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Illinois College Will Be Tested In Quest for Seventh Straight Title

RIPON, WIS. -- Four of the Lady Blues' Top Ten finishers from 2008 have graduated, including individual champion **Meredith Robinson**, signaling that Illinois College will be tested in its quest for a seventh straight conference title at the 2009 Midwest Conference Women's Golf Championships this weekend. Six other teams will join Illinois College, all looking to claim the league title at the Aldeen Golf Club in Rockford, Illinois. The chase for the 2009 conference crown will begin at 9 a.m. Friday and will continue at 10 a.m. Saturday before concluding at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Host Carroll, third a year ago, enters the 2009 Midwest Conference Championship with a strong shot at hoisting its first league title in program history. The Pioneers have a young and talented squad that features just one senior, **Traci Vanderloop**. Sophomore **Brittany Puta** and freshman **Angelina Parrinello** have the ability to shoot low rounds and will likely vie for the tournament's top individual honor. All three ladies rank among the league leaders for top 18-hole rounds this season.

2008 runner-up Grinnell has been consistently led by the play of freshman **Mallory Messin**, who has a season-best 18-hole score of 82. Two other freshmen, **Elizabeth Burnett** and **Natalie Klee**, have also been strong performers for the Pioneers and both rank among the league's elite. As a team, the Pioneers scored a season best of 360 at the Monmouth Fighting Scots Invitational. That score ranks third-best in program history.

Head Coach **Brenna Kelly** feels she has the players capable of extending the Lady Blues' domination in the sport. So far, junior **Juliann Papesch** and freshman **Emma Moore** have set the pace with sophomore **Holly Ziegler** in close pursuit. Papesch will also look to set the pace for the tournament's top individual honor as she currently leads the league with a top 18-hole score of 80.

The Prairie Fire, sixth in 2008, have shown steady improvement each and every meet thus far. The team will look to carry this momentum into the 2009 Championships without two medalists from the 2008 Conference tournament, who are studying abroad. Therefore, senior **Maddy Eaton** will provide leadership and will be accompanied by junior **Lainey Badger** and sophomore **Brittney Ostile**, who have both seen vast improvements in their scores from a year ago.

Last year's fifth-place finisher Monmouth has shown balanced consistency in the first month of the season. Senior **Lynsey Barnard** is the lone returning All-MWC player after winning that honor as a sophomore. She has rounded into form, firing season lows in her last three outings. Fellow senior **Kendra Catterton** has fired career-lows in three of her seven rounds and freshman **Nicole Hurst** has been among the team's leaders in five of her six matches this fall.

Ripon is trying to improve on a fourth-place finish at last year's Midwest Conference Championships. They are a young team led by sophomore **Amanda Peterson**, who has finished with a team-best score in four of the team's six meets. She earned the medalist position with a meet-best score of 82 at the St. Norbert Invitational on September 22. In the two meets that Peterson didn't lead the Red Hawks, junior **Amanda Holdshoe** shot the team's low score.

The Green Knights, seventh-place in 2008, won the St. Norbert Invitational on September 22, their lone meet championship of the season. Senior **Andrea Liebelt** has been the top scorer in all of the Green Knight's meets this season, shooting a season best of 80. After claiming individual medalist honors in 2007 and ranking among the top five in 2009, she will likely be in the running for another individual title. The Green Knights will also rely on senior **Tracie Wasmuth**, who has consistently been their No. 2 scorer.



--Friday, October 2 - Opening Round--

Schedule Key: CU-Carroll, GC-Grinnell, IC-Illinois College, KC-Knox, MC-Monmouth, RC-Ripon, SNC-St. Norbert

- 8:51 Megan Wright IC*; Whitney Hagy, IC*; Abby Van De Hey, CU*
- 9:00 Dominique DeMatteo, CU; Alison Whalen, IC
- 9:09 Abbie Sidders, CU; Jennifer Yeoward, IC; Monica Price, KC
- 9:18 Erin Sullivan, CU; Darcy Holloway, IC; Claire Anderson, KC
- 9:27 Angelina Parrinello, CU; Emma Moore, IC; Maddy Eaton, KC
- 9:36 Brittany Puta, CU; Holly Ziegler, IC; Lainey Badger, KC
- 9:45 Traci Vanderloop, CU; Juliann Papesch, IC; Mia Savars, KC
- 9:54 Evelyn Anderson, GC; Ali Mendez, SNC; Amy Browender, RC
- 10:03 Elaine Teo, GC; Jessica Rogers, SNC; Jennifer Donohue, RC; Kayla Winbigler, MC
- 10:12 Ashlen Matzdorf, GC; Lexi Klinger, SNC; Jessie Lillis, RC; Kendra Catterton, MC
- 10:21 Natalie Klee, GC; Jennifer Ackman, SNC; Amber Steichen, RC; Nicole Hurst, MC
- 10:30 Elizabeth Burnett, GC; Traci Wasmuth, SNC; Amanda Holdshoe, RC; Kristin Humphrey, MC
- 10:39 Mallory Messin, GC; Andrea Liebelt, SNC; Amanda Peterson, RC; Lynsey Barnard, MC

* Will compete unattached as an individual.

--MWC Women's Golf Team/Individual Champions--

Year	Team Champion	Holes	Individual Champ
2008	Illinois College	54	Meredith Robinson, IC (83-87-84-254)
2007	Illinois College	54	Andrea Liebelt, SNC (79-82-80-241)
2006	Illinois College	54	Carey Cappel, IC (86-85-74-245)
2005	Illinois College	36	Carey Cappel, IC (78-79-157)
2004	Illinois College	36	Carey Cappel, IC (89-81-170)
2003	Illinois College	36	Carey Cappel, IC (82-78-160)
2002	Monmouth	36	Crystal Fox, KC (85-84-169)
2001	Knox	36	Hilary Minnick, GC (90-76-166)
2000	Knox	36	Hilary Minnick, GC (87-82-169)
1999	No Champion	27	Hilary Minnick, GC (79-47-126)
1998	Knox	27	Hilary Minnick, GC (125)
1997	No Champion	---	---
1996	Knox	36	Caroline Burgland, KC (84-83-167)

