

# Rambler golf finishes stellar season

Heritage Hills Golf Resort in York, Pa., one of the most difficult courses in Pennsylvania, tested the players and coaches alike. The course's tight fairways and sand-trap-guarded greens caused havoc to even the most experienced players. Led by seniors Alex Pol and Rob Harris, as well as junior standout Pat Kelly, the Cathedral Prep golf team highlighted why it is one of the best in state.

The Ramblers were dominant throughout District 10, as they went 5-0 in region play. On the road they had spectacular success at various prestigious golf invitationals. The Ramblers claimed the Midwest Classic played at Whispering Woods and captured the title at the Rough Rider Invitational for the third year in a row. They also achieved top five honors at the prestigious Lion Cardinal Classic as well as the Latrobe and Meadville Invitational.

"These were good bench markers for us through the season. We could really use these to gauge where we were at and what we needed to work on," said senior Rob Harris.

They had no problem putting the pieces together when it counted most. At the District 10 Championships, the Ramblers shined. In the individual championships Pat Kelly showed why he's one of the best. He blew away the field capturing the District 10 Title once again. His first round score of 70 and second round score of 75 led him to a 6-stroke victory and qualified him for the Western Region Individual Tournament, taking him one step away from his third state trip.

Senior Rob Harris shot a combined 155, which was good enough for fourth, and freshman Evan Rowane shot a 162, and that placed him seventh. In the team tournament, the Ramblers

absolutely dominated the field winning with a commanding 21-stroke victory, defending their title from last year.

“Our team was very strong physically and mentally on the course,” said Pat Kelly, and that killer mentality was too much for any team to handle.

The road to the state tournament led them to the PIAA eam Subregional versus Altoona & Bradford. Played at Treasure Lake in DuBois the golf team battled hard and once again came out on top. Pat Kelly paved the way shooting and impressive 70, and the Prep golf team advanced into the state golf championship with the 17-stroke win in the subregional. At Toms Run Golf Course at the Western Region Individual Tournament, Pat Kelly was given another gold medal. His round of 70 was good enough for the victory and a spot in this year’s state tourney.

At Heritage Hills Golf Resort, in York, Pa., Pat Kelly was the lone District 10 representative in the highly competitive Class AAA field. After day one, Pat’s first round score of 73 had him at two over par and well within the top 10. Day two proved to be more challenging. A 15-minute delay due to weather made the course much more difficult. His second round score of 76 at five over gave him a combined score of 149, and his final score of seven over par earned Pat a medal tying for tenth.

In the team competition the next day, Pat Kelly bounced back. His 70 at one under had him tied for first. Alex Pol shot an impressive 74, Evan Rowane an 80, Luke Misko an 81, and Rob Harris an 82. The team’s combined score of 305 tied them with Central Catholic for third. This concluded a successful and memorable golf season for the team.

“Hard work pays off,” said Alex Pol. “Our team this year was one of the best; we were truly a group of brothers.”

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# Tiger Woods returns to competition

This weekend was the weekend that golf fans all around the world have been waiting for, the return of Tiger Woods. Tiger Woods had taken a leave of absence from PGA competition for over a year. Woods made his return at the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas. The tournament only consisted of 18 competitors, and Woods placed 15th overall and finished at 4 under par.

Woods finished the first round of competition with a score of 73. In this round he had a total of 5 birdies, 2 bogeys and 2 double bogeys. Not bad for his first match back in competition. The second round he showed fans the real Tiger Woods. The second round was his best round all weekend, finishing with a score of 65. This round only had birdies waiting for him, 7 of them to be exact. He finished the round bogey free.

The third round of the competition was also a good match for Woods. During the round he had 7 birdies again. Tiger finished the round with a score of 70. The fourth round was his worst showing all weekend. Tiger ended up with more bogeys than birdies in his final round. His final score for his final round was a 76.

Woods played better than most golf fans expected him to play. *The Rambler* reached out to members of Prep's golf team to get their opinions on Woods' long awaited return. Robert Harris, Prep junior golfer said, "I think it is truly amazing not only for golf but for sports in general. He is a great athlete and it's good to see him back in the fight."

Mark Majewski, senior golfer, said that Woods has a real opportunity to excel. "He has the offseason to prepare himself for the Masters in April and for the rest of the season to come."

