LOC Golfer Wins PGA Minority Collegiate National Title

SIAC Golfer of the Year Dominique Worthen takes the title after two years near the top of the leaderboard.

Memphis, TN (May 21, 2015) – LeMoyne-Owen College senior Dominique Worthen of Flint, Michigan, captured the Men’s Individual Invitational title by two strokes at the 2015 PGA Minority Collegiate tournament in Port St. Lucie, Florida earlier this month.

He is no stranger to success on the greens. Worthen is the reigning Golfer of the Year in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) for the second year in a row. His outstanding play also landed him on the 2015 SIAC Men’s Golf All-Conference Team.

At the PGA national minority collegiate tournament, Worthen shot 74 in the final round for a 217 total to capture his first national title, defeating Siyan Liu, of Beijing, China by two strokes. Worthen has performed well at the annual tournament the last three years. In 2013, he lost in a playoff and last year landed third. The third time was the charm.

Worthen borrowed his father’s driver for the final round at this year’s tournament. “I knew if I could hit good drives, I could win,” he said. “It feels good to win.”

The Championship featured 220 players representing 50 colleges and universities, 12 countries and two U.S. territories.

LeMoyne-Owen College golf coach Donald Holmes is thrilled with Worthen’s win. “He is a hot commodity right now,” Coach Holmes said. “His play has earned him well deserved attention. He is an outstanding golfer and we are privileged to have him on our team.”

LOC president Johnnie B. Watson is proud of Worthen too. “I can’t say enough about his outstanding performance,” Watson said. “He is a fantastic student athlete who has brought national recognition to our school in a sport many people would not readily associate with golf.”
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