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Sacred Heart Paces Field Through Day Two Of NEC Men's Golf Championship Mercatoris Carries A One-Stroke Lead Heading Into Final Round

ChampionsGate, FL - Sacred Heart extended its lead over the second round of 18 holes at ChampionsGate golf course, knocking in a tournament-low score of 287. The squad improved on yesterday's 295 to total a 582 and assume a 17-stroke lead over Robert Morris. The Pioneers, only six over par, sported three of their five golfers in the top-10. Robert Morris chipped in a tally of 302 to combine for a total score of 599. The Colonials (297-302=599) maintain a two-stroke lead over 2010 defending champion Saint Francis (PA) (306-295=601), who used a round of 295 to jump from fifth to third place. Mount St. Mary's (305-297=602) claimed the fourth slot, lowering their day one total by eight strokes. Monmouth (305-304=609) and Long Island (306-303=609) occupied the fifth position, while Central Connecticut State (306-305=611) fell from fifth to seventh. Fairleigh Dickinson (315-307=622) climbed from ninth to eighth, and Wagner (314-318=632) ended the day in ninth. For the second day in a row St. Francis (NY) (339-342=681) rounded out the 10-team field.

C.G. Mercatoris (Brookville, PA/Brookville) separated himself from Sacred Heart's **Joshua Salah (Gloucester, MA/Gloucester)**, using a two-under 70 to break out of a round-one tie for first. The Robert Morris senior sits atop the leader board at three-under par with a two-round total of 141. Pioneer **Leo Garcia (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico/Colegio Marista)** jumped to second place, after finishing fourth on the first day of competition. He tied for the lowest score of the day at 69, putting together a 73-69 for a two-under142. Saint Francis' (PA) **Michael Magalski (Spring Grove, PA/Spring Grove)** also emerged from the fourth place tie, carding a 73-70=143 to rank third.

Maintaining their fourth place spot was Monmouth's **Greg Etimos (East Islip, NY/East Islip)**, Mount St. Mary's **Devin O'Grady (Lancaster, PA/Manheim Township)** and Robert Morris' **Brock Pompeani (Aliquippa, PA/Hopewell)**. The threesome turned in identical score cards of 73-72=145. **Joseph Serrantino (Cromwell, CT/Xavier)** made one of the biggest leaps of the day to join Etimos, O'Grady and Pompeani in fourth. The Pioneer junior knocked in a round-low 69 to build off his 18th ranked 76 from day one.

Knotted in eighth place were **Rocky Co (Richmond Hill, Ontario/St. Robert)** and **Justin Hughes (Simsbury, CT/Simsbury).** Co, a Long Island senior, slipped from third place with a 72-74=146, while Hughes made the journey from 11th with a 75-71=146. Topping off the top-10 golfers through round two was Bryant's **Alex Daley (Hudson, MA/Hudson)**, Sacred Heart's Salah and Long Island's **Jamie Young (Barrie, Ontario/Eastview Secondary).** Competing as an individual, Daley shaved six strokes from his day-one 77 to climb from 24th. The senior hit a 71 for a 148 at the end of the second round. Salah added six strokes from yesterday's 71 to slip from first place with a 77. Young cracked the top-10 after leaving the eighth place slot with tallies of 76-72. The 12 golfers that make up the top-10 are separated by just seven strokes after 36 holes of golf.

The third and final round of the 2011 NEC Men's Golf Championship is slated to tee off on Sunday, May 1st at 7:30 a.m.

