

The Gopher Invitational

Wazata, Minn. • September 12-14, 2008
Spring Hill Golf Club
Par 72, 7,020 yards

Team Results

1. LSU	284-289-299-872
2. Texas	282-295-295-872
3. Washington	292-297-290-879
4. Iowa	299-281-303-883
5. Wisconsin	301-285-295-884
6. Marquette	298-291-298-887
6. Minnesota	298-295-294-887
6. Pepperdine	291-288-308-887
9. Arkansas	305-286-299-890
10. SMU	311-302-310-923
11. Iowa State	311-315-299-925
12. Yale	307-313-306-926

Medalist/Washington Finishes

1. Mike Van Sickle, Marquette	74-67-72-213
5. Richard Lee	71-74-71-215
16. Nick Taylor	73-70-78-221
20. Tze Huang Choo	77-74-72-223
36. Kevin Spooner	73-82-72-227
42. Darren Wallace	75-79-75-229

In just his first tournament as a Husky, junior Richard Lee placed tied for fifth.

"I'm really excited for Richard," said Huskies coach Matt Thurmond. "He was just rock solid all day from fairway to green. Finishing in the top five is something that most people don't do in their whole collegiate career and he did it in his first event."

Richard finished the Gopher Invitational with a final-round 71, which was good enough to move him ahead nine spots from the previous day. It was Lee's second 71 in three days at the Spring Hill Golf Club. He stumbled on the second day with a 74.

As a team, Washington followed Lee's example, moving up two spots in the overall competition to place third with a combined score of 879 after three days. Texas and Louisiana State Universities shared the team title, finishing the tournament in 872 strokes apiece.

Husky Invitational

Bremerton, Wash. • Sept. 29-30, 2008
Gold Mountain Golf Club
Par 72, 7,111 yards

Team Results

1. Washington	283-282-292-857
2. California	285-287-298-870
3. San Diego State	294-291-294-879
4. BYU	301-301-283-885
5. Oregon	298-292-297-887
6. Pacific	296-299-295-890
7. Washington State	301-301-290-892
8. Oregon State	297-302-295-899
9. UC Davis	309-297-293-899
10. Idaho	302-299-303-904
11. Portland	296-308-310-914

Medalist/Washington Finishes

1. Chris Killmer	70-69-72-211
3. Jens Bracht	72-69-75-216
3. Richard Lee	69-76-71-216
7. Nick Taylor	72-71-74-217
20. Tze Huang Choo*	80-73-80-223
29. Kevin Spooner*	79-73-73-225
35. Dylan Goodwin*	68-78-81-227
35. Ty Chambers*	75-74-78-227
41. Darren Wallace	77-73-78-228
56. John Wise*	71-85-75-231

*Played as an individual

The UW men's golf team crushed the field of 11 teams at the 2008 Husky Invitational with a combined score of 7-under par, which was 13 strokes better than the closest competition over the two-day tournament that concluded Tuesday.

"Today's play was good, but it wasn't a great round for us," said Huskies head coach Matt Thurmond of the final round. "You always want to measure yourself against yourself, but we still won by a lot against some good teams."

CordeValle Collegiate

San Martin, Calif. • November 5-7, 2007
CordeValle Golf Club
Par 72, 7,119 yards

Team Results

1. USC	357-362-361-1080
2. Stanford	370-368-368-1106
3. UCLA	374-374-359-1107
4. Washington	372-367-371-1110
5. Charlotte	367-379-368-1114
6. Arkansas	370-376-374-1120
7. Northwestern	382-376-368-1126
8. Lamar	374-380-381-1135
9. Arizona	386-381-373-1140
10. Augusta State	387-381-373-1141
11. Coastal Carolina	373-383-386-1143
12. Santa Clara	390-389-386-1165

Medalist/Husky Finishes

1. Nick Taylor	71-71-70-212
10. Richard Lee	72-74-72-218
21. Chris Killmer	75-75-73-223
33. John Wise*	78-78-71-227
45. Tze Huang Choo	78-76-75-229
51. Kevin Spooner	77-73-81-231
58. Darren Wallace	77-74-83-234

UW junior Nick Taylor (71-71-70-212) birdied three out of his final four holes on Wednesday at the CordeValle Collegiate on the way to his second career collegiate tournament victory.

"I'm really excited for Nick," said UW head coach Matt Thurmond. "We've been giving him a hard time lately because he does so well in these big tournaments and he just got back from the World Amateur and we were saying, 'Why don't you do that in a season college tournament.'"

