

THE BACK NINE

TEE FOR TWO

Birds chirped as the smell of the freshly cut, sweet grass filled the air. A warm breeze blew out of the south. Morning dew glistened on the grass unfettered by previous golfers in the early morning sun. Looking down the fairway, a flag stirred with the gentle breeze.

Coach Wheeler held try-outs in the middle of February. He had played golf leisurely for nineteen years when he decided to coach it as well. "I started being around golf courses as a teenager with my dad. I carried bags and tried to play some times," Coach Scott Wheeler said.

Coach Wheeler knew that being a coach for the golf team was his cup of tea. However, only four high school students decided to join the team. Former senior David Anderson made the team for the second year in a row. "The life of a golf player in one word was strenuous. At the high school level most of all, a golf player had to handle school work on top of hours upon hours of practice," David said.

Without practice the team would have never gotten better. By the end of the season, both Coach Wheeler and the team were satisfied with the knowledge that all of their hard work had paid off.

-Julia Travis

Former sophomore Charles Maness tees the ball up during practice at Dogwood Hills golfing range.

Charles has golfed for two years. "The life of a golfer is easy, it is the sport that is difficult," he said.



Charles Maness, David Anderson, Coach Wheeler, Dustin Hardy, Michael Avent and Kyle Albright prepare for practice at Dogwood Hills. The team, though relatively new, looked forward to a good season.



Former freshman Dustin Hardy lines up his shot. "My brother Robbie and I have been playing golf for about three years. Coach Wheeler has been taking time to help me learn the skills it takes to be a good golfer," Dustin Hardy said.

