



**Stephanie Morton runs away with individual title and leads Illinois Wesleyan to second consecutive College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin women's golf title; Kathy Niepagen named "Coach of the Year" for second straight time**

DAVENPORT, Iowa – It was a clean sweep for the Illinois Wesleyan Titans at the 2003 College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin women's golf tournament, held on October 3-4 at Emeis Golf Course in Davenport, Iowa. The Titans won individual, team and "Coach of the Year" honors in the two-day event.

**Morton**

**Stephanie Morton (Elgin, Ill., Larkin HS)** shot a 36 hole score of 152, including an opening round of even par 74 to

win the individual title by seven strokes over Wheaton's Sylvia Groth. Morton went 74 and 78 while Groth carded rounds of 80 and 79. Illinois Wesleyan recorded a team score of 658 (337-321) to set a new CCIW record for low round, breaking the team record of 673 set by Millikin in 2001 at the Pontiac Elks Club. Morton's 152 tied former teammate Gail Nelson for lowest two day total.

Illinois Wesleyan had five finishers in the top 15 with **Ashley Higginson (Pekin, Ill, HS)** taking third with a 163 (86-77), **Alison Mayer (Glenview, Ill., Glenbrook South HS)** placing ninth at 173 (92-81), **Paige Lewis (Normal, Ill., West HS)** ending up tied for 12th with a score of 175 (90-85) and **Andrea Johanns (Farmer City, Ill., Blue Ridge HS)** placing tied for 14th at 177 (87-90).

Carthage, which won the first four CCIW team titles from 1996 through 1999, was a distant second to the Titans. The Lady Reds shot 695 (347-348) while Wheaton was third at 702 (343-359) and Augustana took fourth with a 707 (354-353). North Central was fifth with a 746 (380-366) and Elmhurst placed sixth at 769 (378-391).

For the second consecutive year Illinois Wesleyan's Kathy Niepagen was selected as the CCIW's "Coach of the Year".