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Golf Takes a Swing at District

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The Flower Mound High School varsity golf team may not be in the spotlight as often as football or volleyball, but it is just as important to our school. With a season that is played all year long The players on the golf team put in a lot of dedication in order to be the best they can be.

“School practices everyday and four to five hours on the weekend,” sophomore Anjali Cherukuri said.

“It takes a lot more commitment to stay in the sport,” junior Chase Walts said about how golf is different from other sports. Anja-

li also had her own perspective on how it’s different saying, “A lot more mental than other sports, always be focused, mental and physical fatigue”

With hours of practice being put in every week, and many of the players started playing when they were young, it’s easy to see why the team gets good results at the tournaments they play in.

The team has their own goals for the season as well as Chase Walts said, “as a team to make it out of district.”

When asked about how difficult it is to learn golf, junior Allyson Barth said, “It’s kind of difficult, but it also depends on how good you want to be.”

All of the players interviewed said that they originally got into the sport because their parents played or introduced them to the sport at a young age.

Despite all the commitment and time that goes into playing golf at a high school level, all of the players said that they would want to pursue a future in the sport.



Hockey Shoots for State

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The Flower Mound-Marcus ice hockey team, or FMM, founded in 2015, is not like other sports teams at the schools. Unlike football, baseball, basketball, etc, the hockey team is a joint team between the schools. There are four different teams for hockey with Varsity being the best team followed by JV Gold, JV Silver, and JV Bronze. The season spans from August to February with each team playing about 25 regular season games each against other high school hockey teams in the area. They also play in state tournaments against teams all across the state.

“You have to give up a lot of stuff to go after school and be committed to showing up to practice on time,” senior varsity player Nathan Newbern said.

The team is dedicated to their craft, spending hours every week

perfecting their technique. Their dedication helped them win over half their games this season. “We practice three times a week,” sophomore varsity player Brandon Knapp said. “We get better as a team by training on ice.”

Theres a lot that changes over the off season as well for any sports team and the FMM hockey team is no different.

“We have one more game this season and few more players that we didn’t have last year,” junior Phoenix Quintanilla said about the differences this season.

With hockey being not as popular of a sport in North Texas compared to sports like football or basketball

it was interesting to see how the players got in to the sport.

Most players said that their parents introduced them to it when they were young but varsity player Phoenix Quintanilla said “I had a friend who played hockey. I went to one of their games and thought the sport looked cool so I signed up.”

Overall, the FMM hockey team is an important team for students wanting to get in the sport that is often overlooked or students just don’t know about it in general. With games going on most of the school year and the closest games being in Farmers Branch, we encourage students to learn more about the sport, FMM team, and maybe go to a game to show your support.

Water Polo Makes a Splash

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The Flower Mound Water Polo team often goes overlooked for more popular sports in the school, however the sport is just as exciting and interesting as any other and it is interesting to see how the players got into the sport, practice, and what all goes into playing.

Sophomore water polo player Nick Tabbah described when and where the team practices, “We have morning weights from 6:00-7:00 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.” “We also have 2 hour practices every school day from 2:30-4:30 at the Westside aquatic Center.”

Freshman water polo player Macie Myers pointed out what water polo practice consists of as, “A ton of swimming and a ton of cardio as well as passing and shooting drills, then

we usually have a scrimmage at the end as well.”

Water polo also takes a lot of time away from players as any sport does for practice and games.

Myers described the commitment as “It does not usually get in the way of school, but it definitely takes a lot of commitment. We have games pretty much every weekend, you definitely have to want to play the sport and play super aggressive.”

Unfortunately, since water polo is often overshadowed by bigger or more popular sports, not many people get exposed to it let alone enough to want to play it. It’s always interesting to see how the players originally got into the sport and wanted to play it over or alongside other sports.

Tabbah described his initial

exposure to the sport as, “I got into water polo when I was around 10-11 years old because I was a swimmer and I always saw them practicing and told my mom I would want to play.” Myers pointed out the differences in the sport as, “It’s different because it’s kind of like a combination of swimming and hockey, along with any other aggressive sport such as wrestling or even basketball.”

To sum up, water polo definitely takes a lot of time and effort to be able to play since it’s in water. Not only do you have to get the ball to be able to score, but you have to manage doing it all on water.



Lacrosse Team Comes Together

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The Flower Mound Lacrosse team is an important part of the school just like every other sport. Not many people know about or pay attention to lacrosse but there is a lot to the sport and what goes in to playing. The sport can be described as multiple sports packed in to one which makes the sport vastly different from others.

The players on the team put a lot of work and effort into playing as there is a lot that you have to be good at.

Sophomore Varsity player Gage Kimmel described practice as, “The fundamentals of passing, ground balls, and group work. We also are working on our 6 on 6 and fast break work.”

The team practices at Bakersfield park, the Community Activity Center

or CAC, and the church field. A lot of commitment and dedication also goes in to playing lacrosse as well.

Kimmel also described the time players have to put in as, “Sometimes lacrosse interferes with school, but so do all sports. It teaches good time management.” “Lacrosse is a very difficult sport to grasp because it’s like a multitude of sports jam packed into one. Just getting down the fundamentals can be difficult, so yes it does take a lot of time and commitment.”

Since lacrosse can be seen as a more obscure sport in this part of the country, it was interesting to see how the sport differs from more popular sports and how players originally got into it.

“My friend told me about lacrosse when I was in the fifth grade, I went

to one practice and fell in love with the sport.” Kimmel also pointed out the differences in the sport by saying, “I believe it is a lot more fast pace and physical than some other sports.”

All in all, lacrosse is in many ways the same and different from some of the more popular sports and takes a lot of time, commitment, dedication, and skill to pick up and learn the sport and play it well to be able to be on the high school team and continue to play it in the future.