

Mohawk Valley Junior Golf Tour Power Rankings

After Event #4: Cedar Lake

Boys 16-18

1. Cody Homer (Up from #2)
Defends his home course well with a three shot victory at Cedar Lake. Managed to lower his already division-leading stroke average down to 77.7, and fired his third consecutive round in the 70s. Also, Homer hasn't lost to Holtslag this season, tying for first at Teugega and then beating him by four at Valley View.
2. Bradee Holtslag (Down from #1)
Didn't play at Cedar Lake, but remains high on this list as the winner of two tournaments and holder of the second lowest stroke average in the division, one stroke behind Homer. Really a toss-up between the two, and it will be interesting to see who pulls ahead the next time they play together.
3. Nick de Jong (Up from #4)
Bounced back nicely at Cedar Lake to finish in second with a 79. Hasn't fallen out of the points yet, and has three of four rounds below 80 (and no rounds in the 80s). When he's on his best game, he is difficult to beat.
4. Eamon Dempsey (Down from #3)
Had a solid fourth place finish at Cedar Lake to make it three straight events in the points. Scores this year have all been between 78 and 83. If he wants to move up on this list though, he needs to win.
5. Ken Quackenbush (No change)
Quackenbush broke his streak of sixth-place finishes with a great runner-up at Cedar Lake. He is one of only four players to place in the top 7 in all events he has entered this season, and is only one of two (along with de Jong) to finish in the top 7 in all four Tour events this year.

Boys 13-15

1. Seth Adams (No change)
Though Adams didn't pull out a third straight victory at Cedar Lake, he shot a fourth straight round in the mid-70s. The third place finish ties his worst finish of the year (not too shabby), and his stroke average of 76 is the lowest on tour by more than a shot.
2. Mike Kalil (No change)
Picks up his first victory of the year in stellar fashion, firing a 2-over par 74 at Cedar Lake. He is giving Adams a run for his money, just two points behind him on the points list, 1.25 strokes behind him in the averages, and one victory behind him on the year.

3. Aaron Macchia (Up from #4)
Continues his solid play with a fourth-place 77 at Cedar Lake. He is still the only player besides Kalil and Adams to finish in the top 7 in all four Tour events this season, and that's pretty good company.
4. Alex Malta (Up from unranked)
Shot a runner-up 75 at Cedar Lake that deserved to win with a blistering 3-under par 33 on the back 9. Malta has now finished in the top 3 in three of four events this year and has two rounds in the 70s.
5. Garrett Drejza (No change)
Found myself in a toss-up here between Drejza and Jakubowicz. I give it to Drejza because of his three top 5 finishes this year (Jakubowicz has only one, though in only two tournaments). Drejza posted another solid round of 78 that got only fifth place at Cedar Lake.

Boys 12+Under

1. Tommy Mandel (No change)
On paper, the 12+under division hosted a weak field at Cedar Lake, with only one player other than Mandel from the power rankings competing. The field did post some good scores and made Mandel work for it, but he did pick up his fourth consecutive victory this year, and remains unbeaten, shooting a 41 to win by 4.
2. Reiss Brand (No change)
Didn't compete at Cedar Lake, but remains second on the points list and is obviously a contender week in and week out.
3. Jared Smaldon (No change)
Smaldon also did not compete at Cedar Lake, but also was not passed on the points list, staying in fourth place.
4. Brian Birnie (No change)
Has only played in two events this year, but posted a fourth and a second place finish in those events, and remains a solid presence on Tour.
5. Matt Dreimiller (Up from unranked)
With a runner-up 45 at Cedar Lake, he picked up his third consecutive in-the-points finish, as well as his low round of the year, only 4 shots behind Mandel.

Girls 16-18

1. Kelley Citrin (No change)

She may not have been pleased with her 98 at Cedar Lake, but it was good enough to win by 5 strokes in the first event of the year that featured more than one golfer.

2. Katie Daskiewich (No change)
Remains number two after coming in second to Citrin at Cedar Lake with a 103 in which she equaled Citrin on the back 9.

Girls 13-15

1. MaryAnn Bulawa (No change)
Posted her highest score of the year, but still managed to pull out a one shot victory at Cedar Lake. Remains unbeaten this year and holds the best stroke average by 4.5 shots.
2. Rachel Halwig (Up from unranked)
Posted her second runner-up finish in two starts this year at Cedar Lake, and almost pulled off a win. She is the only player other than Bulawa to shoot all rounds under 50 so far this year.
3. Nicolette Darois (Down from #2)
Finished third again at Cedar Lake, tying her lowest finish of the year. While she is yet to beat Bulawa or Halwig, she is also yet to lose to anybody else.

Girls 12+Under

1. Sydney Bard (No change)
Won for a third straight time at Cedar Lake, this time opening up the margin by a full 6 shots. Also, if we keep comparing her to the boys, she again would have come second only to Mandel, and only by 3 shots. That would have brought her to second overall on the boys points list as well.
2. Lilly Bulawa (No change)
Continues to play well, but is struggling to compete with Bard's ever-decreasing scores. Her score at Cedar Lake, too, would have earned points in the boys division yet again, and also would have earned a good finish in the girls 13-15 division, which she can look forward to playing in next year.