With Woods' hot start many are wondering they we will see the old Tiger Woods again. Senior golf team member Ryan Misko said, "I don't think we'll see the old tiger but something close too it." Misko also said that Woods' swing looks a lot better and healthier.

After this competition Woods said that he will be taking a few weeks off, but he said that he will be back soon.

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## Cathedral Prep Fall Mid-Season Sports Report

As the calendar closes on September, it is approximately midseason for many fall sports.



### **Football**

Record: 5-0

With half of the regular season over the Cathedral Prep football team have had a great start to the season. With a perfect 5-0 record, including key wins versus McWho and Benedictine from Ohio, the football team looks to keep it

rolling in the second half of the season and go for another perfect regular season and winning a District 10 championship versus Warren.

The Ramblers are ranked 2nd in the state in class AAAA behind last year's state champions Imhotep Charter. Prep is led by quarterback Joe Mischler who has been having a stellar year along with Notre Dame commit, linebacker Matthew Bauer, who have led the Ramblers in total yards and tackles respectively. Senior starting wide receiver Trey Deitrick talked about the mindset of the team right now. "I expect that we go through the regular season undefeated even though we have tough opponents coming up like Canisus. We have a great chance at a state title run, but if we take it game by game we can beat anyone in the state." This attitude is the key to success for the season especially coming off a 2nd place in the state finish last year.



## **Soccer**

Record: 7-1

It has been a solid start to the season for the Prep soccer team, especially coming off a huge win at McWho last week. The Ramblers are riding high with a 7-1 record. Their lone loss came from a very talented Clarence team from New York. Seniors Phil Cammarata (St. Bonaventure commit) and Richard Blanchard along with juniors Zach Hein and Matt Zupan have led the Ramblers each game.

The soccer team has a huge second half of the season coming up as they play some great teams from Ohio in Lake Catholic and Walsh Jesuit along with another battle with the team from

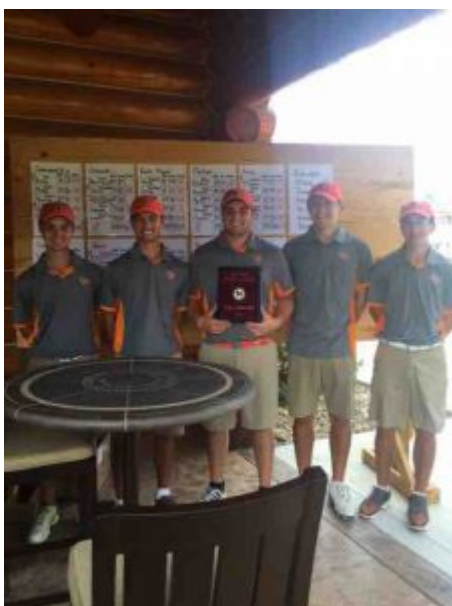
Millcreek. The team looks to keep their momentum going as they look to the playoffs and their quest for a third consecutive District 10 title and a possible run to states.



## **Water Polo**

Record: 12-2

The Cathedral Prep water polo squad has been working hard in the first half of their season, and this hard work has paid off with a 12-2 start. Of these 12 wins the most important one came versus the Trojans in the first win at the new David Hallman III Aquatics Center. In addition to great performances in the McDowell Cup, the Tiger Classic and the Beast of the East tournaments, the Ramblers look to keep the momentum going to win the first annual Erie Challenge, which will be held at the PVEC. The team hopes to be as successful as last year's team who made a deep run in the state tournament.



## **Golf**

The regular season just wrapped up for the Rambler golf team

on Monday at Whispering Woods Golf Club where they won their 11th straight region title with a team score of 309 over 2nd place McWho who scored 331. With their region win, the golf team automatically qualified for the District 10 team championship where they will face the Warren Dragons at The Country Club in Meadville next Friday.

Individually, the Ramblers were led by Region Golfer of the Year, Ryan Misko, along with Alex Pol and Rob Harris who were all first team all region and automatic qualifiers for the District 10 Individual Championships which will also be held next Friday and Saturday at Meadville. Mark Majewski (Second Team All Region) and Patrick Kelly (Defending District 10 Individual Champion and PA State Qualifier) will play Monday in the Region Qualifier at Meadville to determine their spot into the Individual Championship. The Ramblers are looking for their first District 10 team title since 2013 and a chance at making the State Team Tournament.



