



## Quest for Back-to-Back Titles

Coach Chip Taylor leads defending Champion Tennessee State back to the site of miraculous comeback looking for another title

By Randy Stutzman

**E**ven though his Tennessee State University men's golf team entered the final round of the 2009 PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship 10 strokes behind the leader, head coach and PGA Professional Chip Taylor was confident his team could make a serious run.

Little did Taylor know that the run would result in a miraculous comeback, featuring three of his five players posting sub-par rounds.

"Being 10 strokes back with one round to play, I knew we were good enough and I knew we had the talent to catch them (Bethune-Cookman)," says Taylor, in his third full year at Tennessee State. "I told my guys to be aggressive. There is no difference between second and third; we were not going for second or third; we were going for first."

"We had not won a college tournament since I had become coach and for this

### 2010 PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship

**Where:** PGA Golf Club (Ryder and Wanamaker Courses), Port St. Lucie, Fla.

**When:** May 7-9, 2010



### Podcast: Former Champion reflects on her experience

**F**ormer women's division champion Sara Young, who graduated in May of 2009 from Florida State University, talks to The PGA of America about her life in the golf industry and her past experience in this National Championship. Young, the 2008 and 2009 Champion in the women's division, is currently working for The First Tee of Jacksonville.

In this podcast ([http://www.pgamediacenter.com/podcasts/sara\\_young.html](http://www.pgamediacenter.com/podcasts/sara_young.html)), Young reflects back on her experience as a junior and collegiate golfer, her success in the PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship, and her future plans in the golf industry and professional golf.



Coach Chip Taylor (far left) with the winning Tennessee State University Tigers following the 2009 PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship.

national championship to be the place where it happened was extremely exciting."

The Tigers' sizzling finish resulted in a one-stroke Division I victory over defending champion Bethune-Cookman University. The University of Texas-Pan American finished third overall.

Taylor, who earned PGA membership in 1999, will bring his entire 2009 National Championship lineup intact to PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, May 7-9, for the 24th PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship.

"We want to come back and defend and we know we have the team," says Taylor. "But it will not be easy. There are a lot of teams with loads of talent."

The field will again feature nearly 200 athletes from minority-serving institutions and minority students attending any college or university.

The 54-hole, stroke-play championship will consist of four team divisions: NCAA Men's Division I and II, NAIA Men's and a Women's Division.

In addition, there is an Individual Invitational competition for minority men and women contestants. The Individual Invitational is open to students who are African-American, Hispanic-American, Native- or Alaskan-American, Asian- or Pacific Island-American.

Also returning to defend their crowns are Fayetteville State University, winner of four consecutive Division II titles; Edward Waters College in the NAIA division, and the University of Texas-Pan American in the Women's Division.

"The PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship always features strong play from outstanding student-athletes, and last year was no exception," says PGA President Jim Remy. "The PGA is honored to host this Championship which provides the student-athletes a full range of exposure to the game and business of golf."

PGA Golf Club's Ryder and Wanamaker Courses will host the Championship for a 13th consecutive year.

"PGA Golf Club is proud to continue our long-standing tradition serving as the home of the PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship," says PGA Village General Manager Bob Baldassari.

For the 16th consecutive year, the Championship will also include a Business of Golf Career Expo, featuring golf industry associations and companies that enable student-athletes to learn about additional employment opportunities in manufacturing, media, trade, golf course management and the game's premier governing bodies. Student-athletes will have the opportunity to present résumés for internships and employment. ■

**Editor's Note:** The debut broadcast of the 2010 highlight show on Golf Channel will air on Wednesday, July 7 at 8 p.m. Additional airing times will be Wednesday July 28 at 10 a.m., and Saturday, July 31 at 3:30 a.m. (All Times Eastern).