

Best wins match-play tourney

By The Denver Post

Ray Best from Aurora Hills Golf Course beat Trey Maples of Meridian 1-up in the CGA boys' match-play tournament yesterday with a par on the 18th hole at City Park Golf Course.

"I was getting up and down good, but I had problems with my drives," Best said. "But on 18, when I needed (a good drive) the most, I hit it. I had 15 feet for birdie, missed and tapped in."

Maples bogeyed the hole.

Best, 17, rallied to defeat Ted Scribner in the semifinals, coming back from three down after nine holes to win 2 and 1.

"This morning I was nervous when Ted had me down," said Best. "But I had a feeling when I teed off for the finals I was going to do it."

He shot a 74 to finish tied for fifth in the medal-play first round Tuesday, and beat Continental-League rival Brad Neher 1-up on the 19th hole in the first round.

Best, a senior-to-be at Rangeview High School, didn't qualify for the state tournament last year, finishing fifth in the Continental-League district qualifying.

"I've been playing great the last month," said Best. "I've been spending a lot of time on my game."

The junior stroke-play championship is next up, June 28-30 at South Suburban Golf Course.

Local attorney Steve Dawson addressed the Collegiate Commissioner's Association national letter-of-intent steering committee yesterday morning in Dallas on behalf of Darren Krein, the All-America linebacker from Smoky Hill High School who wants to be released from his letter of intent with the University of Miami.

Krein is reluctant to attend the school because coach Jimmy Johnson left to become coach of the Dallas Cowboys. Krein claims he never would have signed with Miami if Johnson had admitted he was headed for the pros.

Krein also addressed the four-member committee and answered questions in his quest to be released without loss of eligibility.

As it stands now, the 17-year-old loses two years of eligibility if he attends a Division I school other than Miami.

The committee will make a recommendation on the Krein case to the 19-member CCA, which meets later this month.

Nicki Wogman of Colorado State placed second in the barrel race with a time of 14.16 seconds — one-tenth of a second behind Jill Lowe of Northeastern Oklahoma — at the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont.

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