

Crean Lutheran's Tyler Guo closes with a flurry to win CIF-SCGA SoCal Regional



Crean Lutheran's Tyler Guo shot a 7-under 65 today and won the CIF/SCGA Boys Regional Championship on Thursday, May 24. (Photo courtesy of SCGA)

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PASADENA – Tyler Guo plays with confidence, but even he couldn't make the up-and-down situation on his final hole look that easy. Turns out, he didn't need to worry about it.

The Crean Lutheran junior finished his CIF-SCGA Southern California Regional title in style Thursday afternoon, chipping in to card a bogey-free, 7-under-par 65 and win by four strokes at Brookside Golf Club's C.W. Koerner Course. His 65 was the lowest round at the regional since the tournament switched to Brookside in 2011.

"I've never finished a round with a chip-in," Guo said. "I was not expecting that chip to go in."

Yet it did, and with the victory, Guo, who didn't play high school golf last year when he attended Pacific Academy in Irvine, earned a berth into the CIF State Championship on May 30 at San Gabriel Country Club. He also qualified for a slot in the SCGA Amateur Championship in July.

Starting on the eighth hole, Guo got hot on his final nine holes, which he played at 4-under. He birdied No. 4 – his 15th – and nearly sank a 60-foot birdie putt on No. 5. He then birdied the sixth before driving dangerously close to the trees on No. 7. His approach landed in front of the green before he sank the uphill chip.



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"What really makes me happy today is the ability to not make any bogeys," said Guo, who shot 64 two weeks ago to win the CIF-Southern Regional at Skylinks Golf Course in Long Beach. "I'm happy about that because that means at least my mental game is getting stronger. I'm able to fix the mistakes when there is one."

Guo easily defeated runner-up William Mouw of Ontario Christian (69). Palm Desert's Charlie Reiter, who won this round two years ago, and Torrey Pines' James Song tied for third at 70.

The top three teams and nine individuals not qualifying with teams advanced to the state final. Torrey Pines and Palm Desert each shot 9-over-par 369, with the Falcons winning based on a better sixth card. Oaks Christian edged Servite by two strokes for third place, leaving the Friars in fourth place for the second consecutive year.

Mater Dei's Andrew Hoekstra and San Clemente's Alex Pak were the other qualifying individuals. Each shot even-par 72 to tie for eighth place.

The day was especially gratifying for Pak, who lost on the third hole of a playoff for the section title last week in the CIF-SS Final at Lake San Marcos. He also was eliminated in a playoff in this round a year ago.

The final two individual berths came down to a 7-for-2 playoff between those who shot 1-over 73, so Pak was more than happy to avoid it and move on.

"Playoffs," he said, "have not been too friendly for me in CIF so far."



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