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Athlete of the Decade Girls Golf (2000-2009)

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Players of the decade

Kenston's Nicki Henry takes top honors on our list of the best area girls golfers for 2000-2009.

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GIRLS GOLF

NICKI HENRY

Kenston
Class of
2011

Why she is No. 1 ...

To truly appreciate just how special Nicki Henry is on a golf course, consider this: She is not even a senior.

That being said, if the Kenston junior's senior season in 2010 is anything like the first three, do not be surprised if her name shows up on the all-decade team that comes out in 2019.

Henry has been a dominating, match-changing golfer since she first started playing high school golf three years ago, earning the first of three first-team all-News Herald awards when she averaged 86.1 strokes for 18 holes, qualifying for the district tournament.

As a sophomore, Henry again was a first-team N-H all-star, averaging 84.0. She missed out on the Division II state tournament by a mere one stroke.

Suffice it to say she made up for it this past fall. In averaging 38.7 strokes for nine holes and 77.9 strokes for 18, Henry's averages were far and away better than anyone else's in the News-Herald area. Additionally, she finished as a second-team All-Ohian by finishing 10th overall in the one-day Division II state tournament.

Henry is more than an exemplary golfer. She also has played for charity the past two seasons, earning money through sponsors for every birdie she makes. She played as a junior for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's Disease. As a sophomore, she played for breast cancer research.

Over the past two seasons, Henry has raised more than \$8,000 for charity through her golfing abilities.

That being said, Henry can be considered the girls golf player of the decade perhaps for more reasons than one.

It's only going to get better as her career progresses.

— John Kampf

Reader's turn

Your voting for
player of the decade

Ashlee King, Mentor	41 percent
Nicole Trivisonno, NDCL	30
Lisa Barber, South	19
Nicki Henry, Kenston	6
Allyson Burak, South	3
Brynn FitzGerald, Orange	1



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What they're saying ...

"She is not only one of the best golfers in the state, but she is also a true humanitarian."

Kenston coach Katie Phillips

Honorable mention of the decade

LISA BARBER
South, Class of 2009

She advanced to state as a senior and was solid for four years.

ALLYSON BURAK
South, Class of 2006

Was head and shoulders the area's best in 2004 and 2005.

BRYNN FITZGERALD
Orange, Class of 2011

An All-Ohian as a freshman in 2008, her future is bright.

ASHLEE KING
Mentor, Class of 2007

The N-H girls golfer of the year in 2006 was a top-flight performer.

NICOLE TRIVISONNO
NDCL, Class of 2010

The leader of two NDCL state teams, including this fall's state champs.

Coming later this week

The final two prep athletes of the decade packages will be revealed for the fall season.

Girls tennis will be published in Wednesday's editions, and football will conclude our fall series on Christmas Day.

