

WISCONSIN

MEN'S GOLF

2015-16 Wisconsin Men's Golf Schedule

Day	Date	Tournament	Location	Course
Mon-Tues.	Sept. 21-22	at Notre Dame Classic	Notre Dame, Ind.	Warren Golf Course
Sun-Tues.	Sept. 27-29	BADGER INVITATIONAL	Madison, Wis.	University Ridge
Sun-Tues.	Oct 4-6	at Erin Hills Intercollegiate	Hartford, Wis.	Erin Hills GC
Sun-Tues.	Oct. 25-27	at Intercollegiate at The Grove	College Grove, Tenn.	Grove Golf Club
Mon-Wed.	Nov. 2-4	at Gifford Collegiate Championship	Carlsbad, Calif.	La Costa Resort
Mon-Tues.	March 7-8	at Palmetto Intercollegiate	Aiken, S.C.	Palmetto Golf Club
Mon-Tues.	March 21-22	at Airstream Adventures NW Classic	Canby, Ore.	Williamette Valley GC
Sun-Tues.	April 3-5	at Hootie at Bulls Bay Intercollegiate	Awendaw, S.C.	Bulls Bay GC
Sat-Sun.	April 9-10	at Hoosier Intercollegiate	Columbus, Ind.	Otter Creek GC
Sat-Sun.	April 16-17	at Boilermaker Invitational	West Lafayette, Ind.	Kampen Course
Fri-Sun.	April 22-24	at Big Ten Championship	Newburgh, Ind.	Victoria National GC

After winning its first team title in nine years and continuing to show significant improvement in scoring in 2015, the Wisconsin men's golf team will add two new courses to its fall lineup in addition to a home meet, a return to California and a visit to Erin Hills Golf Course, the site of the 2017 U.S. Open.

Among new events, UW will participate for the first time at the Notre Dame Classic held Sept. 21-22 at the Warren Course in Notre Dame, Ind. Wisconsin will visit Middle Tennessee State Oct. 25-27 to play in the Intercollegiate at The Grove in College Grove, Tenn.

Sept. 27-29, UW will hosts its third-straight Badger Invitational held at UW's home course, University Ridge. The Badgers were sixth in the 15-team field this past year. Sam Houston State won the event with an 871.

Also for the third-straight year, the Cardinal and White will compete at the Erin Hills Intercollegiate, hosted by Marquette, at the Erin Hills Golf Course in Hartford, Wisconsin. In the inaugural Erin Hills Intercollegiate in 2013, UW was 10th with 898 in a challenging field. Last year the Badgers improved to sixth with an 895. The tournament was won by UCLA with a 6-under par 859.

UW returns to California Nov. 2-4 to another tournament hosted by UCLA. The Gifford Collegiate Championship will take place at the La Costa Resort in Carlsbad, Calif. Last fall the team played in the tournament which was held at Corde Valle GC in San Martin, Calif., where it finished ninth.

Fifth year-coach Michael Burcin said, "We are excited about this coming fall schedule and the opportunity to play a few new places. Due to some of our regular events moving dates for this coming year, we also had to do some reorganizing."

Burcin continued, "It is a good mix of staying local and then going south and west. I like to spend the majority of our falls in the Midwest and with the other two opportunities in Nashville and San Diego, we are excited about what is ahead."

In the spring, UW will be among all 14 conference teams participating April 22-24 in the 72-hole Big Ten Championships which will be held for the second year at The Victoria National Golf Course just outside of Evansville, Ind.

The 2015 Badgers tallied their best Big Ten Championship finish since 2007, tying for fifth out of 14 conference teams with 72-hole total 1183 which ranked eighth all-time. Jack Watson notched the first top 10 finish (tied for ninth) in the Big Ten's since 2007 when Pat Duffy tied for 10th. [Rob Jacobsen](#) and [Matt Ross](#) tied for 18th to total three Badgers in the conference championship top 18 for the first time in a decade.

LOOKING BACK AT THE 2014-2015 SEASON

B1G Finish: Wisconsin finished tied for fifth out of 14 teams in the Big Ten Championship April 24-26 which is the best conference finish since 2007. The Cardinal and White scored a 31-over 297-294-295-297--1183 which is tied for the eighth best 72-hole score in school history. It was an improvement of five places over last year.

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Team Play: At the end of the season, the Badgers clinched the second-best scoring average of all time with their 293.25 which is just .03 away from the record (293.22) which was set during the 2004-05 season.

For the first time since 2006, the Badgers won a tournament at the NYX Hoosier Invitational April 11-12 in Bloomington, Indiana, with a 1-over 286-279-288--853.

At NYX, senior Jack Watson finished tied for second with a 3-under 68-70-72--210, which set new 36 and 54-hole career bests (138, 210) and a new top tournament finish. A runner-up finish hasn't been achieved by a Badger since 2007, when Patrick Duffy tied for second in the USF Triumph (211).

At NYX, Wisconsin etched its name in the record book, scoring the fourth-best 18 and 36-hole scores in school history (279, 565). The 54-hole score of 853 marked the sixth best score of all time for the Badgers.

Eight Badgers recorded career 54-hole best tournament finishes at the NXY Invitational.

Individual Play: Rob Jacobsen (73.68) has averaged under 74 throughout the entire season along with Thomas O'Bryan (74.21) who just exceeded 74 after the Big Ten Championship. Jack Watson (73.55) joined the group after his impressive performance at the NYX Hoosier and went on to earn the best season average on the team this year. Prior to the 2014-15 season, none of the players achieved lower than a 74 at any point during the season besides Jacobsen who held a 73.9 for two tournaments in the spring (2014).

Watson's season average (73.55) marks the sixth best in school history while Jacobsen (73.68) records the seventh best. For career averages, Watson's 74.11 (4,076 strokes/55 rounds) ranks fourth all time. Jacobsen's 75.87 (7,358/97) and O'Bryan's 75.52 (7,099/94) just miss the cutoff.

Junior Matt Ross and Watson closed out the season on a high note, finishing either first or second among the team for the last three events and Ross for the last four. The junior tied the eighth best 18-hole score in Wisconsin history after he scored a 66 during the NXY Hoosier.

Seven players broke 70 this season (Michael Abrahamson, Jacobsen, O'Bryan, Ross, Tommy Schofield, Eddie Wajda, Watson), yet only two did so during the entire 2013-14 season.