

Minnesota native Jesse Larson finished tied for 15th place at the Minnesota State Open Championship last weekend at the Hastings Country Club.

"I thought I played well," Larson told The Mascot.

He also was 24th last week in the Minnesota Amateur Golf Tournament.

The full week of golf came after he won the Wynston Boe Tournament in Minnesota last Sunday.

"I felt I can compete at this level," Larson said about the State Open and the Amateur tournaments.

At the Open, he was in second place after the first round when he golfed a 68. He followed up with 74 and 72 and fell back to 15th place.

"I felt validated," he said after the good showing. "I hit the ball well enough to compete but I did not putt as well," he added.

In the Amateur event he shot a 74, 67 and 72 for 24th place.

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