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Winner**

**&
2012 PGA Professional
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PGA
Golf Management

The end of the year is special in so many ways – a celebration of the Holiday Season, time with family and friends, watch Mississippi State play in a bowl game, welcome new graduates into the fraternity of PGA Golf Management alumni, reflect on the events of the past year, and anticipation for what awaits in the upcoming year. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year!

As I reflect on 2013, two things come to mind: what a year, and a year of change. The program celebrated several new milestones this year. The first milestone occurred as the result of a successful 2012 for graduate Rod Perry, as he earned PGA Player of the Year honors.

This marks the first national award for one of our graduates, and the first player of the year honor for any PGA Golf Management graduate. Following his award presentation at the Professional Championship at Crosswater Golf Club, Rod accomplished another milestone in winning the PGA Professional National Championship.

This honor also qualified him for the PGA Cup team, which retained the Cup this past September.

We also celebrated our first Quarter Century PGA Professionals in Sean Cracraft and Blane Merritt. Both earned this distinct honor this fall, and have been great ambassadors of our profession and our program.

While “change” often has a negative association, that is not the case this time. The PGA Golf Management team worked diligently to find ways to enhance the student experience and increase the skill set of graduates entering the work force. Changes in our curriculum are providing more focus on golf instruction and growth of the game initiatives as well as providing students with more opportunities to give golf lessons. We also restructured some of the content delivery in a few courses to allow



for more hands on learning at the MSU Golf Course .

Another area of noticeable change occurred in our player development program. All students (including those who have passed the PAT) are now required to complete weekly drills with a quantifiable outcome and maintain a maximum scoring average in our tournament series. We have seen tournaments average 83 players with a tournament scoring average of approximately 81. This is a 60% increase in average tournament participation while maintaining a consistent scoring average in year over year comparison.

We also made minor changes in our recruiting efforts, methods for retention of current students, and eligibility requirements to remain in the program.

The most noted changes occurred in our staff. We celebrated the retirement of Elaine White this summer! Ms. E worked at Mississippi State for 28 years, with over 20 years working with the PGA Golf Management program. She dedicated her career to helping so many achieve their goals and we

wish her all the best in retirement.

Over the fall we restructured the staff and are very pleased with the team we have assembled. We created a Program Assistant position and eliminated the Office Associate position. We hired Daniel Soehren, PGA, to assume the Program Assistant responsibilities. Daniel joined us on September 3, and, in this short time, has been a great asset to the program and students. We also had a change in our Internship Coordinator position. Landon Summers announced his departure from Mississippi State this fall and replacing him is Angie Chrestman. As some of you may recall, Angie worked with the program in this capacity from 2003-2008.

We are also working with the MSU Golf Course and other campus representatives on a master plan for the Golf Course. I am excited about the momentum of this project and the direction it is heading, and look forward to sharing more information on this project in the near future.

On that note, Mississippi State has entered into a capital campaign to raise funds for student scholarships and academic resources to aid student learning in their respective disciplines. The PGA Golf Management program has worked with our foundation officers to identify individuals to assist in our efforts to raise funds to provide scholarships for our students as well as acquire technologies to enhance the student learning experience.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in supporting these endeavours, we can use your support. More information on the campaign will be coming in the new year.

As we close out a successful 2013, I wish you and your family a Happy Holidays and a blessed New Year!

Go Dawgs,



Jeff Adkerson, PGA
Director



This has been another great year for the College of Business. New freshman enrollment by about 17 percent this Fall making this the largest freshman class in the College of Business in the school history. Total enrollment for the college was just shy of 2500. Early indication shows that we are on target for another great recruiting year.

There is a lot of excitement on campus coming off the great baseball season of the Diamond Dawgs. And it is just a great time to be at MSU! We had a record year of fundraising for both the University and the College—raising over \$80 million for the university and just under \$6 million for the College. In October the university kicked off a \$600 million multi-year capital campaign entitled Infinite Impact. The College of Business portion of the goal is \$60 million. Philanthropy is essential to the future of our university and the College of Business. MSU has made an infinite impact on the lives of nearly 29,000 College of Business alums. If you would like to make a contribution to the capital campaign, please know that you can make a impact on the PGA Golf Management program through a designated gift.

This Fall we celebrated a big milestone in the College—the 50th anniversary of our Business Information Systems program. In 1963 when this program began, no other college of business in the country was offering this major. In fact, in the late 1950s MSU was one of the very first universities in the south to even have a computer! University of Alabama computer science students drove the 90 miles to Starkville one night a week to learn on the MSU computer

Another major milestone is coming up in 2015 when the College of Business turns 100. Your alma mater is not only



state, but one of the oldest in the southeast. We are beginning preparation for the big year. We would love for you to share some stories/memories with us that we can include in the year-long celebration. And during our year-long celebration we will also be recognizing 30 years of the PGA Golf Management program--another program where MSU was a pioneer and help to set the future standards of excellence.

It was great to see so many of our alums during parents' weekend and throughout the fall semester. We always love having you back on campus and when you are here please stop by the Dean's office. I love to get to know our alums and find out where you are. I hope each and every one of you has a wonderful holiday season and a safe a prosperous new year.

Go Dawgs!

Dr. Sharon Oswald
Dean, College of
Business and
Industry at
Mississippi State
University

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Golf Management

2014 Alumni Weekend

October 10-12, 2014

Mississippi State vs. Auburn



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*Happy
Holidays*

From Daniel, Jeff and Adam



Rod Perry, Port Orange, FL., hits a tee shot during the Final Round of the 2013 PGA Professional National Championship hosted by The Crosswater Club at Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, Oregon.

