

EAGLE EYE

Every issue, the Eagle Edition spotlights two athletes that have excelled on the field, highlighting their experience as a student-athlete at ESD.

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When did you get into playing golf?
My dad got me into golf when I was pretty young, probably around 5 years old.

Do you have a routine before you Tee off?
I usually take one practice swing and then stand behind the ball and visualize where I want the ball to go. Then, when I set up the ball, I like to keep myself moving by wiggling my feet or hands.

What is your favorite club?
[My] favorite club right now has to be the driver. Hitting a good drive is the best feeling in golf.

What is your favorite memory of playing ESD golf?
Probably the two man scramble tournament my sophomore year. Anytime you get to have a teammate helping you out is fun, and Wyatt [Ayres] and I did pretty well in the tournament.

How is the team looking this season?
While we didn't finish the season great last year, we're looking much improved for this year. Wyatt Ayres will obviously lead the team, but look out for Harrison Cates and Houston Jones, who are new to the team this year and Clay Mcelree, who has gotten a lot better.

What are some team goals for this season?
Some team goals for this season are to win a tournament as a team, and the ultimate goal is to win ESD's first SPC golf title.

When did you start playing tennis?
I started playing when I was six at little kid camps. I always watched the older kids hit, and I thought it looked so cool, so I wanted to play too.

What has been your favorite memory from tennis?
My favorite memory was my freshman year [when] at the end of practice, we would play 105 while dancing to the music and screaming for our teammates.

What is your favorite part about tennis?
My go-to move since I first started has been the Cement Job. It's super consistent and enables me to end a match right when I get control of their head. To perform the move I put their head under my armpit and hold their chin with my hand. Then I'm able to punch across their back which sends them straight to a pin, ending the match.

What do you look forward to this season?
Playing matches with people I've never played with before in doubles and creating new friendships through tennis.

What has playing tennis taught you about yourself?
[It] has taught me that confidence is important. When I have confidence, I play better and make smarter decisions on and off the court.