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GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY GOLD COAST PREPARE TO DEFEND UNIVERSITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

Griffith University Gold Coast (GUGC) tee-off at St Michael's Golf Club, Little Bay NSW for the 2004 Australian University Championship – Golf tournament tomorrow, 30 November, confident of defending their sweep of trophy wins from 2003.

Collecting the winning trophies in all categories last year including the prestigious Anthony Van Bergen Trophy (Men's Matchplay Champions – Team), AIGM Perpetual Trophy (Women's Matchplay Champions – Team) and Men's and Women's Individual Strokeplay champions, GUGC are out to prove their 2003 victories were no fluke.

Lead by last year's individual men's gold medalist, Rhys McGovern, GUGC will be faced with some tough competition ready to knock the Queenslander's off their perch with La Trobe University's Chris Dunn playing off scratch.

"We did so well last year and we know we can do the same again this year. I'm especially looking forward to defending my individual title and helping the team secure the team championship," said McGovern.

Also in contention for the men's individual trophy are Robert Spiers, Todd Kelly, Andrew Timbs, Ben Leach (Macquarie University), Craig Lynch (University of Canberra), Paulo Montoya (The University of New South Wales) and Peter Wylie (The University of Sydney) all playing from a handicap of one.

With the 2003 women's individual champion Liz Whitehouse (GUGC) not defending her title, runner-up Linda Pawley (Melbourne University) is ready to move up a ranking and finish on top in 2004.

"After finishing second last year I'm ready to move up a notch and take out gold this year. The greens are looking good and I'm sure it will be a tough competition with so many good female players contesting the championship this year," said Pawley.

Other notable female players to watch are Kate McMahon, Marina Swan and Melanie Brown (GUGC), Jessica Marinic (The University of New South Wales) and Sophie Moon (The University of Sydney).

While all individual scores will contribute to the men's and women's champion, the four best male individual scores or two best women individual scores from each university will count towards their respective teams overall point score after each day's play.

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