Rod Perry:

2013 PGA National Champion



By Bob Denney, The PGA of America

SUNRIVER, Ore. -- Rod Perry spent most of his career trying to carve a niche in professional golf among his peers. Spending just four days in the rarefied air of Central Oregon, Perry proved that he belonged.

The 39-year-old PGA head professional at Crane Lakes Golf and Country Club in Port Orange, Fla., turned in a near-flawless 3-under-par 69 Wednesday afternoon at Crosswater Club, punctuating his performance by making a downhill 15-foot birdie putt on the par-5 16th hole. It was the lift he needed for a three-stroke victory in the 46th PGA Professional National Championship.

Presented the 2012 PGA Professional Player of the Year award on Friday, Perry finished with a 72-hole total of 10-under-par 277, which was worth a check of \$75,000 in the showcase event for PGA Professionals and the right to hoist the crystal Walter Hagen Cup. He is the first left-hander and the fourth North Florida PGA Section member to win the National Championship.

"This is by far the biggest win of my career; it's huge," said Perry. "Winning that PGA Player of the Year Award in 2012 made me think for a second, hey, maybe I am one of the better players in The PGA, and maybe I can compete on a consistent basis. Finishing second last year at Bayonet Blackhorse, I know I didn't play my best.

"I felt if I could play a bit better, maybe I would have a chance. Thankfully, not one of our great players get hot like Matt Dobyns did last year. It left the gates open and I was able to come through."

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"You are always traversing the Deschutes River. Trouble is lurking at all times. You have to put the tee ball in play, shaping the shots consistently and eliminating that big

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- Rod Perry, 2013 PNC Champion -

Perry sprinted to the lead with birdies at the second and sixth holes, catching Polzin, and added a birdie at the par-4 10th to give him a one-stroke margin. Polzin, the PGA head professional at Royal Oaks Country Club in Houston, stumbled with bogeys at 11 and 13, before staging a late rally that caught Perry's attention.

POS	PLAYER NAME: FIRST LAST	TOTAL	THRU	TODAY	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
1	+2 Rod Perry	-10	F	-3	63	72	73	69	277
2	+2 Ryan Polzin	-7	F	-1	72	67	70	71	280
3	+2 Jeff Sorenson	-5	F	-1	64	74	73	71	282
T4	+18 JC Anderson	-4	F	-5	70	74	72	67	283
T4	+1 Mike Small	-4	F	E	69	70	72	72	283
T4	+3 Chip Sullivan	-4	F	+4	69	67	71	76	283
T4	+3 Mark Sheftic	-4	F	+4	69	67	71	76	283
8	- Bob Sowards	-2	F	+1	69	72	71	73	285
T9	+13 David Muttitt	-1	F	-2	68	74	74	70	286
T9	+13 Mark Brown	-1	F	-2	71	71	74	70	286
T9	+7 David McNabb	-1	F	-1	73	69	73	71	286
T9	- Kirk Hanefeld	-1	F	+1	68	71	74	73	286
T9	- Sonny Skinner	-1	F	+1	67	75	71	73	286

"I looked at the scoreboard after I bogeyed 15, which is something that I normally don't do," said Perry. "I saw Polzin birdied 16 and when I got to the green at 16, I saw him make a fist pump after a great birdie at 17. So, I stepped over my putt at 16 and knew that I had to make it."

Perry leads the 20-member contingent to the PGA Championship, which will be his second consecutive trip to the Season's Final Major.

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Rod Perry, of Crane Lakes Golf and Country Club won the PGA PNC by 3 shots at The Crossater Club in Sunriver, OR. He had four birdies and a single bogey in the clinching round.

Alumni Spotlight: Doug Oubre

Name - Doug Oubre

Hometown - Broussard, LA (Currently Reside in Collierville, TN)

Years at MSU - (1992 -1995)

Current Position - Head Golf Professional at Spring Creek Ranch Golf Club



When you think of your time at MSU, what comes to mind?

During the time that I was at MSU, the PGM Program was a fairly new program. It was under the leadership of Dr. Roland Jones and Scott Maynard. These were two passionate individuals who wanted nothing but for each student to achieve their full potential. At the time, MSU was one of only four universities offering this curriculum, so there were people from across the country receiving their PGM education from MSU. I think of all of the great connections and relationships that I was able to form during my time at MSU. There was a tight bond among PGM students in the program and although we are once again scattered throughout the country, many lifelong friendships were formed.

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?

"It is impossible to make everyone happy." The golf industry is a tough business, especially the private club business. I used to beat myself up over every mistake I made or each person who had a complaint. One of my employers, after observing how much effort I was exerting and my quest for perfection, eventually shared this insight with me in a respectful way. He stressed the importance of learning from each situation and understanding that there are always people who will share criticism, whether it is warranted or not. This advice allowed me to see that my efforts were not going unnoticed. It also enabled me to enjoy my job and my profession quite a bit more, by not taking comments and criticisms personally.

Who or what was your inspiration to pursue a career in golf?

My parents are my inspiration in many ways, they started me playing golf at the age of 4. Early on, my dad taught me how to swing the golf club and the rules of the game, the basics. Along the way, he taught me many life lessons through this wonderful game, including etiquette, sportsmanship, honor, integrity and most importantly a strong work ethic. My parents, and the game of golf, helped me understand that to achieve your goals, it takes hard work and determination. I am thankful that they believed in me and understood my passion to pursue a career in the golf business.

Who would be in your dream foursome and where would you play?

Thankfully, the golf business has afforded me the opportunity to play some of the world's best golf courses and meet some fairly influential people. I would say my "dream group" would be my dad, my brother and myself playing Augusta National. None of us have ever played there before. I could think of no greater dream than to play the famed Augusta National with the two people who I experienced life with and taught me the game of golf.

