

EMMANUEL COLLEGE MEN'S GOLF



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2010 Season Preview

Emmanuel College made the exciting announcement to the add men's golf to its NCAA Division III Intercollegiate Athletic Program in the fall of 2009. The Saints competed in six matches during their inaugural season, including competing in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Championship match at UMass-Dartmouth. Emmanuel junior Nick Cyrus (Rockland, MA) was named the GNAC Rookie of the Week after the Saints won their historic first match on September 25th. Freshman Daniel Ferdenzi (Holliston, MA) was named to the All-Rookie Team at the GNAC Championship. Both Cyrus and Ferdenzi will return, along with 4 other veterans, for the 2010 season. In addition to Emmanuel, the GNAC schools sponsoring men's golf include Johnson & Wales, St. Joseph's (ME), Suffolk, with additional affiliate members: Rhode Island College, UMass-Dartmouth and Southern Maine. The addition of men's golf, which competes for an NCAA automatic bid as a member of the GNAC, brings the total number of Emmanuel College varsity athletic teams to 15. "The GNAC is ecstatic that Emmanuel has added men's golf for the 2009 season. Emmanuel's decision to add golf assists the GNAC in maintaining its newly acquired NCAA automatic qualification. The GNAC and the member institutions value the opportunity to participate in the national championship and I feel confident that Emmanuel will be a contender for the championship very quickly," said GNAC Commissioner Joe Walsh.

Home Course



William J. Devine Golf Course
HOME FOR THE MEN'S GOLF TEAM

The Saints men's golf program, under the direction of head coach Julio Avila, practices and hosts matches at Franklin Park. Also known as the William J. Devine Golf Course, this 18-hole public golf facility is the second-oldest public course in America. Franklin Park measures 6,009 yards from the blue tees, 5,622 yards from the white tees, and 5,240 yards from the reds, and it is located only 20 minutes from campus.

Coach Avila



Julio Avila was appointed Emmanuel College's first-ever Head Men's Golf Coach in the fall of 2009. Avila coached the program in its inaugural season, with the team practicing and competing at William J. Devine Golf Course at Franklin Park in Dorchester, Mass. Avila formerly coached the

Emmanuel men's soccer team. He led the program from its inception in 2002 through the 2008 season. Along with his past experience building a new Division III varsity program and his

familiarity with Emmanuel and the GNAC, Avila is a superb golfer and coach. Avila and the Emmanuel College Athletic Department are both excited and optimistic about him leading the young program this fall. Avila has fared extremely well in several recent golf tournaments. Topping his list of notable finishes in 2008 were a 2nd place finish in the Franklin Park Members Tournament and a Top-10 finish in the Golf Channel Amateur Tour. Avila also qualified for the Mass. Open Links Amateur Tournament. He is a member of the Massachusetts Golf Assoc. and holds a United States Golf Assoc. handicap of 7.8.