

## Slattery wins Pinnacle Am with 'home-course advantage'

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Kurt Slattery saved his best for last on the Quad City Amateur Tour golf circuit on Sunday.

The former Rockridge High School prep fired a 3-under 69 at Pinnacle Country Club to win the QCAm Tour's Pinnacle Amateur on what amounts to his home course where he has been a bag boy for the last four years.

"I think I probably had a little bit of an advantage because of that," said Slattery, who finished with a two-day 141 score. "I've played so many good rounds on that course, that at the start of the day, I knew I could post a really good round."

It will be his last on the QCAm Tour this summer as he is set to head to Florence, S.C., for his first year at Francis Marion College.

Slattery's home-course advantage turned out to be bigger than those of club members Ryan Sergeant and Steve Schwabe, who placed second and third.

Sergeant, a St. Ambrose University senior coming off his club championship two weeks ago, couldn't protect his first-round lead while carding a 1-over 73 for a 143 total.

Schwabe followed his even-par 72 on Saturday with a Sunday 74 to finish third at 146. Caleb Davison (74-73—147), Chris Wilkins (76-71—147) and Dusty Drenth (74-73—147) tied for fourth.

The second-place finish added to what can be perceived as either a very good run or a very agonizing summer for Sergeant. While he remains in the season-long hunt for Player of the Year honors, he laments not being able to log a victory yet in six starts -- despite five top 5 finishes.

"I just did a terrible job playing with the lead at the start," said Sergeant, who struggled to four bogeys in his first seven holes as Slattery battled back from a double-bogey on No. 2.

Still, Slattery knew that wasn't the end of the game with Sergeant struggling a bit.

"He can be down one minute and then come right back," said Slattery of Sergeant. "I was never counting on him to keep playing the way he was; I knew he would come back."

While Sergeant closed by dunking a flop shot for birdie on 18, it was too little, too late.

"With all of the best players in the Quad-Cities grinding it out for a couple of days of golf, it feels great to come out on top," said Slattery.

-- **Seniors:** Holding the midway lead wasn't a good omen on the Senior side, either. Mike Long held a one shot lead on Dave Waugh after 18 holes, but Waugh battled back with a 74 and took advantage of some loose Long play for a four-shot senior victory. Waugh finished at 145, Long was at 149. Tim Peters (77-77—150) was third ahead of Jody Peterson (79-74—153) and John Peters (80-75—155).