

# Conklin all-stars earn berth in national tourney

Staff report

An all-star team from Conklin will compete in the second United States Golf Local League National Championship from Aug. 1-7 at Long Beach, California.

In the 2010 inaugural championship, the Long Beach all-stars held off the East Region team from Conklin to win the two-day, 36-hole final round.

The Conklin team was picked by using a ballot selection. The team includes Anthony Warholic (9 years old), Thomas Davis (11), DJ Griffiths (13), Jordan Wheeler (11) and Kory Harder (13) of Binghamton, Devon Buckland (13) of Chenango Bridge and Jonathon Fosbury (14) of Vestal. The team is coached by Tom Davis and Chuck Harder of Binghamton. Warholic, Davis, Harder, Buckland and Fosbury are making a return appearance.

"This year they are much more focused because they saw the competition that was out there last year," said Robert Warholic the affiliate and Eastern Region Director, and Binghamton-area

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Youth Golf Association Founder. "And we have a lot of great local support this year."

Free rounds were donated to the team by the Conklin Players Club, Traditions at the Glen in Endwell and River Run Golf Course in Kirkwood.

The 2011 championship at Recreation Park South Course in Long Beach will feature the four regional affiliates. Conklin and Long Beach (West region) will be joined by teams from Hazelton, Pa. (North), and Frisco, Texas (South).

After practicing Aug. 1-2, the round-robin tournament will begin Wednesday. The top two teams compete for the national championship Saturday and Sunday.

A fundraiser for the team will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Youth Golf Association driving range located at 942 Conklin Rd., Conklin. The event will include a car wash, bake sale and bottle drive. All proceeds will go toward offsetting the team's costs.