### **Cross Country**

Record: 3-1

The cross country team has hit the halfway point in their season with wins in the region versus Central Tech, Strong Vincent and McWho. They also received a 5th place finish in the McDonough Invite in Cleveland. They are led by seniors Kyle Wagner and Ryan Garich along with junior Kyle Martin and sophomores Matthew Whaley and Alex Chelton who all have had stellar performances. The Ramblers have clinched the region for the second consecutive time with four more meets left of the regular season.

This school year has gotten off to a great start for all of Prep's sports teams. Optimism is high for all of the teams as they look for continued success for the rest of their season.

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## **The Masters kicks off another year of golf's major championships**

The Masters is one of the most highly anticipated sporting events every year. Showcasing some of the best golfers in the world, this championship continues to intrigue more spectators. With some of the best young players in the world with the likes of Jason Day and Jordan Spieth, as well as some seasoned vets like Phil Mickelson and Angel Cabrera, this year's tournament should not disappoint.

Last year's victor, Jordan Spieth, looks to build upon the stellar season he had last year, with a win at the Masters being a perfect start. Spieth dominated the field last year, winning by 4 strokes and tying Tiger Woods for the lowest 72-hole score at 270.

Perhaps one of the biggest surprises is Tiger Woods deciding not to play in the tournament. Tiger has had to deal with a number of health issues over the last few years and appears to still not be fully recovered. Hopefully the rest of the field can fill in some of the excitement only Tiger could bring to the spectators.

The field consists of a number of different golfers that look primed for a breakout performance. Jason Day should be riding the wave of first major win last year at the PGA championship



and always seems to be a late contender at Augusta. Spieth, however, continues to impress fans of all levels and is very familiar with pressure situations.

My dark horse candidate to win is Keegan Bradley. He has fallen out of relevance recently, but his driving bodes well for him on the long Augusta National course. My favorite to bring home the green jacket is Rickie Fowler. Rickie has still yet to win a major championship and always seems falls only a few shots out of the lead. He has hit the second most greens in regulation on tour, so as long as his driver stays reliable he should be a tough contender to beat.

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## **Ramblers' fall sports season off to good start**

It's arguably the best time of the year here at Cathedral Prep with all of the school's fall sports teams kicking off their seasons. As always the school has high expectations for all of the teams and the goals they wish to accomplish this season. Take a look at all of the teams competing during this fall season.

### **Cross Country**



The Ramblers cross country team opened up their season with a dual meet against defending state champion North Allegheny on Sept. 8 at Frontier Park. The Ramblers fell short and suffered their first loss of the season. The following Saturday the team

traveled down to Schenley Park in Pittsburgh, Pa., to compete in the annual Red White and Blue Classic. Evan Fritzke paced the Ramblers, finishing 27th overall out of roughly 300 runners. He was followed by teammate Bailey Klein who finished 30th overall. As a team the Ramblers placed 6th out of a field of 30 teams. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Sept. 22, as Prep duals against their rival McDowell at Frontier Park beginning at 4 p.m.

**Key Losses:** Jack Lindenberger, Norman Stark, Michael Clark, and Matthew Neville

**Key Returners:** Evan Fritzke, Jack Dey, Bailey Klein, Noah Nicolia, Kevin Haight, Kyle Wagner, Roman Zegarelli, and Jake Schlosser

## Football



Football season is back which means it's the craziest time of the year around the halls of Cathedral Prep. The football team recently went down to Kissimmee, Florida to open the season taking on the Wakulla War Eagles. The War Eagles were led by LSU-commit Feleipe Franks as well as Keith Gavin, one of the top wide receivers in the class of 2016. The Ramblers were

ultimately defeated by a score of 31-14. Malano Jones rushed for a pair of touchdowns and gained 80 yards on the ground in the loss. When senior captain Sullivan Johnson was asked about how the overall experience of playing in Florida will help the team he responded, "Wakulla was a very talented team with tremendous athletes. We had to play at a very high intensity just to compete and that took us to another level. If we play with the passion throughout the season that we had in Florida we will have a very special season."

The Ramblers most recently squared off against region opponent Strong Vincent, on Friday, Sept. 11 at Veterans Stadium. It was all Cathedral Prep in this one. TaNauz Gregory set the tone by recording an interception on Strong Vincent 's first play from scrimmage. From there on out the Ramblers were rolling, and they defeated Vincent by a score of 63-0. The Ramblers next outing is Sept. 18, with a 7 p.m. kickoff at Gus Anderson Field against McDowell. The opposition goes into the game with a winless record of 0-2. They were defeated by Lake Catholic 63-7 in Week 1 and fell to Canton McKinley 27-10 the following week.

