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1. The Grosse Ile Trio: Sometimes It Takes A Town

You expect to see numerous players on a professional tour roster from such golf-saturated cities as Las Vegas, Orlando, San Diego and Phoenix. But what about three members of the Duramed FUTURES Tour who hail from Grosse Ile, Michigan?

Grosse Ile? By national standards, this island at the mouth of the Detroit River and Lake Erie is not exactly a golf destination. But before dismissing a town of less than 11,000 as simply a coincidental hometown with a French name meaning "large island" (not an ugly-looking sea serpent), consider that three professional Tour players -- including one who was a 2005 tournament winner -- call this Detroit suburb home.

And if you ask Cortney Reno, Sarah Martin and Misia Lemanski why their hometown of Grosse Ile has produced three members of the Duramed FUTURES Tour or why the Grosse Ile High School girls' golf team has won six Michigan State high school championships, they'll tell you the same thing: "In Grosse Ile, you're either into boating or golf." Their families played golf.

"It's small-town America, but with the amenities," said Reno, 26, who won her first tournament on the Duramed FUTURES Tour last year in Beltsville, Md. "There are maybe 150 kids in each graduating class at Grosse Ile High School each year and anyone in town who has kids probably knows each other."

Certainly, for players like Tour members Reno, Martin and Lemanski, talent was a contributing factor in their success. But sometimes it takes a town getting behind the efforts of junior players and giving them the boost of an entire community to make the effort memorable. Sometimes that show of support sets the stage for success to breed more success. The next thing you know, a small town owns a small dynasty.

"Growing up there and playing golf was probably one of the most fun times of my life," admitted Lemanski, 25, who plays on the Duramed FUTURES Tour and works as an assistant pro at Detroit Golf Club. "Our families were 110 percent behind us and that brought the community into it and really had a lot to do with our success."

First, there was a formidable junior golf program at Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club, where all three players' families belonged. Up to 30 juniors played in the program at a club where there are 300 voting members. Then, there was the PowerBilt junior circuit and juniors would travel around the state and play against other Michigan

juniors. The trio double-dipped in competition at the club and on the PowerBilt circuit. By the time they all reached Grosse Ile High School, they already were among the state's top players.

Freshmen classmates Lemanski and Reno were part of a team that finished as runner-up in the 1995 Michigan High School Athletic Association's state championship. On that team were upperclassmen Kelly Curran, who later graduated and went on to play at Michigan State University, and Kathy Lott, who graduated a year after Curran and played collegiately at James Madison University.

Lemanski and Reno got the taste of success they needed and helped the team win the state championship for the next three years (from 1996-1998). Two years behind Lemanski and Reno, Martin was a part of three championship teams. Martin won two individual titles and Reno won one. Grosse Ile girls' high school team members won five of eight individual state golf championships, and six of eight team titles during the span of the players' tenure.

"There was a level of success there and we wanted to keep winning," said Martin, 23, a 2006 rookie member of the Duramed FUTURES Tour, as well as a non-exempt LPGA Tour member. "Everybody in our town made such a big deal out of it that you just wanted to do it again."

Martin's family moved to Grosse Ile from Trenton, Mich., when she was in middle school. There was no girls' team at school in Trenton and Martin quickly got involved in golf in her new hometown.

"I'm not even sure I would have played golf if I hadn't lived in Grosse Ile," said Martin. "I probably wouldn't have made the boys' team in Trenton and I certainly wouldn't have had other girls to push me."

Between the "push" of upperclassmen who helped set the team's high standard and a town that turned every state championship into a giant block party, there was a reason why "girl power" in Grosse Ile ultimately delivered three players to the pros.

"When we won, police cars would drive around town and make noise and we all felt important," laughed Lemanski. "People were like, 'Oh, the golf team won another state championship.' It's a lot more fun when people care and are interested in what you're doing."

"Before we'd go to the state tournament, we'd decorate the 15-passenger school van and our parents would be there and the local paper would come take pictures," added Reno. "It was like a pep rally decorating the van and our parents would bring appetizers and turn it into a party in somebody's backyard."

