



Napoleon duo has a playoff showdown

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Alex LaSerra and Tom Carson, teammates on the Napoleon High School golf team the last two years, staged quite a battle Saturday.

The two Pirates tied for medalist honors in the Optimist International Junior Championships local qualifying at Hankerd Hills Golf Course. They then went to a playoff, which lasted four holes before LaSerra won.

LaSerra, a sophomore at Napoleon, and Carson, a senior, matched 4-over-par 76s. The Optimist Club of Jackson, which usually sends each age group winner to the state tournament, made an exception this time.

"Because they were so evenly matched, we're sending them both," Gary Hess of the Optimist Club said.

The state tournament is next month at the Davison Country Club, with winners there moving on to the national tournament in Florida.

Gretchen Berkemeier topped the girls field with an 87. Other age group winners were Tyler LaSerra (boys 14-15), Zeke Schwartz (boys 12-13), Kenzie Brockie (boys 10-11), Melissa Beurmann (girls 14-15) and Jayne Stuart (girls 12-13).