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Acalanes' Blodgett Misses NorCal by a Single Stroke

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Spencer Blodgett (right) with Acalanes varsity golf coach Tim Scott Photo Larry Blodgett

It takes several rounds of stellar post-season golf play to qualify for the NorCal golf tournament and this year Spencer Blodgett, an Acalanes senior, was within reach.

▭ He shot a 71 at Walnut Creek's Boundary Oaks Golf Course during the 2009 NCS Boys Golf (South) Qualifier on May 4th. That allowed him to represent the Acalanes team as an individual golfer in the Tournament of Champions, played this year at the Meadow Club (Fairfax) on May 11th. The top four golfers from the Tournament of Champions advance to NorCal.

▭ At the Tournament of Champions, Blodgett's 73 prompted a three-way tie for second-lowest score among Blodgett, Lawrence Fu (Piedmont High) and Kyle Reynolds (Dublin High). That tie forced a "sudden death shoot-out" to determine which of those three players would advance to NorCal with three golfers who had scored 71 that day.

▭ The first 18-hole round had taken a grueling seven hours to complete due, in part, to slowness of play required to accommodate 144 competitors on the course. Then, while others could put up their clubs, Blodgett, Fu and Reynolds approached Meadow's first hole for the second time that day. All three made par. Reynolds, though, dropped on the second hole, leaving Blodgett and Fu to approach the third tee alone. Blodgett slightly overshot the green and missed beating Fu by a single stroke.

▭ Blodgett, who has played on varsity since his freshman year when Acalanes took it's golf team to the 2006 NCS Tournament of Champions, closes out this 4-year varsity golf career knowing that he'll be taking his clubs to UC Davis. Next year, he plans to play golf for the Aggies. RSFox

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