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Bombers' Henry takes fifth

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COLUMBUS — Kenston senior Nicki Henry said her goal wasn't to necessarily do better than she did last year at the Division I state girls golf tournament when she tied for 10th.

"My goal was just to be here again and play the best I can," Henry said.

Once she was on the Gray Course at Ohio State, the reigning News-Herald player of the year did more than show up as just any ordinary qualifier for her final high school tournament.

The Eastern Kentucky recruit followed up Friday's 75 by shooting a 78 on Saturday to finish with a total of 153 and tie for fifth with Erin Michel of Mason to earn first-team All-Ohio honors.

Mason's Emily Wright — a Wake Forest recruit — won individual medalist honors with a 142. Mason became the first girls team to win the state championship three years in a row, dusting the field and topping runner-up Massillon Jackson by 24 strokes.

"My driver hurt me today, but I putted well. I putted very well on Friday, too. I like this course, and I love the greens," Henry said. "It's a little sad that this is my last year. But being down here is exciting."

On the boys side, the lone area qualifier, Mentor senior Cory Vinborg, finished his high school career by carding an 89 on Saturday on the Scarlet Course. He shot 84 in Friday's opening round and finished with a total of 173.

"My goal for the year was to get to state, and when I got here, I wanted to try to put together two respectable rounds," Vinborg said. "The course is tough and the pins are in very tough places to score, but I just played bad."

"But getting one last shot at playing in the state tournament is a good way to finish (my high school career)."

Vinborg also participated in the 2007 state tournament when the Cardinals advanced to Columbus as a team when he was a freshman.

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