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Delaware girls finish second in USGA golf event

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The rest of the players at the United States Golf Association Women's State Team championship probably weren't expecting much out of the team from Delaware.

The First State's best finish ever had been 32nd, in the event's first year in 1995.

But three high school golfers — Archmere sophomore Phoebe Brinker, Tower Hill sophomore

Jennifer Cleary and Charter of Wilmington junior Esther Park — combined to improve on that in a huge way.

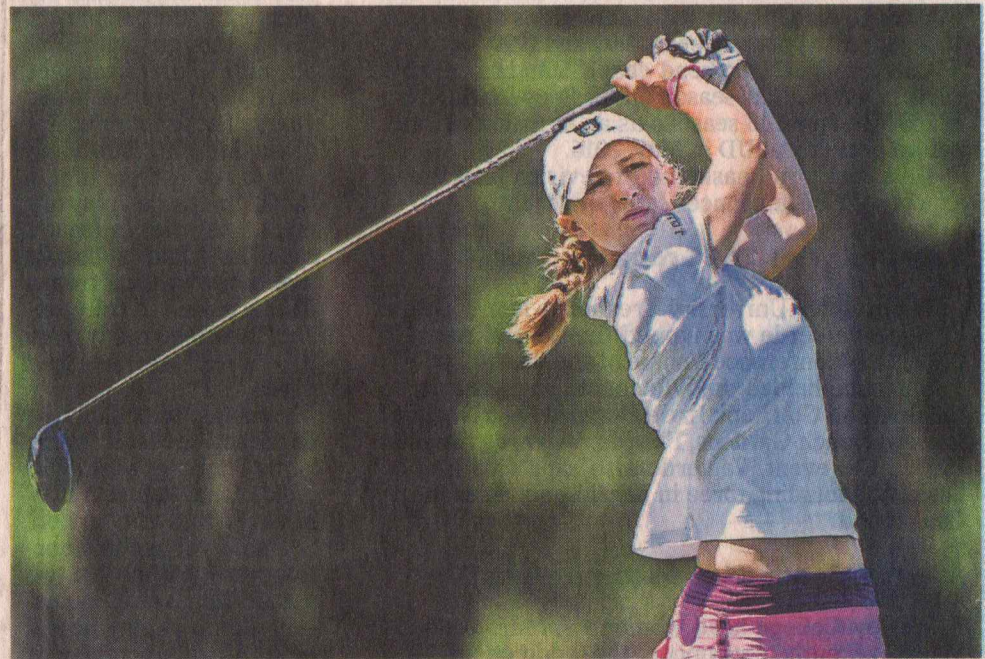
The trio went to The Club at Las Campanas in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Sept. 26-28 with a goal of placing in the top 22 after two rounds, to make the cut the final day. They wound up far exceeding everyone's expectations, as Brinker finished second individually and the threesome finished second as a team, just one

stroke behind the champions from Tennessee.

"It's kind of tough to look back on it and say that we lost by a shot," Brinker said. "But then you also have to think about all the long putts you made and all the shots you made up."

The USGA Women's State Team is played every two years, and brings together three-player teams from all 50 states and the District of Co-

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Tower Hill sophomore Jennifer Cleary shot a second-round 67 to help Delaware finish second in the USGA Women's State Team tournament. KYLE GRANTHAM/THE NEWS JOURNAL

