

## Peters takes midway lead at Glynn's Creek

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### staff report

LONG GROVE, Iowa -- As he often seems to do on the Quad City Amateur Tour, Ben Peters found himself on top of the leaderboard.

This time, he is the midway leader at Glynn's Creek Golf Course in the opening event on the Quad City Amateur Tour schedule. The 2011 season kicked off on Saturday in some tough conditions, causing scores to be relatively high.

Peters "got it around" well enough for a 2-under-par 70 to take a three-shot lead over the trio of Chris Wilkins, David Lawrence and Steve Schwabe.

There were a pair of 74s from defending Glynn's Creek Am champ Ben Hanson and Caleb Davison. A large group survived the tough day with a 75.

Admitting that he has played more golf than he normally is able to at this early juncture of the season, Peters wasn't exactly pleased with how he had been playing. However, the two-time reigning QCAm Tour Player of the Year showed no signs of that on Saturday.

"I thought it was playing as difficult as it could," Peters said in reference to the chilly, windy and rainy conditions. "I'm quite happy with shooting 2-under. I made a couple of bogeys which is going to happen in conditions like that, but didn't give too many away."

If Peters hopes to kick off the season with a victory, he will have to repeat his solid day today in the final round with good players lurking just a few shots behind. Lawrence just finished his junior season at Eastern Illinois University and comes in battle-tested with a lot of competitive rounds under his belt already this spring.

And, Wilkins and Schwabe are no strangers to the winner's circle on the tour. Peters will have to be sharp in all aspects of his game again.

"It wasn't a pure ball-striking day by any means, but for the conditions it was pretty good," he said. "I putted pretty well. I didn't make any long putts, but from inside of eight feet I was pretty good. I thought the greens were a little on the slow side, but surprisingly smooth."

- **Waugh leads seniors:** Dave Waugh is looking to follow up a dominating 2010 season on the senior side with another one in 2011. He kicked it off with a solid 1-over par 73 to take the first round lead.

However, he didn't separate himself from the field by any means. Mark Drenth carded a 2-over 74 to stay right in the hunt. Also, John Peters shot a 77 and Blaine Kernan and Fred Lukasik fired 78s to keep themselves within striking distance.

Waugh has owned the Glynn's Creek senior event, winning it the last two years and four of the last six.