Taylor, who was the runner-up at the 2008 NCAA Championship, finished second at the World Amateur Team Championship in Adelaide, Australia in October.



The Presitge at PGA West

La Quinta, Calif. • October 13-14, 2008
PGA West-Greg Norman Course
Par-72, 7,156 yards

Team Results

1. TCU	294-289-278-861
2. UC Davis	306-280-285-871
3. Stanford	297-292-290-879
4. UCF	303-295-284-882
5. Washington	310-303-276-889
6. Pepperdine	300-298-298-896
7. California	312-293-292-897
8. Michigan State	327-290-283-900
8. Northwestern	308-298-294-900
10. Notre Dame	307-301-293-901
11. Colorado	306-303-296-905
12. Michigan	310-292-306-908
13. Kentucky	309-310-291-910
14. Florida Southern	302-315-295-912
15. Pacific	317-305-299-921
16. Rice	322-302-302-926

Medalist/Husky Finishes

1. Johan de Beer, TCU	72-70-68-210
10. Richard Lee	76-72-71-219
19. Kevin Spooner	81-71-70-222
20. Chris Killmer	78-81-64-223
67. John Wise	75-79-79-233
73. Jens Bracht	82-82-71-235

W S E A S O N

The Huskies are riding high on momentum stemming from last year's seventh-place finish at the NCAA Championship, followed by a successful fall season that saw the UW finish ranked No. 12 in the nation.

"This team has as much potential as any team I've had," said Huskies head coach Matt Thurmond.

And the Huskies, who earlier this year enjoyed a No. 4 national ranking by Golfweek, only look to get better after bringing in a junior transfer that is as solid as they come, returning a junior that took a year off and welcoming three sensational freshmen to add to an already talented group.

"So now I think we've turned into a really deep team," said Thurmond. "We have 10 guys that are good, and compete at high levels at these tournaments -- and many of them already have in the past."

Thurmond said that his depth this year, which is rivaled by only the other top programs in the nation, is what will help his team look to achieve the not-so-basic goals they set every year by golfers in Montlake.

"Every year, you want to start with the same goal and result," he said. "You want to win an NCAA championship and you want to win the Pac-10 championship. Within that, you have other goals about what you want to be, and that changes every year."

Finishing in the top 10 at the NCAA Championship Tournament four of the last five years, the Huskies are in prime position to realize those goals this season, as they are being led by a trio of juniors as good as any in the country, and it all starts with Nick Taylor.

In the 2007-08 season, Taylor, as a sophomore, finished runner-up to UCLA's Kevin Chappel at the NCAA Championship Tournament to conclude the 2008 season. Similar to a number of Huskies, Taylor, a native of Abbotsford, B.C., had a successful fall season that saw him take his first collegiate medalist honors at the CordeValle Collegiate and he will look to improve upon that 2008 finish. He was named Pac-10 Player of the Month for November of 2008.

"Nick Taylor is our captain this year. He will, in a lot of ways, dictate what we can accomplish," Thurmond said.

Thought of as one of the premier college golfers in the country, Taylor has been ranked in the top 20 of Golfweek's Scratch Golfers Amateur



Junior Richard Lee is one of five new Huskies this year, adding much needed depth to the UW roster.

rankings since the NCAA Championship. He burst onto the scene this past season due to his wedge play and his pension to raise his game to meet the demands of any occasion.

"Last season, Nick was the best player no one really knew about," Thurmond said. "Now he is on everybody's radar. He is phenomenal. Nick has a unique wedge game and he's a tough competitor."

Taylor was the runner-up at this year's World Amateur Team Championship in Adelaide, Australia during the fall.

Next in the Huskies lineup is newcomer Richard Lee. Although a transfer from Bellevue Community College this year, Lee stepped into Division I play this fall and played like a veteran, placing in the top 10 in all four of the Huskies' tournaments.

"Nick and Richard are both golfers that could be at the top of almost any team in the country and we got a bunch of guys that are very strong behind them," Thurmond said. "To have two players of that quality is rare in any program."

A solid player who doesn't dominate any facet of the game, just consistently hits the right shot, the only flashy aspect of Lee's game is the result, the culmination of which is frequently among the top college golfers in the country. He finished the fall season ranked No. 21 in the Golfweek Men's Collegiate standings.

"Richard is just such a mature player," Thurmond said. "It's not a surprise to see him play like this -- he is just so far beyond the problems and emotions that most of the college players are dealing with."

