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Wittenberg Golf 2001-02 Season in Review

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SETTING THE SCENE: The Wittenberg University golf team enjoyed another solid season in 2001-02, competing well in a variety of deep tournaments and eventually finishing fourth in the North Coast Athletic Conference for a second consecutive year. The Tigers were without a senior on the roster by the end of the season.

Wittenberg finished ninth at the Denison Fall Invitational, third at the Otterbein Fall Invitational and third at the Urbana Fall Invitational. During the spring season, the Tigers finished ninth at the Muskingum Invitational, sixth in the Kenyon Cup, 11th in the Denison Spring Invitational, eighth in the Wooster Invitational, eighth in the Ohio Wesleyan Strimer Invitational and fourth in the NCAC competition.

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AVERAGES:

• Freshman **Andy Bonar (Lancaster, Ohio/Lancaster)** played five tournaments and nine rounds to post a team-best average of 77.22. His best rounds of the season were back-to-back 74 that he posted at the Wooster Invitational en route to a third-place finish. The 148 two-day total was the best for a Tiger player this season, as was the third-place finish.

Bonar capped off his season with a sixth-place finish at the NCAC tourney, good for second-team All-NCAC honors.

• Junior **Steve Spittle (Dublin, Ohio/Coffman)** had an average score of 79.38 in seven tournaments and 13 rounds. His stroke average was .24 higher than his team-best numbers of a year ago, and it ranked him second on the squad.

Spittle's best 18-hole total was a 154 at the Ohio Wesleyan Strimer Invitational. He shot back-to-back 77's at the event to finish 29th. His best 18-hole tally was a 75 on the first day of the Denison Fall Invitational. Spittle capped his fine junior season with a tie for ninth place at the NCAC tourney, as he banged out a 161. The finish earned Spittle second-team All-NCAC hon-

ors.

• Junior **Jonathan Orr (Huntingdon, Pa./Huntingdon)** finished the season with an average of 81.69 in seven tournaments and 13 rounds.

Orr's best round of the year came at the Denison Fall Invitational, where he posted a second-round 76 and a two-round total of 159. His best overall score of the season came at the Kenyon Cup and again at the Wooster Invitational as he turned in two-round totals of 158 on each occasion.

• Junior **Jesse Fyffe (Chillicothe, Ohio/Chillicothe)** had a final average of 82.11 after playing five tournaments and nine rounds. His stroke average was almost one better than the previous year. His best round was a 77 on Day 2 at the Denison Fall Classic. His best two-day total was a 159 at the Muskingum Invitational, when he posted a 79 and an 80 on successive days.

• Sophomore **Adam Knowlton (Springfield, Ohio/Shawnee)** played a team-high eight tournaments and 15 rounds in posting an average of 81.33. That was an improvement of nearly two strokes over his freshman effort. His best round was a 76 on Day 1 of the Ohio Wesleyan Strimer Invitational. Knowlton's finest two-day effort was also that weekend as he put up a 78 on the second day for a cumulative total of 154.

• Junior **Pat Reist (Hamilton, Ohio/Hamilton)** had the team's third-best average, a six-tournament, 12-round figure of 81.33. His finest round was a 70 at the Urbana Invitational, where he went on to post a season-best two-round total of 155. That mark at Urbana, which put him in the tournament's lead after Day 1, was tops among Wittenberg players in 2001-02.

• Freshman **Mike Aughenbaugh (Aurora, Ohio/Aurora)** played one tournament and posted a strong 156 at the Muskingum Invitational. He posted back-to-back 78s to finish 25th in the competition. Senior **Kurt Bitter (Dublin, Ohio/Scioto)** played two fall tournaments but

didn't participate in the spring season. He posted a 162 at Otterbein and a 161 at Urbana, both good for top-15 finishes. Junior **David Meyer (Mansfield, Ohio/Lexington)** played two tournaments, posting his best finish at the Ohio Wesleyan Strimer Invitational in which he had a 163.

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THE COACH: J.J. Searls (Ohio '95) completed his second year with the Tigers and led a young team to a strong fourth-place finish in the NCAC. After the season, he resigned the post to spend more time with his family and pursue some different professional opportunities.

His replacement is **Scott Isphording (Hanover '94)**, who has been at Wittenberg as an assistant football and baseball coach since 1998. He will continue as assistant football coach/offensive coordinator, in addition to his duties as the head golf coach.

Wittenberg University 2001-02 Golf Results

September 15-16	
@ Denison Fall Invitational	9th of 12
September 30-October 1	
@ Otterbein Fall Invitational	3rd of 6
October 6-7	
@ Urbana Invitational	3rd of 11
March 29-30	
@ Muskingum Invitational	9th of 12
April 6-7	
@ Kenyon Cup	6th of 15
April 13-14	
@ Denison Spring Invitational	11th of 18
April 19-20	
@ Wooster Invitational	8th of 15
April 26-27	
@ Ohio Wesleyan Invitational	8th of 15
May 3-4	
NCAC Champs. @ Kenyon	4th of 9