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day's play carding an identical 64 (34-30).

Carrier's 63 on Saturday was the low 18-hole score of the tournament while his 30 (along with McNamara and Lenny Rhomberg III) tied for the low nine-hole performance.

Rhomberg III (36-32), Brian Neville (36-32) and Scott Nemmers (34-34) all remained in the hunt as well after the opening round of play as each tallied scores of two-over par 68 that tied for fourth overall while Ed Rodts (35-34) and Jeff Crow (38-31) were tied for seventh with cards of 69 on Saturday.

Recker, however, was able to maintain his high level of play on Sunday as well, making his way through the Wapsi Country Club course with another two-under par 64 (32-32), identical to his opening 18-hole scores, and overcame Carrier who finished with a one-over 67 (36-31).

Rodts tied Recker for the low nine-hole score on Sunday also finishing with a 64 (32-32) and moved from seventh-place on Saturday to tied for third at the end of the event with a two-day total of 133.

Rhomberg III came through with a 65 (35-30) on Sunday and also finished with a 36-hole total of 133 while McNamara added a 69 (34-35) as the trio all tied for third overall.

Crow followed his 69 on Saturday with an even-par 66 (33-33) on Sunday and overall placed sixth at the tournament with a two-day total of 135 while Scott DeWitte was seventh coming through with a 138 (70-68).

Dennis Kula (71-68) and Brett Seeley (71-68) both turned in top-10 performances placing in a tie for eighth with cards of 139 each while Neville's 140 (68-72) also snuck into the top-10, at No. 10.

Nemmers just missed a top-10 finish as his 141 (68-73) was 11th while Dan Messerli (72-71), Brody Borkgren (70-73) and Josh Chadwell (73-70) all tied for 12th with 36-hole cards of 143 each.

Dave Marshall (75-71), another Wapsi legend who just continues to defy time and amaze, tied for 15th overall with Adam Byers (73-73) after each turned in cards of 146 while Andrew Reynolds (77-70) and Steve Orendorff (74-73) tied



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Dennis Kula reacts after his birdie putt spins out of the cup on the third green Saturday, July 29. Kula went on to place eighth, carding a 139 (71-68).

for 17th with identical 147's.

Rounding out the Wapsi men's club tournament top-20 scores were Dennis LaBarge (72-77) with a 149 and Loni Seeley (79-71) and Mike Borkgren (75-75) with a pair of 150's.



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Maddie Nemmers watches as her perfectly placed chip shot nestles next to the cup on the third green during Wapsi women's club tournament action Saturday, July 29.

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mal outstanding self, carding a four-over 74 that started with a 36 on her first nine holes before adding a 38 on her final tour of duty through Wapsi.

Drees and Houska were the class of the tournament, as after the pair battled all day long for the tournament lead while the rest of the field battled for third.

And it was another familiar name getting the job done there too, as Houska's mother Jenny tallied a 78 to secure third-place honors.

Jenny Houska was sitting in fifth-place after the opening nine-holes of play carding a 40 that trailed Drees, her daughter Hannah, Caldwell and

Byers. But it was Jenny's final nine hole score of 38, equaling Hannah and Drees for the best final-nine hole total of the tournament, that vaulted her to third-place.

Byers and her daughter Caldwell tied for fourth overall at the event as both opened (38) and finished (42) with the same nine-hole scores for their rounds of 80.

Caldwell's score was the winner of the club tournament's first flight.

Schultz came through with a round of 81 (40-41) that was not only runner-up in the first flight, but was sixth overall at the event.

Jen Ritter was next in line

as her 88 (42-46) was seventh against the field while Mary Zabloudil (45-44), Tammy Seeley (43-46) and Gloria Franzen (43-46) all tied for eighth overall with rounds of 89 each with Zabloudil winning the second flight and Seeley finishing as runner-up.

Woods finished just outside of the tournament top-10 at 11th with her round of 90 (47-43) while Tammy Luchtenburg (42-49), Maddie Nemmers (51-41), Cathie Cruise (51-48), Pat Merritt (54-59) and Misty Farr (56-64) rounded out the Wapsi women's club tournament scoring with cards of 91, 92, 99, 113 and 120, respectively.

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Anamosa boys' basketball coach Kevin Barnes knew what Werling brought to the gym was special too.

"The first thing that comes to mind for me when you say the name 'Scott Werling,' is the environment he created in our gym," said Barnes, who started coaching in Anamosa a couple of years before Werling started announcing contests for the school.

"Everybody appreciated what he did, from opposing players and coaches to all the fans from both sides. It was just awesome. When I told my son Spencer (who played for Barnes graduating in 2013) about Scott's passing, the first thing out of his mouth other than the sadness, was that Scott had a special ability to make our high school athletes feel like they were playing in the 'big time.' I think that's an accurate description of what Scott did for high school kids. Lastly, Scott was a Blue Raider. For him it was all about promoting Anamosa. It was never about Scott. All he ever wanted was the best for kids in our community. I really appreciated that about him."

