

Up close with senior athletes

By Emily Saunders
Reporter



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Austin Carter

Position: Whirlie golfer
Sports Accomplishments: "Made the golf team."
Favorite sports memory: "Andrew Westmoreland, the Legend."
Most embarrassing moment: "Leaving the throne with toilet paper hanging from my shorts. Odorless, thank goodness."
Pre-game rituals: "Range balls, short putts, tuck in the shirt."
Best coaching advice ever been given: "'That ain't bad!' -Coach Franks"
Favorite class ever taken: "Thorne-Peoples—subject, friends, inspirational teacher."
Favorite freshman memory: "Riding the bus."
Top college choices or decisions: "Wolfpack!!!"
Future profession: Engineer
Blockbuster or Hollywood Video: Video Review
Altoids or Orbit gum: "I have bad breath."
Krispy Kreme or Dunkin' Donuts: Krispy Kreme
Aragorn or Legolas: "Legolas, oy vey!"
Favorite pizza topping: Extra sauce
Favorite holiday: "Christmas—[because of] Santa Claus."
What is on the N.C. quarter: "This week's missing person."
Farthest west traveled: West Market
Wished-for superpower: "The wrath of fury!"
Quote to live by: "A penny saved is a penny earned."
Hidden talent: "Kicking beats on the drum set."
Preferred radio station: "107.5—it has the highest frequency."
Favorite Dr. Seuss book: "Green Eggs and Ham"
Cats or dogs: "Dogs, I'm not allergic and I love them."
Three word self-description: "Happy, silly, goofball."
Best way to spend ten dollars: "[On] my girlfriend."
Spinach or broccoli: "Disgusting."
TV show never to miss: "'CSI'-this show is tight, guys."
Most prized possession: Integrity.



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Melissa Ellisen

Position: Forward
Sports Accomplishments: "I made all-conference and all-region for soccer both my sophomore and junior years. I have been the leading goal scorer both my sophomore and junior years."
Favorite sports memory: "Winning the state championship my sophomore year."
Most embarrassing moment: "Freshman year, I was walking backwards and fell over a goal. I got caught in the net, and I couldn't stand up."
Pre-game rituals: "I [go] to Bruegger's and get an everything bagel, toasted with cheese. I also have to listen to music while I drive to the game."
Favorite class ever taken: "Algebra 1. I love math!"
Favorite freshman memory: "[Making] varsity soccer."
Future profession: Sales/Marketing.
Krispy Kreme or Dunkin' Donuts: "Krispy Kreme rocks!"
Disco or break dancing: "Neither. I can't dance."
Aragorn or Legolas: "I'll take both of them."
Pancakes or waffles: "Pancakes. Tex and Shirley's has the best chocolate chip pancakes."
Top three things to bring on a deserted island: "Michael Owen, some refreshments, and a TV so I could watch 'The OC'."
Favorite holiday and why: "Thanksgiving is definitely the best because there is so much food, and I get to see my whole family."
Farthest west traveled: "San Diego, CA, for a soccer tournament."
Favorite joke: "A man goes to the doctor, and the doctor tells him he has only 15 minutes to live. The man asks him what he can do, and the doctor tells him he can boil an egg."
Wished for superpower: "I would want to be able to fly because that would be so much fun."
Quote to live by: "Practice makes perfect."

Student golfers dress up to par, all fore style

Despite the stereo-typical golfing fetish of sweater vests and khakis, student golfers express their game and attitude through alternate means of fashion.

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"Although golf was originally restricted to wealthy, overweight Protestants, today it's open to anybody who owns hideous clothing," said humor columnist Dave Barry.

Au contraire, according to junior golfer Jake Chominsky.

"As a team, we have great style and are very classy," said Chominsky, saying Ralph Lauren Polo clothing is his favorite golf attire, and it has many other redeeming qualities.

"I think it shows class, style, and some girls dig it," said Chominsky.

The Grimsley men's golf team does have a uniform of sorts—two different colored polo shirts, navy blue and white, featuring the Whirlie logo.

The quintessential crocodile polo shirt often worn by golfers was not originally intended for the sport of golf. French tennis great Rene Lacoste of the 1920's designed a shirt he first wore in 1926. His nickname was "Le Crocodile." The famous crocodile logo was drawn up later that year and then applied to a blazer. Upon retirement three years later, Lacoste set out to market the shirt brand bearing his name. First sold in the United States around 1952, they were highly popularized by President Eisenhower, who wore them to golf matches.

