

First-ever College Golf Combine Held at Tradition National Golf Course

TRADITION HILTON HEAD, Hardeeville -- In an effort to provide college golf opportunities for all junior golfers, UNDER ARMOUR, in association with the IJGT and Hank Haney International Junior Golf Academy on Hilton Head Island, is sponsoring the first-ever College Golf Combines that will bring exposure to junior golfers seeking to continue their golf careers at the collegiate level and earn a degree.

Two combines will unite junior golfers and college golf coaches from Division I, II, III, NAIA and junior colleges. An East Combine is scheduled for July 28-29 at Tradition Hilton Head's Tradition National Golf Club in Hardeeville.

The following week, a West Combine is slated for Aug. 4-5 at East Valley Golf Club in Beaumont, Calif.

“With more than 100 recruits already registered from throughout the United States and around the world, the East Combine has been very well received as a new opportunity for junior golfers to be evaluated by college coaches,” said Tournament Director Stephanie Gelleni.

University of South Florida women's golf coach Marci Kornegay said the golf combine will benefit young people as well as colleges' golf programs.

“What a great service for college golf coaches to be able to observe future players hitting an assortment of skills shots in a pressure situation,” she said. “This golf combine idea is long overdue and could be one of the biggest tools for collegiate recruiting,”

Event: 2008 UNDER ARMOUR College Golf Combines

Date: July 28 & 29, 2008

Time: All Day

Location: Tradition National Golf Club in Hardeeville, S.C.

Participants: Recruits from 2008 through 2013 classes – 78 boys & 23 girls as of July 10

Organization: College Golf Combines in association with the International Junior Golf Tour

Title Sponsor: UNDER ARMOUR

Golf Ball Sponsor: Callaway Golf

Web site: www.collegegolfcombine.com

Purpose: These first college golf combines – one on the East Coast, a second on the West Coast - will bring exposure to junior golfers seeking to continue their golf careers at the collegiate level and earn a degree - junior golfers will be evaluated by college golf coaches from the Division I, II, III, NAIA and junior college levels - the combines will give all juniors an opportunity to be evaluated by more than 40 college coaches already registered, at a fraction of the summer tour cost.

Format: Awards will be given in two divisions for both boys and girls – 2008-2009 and 2010-2014. The combine will have skills assessment both days that will include: 10 and 20 yard bunker shots, chip and pitch shots, putting from 5-10-20-40 feet and 100-125-150 yard shots. The first day on the course will include: two driving holes, 60 yard bunker shot, par 5 lay-up to 110-85 yards, greenside chip/pitch shots, multiple tee shots on par 3s and a challenging 19th hole. The second day will be an 18-hole tournament.

Info on Four Players:

BOYS

Kyle Kmiecik: a 2010 graduate from Avon, Ohio. Has played in AJGA tournaments this summer and tried to qualify for the US Open earlier this summer. He is already a very good player at 16, with a Handicap Index of +2.4 and career low round of 65.

Jamin Smith: a 2009 graduate from Cary, North Carolina. Has attended the International Junior Golf Academy in Hilton Head since January 2008. His goal is to become an architect or environmental

designer. Since he joined the IJGA he has reduced his stroke average 3 strokes and is improving quickly with lots of potential.

Jonathan Woo: a 2008 graduate from Singapore. He has been playing golf for 14 years and is a member of the Singapore National Squad. Has played tournaments all throughout Asia and also in the United States. Was awarded the Jim Colbert Outstanding Male Golfer Award at the First Tee National Academy. His tournament low score is 65.

GIRL

Hayley Hammond: a 2009 graduate from Mooresville, North Carolina. She is an outstanding student with a 4.6 GPA. Hayley is part of the National Honor Society. She won the North Carolina Girls Championship. Her goal is to play college golf and go to medical school in the future. She was a former basketball and tennis player before she focused in golf.

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