

O'Toole captures her first LPGA victory

On Friday, San Clemente's Ryann O'Toole finished her opening round of the Mercedes Benz of Kansas City Championship as the tournament's early leader after posting a 6-under 65 at Leawood South Country Club.

On Sunday, O'Toole posed for pictures holding a trophy as the winner. She hadn't hit a shot since Friday.

"I wasn't prepared to give a speech today," O'Toole said in an article in the Kansas City Star.

With rain soaking the course at Leawood South Country Club on Saturday and Sunday — and with more showers in the forecast — Duramed Futures Tour officials decided shortly after noon Sunday to cancel the final round, making it an official 18-hole tournament.

The decision led to O'Toole — a 2005 San Clemente High graduate — to pick up her first win of the 2010 season in the development circuit of the LPGA. She had an eagle and six birdies during her round,

including five holes of better than par on the front nine.

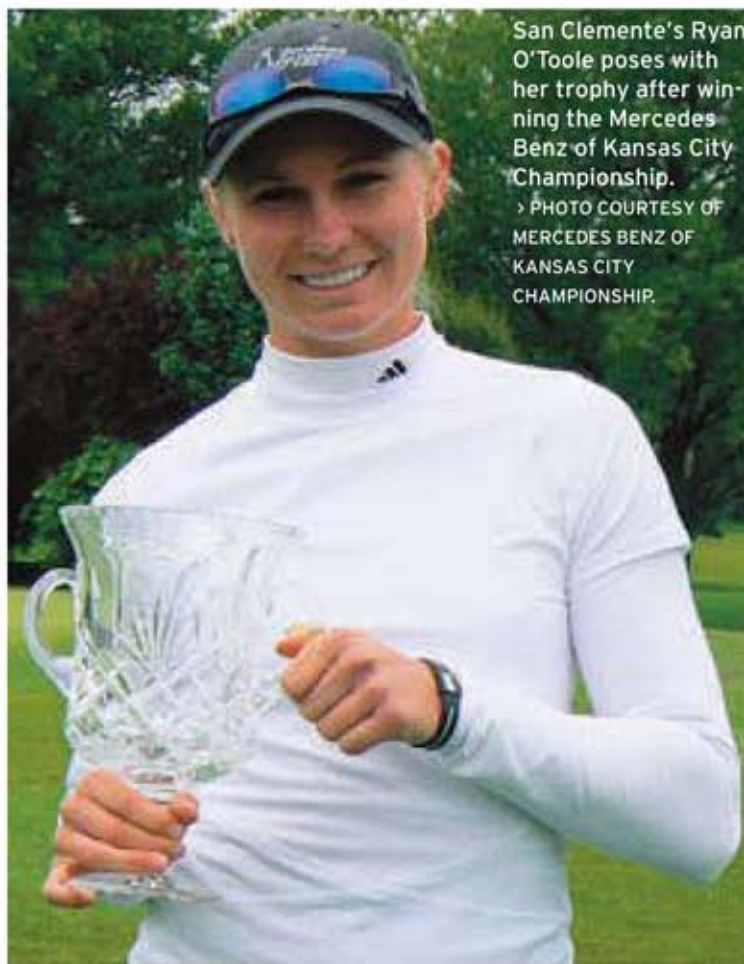
"I was hoping for 36 holes just to be able to hold the lead and show that I can keep it up," said O'Toole, who received an oversized check for \$7,000. "I guess this goes to show that every round counts."

After finishing tied for seventh April 25 in Rancho Viejo, Texas, O'Toole missed the cut a week later in San Antonio. O'Toole said the two different tournament experiences made her refocus her strategy.

"I learned to let back a little bit, hang out and birdies will come," O'Toole said. "Don't go for dumb pins and you'll shoot a good round. Here I kind of proved that theory."

On Saturday, O'Toole never traveled to Leawood South after hearing about the delay and subsequent cancellation before her tee time. Instead, she headed to a local driving range to work on her swing. Turns out, she didn't need any more swings after Friday.

"Every round counts," O'Toole said. > STAFF



San Clemente's Ryan O'Toole poses with her trophy after winning the Mercedes Benz of Kansas City Championship.

