

# GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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### Men's Golf: WWU's Xavier Dailly GNAC Player-of-the-Year

SPOKANE, Wash. – Xavier Dailly of Western Washington has earned the *Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Year* award.

The award goes to the player with the lowest season stroke average at the conclusion of the conference tournament. Dailly, who won medalist honors Tuesday with a tournament record score of four-under par 209 at the GNAC Championships at the Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Club, is averaging 72.00 shots for 28 rounds.

Dailly also earned the *GNAC Newcomer-of-the-Year* award, while Jack Whealdon of Saint Martin's, who is averaging 75.86 strokes per round, won the *GNAC Freshman-of-the-Year* award. Western Washington's Steve Card was voted the *GNAC Coach-of-the-Year* after leading the Vikings to the third straight conference title. He also won the award in both 2008 and 2009. The Vikings posted a tournament record score of 850 in romping to a 28-stroke victory over runner-up Saint Martin's.

Earning first team all-conference honors were Dailly, Julian Peters and Nick Varelia, all of Western Washington, and Zach Dietz and Justin Lanman of Saint Martin's. Peters is a first-team repeater from 2008.

Second-team honors were won by Sam Ayotte of Western Washington; Jack Whealdon, Olof Rosborg and Kevin Jech, all from Saint Martin's, and Rowdy Hope of Northwest Nazarene. Season stroke averages also determine the all-conference awards.

Four players were selected to the GNAC Academic all-conference team. They included Travis Gates and Chris Richter of Montana State Billings and Hope and Zach Grunig of Northwest Nazarene.

### 2010 GNAC GOLF ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

First Team	Avg.	Yr.	Hometown
Xavier Dailly, Western Washington	72.00	Jr.	Burlington, WA (Burlington-Edison & WSU)
Julian Peters, Western Washington	73.82	Sr.	Mukilteo, WA (Kamiak)
Nick Varelia, Western Washington	74.14	So.	Kent, WA (Kentwood)
Zach Dietz, Saint Martin's	74.33	Jr.	Jerome, ID
Justin Lanman, Saint Martin's	74.84	Sr.	Shelton, WA

Second Team	Avg.	Yr.	Hometown
Sam Ayotte, Western Washington	74.91	Jr.	Corvallis, OR (Crescent Valley)
Olof Rosborg, Saint Martin's	75.28	Sr.	Stockholm, Sweden
Jack Whealdon, Saint Martin's	75.86	Fr.	Ilwaco, WA
Rowdy Hope, Northwest Nazarene	76.47	Sr.	Boise, ID (Mountain View)
Kevin Jech, Saint Martin's	77.11	Sr.	Olympia, WA (Black Hills)

**Player-of-the-Year** – Xavier Dailly, Western Washington. **Newcomer-of-the-Year** – Xavier Dailly, Western Washington

**Freshman-of-the-Year** – Jack Wheadon, Saint Martin's. **Coach-of-the-Year** – Steve Card, Western Washington

**ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE:** \*Travis Gates, MSU Billings (Environmental Studies, Jr., 3.66, Billings, MT); Chris Richter, MSU Billings (Criminal Justice, Sr., 3.59, Big Fork, MT); Zach Grunig, Northwest Nazarene (Biology, 3.66, So., Meridian, ID); \*Rowdy Hope, Northwest Nazarene (Psychology, Sr., 3.45, Boise, ID). \*Repeater