

Super senior Fisher putts out on Taft career

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– Taft High boys golf coach Mark Swift

State golf’s final round awaits departing star athlete

Many athletes play golf long after their glory days in organized sports are over. With a background in the game and a tee time Tuesday as the Tigers’ top player for the State boys golf championships, senior Tyler Fisher knows that day will come ...

Today, even.

Whatever his score when the Taft boys golf team takes on Emerald Valley Golf Club, the versatile 18-year-old star athlete will participate in his final competition as a Tiger after four years of prominence in football, basketball and golf. Fisher will compete from the No. 1 position when the Tigers conclude play in the Class 3A/2A/1A Boys Golf State Championships in Creswell.

“He has provided leadership, friendship and has proven to be a great competitor, but also well-liked and respected by his peers and opponents,” longtime Taft coach Mark Swift said of his four-year starter and leading player again this season.

Fisher, no doubt, will play golf often again – recreationally, at least – but he’ll likely never again don a helmet and pads.

“Football’s the best because I enjoy team sports and I played it for eight years with the same group of guys who have turned into brothers,” the second-team all-West Valley League defensive back and honorable mention wide receiver said.

Born Dec. 13, 1997, in Portland, Fisher grew up playing golf on his family’s own golf course in Southern Oregon.

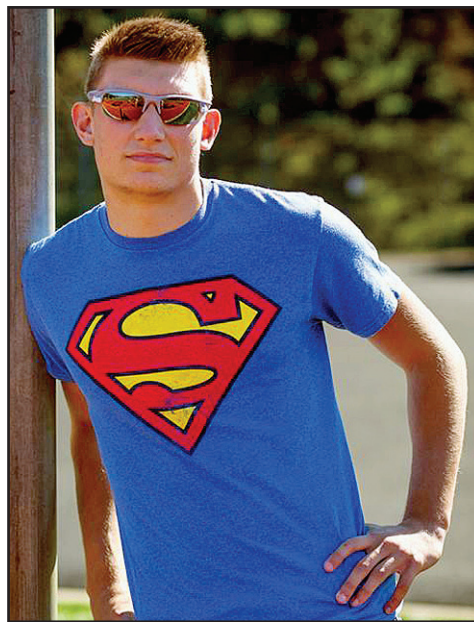
“As a youngster I enjoyed being outdoors,” he said. “I spent most summers at my grandparents’ golf course in Lakeview [near Medford]. Needless to say, I spent a lot of time playing golf as a kid.”

Fisher has two sisters – Jazmyn and Aliyah – has a brother, Tye, who played quarterback for the Tigers junior varsity last season. His parents are Monica Logan and Jamie Fisher.

“I would say I’m a really relaxed person with a good sense of humor,” he said. “I hope others think that I’m funny and the guy who’s always willing to help.”

Volunteering to assist in many capacities, Fisher has been a student athletic director this year for the Tigers, where he has served under AD Shelley Moore and fellow senior co-directors Kelsey Wilkinson and Trent Daniels.

“Tyler is a go-getter,” Moore said. “He has a charismatic personality, funny and a strong athlete. He is open to whatever task the student athletic directors are asked to do and often rises to the challenge.”



Courtesy photo

Graduating senior Tyler Fisher has been all over the playing fields at Taft for the past several years.

“He is a Tiger through and through, and does a good job of representing his school, family and team. He is respectful and kind, too.”

While Fisher favored football in his time at Taft as a member of a talented receiving corps, his impact on Swift’s golf program has been profound.

“Tyler has been one of the foundation components to our State runs over the past three seasons,” he said. “It has been my privilege to watch him grow into a fine young man.”

With that, Swift says he thinks Fisher could become much better.

“He takes his golf game seriously and can take his game to even higher levels with some additional time and practice,” he said. “But while being a three-sport athlete for the Tigers and a successful student, I understand the constraints on his time. It is nice to know that Tyler will be a success in whatever endeavors he undertakes in the future.”

That future will include dual attendance at Central Oregon Community College and Oregon State University Cascades in Bend. With an interest in economics, he plans to study business and sports medicine and become a stockbroker or physical therapist.

“I like to be informed about how our economy goes round and how businesses and different things play into that,” he said.

A hunting and fishing enthusiast, he said he plans to work as a valet attendant at Chinook Winds Casino Resort this summer and at the resort golf course at Salishan.

“And try to spend time with friends that I might lose contact with over college,” he said.

Thankful for his sports career, Fisher points to his grandfather, Frank Logan, as having had the greatest influence on his life.

“He has taught me many life lessons and is a great example of going from rags to riches,” he said.

Somehow, you get the feeling golf figured into that.

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Cam Bomberry (in purple), Iroquois Nationals lacrosse coach, teaches lacrosse skills to several Siletz and community youth at Siletz Valley School on April 30. He also shared about the place of lacrosse in Iroquois culture and his experiences as the Iroquois Nationals coach.

