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## Boys roundup: Merkulov's round paces Penfield golfers

*Staff Reports*

Sophomore Yarik Merkulov shot a bogey-free round of 64 for Penfield in victories over Webster Thomas and Hilton in a Monroe County tri-meet golf match at Penfield Country Club on Monday afternoon.

Merkulov, the 2007 All-Greater Rochester Player of the Year, shot a 3-under 32 on the front nine and a 4-under 32 on the back nine as the Patriots (4-0) defeated Thomas (1-2), 13.5-4.5, and Hilton (0-4), 16-2.

"I had a 20-foot birdie putt on the 18th and I read it several times because I really wanted the 64, so I had to make sure I read it correctly," Merkulov said.

Merkulov birdied the first, fourth, sixth, 10th, 11th, 15th and 18th holes to shatter his previous best high school round of 69 at Ontario CC (Now Brookwoods).