

# SION

SION STORM GOLF ARCHIVES - 2005



Standing: (Varsity Team) Celeste Gassman, Julie Wynn, Whitney Hatfield, Sally Meiners, Amy Donnelly, Carolyn Schorgl, Coach Dana Hoyer

Kneeling: (Junior Varsity) Maggie Peeples, Dominique Giordanno, Amber Stauffer, Katie Hanrahan, Megan Cheeks, Bonnie Duong, Kathryn Zalenski, Natalie Truman

(Not pictured, Assistant Coach Kristoffer Barikmo)

## Golf News

Sally Meiners led the golf team to a 4th place finish in the State Tournament. Sally placed 5th overall shooting a 79 on the second day after her opening round of 84. Congratulations to the whole team: Sally, Amy Donnelly and Carolyn Schorgl tied for 22nd, Whitney Hatfield 34th, and Celeste Gassman 53rd. A special congratulations to Sally for earning All-State honors for the fourth consecutive year.

Congratulations to the District 7 Champions. Sally Meiners scored a 77 for second place; Sophomore Carolyn Schorgl scored an 85 for 3rd place; Junior Whitney Hatfield scored an 88 for 4th place; Sophomore Amy Donnelly scored an 88 for 5th place; and Freshman Celeste Gassman scored a 92 for 6th place.

Finish is worth all the pain  
Sion's Meiners plays hurt but still ties for fifth  
By SAM MELLINGER  
The Kansas City Star

SPRINGFIELD — The most excruciatingly painful moment of Sally Meiners' life happened in yoga class at Notre Dame de Sion two weeks ago.

The pain struck her left knee like a bullet. She fell to the ground and looked down. What she saw just made the hurt worse.

"Where my kneecap was supposed to be," she said, "was a divot. Pretty disgusting."

Her left kneecap had slid 90 degrees to the side, requiring 18 milligrams of morphine for doctors to put it back in place. They told her injuries like this usually require up to two months of rehab.

Somehow, just two weeks later, Meiners, a senior, finished tied for fifth in the Missouri Class 2 girls golf tournament Tuesday at Fremont Hills Country Club.

State officials granted her use of a cart. Walking to and from each shot, she used her club as a cane, the kind of limp you see football players struggling with off the field. Her drives were significantly shorter than usual, and she hit two clubs longer than usual on the fairways.

Still, Meiners followed an 84 on Monday with a 79 on Tuesday, the 163 good for a share of fifth place and helping Sion to a fourth-place team finish. "I usually don't get too excited about how I play," Meiners said. "But right now, yeah, I'm on cloud nine."

Meiners' mother cut her off the pain medication pretty quickly, so for the better part of the last two weeks, Sally has been a walking — OK, limping — ad for Advil and ice.

Nobody knew quite what to expect from Meiners this week. She said she just wanted to break 90 on Monday. The pain was bad enough that she was in tears when she made the turn, so her goal Tuesday was just to finish.

She sank a long putt to finish 18 and limped over to the leader board, where she hugged her coach, Dana Hoepfer, and then had a teammate help her to a seat on a golf cart. A gallery of seven friends and relatives watched her play Tuesday, and a few more than that hung out with her on the cart, waiting for the medals to be handed out.

When they were, Meiners grabbed a railing and pulled herself up the 13 steps to shake a few hands and pose for some pictures.

On Monday, Meiners skipped her post-round practice session and went straight for dinner and a nap. She had mostly the same plans for Tuesday night, with one exception.

“First,” she said, “I’m going to celebrate.”

Oct. 18-From the Storm Golfers...Think good thoughts today as our Storm golfers finish out the state tournament today. After the first 18 holes the Storm is in 4th place by one stroke, behind Nerinx Hall out of St. Louis. The Storm is out of 2nd place by only 8 strokes. Cheer them on at school and help us out.

Oct. 4-Congratulations on winning the MSHSAA District # 7 Championship yesterday at Winterstone Golf Club in Independence. By winning the District championship, the team qualifies for the state Tournament in Springfield. Led by Senior Sally Meiners, the entire team took 5 of the top 6 spots. Meiners scored a 77 for second place; Sophomore Carolyn Schorgl scored an 85 for 3rd place; Junior Whitney Hatfield scored an 88 for 4th place; Sophomore Amy Donnelly scored an 88 for 5th place; and Freshman Celeste Gassman scored a 92 for 6th place. Cheer on the Storm golfers at the state tournament on October 17th and 18th....

