



Courtesy Kenston High School

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## Applause

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## State golf

- **What:** Division I state boys and girls golf tournaments
- **When:** Friday and Saturday
- **Where:** Boys: Ohio State University Golf Course, Scarlet Course; Girls: Ohio State University Golf Course, Gray Course
- **Who:** Holden Pahr, Chardon; Nicki Henry, Kenston
- **Tee times:** 9:40 a.m. for Henry and Pahr on Friday
- **Admission:** \$9 per day

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She is coming off a medalist round of 76 last week at the Division I District at the Legends of Massillon Golf Course. She will tee off at 9:40 a.m. on Friday morning in a trio that also includes Olentangy Orange's Kristen Helmsdoerfer and Tipp City Tippecanoe's Laura Murray.

Helmsdoerfer is a first-time qualifier, while Murray played in the state tournament two years ago. This is Henry's first time playing in the state tournament, a sore spot with her because she missed qualifying for the tournament by one stroke in each of the past two seasons.

"Missing by one stroke my freshman and sophomore years hurt," Henry said. "It just pushed me to work harder."

While Henry has never played in the state tournament, she has played on the Ohio State University Golf Course, albeit more than a few years ago. She was a camper at the OSU Golf Camp when she was 8 years old.

"I shot a 106 then," said with a giggle. "I was happy with that at the time, but I really don't want to shoot that again this weekend."

Henry's familiarity of the course was broadened — hopefully, at least — this past weekend when she attended the Division II tournament both to cheer on the state champion NDCL girls team and also to learn about how the course is playing this year.

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