**Key Losses:** Charlie Fessler, DeAngelo Malone, James Trucilla, Jake Galla, Tim Zieziula, Sean Harris, Jermaine Hunter, Troy Woodard, Sam Sweny, Bryce Boyd, Billy Norfolk, Alex Kissel,

Mike Spizarny, Dominic Kramer, and Chris Callari

**Key Returners:** TaNauz Gregory (Sr), Matthew Bauer (So), Malano Jones (Sr), Jose Casiano (Sr), Timmy Beveridge (Sr), Sullivan Johnson (Sr), Dajon Heidelberg (Sr), Mike Buzas (Sr), Adam Figurski (Sr), Mitchell Gresh (Sr), Shane Scott (Sr), Nick Bizzarro (Sr), Koron Williams (Sr), Alex Comi (Sr), Jeremy Hill (Sr), Jerry Roberts (Jr)

## Water Polo



The Cathedral Prep's water polo team opened up their season with a splash, by "drowning" a talented North Allegheny team 15-8. Over the weekend the [Ramblers placed first in the very prestigious Ohio Cup](#), avenging their second place

finish from last season. The hype has already begun for Wednesday, Sept. 23, as the squad takes on rival McDowell at the Intermediate (McDowell) starting at 7:15 p.m. The senior class has yet to lose to McDowell in the pool and look for another dominating victory over the Trojans. Following McDowell, the Ramblers will be playing in the highly regarded "Beast of The East Tournament" held in Philadelphia, Pa., from Sept. 25-26. The expectation for this year's team is as high as it has been in recent years and there does not appear to be any signs of a let down.

**Key Losses:** Daniel Bauman, Davis Nies, Eli Chase, and David Kuhar

**Key Returners:** Dan Anthony (Sr), Tom Squelia (Sr), Tony Squelia (Jr), Rex Riley (Sr), David Rahner (Sr), and Calvin Behm (So)

# Soccer



The Cathedral Prep soccer program is rapidly growing and strengthening year by year. There is much anticipation for all that this year's team will accomplish. The Ramblers are returning a lot of experience from a very successful team that won the District 10 championship just a season ago. The biggest hole that needs replaced can be found at goalkeeper where the Ramblers lost legendary goalie Oliver Wiesner.

Senior Michael Stark is called upon to guard the net and so far all signs point towards another successful season of strong goalkeeper play. They have almost the entire defensive unit back with Nick Paglia, Gage Bamberger, and Derek Jones returning along with senior captain Antonio Simora. The three-headed monster of Zach Hein, Phil Cammarata, and Tommy Russo look to dominate the center of the field while transfer Matthew Zupan looks to score the goals along with Brady Sittinger.

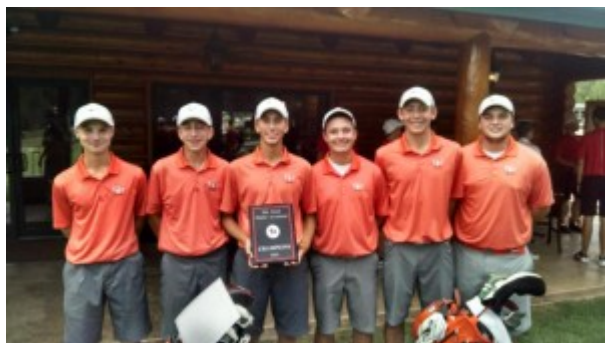
The Ramblers opened up play on Sept. 9 at Dollinger Field against General McLane. The Ramblers were victorious as they defeated the Lancers by a score of 10-0. The Ramblers then defeated Youngstown Ursuline 8-2. Junior Brady Sittinger has started out the season on a tear scoring 7 goals in just two games. Whoever wants to witness the Ramblers in action can take a trip to Dollinger Field on Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. when they will face McDowell.