When the school team won championships, the bridge to Grosse Ile also was decorated and the local fire truck would parade the players around town, siren blaring and lights flashing. Residents would come out and wave. Several dads had T-shirts and hats made with the inscription, "The Now-Famous Fathers."

"I guess it was kind of corny, but it was a lot of fun," said Reno, who now lives in Orlando but still subscribes to the town's weekly newspaper, The Ile Camera, just to keep up with the hometown news. "They still have a couple of photos of our team hanging in the hallway at the country club on the way into the dining room."

And while the team kept the town interested in girls' golf, the interest continued as players moved on to college golf. Lemanski and Reno went to the University of Michigan, where they were teammates for four years, and Martin went to Michigan State with two other former Duramed FUTURES Tour members, Emily Bastel and Stacy Snider, as

well as current Tour member Allison Fouch. Contrary to popular belief, the Spartan and Wolverine women visited each other's campuses and kept the rivalry friendly. Sometimes they'd all gather in Grosse Ile for that *other* activity on the island.

"They'd all come to Grosse Ile and we'd get on a boat and go over to Canada," said Reno, whose family lives a quarter of a mile from Martin's family.

Each of the players had successful college careers and when their four years were complete, all three looked at the next level. Reno was the first to turn professional, followed by Lemanski, and then by Martin. The three now have their eyes set on moving to the LPGA Tour.

But as talented as each may be, all three admit that their hometown had a lot to do with where they all are now. They no longer ride on firetrucks, but there still is a sense of pride in bringing acclaim home to tiny Grosse Ile -- an island that measures 10 miles by 1.5 miles.

"People in our hometown still follow us on the Tour's website and what happened back then was just the start of it," said Martin. "It was a big time in all of our lives."

Martin says the team's state championship banners still hang from the rafters in the gymnasium at Grosse Ile High School. She considers it a visible reminder to other girls at the school who are just getting started in golf. And because everybody in town knows that college scholarships were earned and professional golf careers were launched from those glory-day teenage years, Martin hopes those who follow will see the same opportunities that she, Reno and Lemanski had by playing the game.

Sure, Grosse Ile might not have the same golf cachet as Phoenix or Vegas, but one wonders if standout high school players in those cities get the firehouse siren salute or have the satisfaction of becoming the toast of the town.

2. Title Sponsor in Syracuse

Last Tuesday the tournament organizers of the Tour's Syracuse, N.Y., event held a press conference to announce a new title sponsorship with Alliance Bank. The tournament name is now the Alliance Bank FUTURES Golf Classic. The \$70,000 tournament is in its 11th season and will be held at The Links at Erie Village in Syracuse, N.Y., July 21-23.

3. Tour Chat

Sixty-eight Duramed FUTURES Tour members advanced into sectional qualifying through the recent U.S. Women's Open local qualifying tournaments scattered throughout the country. These players will join other Duramed FUTURES Tour members who were exempted through the local qualifiers. The players exempted are players who have won a Duramed FUTURES Tour event in 2005 and 2006 through May 3, 2006. These players will join the following players who qualified in the local events:

Longmeadow Country Club in Longmeadow, Mass. - **DANIELLE DOWNEY** of Spencerport, N.Y.; **REBECCA MAILLOUX** of Hope, R.I., **KELLY CAP** of Pinehurst, N.C.

Superstition Mountain Golf & Country Club in Phoenix - **LAURA KORUS** of Parker, Colo.; **NICOLE CUTLER** of Cherry Hills Village, Colo.; **KIM WELCH** of Sacramento; **LISA FERRERO** of Lodi, Calif.; **JILL FRANTZ** of Iowa City, Iowa; **TAMARA (JOHNS) BECKETT** of Queensland, Australia; **RANDI MEADOWS** of San Antonio; **HWANHEE LEE** of Las Vegas; **CINDY LEE** of Sabah, Malaysia; **SAKI UECHI** of Redondo Beach, Calif.; **LEANNA WICKS** of Brighton, Mich.; **KUAN-PEI (BECKY) CHEN** of Taipei, Taiwan; **KRISTIN DUFOUR** of Austin, Texas; **SIN AH HAM** of Torrance, Calif.; (alternates) **CARYN WILSON** of Rancho Mirage, Calif., and **STELLA LEE** of Seoul, Korea.

