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Sacred Heart Stakes Claim To NEC Men's Golf Championship Crown C.G. Mercatoris Ends Collegiate Career With Individual Title

ChampionsGate, FL - At the conclusion of the 2011 Northeast Conference Men's Golf Championship, Sacred Heart finished in the same position it held through three rounds and 54 holes of golf -- first place. The Pioneers only extended their lead over each day, carding a 295-287-306=888 to snatch back the title that eluded them by one stroke in 2010. The top honor along with a trip to the NCAA regional tournament marks the squad's third over a four year span as they wrapped up the par-72, 6,937-yard course 24 strokes ahead of runner-up Robert Morris. The Colonials, improving on last year's third-place ending, took second with a 297-302-311. Mount St. Mary's (305-297-312=914) and Central Connecticut State (306-305-304=915) also scaled the championship rankings to nail down a spot above their 2010 finish in third and fourth, respectively. Defending champion Saint Francis (PA) (306-295-316=917) held off Fairleigh Dickinson (315-307-297=919) to capture fifth, while the Knights took home sixth for the second consecutive year. Monmouth (302-304-312=921) claimed the seventh spot and Long Island (302-303-314=923) brought back eighth. Capping the 10-team field was Wagner (314-318-331=963) in ninth and St. Francis (NY) (339-342-338=1019) in tenth.

C.G. Mercatoris (Brookville, PA/Brookville) led through three days of golf to take sole possession of first place. The Robert Morris senior shot a two-over 74 on the last day to wind up with his first individual title. Mercatoris' consistent three frames of 71-70-74 put him one-under par with a final booking of 215. Sacred Heart junior **Joseph Serrantino (Cromwell, CT/Xavier)** came up two tallies shy of the victor's standard, coupling outputs of 76-69-72=217 for a second-place finish. The Connecticut native made significant inroads up the leader board each round, climbing from 18th to land in the runner-up slot. Rounding out the top-3 was **Rocky Co (Richmond Hill, Ontario/St. Robert)**, a Long Island senior, who fired a 72-74-73=219 for third.

Tying for fourth was Sacred Heart's **Leo Garcia (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico/Colegio Marista)** and Saint Francis' **Michael Magalski (Spring Grove, PA/Spring Grove)**. Magalski hit a 73-70-77=220, while Garcia knocked in a 73-69-78=220. Only a stroke away, in a three-way tie for sixth, was Bryant's **Alex Daley (Hudson, MA/Hudson)** (77-71-73=221), Robert Morris' **Brock Pompeani (Aliquippa, PA/Hopewell)** (73-72- 76=221) and the 2010 individual champion from Fairleigh Dickinson **Robert Cerabone (Commack, NY)**. Sandwiched between two deadlocks was Mount St. Mary's frosh **Devin O'Grady (Lancaster, PA/Manheim Township)** (73-72-77=222) in ninth, while Monmouth's **Greg Etimos (East Islip, NY/East Islip)** (73-72-79=224) and Central's **Eric Hawerchuk (Orangeville, Ontario/Robert F. Hall Catholic)** (79-76-69=224) took a share of 10th. Hawerchuk's three-under par 69 was the lowest of the day.

The top-10 finishers in this weekend's tournament earned a spot on the Conference's All-Tournament team for 2011. Also collecting an accolade was SHU head coach **Matt McGreevy** as he was selected the 2011 NEC Men's Golf Coach of the Year in a vote by his peers. He led the Pioneers to a team title in his first year at the helm. No stranger to the award, McGreevy received a Coach of the Year nod in 2009 for helping the women's team snag third place.

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Central Connecticut State University • Fairleigh Dickinson University
Long Island University • Monmouth University • Mount St. Mary's University •
Robert Morris University • Sacred Heart University • St. Francis (NY) College
Saint Francis (PA) University • Wagner College