**Key Losses:** Oliver Wiesner, Sean Reed, Steven Brown, Dino Krdzalic, Sammy Tojaga, and Nick Baran.

**Key Returners:** Antonio Simora (Sr), Nick Paglia (Sr), Gage

Bamberger (Sr), Sammy Tojaga (So), Zach Hein (So), Brady Sittinger (Jr), Thomas Russo (So), Ryan Bogniak (Sr), Phil Cammarata (Jr), Derek Jones (Jr), and Michael Chrzanowski (Sr)

## Golf



Golf starts their season relatively early to ensure the state playoffs will not be affected by snow or any other uncontrollable weather conditions. This year's starting lineup consists of senior Ben Ladaika, senior Jordan Henry, junior Ryan Misko, sophomore Robbie Harris, sophomore Alex Pol, and last but certainly not least, freshman Patrick Kelly. The Cathedral Prep golf team started off their season in a dominant fashion by defeating McDowell by a grand total of 42 strokes.

The Ramblers have competed and placed highly in some prestigious tournaments thus far such as the Rough Rider Invitational in Kent, Ohio (1st Place), the Corry Invitational (1st Place) and the University School Tournament in Kent, Ohio (2nd Place). A huge congratulations goes out to senior Ben Ladaika who buried his first career hole-in-one this season. "I was more in shock than anything," Ladaika said. "I knew it went in and saw it go in, but it still hasn't sunk in my head that I made it." The Ramblers currently sit at 4-0 in region play and continue to show consistency on the course. The hopes are high for the remainder of the season and we wish the golf team the best of luck as they enter their final stretch of the regular season.

**Key Losses:** Ryan Podufal, Jack Kloecker, Jack Bloomstine, Jack Kelly, and Dana Stewart

**Key Returns:** Ben Ladaika (Sr), Jordan Henry (Sr), Ryan Misko

(Jr), Robbie Harris (So), and Alex Pol (So)

If you're looking to support any of Prep's teams this fall season, you can [view the schedules of all the Rambler teams online](#).

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## Jordan Spieth's masterful performance at Augusta

This past weekend, Jordan Spieth, a 21-year-old professional golfer from Dallas, Texas, showcased his dominance by winning the 2015 Masters in an impressive (-18) fashion, defeating the entire field by at least 4 strokes. Spieth's victory places him in the record books as the second youngest player to win in Masters history. On top of this, Spieth set records for most birdies at the Masters as well as the lowest 36-hole, 54-hole, and 72-hole scores ever. Not bad for a 21-year-old.

What may be most amazing about this all-star, however, is his focus, humility, and perspective throughout his rise to fame. In the wake of his historic win, Spieth was focused on his autistic sister Ellie, who could not make it to the tournament. He expressed how much he missed her and that once he got home, she would be waiting for him, ready for a present from Augusta and plenty of time with her brother.

While it must be incredibly difficult to keep priorities in check during a meteoric rise to fame and stardom, Spieth remains centered around "what's really important." For him, seeing and spending time with his sister gives him the perspective he needs to remain confident in the fact that, in the grand scheme of things, golf is not *that* big of a deal—not nearly as much, at least, as family. For this, Spieth will

become a household name and a role model for golfers all over the world.

Expect to see many more wins from Spieth. There is plenty of evidence to suggest that the "Spieth Era" will last long after the roars of the 2015 Masters have subsided.

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## Several student-athletes take part in National Signing Day



This past week Cathedral Prep took part in National Signing Day. Among the signees were six exceptional athletes from the Cathedral Prep Class of 2015:

James Trucilla is a football commit to the University of Virginia. A force to be reckoned with and tackling extraordinaire, James is a hot commodity on the field and a terrific catch for the Cavalier football program. Also an accomplished student, James will fit well into the UVA culture.

Hunter Emerson is a lacrosse commit to Mercyhurst University. It takes an extraordinary amount of guts to willingly play goalie in lacrosse. It's probably right up there with bull riding in terms of pain. Luckily, Hunter is unquestionably one of the toughest kids in the Class of 2015 as well as an incredibly gifted athlete. There is no doubt that Mr. Emerson will excel at Mercyhurst.



Charlie Fessler is a football commit to Northwestern University. Charlie is the all-time leader in receptions at Cathedral Prep, so it's quite safe to say that he knows a thing or two about catching the ol' pigskin. Charlie will bring his first-class speed and hands to Northwestern and continue to dominate.

Ryan Podufal is a golf commit to Xavier University. Pods is a 4-year varsity golf letterman, being the "go to guy" for the vast majority of that time. The pin-seeking striker will carry this confidence and determination to a Xavier team that will undoubtedly benefit greatly from his play.

