

Green's game thriving at Greater Lowell Tech



Greater Lowell Tech's Trevor Green tees off during a match at Chelmsford Country Club. (SUN/Julia Malakie)

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TYNGSBORO – Trevor Green's body language speaks volumes about where his golf game is at this fall.

Greater Lowell Tech's talented senior is poised, confident and able to blast shots off the tee that fly upwards of 300 yards. With each swing he takes, Green helps drive home the point that the Gryphons' second-year varsity squad is working hard at shedding its expansion team tag.

Green played his first three years of varsity golf at Lowell High before transferring to Greater Lowell Tech during his junior year. He has been Greater Lowell's team

medalist in all seven matches this season, posting an impressive nine-hole stroke average of 36 for the Gryphons. Green has taken his game to the next level, and is working hard at lifting the fortunes of Greater Lowell's program up with him.

"He's been a tremendous addition," said Greater Lowell coach Pat Moriarty. "Not only is he a great player, it's like having an assistant coach, too. He's incredibly helpful with the other kids on the team, many of whom are just learning the game. He's able to teach them a lot when we're at practice, whether it be short-game or hitting the ball. His teammates love him. He's really a team-first guy.

"He's a well-rounded player. He has all the tools. He's very talented. Most impressive to me about his game is his mental approach. If he hits a bad shot, it's over right away. It's not something that he carries with him to the next shot. He has a very laid back attitude. Nothing seems to bother him on the golf course. That's very impressive for somebody his age."

Green is a member of one of the local area's most famous athletic families. His grandfather, Tim Green, who was a standout on Lowell High's undefeated 1967 football team, father, Chris Green, and aunt, Leah (Green) Micalizzi, were multi-sport stars at Lowell High and are all members of Lowell High's Athletic Hall of Fame.

His grandmother, Gail Green, was an excellent high school athlete and is in Dracut High's Hall of Fame. Gail Green has competed in the Lowell Women's City Tournament a number of times.

With his bloodlines, it was only natural for him to make good on his birthright and follow in the family footsteps when it came to athletics. And golf has been Green's game of choice since he was a toddler.

"The person who got me started in golf was my great-grandfather, my papa Lockhart," said Green. "We were at the Cape. He gave me a club and that's how it all started. That's the day I fell in love with the sport."

This romance has blossomed into Green's passion.

Green, who shoots lefty, cracked the varsity lineup on Lowell's golf team as a freshman. He played No. 1 and was an MVC All-Conference selection and *Lowell Sun* first-team all-star as a sophomore, finishing with a 38.1 nine-hole stroke average while helping Lowell win the MVC Division 1 championship.

He has competed in the Lowell City Tournament and the Lowell Junior City Tournament. This year Green, 18, finished first at Mt. Pleasant Golf Club's City Qualifier, carding a 36-hole score of even par 144. In 2017, Green tied for second place at the Lowell City Junior Tournament.

Green is studying Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) at Greater Lowell. He is thriving on the links in his first season with the Gryphons.

"It's been great," said Green. "Usually when you join a team you seem like an outsider. But they've taken me in and it feels like home. It's a lot of fun playing here."

This past Wednesday, Green had one of his best performances of the season. At a non-league tri-match with Billerica and Lowell at Mt. Pleasant GC, Green carded a 1-under 35 and scored 38 points.

"He can really drive a golf ball," said Moriarty. "He's a great striker overall. He's an aggressive player. He attacks the golf course. He picks his shot, and he trusts it. And if it doesn't go as planned he deals with it and moves on. I really don't think he has a weakness in his game. He's just a very strong player."

Green is quick to credit the role his parents, Amy and Chris, have played in his development as a student-athlete. Chris excelled in football (lineman), indoor track (shot put) and baseball at LHS, and has played in several Lowell City Golf Tournaments. Green's younger sister, McKenna, plays basketball at Lowell Catholic.

"My parents have been a tremendous help," said Green. "My entire family, coaches and teammates have all been awesome. They've all gone out of their way to be there for me."

Green, who stands 6-feet and weighs 170 pounds, works at refining his golf game year-round. With help from Mt. Pleasant's club pro, Joel Jenkins, and his staff assistants, Chris Gentle and Nick Fantasia, Green made great strides in his development over the summer.

Fantasia, who finished second at this year's Lowell City Tournament, put in a call recommending Green to his former college coach at Johnson & Wales University in North Miami, a perennially strong NAIA program. From there one thing led to another and Green has decided to head to Florida and play his college golf at Johnson & Wales.

"He told me he was interested in playing college golf," said Fantasia, a former Billerica High standout golfer and hockey player who graduated from Johnson & Wales in May. "So I reached out to my coach just to get the door open for him and get his feet wet when it comes to recruiting. I didn't know it would actually turn out that he'd go there, which I'm ecstatic about. It's a great opportunity for him.

"He's doing great this season. We couldn't be any prouder of the way he's representing Mt. Pleasant at Greater Lowell Tech. Now he gets to represent the northeast and local area at my school and I'm confident he's going to do great things in his career at Johnson & Wales."

Green has certainly been a great addition to Greater Lowell's program, consistently shooting rounds of par for his nine-hole scores this season. He hopes to finish up his high school career with strong showings at the year-end tournaments.

"He's up there, I think, with anyone in the state ability-wise," said Moriarty. "I'm looking forward to seeing what he does in the State Vocational (Tournament) and in the (MIAA) tournaments. I think he's ready to do really well. He has a lot of confidence.

"He's as athletic as it gets for a golfer. He's long. He has a ton of club head speed. He's a strong kid. He's flexible. He's an excellent athlete. If he wanted to, he could probably be a three-sport varsity athlete. But he just concentrates on golf because he loves the game and just wants to play as much as he can."