Sion supreme in district golf  
By BOB LUDER  
The Kansas City Star

Anyone who’s played or even watched golf knows it can be the most unpredictable of sports.

Unless you’re the Notre Dame de Sion girls golf team. The Storm, which has won two Missouri state team championships and finished at least top three at state each of the previous five years, has a tendency to make golf very predictable.

The Storm did that again at the Class 2 District 7 tournament Monday at Winterstone Golf Course in Independence, placing all five golfers among the six lowest scores to finish with a total of 338. That was 46 strokes better than runner-up St. Teresa’s, which as a consolation placed four of its golfers among the top 10 individuals not with Sion who also qualified for the state tournament Oct. 17 in Springfield.

Sion was led by the only senior in its lineup, Sally Meiners, whose 5-over-par 77 on the challenging Winterstone layout was the second-lowest score of the day.

Meiners was followed by teammates Carolyn Schorgl, a sophomore, with an 85, junior Whitney Hatfield and sophomore Amy Donnelly with 88s, and freshman Celeste Gasman with a 92.

“The girls have been kind of up and down all year,” said Sion coach Dana Hoeper. “Given the wind, and the fact that the course is not easy ... I thought the scores might be higher.

“I’m very pleased with how they played.”

A much more interesting battle shaped up between Meiners and St. Teresa’s junior Mary Kate Bird. Playing in the same group, the two competitors – and friends – jockeyed back and forth the entire round.

Bird bolted to the lead by completing the tougher front nine in 1-over 37. By the time they reached No. 15, she had a 3-stroke lead over Meiners.

Bird, however, then proceeded to double bogey, cutting her lead to a stroke. She regained her advantage on the next hole, a par-5 by reaching the green in 2 and making birdie, while Meiners made bogey.

That allowed Bird to bogey the final two holes and still pull out a 4-over 76.

"I beat her by 1 stroke at Richmond," said Bird, who was ninth at the state tournament last year. "She got me in a dual match, then we both shot 83 last week at Blue Hills.

"When we finished (at 18), I thought we'd tied. She came over and hugged and told me I'd won.

"I'm one up on her for the season now. I hope it stays that way."

Meiners, who's medaled at state each of the last three years, said: "It's been like that between us all year. It's been back and forth.

"It was fun. She's fun to play with. I wanted to win it as a senior. But second's not bad."

It's just that second is a position Notre Dame de Sion isn't too familiar with.

More News from the Storm Varsity Golfers...

Our Varsity team traveled down to Jefferson City for the annual Jeff City Invitational on Monday, September 19 and took second place!!! They finished 18 strokes behind cross-state rival St. Joseph's Academy out of St. Louis.

Captain Sally Meiners led all Storm golfers with a 3rd place finish by scoring an 81. Carolyn Schorgl took 7th place in the tournament with an 86. While Whitney Hatfield and Amy Donnelly both shot a 90. Hatfield placed 12th in a tie-breaker and Donnelly placed 14th.

Both JV and Varsity take on Pembroke Hill on Tuesday, September 20 at Minor Park after school. Come out and support the Storm!!!!

Golf news

Our golf season is in "full swing" and both the JV and Varsity teams are continuing to play very well. This weekend we are in Jefferson City to play in the Jefferson City H.S. Tournament. This is always a lead in to the state championship because many of the state's top teams come in to play in the tournament. Join us all in cheering the team on as they travel to compete this weekend.

Leading up to this tournament the Varsity team has played very strong. They placed 3rd in the Sedalia Tournament at Sedalia C.C. on Sept. 12. Lead by Senior Captain Sally Meiners (5th place) and Sophomore Amy Donnelly (9th place) the team played well against teams from around K.C. and Southwestern Missouri.

