



FRESNO STATE

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# MEN'S GOLF

Dates	Tournament	Course	Location
April 30-May 2	WAC Championship	Rio Secco GC	Henderson, Nev.

## 2011-12 MEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

**Fall 2011**      **Event (Finish/# of teams)**  
 Sept. 26-27...at Kikkor Golf Husky Invitational (T2/6)  
 Oct. 3-4.....at Wolf Pack Classic (11/14)  
 Oct. 17-18...at Alister MacKenzie Invitational (11/16)  
 Oct. 31-Nov. 2..... at Pacific Invitational (11/12)

**Spring 2012**      **Event (Finish/# of teams)**  
 Feb. 15-17 .... at John A. Burns Invitational (14/18)  
 Feb. 27-28 .....at North Rach Invitational (10/14)

**March 5-6... Fresno State Lexus Classic (12/16)**  
**Fort Washington Country Club**  
 March 12-13 .... at The Farms Invitational (T13/14)  
 March 22-23 .....at Lamkin Grip Match Play (2/8)  
 March 30-April 1.. The U.S. Intercollegiate (15/17)  
 April 20-22 ..... Winchester Classic (1/7)  
 April 30-May 2 ..... WAC Championship

## FRESNO STATE QUICK FACTS

Location.....Fresno, Calif.  
 Enrollment..... 21,655  
 Founded.....1911  
 Nickname.....Bulldogs  
 Colors.....Red & Blue  
 Conference.....Western Athletic  
 President.....Dr. John D. Welty  
 Athletics Director.....Thomas C. Boeh

## MEN'S GOLF QUICK FACTS

Head Coach.....Mike Watney  
 Alma Mater.....Fresno State, 1973  
 Years at Fresno State.....34  
 Volunteer Assistant Coach.....Chuck Bandelian

## MEN'S GOLF PROGRAM HISTORY

All-time NCAA Appearances.....28  
 Highest NCAA Finish.....5th (1990)  
 Conference Championships.....13  
 All-Americans.....37

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## Men's Golf Heads to Final WAC Tourney

The Fresno State men's golf team will travel just outside fabulous Las Vegas to compete in their last WAC Championship on April 30-May 2. The tournament is held at the 7,332-yard, par-72 Rio Secco Golf Club in Henderson, Nev. for the fourth year in a row. New Mexico State will return to defend their title after cruising to an 11-stroke victory. Last year, the 'Dogs placed third and were only one shot behind second place San Jose State. Bryan Hogan, playing in his final collegiate tournament, set his career best finish by claiming third place with a 2-under, 214 (68-74-72).

**Lineup:** 1. Rufie Fessler 2. Brian Sunker 3. Nate Jessup 4. Jack Mulroy 5. Keenan Nelson

**Field:** Fresno State, Hawai'i, Idaho, Louisiana Tech, Nevada, New Mexico State, San Jose State, Utah State

## The Course and Set-up

**Course:** Rio Secco Golf Club

**Yardage:** 7,332    **Par:** 72

**Format:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - 18 Holes (1st Tee)

**Time:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. PST

**Live Scoring:** www.Golfstat.com    **Updates:** www.GoBulldogs.com

## 2011-12 Individual Scorecard

Name	Tourn.	Rds.	Avg.	Low	Best Finish/Tournament
Fessler, Rufie	11	31	75.00	65	T6-Husky Invitational
Jessup, Nate	11	31	76.07	68	T2-Winchester Classic
Mulroy, Jack	10	28	77.12	69	T13-Winchester Classic
Sunker, Brian	9	25	76.18	70	T5-Winchester Classic
Nelson, Keenan	7	21	76.28	70	T16-Winchester Classic
Patel, Bhavik	4	10	71.70	63	T7-MacKenzie Invitational
Partridge, Johnny	4	12	78.92	67	37-North Ranch
Hoobery, Macgregor	3	9	78.33	73	T47-Lexus Classic
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>299.44</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>1-Winchester Classic</b>

