

## Howard's iron swings her to success in golf

By Olivia Lighty

Iron. What to most people is an essential mineral commonly found in meat and spinach has a lot more meaning to a golfer.

Senior **Sloane Howard**, ranking number four states that her seven iron is at the top of her clubs list because she can handle it the best.

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Not only is Howard capable of handling a golf club, but she can also handle pressure. Coach **Andrew Sebold** remarks that Howard was ill last year which made playing golf difficult for her. However, her improvement and dedication has really impressed him.

"I've been so pleased with her improvement. She got sick last year and she wasn't able to compete. She had to take some time off even after the season to get healthy, seeing her start to put it all together recently has been awesome."

Howard's most notable trait on the course is her solid scores she's been getting, Sebold explains.

"She played one on one against a Ben Davis girl and did really, really, really well and had her best night. Ben Davis is the top twenty-five team in the state and she beat her girl pretty handily."

Overall, Sebold is not only impressed with how much Howard has improved in golf, but also as a person.

"It's unbelievable to watch somebody mature from a freshman to a senior. Seeing her mature over the last four years and her getting sick and bouncing back this year showed a lot about her character."

As for the rest of the season, the team hopes to send some girls to state and place at regionals and sectionals, Howard explains. The team placed tenth out of seventeen teams at the Franklin Central Invitational on September 9.

## Golf team win Marion County title

**Anna Eisenbarth** scored first place with a score of 74

**Alex Quinlan** finished third with a score of 84

**Allison Boonstra** came in seventh with a score of 87



Freshman Claire Sampson, seniors Sloane Howard, Alex Quinlan, Anna Eisenbarth, Allison Boonstra and coach Andrew Sebold celebrate another Marion County championship title. (Photo provided by Andrew Sebold).

## New 'approachable' coach helps volleyball switch up and spike down

By Ari Houston

The volleyball team experienced significant changes in the past few months including welcoming a new coach who switched up the game positions.

After coaching Perry volleyball for quite a few years, Pat Carlson left his head coaching position to coach at Park Tudor. His position was filled by **Jennifer Hawk**.

She only started coaching this season and has already been making changes to the player setup to better the team's abilities.

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Under coach Carlson, the girls followed a 5-1 set position meaning that the setter started in the first row, but Hawk is changing it by using a 6-2 position in practice. This means two setters for each game instead of the one.

Senior **Taylor Hooton** and junior **Megan Boylard** are the setters for this season. A setter is "kind of like the quarterback" says Hooton, "they call plays,

and decide who gets set."

A defensive specialist's job is to give good passes and a hitter has to bump the ball over the net. This is where the setter comes in because the setters are the mid point between the defensive specialist and the hitter. The setter has to pass the ball from the defensive specialist to the hitter.

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According to senior **Karly Fraker**, Coach Hawk is more personable to the players.

"She is very approachable... but what I really like about her is how creative she is with drills," Fraker adds.

Hawk coached both college volleyball and high school volleyball before settling in Perry.

She graduated from Center Grove then continued on to play at the University of Michigan, breaking many of the school records there.

Fraker adds, "Sometimes I feel like we don't deserve her," because "she takes the time to teach and explain to us."

(Right) During their game against Franklin Central on Sept. 5 night, Coach Jennifer Hawk pulls the team aside for a quick pep talk. The team beat the Franklin Central Flashes 3 to 1 out of 4 sets.

(Below) Senior Karly Fraker waits for the ball to pass to her (Photo by Alexis Lee).

(Bottom right) Sophomore Savanna Pipes goes up for a kill against Franklin Central.

