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HEADED SOUTH!

Boyne City graduate Katie Hoth headed to the Dominican Republic

By Chris Fiel

BOYNE CITY — Following a highly successful high school softball career, and with a collegiate career ahead of her, one would think that recent Boyne City graduate, Katie Hoth would take some time off to relax and prepare for the next level.

But, if you know Katie at all, you are aware that taking time off and relaxing for any extended period of time is not part of her routine.

Hoth has kept busy working and working out this summer in preparation to play ball at Lansing Community College, but prior to that, she will represent and play softball for the USA U19 softball team for the American International Sports Team (AIST), in the Dominican Republic.

As most already know, the former Rambler enjoyed another outstanding season during her senior year, earning All-State honors for the second straight season by displaying the hard work that she put in during the offseason by hitting a very impressive .557 batting average in the tough Lake Michigan

Conference and competitive non-league schedule with 58 hits, blasting eight home runs, ripping 18 doubles, seven triples and knocking in 40 RBIs. Her slugging percentage was 1.050.

She swiped 43 stolen bases, scored 60 runs, drew 13 walks and was hit by a pitch four times.

Katie took part in an email application process from AIST (American International Sports Teams) that highlighted her amateur accomplishments and also required coaches recommendations. Once submitted, the organization (AIST) evaluates the applications and picks the team.

As many area fans and opponents are aware, she definitely fit the bill and was selected

to take part in the August 9-15 tour of the Dominican Republic.

Some of the possible stops on the tour are Santo Domingo and Saona Island, where the group will play 5-6 games in the Santo

Domingo Classic Tournament.

They will also take time out of their busy ball schedule to see some of the sights, such as Three Eyes Crystal Caves, Tour of Columbus Lighthouse and a Catamaran Cruise to Saona Island.

The AIST has been traveling with top athletes to international tournaments in more than 22 countries since 2002. The AIST has the reputation for having some of the best travel teams in the world, but AIST also creates a memorable experience for all its athletes. These experiences include learning new cultures, building friendships, sightseeing, personal growth and most everything else that comes with exploring the world. Each of the three teams representing the US U19, consist of only 12-13 players per roster.

"We received the itinerary a couple weeks ago, and so far the schedule consists of playing games in the morning, and then either spending the day at the beach or touring the city," Katie said.

When asked if she had the opportunity to meet any of her future teammates, she replied, "I have not met any of the girls I will be playing with, but we were sent the list of names a week ago and they're from all over the country."

Hoth was asked what she was most looking forward to regarding this experience and she noted, "I'm mostly looking forward to seeing how talented the girls are from the Dominican. Kids there start training softball/baseball when they are super young and spend most of their free time practicing. That's going to be super cool to experience."

For more information on the AIST, please refer to www.aist.us

Boyne City's Katie Hoth will represent the USA, playing for the American International Sports Team (AIST), U19 squad in the Dominican Republic, during the month of August. (COURTESY PHOTOS)



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Great Scott: Traverse City's Alex Scott Shoots 61, Wins Playoff at Tournament of Champions

BOYNE FALLS – Traverse City's Alex Scott shot the best round of his life Wednesday tying the course and tournament record with an 11-under 61, and then had to win a sudden-death playoff with Mackenzie Tour PGA-Canada professional Sam Weatherhead of Grand Rapids.

The Grand Valley State University golfer did that too – with a birdie on the second playoff hole at the Alpine course – and became the first amateur to win in 27 years of the Tournament of Champions at Boyne Mountain Resort.

"Oh yeah, I did shock myself," he said after making the eight-foot birdie putt to win the playoff on hole No. 16. "My phone is blowing up in my pocket right now. I shocked myself, so it's not surprising I shocked a few others."

Scott's 61 left him at 15-under 201 for the tournament, and Weatherhead dropped a 30-foot birdie putt at No. 18 to shoot 68 for 201 and force the playoff.

Both played to par on the first playoff hole (par 5 No. 18) with Weatherhead just missing an eight-foot birdie attempt. At the par 4 No. 16, Weatherhead missed a 10-foot birdie putt, and then Scott made his 8-footer to win.

"I've been in a lot of playoffs now, and the same thing happens every time," said Weatherhead, a former Michigan State golfer. "Whoever fails to put the nail in the coffin first is usually the one who ends up coming in second. Once I had a good look at birdie on the first playoff hole and missed it, I knew it was going to be harder work, and Alex didn't miss when he got the good look for birdie (on the second playoff hole)."

Weatherhead, headed to Web.com qualifying in the fall, netted the first-place check of \$8,000 as the low pro in the championship. Scott took home the trophy and a \$750 gift certificate, the most allowed for amateurs under the rules of golf.

Scott, who started the final round on the Alpine course eight shots off the lead of Eric Lilleboe of Okeemos, birdied the first two



Champion Alex Scott in action Wednesday. courtesy photo

holes, had a tap-in eagle that was almost a double-eagle on No. 5 and shot 6-under 30 on the front nine. He wasn't finished. He followed it up with another eagle-3 on the par 5 No. 12 hole with a 60-foot putt to highlight a 31 on the back nine.

"I knew a low score was coming," said Scott, who will be a senior at Grand Valley this fall and is playing in the upcoming U.S. Amateur at Pebble Beach. "I've been talking with my dad and we knew it was coming," he said. "I needed to shot a low score in a tournament, one of those where you know early you are going low and everything keeps going in. I didn't expect 61. I've never done that before, but once I got it going I didn't back up, I didn't back down. It took some luck. There was luck in both eagles, but I kept grabbing driver and saying let's go make birdie."