Steadiness under pressure is a common practice for this year's Husky team so far, as the UW has been stellar in the final round in all four of their fall tournaments, showing that the Dawgs don't just save their best for last, but maintain hitting quality shots throughout competition.

"That's one of the things we've talked about this year is we want to be great in the end, and that is so different from where we were last year,"

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Thurmond said. "Our fall season has been very solid because of that, and it has been a real turnaround from last year."

Of course, there are a number of changes from last year's squad, but the most notable is the UW's depth. Although it did not end up hurting them come tournament time, the Huskies had just seven players last season. That number jumped to 10 this year -- all with the ability to score.

"Last year, we had a really long, tough year on everybody, and we were down to just a few individuals at the end of the season and they really stepped up, gave us a great finish to the season and a lot of momentum into this year," Thurmond said.

That is no longer the case. In fact, the Huskies are getting contributions from players they weren't sure were going to be on the team, such as Chris Killmer, who was the medalist at the 2008 Husky Invitational. Killmer, a junior, took a year off from golf for personal reasons and rejoined the team in September with staggering results.

"Chris was an awesome player for us as a sophomore. He played well a couple years ago and was one of our better players," Thurmond said. "He really is a different person after taking a year off to take care of some things. It's just amazing that he can be gone for that long and come back better than ever."

With his consistent play, Killmer has earned a rank of No. 35 in the country by Golfweek. Killmer led the Huskies to their first tournament win in three years in September at the UW's own Husky Invitational. This fall, he was named the Pac-10 Player of the Month for September.

With the foundation in place for the Huskies, what remains to be seen is how the final two spots of the lineup will pan out, and coach Thurmond is not without a bevy of options.

First up is senior John Wise, winner of the 2006 Husky Invitational, and as experienced of a player as can be found.

"John's our only senior. He's a steady guy that goes about his business and has shown that he can have great rounds and tournaments," Thurmond said.

Junior Darren Wallace was inked into the Huskies lineup from the first day of the 2008 season, as he played in every tournament the Huskies participated in.



"He's been such a big part on our team. He played in every tournament for us last year," Thurmond said. "Darren just has a natural game; we're really looking for him to be an integral part of our team again this year."

And then there is sophomore Tze Huang Choo. As a freshman during the 2008 season, Choo finished 55th at the NCAA Championship and has been the top-ranked amateur golfer out of his homeland Singapore for the last three years.

"We're hoping Choo makes a big jump this year, and he looks ready to do that now that he's more settled in. He's been successful on a big stage -- he's a big game player, as he showed in last year's Pac-10 and NCAA tournaments," Thurmond said.

This fall, Choo and two of his countrymen represented Singapore at the World Amateur Team Championship.

Also looking for his chance to score for the Huskies is sophomore Kevin Spooner. Along with Taylor and Wallace, Spooner represents the strong Canadian influence that has helped the Huskies in their quest

for a national championship.

Also competing for a chance to score for the UW this year are three freshmen Jens Bracht, Dylan Goodwin and Ty Chambers.

"We were able to add five really good players who have brought great energy, work ethic and talent to the program," Thurmond said. "With so many new players, there is a whole new environment competitively, this year. You can no longer be lazy and throw away shots and still be in the starting five."

Bracht is already making waves this season, as he finished third at the Husky Invitational and has added some length to a program that is primarily known for its short game.

"Last year at the NCAA Championships we were one of the shortest hitting teams, but we dominated par-5 scoring because our wedge play was so good," Thurmond said.

Indeed, this is a year of high expectations for a program that has already shown that it can live up to the pressures of the national spotlight. The Huskies handle that by playing with the mindset that the team goals are what's important.

"I think our guys are smarter than most," said UW assistant coach Garrett Clegg. "The way we play tactically, as a team, is better than most college teams."

There is also a sense that while there is only one senior and half of the team consists of freshmen and sophomores, that the maturity level is just as high as in past years where upperclassmen dominated the roster. That maturity has already come in handy as Thurmond has been impressed by his golfers' ability to keep their heads while all around them, others are losing theirs.

"That is something you typically battle with players -- controlling your emotions on the course -- but that is not a problem with this team," Thurmond said. "These guys are so mature out there that it can really even out those highs and lows and make us a more consistent team than most."

In all, this year's squad has the pieces to keep the Huskies' successful ways going, and might even take them higher than they've been.