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SCOREBOARD

SAN CLEMENTE LITTLE LEAGUE

AAA NORTH • 1) Bears 11-6; T-2) Huskies, Cardinal and Ducks 10-6; 5) Beavers 10-6-1; 6) Cougars 3-12-1
AAA SOUTH • 1) Trojans 14-1-2; 2) Bulldogs 11-4-1; 3) Warriors 6-10-1; 4) Bruins 5-11; Wildcats 5-12; 6) Sun Devils 1-16

MAJORS NORTH • 1) Angels 15-2; 2) Yankees 10-7; 3) Rays 10-; 4) Orioles 9-9; 5) Blue Jays 4-14

MAJORS SOUTH • 1) Diamondbacks 17-1; 2) Reds 11-7; 3) Padres 5-13; T-4) Giants and Dodgers 4-14

JUNIORS (NATIONAL) • T-1) Trabuco National and RMV National 11-6; 3) RSM National 10-6; 4) Tijeras National (Marlins) 9-8; T-5) Tijeras National (Angels), San Clemente National and Viejo National 6-11

JUNIORS (AMERICAN) • 1) San Clemente American2 17-0; 2) San Clemente American1 13-3; 3) San Clemente American4 13-4; 4) Trabuco American (Hawaii) 8-7; 5) Trabuco American1 (Georgetown) 8-8; T-6) Trabuco American (Nebraska), Viejo American (Fullerton) and San Clemente American3 6-11; 9) Trabuco American (Kansas) 5-12; Viejo American (Stanford) 1-16

SOFTBALL

SAN CLEMENTE GIRLS SOFTBALL

8-UNDER • 1) Greenie Genies 7-1-2; 2) SC Bazookas 7-3-0; 3) Red Hot Lava Girls 6-3-1; 4) The American Girls 4-5-1; 5) Orange Crush 2-6-2; 6) Golden Retrievers 1-9-0
10-UNDER • 1) Bubble Trubble 6-0-2; 2) Orange Crush 5-1-2; 3) SC Rip Tide 5-2-1; 4) SC Hot Shots 5-2-1; 5) Hurricanes 5-3-0
12-UNDER • 1) Sham POW! 7-0-1; 2) Pink Zebras 4-3-1; 3) Orange Crush 4-4-0

Locals guide WCFC to title

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San Clemente's Danielle Mellem and Natalie Higgins helped guide the Laguna Hills-based West Coast Futbol Club's girls under-14 team to a National Cup tournament title earlier this month in Temecula.

The team will now represent Cal South in the regional championships that consist of the champions of each of the 14 western states. The regional will be held in June in New Mexico.

The National Cup final marked the third consecutive trip to the finals for the team, and their second straight state championship.

The WCFC under-14 girls

team finished last season as the top-ranked team in the country for its age group.

Other members of the team include: Head Coach Gus Castaneda, Carlos Gonzales, Platini Soaf, Breanne Eddy (Aliso Viejo), Kristen Reeves (Santa Ana), Ashley Ramirez (Aliso Viejo), Chloe Hemingway (Irvine), Mikaela Farkas (Mission Viejo), Jamilah Tejan (Dove Canyon), Nicole Smolinski (Aliso Viejo), Isela Garcia (Costa Mesa), Megan Matchett (Laguna Niguel), Kellian Ahearn (Mission Viejo), Isy Guerry (Coto de Caza), Ashley Peterman (Santa Ana), Keana Collier (Lake Forest) and Hannah Lopiccolo (Coto de Caza).



Members of the West Coast Futbol club's girls under-14 team include: Top row (left to right) - Carlos Gonzales, Platini Soaf, Breanne Eddy, Kristen Reeves, Ashley Ramirez, Chloe Hemingway, Mikaela Berger, Danielle Mellem, Jamilah Tejan and head coach Gus Castaneda. Middle row (left to right) - Nicole Smolinski, Isela Garcia, Megan Matchett, Kellian Ahearn, Isy Guerry, Ashley Peterman and Keana Collier. Bottom row (left to right) - Hannah Lopiccolo and Natalie Higgins. > PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL HIGGINS

