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## **Top 50 Jr Tour Announces Expansion to West Michigan Courses for 2005 Season**

(Howell, Michigan)

The Howell, Michigan based Top 50 Jr Tour is expanding to west Michigan courses for its 2005 season. Seven qualifiers and seven tournaments, open to all boys and girls age 12-18, comprise the tour's first series of west Michigan events. Play begins at Saskatoon Golf Club on June 14 in Alto, with the final regular season event to be played at Candlestone Inn and Golf Resort in Belding on August 3.

"This is our third season", says Daniel Thomas, founder of the tour. "Until now, we've had a ten event schedule based primarily in southeast Michigan. We've had a lot of interest in west Michigan from players that was generated through word of mouth, coaches and our website. So the choice to expand was a natural".

Jeff Miller of Lansing has been tapped to head the West Michigan Top 50 Jr Tour. "When we began planning the tour this year, choosing Jeff was an easy choice", says Thomas. "He's a Professional Golf Association member, received a degree in Professional Golf Management from Ferris State University and is currently employed at Candlestone Inn Golf and Resort as general manager and golf professional. He served on the New Jersey Assistants PGA Board, as fundraising chairman and then as secretary and was chosen to play on the New Jersey Squire Cup Team", explains Thomas. "He's going to do a great job of growing the tour".

The tour's format is unique. The top forty qualifiers at each Qualifying Round play in the Tournament Round for free. Additionally, the top ten finishers in each week's tournament are exempt into the following week's tournament and will play for free. In total, fifty players per week will play free golf. In addition, scholarship awards will be offered based on rules of golf exams, topical essays, sportsmanship, participation in tour sponsored golf activities and community service. Scholarship awards can be increased based on student academic achievement.

Interested students and parents should visit the tour's website, [Top50jrTour.com](http://Top50jrTour.com) or call Jeff Miller at (616) 794-2316 for more information, tournament schedules and a membership application.

Membership is just \$75 for the entire West Michigan Top 50 Jr Tour 2005 season. Individual qualifiers are \$55 each. Players do not have to be members of their school teams in order to participate.

The Top 50 Jr Tour is presented by the PGA Michigan Section and the National Golf Scholarship Association (NGSA). The NGSA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization which was created in order to promote youth golf and to provide scholarship awards to junior high and high school students who have a talent for golf, but who also excel scholastically. The Top 50 Jr Tour was founded in 2003.