Country Club of Salisbury in Salisbury, N.C. - **KRISTINA TUCKER** of Stockholm, Sweden; **PERRY SWENSON** of Charlotte, N.C.; **RACHEL BATES** of Farragut, Tenn.; (alternate) **HEATHER ANGELL** of Winston-Salem, N.C.

Wilmington Country Club (North Course) in Wilmington, Del. - **JESSICA LEWIS** of Bethesda, Md.; **TIFFANY FAUCETTE** of Ormond Beach, Fla.; **TERESA LU** of Taipei, Taiwan.

Pittsburgh Field Club in Pittsburgh - **KIM LEWELLEN** of Greenville, N.C.; **BRANDI JACKSON** of Greenville, S.C.; **HEATHER ZIELINSKI** of Sylvania, Ohio.

Imperial Golf Club in Naples, Fla. - **ALLISON FOUCH** of Grand Rapids, Mich.; **SARAH GRAHAM** of Nashville, Tenn.; **JULIE TURNER-PELUSO** of Skaneateles, N.Y.; **LYNN VALENTINE** of East Lyme, Conn.; **KIM AUGUSTA** of Rumford, R.I.; **RAQUEL RILEY** of Freeport, Bahamas; **AIMEE CHO** of Seoul, Korea; **MEGHAN LITTLE** of Sturgis, S.D.; **KAREN DENNISON** of Madison, Ind.; **MISIA LEMANSKI** of Gross Ile, Mich.; (alternate) **ELIZABETH STUART** of Tampa, Fla.

The Minikahda Club in Minneapolis - **TERRA PETSINGER** of Arvilla, N.D.; St. Louis Country Club in St. Louis - **LEIGH ANNE HARDIN** of Martinsville, Ind.; **BETH IRWIN** of Germantown, Tenn.; **SUZIE FISHER** of Coffs Harbour, Australia.

Yorba Linda Country Club in Yorba Linda, Calif. - **CHARLOTTE MAYORKAS** of Las Vegas; **IN-BEE PARK** of Las Vegas; **CATHIE WILLIAMSON** of Shelby, Mt.; **MO MARTIN** of Altadena, Calif.; **MOAH CHANG** of Los Angeles; **MOMOE KUNIMOTO** of Aichi, Japan; **BECKY LUCIDI** of Poway, Calif.; **COURTNEY ERDMAN** of Altadena, Calif.; **JANELL HOWLAND** of Boise, Idaho; **EUNJUNG LEE** of Murrieta, Calif.; (alternate) **LISA FERNANDES** of Jacksonville, Fla.

Half Moon Bay Golf Links at Half Moon Bay, Calif. - **MASHELLE OWENS** of Los Osos, Calif.

Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood, Ill. - **CAROLINE GOASGUEN** of Montpellier, France; **CHERYL MITCHELL** of Ontario, Canada; **MARIANNE MORRIS** of Middletown, Ohio.

Westwood Golf Club in Houston - **PATRICIA BELIARD** of Pontarlier, France; **ADRIENNE GAUTREAU** of Mabank, Texas

Timuquana Country Club in Jacksonville, Fla. - **NATALIE TUCKER** of Lawrenceburg, Ind.; **MAY WOOD** of Signal Mountain, Tenn.; **SUKJIN LEE** of Toms River, N.J.; **LAUREN SCHREEL** of Orlando, Fla.; **KATIE QUINNEY** of Jacksonville, Fla.

Fairwood Golf & Country Club in Renton, Wash. - **JEANNINE FIORITO** of Las Vegas

Horseshoe Bend Country Club in Roswell, Ga. - **BETH ALLEN** of San Diego.

The sectional qualifiers will take place from June 5 - 13 at various sites throughout the country.

4. Quote of the Week

"There's no holding back, no fear of any sort."

