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How To Be A Winner

by Renny Roker CEO/Founder

In this month's newsletter we feature one of the Teens On The Green graduates Teddy Collins, who chose a professional career outside of golf and is doing quite well on Wall Street. I feel confident that Teddy will be a winner on Wall Street as he was on the golf course.

While Teddy was at Stanford University I visited him one day on campus. It began to rain and we walked under an open porch on campus. While waiting for the rain to subside Teddy showed me a project he had created. It was the history of Wall Street from its beginning to about 2004, in ten-year increments featuring the top stocks and their position and how they arrived at that current position. It featured all types of statistics and it seemed like there were hundreds of pages dedicated to this project.

I asked Teddy if this was a term paper, homework, or extra credit project. His response confirmed my respect for him. He told me that this was the road he wanted to take after graduation and he wanted to know everything there was to know about that industry, so he wrote it for his own understanding of the history of this amazing industry.

My thoughts were "look out Wall Street, here comes the Tiger Woods of Stocks and bonds,

securities etc. It also reminded me that to be a winner you have to get involved in whatever you are attempting to do.

The key is to win at whatever level you aspire to succeed, research, study, practice, and win, win, win. Support and compete in the competitions of the organizations in your community, city, state, and region, learn to be a winner where you live first. Once you get in the habit of winning on any level, continuous practice, studying, producing, creating, and sticking with it are the keys to becoming a winner. It's also very habit forming for the winners regardless of what level you are winning. Just remember if you place a high value on yourself and continuously perform on that level, you will in fact achieve that level and higher, but if you put a small value on yourself, rest assured no one will raise the price of your worth. Becoming a winner is achievable if you want it.

At Teens On The Green we feel that you are all winners, but it won't happen until you know it and apply yourself, in practice, in school, in life, and in your every moment. Make sure you enjoy it, make sure you share your knowledge with others, and enjoy a great future whatever you choose to do in life.

At TEENS ON THE GREEN we wish each and every one of you great success in whatever your choices in life. You are a WINNER!!

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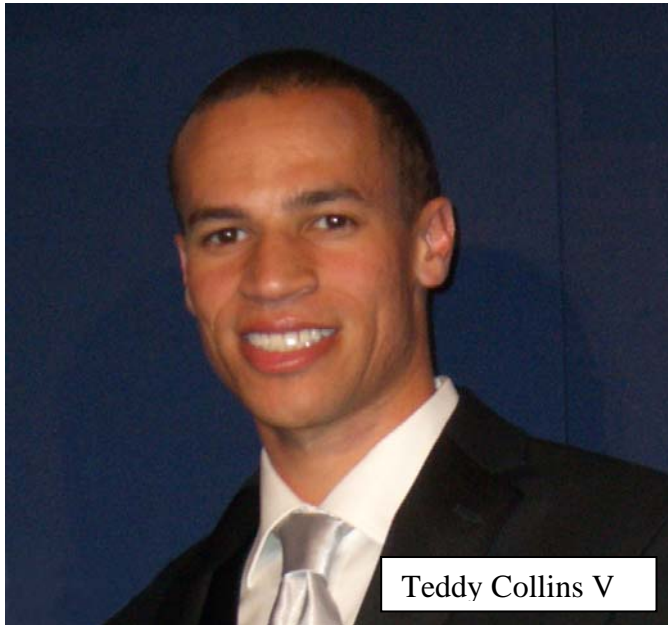
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December 19 – 23, 2009

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Boys & Girls Ages 11 – 19 must be in High School
Golfweek and Junior Golf Scoreboard Ranked Event
Fifty-four (54) hole stroke play individual competition



Teddy Collins V

Steps To Success In Junior Golf

By: Teddy Collins V

The road to professional golf is a long and arduous journey. My journey took me from a local golfer at age 10, to a State champion at age 13, a 17 year old 2-time high school All-American, and ultimately a traveling player on a NCAA championship team; and all the time in between with the singular goal of playing professional golf.

I have two goals with this article. First, to explain what it takes to achieve success in golf and second, to explain how to set clear expectations and goals for your career. The most common error I saw with my peers was the unwavering devotion to becoming a professional golfer, while neglecting developing other skill sets that add value should golf not work out.

