

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Ross fifth at GBC; Darr makes all-league team

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SANDUSKY — Austin Darr made the turn at Mills Creek Golf Course with a chance of getting on the All-Greater Buckeye Conference First Team.

Fortunately for him, he took one of the final spots.

Darr, a Fremont Ross junior, finished his round Tuesday with a 79 at the GBC Championships to lead the Little Giants to a fifth-place finish with 364 team strokes.

"I bogeyed the first hole and then parred the next eight," said Darr, whose 37 on the front was a career-best for nine holes. "I just blew up on 10."

The hole didn't cost him that first team, though. Darr was the only Ross golfer to place on either the First or Second Team, but the Little Giants weren't expected to win the conference.

They simply wanted to shoot in the 360s, and they did just that with their 364.

Ross senior Katharina Drechsler had a hand in her team's score. She finished her round with a 91, the team's second-best score, shooting from the men's tees.

Drechsler and senior Victoria Aseltine have been doing that all year, but Drechsler was pleased with her Tuesday round.

"Shooting from the guys' tees today was very hard for us," Drechsler said. "I think it was a good round, though."

Darr and Drechsler actually played the course Monday night to tune up for the tournament. It played to their advantage Tuesday.

"We learned how the creeks go and how to play the course best," Drechsler said. "The creeks still got me twice."

But still, the fact Darr and Drechsler played the course the night before showed coach Kyle Timmons something about his two players.

"They showed their dedication doing that," he said. "I didn't ask them to play out there. That was their own doing after practice."

Besides Darr and Drechsler, Aseltine and Andrew Miller scored for the Little Giants. Aseltine finished with a 95, and Miller shot a career-best 99.

Aseltine's round started off rough, Timmons said, but she improved on the back.

"She was seven strokes better on the back through the first six holes," he said.

Chase Wilhelm and Collin Wolf also played for Ross.

Findlay won the league with 308 strokes, 24 better than second-place Napoleon. Marion Harding took third with 337, bettering fourth-place Sandusky's 339. Lima did not field a team.

Ethan Snook took medalist honors with a Tuesday-best 74. Four of his five teammates — Nolyn Croy, Curtis Eckert, Sam Malloy and Michael Popovec — placed on the All-GBC First Team with him. The other Trojans golfer — Kyle Corbin — earned Second-Team honors.

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