Please list your awards and professional accomplishments.

No awards or Professional Accomplishments, outside of the ones that I have earned through my place of employment. I take pride in doing my job and providing my members with the best possible golf experience. If my members are happy that's rewarding enough for me.



Miss Elaine Heads Into Retirement



by Daniel Soehren, PGA

The summer of 2013 brought about a great deal of change, none greater than the departure of our beloved Administrative Assistant, Miss Elaine White. After dedicating an incredible 28 consecutive years to the program, she decided that it was time to move forward into retirement. After a knee reconstruction surgery in early July and several rehabilitation sessions later, Miss E is ready to embark on a new chapter in her life.

In honor of her retirement, I was able to sit down with Miss E for a brief Q&A session:

Q: What is your fondest memory of the Program?

A: WOW! So many special memories! Working with Dr. Roland Jones provided LOTS of great memories. His vision for a PGA Golf Management Program at Mississippi State inspired us all. Jeff Adkerson has carried on his passion to make the MSU/PGA Golf Management Program outstanding. I enjoy sharing details about the Program when people asked what I did at Mississippi State.

Q: What will you miss most about the Program?

A: I miss the students. Watching them become young adults as they moved through the Program, getting to know some of their parents, and then following their careers as PGA Golf Professionals. I will miss hearing their stories. They were my first go to resource for computer or iPhone problems.

Q: What do think will be your lasting impact on the Program?

A: I think having a golf tournament named after me along with the unique "Ms. E bobble head" trophy is truly a special honor. The tournament was created by a PGM Club President who thought very highly of me. Also, I think being known as "Miss E" will serve as part of my legacy. I am sure there are many amusing stories that I will be remembered for, but that can be said of all experiences at a university.

Q: What are some of your goals for retirement?

A: Hey, its retirement do I need goals?! I am staying in Starkville so will be enjoying MSU sports, theatre productions and other activities. Right now I am playing golf, taking some classes (art and history), traveling (possibly visiting graduates at their golf courses), and enjoying leisure starts every day! Also, I will be paying close attention to how the PGA Golf Management Program progresses.

Q: What message would you like to leave with current and future students?

A: Your university and PGA Golf Management Program offer many opportunities...take advantage of ALL of them. Get involved, make wise choices, build friendships (many will last a lifetime), and enjoy the experience. We never know how many lives we touch and leave impressions with.

As I mentioned, my time associated with MSU/PGA Golf Management has provided a lifetime of memories. A big THANKS to all.

On behalf of the PGA Golf Management Staff and Student body, we would like to wish Ms. E a fun, relaxing retirement, and we hope to see her pop into the office from time to time! ■



Front L-R: Jeff Adkerson, Jay Rane (TX), Ryan Oliver (TN), Nathan Fisher (TN), Blake Hatfield (MS), Adam Scott. Back L-R: Nate DeBoer (IA), Bobby Flanagan (GA), Andrew Porubiansky (GA), Nick Hartsoe (NC), Carter Harrison (IL), Braxton Rainey (AL).

PAST RESULTS

2013 (@SHSU)
MSU - 13
SHSU - 9

2012 (@MSU)
MSU - 13.5
SHSU - 8.5

2011 (@SHSU)
MSU - 11.5
SHSU - 10.5

2010 (@MSU)
MSU - 11.5
SHSU - 10.5

2009 (@SHSU)
MSU - 5.5
SHSU - 6.5

2008 (@MSU)
MSU - 13
SHSU - 11

Mississippi State SECURES 2013 Heritage Cup

by Adam Scott, PGA

HUNTSVILLE, TX – Late March in Southeast Texas brought cool temperatures and difficult wind, but the elements were not enough to stop Mississippi State over taking their 5th Heritage Cup title from Sam Houston State University.

The Bulldogs, led by Seniors Jay Rane and Nate DeBoer, won the event 13 to 9 in the second most lopsided victory in event history. "It was tough out there, but we got it done," said Senior Jay Rane.

The 2013 Heritage Cup marked the 6th time the event has been played with MSU coming out on top 5 of those years, the only loss coming in 2009. The 2013 team consisted of 12 players from 8 different states and representing each class.

"Sam Houston always has great players and we embrace the challenge to compete with them each year," said Director Jeff Adkerson, "We look forward to hosting them in Starkville in 2014."

Each match result is listed on page 15. ■



Braxton Rainey (AL) poses with the Heritage Cup after another convincing MSU victory.

2013 Heritage Cup Results

Session 1: Four Ball (MSU 2.5 - SHSU 3.5)

Match #	Sam Houston State University			Mississippi State University		Result
1	Brad Myers	Drew Milburn	vs	Blake Hatfield	Braxton Rainey	1
2	Scott Archer	Michael Skiba	vs	Nick Hartsoe	Nathan Fisher	0.5
3	Sean Speed	Justin Orsak	vs	Bobby Flanagan	Carter Harrison	1
4	Branden Rachunek	Garrett Smith	vs	Jeff Adkerson	Jay Rane	1
5	Rich Ballinger	Hunter Abbott	vs	Adam Scott	Andrew Porubiansky	1
6	Dustin Bitter	Chris Hendrickson	vs	Nate DeBoer	Ryan Oliver	1

Session 2: Foursomes (MSU 4 - SHSU 2)