Relationship between rankings and potential

Many times growing up, older people in the golf industry told me that the odds of becoming a professional golfer are small. I believe that statement is irrelevant. Each person has a unique situation and your desire to turn professional shouldn't be hampered by the fact that only 125 people have full status on the PGA Tour. Many competitors from the junior golf circuit are now doing very well on Tour. Webb Simpson (Wake Forest Class of 2008) earned his PGA Tour card at Q-School and Anthony Kim (attended University of Oklahoma) has already won multiple tournaments and played on the Ryder Cup Team.

Both of these players were top of their class since I first competed against them at age 14. By top of their class I don't mean top 50 in the Golfweek rankings, these kids were never out of the top 5. However, being a first team AJGA player does not guarantee success.

Developing a universal golf game

There are four common stages in the competitive golfer's career: local and state junior golf, national junior golf, college golf, and professional golf.

Nowadays with the IJGT, PJGT, FCWT, and

the rest of the alphabet soup of junior golf tours, it is possible to skip the local and state golf level. These tours were in their infancy when I was growing up and I didn't start competing on them full time until age 14. I am glad I didn't skip local and state golf because that is where I learned how to win, and I did it often.

Now that the AJGA has qualifiers for their pre-qualifying events, kids (and parents) think they have to sign up for these events early and often. This is not the case.

You don't need the AJGA to be successful

I played many events on the AJGA, but I was ready to win from the first time I teed up. With the increasing popularity of golf and funding for junior tours, there is an abundance of supply of events. The mistake I see is junior golfers who play 15 events and either finish in the bottom third of the field or shoot in the low 80s in every tournament. These tours are great for getting exposure to college coaches, but it is more important to show them you are competitive than just present.

College coaches respond to low scores and they do not care which tours they are achieved on. You don't have to be a well known golfer to be recruited to a top school (however, it will limit athletic scholarship opportunities). My coach at Stanford looked for kids who were top 3 golfers in their state and also great students. Not all the recruits were AJGA all-stars, but almost everyone on the team had won their state golf championship.

Building your schedule to maximize future value

I managed my schedule very diligently. I had one end all goals, to play golf at Stanford. In order to achieve this I had to play in the top tier events throughout the year. Given that I grew up in Upstate New York, this meant sacrificing certain weeks of school during the spring. I opened the national season multiple times at the AJGA Chateau Élan tournament in April. However, after the long winter I shook off the rust at one or two tournaments on the other national junior golf tours. I spent nearly every day on the road from mid June to early August playing the most prestigious events available.

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Steps to success in junior golf.....cont'd

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Taking ownership of your schedule

Every junior must have a specific long term goal when planning his or her schedule. I must place added emphasis on his or her schedule. It is tremendously important for the junior golfer to be take ownership of his career. This includes choosing tournaments, filling out entry forms, making travel arrangements, and so on. Parents who take it upon themselves to complete these tasks are doing a disservice to their aspiring professional golfer in the long run.

Taking a proactive approach to national golf rankings

I felt I needed to maintain a top 50 ranking in the national polls to be a recruited golfer at Stanford. I can tell you from experience; it is difficult to receive significant scholarship money from a top-20 national program if you are outside the top 50. It is important to match the type of tournaments you play in with the caliber golf program you'd like to join.

The first step in this process is identifying where you stand in the context of all of junior golfers. For me, I knew I was a top 50 golfer and a top 15 golfer on good days. I aspired to be a top 10 ranked golfer, and then I could be a full scholarship golfer at any school. The fact of the matter was that I wasn't a top ten golfer, I was top 30 golfers. But this meant that there would be no guarantee of a full golf scholarship. As time would tell, I was recruited to play golf at Stanford, but was not offered a full scholarship.

I would encourage you to take the same honest approach the state of your career. There are many talented juniors out there and if you determine that you aren't in the top 50 that is okay (there can only be 50 of you!).

Choosing tournaments to maximize your exposure

I believe one tour achieves the double effect of promoting its junior golfers while investing in them at the same time. The Teens on the Green junior golf program (TOG) was started in 2000 as a program that promotes low handicaps and high GPAs. Yes, there should be inverse relationship between the two! Since, it has developed into an international tour with top caliber golfers from around the world. At its season ending tour championship, in addition to playing great golf courses on the PGA National resort, the juniors had the opportunity to learn from top collegiate and industry professionals from around the country. Some of the events were titled: how to exercise for golf, proper club fitting techniques, opportunities in the golf industry, preparing for college golf, and going to college on a golf scholarship. Three of the many college coaches in attendance were from Penn State, Michigan State, and the University of Miami.

