

Making History at Defiance

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Alex Miday (Canton/St. Thomas) became the first Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference champion in school history in May at Honeywell Golf Course in Wabash, Ind. Miday tied a school record with his opening round score of 68 and followed that up with three straight rounds in the 70s, finishing with a school-record 295 stroke total, one stroke ahead of the field. As medalist, he also earned tournament “Most Valuable Player” accolades. In addition to earning MVP honors, Miday was also one of two Yellow Jackets to earn All-HCAC honors, as Jake Tinsley (Eaton) joined him in the top-five.

“It was a big accomplishment for me and I’m proud to be the first golfer to win HCAC medalist honors and be named the MVP,” said Miday. “I was glad I could achieve such an honor for our coach especially and I couldn’t have done it without the support of my teammates.”

Miday helped lead the golf team to a fourth place finish at the HCAC Championships, as well as helping the team break the school record for a 72-hole tournament score (1,237 strokes).

Miday averaged 76.6 strokes per 18 holes in 11 rounds last spring, with his season best being the 68 he shot in the opening round of the HCAC Tournament. He opened the season shooting a 78 at a quad-match in Hilton Head, S.C. to finish in a fourth place tie. He also grabbed a top-ten finish at the 10-team Mount St. Joseph Invitational at Aston Oaks Golf Club

in North Bend. He finished 17th and 30th, respectively, at the Hanover and Manchester Invitationals before the conference championship performance.

Miday was honored by the Defiance Athletic Department as he was named the Marv Hollenberger Male Athlete of the Year for the 2015-16 season for his outstanding performances last season.

His success has carried over into the fall portion of the 2016-17 schedule. Miday opened the season with a victory at the two-day Anderson (Ind.) University Fall Invitational, shooting back-to-back 71’s for a 142 total. Defiance also won the tournament as a team. DC followed that up with another win at the 12-team Jon P. Speiss Invitational at Ironwood Golf Course in Wauseon as the Yellow Jackets broke the 18-hole school record by firing a team score of 292. Miday finished the day in a sixth place tie after shooting a 73 on the afternoon.

“Winning the conference tournament has given me a huge confidence boost going into this season,” added Miday. “I have high expectations not only for myself but for our team as well.”

Miday rebounded by earning medalist honors at the Defiance Fall Invitational hosted by DC at Eagle Rock Golf Course. Miday shot a one-over par round of 71 strokes, two strokes ahead of the field, helping DC finish in a tie for second place in another 12-team tournament. The golfers finished the fall portion of the schedule with another second place finish at the Wabash (Ind.) Fall Invitational. Miday shot a two-day total of 157 for the weekend in that event.