

GOLF

"We are able to learn from each other and in return be able to encourage and motivate everyone so we can succeed," senior Anathi Reddi on what the team can take away from each others mistakes.

Fresh Roundup

The Hockaday golf team has always been different from other sports due to its small number of girls. But this season, freshmen girls Kelly Westkaemper, Amanda Jin, Kate Fundis and Ashlyn Olden joined the team, giving the team a total of eight golfers.

The team practiced twice a week at the Luna Vista golf course and once a week at a driving range. However, one aspect set the team apart from last year: freshman players.

Many of the experienced golfers agreed that they enjoyed having the freshmen on the team this year, which does not happen very often.

"I think this season has been fun for all of us because it's been a fun way for the upperclassmen to bond with the underclassmen, and hopefully it helped to break down any barriers there were," junior Lainey Giles said.

As for the seasons to come, the freshmen hoped to spark an interest in the sport for rising freshmen in the coming years.

"Not a lot of girls know the sport well, but hopefully we will inspire other girls to step out of their comfort zone and give it a go," Fundis said.



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PUT A SWING ON IT

Freshman Amanda Jin swings toward the ball during a practice. "Coach Lagow really likes for us to work on perfecting our technique," Jin said.

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NO TURNING BACK

The team trudges back to their cars after practice. Each of the girls stored their clubs in their golf bags to ensure they were kept in good condition.

● top right

PUTT PUTTIN'

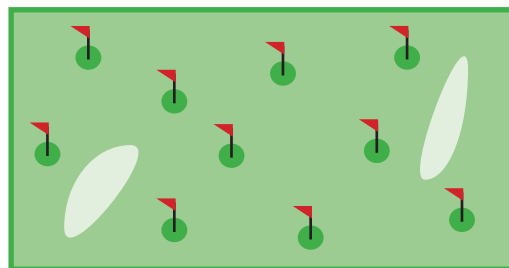
Freshman Kelly Westkaemper puts the ball toward the tee during practice. "One of the hardest parts of the sport is trying to avoid hitting the bunkers," Westkaemper said.



Photos by Lainey Giles, Elizabeth Michel and Barrett Smith

Number of hits per practice

30



Graphic by Ellie Johnson

ALL LINED UP AND READY TO GO

The above diagram gives a similar layout to the Luna Vista golf course. The white shapes represent the sand traps on the course. Each of the dark circles with a red flag represents the holes throughout the course. Each practice on the course, the team made their way around the course. The girls spent one practice a week at a driving range in order to practice their swings.

Junior Mary-Carolyn Sloan examines the course of her ball during one of the first practices of the season. Some of her freshman teammates watched her nearby to analyze the correct form they were to follow. "Golf is definitely a sport that requires a lot of patience because it requires a lot of waiting and much more thinking than people would actually expect," Sloan said.

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