



NICK WALKER
NVHS BOOSTER CLUB FEATURED ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
BOYS GOLF PROGRAM

The NVHS Athletic Booster Club is proud to present the featured athlete of this week, golfer NICK WALKER.

Booster Club Reporter: *Why golf?*

Nick: I chose to play golf because it was something I could see myself doing for the rest of my life, rather than just during my high school years. I have met many close friends playing golf and it is the sport I am the most passionate about.

Booster Club Reporter: *What have you learned from playing competitive golf?*

Nick: The thing that I have learned in playing four years of sports is getting along with your teammates is a big key to success. This will help in my adult life because if you do not get along with the people you are working with, you and/or your company will not be successful.

Booster Club Reporter: *And from your coaches?*

Nick: I have learned from my coaches to not over-think while playing the game of golf. Over-thinking situations in golf and even in school can really distract you by making you lose focus. The most important thing is to focus on the moment you are in and believe in yourself and ability to make the shots you need to make in that moment.

Booster Club Reporter: *Is there anything you wish you had known when you were just starting?*

Nick: I wish I would have known not to worry so much about what happens while you are playing, good and bad things are going to happen while playing golf. The important is to be confident in my abilities. Having confidence in myself as well as my team has what made me more successful this year than any other year.

Booster Club Reporter: *People say golf is a mental game. Is it tough to play?*

Nick: Probably the toughest learning moment I have had would be the recent competition at State tournament - the highest level of competition that I have been in. I was fortunate enough to be in the lead after the first day of the tournament after shooting an even par. While definitely exciting, I got a taste of the pressure that comes along with that accomplishment. Now that I have experienced that feeling, I will be mentally ready to recognize and overcome it. "What doesn't Challenge you, doesn't Change you."

Booster Club Reporter: *Did you feel pressure to win?*

Nick: I personally do not feel extreme pressure to win nor do I have a great fear of losing. I know that if I play my best, there is nothing else I can do to control the outcome of the match or tournament that I am in.

Booster Club Reporter: *What would you say makes you a winner?*

Nick: What makes me a winner has been being a part of a team where everyone enjoys what they are doing. Each person on the golf team this year truly enjoyed playing the game of golf. We all shared in the successes we had over this season and it brought us all closer together. We all get along really well and all enjoy hanging out together outside of golf.

Booster Club Reporter: *Will you miss the team when you leave for College?*

Nick: I have met many people over my four years that have become very close friends of mine and it is hard knowing my time of playing golf with them on the NVHS team is finished.

Booster Club Reporter: *What would you say to a student contemplating joining the golf team?*

Nick: Try out for a team because being a part of a team is an experience you can never relive. Playing on the golf team has been the highlight of my high-school career and has allowed me to make friendships that will go way beyond that.

Booster Club Reporter: *Do you have a favorite quote?*

Nick: Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength".