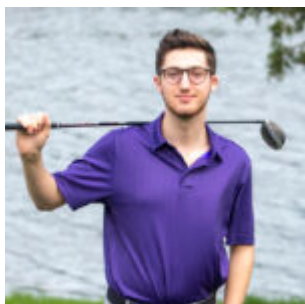


# 2020 Senior Spotlight: Colin Cook



*Louisburg Sports Zone will be running senior spotlights through April and May everyday (Monday through Friday) in an effort to honor seniors who had their seasons taken away due to the spread of COVID-19.*

Colin Cook's favorite memory from his time with the Louisburg golf program was from a tournament that really never happened.

A year ago, Cook and his Wildcat teammates qualified for the Class 4A state tournament in Winfield, and even though it was eventually postponed and later moved to Dodge City a week later, it was that trip that left a lasting impression on him.

"My favorite moment of high school golf was getting to play at the state tournament the first time around before it got canceled," Cook said. "It was a really fun experience. We got to swim in the pool and hang out and tried to see a movie even though it got shut down because of the storms. I'll always remember the course and that moment."

That's not to say there weren't many other memorable moments along the way. Whether it was qualifying for state, or just hanging out with his teammates, Louisburg golf meant a lot to Cook and he was looking forward to something even better this spring.

Cook was one of five returning golfers from the Wildcat state team and he was one of eight seniors battling it out for six

spots on the varsity squad.

"I always get really excited around the spring time because golf season is starting up, but this year I was especially excited to get to play my final tournaments with my friends and hopefully make more memories at state like last year," Cook said. "It would've been a blast."

Like Cook, many of his other classmates at Louisburg High School have spent almost the last two months dealing with the fact that spring sports were cancelled. He would never get an opportunity to – not only play golf for Louisburg – but have those memorable moments to wrap up his senior year.

"It's been pretty rough for me," Cook said. "I went into spring break and was actually looking forward to coming back and playing golf and getting to see my friends and teachers, but in the blink of an eye it wasn't possible anymore. I think I speak for a lot of people that we took school for granted and didn't know just how much we will miss it until it's gone. I'm going to miss high school a lot."

The eight member senior class certainly made it's footprint in school history with its state berth from last season and Cook will certainly miss his teammates.

"My fellow seniors are all my best friends and I have been playing with them for a long time now," Cook said. "Most of them I have even played other sports with since we were little kids, so it was a really good time getting to share our final moments in high school together playing a sport we all enjoy. There is going to be a huge void in the team next year since there are so many of us, and I hope we left our mark on the team."



**Colin Cook was one of five returning golfers from the Wildcats' state tournament team a year ago.**

On the positive side, when this all passes, golf is a sport that he will get an opportunity to tee it up with his teammates again and it is something that has been a big part of his life since middle school.

"I have played golf for about five years or so," Cook said. "I didn't learn it at a young age and didn't have anyone of my family that played it. I just thought I would give it a try and joined a summer camp in the seventh grade and have loved it ever since. Golf is a life-long sport so I will continue to use it even if not in high school."

Other than golf, Louisburg Sports Zone also had a chance to catch up with Colin on how he has been coping with an early end to his senior year and some of his other interests. Here are his responses from the rest of our Q&A.

**LSZ:** What have you been missing the most during this time away from everyone?

**CC:** During this time away from everyone I miss the normal day life of getting up and going out to do fun things on the weekend like a movie or going to new places I have never been before. I also miss getting up early for school and having an actual schedule.

**LSZ:** What is your most memorable moment as an athlete or in school, and why?

**CC:** I would say my biggest accomplishment as an athlete would be the amazing season we just had in boys soccer. We may not have gone to state, but it made me so proud to play alongside my brothers on the field and achieve such a great record. We may not have gone to state but we made history and we made our mark on that field. I'm really going to miss all the players on the team that I have gotten to know so well.

**LSZ:** What is your favorite activity/hobby outside of sports and why?

**CC:** My favorite activity or hobby is traveling. I love exploring new places and getting to see the world. I really love exploring national parks and I want to go to as many as I can.

**LSZ:** What are your plans for after graduation?

**CC:** My current plan after graduation is to attend KU in the fall and major in either exercise science or biology. I'm still trying to figure that out. I will also be taking the pre-med course classes and eventually go to medical school.

**LSZ:** What accomplishments that don't involve athletics are you most proud of and why?

**CC:** I am most proud of being able to go march in the Rose Parade. It was a huge honor to be able to march in such a huge

event. We also got to march in Disneyland which was a huge bonus too. Not too many people say they get that opportunity to do tha.

**LSZ:** What do you think would be something that a lot of people don't know about you?

**CC:** Something that a lot of people don't know about me is I would love to be able to be an actor.

## **Colin's Favorites**

**Pro athlete:** Tyrann Mathieu

**Pro team:** Kansas City Chiefs

**College team:** KU (Not for football)

**Movie:** Baby Driver, of course

**TV Show:** The Goldbergs

**Song:** Vienna by Billy Joel

**Band/Musician:** Queen

**Pregame meal/snack:** My whole fridge

**Class/subject:** AP Bio

**Teacher and why:** Sorry all teachers reading this but there just isn't enough of me to go around. There were other top contenders but I'd have to go with Kyle Wright. Wright is an awesome teacher and he loves his students and I could feel that every time I stepped in his classroom and anyone that knows him knows he is the nicest guy you could ever meet. He genuinely developed a bond with his students including me and I want to thank him for that.

## **Previous Senior Spotlights**

Drake Varns – Golf

Trinity Moore – Soccer

Andrew Krause – Baseball

Kayla Willey – Softball

Anthony Davis – Track and Field

Garrett Rolofson – Golf

Shayla Aye – Swimming

Allie Boles – Softball

Michael Waldron – Track and Field

Avery O'Meara – Soccer

Ryan Haight – Golf

Andie Masten – Soccer

Lauren Cutshaw – Softball

Trent Martin – Track and Field

Erin Lemke – Soccer

Luke Wickersham – Golf

Skylar Bowman – Soccer

Gabby Dugger – Softball

Sydni Keagle – Track

Olivia Chase – Soccer