

SPORTS

# OUR DRIVE

Golf requires great drive. When playing a more individualized sport, each person's drive could be different, but for this team the motivation happens to be the same for most of it's team members. The constant need to get better is what truly motivates the boys. Freshman Ryan Sharp said, "Golf is a sport where you are on your own, where I can be my own competition. I can compete to beat my own score, so my motivation is to go out there and get my best score." Competing with themselves is what truly pushes them to their full potential. Another member of the team, senior Karson Chadwick, said, "I feel like my motivation comes from myself, trying to get better every year; like freshmen year, I was on practice squad and slowly moving." A golfer's introspection helps motivate them to reach their goals and succeed.

**"IN GOLF THERE'S A LOT OF TIMES WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO FALL BACK, AND THAT'S WHAT'S FUN ABOUT IT."  
-COLE LOCKEY (11)**



**WATCH THE BIRDIE//** Senior Matt Paris gazes across Pelican golf course after his shot gun start. Paris said, "Golf is something that was very easy for me to bond with and it is just very fun for me. I always just want to play my best."



**PUTTING IN THE WORK//** Sophomore David Reynolds puts the ball during the Eaton golf tournament. Reynolds said, "Having a good mentality is probably one of the hard things about golf, but being prepared helps with that."



**FOCUSED ON THE HOLE//** Senior Conner Lewis sets the ball up for his putt. Lewis said, "Golf is more enjoyable and less stressful than other sports, and it's individual so it's more on you if you do good or not."

## SWINGING FOR PAR//

Par represents the number of strokes a golfer is expected to make on the hole or the course. Each hole has a certain par assigned to it. The goal is to swing below par to get the better score. With that in mind, the mindset for golfers has to be different for each hole. They have to stay focused and not get psyched out by the par.



Ryan Sharp (9)



Karson Chadwick (12)



Peyton Walker (10)

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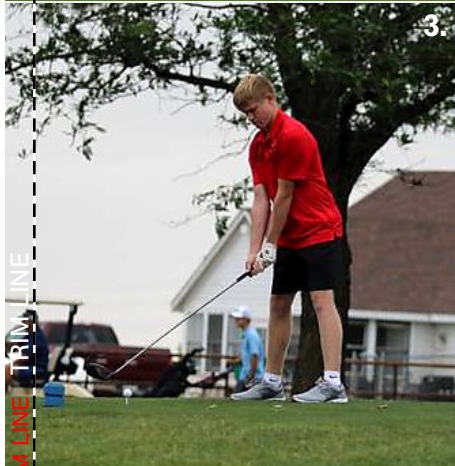




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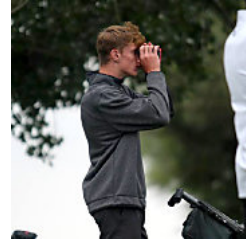
**1. BELIEVE & ACHIEVE//** Freshman Brady O'Connell putts for par during the Eaton golf tournament. O'Connell said, "I started [golf] when I was young and my dad is the one that taught me, so ever since then I've just always golfed."

**2. DRIVE FOR SHOW, PUTT FOR DOUGH//** Cole Lockey (11) practices putting before teeing off. Lockey said, "It's hard not to get in your head when you get a bad hit, but you just gotta realize that it's okay and that you just need to move on."

**3. GETTING A DAILY DOSE OF IRON//** Junior Cache Sanger gets ready to put the ball into play. Sanger said, "It's fun golfing. I like being able to rely on myself and not others; like in football, you have to rely on a team versus in golf you just rely on yourself."

**4. LICENSE TO GOLF//** Sophomore Peyton Walker spots his ball during warm-up. Walker said, "It's hard to keep a good mental state, but I usually try to stay calm and that usually helps with trying to be focused."

## Q&A// What is the most challenging aspect of golf?



**MATT PARIS (12)//**  
"Just being able to keep yourself in the right mindset the whole game whether you are playing good or bad."

**KARSON CHADWICK (12)//**  
"I'd say the mindset when you first go into it. You want to do well and it might not go that way, so it sets the pace for the round."



**GRADY O'CONNELL (9)//**  
"Probably just getting the shot every single time because you have to keep the same form every time. If you mess up a little bit, then the shot won't go."

## TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK//



With golf being such an individual sport, there is still a team dynamic when it comes to the sport. "We all stuck together, and if someone was struggling, we would be there and help support them," said Grady O'Connell (9).



Cole Lockey (11)

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