Scribner wins junior title

Camera Staff Report

FOUNTAIN — Ted Scribner of Boulder defeated Bryce Tani of Broomfield, 4 and 3 Thursday afternoon to win the State Junior Match Play title at Appletree Golf Course.

Scribner, a senior-to-be at Boulder High School, called it the biggest win of his young career.

“I was pretty psyched up for (the tournament),” he said. “This is one of the major championships for juniors in the state.

“I felt like I needed to prove something. I was second in the Junior Stroke Play this summer and have finished second and third all year. I wanted a win.”

Scribner birdied his first three holes and four of the first seven to go 6 up after seven holes against Tani. The Broomfield High golfer then won Nos. 8 and 9, but had too big a deficit to make up.

In the semifinals, which were played Thursday morning, Scribner defeated Mark Costolo of Aurora, 3 and 2, while Tani overcame Gary Newlin of Englewood, 2 and 1.

But Scribner saved his best for the finals, when he finished 2 under par for 15 holes.

Scribner said he felt especially good about the victory because he avenged a loss early this month to Tani. Tani beat Scribner by one shot in qualifying for the PGA Junior Championship, and since there was just one berth available, Tani was the only one to advance.

This week, though, Scribner was close to unbeatable. None of his five matches went so far as the 18th hole. For the 98 holes Scribner played at Appletree, he finished 5 over par.