But Werling also announced Anamosa baseball, softball, football, volleyball, wrestling, soccer and track and field events, too.

Pretty much everything and anything the school needed, he did when it came to announcing.

His booming voice during pre-game introductions was must-see stuff, and even area youth who would come to sporting events, wanted to grow up to someday hear Werling announce their names over the PA when they got to high school, with the same power and passion.

I know all of my kids felt that way.

When the games started, the show was on. The music and props and the timing he had for everything he did was absolute perfection. In some of the leaner years of Raider sports, some in the community would come just to listen to Werling's special style and presentation on the microphone.

He was that special. That unique.

When he was there, in the gym on basketball nights for both the girls and boys, it seemed to create an atmosphere that no other school could match. Often times it even seemed to intimidate opposing players who had to perform in that electric environment he was able to create.

And yes, that's not just hyperbole. It was electric.

Anyone who witnessed what Werling was able to create would agree. The differences in the gym from when Scott was there to when he wasn't, was often times almost night and day.

It even affected some of Anamosa's own players too. The toned-down atmosphere when Werling wasn't able to be in the gym for a game was so much different, it took some time for Raider basketball players to create their own energy.

When Werling was there, all Anamosa players had to do was walk into the gym and they instantly knew.

"This night was going to be special."

Anamosa High School graduate Jon Swisher, a radio sports announcer for KMCH in Manchester and who has even broadcast several Iowa Hawkeye men's basketball games, had his career influenced by Werling.

Swisher also helped Werling get it started in Anamosa, too.

"I first met Scott in the summer of 1997 as a freshman-to-be," Swisher said. "He was interested in getting into PA work and had done some DJ'ing for weddings, so he had his own sound equipment and music on CD's. I had some experience PA'ing doing WMS track and field meets and baseball with the Anamosa Parks &

Rec Little League baseball championships at King Ketelsen Field. Then high school Activities Director Rick Delagardelle and Anamosa baseball coach Bill Carlson wanted to try it for high school baseball games, a sport that had never had a PA announcer or music at games. They asked me to announce and Scott to do the music.

"It was an audition for him, so to speak. He interjected music and sound effects that enhanced the atmosphere immensely. From that first night, I remember him being a real easy going guy and friendly to work with."

Werling had announcing experience too. Being in radio in the 1970's in Waterloo, DJ'ing and being a dispatcher for the Iowa State Patrol.

"He was no stranger to the microphone," Swisher said. "And he helped me improve by providing tips and pointers right from the start. Scott's passion, interest and mostly wide-open availability during the evenings made him the perfect fit to be the lead Public Address Announcer and Music Coordinator for Blue Raider varsity contests. Titles he would keep until 2017."

Mere words can't describe what it was like when Werling was in the gym announcing games over the PA. It was something you just had to experience, and when opposing fans, players and coaches would comment afterwards about the wonderful job Werling did. We knew we had a good one.

And that happened, a lot.

"His voice was golden," Swisher said. "His inflection was on-point and his tone was dulcet. He had a style that was energetic, but not too cheesy or over the top. He once told me he prided himself on not being too much of a 'cheerleader' or 'homer.' He was professional. He knew he was there to inform and he threw in the right mix of entertainment, but remembered that the main focus was the athletes on the playing surface.

"Scott had memorable phrases he used throughout his time that I started to use myself on the radio, like 'There's a vehicle in the parking lot with its lights on and nobody's home.' And his end of game saying was classic, 'That's the ballgame, hope you enjoyed the contest if not the outcome and have a safe trip home everyone.' That style and recognizable voice made lasting impressions on the hundreds of athletes and thousands of fans that heard him throughout the years."

Other Anamosa High School athletes also reacted to Werling's passing.

"I ways remember Scott being there," said Joe Wendl. "He gave so much of his time and made the experience for the student-athletes that much better. He was a true servant."

1999 Raider graduate and four-sport athlete Bret McNamara also reached out.

"Scott was a true, loyal and devoted fan of Blue Raider athletics," he said. "His announcing and music added so much excitement to sporting events, and he was such a kind man."

The word of Werling's work for Anamosa High School got out and he began to spread his talents to the collegiate level as well as professionally, announcing minor league baseball games for years.

After jumping to the bigtime, Werling still tried to come home and announce Blue Raider sports when he could, but for 20 years (from 1997-2017) he was 'The Voice' of Anamosa athletics.

And to all of us who heard Werling all those years, he always will be.

Thank you Scott, you were one of a kind.