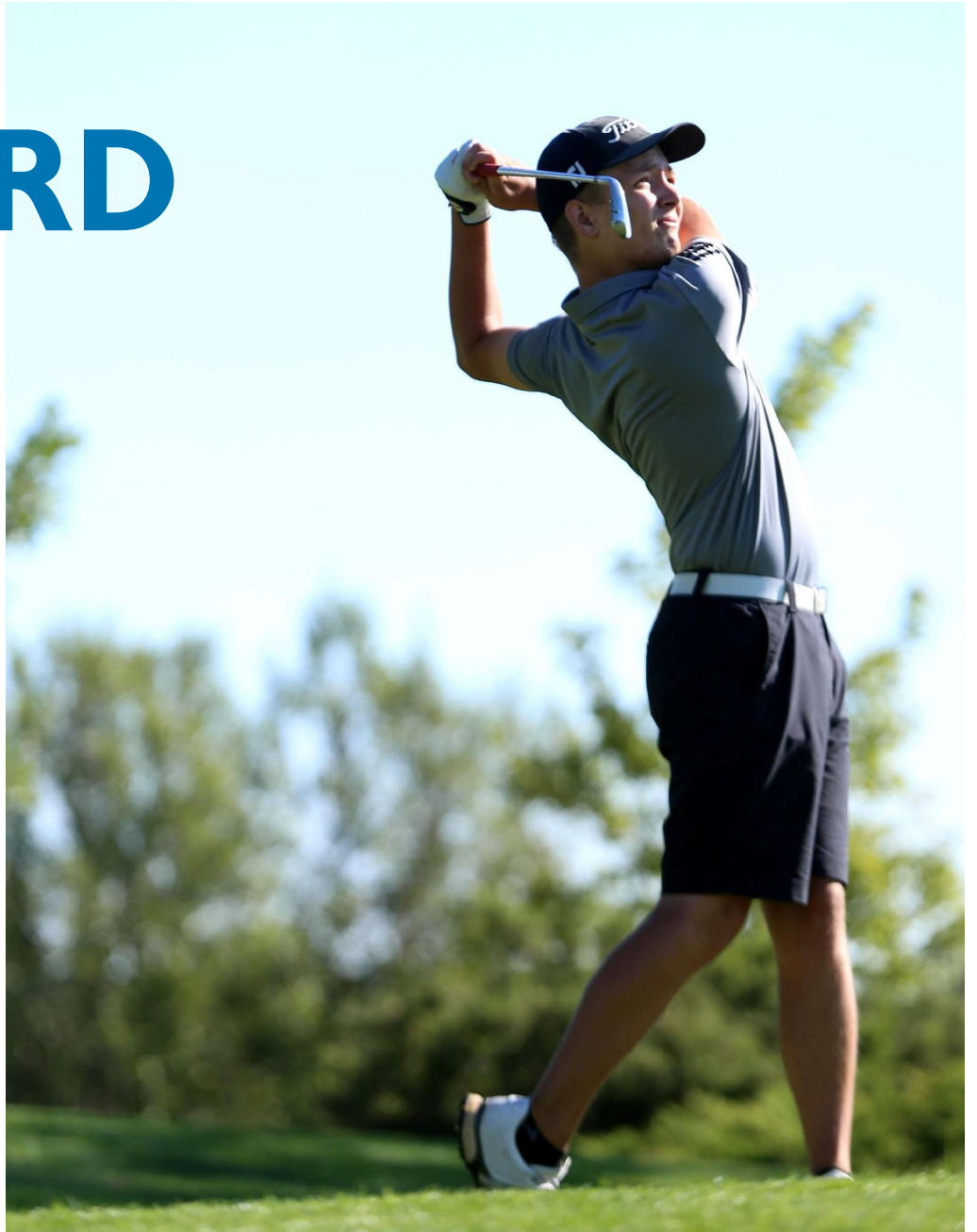


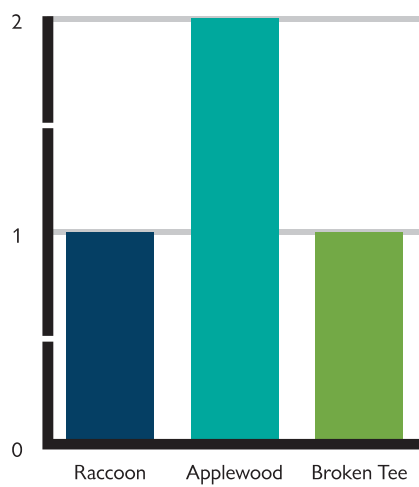
Driving FORWARD

Doing things a little differently

The same courses, the same swings, the same players, but everything felt a little different this golf season. Mr. Barnett still coached the boys, senior Dakota Dolph still went to state, seniors Lucas Miller and Brian Sherry still made the most of practice, but it was everything out of the ordinary. "This was definitely an odd season. There have been times where I haven't been able to play before, but this season I couldn't play for two weeks because I had played with someone who had been exposed. Things were different, but I was still able to play with my team and teach them how to overcome situations more than ever," senior Dakota Dolph said. The season was sped up to a pace that all the players had trouble adapting to. With more and more obstacles being thrown into the path, the golf team held their heads high as they got through the season, and they did it together. "This season wasn't what we expected. There were many obstacles in the way, giving us less time to practice and prepare for the season. If you ask me though, I think it brought the team together more than anything. We were all going through the same thing so we always had each other to lean on and get through the weird season," senior Alex Ainsworth said. Many things were different, but it didn't matter to the team. Instead of being viewed as a lost season, it was viewed as another opportunity to golf with each other in a way that was unexpected.



