



ANDY CARR

Match-play contest ends on 15.

Carr Wins Jr. Golf Crown

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Ask stringbean Andy Carr what a difference a year can make.

The 6-3½, 160-pound senior-to-be at Smoky Hill High School defeated Paul Nolen of Grand Junction 4 and 3 Thursday to win the Colorado Golf Association's state junior match play title.

A year ago, in this same event, Carr lost in the second round of seventh-flight action.

Earlier, in Thursday morning's semifinal round action, at the Fitzsimons Golf Club, he was two down with five holes to play and rallied to defeat Jay Francis of the Foothills Golf Club 2-up.

Nolen, 16, defeated Mike Leonard of Foothills 3 and 2 in the semis, and then had trouble with a balky putter in his windup against Carr.

Carr's steady start in the finals produced eight straight pars, while Nolen, slightly longer off the tee, would have traded those extra yards for just a few more precision inches on the greens.

CARR ONE-PUTTED THE FIRST HOLE for a win when both missed the green and Nolen two-putted. Nolen evened the match with a nifty drive, soft wedge and a four-foot putt for a birdie 3 on the third hole.

But from this hole on Nolen could have putted better with a live snake.

He took double-bogey at the fourth and a bogey at the fifth and was two down to Carr's consistent pars. Then Nolen missed a six-foot birdie at the seventh and this proved disastrous.

Confidence in his putter began to return slightly when he birdied the par-5 eighth from 14 feet to cut Carr's margin to one hole. But given a good chance to even the match at the par-3 ninth, Nolen three-putted along with Carr and Carr dodged another bullet.

The Championship Card

PAR OUT	444	453	453-36
Carr Out	444	453	454-37
Nolen Out	543	663	444-39
PAR IN	434	434	445-35-36-71
Carr In	344	444	(wins 4 and 3)
Nolen In	455	435	

Carr's best putt, a 12-footer for a birdie at the 10th, put him back up by two, and it was all downhill from there.

Carr's tee shot on the par-3, 234-yard 11th, hit a cart path and bounded to the 12th tee box. He slapped it back into a trap in two, then chipped it within two feet of the pin.

Meanwhile Nolen was on the putting surface in one, but he four-putted to lose the hole and go three down in the match.

"I JUST DIDN'T TAKE MY TIME," he said of his putting. "I kept pulling the putts and I couldn't tell if I had the club face open or closed."

His eight-footer to save par on the 12th hit the lip and Carr's par, a one-putt effort from six feet, won the hole. Carr also saved par and halved the 13th with Nolen when he one-putted from three feet.

Nolen won the par-3 14th, where both missed the green and Nolen hit on a six-footer. Carr was in the bunker and two-putted for bogey four.

It was all over on the 491-yard, par-four 15th when Nolen three-putted from 27-feet, his second effort again hitting the lip and curling out.

Nolen has had one distinction in two state match-play tournaments in that he has lost to the eventual champion. Last year he bowed to Rick Cramer of Fort Collins 1-up in the first round.

Nolen moved to Grand Junction with his family from Glenwood Springs and plays out of the Bookcliff Country Club.

Carr and his family moved to Aurora two years ago from Fresno, Calif. His Smoky Hill high school team returns intact this fall and includes Jeff McMullen, Andy Shirk, Curt Nordling and Carr.

"We should do pretty good," Carr said of his school's chances.

BOTH PLAYERS EXHIBITED a little nervousness about match play and admitted they didn't know all the nuances of this type of golf competition.

Except for this tournament and The Denver Post's junior match-play event, there are no other match-play events for juniors in Colorado.

"All our competition is at medal or stroke," Carr said.

In match play, for instance, a competitor may use his opponent's ball. Nolen twice had opportunities to use Carr's ball on the putting surface but allowed Carr to mark and pick up his ball instead. Nolen also conceded Carr his two-foot putt on the par-3 11th when he was three down in the match.

Both players also were caught up in the natural inclination to play against "the other guy." Match-play exponents will tell you it is much better just to play the course.

Actually, Carr did this with his eight straight pars and finished 2-over for the 15 holes played.

It was this consistency which eventually won Carr the trophy.

Randy Winn of the Lake Arbor Golf Club scored a pair of upsets when he defeated Jerry Nosewicz 1-up in first-flight semifinals and then downed Pat English 2 and 1 in the finals.

Roger Duke defeated Rick Price 1-up to win the second flight a 70-yard wedge shot for an eagle deuce on the par-4, 363-yard fourth hole making the difference in the match.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT—Semifinals: Paul Nolen def. Mike Leonard 3 and 2; Andy Carr def. Jay Francis 2-up. Finals: Carr def. Nolen 4 and 3.
FIRST FLIGHT—Semifinals: Randy Winn def. Jerry Nosewicz 1-up; Pat English def. Bill Clauser 5 and 4. Finals: Winn def. English 2 and 1.
SECOND FLIGHT—Semifinals: Rick Price def. Brian Murry 2 and 1; Roger Duke def. Tom Bradfield 2-up. Finals: Duke def. Price 1-up.
THIRD FLIGHT—Finals: Paul Trimble def. Steve Clift 1-up.
FOURTH FLIGHT—Finals: Tom Moore def. Greg Stapleton 3 and 2.
FIFTH FLIGHT—Finals: Mike Henry def. Dave Holobaugh 2 and 1.
SIXTH FLIGHT—Finals: Normand Ullemeyer def. Dean Peressini 2 and 1.
SEVENTH FLIGHT—Finals: Zane Zwemke def. Jerry Tracy 3 and 1.
EIGHTH FLIGHT—Finals: Bob Messinger def. Joe Pinson 5 and 4.