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St. John Fisher Wins Empire 8 Golf Title in Record-Setting Fashion

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ELMIRA, N.Y. (Sept. 13, 2004) -- St. John Fisher had four of the top six individual finishers and broke several tournament records as the Cardinals captured the Empire 8 Conference championship in men's golf, contested Sunday and Monday at the Mark Twain Golf Course in Elmira.

The Cardinals posted a two-day tournament record score of 576 (even par) to easily outdistance runner-up Nazareth (611). Hartwick was third (632), followed by Utica (636), and Elmira (662).

St. John Fisher's Mike Stackus shot rounds of 70 and 71 for a 3-under-par total of 141 and was named conference Player of the Year. He finished tied with teammate Zachary Fuller, who posted rounds of 69 and 72. Utica's Scott McNeil placed third with an even-par total of 144 and was named Rookie of the Year. St. John Fisher's Bob Simms was named Coach of the Year.

Nazareth's top individual finisher was junior Mike DeBlois, who finished tied for fourth place with scores of 71 and 78. He earned first-team all-conference honors along with Stackus, Fuller, McNeil and Fisher's Justin Magee, who finished in a tie for fourth place with DeBlois.

Second-team all-conference honors went to Rob Whiting (151) and Derrick Wong (157) of St. John Fisher; Luigi Lanzi (155) and Brad Bentley (157) of Hartwick; and Ryan Wegman (152), Mike Darling (157), and Pat Keegan (157) of Nazareth.

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