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## **Golfers Three Shots Off Lead at BIG EAST/MAC Challenge Van Sickle paces team with eighth place standing**

WINTER GARDEN, Fla. — Thanks to a solid second round, the Marquette men's golf team improved from fourth to second following the first 36 holes at the inaugural BIG EAST/MAC Challenge, played at the Orange County National Golf Center in Winter Garden, Fla.

USF took the first round lead with a score of 275, owning an eight stroke lead over Akron. Marquette was in fourth with a 291, but a tournament best round of 285 shot the Golden Eagles up two spots and into second place. USF retained the lead, but only held a three stroke advantage over Marquette. Ohio was three shots behind Marquette in third. Marquette was the most accurate team in the field in the first 36 holes, carding a tournament best 119 pars.

Villanova's Steve Arnold and USF Justin Fetcho shared the first round lead among individuals with 67. In all, six golfers shot under 70 in the first round. Marquette's best first-round performer was freshman Mike Van Sickle, who was in a tie for eighth with 71.

Northern Illinois Zach Jecklin bolted past Arnold and Fetcho to take the second-round lead at the end of the day. In contention after a first-round 69, Jecklin shot a second-round 70 to take a one-stroke lead in the individual competition over Ohio's Mark Cimarolli and St. John's Keegan Bradley.

Van Sickle remained in contention with a second-round 72 and stayed in a tie for eighth at 143. He carded a pair of eagles in the first two rounds of the event.

Senior Joe Weber shot a second-round 69 and rebounded from a first round 76 to sit in a tie for 13th at 145 following two rounds. Senior Nathan Colson was tied with Weber, also shooting 145.

Sophomore Ted Gray finished the day in 19th place after shooting a 145. Senior Kyle Murphy is in 34th place after carding a 150.

The entire MU team competed in the event, with the final the members of the roster competing as individuals. Sophomore Chris Streff finished tied for 40th at 151. Senior Steve Sass completed the 36 holes with a 159, finishing 59th. Senior Mark Eldridge carded a 160 and was in 60th place.

Play continues with the tournament's final round, starting at 7:30 a.m. EST.

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Dates: 11/05-11/06, 2005

Round: 2

Par-Yardage: 72-7177

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Fin.	School	Scores			
1	So. Florida, U. of	275	298	573	-3
2	Marquette University	291	285	576	E
3	Ohio University	294	285	579	+3
4	Akron, U. of	287	293	580	+4
	Northern Illinois U.	296	284	580	+4
6	St. John's Univ.	295	289	584	+8
7	Villanova University	290	297	587	+11
8	Bowling Green State	294	303	597	+21
9	De Paul University	306	293	599	+23
10	Connecticut, U. of	299	306	605	+29
11	Cincinnati, U. of	310	296	606	+30



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Fin.	Name	School	Scores			
1	Zach Jecklin	N Illinois	69	70	139	-5
2	Mark Cimarolli	Ohio	75	65	140	-4
	Keegan Bradley	St John's	70	70	140	-4
4	Steve Arnold	Villanova	67	74	141	-3
	Tyler Hitchcock	USF	69	72	141	-3
6	Ryan Siekmann	Ohio	71	71	142	-2
	Ryan Gutowski	Akron	68	74	142	-2
8	Brad Wright	Akron	71	72	143	-1
	Mike Van Sickle	Marquette	71	72	143	-1
10	Nicholas Schenk	N Illinois	74	70	144	E
	Heath Ziglar	Bowling Gr	72	72	144	E
	Justin Fetcho	USF	67	77	144	E
13	Joe Weber	Marquette	76	69	145	+1
	Andrew Alexander	Villanova	71	74	145	+1
	Nathan Colson	Marquette	73	72	145	+1
16	A.J. Sierskierski	UConn	74	72	146	+2
	Grant Christman	Ohio	75	71	146	+2
	Chris Black	USF	73	73	146	+2
19	Kevin Tilbury	USF	71	76	147	+3
	George Zolotas	St John's	75	72	147	+3
	Ted Gray	Marquette	75	72	147	+3
	Alex Wagner	N Illinois	76	71	147	+3
	Greg O'Mahony	USF	68	79	147	+3
	*Brandon Lee	USF	74	73	147	+3
	*Trevor Spathelf	Bowling Gr	71	76	147	+3
26	Dan McIntyre	Bowling Gr	73	75	148	+4
27	Ryan Culbertson	Akron	75	74	149	+5
	Colin Clemente	Akron	73	76	149	+5
	Jace Walker	Bowling Gr	72	77	149	+5
	Joe Young	Cincinnati	74	75	149	+5
	Josh Scarborough	De Paul	79	70	149	+5
	Nick Martin	De Paul	77	72	149	+5
	Vaughn Snyder	Akron	76	73	149	+5
34	Jason Parajeckas	UConn	75	75	150	+6
	Kyle Murphy	Marquette	72	78	150	+6
	Ethan Roush	N Illinois	77	73	150	+6
	Michael Gammon	De Paul	75	75	150	+6
	Kevin Velardo	St John's	76	74	150	+6
	Jonathan Hewett	Villanova	72	78	150	+6
40	Cory Blenkush	De Paul	75	76	151	+7
	*Chris Streff	Marquette	78	73	151	+7
42	Brian McArdle	St John's	79	73	152	+8



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	Brian Bickle	Ohio	73	79	152	+8
44	Adam Fluty	Cincinnati	76	77	153	+9
	Geoff Newman	Cincinnati	79	74	153	+9
	John Clodfelder	Cincinnati	81	72	153	+9
	Joe Yastrub	St John's	74	79	153	+9
48	Jared Steger	N Illinois	80	74	154	+10
	Brain Travalja	UConn	75	79	154	+10
	Doug Stadler	Villanova	80	74	154	+10
	Blake Russell	Ohio	76	78	154	+10
52	Matthew McMahon	De Paul	79	76	155	+11
	L.J. Tosches	UConn	75	80	155	+11
54	Christopher Leake	Bowling Gr	77	79	156	+12
55	Colin Mahon	Villanova	82	75	157	+13
	Albert Fernandez	Cincinnati	82	75	157	+13
	Tommy Lopez	Bowling Gr	78	79	157	+13
58	Jonathan Klein	UConn	78	80	158	+14
59	*Steve Sass	Marquette	80	79	159	+15
60	*Mark Eldridge	Marquette	79	81	160	+16



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