Match #	Sam Houston State University			Mississippi State University		Result
1	Michael Skiba	Chris Hendrickson	vs	Blake Hatfield	Braxton Rainey	1
2	Rich Ballinger	Sean Speed	vs	Nick Hartsoe	Nathan Fisher	1
3	Scott Archer	Brad Myers	vs	Bobby Flanagan	Adam Scott	1
4	Dustin Bitter	Branden Rachunek	vs	Jeff Adkerson	Carter Harrison	1
5	Hunter Abbott	Justin Orsak	vs	Ryan Oliver	Andrew Porubiansky	1
6	Drew Milburn	Garrett Smith	vs	Nate DeBoer	Jay Rane	1

Session 3: Singles (MSU 6.5 - SHSU 3.5)

Match #	Sam Houston State University			Mississippi State University		Result
1	Scott Archer		vs	Blake Hatfield		1
2	Sean Speed		vs	Braxton Rainey		1
3	Branden Rachunek		vs	Nathan Fisher		0.5
4	Garrett Smith		vs	Nick Hartsoe		1
5	Dustin Bitter		vs	Jay Rane		1
6	Chris Hendrickson		vs	Bobby Flanagan		1
7	Drew Milburn		vs	Nate DeBoer		1
8	Michael Skiba		vs	Carter Harrison		1
9	Justin Orsak		vs	Ryan Oliver		1
10	Hunter Abbott		vs	Andrew Porubiansky		1

SHSU

9

MSU

13



2013 Heritage Cup Team
 Nick Hartsoe, Braxton Rainey,
 Bobby Flanagan, Blake
 Hatfield, Adam Scott, Jeff
 Adkerson, Ryan Oliver,
 Nate DeBoer, Nathan Fisher,
 Jay Rane, Carter Harrison, and
 Andrew Porubiansky



Team members (from left) Bobby Flanagan, Stephen Norris, Nathan Fisher, Blake Hatfield, and Carter Harrison on the range before the Final Round of the 12th PGA Jones Cup at the Wanamaker Course at PGA Village in Port St. Lucie, FL.

12th Annual PGA Jones Cup Leaderboard

Ferris St.	- 589
Florida St.	- 599
FGCU	- 601
NMSU	- 609
UCO	- 612
Miss St.	- 613
Campbell	- 614
SHSU	- 618
Methodist	- 620
Coastal	- 620
UCCS	- 622
EKU	- 625
Idaho	- 628
Nebraska	- 628
UMES	- 628
Clemson	- 629
Penn St.	- 636
UNLV	- 639
NCSU	- 643

Ferris State Wins The 12th PGA Jones Cup

by PGA of America

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Ferris State University of Big Rapids, Mich., played a little defense coming off a 14-stroke first-round lead to clinch the school's first-ever National Championship in Wednesday's final round of the 12th PGA Jones Cup presented by High Definition Golf.

The 36-hole event at PGA Golf Club is conducted by The PGA of America. The PGA Jones Cup features 19 schools in the PGA Golf Management University program, including the top five players from each school.

Paced by medalist Chad Sandee of Sheboygan, Wis., the Bulldogs held off runner-up Florida State University by 10 strokes and third-place finisher Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Meyers by

twelve. With the weather much improved over Tuesday's 25-mph wind gusts, the players still found the wind to be unpredictable at times. Featuring a team of five seniors, Ferris State finished the two rounds with a 13-over-par 589 total.

Defending Champion Campbell University finished seventh, 25 shots off the lead.

The PGA Jones Cup presented by High Definition Golf brings together teams from 15 states. Named for the first PGA Golf Management University Program Director at Mississippi State University, Dr. S. Roland Jones, who held the position from 1985 until his passing in 1997, the tournament serves as a stepping stone to future PGA of America events, such as the PGA Professional National Championship.

The PGA Jones Cup serves to provide a platform where participants can display professionalism, integrity, character and camaraderie; all characteristics Dr. Jones instilled in PGA Golf Management students. ■

PGA		1st ROUND	2nd ROUND	3rd TOTAL
MISSISSIPPI STATE U.				
FISHER Nathan		84	73	157
FLANAGAN Bobby		76	79	155
HATFIELD Blake		73	78	151
HARRISON Carter		80	82	162
NORRIS Steve		79	75	154
TEAM TOTAL		308	305	613

The 2013 Team posted a 308-305-613 scoreline, paced by Senior Blake Hatfield's 73-78-151 total.

Past Champions

2013 - Ferris St.
2012 - Campbell
2011 - NCSU
2010 - Miss St.
2009 - Campbell
2008 - Idaho
2007 - Campbell
2006 - NMSU
2005 - Coastal
2004 - Coastal
2003 - Miss St.
2002 - Miss St.

PGA Golf Management Tournament Results

Each semester, the program holds a tournament series which consists of 3-4 two day events per semester. Some of these events have been around for over 20 years while others are relatively new. Here are the leaderboards for those events in 2013!

SPRING

Cowbell Classic, Feb. 2-3

- | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----|
| 1. Ryan Oliver | 72-75-147 | +5 |
| 2. Blake Hatfield | 71-77-148 | +6 |
| 3. Nate DeBoer | 73-77-150 | +8 |
| 4. Andrew Porubiansky | 79-72-151 | +9 |
| 5. Braxton Rainey | 71-83-154 | +12 |

Maroon & White, Feb. 9

- | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|
| 1. Blake Hatfield* | 71 | E |
| 2. Will Stoner | 71 | E |
| 3. Andrew Porubiansky | 73 | +2 |
| 3. Ryan Oliver | 73 | +2 |
| 3. Bobby Flanagan | 74 | +6 |

*Won in Playoff; Rain Short.

