

2008 WIAC Women's Golf Championship Preview

Posted: Thursday, October 2, 2008

The UW-Eau Claire women's golf team is set for the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Championship at Northern Bay Golf Resort & Marina in Arkdale, Wis., Oct. 3-5.

The 13th annual gathering of WIAC adversaries will be conducted over 54 holes for the first time in history with the winner earning an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Championship. The national competition will be held at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla., May 13-16, 2009.

UW-Stevens Point, which won last's year championship, will become the third team in conference archives to win back-to-back championships if they can repeat this season, joining UW-Eau Claire (2004-06) and UW-Oshkosh (2002-03). The Pointers also secured a league trophy in 1997.

Sophomore Michelle Pascavis leads the charge for UW-Stevens Point. She claimed WIAC Player of the Year honors a year ago and tied for second at the conference championship. Pascavis ranks second on the squad with a 79.3 stroke average and secured medalist honors at the UW-Platteville Invitational and Illinois Wesleyan Invitational this fall.

Junior Jessica Urban leads the team with a 78.6 mark, while freshman Nacheynah Green is third at 83.4 and freshman Danielle Olson is fourth at 84.3. Urban tied for second at last year's WIAC championship.

UW-Eau Claire has won a league-best five team crowns and claimed the individual title five straight seasons (Susan Karlman - 2003, Maggie Loney - 2004 & 2005, Torie Ives - 2006, Meghan Sobotta - 2007).

This year's group is led by freshman Lauren Gault's 82.9 stroke average, followed by freshman Katie Maurer's 83.0 and freshman Emily Swift's 83.5. Junior Torie Ives tied for seventh last year and has averaged 85.0 this season.

UW-Whitewater won the inaugural conference championship in 1996 and also earned the top spot in 1999. The Warhawks are led by junior Chelsea Davis who boasts an 80.3 stroke average and secured medalist honors at the Carthage Invitational this fall. Sophomore Emily Kuiper is second on the squad with an 82.2 stroke average, while senior Diana Schmidt is third at 86.7. Kuiper tied for 10th a season ago and Schmidt tied for eighth in 2005.

UW-Oshkosh has recorded three consecutive second-place finishes at the conference event and secured WIAC titles in 2000, 2002 and 2003. Sophomore Kim Sippl leads the team with an 88.9 stroke average.

UW-Platteville placed fifth a year ago for the best finish since a second-place standing in 2004. The Pioneers are led by senior Michelle Ebert who tops the squad with a 85.7 stroke average and tied for seventh at last year's championship.

UW-Superior senior Beth Adams leads the Yellowjackets with a 91.2 stroke average, while sophomore Macie Anderson finished fifth at last year's championship and owns a 93.3 mark.

UW-Stout senior Molly Loney placed sixth a year ago and leads the team with an 87.1 stroke average, while being followed closely by sophomore sister Morgan Loney's 88.1 mark.

UW-River Falls freshman Mackenzie Casey owns a 93.0 mark and is trailed by junior Kelly Gordh's 93.7.

Championship Website

- Written by Matt Stanek, Modified by Kevin Meinholz -