

Sutton takes MVC title with sizzling 59

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Davis Sutton lived a golfer's dream Thursday.

Sutton fired a 4-under-par 59 at Airport National to win the Mississippi Valley Conference Super Meet and become one of the few high school golfers in course history to crack 60.

Airport National measures only 4,040 yards from the men's tees, but it's a tricky little course in southwest Cedar Rapids with some tough holes that require accurate shots.

"It was really fun," said Sutton, who led Kennedy to the team championship by 10 shots. "It's good when you enjoy your round. Once you get going, you've got a number in your head and it's fun to achieve it some of the time."

The "59" jumped off the scoreboard in bright red numbers.

Sutton shot a 2-under 30 on the front 9, then fired a 2-under 29 on the back 9 for his terrific score.

"I kind of struggled a little bit at the start, but then I made three birdies in a row on 5, 6 and 7," he said. "And I made a few more after that."

Sutton finished with six birdies and two bogeys.

"I left a couple of shots out there," he said. "But still, to finish out what I did was great. I putted really well today. And I drove the ball really good, too."

Airport National pro Matt Erger holds the modern course record with a 10-under-par 53. Nick

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Miller, a former Cedar Rapids Washington golfer, is credited with the Junior 17-&-under mark with a 56.

Sutton's best score prior to Thursday was a 6-under-par 65 when he won a two-day tournament in Chicago.

Kennedy finished with a four-man total of 1-over 253 to run away with the team championship. Ross Grekoff and Seth Nutt shot 64's and Conner Koberg had a 66. Cole Murdock, the Pribyl Junior champion last week, and Tanner Stewart shot 68's for the Cougars, but their scores were not needed in the team competition.

Matt Junge of Xavier placed second in the MVC Super Meet with a 2-under-par 61.

"Pretty exciting. It's the lowest score I've ever shot," said Junge. "I only had 26 putts, so that really helped. The ball-striking was a little shaky, but I was able to give myself good putts and good looks for birdies."

Xavier, Linn-Mar and Dubuque Senior tied for second in the team standings at 263. Jefferson tied for fifth at 272, Washington placed eighth at 276 and Prairie was ninth in the 14-team tournament at 278.

All six of the Kennedy golfers who competed Thursday are juniors, giving the Cougars one of the youngest and one of the best teams in the state. Kennedy placed second at the state meet last year by a single shot and hopes to battle for top honors again this season.

"All of us are friends," said Sutton. "We've been playing together for the last three or four years. And we all like each other, we all get along really good. We goof around a lot, but when it comes time to get serious we do."

"We all kind of compete against each other here and there, but we root for each other and we

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all want to see us do our best. And then you've got days like today."

Matt Thrune shot a 1-over 64 for Linn-Mar and Trevor McCann had a 2-over 65 for the Lions. Jake Van Oort shot a 2-over 65 for the Jefferson J-Hawks.

MVC SUPER MEET

At Airport National

TEAM SCORES

1. Cedar Rapids Kennedy	253
2. Xavier	263
Linn-mar	263
Dubuque Senior	263
5. Cedar Rapids Jefferson	272
Iowa City West	272
Dubuque Wahlert	272
8. Cedar Rapids Washington	276
9. Cedar Rapids Prairie	278
10. Cedar Falls	283
11. Dubuque Hempstead	297
12. Iowa City High	307
Waterloo West	307
14. Waterloo East	381

TOP 10 INDIVIDUALS

Par 63, 4,040 Yards

1. Davis Sutton, Kennedy	59
2. Matt Junge, Xavier	61
3. Ross Grekoff, Kennedy	64
Seth Nutt, Kennedy	64
Matt Thrune, Linn-Mar	64
Charlie Smith, Wahlert	64
7. Trevor McCann, Linn-Mar	65
Jake Van Oort, Jefferson	65
Ben Schmidt, Wahlert	65
Jakob Kirman, Dubuque Sr.	65
Gus Zuccaro, Dubuque Sr.	65

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KENNEDY (253): Davis Sutton 59, Ross Grekoff 64, Seth Nutt 64, Conner Koberg 66, Cole Murdock 68, Tanner Stewart 68.

XAVIER (263): Matt Junge 61, Jordan Even 67, Kellen Gray 67, Ben Sagers 68, John Ingwersen 74, Adam McDermott 77.

LINN-MAR (263): Max Thrune 64, Trevor McCann 65, Jake Sevcik 66, Ben Myers 68, Jason Gingrich 69, Brent Larson 69.

JEFFERSON (272): Jake Van Oort 65, Adam Van Oort 66, Mitch Willems 67, Zach Denny 74, Derik Brimmer 81, Jake Hanson 84.

WASHINGTON (276): Dominic Rodriguez 67, Jake Patterson 69, Frank Lindwall 70, Evan Jankwietz 70, Jabe Gonder 70, Joe Slattery 72.

PRAIRIE (278): Cal Clark 68, Cooper Reitinger 70, Ryan Doser 70, Mitch Lorenz 70, Colin Vondracek 75, Donald Joens 77.