

GOLF D1 SECTIONAL (HUDSON)

Tomah's Brin Neumann and the girls golf won its fourth-straight sectional title Tuesday with a score of 362. Neumann finished third overall with a score of 80. Teammate Amelia Zingler was second with a 78. State will be held on Monday and Tuesday, October 10 and 11 at University Ridge in Madison. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

TIMES THE STATE CHARM

Tomah triumphant; wins fourth-straight sectional title to advance to state

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For all the success in the decorated history of their girls' golf program, last fall marked the first time that the Tomah Timberwolves ever won conference, regional and sectional titles in the same season.

Though it came by a narrow margin at their sectional meet, the Timberwolves pulled off the feat for a second straight year in 2022.

Thanks in large part to a strong bounce-back performance from senior Amelia Zingler, Tomah came away in first place at a competitive Division 1 Hudson sectional meet held Tuesday, October 4 at Troy Burne Golf Club in Hudson.

Tomah posted a collective score of 362 to stake a spot atop the team leaderboard, six strokes ahead of Stevens Point in second place with a 368. With two team state berths available at sectionals, the Timberwolves and the Panthers are moving on to Madison.

Third-place New Richmond fell agonizingly short of a state bid by posting a 369. River Falls (374) followed in fourth, Hudson (385) was fifth, Chippewa Falls/McDonell Catholic (386) placed sixth, Holmen

(387) was right behind in seventh and Marshfield (397) wound up in eighth.

At last week's home regional, Tomah had finished 35 strokes clear of second-place Stevens Point. At sectionals, the gap between the Timberwolves and eighth-place Marshfield was 35 strokes.

Zingler led the charge for Tomah by carding a 78, as she rose to the occasion by shaving 12 strokes off the disappointing 90 she had posted at regionals. Zingler's score was good enough for solo second on the individual leaderboard.

Right behind her in third was fellow Tomah senior Brin Neumann, who fired an 80 at sectional after previously taking top medalist honors at regionals by posting a 71.

Stevens Point senior and defending Division 1 individual state champion Riley Pechinski finished one shot back of Neumann to finish as the runner-up at regionals, but at sectionals her second straight round of 72 was good enough to leave her in first, six shots ahead of Zingler.

Hudson junior Olivia Grothaus also shot an 80 to tie Neumann for third, while River Falls junior Mahlia McCane and New Richmond senior Abbie Ritzer both carded an 83 to finish in a tie for fifth.

That trio of Grothaus, McCane and Ritzer will advance to state as individual qualifiers from the Hudson sectional.

Rounding out the top 10 were Eau Claire Memorial senior Isabelle Campbell in seventh with an 86, New Richmond senior Kailey Stevens in eighth with an 87 and New Richmond junior Emma Eastep, Holmen senior Emily Nelson, Chippewa Falls/McDonell Catholic sophomore Sarah Chaffee and Stevens Point junior Ava Frederiksen in a four-way tie for ninth at 90.

Elsewhere for the Timberwolves, senior Madeline Ewers and freshman Karma Hasselberger were part of a tie for 28th after each fired a 102 to round out the top-four scores that counted toward the team total. Tomah senior Peyton Foster carded a 109 to finish in a tie for 42nd.

Tomah had some consistency throughout the day, as Zingler, Neumann and Hasselberger all recorded the same score on both the front and back nine.

Continuing their run of postseason success in recent years, the Timberwolves will take part in the 2022 WIAA State Girls Golf Tournament, to be held Monday, October 10 and Tuesday, October 11 at University Ridge Golf Course in Madison.

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