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Junior Harm leads Swedes through storm

The Gothenburg golf team battled through horrible conditions of rain, wind and the cancellation of the first round to earn sixth place at the state championship golf tournament Oct. 15.

The Class C championship, in Columbus, was limited to one day of play after an attempted 1:30 shotgun start failed and lightning continued Oct. 14.

Tuesday's conditions weren't much better, head coach Tara Foster said.

"Rain and wind made it difficult to keep the ball in the fairway," Foster said. "Fairways were soft, bunkers were filled with water and standing water surrounded the course."

Low scorer McKinley Harm hit into one of those bunkers filled with water.

She said she had to retrieve the ball and shoot out of an area of the sand trap that was not flooded.

Harm led the Swedes through the elements shooting a 101, earning a top 20 finish.

Taylor Marshall was second on the team scoring 105 followed by Courtney Brown's 110, Mallory McCoy's 112 and Kelsey Kuhlman closing the scoring with 118.

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Gothenburg shot a team score of 428. Minden, the overall champion, won a team playoff after shooting a 406 to tie with Columbus Scotus and Grand Island Central Catholic.

Both Harm and Marshall had state experience on last year's eighth place team.

"This year was more relaxing because we had been at state before," Marshall said.

Both said aside from dealing with poor conditions, it was easier Tuesday because they hadn't played Monday.

Marshall added that shooting on Tuesday was better because had players been walking on the course in the condition it was in the day before, spots in the fairway and on the green would have been ruined.

"I was thrilled with how the ladies battled through the tough conditions and am satisfied with their rounds," Foster said. "The girls' mental toughness showed dealing with the brisk conditions."

Harm and Marshall are the only returners off the sixth place team.

"We had a great season with several top three finishes as a team," Foster said. "Girls shot personal bests, the team finished third at districts and we achieved our goal of making state."

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Minden 406, 2. Columbus Scotus 406, 3. Grand Island Central Catholic 406, 4. O'Neill 417, 5.

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Lincoln Lutheran 418, 6. Gothenburg 428, 7. Wayne 430, 8. Boone Central 433, 9. Pierce 439, 10. Omaha Brownell-Talbot 444, 11. Bridgeport 446, 12. Kimball 446, 13. West Point-Beemer 448, 14. Chadron 457, 15. Fairbury 495.

TOP 10 GOLFERS

1. Hannah Brown, Auburn 80

2. Brandi Lemek, Don. Trum. 90

3. Emily Snyder, Mitchell 91

4. Amy Price, Col. Scotus 91

5. Neha Sood, GICC 93

6. Lacie Fox, West Point-Beem. 93

7. Kelsey Bignell, Col. Lakeview. 93

8. Sarah Vaughn, GICC 94

9. Klaire Nuttelman, Linc. Luth. 94

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10. Paige Mestl, Heartland 9

SWEDE RESULTS

McKinley Harm 101

Taylour Marshall 105

Courtney Brown 110

Mallory McCoy 112

Kelsey Kuhlman 118

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