The JV team followed suit the next day by winning the Lee Summit North Tournament at Chapel Ridge on Sept. 13. The team total of 184 put us far ahead of the rest of the pack of local JV teams. Celeste Gassman was the tournament medalist with a great 9-hole score of 37! Sophomore Katie

Hanrahan took 2nd place, Freshman Megan Cheek took 3rd place, and Junior Amber Stauffer took 10th place.

The Varsity team also went to Shirkey C.C. to play in the Richmond Invitational. There they were led by Meiners (2nd place) and Junior Whitney Hatfield (9th place) to a 2nd place team finish. They finished just behind 2004 Missouri Class 1 State Champions, Pembroke Hill School.

While the Varsity was off competing in these many tournaments, our JV golfers had several matches against Pembroke Hill. In both of the matches they topped Pembroke...First 183-185, then 181-201! Nice job JV golfers.

At the Blue Springs South Tournament at Lakewood C.C. on Sept. 6 the Varsity team took second place behind Missouri Class 2 State Champions, Blue Springs South. Meiners led all Sion golfers with a 3rd place finish. Other medalists included Hatfield, and Sophomores Donnelly and Carolyn Schorgl.

The JV team started the month of September with a strong 2nd place finish at the third Sion JV Invitational held at Minor Park G.C. on September 1. In a rain-shortened event Pembroke Hill's JV took first, while the Storm finished in a close 2nd.

The Varsity team closed the month of August out with a solid win in a triangular match between Blue Springs H.S. and Lee's Summit H.S. at Blue Springs C.C. The team won the match and was led by Meiners, the medalist of the triangular.

...UPDATE FROM THE STORM GOLFERS...

Both J.V. and Varsity started off the year very strong!!! The Varsity squad finished first in the Warrensburg Varsity Invitational on Wednesday, August 24, 2005 by 30+ strokes!! Senior Captain Sally Meiners led all golfers with a 3-over par 75. Sophomore Amy Donnelly placed second with an 84. Junior Whitney Hatfield placed 4th with an 86. Freshman Celeste Gassman and sophomore Carolyn Schorgl tied for 9th place with a 94. Congratulations to the Varsity team!!

The J.V. team had a very strong showing at their first tournament of the season - the Ray-Pec Scramble. The team placed 5th among a field of 20 Varsity teams!!! They were led by the team of junior Julie Wynn and freshman Megan Cheek who took ninth place among 125 golfers. Great start to the season!

Come and support the Sion golf team as the Varsity team takes on Blue Springs High School and Lee's Summit High School at Blue Springs Country Club on Tuesday, August 30!!

### **Notre Dame de Sion 2005 Golf Roster**

Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors
Megan Cheek	Amy Donnelly	Whitney Hatfield	Sally Meiners
Bonnie Duong	Katherine Hanrahan	Amber Stauffer	
Celeste Gassman	Margaret Peeples	Julie Wynn	
Dominique Giordano	Carolyn Schorgl		
Natalie Truman			
Kathryn Zalenski			

## Notre Dame de Sion 2005 Golf Results

Date	Opponent	Results
Aug. 24 (Wed)	Ray-Pec Scramble (JV)	5th place
Aug. 24 (Wed)	Warrensburg (Var)	1st place
Aug. 30 (Tues)	Blue Springs/Lee's Summit (jv/var)	Sion 175, Blue Springs 219, Lee's Summit 252
Sept. 01 (Thurs)	Sion JV Invitational	2nd place
Sept. 01 (Thurs)	Pembroke Hill (var)	Lost match
Sept. 06 (Tues)	Blue Springs South (var)	2nd place
Sept. 07 (Wed)	Richmond Tournament (var)	2nd place
Sept. 09 (Fri)	Pembroke Hill (jv/var)	Won match
Sept. 12 (Mon.)	Sedalia Tournament (var)	3rd place
Sept. 13 (Tues)	Lee's Summit North Tournament (jv)	1st place
Sept. 19 (mon)	Jeff City Tournament (var)	
Sept. 20 (Tues)	Pembroke Hill (jv)	
Sept. 22 (Thurs)	St. Teresa's/Lee's Summit North (jv/var)	
Sept. 26 (Mon)	Sion MO-KAN Invitational (jv/var)	
Oct. 03 (Mon)	District	
Oct. 17/18	State	