Spring Championship, Feb. 15-16

- | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----|
| 1. Carter Harrison | 74-75-149 | +7 |
| 2. Ryan Oliver | 76-74-150 | +8 |
| 2. Andrew Porubiansky | 74-76-150 | +8 |
| 2. Bobby Flanagan | 74-76-150 | +8 |
| 5. Blake Hatfield | 77-74-151 | +9 |

PGM Masters, Feb. 23-24

- | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|----|
| 1. Blake Hatfield* | 73-72-145 | +3 |
| 2. Nate Fisher | 76-69-145 | +3 |
| 3. Jay Rane | 76-72-148 | +6 |
| 3. Braxton Rainey | 75-73-148 | +6 |
| 3. Stephen Oberstadt | 71-77-148 | +6 |

FALL

Elaine Cup, Aug. 24-25

Men's Division

- | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|----|
| 1. Blake Hatfield | 65-73-138 | -4 |
| 2. Braxton Rainey | 66-74-140 | -2 |
| 2. Nick Hartsoe | 66-74-140 | -2 |
| 4. Nate Kitson | 73-71-144 | +2 |
| 5. Nate Fisher | 69-76-145 | +3 |

Ladies Division

- | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----|
| 1. Lindsey Crowder | 80-79-159 | +17 |
| 2. Sally Morgan | 93-88-181 | +39 |

JWA Invitational, Sept. 28-29

Men's Division

- | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----|
| 1. Taylor Navin | 76-68-144 | +2 |
| 2. Stephen Norris | 74-73-147 | +5 |
| 2. David Lindsey | 73-74-147 | +5 |
| 4. Andrew Argotsinger | 76-72-148 | +6 |
| 5. Bobby Flanagan | 76-74-150 | +8 |

Ladies Division

- | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----|
| 1. Sally Morgan | 82-81-163 | +21 |
| 2. Hope Arent | 86-83-169 | +27 |
| 3. Lindsey Crowder | 89-82-171 | +29 |

Bulldog Classic, Oct. 19-20

Men's Division

- | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|----|
| 1. Carter Harrison | 71-71-142 | E |
| 2. Blake Hatfield | 74-71-145 | +3 |
| 3. Ryan Kellerhouse | 77-70-147 | +5 |
| 4. Andrew Sterritt | 75-74-149 | +7 |
| 5. Braxton Rainey | 75-75-150 | +8 |

Ladies Division

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|-----------------|-----------|-----|
| 1. Sally Morgan | 87-86-173 | +31 |
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Fall Championship, Nov. 9-10

Men's Division

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| 1. Nate Kitson | 65-72-142 | -5 |
| 2. Garrett Tidwell | 71-72-143 | +1 |
| 3. Stephen Norriss | 77-70-144 | +2 |
| 9. Bobby Flanagan | 76-69-145 | +3 |
| 5. Blake Hatfield | 72-75-147 | +5 |

Ladies Division

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|-----------------|-----------|-----|
| 1. Sally Morgan | 86-83-169 | +27 |
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Ladies Fall Championship Winner, freshman Sally Morgan, poses with senior Tournament Director, Kyle Carpenter after her convincing win.

2014 Spring Schedule

February

- 1-2 Cowbell Classic
9am Shotgun

- 15-16 Spring Champ.
10:30am Tee

March

- 1-2 Bulldog Classic
10:30am Tee

- 22-23 Heritage Cup
@ Miss St.
8:30am Tee

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Golf Management
tournaments live!*





Blake Hatfield, Player of the Semester for both Spring and Fall 2013, hits a tee shot on #1 at the Mississippi State University Golf Course during the Playoff of the 2013 PGM Masters.

Player of the ~~Semester~~ **YEAR!!!**

by Adam Scott, PGA

While attending Mississippi State's PGA Golf Management Program, any student has an opportunity to win the Player of the Semester award approximately eight times. While some students are lucky to win it once, others get close time and time again but never receive the honor of being named the semester's best player. Blake Hatfield, a Senior from Booneville, MS, earned player of the semester honors in both the Spring and Fall semesters in 2013. Although we do not recognize a Player of the Year, we just might have to start doing so!

A junior college transfer, Blake is a southpaw who has lived in Mississippi all of his life. If you visit the Mississippi State University Golf Course during the week, you can guarantee you will see Blake working on his game.

In discussing his golf game, you will find his strengths are many and his weaknesses very few. Blake has a very solid game from 100 yards and in, with putting being the strong suit. "I just do not get in much trouble and make the putts I have to make," said Hatfield, "luckily I have made a lot of putts this year." He was also a

*Blake Hatfield
dons the
treasured
PGM
green jacket
following his*



thrilling playoff win over Nathan Fisher in the 2013 PGM Masters. It was his second consecutive PGM Masters title. Hatfield posted a 73-72-145 (+1) 36-hole total.

member of the 2013 Heritage Cup and 12th PGA Jones Cup teams.

Hatfield's 2013 playing resume, which totals 12 events, resulted in 4 wins, 10 top-5 finishes, and 12 top 10 finishes. Hatfield's worst finish in 2013 was a T-9 in the 2013 JWA Invitational. Through the entire season, he finished with a scoring average of 72.9. Blake has now set a precedent which the other students will follow and strive to achieve. ■

Previous Players of the Semester

Andrew Porubiansky	Fall	2012
Taylor Jones	Spring	2012
Mark Ledom	Fall	2011
Andrew Sterritt	Spring	2011
Austin Tudor	Fall	2010
Matt Tashenberg	Spring	2010
Jon Howell	Fall	2009
Jon Howell	Spring	2009
Bill Hassell	Fall	2008
Matt Tashenberg	Spring	2008

