

HCC Cougars take golf tournament



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The Holyoke Community College golf team captured the New England Championship at The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick.

SOUTHWICK – The HCC golf team captured the New England (Region XXI) championship on Wednesday, completing a remarkable two-day performance at the beautiful Ranch Golf Club. The host Cougars won the team championship behind the exceptional golf of the event's individual champion, Kyle Richter (East Longmeadow, MA / East Longmeadow HS). Richter shot a sensational 79 on day-two that launched him to the top of the leaderboard. Cougars Ryan McGeary (Agawam, MA / Agawam HS), Tyler Boissonneault (Greenfield, MA / Greenfield HS) and Peter DeStephano (East Longmeadow, MA / East Longmeadow HS) all played very well, guiding the team to their regional title. Boissonneault shot an 87 on day two and McGeary shot a 90 each day.

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The team championship earns the entire Cougar team a spot at the NJCAA National Golf Championship. This is Holyoke's first team regional championship since 2009 and the first during head coach Chris Stoddard's tenure. Stoddard has had several golfers qualify for nationals individually in his time as coach, including in each of the last three

years. Richter and McGeary both qualified as individuals last year during their freshman seasons. Richter's individual regional championship is also Holyoke's first since 2009.

The Cougars will travel to Chautauqua Golf Club in Chautauqua, NY to play in this year's NJCAA National Golf Championship. The tournament is a four-day event played June 4-7.