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## Winona State Wins Third-Straight NSIC Title

St. Paul, Minn. - Winona State won its third-straight Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) men's golf title with a two-day, 36-hole total of 601 at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Becker, Minn. Winona State held a one-stroke lead over Bemidji State after the first day of play with a 302 but surged ahead with a 299 on the second day to win by 10 strokes. The championship was the fourth for the Warriors in the past five years.

All five Warriors placed in the top 10. Sophomore Troy Merritt beat teammate Bret Toftness, the defending NSIC medalist, in the second hole of a playoff to take medalist and Player of the Year honors. Both players finished with 145 totals at the end of 36 holes. Matt Horel and Kevin Loeffler each scored 154s to tie for eighth, while Chad Bischoff was one stroke further behind for a 155. Winona State's Mark Bambanek was named Coach of the Year.

### 2005 NSIC Men's Championships

Site: Pebble Creek Golf Club - Becker, Minnesota

Team Standings	Day 1	Day 2	Final
1. Winona State	302	299	601
2. Bemidji State	303	308	611
3. Minnesota-Crookston	315	313	628
4. Northern State	320	319	639
5. Wayne State	323	318	641
6. Upper Iowa*	317	329	646
7. Concordia-St. Paul	327	337	674

\*Not eligible for league honors

### 2005 NSIC Player of the Year

Troy Merritt, Winona State

### 2005 NSIC Coach of the Year

Mark Bambanek, Winona State

### 2005 NSIC Men's Golf Individual Scores

(All-NSIC Team - Includes Lowest 8 Scores & Ties)

Individual, School	Day 1	Day 2	Total
1. Troy Merritt, Winona State+	74	74	148\$
Bret Toftness, Winona State	74	74	148
3. Al Zutz, Bemidji State	75	75	150
4. Clint Cornell, Bemidji State	75	77	152
Craig Nelson, Northern State	75	77	152
6. Josh Wells, Upper Iowa*	75	78	153
Branden Schwantz, Minn.-Crookston	77	76	153
8. Michael Abramhamson, Bemidji State	74	80	154
Matt Horel, Winona State	75	79	154
Matt Hiller, Minn.-Crookston	77	77	154
Kevin Loeffler, Winona State	79	75	154
12. Tyler Teonnies, Northern State	74	81	155
Chad Bischoff, Winona State	79	76	155
Neil Rude, Bemidji State	79	76	155
15. Jason Love, Wayne State	78	78	156
16. Scot Cudley, Wayne State	76	81	157
Garrett Scott, Minn.-Crookston	80	77	157
18. Andy Thomas, Upper Iowa*	78	81	159
19. Collin Wilson, Wayne State	85	76	161
20. Jeff Peltier, Bemidji State	81	81	162
21. Kevin Standberg, Concordia-St. Paul	83	81	164
Matt Alford, Concordia-St. Paul	84	80	164
Steve Zutz, Minn.-Crookston	81	83	164
24. Drew Kuckler, Upper Iowa*	83	83	166
Eric Payne, Northern State	87	79	166
26. Jason Wetovick, Wayne State	84	83	167
Mitch Nehlick, Northern State	85	82	167
28. Steve Burho, Minn.-Crookston	82	86	168
Bryan Peck, Upper Iowa*	81	87	168
30. Nick Gallaway, Concordia-St. Paul	88	84	172

31. Mike Brown, Northern State	86	88	174
32. Lance Meyer, Concordia-St. Paul	83	92	175
33. Jared Youngblut, Upper Iowa*	83	97	180
34. Brian Torpin, Wayne State	93	89	182
34. David Rugg, Concordia-St. Paul	87	WD	

+Top 8 and tie are All-Conference; \$Won 2-hole playoff

### Team By Team Results

<b>1. Winona State</b>	<b>302-299=601</b>
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8t. Matt Horel, Winona State	75-79=154
8t. Kevin Loeffler, Winona State	79-75=154
12t. Chad Bischoff, Winona State	79-76=155
<b>2. Bemidji State</b>	<b>303-308=611</b>
3. Al Zutz, Bemidji State	75-75=150
4. Clint Cornell, Bemidji State	75-77=152
8. Michael Abramhamson, Bemidji State	74-80=154
12t. Neil Rude, Bemidji State	79-76=155
20. Jeff Peltier, Bemidji State	81-81=162
<b>3. Minnesota-Crookston</b>	<b>315-313=628</b>
6t. Branden Schwantz, Minn.-Crookston	77-76=153
8t. Matt Hiller, Minn.-Crookston	77-77=154
16t. Garrett Scott, Minn.-Crookston	80-77=157
21t. Steve Zutz, Minn.-Crookston	81-83=164
28. Steve Burho, Minn.-Crookston	82-86=168
<b>4. Northern State</b>	<b>320-319=639</b>
4t. Craig Nelson, Northern State	75-77=152
12. Tyler Teonnies, Northern State	74-81=155
24t. Eric Payne, Northern State	87-79=166
26t. Mitch Nehlick, Northern State	85-82=167
31. Mike Brown, Northern State	86-88=174
<b>5. Wayne State</b>	<b>323-318=641</b>
15. Jason Love, Wayne State	78-78=156
16. Scot Cudley, Wayne State	76-81=157
19. Collin Wilson, Wayne State	85-76=161
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