## Bulldog Top 10 Finishes

Place	Name	Tournament	Scores
T2	Nate Jessup	Winchester Classic	72-75-70--217
T5	Brian Sunker	Winchester Classic	74-75-73--219
T7	Bhavik Patel	MacKenzie Invitational	70-63-71--204
T10	Rufie Fessler	Winchester Classic	75-69-77--221

## Bulldogs Win Winchester Classic

The Fresno State men's golf team held onto the lead during the final round of the Winchester Classic to claim the team title with a 10-over, 874. It was not only the Bulldogs first tournament victory of the season but their first win since the San Marcos Invitational in February of 2008. Sophomore Nate Jessup fired a 2-under, 70 to move into a career-best second place tie at 1-over (72-75-70--217).

## Fessler Earns WAC Honor

Fessler, a junior from Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield College), was named WAC Golfer of the Week for the week of March 26-April 1. Fessler finished in a tie for 14th at the U.S. Intercollegiate. He opened the tournament with a 5-under par 65 to become the first round leader. Fessler finished with a 4-over par 214 (65-77-72). The 65 was the best of any golfer in the tournament during the three rounds and is tied for the fifth lowest round by a WAC golfer this year. It is the first time that Fessler has won a WAC golfer of the week or month award.

## Mulroy Wins WAC Golfer of the Week

Jack Mulroy, a junior from London, England, was awarded the WAC Golfer of the Week for the week of March 5-11. Mulroy shot a 69 in his second round at the Fresno State Lexus Classic to help him finish in a tie for 37th with a 7-over, 223. The 69 was the best round for Mulroy this season who is in his first year with the Bulldogs. It is the first time that Mulroy has won a WAC golfer of the week or month award.

## 2011-12 WAC Golfstat Team Rankings

(Based on Head-to-Head)

Rk.	School
70	Louisiana Tech
77	San Jose State
81	Nevada
115	New Mexico State
136	Idaho
146	Hawai'i
156	Fresno State
227	Utah State

### Year-By-Year Finishes

Year	Conference	WR*	NCAA
1979	1st (PCAA)	—	12th
1980	1st (PCAA)	—	10th
1981	3rd (PCAA)	—	18th
1982	3rd (PCAA)	—	—
1983	1st (PCAA)	—	12th
1984	3rd (PCAA)	—	22nd
1985	2nd (PCAA)	—	21st
1986	1st (PCAA)	—	13th
1987	1st (PCAA)	—	9th
1988	1st (PCAA)	—	—
1989	1st (Big West)	4th	14th
1990	1st (Big West)	5th	5th
1991	1st (Big West)	13th	—
1992	5th (WAC)	4th	16th
1993	5th (WAC)	6th	22nd
1994	1st (WAC)	2nd	17th
1995	8th (WAC)	12th	—
1996	3rd (WAC)	T13th	—
1997	5th (WAC)	15th	—
1998	6th (WAC)	8th	22nd
1999	8th (WAC)	12th	—
2000	1st (WAC)	T6th	13th
2001	T-6th (WAC)	15th	—
2002	3rd (WAC)	9th	T21st
2003	1st (WAC)	18th	—
2004	T4th (WAC)	—	—
2005	3rd (WAC)	19th	—
2006	2nd (WAC)	T12th	—
2007	4th (WAC)	—	—
2008	3rd (WAC)	—	—
2009	2nd (WAC)	—	—
2010	6th (WAC)	—	—
2011	3rd (WAC)	—	—

### Key:

WR - Western Regional

PCAA - Pacific Coast Athletic Association

WAC - Western Athletic Conference

\*Western Regionals were not held until 1989

### Mike Watney Coaching Honors

#### Conference Coach of the Year

Year	Conference
1985	PCAA
1987	PCAA
1988	PCAA
1989	Big West
1990	Big West
1996	WAC
2000	WAC
2003	WAC
2010	WAC

