

# Sports

## Girls' Golf Team wins State Championship

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The Varsity Girls' Golf Team came back from a four stroke deficit after the first day of the State tournament to beat second place Jesuit by 14 strokes and take the title. Individually, Morgan Thompson, junior, placed third with a score of 145 and Sharon Shin, junior, tied for fourth, hitting 147. Elizabeth Enderle and Katherine Longtain, seniors, bolstered the team score by tying for 30th place with 180.

"We were trailing the first day, but it just reminded us of Districts and how we trailed the first day there too," Thompson said. "We came back and won at Districts so we knew we could do it at State."

The team's season was filled with wins, building on last year's fifth place State Tournament finish and an Individual State Championship from Shin. Having won the District match and their three preceding league matches by 20 strokes or more, the golfers had confidence going into State.

At Districts, the team won first place over Lakeridge by 16 strokes, led by second and third place individual wins by Thompson and Shin. Thompson finished the two days with 144 and Shin was close behind with 146.

As Districts approached,



Photo courtesy of Lisa Longtain  
Katelin Calderon, sophomore, takes a swing during the State tournament at Quail Valley Golf Course. Calderon's score helped the five-member team to win the State Championship, the first time a West Linn girls' golf team has ever won it.

the pressure to repeat last year's success built and the team expected to finish even higher than previous years.

"We won last year and definitely can do it again this year," Thompson said before Districts. While Shin and Thompson have been standouts on the team since their freshman year, the other three members have been proving that they also deserve credit for the team's first place in league.

Enderle, Longtain and Katelin Calderon, sophomore, have all played

a part in the team's many wins this season. Enderle scored an 82 at a match at Stone Creek and the week before all five members hit a nine-hole score of 45 or better.

"Elie has become a very solid player and has contributed very well this year. I am also excited about the leadership that Elie and Katie have provided for the team as captains," Bob Turnquist, head coach, said.

The team planned to take all five members to Districts and State. According to

Thompson, the team's goal was to make the top three. Turnquist, however, took a different approach.

"I typically try not to think about it until we qualify or until the second day when we are trying to win or place high enough to win a trophy," he said.

As it turns out, that trophy made WLHS history—the first girls' golf championship. But many of the girls will only have a couple weeks to celebrate,

to State. Easy as that."

At Districts, the team finished second behind Lake Oswego by a total of 19 strokes. The top two individual scores came from Foushee, who scored 143, and Connor Jetton, sophomore, who scored 146.

"We started the season out playing well, but we have kind of fallen behind lately," Tyler Barker, senior, said before the last league match. The sophomores,

*"We never wrote it down as our goal, but I think in the back of our minds our goal was always to win."*

—Morgan Thompson, junior

as the junior golf circuit begins soon. For these State champions, the work is never over, but it has definitely paid off.

### Boys Finish Eighth

The Varsity boys' team finished with a more than respectable eighth place at State. The team was led by Zachary Foushee, sophomore, who tied for third with a score of 149. Tyler Barker, senior, contributed 159 strokes to individually tie for 31st place.

The team ended its season on an upswing, taking first in the last league match of the year and finishing second at Districts, which sent them to the State tournament.

"We either won...or came in third. That does you no good," Justin Paredes, head coach, said before the match. "No shenanigans now, whoever comes in first and second at Districts goes

disregarding their age, have dominated the scoreboards this year, leading the team in strokes under par. In a late April match, Foushee scored a 70—the second best score of the tournament. Jetton finished with a 76, Tyler Barker, senior, hit 84 and Bryant Bushnell, sophomore, finished with a score of 87.

Barker, the team's only senior, hit the ball very well in the last few league matches. His work on the course coupled with his leadership off the course helped some of the team's younger players.

"It's kind of funny to be older (than the other players) but I think it gives me more leadership among the team," Barker said. "It's a lot easier to look up to someone who's older."

According to Paredes, the team's standouts this year have been Foushee, Barker, Jetton, Bushnell and Charles Moore, freshman, in other words, the entire team.

## Sprinters, distance crew leads team at Districts

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The West Linn Track Team was well represented at the State meet sending 14 athletes. The girls' team earned a respectable 26th place finish at State, while the boys finished 37th. Madison Leek, freshman, came in seventh in the 100 meters and anchored the girls' 4 x 100 relay team to fifth place. Cullen Wannarka, junior, took eighth place in the 3000 meters, with a time of 8:59.84.

The Lions saw both individual and team success at the District track meet at Oregon City High School as well, with the boys finishing second, outdistancing the third place team by 40 points. The girls took a close fourth place, falling just three and a half points behind third place Oregon City.

Individual performances were headed by Leek who took first in both the 100 and 200 meters, and was also a member of the victorious

4x100 relay team along with a 4x400 team that took second. The first place 4 x 100 team also included Casey Livesay, junior, Cara Boucher, freshman, and Maria Green, sophomore.

"I'm really happy and really excited to compete in State. After I won, there wasn't any more pressure," Leek said of her events at Districts.

The distance crew continued to dominate anyone unfortunate enough to cross its path. In the 1500 and 3000 meters, Wannarka and Taylor West, junior, took first and second respectively. Zachary Boyd-Helm, junior, was second in a photo finish in the 800 by less than 1/10 of a second.

Both the boys' and girls' teams have taken first in almost all of the distance events in which they have participated. Following last year's success at Districts and State, the team strove to capitalize on its talented

runners and make a place for themselves amongst the top track teams in the state.

A recent away meet against Milwaukie saw the boys finishing first in every distance event with Boyd-Helm winning

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## After slow start, Baseball Team improves record to 12-14, finishes third in Three Rivers League

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The Varsity Baseball Team improved its uncharacteristically rough start to finish third in the Three Rivers League and face the Jesuit Crusaders in the first round of State playoffs. The game, originally scheduled for a Friday evening, was rescheduled after six innings, two rain delays and more than four hours of wait-time. The next morning, the Lions made an early run at the Crusaders,

but fell short, losing in the first round 4-9.

The team's playoff run was a great improvement over its early 1-9 record, which was improved to 12-14 for the season. According to Mike Lord, head coach, the team responded to the early string of losses with maturity.

"We didn't really panic because we felt like we were one of the best 1-9 teams in the state. We didn't feel like we really were 1-9," Lord said.

Early in the season, the team faced Westview, Lake Oswego and Clackamas, teams which have consistently been ranked in the top six in the state by the 6A coaches poll.

"The beginning of the season was tough. We faced the top three teams in the state," Warner Edwards, junior, said.

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