

And WE have SOMETHING to say

"I WAS REALLY ABLE TO WORK ON MY LONG DISTANCE OUT ON THE GREEN BECAUSE I'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF WEIGHT TRAINING, AND THIS WAS REALLY BENEFICIAL FOR ME AS WELL AS MY GAME."
JACK TREVINO '23

"MY FAVORITE PART OF THIS GOLF SEASON WAS BEING ABLE TO PLAY IN TOURNAMENTS WITH EVERYONE. NEXT SEASON I HOPE TO IMPROVE ON BEING ABLE TO PUTT SHORTER."
TREVOR VALENZUELA '24

"I WAS ABLE TO COMPETE IN SEVEN TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR. THIS EXPERIENCE MADE ME FEEL BETTER ABOUT MY GOLF SKILLS. I IMPROVED ON MY IRON SHOTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AS WELL, WHICH MADE ME A BETTER PLAYER AND MADE ME MORE CONFIDENT."
TRAVIS TUFANO '25

"MY FAVORITE PART WAS GOING ALL OVER THE DENVER METRO AREA TO PLAY AT THE NICEST GOLF COURSES THAT NORMALLY COST UPPER 200'S BUT WE WERE ABLE TO GET TO PLAY FOR FREE. MY FAVORITE TOURNAMENT WAS PLAYING AT FLATIRONS IN BOULDER."
BRENDAN STRAIT '23



“GOLF DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ABOUT COACHES SCREAMING IN YOUR FACE, OR HATING ON THE OTHER TEAM JUST BECAUSE THEY WEAR A DIFFERENT UNIFORM. EVERYONE IN GOLF SUPPORTS EACH OTHER WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ON YOUR TEAM. THIS IS WHAT DRIVES YOU ON THE GREEN TO DO YOUR BEST.”

Jacob 'Coby' Puzio '24

A GOLF SWING. After hitting his golf ball with his driver club, Jacob 'Coby' Puzio '24 stares out to see how far it lands at the beginning of his second day of competition at the CHSSA Boys Golf State Tournament on Oct. 4. This was Puzio's first time competing at State." *photo by e.rolfs*

WE'RE known for **SETTING** this

Puzio

Two varsity golfers compete in State Golf Tournament

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O N OCT. 3 AND 4, JACOB 'COBY' PUZIO '24 AND KYLE LEYDON '23 COMPETED IN THE COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT AT THE CITY PARK GOLF COURSE.

Leydon qualified for State again after winning third place the previous year. With this being Puzio's first time competing, he had looked to Leydon, who had served as a mentor for him.

"My freshman year I had barely even started playing golf, and Kyle took me under his wing and showed me what it meant to be a real tournament player. He showed me how to handle my emotions and what it was like to have a true love for the game," Puzio said. "I made it a goal of mine to make it to State as I had been so close the previous two years. I was glad to finally compete and with Kyle there, too."

After the first day of the opening round of competition, Leydon ended

an individual score of 71 while Puzio scored 80.

"After hitting my first tee shot, I was so excited and nervous. I was just glad to be there and get the opportunity to finally compete," Puzio said.

On the second day, Puzio's individual score was a 79 resulting in a placing of 75th with a combined individual score of 159. Leydon scored an individual score of 69 on the second day leading him to place eighth with a total individual score of 140.

"I had a very good chance at winning State; unfortunately, I couldn't capitalize on winning. The most important thing is I had a solid finish and made sure I enjoyed it. I knew it was my last time being able to tee up carrying that BHS golf bag and wearing that golf shirt," Leydon said. "I joined the golf team four years ago to put Brighton golf on the map and make sure people knew that we were an elite school for golf. I think I accomplished that."



1. LINE UP. Looking down at the golf ball, Kyle Leydon '23 lines up his club with the tee while competing on the second day of the CHSSA Boys Golf Tournament on Oct. 4. Leydon competed at State for the third year in a row. "I have improved in my physical skills, but the part of my game that has improved the most is my confidence. I know when I play my best I can beat anyone on any given day and that I have an elite set of skills," Leydon said. "One thing I have been struggling with is being able to hit the ball straight. I've gotten much better at it, but I can always improve my accuracy." *photo by n.duran*

2. TIME TO WARM UP. Holding his club, Gavin Conner '25 warms up his swing before practicing on the green at the Buffalo Run Golf Course on Sept. 7. "I remember I was hitting with a 5 iron club so that I could get close to the green. I ended up being just short of the green," Conner said. *photo by e.rolfs*

3. SWING BACK. Watching his ball, Cannon Headley '23 drives the ball down the fairway while practicing on Sept. 7 at Buffalo Run Golf Course. "My main technique is to forget about everything and just have my head focused on the game. I try to do my best but sometimes that doesn't always work," Headley said. *photo by e.rolfs*