t4. Carroll	319	335	343	997
t4. Lawrence	330	330	337	997
t4. Ripon	333	329	335	997
7. St. Norbert	325	330	359	1,014
8. Illinois College	359	341	354	1,054
9. Beloit	359	357	367	1,083

Rnk	Golfer, School	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total
1.	David Marquardt, Knox	72	74	78	224
2.	Gabe Dahl, St. Norbert	76	80	77	233
3.	Mike Moldenhauer, Ripon	79	75	80	234
4.	Mike McCormick, Carroll	76	82	79	237
5.	Mark Strain, Illinois College	78	76	85	239
6.	Adam Ferguson, Lawrence	77	81	82	240
7.	Aaron Thiel, Monmouth	75	80	86	241
8.	Rodney Clayton, Monmouth	75	82	85	242
9.	Seth Oberschlake, St. Norbert	80	81	85	246
t10.	Carlos Lu, Grinnell	79	88	80	247
t10.	Kevin Foerster, Knox	80	81	86	247



--Midwest Conference Men's Golf Champions--

1934	Carleton	1959	Carleton	1984	Knox
1935	Carleton	1960	Carleton	1985	Knox
1936	Ripon	1961	Carleton	1986	Illinois College
1937	Carleton	1962	Beloit	1987	Illinois College
1938	Carleton	1963	Knox	1988	Knox
1939	Carleton	1964	Knox	1989	Knox
1940	Monmouth	1965	Grinnell	1990	Knox
1941	Beloit	1966	St. Olaf	1991	Knox
1942	Lawrence	1967	St. Olaf	1992	Knox
1943	No competition	1968	Cornell	1993	Cornell
1944	No competition	1969	Cornell	1994	Knox
1945	No competition	1970	Knox	1995	Knox
1946	Lawrence	1971	St. Olaf	1996	Knox
1947	Carleton	1972	St. Olaf	1997	Knox
1948	Lawrence	1973	Grinnell	1998	Knox
1949	Lawrence	1974	Carleton	1999	Knox
1950	Carleton	1975	Monmouth	2000	Knox
1951	Carleton	1976	Coe	2001	Knox
1952	Knox	1977	Monmouth	2002	Monmouth
1953	Knox	1978	Monmouth	2003	Knox
1954	Knox	1979	Monmouth	2004	Monmouth
1955	Knox	1980	Monmouth	2005	Lawrence
1956	Knox	1981	Monmouth	2006	Knox
1957	Knox	1982	Knox	2007	Monmouth
1958	Grinnell	1983	Knox	2008	Knox

--Championship Breakdown--

Knox - 29 ('52, '53, '54, '55, '56, '57, '63, '64, '70, '82, '83, '84, '85, '88, '89, '90, '91, '92, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01, '03, '06, '08)

Carleton - 12 ('34, '35, '37, '38, '39, '47, '50, '51, '59, '60, '61, '74)

Monmouth - 10 ('40, '75, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '02, '04, '07)

Lawrence - 5 ('42, '46, '48, '49, '05)

St. Olaf - 4 ('66, '67, '71, '72)

Grinnell - 3 ('58, '65, '73)

Cornell - 3 ('68, '69, '93)

Beloit - 2 ('41, '62)

Illinois College - 2 ('86, '87)

Ripon - 1 ('36)

Coe - 1 ('76)

