

# Golfers Swing into Graduation

*Senior golfers head straight from the state meet to graduation*

The girl's golf team demonstrated their passion for golf throughout the season by missing part of 10 days of school for golf meets...the day of graduation and the state golf meet strengthened this statement. Seniors Nicole Jordan, Grace Dawson, Kelsey Wilde and Abbie Gault had to fight against the clock in order to walk at graduation.

Going into the meet, the golfers expected to be back at the high school at around 2:00 p.m. but with three to four holes left, the meet was paused because of lightning. All graduates were supposed to be at the Knapp Center at 6:15 p.m., but after a four-hour delay the senior golfers were still in Marshalltown well after 6:00 p.m.

The girls were a little frantic. Coach Steve Smith contacted administrative assistant Liz Sullivan, who organized graduation, so she knew they were coming.

Some of the girls' parents drove them to the ceremony while the others brought their caps and gowns from home. "We fixed our hair and did a little makeup and went to graduation in our golf polos and skirts!" Wilde said. The golfers put their gowns over their golf clothes, kept their flip flops on and were ready by 7:30 p.m.

Now they had to find Sullivan. And the Knapp Center is a big place. "We could not find them and had all of the staff looking for them," Sullivan said. SRO James Slack located them and radioed Sullivan "I found them."

To get them to Sullivan they had to walk underneath the enormous set of bleachers at the back of the auditorium opposite the stage. By the time they met Sullivan, they had missed the speeches and were into the Ls in the awarding of diplomas. They were apprehensive about walking out onto the floor in front of the entire auditorium. However, Sullivan told them they would be fine, walked them to the entrance of the seating area and told them to sit by the last graduate alphabetically Anna Zinselmeier.

They sat at the end of the last row with one another. "It was very stressful but kinda exciting at the same time knowing I was going to get to sit next to my golf girls at graduation," senior Abbie Gault said.

Mason City Duel	182
North Scott Inv	358
Linn-Mar Inv	400
Urb/Dowling	187
Dragon Inv	349
Valley Inv	346
Marshalltown Duel	184
Waukee Inv	376
Ft Dodge Duel	178
CIML Conf	388
Regional Ames	374

On hole nine at the Johnston Invite, senior Grace Dawson tees off at one of the Jester Park meets. Dawson ended the season by going to state. (photo by Jordan DeRoos)



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Special Instructions



Senior Kyra Larkin, junior Cara Kempadoo, sophomore Grace Chickering, senior Nicole Jordan play a fun game at their last golf practice. The game was Bucket Cup, a season-ending competition played by the golfers. (photo by Hanna Peterman)

During a meet at Jester Park, sophomore Grace Chickering putts the ball into the hole. At that meet, Chickering shot 95 and failed to place. (photo by Jordan DeRoos)



Sophomore Madison Dunn lines up her putt while junior Natalie Lloyd putts the ball towards the hole. "Towards the end of the day, it got hot and windy, but I was still confident because we were playing at our home course," Lloyd said. (photo by Jordan DeRoos)

Chipping to ball, junior Macie Gay lands on the green during The golf team had nine meets and had a the Johnston Invite. the team average of 188.2 for the season. (photo by Jordan DeRoos)



After driving from the state meet at Marshalltown, seniors Abbie Gault, Kelsey Wilde, Grace Dawson and Nicole Jordan, SRO James Slack escorts the girls to graduation organizer Liz Sullivan. The girls missed the speeches, but did walk across the stage. (photo provided by Paul Heggen)

Senior Alexis Wolter tees off on hole 14 at Jester Park. The golf team made the 18-minute drive to Jester Park Golf Course due to lack of closer options. (photo by Jordan DeRoos)

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