Campus Updates

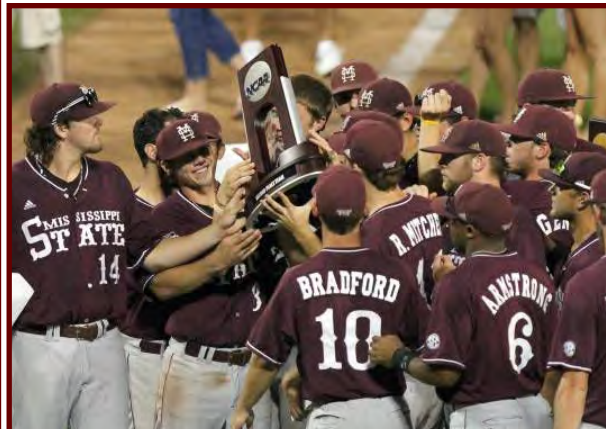
Mullen Leads Bulldogs to Liberty Bowl vs. Rice

12/11/2013 from SBNation

MEMPHIS, TN - After rumors galore, reports, and everything in between on MSU's bowl destination this week, we know now officially what we've known for nearly a week now. Mississippi State will take on Conference USA champion, the Rice Owls, in the 2013 AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

The Rice Owls comes in at 10-3, having won the Conference USA championship with a 41-24 win over the expected-champion Marshall. The Owls own the second best defense in Conference USA, and own the 15th best rushing offense in the country at 240 yards per game.

The game will take place on December 31st, at Liberty Bowl Stadium in Memphis, Tennessee. Kickoff is set for 3p.m. Central Time, and the game is set to be televised by the ESPN network. ■



Diamond Dogs' Incredible Run Ended As Bruins Claim 2013 National Title

6/25/2013 from Hailstate.com

OMAHA, Neb. - Mississippi State's best baseball season in the program's rich history came to a close Tuesday night.

Playing before a TD Ameritrade Park record crowd of 27,127, the Bulldogs battled hard before falling in the final game of the championship series at the College World Series. UCLA won its first-ever baseball national championship with an 8-0 victory over MSU.

The Bulldogs dropped both games in the best-of-three championship series, also losing 3-1 to the Bruins Monday night. For MSU, the season ends at 51-20. The Bulldogs won the second most games in program history and advanced to play for the national championship for the first time. The Bulldogs matched a school record by playing a total of 71 games during the 2013 season.

MSU won its first three games in Omaha for the first time in program history. The Bulldogs knocked off Oregon State twice and Indiana to breeze to the Bracket One championship. The good fortune ran out in the championship series, as the Bulldogs scored only once in 18 innings of play and never led in either game.

Despite a fifth place finish in the Southeastern Conference regular season standings, the Bulldogs won the Starkville Regional and Charlottesville Super Regional to advance to the College World Series for a ninth time ever and first time in Cohen's five seasons as coach. The Bulldogs last played in the CWS in 2007.



The Future of Davis Wade Stadium

STARKVILLE, MS - To accommodate for the demand of Mississippi State Football season tickets, an expansion and renovation to Davis Wade Stadium is now underway. This project includes a North End Zone expansion which will take stadium capacity from 55,000 to over 61,000. This expansion is aimed at offering more Bulldog fans opportunity to experience game day in Starkville with various seating options.

Preliminary ground work began in August of 2012 and the project officially broke ground immediately following the 2012 regular football season. Construction is expected to be complete in time for the 2014 home opener against Southern Miss.

The expansion will include an additional 8,815 seats (net gain of 6,255), with 1,739 new premium seats, moving the capacity to 61,337. With the 22 additional suites, Davis

Wade Stadium will have 72 total suites, when expansion is completed.

Key Next Steps:

- Completion of second tier of north endzone lower bowl.
- Work will continue steadily in the north endzone as crews construct the upper sections of the stadium including the Scoreboard Club and State Level Suites, as well as the other unique features being added through this project.
- Full project completion is set for the 2014 football season!

To see more, please visit <http://msubulldogclub.com/reseating/gallery/>

Aerial photo of Davis Wade Stadium taken from the north end of Scott Field. The expansion will add over 6,000 (net) seats to the capacity, along with several additional club level options.



Rod Perry Earns PGA of America's National Award

by PGA of America

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. -- Rod Perry of Port Orange, Fla., whose consistency carried him throughout the season to success in both Section and national events, has earned the 2012 PGA Professional Player of the Year Awards.

It was the first national award for Perry, 39, who has set several milestones with his season-ending honor. He is the first left-handed player, the first PGA Golf Management University graduate and the second North Florida PGA member to be named PGA Professional Player of the Year.

The final Player of the Year standings were determined based on a point system involving both national and PGA Section competitions from Jan. 1 through Dec. 17, 2012. Perry, in his first season as a PGA head professional at Crane Lakes Golf and Country Club in Port Orange, finished tied for second in the PGA Professional National Championship at Seaside, Calif. He also won his third North Florida PGA Section Championship in August, and two PGA Tournament Series titles in Port St. Lucie, Fla., and was the No. 1 Series money-winner.

Perry earned 1,377.5 overall points, including 362.5 for sharing runner-up in the National Championship, 300 for Section Player of the Year and 200 additional points for winning the Section Championship and Section PGA Professional Championship. He also gained 200 for leading the PGA Tournament Series money list and 100 for capturing two Series events. Three-time PGA Professional Player of the Year Bob Sowards of Dublin, Ohio, was runner-up with 1,190 overall points, followed by Danny Balin of Rockville, Md., with 1,135; Mitch Lowe of Modesto, Calif., with 886; and Kelly Mitchum of Southern Pines, N.C., with 862.5.