#### Regional Coach of the Year

Year	Region
1987	District 8
1994	District 7
2002	Southwest

## 2011-12 Men's Golf Roster

Name	Year	Ht	Hometown/Last School
Rufie Fessler	Jr.	5-10	Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield College)
Macgregor Hoobery	Fr.	5-9	Santa Maria, Calif. (Righetti HS)
Anibal Kim	Fr.	5-8	Asunción, Paraguay (IMG Pendleton)
Nate Jessup	So.	5-11	Springville, Calif. (Porterville HS)
Jack Mulroy	Jr.	5-9	London, England (Reedley College)
Keenan Nelson	RS Fr.	5-9	Murrieta, Calif. (Murrieta HS)
Johnny Partridge	Jr.	6-4	Belvedere, Calif. (College of the Desert)
Bhavik Patel	Sr.	5-6	Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield HS)
Brian Sunker	Sr.	6-0	Valencia, Calif. (Hart HS)
Troy Sweeney	Fr.	6-4	Clovis, Calif. (Clovis West HS)

**Head Coach:** Mike Watney (Fresno State, 1973), 34th season

**Assistant Coach:** Chuck Bandelian (Fresno State, 1975), 22nd season

### Patel Named Bulldog Student-Athlete of the Week

Senior Bhavik Patel's performance at the Alister MacKenzie Invitational earned him his second Student-Athlete of the Week honor. Patel shot a career low 8-under, 63 during the second round of the tournament in Fairfax, Calif. He also tied current PGA star Nick Watney and Todd Angel for the lowest round during head coach Mike Watney's 34 years at Fresno State.

### Watney's Legacy

Mike Watney is in his 34th season as the head coach of Fresno State men's golf and is looking to add to his already Hall of Fame résumé. In his career, Watney has produced 29 All-Americans and 18 Academic All-Americans, led his teams to 13 conference championships and named conference Coach of the Year nine times, most recently in 2010.

### Fall 2011 Individual Results

**Rufie Fessler (Jr.):** Competed in four tournaments ... second on the team with a 73.50 scoring average over 10 rounds ... posted a low round of 67 at the Pacific Invitational ... carded three rounds of par or better ... recorded two top 25 finishes ... best finish was a tie for sixth at the Kikkor Golf Husky Invitational ... placed in a tie for 25th at the Pacific Invitational (71-81-67).

**Macgregor Hoobery (Fr.):** Competed in one tournament, the Alister MacKenzie Invitational ... averaged 76.67 strokes per round ... lowest round was a 73 ... placed in 76th at the tournament.

**Nate Jessup (So.):** Competed in four tournaments ... averaged 75.50 strokes over 10 rounds ... posted two rounds of par or better ... fired a low round of 68 at the Alister MacKenzie Invitational and Pacific Invitational ... best finish was a tie for 13th at the Kikkor Golf Husky Invitational.

**Jack Mulroy (Jr.):** Competed in three tournaments ... averaged 78.86 strokes per round over seven rounds ... best finish was a tie for 14th at the Kikkor Golf Husky Invitational ... shot a low round 74 at the Pacific Invitational.

**Keenan Nelson (RS Fr.):** Competed in two tournaments ... averaged 75.00 strokes over six rounds ... low round of 70 at the Alister MacKenzie Invitational ... best finish was a tie for 56th at the Wolf Pack Classic.

**Bhavik Patel (Sr.):** Competed in four tournaments ... averaged 71.70 strokes per round over 10 rounds, best on the team ... recorded two top 10 finishes and four top 15 ... best finish came at the Alister MacKenzie Invitational (70-63-71--204, -9) where he tied for 7th ... placed in a tie for 8th at the Kikkor Golf Husky Invitational ... carded five rounds of par or better ... shot a low round 63 at the Alister MacKenzie Invitational, the lowest of his collegiate career ... named Bulldog Student-Athlete of the Week, Oct. 24-30, for his performance at the Alister MacKenzie Invitational ... ranked No. 102 men's collegiate golfer by Golfstat.com.

**Brian Sunker (Sr.):** Competed in three tournaments ... averaged 77.86 strokes per round over a total of seven rounds ... best finish was a tie for 36th at the Husky Invitational ... shot a low round 72 at the Pacific Invitational.