SHOUTOUT 'FORE' Golf

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Whether you ride, walk, or use a push cart, golf is by far one of the most difficult sports to master. Hitting a small white ball with a mallet type object into a mason jar sized hole over 400 yards away seems like a daunting task in and of itself. When you add in trees, rough, bunkers, slick greens, uphill lies, sweeping downhill putts and stiff wind, navigating a golf course reveals a lot about your character--but our Panthers make it look easy. Golf is slowly but surely growing in popularity among Woodland Park students. You can go to our local golf course and and see for yourself; we have high schoolers there every weekend. Lucky for us, there's a pretty astonishing group of athletes representing our school this year out on the course. All the guys love being out on the course, whether it be ". . .getting to be outside" (Ian Farmer '23), "hanging with friends" (Derek Eckhart '22), or just getting to have a fun practice as stress free environment." Tournaments, on the other hand, are a different story. On the JV and Varsity levels, these competitions are the most challenging for the teams. "It's almost like playing against the different golfers." stated Senior Matt Lecky '21, "You will never have a perfect stay positive. There is no room for mistakes and that's positive." Thing bad, the worse you will do." Despite all the challenges, Woodland Park placed second in Mesa Ridge, behind Widefield, Cheyenne Mtn, and Palmer Ridge. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has posed some challenges, golf sports have not, on the bright side, golf sports have not, for the most part, been adversely affected by COVID. Although, Greg Pinell '24 said that COVID affected the golf course, he said that you can't play on the basis, "Sometimes shut down the course, they you place." Despite this, some things haven't changed. Despite COVID, golf holds a lot of joy from kids, COVID at the top of their game. After dripping and chipping the ball, fairways and greens, bunkers and lots of dips, bandwagons, the shed and the fairway, a massive 18 hole down the middle of the fairway, this hole 18 leaves one yearning to return to this cruel game.

1. Sam Thorpe '23, Sam Marquez '23, and Will Passink '21 shoot for the stars using techniques built upon hours of dedication on this cozy afternoon at the Woodland Park driving range. (p.c. m.wilson)
2. Sam Thorpe '23 and Will Passink '21 observe each other's shots and compare their skills in some friendly competition, seeing how they can up their game. (p.c. m.wilson) 3. Evan Cisneros '21, Will Passink '21, Derek Eckhart '22, Matt Lecky '21, Greg Pinell '24, and Garrett Ross '24 line up, teeing off their panther season and showing how much they learned from each other and their amazing coaches during practice. (p.c. a.nickell) 4. Will Passink '21 is a natural born leader, and has proven it time and time again through his relentless work ethic as well as the unbreakable bonds he's created with his fellow teammates. (p.c. a.nickell) 5. Derek Eckhart '22 sets himself up for greatness with a deep breath, a leap of faith, and a tremendous swing. (p.c. a.nickell)

Greg Pinell '24, a golf player since the age of 5, was asked if he would consider playing golf in college or retirement. He answered truthfully: "Heck yeah! For sure."

"It hasn't affected it too much, besides the fact that you have to wear a mask," said Matthew Lecky '21 when asked how Covid-19 has affected his season and/or his love for the sport.

"I think it's a good challenge for yourself, because you to learn to control yourself...and make sure you have a good shot, and every little mistake matters," explained Derek Eckhart '22.

EVAN CISNEROS TEES OFF RECORD SEASON!

"It means a lot to have that accomplishment of going to state three times. ... It's a feeling I will never forget. Despite the hardness of the tournament, just going out there and competing against some of the best players in the state is a lot of fun." A lot of long hours, hard work and dedication go into earning your spot at state. To no surprise, this year Evan Cisneros '21 made it to state for the third time in a row; more than any golfer in the history of Woodland Park. He ranked 3rd in the 2020 4a CSML Southern standings, earning him a First Team All League title.

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