"It has been quite a year, a big job change for me going from director of instruction to head professional," said Perry, a native of York, Pa., who has served since April as PGA head professional at Crane Lakes Golf and Country Club in Port Orange. "With the new job, you're playing expectations are less. I ended up with a good National Championship finish, tying for second at a place in the country that I absolutely love going to play."

PGA Player of the Year Standings

	Player	Points
1	Rod Perry	1377.50
2	Bob Sowards	1190.00
3	Danny Balin	1135.00
4	Mitch Lowe	886.00
5	Kelly Mitchum	862.50

Perry, a 1996 graduate of Mississippi State University, said that his goals were to "play well enough to finish in the Top 20 and have a good chance of making the PGA Cup Team. I enjoyed playing a course like (Bayonet Black Horse), which was tough, but was the type of golf that favors me. I have been able to play better on the tougher courses."

Perry follows former North Florida PGA member Brett Upper (1990), then of Clearwater, Fla., to win the national award. Perry credited his surge to the top of the final standings after receiving the endorsement of his employer, the Becks family of Daytona Beach, Fla., owners of Crane Lakes Country Club, and from Director of Business Development Craig Wells.

Cleared to compete in the season-ending PGA Tournament Series, Perry went on to cap his big season in style. "It was a tough three weeks, traveling two hours to compete in Port St. Lucie in the PGA Tournament Series and head back after

each event," said Perry. "Thankfully, my club gave me the opportunity to compete for a once-in-a-career opportunity. It is an honor to join the many decorated players who have their names on this award. I started getting serious for golf later than most, around 18 of 19 years old. I ended up doing something I love."

The PGA Professional Player of the Year award began in 1984.



Rod Perry is the first PGA Golf Management University graduate to win the PGA Professional Player of the Year Award since its inception in 1984.





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PGA SECTION AWARD WINNERS

by Daniel Soehren, PGA

Each year, numerous graduates make great contributions to their respective facilities, communities, and Sections. This past year, there were 4 alumni to earn the nods for a Section Award, as well as our first two Quarter Century Members.

Evan Godfrey, PGA, won the Player Development Award for the Dixie Section (2012); Bela Nagy, PGA, was awarded Merchandiser of the Year Award - Public; Eric Johnson, PGA, was named the Horton Smith Award winner for the Tri-State Section, and Jeff Adkerson, PGA, was named PGA Professional of the Year for the Gulf States Section.

Sean Cracraft, PGA, and Blane Merritt, PGA, achieved Quarter Century status this year.

In honor of the accomplishments of our alumni, the PGA Golf Management staff designed PGA Section Awards boards that are displayed in the GolfTEC-Hansberger Simulator Room to recognize our alumni who have won a Section Award. An individual board was hung in honor of Rod Perry, PGA, and his PGA Professional Player of the Year Award in 2012. These boards serve not only as recognition, but also as inspiration for current students to work hard and strive to be the best.

Congratulations to each of you, and we encourage you to continue to pave the way for current and future PGA Professionals. ■



PGA Professional of the Year

Jeff Adkerson, PGA
Gulf States Section

Horton Smith Award

Eric Johnson, PGA
Tri-State Section

Merchandiser of the Year

Bela Nagy, PGA
South Florida Section

Player Development Award

Evan Godfrey, PGA
Dixie Section

Quarter Century Member

Sean Cracraft, PGA
Teton Springs Resort & Club

Blane Merritt, PGA
TPC Sugarloaf



Fall 2013 - Spring 2014 Graduating Senior Class

First Row (Left to Right)

**Sam Sadler
Will Bertoni
Ryan Kellerhouse
Taylor Navin
Carter Harrison**

Second Row

**Andrew Sterritt
Tyce Calvert
Ryan Martin
Dean Tennille
Seth King
Colin McNamara (guest)
Corey Fortner**

Third Row

**Jordan McKelvy
Ben Martin
Stephen Norris
Klinton McBroom
Trey Adams
James Hight
David Lindsey (2014)**

Fourth Row

**Chris Apple
Joe Hendrickson
Grant Landry (2014)
Joey Schneider**

MSU Golf Course Facilities Get Some Work Done

by Daniel Soehren, PGA

In 2010, headed by PGA Director of Golf, Tony Luczak, the MSU Golf Course began a series of improvements to the facilities.

In addition to the removal and renovation of several bunkers on the golf course, the practice facility underwent a significant overhaul to improve longevity, increase usability and overall satisfaction of its patrons.

A few changes to the practice facilities included the lengthening and widening of the driving range

teeing and landing areas and adding a private, golf team only, practice area.

The changes to the driving range affected other areas of the facility, including holes 10 and 18. To accommodate the desired updates, #10 was turned into a short, 120 yard par 3, and #18 was shortened by roughly 120 yards, and now plays as a very inviting 535 yard par 5.



New 18th Green



Depth of the range increased by nearly 100 yds, extending into #18 and closer to the clubhouse

Driving range lights were added once the teeing area renovation was completed. Extended hours are now offered in the spring, summer, and fall beyond sunset for the dedicated players who just can't leave the magical grounds of the MSU Golf Course.



Lights were added to the range to lengthen hours of operation later in the spring, summer and fall.

The response to the latest improvements to the golf course facilities have been very positive.



Minor projects have also taken place recently, including re-paving sections of golf car paths that needed attention, updating the club repair room, and a tree planting project that planted approximately 10,000 young trees. ■

2013 Parents' Weekend was a **WIN** Across the Board

by Daniel Soehren, PGA

Every fall semester the PGA Golf Management hosts parents for a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship. The 2013 Parents' Weekend took place on Friday, October 11th and Saturday, October 12th. Approximately 200 parents and family members traveled from all over the country to attend the weekend events.