italics indicate former MWC member

--MWC Individual Men's Golf Champions--

1934	Robert Hunt, Carleton	1971	Skip Tredway, Grinnell *
1935	Herber Miller, Knox *	1972	Pete Hendricksen, Carleton *
	Robert Anderson, Carleton *		Bob Schumacher, St. Olaf *
1936	Bill Leonard, Carleton		Skip Tredway, Grinnell *
1937	Paul Sampson, Carleton	1973	Ken Ellenson, Grinnell
1938	Arthur Floberg, Beloit	1974	Norm Lydiard, Monmouth
1939	Arthur Floberg, Beloit	1975	Norm Lydiard, Monmouth
1940	Charles Dawson, Monmouth	1976	Gary Rozek, Coe
1941	H. Hurst Gibson, Beloit	1977	Gary Martin, Monmouth
1942	Charles Dawson, Monmouth	1978	Jim Musgrove, Monmouth
1943	No competition	1979	Paul Corcoran, Ripon
1944	No competition	1980	Scott Odgren, Carleton
1945	No competition	1981	Bob Wright, Monmouth
1946	Richard Flicker, Lawrence	1982	Scott Hansberger, Knox
1947	Wally Ulrich, Carleton	1983	Dave Gardner, Knox
1948	Carl Lauman, Lawrence	1984	Dave Gardner, Knox
1949	Don Strutz, Lawrence	1985	Dave Gardner, Knox
1950	Harlan Lidke, Carleton	1986	Kevin McClelland, Illinois C.
1951	Marshall Dresser, Cornell	1987	Jim Ramsey, Knox
1952	Werner Menck, Ripon	1988	Jim Ramsey, Knox
1953	Robert McFarland, Knox	1989	J.D. Wagner, Cornell
1954	Russell Schwem, Knox	1990	Tom Green, Knox
1955	Robert LeMay, Carleton	1991	J.D. Wagner, Cornell
1956	John McKenzie, Knox	1992	J.D. Wagner, Cornell
1957	Merron Seron, Cornell	1993	Dave Schacht, Lawrence
1958	Phillip Nelson, Grinnell	1994	Darin Pint, Coe
1959	Cal Carlson, St. Olaf	1995	Brad Nell, Illinois C.
1960	Cal Carlson, St. Olaf	1996	Brian Rhoades, Illinois C.
1961	Walt Andrews, Carleton	1997	Jonas Bradley, Knox
1962	R. Philip Lindley, Beloit *	1998	Andy Gilbert, Knox
	Lowell Hockett, Grinnell *	1999	Jared Baszler, Grinnell
1963	David Sellergren, Grinnell	2000	Andy Gilbert, Knox
1964	Pete Boynton, Knox	2001	Pete Noble, Illinois C.
1965	Ted Risser, Grinnell #	2002	Jared Baszler, Grinnell *
	Tom Schmidt, Ripon #		Jeff Henderson, Lawrence *
	Phil Holmes, Ripon #	2003	Joe Loehnis, Lawrence
1966	David Sergent, St. Olaf	2004	Ryan Meier, Knox
1967	Bill Fuller, Cornell	2005	Ryan Meier, Knox
1968	Tim DeLong, Cornell	2006	Mack Foster, Knox
1969	Greg Teas, Cornell	2007	Doug Middendorf
1970	Brian McCormack, Knox *	2008	David Marquardt, Knox
	Clayton Apt, Monmouth *		

* indicates co-champions # indicates tri-champions

--Individual Champion Breakdown--

Knox - 19 ('35, '53, '54, '56, '64, '70, '82, '83, '84, '85, '87, '88, '90, '97, '98, '00, '04, '05, '08)

Carleton - 10 ('34, '35, '36, '37, '47, '50, '55, '61, '71, '80)

Grinnell - 9 ('58, '62, '63, '65, '71, '72, '73, '99, '02)

Monmouth - 9 ('40, '42, '70, '74, '75, '77, '78, '81, '07)

Cornell - 8 ('51, '57, '67, '68, '69, '89, '91, '92)

Lawrence - 6 ('46, '48, '49, '93, '02, '03)

Beloit - 4 ('38, '39, '41, '62)

Illinois College - 4 ('86, '95, '96, '01)

Ripon - 4 ('52, '65(2), '79)

St. Olaf - 4 ('59, '60, '66, '72)

Coe - 2 ('76, '94)

italics indicate former MWC school

Two-Time MWC Champions

Arthur Floberg, Beloit ('38, '39)
 Charles Dawson, Monmouth ('40, '42)
 Cal Carlson, St. Olaf ('59, '60)
 Skip Tredway, Grinnell ('71, '72)
 Norm Lydiard, Monmouth ('74, '75)
 Jim Ramsey, Knox ('87, '88)
 Andy Gilbert, Knox ('98, '00)
 Jared Baszler, Grinnell ('99, '02)
 Ryan Meier, Knox ('04, '05)

Three-Time MWC Champions

Dave Gardner, Knox ('83, '84, '85)
 J.D. Wagner, Cornell ('89, '91, '92)



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