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Monmouth Captures NEC Men's Golf Championship

Hawks Win First-Ever Conference Title With One-Stroke Victory Over Saint Francis (PA)

Sunset Beach, **NC** -- The Sea Trail resort in Sunset Beach, NC provided the setting for a down-to-the-wire finish that saw Monmouth capture its first NEC Men's Golf Championship on Sunday with a one-stroke victory over 2006 champion Saint Francis (PA). Long Island senior **Patrick Kelly (Brisbane, Australia/Jackson State)** took home individual honors in another tight finish, shooting a one-over par 217 for the tournament to hold off Monmouth junior **Anthony Campanile (Manahawkin, NJ/Southern Regional)** by one stroke.

Both Monmouth and Saint Francis (PA) tied for low-round honors on Sunday, shooting 301 in breezy conditions to match the tightest finish in league history. In 1995, Robert Morris beat out Fairleigh Dickinson by one stroke. The Hawks finished with a three-day score of 902, followed by the Red Flash's 903 and Central Connecticut State in third place, six strokes off the pace at 908. Long Island took fourth (911) ahead of Sacred Heart (fifth, 913), Robert Morris (sixth, 918), Mount St. Mary's (seventh, 922), Quinnipiac (eighth, 935), Fairleigh Dickinson (ninth, 936), Wagner (tenth, 970) and St. Francis (NY) (eleventh, 1107).

LIU's Kelly had to sweat out a rally by 2005 champion Campanile, who entered the round in 11th place, seven strokes off the pace, but fired a tournament-low and four-under par 68 on Sunday. Kelly held a two-shot edge to begin the day and shot a two-over 74, but was able to walk away with the first individual crown in Long Island history.

Besides Campanile, Monmouth received a strong performance from senior **Dave Marshall (Glassboro, NJ/Glassboro)**, who finished tied for sixth with a nine-over par 225. **Ryan Beck (Maple Glen, PA/Hatboro-Hordham)**, a sophomore, tied for 14th for the Hawks with a 228.

Saint Francis (PA)'s top finisher was senior **Nick Wheeler (Ingersoll, Ontario/Ingersoll)**, who carded a one-over 73 on Sunday - the second-best round of the afternoon - to tie for sixth with a 225. Junior **Steve Foisy (Repentigny, Quebec/Academie)**, who was the reigning NEC indivudual champion and led after the first round, ended the event tied for 11th at 227.

The top-ten finishers were awarded NEC All-Conference honors. After LIU's Kelly and Monmouth's Campanile, third place went to Sacred Heart junior Patrick Fillian (Tinton Falls, NJ/Purdue) and CCSU junior Matt McClure (Orangeville, Ontario/Westside Secondary) with a six-over 222. Sacred Heart junior Tommy Campbell (Wall, NJ/Wall) earned a fiffth place finish, firing an eight-over 224. Saint Francis (PA)'s Wheeler and Monmouth's Marshall tied for sixth, followed by CCSU senior Brendon Ray (Norfolk, MA/Rollins College), Mount St. Mary's junior Kevin Farrell (Lemoyne, PA/Trinity) and LIU sophomore Greg Nicolson (Edinburgh, Scotland/George Watson's), who tied for eighth each with 10-over par scores of 226.

NEC Coach of the Year honors went to **Steve Keating** of Sacred Heart. The Pioneers, who were picked sixth in the NEC Preseason Poll, held a five-stroke lead going into the final round before settling for a fifth place finish in a tightly packed field.

The conference championship was contested in a three-day, 54-hole event for the first time in NEC annals. Previous championships were all two-round affairs. Team scores were calculated by adding the team's four lowest scores from each day. Monmouth will now represent the NEC in NCAA regional play from May 17-19. Selection information will be announced on Monday, May 7th at 6:00 pm EST.