On Friday night, the PGM Club hosted a social event and silent auction with the PGA Golf Management Staff. Several great pieces were auctioned off by the PGM Club. Headed this fall semester by senior President, Carter Harrison, the Club was able to raise just over \$800. The auction went off without a hitch thanks in large part to the coordination efforts of the Special Events Coordinator, senior Lindsey Crowder.

Also, in keeping with the Mississippi State tradition, each family was presented with its very own, Mississippi State PGA Golf Management logoed cowbell to ring at the game against BGSU on Saturday. Just to make sure the families knew how to ring a bell, we had them all test out their brand new cowbells in the atrium of McCool Hall (video on right).

On Saturday, the Program reserved a tent right outside Davis Wade in the Junction to host its first ever Parents' Weekend tailgate. From noon until kickoff, families were able to come enjoy great food, the beautiful October

weather and socialize with the PGA Golf Management Staff and other visiting families.

The weekend ended with a close, thrilling, late game defensive stand to seal the Bulldog victory over the Falcons, 21-20! It was the perfect sendoff to a great weekend with all of our dedicated PGA Golf Management families.

On behalf of the PGA Golf Management Staff, we would like to say thank you to all of the families that made this weekend a great success! We look forward to hosting this event in the future, and hope that all are able to attend once again! ■

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Most of our PGA Golf Management parents and siblings had never rung a bell before...we thought we'd give them a little bit of practice before the big game!!!

ALUMNI UPDATES

Future Bulldogs!

Alexis Cox

Born December 16th, 2013
AC & Annie Cox

Sophia Claire Durham

Born April 24th, 2013
Rick & Yelena Durham

Ryne Thomas Godfrey

Born August 27th, 2013
Evan & Beth Godfrey

Mackenzie Lynn Hanko

Born: June 21st, 2013
Joseph & Jessica Hanko

James Brett Miller

Born September 30th, 2013
Justin & Beth Miller

William Stuart Strawbridge

Born October 23rd, 2013
Doug & Jennifer Strawbridge

Parker Michael Yoder

Born August 14th, 2013
Andrew and Mallori Yoder

Kensley Zeringue

Born July 20th, 2013
Phillip & Trisha Zeringue

On the Move

Kyle Bachman, PGA

Assistant Golf Professional
Metairie Country Club
Metairie, Louisiana

Kyle Cassin, PGA

PGA Merchandising Manager
PGA of America
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Andy Degener, PGA

Assistant Golf Professional
Ridgeway Country Club
Memphis, Tennessee

Daniel Preston, PGA

Director of Golf
The Island Country Club
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Rick Durham, PGA

General Manager
Hanover Golf Club
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Troy Gancarczyk, PGA

Head Golf Professional
NorthRiver Yacht Club
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Bill Hassell, PGA

Head Golf Professional
Cartersville Country Club
Cartersville, Georgia

Bobby Jacks, PGA

Head Golf Professional
Baton Rouge Country Club
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Edmund Joesph, PGA

Director of Golf
Cider Ridge Golf Club
Oxford, Alabama

Mark Ledom, PGA

Assistant Golf Professional
Sunningdale Country Club
Scarsdale, New York

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Community Manager
Swift, Inc
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Golf Professional
Golf Galaxy
San Diego, California

Trent Mozingo, PGA

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Cartersville Country Club
Cartersville, Georgia

Billy Pomeroy, PGA

Head Golf Professional
Northwood Country Club
Meridian, Mississippi

Daniel Preston, PGA

Director of Golf
The Island Country Club
Plaquemine, LA

Ronald Stromeyer, PGA

Golf Professional
Dick's Sporting Goods
Metairie, Louisiana

Matt Tashenberg, PGA

Assistant Golf Professional
Kinloch Golf Club
Sabot, Virginia

Doug Wert, PGA

Head Golf Professional
Oakcreek Country Club
Sedona, Arizona

Matt Williamson, PGA

Assistant Golf Professional
TPC Sawgrass
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

*On behalf of the PGA Golf
Management Students and
Staff,
Congratulations and Best
of Luck
to all of you in your new
endeavors!!*

Daniel Soehren Joins PGA Golf Management Staff

by Adam Scott, PGA

After Miss Elaine White's retirement, the program began the search for a new staff member for the program. As we all know, Miss E is irreplaceable, so we decided to go in a different direction with the position. After many interviews, we decided to hire Daniel Soehren, PGA.

Daniel is a 2011 graduate of Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina. A Chicago native, Daniel comes to the program after working with Dick's Sporting Goods from January 2012 through August 2013 where he oversaw the golf retail department.

While enrolled at Campbell, Daniel completed internships at Ford's Colony Country Club in Williamsburg, VA; The Pronghorn Club in Bend, OR; and Keith Hills Golf Club at Campbell University. He also competed in the 2011 Carolinas Cup (competition among Carolinas Section PGA

Golf Management programs) and 2011 PGA Jones Cup, attended the PGA Leadership Conference and served as their tournament director.



Daniel married his wife, Kelly, on July 27th, 2012, whom he met while at Campbell. Kelly is originally from Mechanicsville, VA and has a bachelor of arts in elementary education from Campbell University.



Daniel is the fourth of five siblings (two sisters, two brothers). He is also an avid Chicago sports fan, primarily of the Bears and the Blackhawks. Don't get him started talking about them, because he won't stop.



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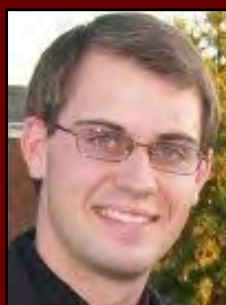
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