

# neuro- fight

*Peters overcomes obstacles to play golf*

DESPITE BEING BORN with an uncommon genetic disorder called Neurofibromatosis, or NF-1, sophomore **Carson Peters** found a way to pursue his passion of golf. His disorder led to brain cancer and uncontrolled tumor growth, and he underwent multiple methods of treatment.

"Carson was treated for a brain tumor, 44-rounds of chemotherapy, seen for scoliosis, and monitored for tumor progression at Children's Hospital," mother **Kim Peters** said.

Growing up, Carson couldn't play contact sports because he could break a bone and it could

potentially not grow back. Despite the obstacles that his condition caused, Carson showed interest in playing golf and decided to pursue it, even through the challenges of his disorder.

"My grandpa gave me a pair of golf shoes as a present, and I started playing when I was five or six," Carson said.

"Because of my NF, I don't have a normal swing. My back often over rotates, so it takes more time to train and practice."

Mrs. Peters said that Carson learned early in life that through hard work and determination, you can achieve your goals. Carson, became determined to overcome obstacles that got in the way of his golfing. He proved he had what it took to make the Coppell golf team. By doing so, Carson's high school experience has been more meaningful.

"He has a lot of school spirit and loves representing the Coppell Cowboys as a member of the golf team," Mrs. Peters said. "Everybody needs something, whether it is band, theater, drill team, or athletics. For Carson, it's playing golf."

Golf Coach **Terry Galbraith** said he's never seen a player with more love of the game and that Carson contributed to the team in important ways.

"It's not about being the top player; it's about the love of the game. He knew what he had to do to make the team, and he set out to do it, and it wasn't easy, but he did it."

"Golf has been Carson's passion for a long time. Through the years, playing golf has been a deterrent to the challenges he has faced from living with NF. "  
-Kim Peters



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## golf guys

PRACTICING HARD, boys on the JV and Varsity team put in work during their offseason. The team played other members in order to figure out what skills need to be improved. "The challenges help us realize what we need to get some work on but also challenge ourselves to the max because everyone wants to win," sophomore **Ryan Sullivan** said.



jordan jesayen, 9



spencer moore, 12



ryan sullivan, 10



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TAKING A WARM up swing, senior **Alex Gifford** prepares himself for the round. Gifford had played on the golf team for four years. "My favorite memory from golf is going to tournaments with my teammates," Gifford said. "We go to tournaments and practice with the same group of people, so we get pretty close."

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