

Golf: Finally, the season gets underway

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Mascot Special Report*

Nolan Boerboom fired a 41 to lead the Vikings varsity boys' golf team to a third place finish this past Friday at the YME conference tournament. Nolan's score was good for fourth place individual honors. Aaron Loe for Lakeview and Sam Ohliger from YME were tournament medalists firing 38s.

Mitchell Rost was second for the Vikings' team with a 44. Cole Myhre placed third with a 46 and rounding off the team score was Chase Differding with a 52.

Other Viking scores included Joey Rybinski and Braxton Downing with 55s.

In the girls' division, Lauren Bowyer was tournament medalist firing a 49 for first place



Nolan Boerboom. Photo by Byron Higgin.

honors.

Jeren Rost followed up with a 58. Emily Rybinski, in her first year of varsity golf, fired a 60 for her lowest score of the season and Natalie Bot a 61 to round off the team scoring of 228 and second place team honors.

Coach Evers noted, "Our score of 228 was six strokes lower than our earlier meet this week at Tyler," said Coach Evers.

Weather conditions have had a significant impact on area golf courses. To date, Montevideo, Dawson and Tracy have yet to open their golf courses and Canby's club house remains closed.

Minneota's golf course has had similar water problems with water in front of the two and four greens resulting in a modification of how to play both holes.

Recent rule changes have had only a minor impact on how area golfers approach the game. Long time coach David Guertin from YME and Nicole Evers, Minneota girls' varsity coach, commented on the new rule changes.

Both were in agreement the only visible change are players choosing to leave the pin in the cup while putting. However, soon to be an issue, is the new three minute time limit to find a lost golf ball. Currently, no one has actually used the clock to time such a search.

If not found, coaches will have to decide if they will allow the new rule to drop a ball in the fairway in the approximate area of the lost ball and add two strokes rather than walk back and re-tee.

At Tyler

The Camden South Invite Thursday was moved to the Tyler Golf Club with Minneota competing in boys and girls golf.

The YME boys took first with a team score of 180, followed by Canby (183), Minneota (187), Lakeview (188), RTR (221) and TMB (Incomplete).

For the girls, RTR took first with a team score of 231, followed by Minneota in second (234) and YME, Canby, Lakeview and TMB all recording an incomplete score.

Boys

YME's Ben Rillo led the way for the Sting with a 39 while Sam Ohliger shot 41.

Minneota's Nolan Boerboom led the way for the Vikings with a 42 while Mitchell Rost shot 44, Cole Myhre had 47 and Chase Differding shot 54.

Braxton Downing had a 56 and Joey Rybinski



Emily Rybinski. Photo by Greg Gile.

shot 58 to round out their scores.

Girls

Minneota's Lauren Bowyer led the way for the Vikings with a 50 while Emily Rybinski had a 60, Natalie Bot shot 61 and Jeren Rost shot 63 to round out their scores.

The top Lakeview golfer was Kaitlin Fischer, who led the way for the Lakers with a 50.

Boys Monday at Cottonwood	
1. Yellow Medicine East	183
2. Lakeview	185
3. Minneota	186
4. Canby	199
5. Russell-Tyler-Ruthton	218
6. Tracy-Milroy-Balaton	Inc.

Yellow Medicine East won the boys event, edging Lakeview by two points.

Jake Wagner of Canby was the meet medalist with a nice round of 40.

Three golfers hit 43s, including Cole Myhre of Minneota, along with Ben Rillo of Yellow Medicine East and Aaron Loe of Lakeview.

Minneota boys included: Myhre 43; Mitchell Rost 46; Nolan Boerboom 47, Braxton Downing 50. Others were: Braxton Dowing 50, Joey Rybinski 58 and Chase Differding 63.

Girls Monday at Cottonwood	
1. Lakeview	230
2. Minneota	236
3. Russell-Tyler-Ruthton	240
4. Canby	Inc.
4. Yellow Medicine East	Inc.

Medalists for the meet were Kaitlin Fischer of Lakeview and Rylie Hess of Russell-Tyler-Ruthton. Both fired a round of 51.

Minneota was led by Jeren Rost with a 56.

Other Minneota golfers were: Lauren Bowyer 58, Emily Rybinski 60, Natalie Bot 62.

Madison Ohliger of Yellow Medicine East and Jayla Hulzebos of Canby each shot a 54.

Lakeview girls invite

Lakeview Invite	
1. Worthington	383
2. Russell-Tyler-Ruthton	440
3. Lakeview	448
4. Minneota	478
5. Canby	Inc.

Tuesday at Cottonwood, only five of the original teams showed up for Lakeview's "make-up" girls golf invitational.

When it was over, Worthington went home with the title and Minneota finished in fourth place.

Among area teams, Rylie Hess of Russell-Tyler-Ruthton and Kylie Fischer of Lakeview had the best rounds with 101 scores.

Minneota's best was fired by Lauren Bowyer with a 102.

Other Viking scores included: Jeren Rost 114; Emily Rybinski and Natalie Bot with 131 each.

Canby, which is short on numbers this year, had just one golfer. Jayla Hulzebos fired a respectable 106. Skylar Borresen of Russell-Tyler-Ruthton added a 104 and Allie Christianson a 106 as they led RTR to a second place finish.

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