Not many will question the choice of polo shirts, but there is a general consensus that the sweater vests are decidedly ugly. Golfers around Grimsley weigh in with some views to the vesting craze for would-be golfers trying to decide whether to invest in vests.

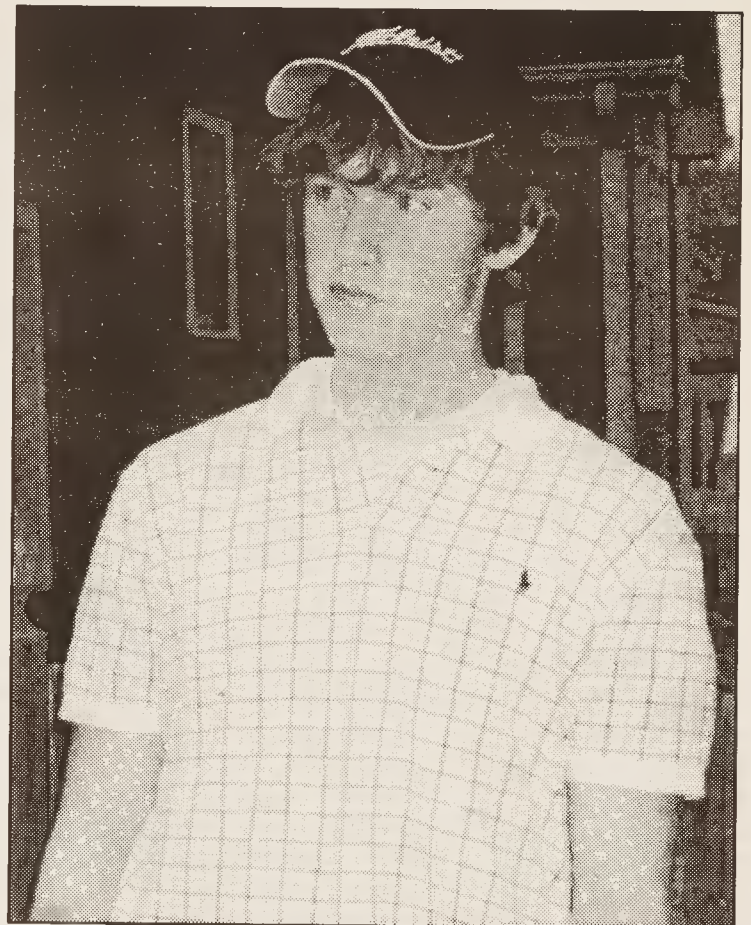
"I believe golfers wear [sweater vests] because it is hard to swing golf clubs when you have a lot of clothes on, but with a vest, your arms aren't restricted, [and] it still keeps you warm," said freshman Jon Wade.

Senior Charles McClintock agrees, but adds that sweater vests are an item of yesteryear.

"Stereotypical golfers wear sweater vests because that is what professional golfers wore a long time ago. Some golfers still wear them, but they are usually older people, not high school kids," said McClintock.

The same goes for plaid and argyle.

"I think people wear plaid and argyle because they want to [dress] old school style like [the



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Junior Danny Adams shows off his golfing shirt. Polo shirts are an important part of the golfing style, as well as khaki shorts.

older] golfers, or, at least, that's why I do," said Wade.

Other players' attitudes toward the patterned fondness have a slightly different flavor.

"To me, it's kind of a joke to wear [plaid or argyle], and that [way] you don't get so mad when you look down at what you are wearing," said senior Austin Carter.

The crisp shirts and pleated chinos seen on televised golf pose another question for some. Could one get kicked out of a golfing facility due to one's clothing not being up to par?

One of Carter's teammates more

readily answers the question.

"Coach Franks doesn't allow anyone to look messy.... We are required to look nice, and some golf courses do not allow jeans or t-shirts.... It is possible to get excluded from a match for not wearing the correct apparel. This would happen because some country clubs are very specific about the dress code," said McClintock, but added, "This has never happened to me."

No matter what the team wears, at practice or at matches, they are guys who dress, and play, with class.



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