

driving it home

While golf is mostly an individual sport the Sycamore Girls' golf team has formed their own support system for a very difficult sport. Together they have worked to improve their skills and work through challenges, and all their work paid off when the team went to district championships. While each player is scored separately for an individual ranking, all of those scores are averaged together for a team ranking; **Deeya Prakash, 12**, ended the season with the lowest scoring average in all of Cincinnati. The team has worked incredibly hard to ensure that all members of the team are doing the best they possibly can, often the older girls work with the newer members to teach skills and offer support and encouragement when needed. The team has done everything they can to show that while they play solo they are never alone, there is always someone they can turn to learn something new and help hone their skills. With long practices and bus rides the team has had a lot of time to form individual and team bonds, "...we would take the van to all of our matches and the van was preset to the country radio...and there was this one song that came on it's called Fancy Like by Walker Hayes...we would sing that song until our vocal cords bled and it became our anthem," Prakash said.



"When you start, you don't see as much improvement because starting [golf] is really hard. But if you stick to it and you push yourself, you can get better."

-Maren Hartz, 10



"...I'm a very go-go-go person and I feel like with golf you have to calm down a little bit, realize what you are about to do before you take your shot. I feel like that has helped me calm down a lot."

-Sophie Carter, 12