- Virada Nirapathpongporn, Duramed FUTURES Tour alumna and current LPGA Tour member who led after the second round of last week's LPGA Corning Classic, where she finished tied for fifth.

5. Upcoming Tournament Previews

THIS WEEK:

Aurora Health Care Championship
June 2-4
Geneva National Golf Club
Lake Geneva, Wis.

This year's event is the Tour's inaugural tournament at Geneva National. All six tournament winners from the 2006 season will be in the field, hoping to capture a win at this new venue. They are: top-ranked and two-time season winner Song-Hee Kim of Seoul, Korea; Meaghan Francella of Port Chester, N.Y.; Ashley Prange of Noblesville, Ind.; Hye Jung Choi of Seoul, Korea; Kristy McPherson of Conway, S.C., and Charlotte Mayorkas of Las Vegas. Making her pro debut will be former Arizona State University player Tiffany Tavee of Gilbert, Ariz.

Purse: \$85,000	Par: 72
Winner: \$11,900	Format: 54 holes
Runner-up: \$8,500	Field: 144 players
Pro-Ams: June 1	Golf Shop:(262) 245-7000

NEXT WEEK:

Team WLF.org Golf Classic
June 9-11
Kankakee Elks Country Club
Saint Anne, Ill.

In addition to the 2006 season winners, two college players will be making their pro debuts in Kankakee. Liz Janangelo of West Hartford, Conn., recently helped her Duke University team win its second consecutive NCAA Championship. Whitney Wade of Glasgow, Ky., also will be making her transition from the University of Georgia's team. This event will be the second of a five-city Midwestern-states swing. The Tour returns to Kankakee for a second year.

Purse: \$70,000	Par: 72
Winner: \$9,800	Format: 54 holes
Runner-up: \$7,000	Field: 144 players
Pro-Am: June 8	Golf Shop:(815) 937-9547

6. Duramed FUTURES Tour Official Money List

(Thru \$75,000 Tucson Duramed FUTURES Golf Classic)

Rank	Player	Events	Wins	Earnings
1	Song-Hee Kim	6	2	\$29,419
2	*Charlotte Mayorkas	5	1	\$21,218
3	Ashley Prange	7	1	\$17,703
4	Allison Fouch	6		\$17,525
5	Sarah Huarte	7		\$17,500
6	Hye Jung Choi	7	1	\$17,232
7	Cristina Baena	7		\$16,548
8	Kristy McPherson	7	1	\$15,684
9	*Angela Park	4		\$13,985
10	Meaghan Francella	6	1	\$13,380
11	Stephanie George	7		\$10,045
12	Annie Young	7		\$9,402
13	*In-Bee Park	5		\$9,048
14	*Karen Dennison	5		\$8,785
15	Jin Young Pak	7		\$8,619
16	Seul Ki Kim	7		\$8,013
17	Marie-Josée Rouleau	6		\$7,850
18	Samantha Head	5		\$7,567
19	Sarah-Jane Kenyon	7		\$7,163

20	Danielle Downey	4	\$6,678
21	Lori Atsedes	7	\$6,602
22	Randi Meadows	7	\$6,489
23	Su A Kim	7	\$6,220
24	Rachel Bailey	7	\$6,197
25	Sarah Lynn Johnston	7	\$5,807
26	Kuan-Pei Chen	4	\$5,501
27	Kelly Lagedrost	4	\$5,341
28	Jeanne Cho	6	\$5,171
29	Lee-Anne Pace	5	\$5,039
30	Lisa Ferrero	7	\$5,023
31	Lisa Hall	6	\$4,910
32	Mollie Fankhauser	7	\$4,871
33	Bo Mi Suh	6	\$4,601
34	Danah Ford	6	\$4,568
35	Teresa Lu	1	\$4,510
36	Lisa Fernandes	5	\$4,344
37	Kristen Samp	7	\$4,335
38	Mo Martin	7	\$4,224
39	Stella Lee	7	\$4,131
40	Ha-Na Chae	7	\$3,844
41	Nikki Garrett	2	\$3,822
42	Sarah Martin	7	\$3,748
43	Mayumi Nakajima	6	\$3,741
44	Bridget Dwyer	7	\$3,708
45	Brandi Jackson	7	\$3,545
46	Sarah Graham	5	\$3,219
47	Salimah Mussani	4	\$3,216
48	Smriti Mehra	7	\$3,180
49	Kristin Dufour	7	\$3,093
50	Erin Kerr	3	\$3,044