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Individual Standings T1 1 C.G. Mercatoris Robert Morris University 71 70 141 -3 2 Leo Garcia Sacred Heart 73 69 142 -2 Т4 3 Michael Magalski St. Francis-Pennsyl. 73 70 143 -1 T4 Devin O'Grady Mount St. Mary's 73 72 145 +1 T 4 T4 Greg Etimos Monmouth University 73 72 145 +1 Т4 T18 T4 Joseph Serrantino Sacred Heart 76 69 145 +1 T 4 T4 Brock Pompeani Robert Morris University 73 72 145 +1 T11 T8 Justin Hughes Central Conn. St. 75 71 146 \pm 2 T8 Rocky Co Long Island U-Brklyn 72 74 146 +2 3 T24 T10 Alex Daley * Bryant University 77 71 148 +4 T10 Josh Salah Sacred Heart 71 77 148 +4 T18 T10 Jamie Young Long Island U-Brklyn 76 72 148 +4 T30 T13 Jun Hardart Sacred Heart 78 72 150 ± 6 T13 Kyle Hoffman * Bryant University 74 76 150 +6 Т9 T18 T13 Robert Cerabone Fairleigh Dickinson 76 74 150 T11 T16 David Renski Sacred Heart 75 77 152 +8 T16 Joey Amelia St. Francis-Pennsyl. 75 77 152 T11 T24 T18 Dan Michalek Mount St. Mary's 77 76 153 +9 T18 T18 Daniel Morgan Central Conn. St. 76 77 153 +9 T32 T20 Jeremy Foran St. Francis-Pennsyl. 79 75 154 +10 T11 T20 Ian Thimble Monmouth University 75 79 154 +10 T37 T20 Corey Carrick Monmouth University 80 74 154 \pm 10 T20 Ray Hyre Mount St. Mary's 74 80 154 +10 Т9 T32 T24 Eric Hawerchuk Central Conn. St. 79 76 155 \pm 11 T43 T 2 4 Ryan Coccagna St. Francis-Pennsyl. 82 73 155 +11 T11 T24 Donny Lewis Robert Morris University 75 80 155 +11 T32 T24 Eduardo Escobar Fairleigh Dickinson 79 76 155 +11 T39 T24 Tonny Aizpun Mount St. Mary's 81 74 155 +11 T24 T29 Thomas Gliozzo Monmouth University 77 79 156 T11 T29 Steve Nakajima Wagner College 75 81 156 +12 T18 T29 Mike Pyne * Bryant University 76 80 156 +12 T24 T32 Brent Besch * Bryant University 77 80 157 +13 T43 T32 Kevin Ellison Mount St. Mary's 82 75 157 +13 47 34 Josh Waters Long Island U-Brklyn 83 75 158 +14 T35 Greg Najarian * Bryant University 81 78 159 +15 T39 T24 T35 Segeun Choi Long Island U-Brklyn 77 82 159 +15 T18 T35 Kevin Josephson Central Conn. St. 76 83 159 +15 T39 T35 Greg Parzyck Fairleigh Dickinson 81 78 159 +15 T32 T35 Brandon French Fairleigh Dickinson 79 80 159 +15 T51 40 Eric Mathias Wagner College 87 73 160 +16 T30 T41 Brandon Pompeani Robert Morris University 78 83 161 +17 T43 T41 Keith Downey Fairleigh Dickinson 82 79 161 +17 T43 T43 Jan Saroch Wagner College 82 80 162 +18 T24 T43 Jason Hopkins Wagner College 77 85 162 +18 T32 45 Vincent Adams St. Francis-Pennsyl. 79 84 163 T37 T46 Tommy Arison Wagner College 80 84 164 +20 T11 T46 Adam User St. Francis Coll-NY 75 89 164 +20 T48 48 Dan Fanion Central Conn. St. 84 81 165 +21 49 Max Cahn Robert Morris University 86 80 166 +22 5 0 T48 50 Daniel McCreesh Monmouth University 84 83 167 + 23T39 51 Lloyd Martinson Long Island U-Brklyn 81 87 168 +24 T 5 1 52 David Smith St. Francis Coll-NY 87 84 171 +27 T53 Bradley rowland St. Francis Coll-NY 87 88 175 +31 55 T53 Steve Stuto St. Francis Coll-NY 93 82 175 +31 54 55 Zachary Chyz St. Francis Coll-NY 90 88 178 +34 Team Standings 1 1 Sacred Heart 295 287 582 +6 2 2 Robert Morris University 297 302 599 +23 T5 3 St. Francis-Pennsyl. 306 295 601 +25 T3 4 Mount St. Mary's 305 297 602 +26 T3 T5 Monmouth University 305 304 609 +33 T5 T5 Long Island U-Brklyn 306 303 609 +33 T5 7 Central Conn. St. 306 305 611 +359 8 Fairleigh Dickinson 315 307 622 +46 8 9 Wagner College 314 318 632 +56 10 10 St. Francis Coll-NY 339 342 681 +105