

Howe wins Match title

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AIR FORCE ACADEMY — David Howe of Glenmoor Country Club defeated Dave McCleave 4-and-3 yesterday at Eisenhower Golf Club in the finals of the Colorado Junior Golf Association Match Play championship.

Howe, known as a long hitter, was 2-under on the front nine. He attributed the victory to his long tee shots and consistency.

"Coming into this tournament I felt I could do well," he said.

Howe's sister, Lauren, plays on the LPGA tour. Another sister, Dana, also played last year on the LPGA tour. His father, Winston, is head pro at Glenmoor.

Howe birdied Nos. 4, 7 and 9. He won No. 12 to go 3-up, then lost No. 13 when he hit a 7-iron over the green.

But he won the next two holes to win his first major state title.

Results

SEMIFINALS

Championship Flight — David Howe def. Scott Petersen 2-1; Dave McCleave def. Monte Montgomery 2-1.

17-18 Flight — Charlie Luther def. Eric Helmich 4-3; Bill Werley def. Ted Winecki 4-3.

15-16 — Corey Thomas def. Brian Neal 2-up; Scott Johnson def. Trey Maples, 2-up.

14-under — Mike Brownnell def. Brad Dinkel, 2-up; Joe Moore def. Bryce Tani 2-1.

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DEAN WINS — Brett Dean of Evergreen birdied the 17th and 18th holes to clinch first place in his division on the Meridian Junior Golf Classic. Dean edged Mark Lofye of California over the final holes of the tournament, held at the Meridian Golf Course in Douglas County.

Notah Begay of New Mexico finished four shots ahead of his closest competitor, Richard Young of Florida, in winning the boys 11-14 division, while Liza LaBelle won in the girls 11-18 division.