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NEC Men's Golf Championship Sea Trail Resort-Byrd Sunset Beach,NC Dates: 05/04 - 05/06 (Today:05-06-2007)

Par: 72 Yardage: 6507

Fin	. School	Scores						
	1 Monmouth University		06 301		902	+3		
	2 St. Francis-Pennsyl				903	+3		
	3 Central Connecticut				908	+4		
	4 Long Island U-Brklyn				911	+4		
	5 Sacred Heart Univ.	298 29			913	+4		
	6 Robert Morris Univ.	306 29			918	+5		
	7 Mount St. Mary's U. 8 Quinnipiac Univ.	306 30 311 30			922	+5 +7		
	8 Quinnipiac Univ.9 Fairleigh Dickinson	311 30 308 31			935 936	+7		
1	0 Wagner College		24 323		970	+10		
	1 St. Francis (NY)		58 371		107	+24		
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Fin.	Players	School	Scor	^A G				
1	Patrick Kelly	LIU	72	71	74	217	+1	All-NEC
2	Anthony Campanile	Monmouth	74	76	68	218	+2	All-NEC
3	Patrick Fillian	Sac. Heart	74	73	75	222	+6	All-NEC
	Matt McClure	CCSU	74	74	74	222	+6	All-NEC
5	Tommy Campbell	Sac. Heart	72	75	77	224	+8	All-NEC
6	Nick Wheeler	St Fran PA	76	76	73	225	+9	All-NEC
	Dave Marshall	Monmouth	71	74	80	225	+9	All-NEC
8	Brendon Ray	CCSU	80	73	73	226	+10	All-NEC
	Kevin Farrell	The Mount	76	75	75	226	+10	All-NEC
	Greg Nicolson	LIU	75	75	76	226	+10	All-NEC
11	Steve Foisy	St Fran PA	70	77	80	227	+11	
	Ian O'Connor	Quinnipiac	78	74	75	227	+11	
1.4	Matt Gowdy	St Fran PA	76	77	74	227	+11	
14	Steve Velardi	Quinnipiac	74	74	80	228	+12	
1.0	Ryan Beck	Monmouth RMU	72 78	79 72	77	228	+12	
16	Jimmy Tomaseski Mike Moreland	CCSU	78 75	73	79 81	229 229	+13 +13	
	Mike Magalski	St Fran PA	75 75	75	79	229	+13	
19	Matt Belizze	Sac. Heart	75	73	82	230	+14	
10	John DeRoy	RMU	75	78	77	230	+14	
	Jon Fiedler	RMU	76	73	81	230	+14	
22	Christopher DeCarlo	Wagner	82	73	76	231	+15	
23	Tom Anthes	FDU	77	80	75	232	+16	
	Tim Buczak	CCSU	83	74	75	232	+16	
	Alexander Mabin	The Mount	79	75	78	232	+16	
26	Adam Farry	RMU	77	77	79	233	+17	
	Ray Hyre	The Mount	76	78	79	233	+17	
28	Chad Walker	St Fran PA	79	80	75	234	+18	
	Michael McComb	Monmouth	78	78	78	234	+18	
30	Bill Handy	FDU	76	77	82	235	+19	
	Kyle Margentina	LIU	76	81	78	235	+19	
33	Shane Brant	RMU FDU	79 77	74 78	82 81	235 236	+19 +20	
33	Chris Kowalczyk Justin Sick	The Mount	80	74	82		+20	
35	Rob Gallagher	LIU	79	79	79	237	+21	
33	Paul Zeidman	FDU	80	78	79	237	+21	
37	Adam Petrasovic	Sac. Heart	77	80	83	240	+24	
	Peter Catanzaro	CCSU	82	77	81	240	+24	
	Brady Giroux	Quinnipiac	79	78	83	240	+24	
	Joe Manganiello	FDU	78	78	84	240	+24	
41	Eric Snow	Quinnipiac	80	79	82	241	+25	
	Jeff Kingsbury	The Mount	75	79	87	241	+25	
43	Andy Beittel	Monmouth	87	78	78	243	+27	
44	Matt Wilson	LIU	85	77	82	244	+28	
45	Charles Lupardo	Wagner	81	82	82	245	+29	
4 =	Steve Schmeer	Sac. Heart	80	77	88	245	+29	
47	Christopher Foorman	Wagner	79	88	79	246	+30	
48	Chris Meehan	Wagner	81	86	86	253	+37	
49 50	Peter Aloisio	Wagner	83 90	83	92 82	258	+42	
50 51	Ben Cook Charles McMenaman	Quinnipiac SFNY	90	88 81	82 92	260 266	+44 +50	
52	Joseph Stuto	SFNY	92	86	90	268	+50	
53	Alan Stuto	SFNY	90	93	90	273	+52	
54	Tom O'Boyle	SFNY	103	98	99	300	+84	
55	Charles Dever	SFNY	115	103	119		+121	