"We've got the two things you need. We've got great horses -- No. 1 and No. 2 men -- and you need great competition for those spots behind them," Thurmond said.

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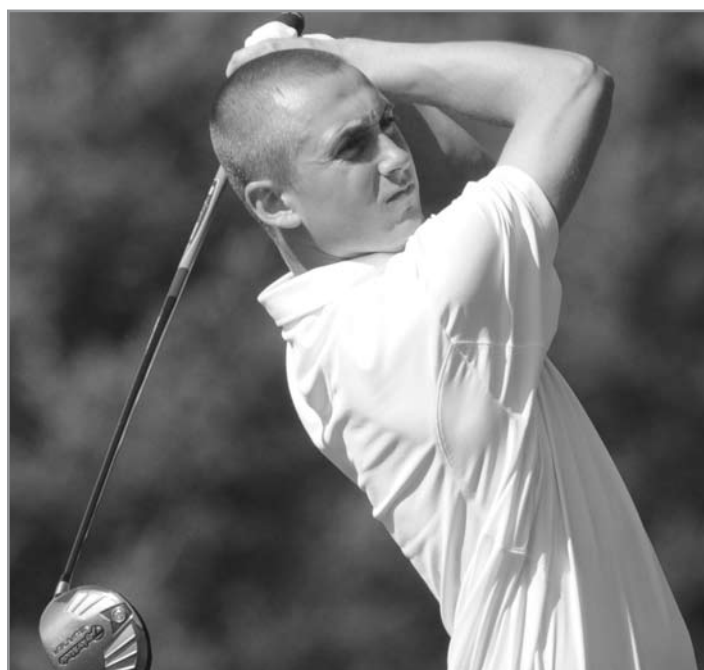


Huskies to host 2009 PING/Golfweek Invite

The Huskies will have to wait until Fall 2010 to defend their 2008 Husky Invitational title. In place of the Husky Invitational this season is the 2009 Ping/Golfweek Invitational men's college tournament at Gold Mountain Golf Club in Bremerton, Wash. on Sept. 26-28.

This prestigious tournament will feature 15 collegiate teams by invite only, starting with the host team, the top five teams in the final 2008-'09 Golfweek/Sagarin Rankings and the top four finishing teams from the 2008 NCAA Championship that are not among the first six. The remaining spots will be at-large invitations. Gold Mountain was the venue for last spring's NCAA West Region, and in 2006 hosted the U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship.

The '09 event replaces the Ping/Golfweek Preview. Dropping the actual Preview title was brought about when the Honors Course in Ooltewah, Tenn., which will host the 2010 NCAA finals, decided not to stage the event next fall. Only one other time in the past 20 years has the event not been played at the NCAA site, that coming in 1995, prior to the 1996 championship, also at the Honors Course. That year the tournament was staged at Pumpkin Ridge in Oregon where Arizona State won the team title and then went on to capture the NCAA crown at Honors in the spring.



**2008 Husky Invitational Champion
Chris Killmer**

Team Champions

Date	Team	Scores	Golf Course
2008	Washington	283-292-292-857	Gold Mountain
2007	Oregon State	288-297-585	Gold Mountain
2006	UCLA	280-287-288-855	Washington National
2004	USC	356-359-370-1085	Gold Mountain
2003	Washington	365-366-356-1087	Gold Mountain
2001	Washington	367-362-370-1099	Gold Mountain
2000	Pepperdine	365-368-370-1103	Trophy Lake Golf
1999	Stanford	372-373-361-1106	Trophy Lake Golf
1998	Oregon	366-363-362-1091	Gold Mountain
1994	California	303-300-304-907	Harbour Pointe
1993	BYU	300-300-288-888	Harbour Pointe

Individual Champions

Date	Player	School	Scores
2008	Chris Killmer	Washington	70-69-72-211
2007	James Allenby	OSU	67-71-138
2006	John Wise	Washington	68-70-71-209
2004	Ben Hayes	USC	69-71-72-212
2003	Brock Mackenzie	Washington	70-70-68-208
2001	Gordy Scutt	Washington	72-69-70-211
2000	John Ellis	Oregon	73-71-73-217
	Joe Ramos	Washington	76-70-71-217
1999	Alex Aragon	Stanford	69-75-70-214
1998	Dusty Brett	Stanford	68-74-67-209
1994	Ted Snavelly	Oregon	73-74-69-216
1993	Chris Jorgensen	Washington State	71-71-72-214