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“It really fires you up because not every day you get to go play with a D-1 commit,” Sullivan said

Sullivan followed up that performance by winning McNary’s next tournament at Cross Creek Golf Course in Polk County, going four-under on the back nine and finishing with a three-under 69. He finished the season by winning the all-Valley tournament by three strokes, shooting a one-over 72 at Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis.

According to Kessel, Sullivan’s composure and competitive edge is what sets him apart from the competition.

“He feeds on the competition and loves the pressure being on him. I have seen the kid bogey two holes in a row and then rattle off four birdies in five holes to respond,” Kessel said.

It could be easy for someone like Sullivan to be complacent with where he is at in his golf game, but the 16-year old is still hungry and is constantly looking at ways he can improve — specifically with his short game.

“Anytime I practice, the majority of what I work on is putting. But I am growing in confidence in that area and I feel like that will help me produce lower scores,” Sullivan said.

After getting back from North Carolina, Sullivan has continued to have success in golf tournaments this summer — he took second place at the Oregon

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Golf Association’s 2021 Peter Jacobson Challenge for players ages 14-18 earlier this month, finishing two-over. He shot a 76 on day one, then recorded the lowest score of the tournament on day two (70).

Most recently, Sullivan won the Peter Demarco McNary Memorial of McNary Golf Club last week, shooting a four-under 67.

Even though he still has two more years of high school golf, Sullivan already has his sights set on the next level, and aspires to be a professional golfer one day — just like his father.

“My dream is to go to the U of O. I have always wanted to play there,” Sullivan said. “Even if I don’t get to play there, I am shooting to play at the Division I level.

“The ultimate goal is to do exactly what my dad did and get my PGA Tour card.”



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