Lilleboe, a 30-year-old mini-tour pro, shot 70 to close at 214, just missing a final eagle putt at No. 18 in regulation play that would have put him in the playoff, too.

Michigan Open champion Jake Kneen of White Lake, the recent Oakland University graduate who with Scott is making this the year of the amateurs in Michigan golf, shot 67 for 206 and fourth place, and Meadowbrook Country Club assistant Travis Dodson shot 69 for 208 and fifth.

Four pros – defending champion Mike Nagy of Manistique, Willie Mack III of Grand Blanc, Randy Hutchison of Traverse City and first-round leader Chris Mory of Haslett – tied at 209. Boyne Golf teaching professional Jeff Roth, a five-time Tournament of Champions winner and one of 16 Michigan Golf Hall of Fame mem-

bers in the field, shot 68 for 210, and two-time Tournament of Champions winner Andy Ruthkoski of Muskegon shot 69 for 210 to round out the top 10.

It was Ruthkoski, who won the TOC in 2013 and '14, who set the record of 61 on the Alpine during the first round in 2015.

Scott, a Golf Association of Michigan Champion last summer and the GLLAC Golfer of the Year during school, said it was hard to put into words how he felt winning the unique championship that brings together juniors, seniors, professionals and amateurs of both sexes all playing for one title from different tee positions. All the golfers invited have won selected significant Michigan golf championships, both amateur and professional.

"It's amazing," he said. "There are so many great

players in the field. It wasn't realistic to think I would shoot 61 today. The odds say I couldn't do because I never have done it before. My lowest before this was a 64 in qualifying at college. But I did it. It's a good feeling."

He credited his golf instructor Scott Hebert, who as a Michigan Golf Hall of Fame member and former Tournament of Champions winner was also in the tournament, his family and Grand Valley teammates and coaches afterward. He also said Lilleboe inspired him with comments after he shot 73 and Lilleboe shot 66 to open the tournament.

"Eric was a (NCAA) Division II golfer like me – he played at Ferris State," he said. "He told me I was probably the best player in Division II and I should realize it, step up and play like it. It motivated me, and I had this great day. It's amazing."

The 23-year-old Weatherhead, who started the day one shot off the lead and seven ahead of Scott, said the first-place money will help as he continues to pursue his dream of playing on the PGA Tour. The former Michigan Amateur champion said he was not hanging his head as he departed.

"I still wanted that trophy, the feeling of winning outweighs the nice check, but the check eases the pain for sure," he said and laughed. "I will take what I learned from this and know that I'm playing good enough to beat a lot of great golfers besides Alex's 61. Hopefully that doesn't happen to me every time I'm in the hunt."

SCORING: Final results are available via a link found at www.michiganpgagolf.com

Real Estate Feature Property

Nicely maintained Boyne City ranch home

BY JIM AKANS

Situated on nearly one-half acre, this well maintained Boyne City ranch style home has plenty of room to roam both inside and out.

This three-bedroom, two-bath home has approximately 1,344 square feet of wonderfully designed and appointed living space, plus a full basement for lots of storage space or it can be finished for some additional living space. Interior highlights include an amply-sized kitchen with abundant cabinetry and countertop space, adjoining living room featuring a large window to let in lots of natural outdoor light, main level laundry/utility room and an attached two-car garage with paved driveway.

There are two decks on the home; an approximately 10x10

foot deck at the front entry and an approximately 12x24 foot open deck on the back overlooking the spacious backyard. For extra storage there is a 12x14 foot utility building in the yard as well. The many dining, shopping, entertainment and recreation venues in Boyne City are just a short distance away!

This nicely maintained Boyne City ranch style home is located at 1005 South Lake Street in Boyne City, and it is listed at \$159,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or Christopher Christensen, Associate Broker at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com or Chris@lyndasrealestateservice.com



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Steps to get your lawn ready for fall

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With autumn nearly upon us and winter rapidly approaching, you're probably not spending much time thinking about your lawn. But autumn, with its cooler temperatures and occasional rainfall, is the ideal time to prepare your lawn for spring.

Many homeowners think lawns need less care in the fall because the grass grows slower. In fact, just the opposite is true. During this time of year, grass is busily absorbing energy, moisture and nutrients to prepare for a long, dormant winter. Give it a little attention now, and you'll be rewarded with a

lush, healthy spring lawn. Just follow these six tips.

1. Keep on mowing

Continue to water and mow your lawn, as needed, throughout the fall. As the season draws to a close, drop the mower's blade to its lowest setting for the last two cuttings of the year. That will allow more sunlight to reach the crown of the grass, and there will be less leaf to turn brown during the winter.

As you lower the blade, just remember not to trim off more than one-third of the grass blades at any time. If necessary, gradually lower the cutting height

until the time of the final two cuttings.

2. Aerate the soil

Fall is also an ideal time to aerate your lawn so that oxygen, water and fertilizer can easily reach the roots. You can rent a gas-powered, walk-behind lawn aerator for about \$70 per day. The self-propelled machine will quickly punch holes into the soil and extract plugs of dirt. If you have a large yard — say, more than 3 or 4 acres — and don't feel like aerating it yourself, hire a landscaping contractor.

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