

TREVECCA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Women's Golf History

Women's golf started in 1999 with the hiring of **Jane Loggins** to coach the women. The first year Coach Loggins recruited players and practiced with the players that were on campus. Jane's father, Gene Shelton, was hired as assistant coach. For the next two years, the team had numerous matches with moderate success.

In 2002, **Michael Johnson**, an employee of the university, was hired to coach the women. Johnson has led the women's golf team to five (consecutive) conference tournament championships (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009) and had three consecutive medalists (2005, 2006, 2007) in the conference tournament (Mindy Seigenthaler, twice, and Betsy Beaver). In 2009, Ashley Birdwell Scism won the tournament medalist honor. Scism added the 2011 TranSouth Championship to her medals case and brought the number TranSouth Women's Golf Medalists to five during Johnson's tenure.

During the NAIA's regional era, the team qualified for the NAIA Region XI Tournament for seven straight years and finished second twice and third twice.

With the 2009 season, the NAIA eliminated the Region round of play and the conference tournament champion will receive the automatic bid to the NAIA Tournament. If a conference doesn't field enough teams, as in 2010, there is a National Qualifying tournament. As in 2010, the TranSouth schools with women's golf teams joined with two other conferences that didn't field enough teams for a National Qualifying tournament.

The 2011-2012 season will be the tenth for Michael Johnson as head coach of the Trevecca women's golf program. Coach Johnson has steadily built the Trojan program into one that consistently performs at or near the top of the TranSouth Conference and has been making inroads to gaining esteem nationally in the NAIA.

Johnson led the program to five consecutive TranSouth Tournament Championships, before finishing second in 2010. In 2009, Johnson led the Trojans to their first ever NAIA National Championship Tournament.

In 2011 Trevecca won the Cumberland Invitational and set numerous team and individual scoring records. Ashley Scism and Ashley Randolph each made all-tournament teams during the year and Scism took home a record for individual Medalist honors.

Coach Johnson has been recognized with the TranSouth Coach of the Year honor on five occasions.

During his previous nine seasons at the helm of the program Johnson has produced five TranSouth tournament Medalist, 20 All-TranSouth players, five TranSouth tournament championships, six other tournament championships, 24 all-tournament players, nine tournament Medalist, two TranSouth Freshmen of the Year, six NAIA Scholar-Athletes, and 16 TranSouth Scholar-Athletes.

For a relatively new program, the Women's Golf Team has performed extremely well and has made a name for Trevecca in the area of Women's Golf.