Deangelo Malone is a football commit to Youngstown State University. Most accurately described simply as "lightning in the backfield," Deangelo is an expert in juking, jiving, decking, ducking, and dodging defenders. The Penguin football team will benefit greatly from Mr. Malone's outstanding running capabilities.

Corey Fisher is a football commit to Lake Erie College. Corey is a towering human being, fully capable of inflicting his will on most oppositions. Corey will bring size and strength to the Storm football team, and he surely will develop into a fine leader on the team.

Congratulations to all of the signees! We wish you the best of luck in your college athletic careers.

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**Spieth wins Hero World**

# Challenge golf tournament in impressive fashion

Last week at the Hero World Challenge golf tournament, Jordan Spieth showed a remarkable performance. Spieth made a tap-in par putt on the 18th hole to win the tournament by 10 strokes followed by Henrik Stenson who finished 16 under par and Patrick Reed with 15 under. There wasn't much celebration after Spieth walked off the 18th hole because he had the tournament in his hands the entire day. He finished the tournament with 29 pars along with an eagle to put himself away from the rest of the field. So far, the young player from Dallas, Texas, is showing himself apart from the rest of the PGA Tour and he is making big strides in his career.

Aside from Spieth's outstanding performance, there were players that were not feeling the same fame that he was. After several withdrawals and absences from last years golf tournaments, Tiger Woods looked like he had never swung a club before. On several green side accounts, Woods found himself repeatedly chunking the shot and watching the ball roll back down to his feet. This was not the worst part for Woods though. On the driving range and the first hole, Woods was bent over with his hands on his knees, vomiting because of a high fever that he had been experiencing. That must have been the source of his terrible performances on the first three days because Woods continued to shoot 3-over par on his final day at the Hero World Challenge.

Many people think that Tiger Woods is not capable of what he used to be. Every year he brings along a new source that affects him negatively. With a bad knee and back troubles that he has been facing, who knows if he'll ever return to the number one golfer in the world. Right now, Rory McIlroy holds that place and there are many new young golfers that are making their way to the top, like Jordan Spieth. As the new

season kicks off, it should be interesting as to what the 2015 year holds for the PGA Tour.

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## Podufal to compete in state championship in golf

As the fall sports season winds down, senior Ryan Podufal competes for the 2014 Individual PIAA State Championship Medal in golf. Ryan has been a member of the varsity golf team all four of his years at Prep. As a junior, the team made it to the state playoffs, but Ryan did not compete because of health problems. Then, last year the team placed 6th in the tournament.

This year, the team was defeated by Meadville 327-310. A few Ramblers competed in the individual round, and Ryan was the only one to earn a spot at Western Regionals.



Last Tuesday, was one of 22 competing for 12 spots to advance to the State Tournament. With a smooth 77, he was able to earn a position to play at his second state championship, but first time as an individual. Ryan spoke about the excitement

that he is feeling towards these next few days, saying, "I'm happy to go to states again, though I wish my teammates were coming along again like last year."

Although the spirits are high, Heritage Hills is no putt-putt course. With unfamiliar holes and outlandish tee shots and greens, Heritage provides a tough atmosphere for those

competing. "I know a lot of the kids that will be in York because they were in the same tournaments I played in," Podufal said. "Heritage Hills isn't overly long, but it can be tricky, so you have to hit the ball to the right places. I just hope that the weather is good, and maybe I can shoot low numbers."

*The Rambler* wishes him luck in these next few days and hopes that he will bring home some state hardware!

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## **Golf Team Wins Rough Rider Invitational**

This past weekend the Cathedral Prep golf team was at the Rough Rider Invitational in Ohio. This is a very prestigious tournament, and Prep has been known to perform well and win in the past.

Prep played the first day at Oak Knoll. Andrew Britain (senior) shot a 74, Ryan Podufal (junior) shot an 81, Evan Wronnek (senior) shot an 85 and Jack Kloecker (junior) shot an 89. Prep ended up 2 strokes back from Hudson, and they were tied for second place at the end of the first day.

The next day they had an early 8 o'clock start but played extremely well. Ryan Podufal shot a 76, Andrew Britain shot an 80, Jack Kloecker shot an 81 and Evan Wronnek shot an 84.

The golf team ended up winning the tournament by 7 strokes. Andrew Britain was a runner up medalist. Andrew along with teammate Ryan Podufal also made the all tournament team for top-6 low scores that weekend.