The moral of this story is take advantage of tours like Teens on the Green. There are more efficient and cost effective means of getting noticed than focusing on the AJGA.

Choosing the right college golf program

While playing college golf, the student-athlete will often be treated like an athlete more than a student. That is why it is important to have the right reasons for attending the college of your choice. I wanted to go to a school that would prepare me for professional golf and leave me with an excellent college degree. I put more weight on the latter knowing that it was my responsibility to get better at golf.

The best coach and equipment money can buy will not be the difference in whether or not you make it on Tour. Thus, I was not overly concerned about being at a school that would win the NCAA championship every other year. In fact, when I arrived at Stanford, the team hadn't won a single tournament since Tiger was there in the mid 1990s. That changed my third year we when we won seven tournaments and ended up being the best team in college golf. Looking back, that was just a bonus. I would have been perfectly content with my college career had that not happened.

To show my singular focus on playing at Stanford, I did not even take an official visit before I committed to play golf there, I did visit after. Golf was the only thing I could imagine myself doing after college. I am very fortunate my parents instilled in me the importance of education. Had I not attended Stanford, I was accepted to and would have attended Princeton (my mother's top choice) or Harvard (my Father's top choice).

Play your own game

It doesn't matter if your swing is on a perfect one plane like Tiger's or if you have the newest Scotty Cameron putter. The kids who make it own their swing. Some of them are "perfect", like Adam Scott and Charles Howell. However, most of them are home grown, like Sergio. No matter which of the four levels of golf you reach, remember what got you there. A perfect swing makes the ball go straight on the range, but you have to own your swing to bring it to the golf course.

Turning pro in something other than golf

Going against my previous statement, most junior golfers won't achieve success on the professional level. One must achieve a substantial level of improvement every year to keep up with the competition. In my case, I was able to keep pace until half way through college. Two years of not getting better left me too far behind to catch up in a reasonable time.

Most everyone comes to this realization at one point in time. The difference lies in whether or not you leave yourself with viable exit opportunities. Excluding the Anthony Kim's and Tiger Woods' of the world, even the most successful young professionals do not earn close to \$100,000



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Oct 3 - 4

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Oct 17 -18

[Tour Championship Invitational
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Dec 19 - 23

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(\$100K). First place checks on mini-tours range from \$10-15K, that is good money. But these tours are extraordinarily competitive and far more expensive than junior tours. Entry fees are in the thousands of dollars, not including hotel and airfare. Not to mention the costs of repaying your investors (if you are well connected enough to have them).

Golf has a lot of variables. The best players peak and play their golf 4-5 times a year. Will you peak in a tournament with the \$10,000 purse instead of the one with \$100,000? An acute injury can end a season; a chronic one can end a career.

Being a top tier student and a top tier golfer allowed me to not force myself into professional golf. It also put me on an earnings path that will far exceed most golf careers. Having a successful history in golf also contributes to my future success in the business world. I hope you too can achieve success in both arenas of your life. Please feel free to reach out to me with further questions, I am glad to help the next generation of talent.

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The Teens On The Green Foundation is returning to Thailand for the 7th year. This year Teens On The Green is inviting 10 youngsters with single digit handicaps, and 3.0 GPA's or higher to join us for this exciting event with the best junior golfers in Thailand and other asian Nations. All you have to do is get there. With the exception of about \$25.00 U.S. for caddy cost the rest is paid for. See details. If you would like to sponsor a player please contact Teens On The Green Foundation at 770 483-8658 or rennyroker@teensonthegreen.com We look forward to seeing you in Thailand.



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You may select up to 6 players over the 2-4 winners provided Free air line tickets for winning in your 15 and over category to join us at our World Championship providing they are single digit handicaps and 3.0 GPA or higher.

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There is a game room, and a "Parade of Nations" featuring the flags of participants from more than 45 Countries, and of course your state and organization. And it's all televised worldwide. We will provide you with video of your participating youngsters plus the entire program for your review.

The selection of your event as a qualifier is your decision. As a bonus if you have a player or two that would like to compete against some of the best junior players in Asia, they can join us in Bangkok, Thailand June 16-20, 2009. All they have to do is get there; as all expenses are paid including

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