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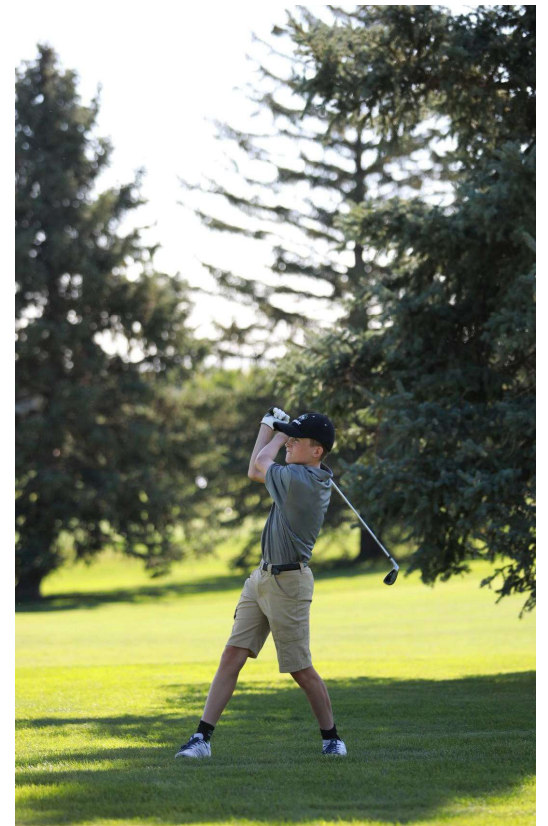


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Chipping away Just short of the green, senior Casey Sadowski chips the ball after hitting a solid drive down the fairway. "The season was a good last year with the team I've played with through high school and Coach Barnett," Sadowski said. photo courtesy of J. Barnett

Out of the light Under the shade at Indian Tree golf course, Freshman Anderson Manier chips his ball in the shade right after a drive. "I feel like I could have played a lot better and I'm looking forward to next season," Manier said. photo by c. kennedy.



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Following Through Senior Dakota Dolph follows through after the perfect drive. Dolph has nearly perfected his swing, now in his 4th year on the Conifer golf team. "I've improved through the years, through struggle and with the help of my teammates," Dolph said. photo by a. aubin *Getting Ready* Freshman Anderson Manier practices his swing into a net. With the new regulations, players had to find new time to practice their skills for the season. photo courtesy of g. manier *Driving far* In one of the few tournaments, senior Brian Sherry lines up his drive to get in front of his competition at Indian Tree golf course. photo by c. kennedy *Staying Steady* Senior Dakota Dolph squats down on the green to line up his putt after driving his ball just feet from the hole. Dolph shot one of his best rounds which moved him forward to the state competition. "I realized I was in the lead, and used that mentality to keep my game steady," Dolph said. photo by a. aubin

Dakota Dolph

Always in the swing of things



Senior Dakota Dolph has played consistently well for his four years at Conifer High School. Along with playing well, he's been able to make friendships with his teammates. "I've made a bunch of good friends that taught me a lot and changed a lot about me compared to who I was freshman year. I was glad to make state almost every year and to do what nobody at Conifer had done before. And I was glad to make a good impression on Barnett and how he appreciated the team," said Dolph. This season, Dolph managed to place first at the Applewood tournament and the Indian Hill tournament, and qualify for state again. Now, he sets his sights on developing his skills at the college level. Dolph plans to attend Elms College in Massachusetts. As a member of DECA, Dolph has found a passion for business and will be studying business administration. As with any student moving on to college, a lot of opportunities have opened for Dolph, including the chance to play golf with the college. "From my visits out to Elms, everyone in the golf program seem really cool. I'm glad I'll still be able to ski and hunt not too far away along with golf," Dolph said.

Reality Check "A lot was different and we missed out on a lot. But golf is golf," Ben Lack said.

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MEETING OUR GOALS



Ryce Winter (10)

"My season was decent. I went to most of the tournaments. I played a lot worse than last year which was weird for me. I really enjoyed being out on the course with the team. I enjoyed playing on the team for freshman and sophomore years. My goal this year was to make it to state; though I fell short of meeting that goal I'm excited to try next year."



Ben Lack (11)

"My goal for the season was to shoot under 90 in my tournaments. My season obviously didn't go as planned but it was still a good time to play with the guys and Coach Barnett."



Alex Ainsworth (12)

"I only played in one tournament, and I did as well as I hoped. My goal this year was to have a fun last season with my friends and even though there was some obstacles I definitely achieved that goal."

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