Individual		Standings								
1	1	C.G. Mercatoris	Robert Morris University	71	70	74	215	-1		
T 4	2	Joseph Serrantino	Sacred Heart	76	69	72	217	+1		
T 8	3	Rocky Co Long	Island U-Brklyn	72	74	73	219	+3		
2	T 4	Leo Garcia	Sacred Heart	73	69	78	220	+4		
3	T 4	Michael Magalski	St. Francis-Pennsyl.	73	70	77	220	+4		
T 10	T 6	Alex Daley *	Bryant University	77	71	73	221	+5		
T 4	T 6	Brock Pompeani	Robert Morris University	73	72	76	221	+5		
T 13	T 6	Robert Cerabone	Fairleigh Dickinson	76	74	71	221	+5		
T 4	9	Devin O'Grady	Mount St. Mary's	73	72	77	222	+6		
T 4	T 10	Greg Etimos	Monmouth University	73	72	79	224	+8		
T 24	T 10	Eric Hawerchuk	Central Conn. St.	79	76	69	224	+8		
T 8	12	Justin Hughes	Central Conn. St.	75	71	79	225	+9		
T 10	T 13	Jamie Young	Long Island U-Brklyn	76	72	78	226	+10		
T 10	T 13	Josh Salah	Sacred Heart	71	77	78	226	+10		
T 13	15	Jun Hardart	Sacred Heart	78	72	78	228	+12		
T 16	T 16	David Renski	Sacred Heart	75	77	79	231	+15		
T 18	T 16	Daniel Morgan	Central Conn. St.	76	77	78	231	+15		
T 20	T 18	Corey Carrick	Monmouth University	80	74	78	232	+16		
T 29	T 18	Mike Pyne *	Bryant University	76	80	76	232	+16		
T 18	T 18	Dan Michalek	Mount St. Mary's	77	76	79	232	+16		
T 20	T 18	Jeremy Foran	St. Francis-Pennsyl.	79	75	78	232	+16		
T 24	T 18	Eduardo Escobar	Fairleigh Dickinson	79	76	77	232	+16		
T 16	T 18	Joey Amelia	St. Francis-Pennsyl.	75	77	80	232	+16		
T 29	T 24	Thomas Gliozzo	Monmouth University	77	79	77	233	+17		
T 24	T 24	Tonny Aizpun	Mount St. Mary's	81	74	78	233	+17		
T 20	T 24	Ian Thimble	Monmouth University	75	79	79	233	+17		
T 35	T 24	Greg Parzyck	Fairleigh Dickinson	81	78	74	233	+17		
T 35	2 8	Greg Najarian *	Bryant University	81	78	75	234	+18		
T 32	T 29	Kevin Ellison	Mount St. Mary's	82	75	78	235	+19		
T 13	T 29	Kyle Hoffman *	Bryant University	74	76	85	235	+19		
T 29	T 29	Steve Nakajima	Wagner College	75	81	79	235	+19		
T 41	T 32	Keith Downey	Fairleigh Dickinson	82	79	75	236	+20		
T 24	T 32	Donny Lewis	Robert Morris University	75	80	81	236	+20		
T 32	3 4	Brent Besch *	Bryant University	77	80	80	237	+21		
T 35	T 35	Segeun Choi	Long Island U-Brklyn	77	82	79	238	+22		
T 20	T 35	Ray Hyre	Mount St. Mary's	74	80	84	238	+22		
T 24	T 35	Ryan Coccagna	St. Francis-Pennsyl.	82	73	83	238	+22		
T 35	T 38	Kevin Josephson	Central Conn. St.	76	83	82	241	+25		
T 41	T 38	Brandon Pompeani	Robert Morris University	78	83	80	241	+25		
T 35	T 38	Brandon French	Fairleigh Dickinson	79	80	82	241	+25		
3 4	4 1	Josh Waters	Long Island U-Brklyn	83	75	84	242	+26		
4 8	4 2	Dan Fanion	Central Conn. St.	84	81	78	243	+27		
4 5	T 43	Vincent Adams	St. Francis-Pennsyl.	79	84	81	244	+28		
T 46	T 43	Tommy Arison	Wagner College	80	84	80	244	+28		
5 0	4 5	Daniel McCreesh	Monmouth University	84	83	78	245	+29		
T 43	4 6	Jan Saroch	Wagner College	82	80	85	247	+31		
T 46	T 47	Adam User	St. Francis Coll-NY	75	89	85	249	+33		
T 43	T 47	Jason Hopkins	Wagner College	77	85	87	249	+33		
4 9	4 9	Max Cahn	Robert Morris University	86	80	84	250	+34		
5 2	5 0	David Smith	St. Francis Coll-NY	87	84	80	251	+35		
4 0	5 1	Eric Mathias	Wagner College	87	73	94	254	+38		
5 1	5 2	Lloyd Martinson	Long Island U-Brklyn	81	87	87	255	+39		
T 53	5 3	Bradley rowland	St. Francis Coll-NY	87	88	86	261	+45		
5 5	T 54	Zachary Chyz	St. Francis Coll-NY	90	88	87	265	+49		
T 53	T 54	Steve Stuto	St. Francis Coll-NY	93	82	90	265	+49		

Team		Standings								
1	1	1	Sacred Heart	295	287	306	888	+24		
2	2	2	Robert Morris University	297	302	311	910	+46		
T34	3		Mount St. Mary's	305	297	312	914	+50		
T5	7	4	Central Conn. St.	306	305	304	915	+51		
T5	3	5	St. Francis-Pennsyl.	306	295	316	917	+53		
9	8	6	Fairleigh Dickinson	315	307	297	919	+55		
T3	T5	7	Monmouth University	305	304	312	921	+57		
T5	T5	8	Long Island U-Brklyn	306	303	314	923	+59		
8	9	9	Wagner College	314	318	331	963	+99		
10	10	10	St. Francis Coll-NY	339	342	338	1019	+155		