*A minimum of six tournaments is required to be eligible for the LPGA Exempt Card and Qualifying School Opportunity

**To view the remainder of the money list please visit the Duramed FUTURES Tour web site at www.duramedfuturestour.com

7. Top Duramed FUTURES Alumnae Finishes on the LPGA

Finish	Player	Score	Money
2	Meena Lee	273 (-15)	\$110,392
T5	Laura Diaz	276 (-12)	\$45,329
T5	V. Nirapathpongporn	276 (-12)	\$45,329
T7	Reilley Rankin	277 (-11)	\$26,543
T7	Nancy Scranton	277 (-11)	\$26,543
T13	Audra Burks	278 (-10)	\$18,655
T16	Kris Tamulis	279 (-9)	\$15,754

Check out other Duramed FUTURES Tour alumnae scores in last week's LPGA Corning Classic at Corning Country Club in Corning, N.Y., at LPGA.com .

8. 2006 Duramed FUTURES Tour Schedule

March 10 - 12 Lakeland Duramed FUTURES Classic \$70,000
 Cleveland Heights Golf Course -- Lakeland, Fla.
 To Benefit: The First Tee of Lakeland at YMCA Par 3
 2006 Champion: Meaghan Francella of Port Chester, N.Y.

March 17 - 19	Greater Tampa Duramed FUTURES Classic	\$70,000
Summerfield Crossings Golf Club -- Riverview, Fla.		
To Benefit: Mary and Martha House		
2006 Champion: Ashley Prange of Noblesville, Ind.		
April 7 - 9	Louisiana FUTURES Classic	\$75,000
The Wetlands -- Lafayette, La.		
To Benefit: CASA of Acadiana, CADENCE of Acadiana & Goodwill Industries of Acadiana		
2006 Champion: Song-Hee Kim of Seoul, Korea		
April 21 - 23	The Power of a Dream FUTURES Golf Classic	\$75,000
The Trails of Frisco Golf Club -- Frisco, Texas		
To Benefit: Various Local Charities		
2006 Champion: Hye Jung Choi of Seoul, Korea		
April 28 - 30	Jalapeno FUTURES Golf Classic	\$70,000
Palm View Municipal Golf Course -- McAllen, Texas		
To Benefit: McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce		
2006 Champion: Kristy McPherson of Conway, S.C.		
May 5 - 7	IOS FUTURES Golf Classic	\$75,000
Underwood Golf Complex, Sunrise Course -- El Paso, Texas		
To Benefit: Rotary Club of West El Paso Foundation		
2006 Champion: Song-Hee Kim of Seoul, Korea		
May 12 - 14	Tucson Duramed FUTURES Golf Classic	\$75,000
presented by: ABC Foundation		
Dell Urich at Tucson Golf Complex -- Tucson, Ariz.		
To Benefit: Various Local Charities		
2006 Champion: Charlotte Mayorkas of Las Vegas, Nev.		
June 2 - 4	Aurora Health Care Championship	\$85,000
Geneva National Golf Club -- Lake Geneva, Wis.		
To Benefit: Geneva National Foundation, Aurora Health Care		
June 9 - 11	Team WLF.org Golf Classic	\$70,000
Kankakee Elks Country Club -- Saint Anne, Ill.		
To Benefit: Harbor House & The Illinois Elks Crippled Children's Corp		
June 15 - 18	Michelob ULTRA FUTURES Players Championship	\$100,000
presented by Ameren and Miles Chevrolet		
Hickory Point Golf Course -- Decatur, Ill.		
To Benefit: Various Local Charities		
June 23 - 25	Lima Memorial Hospital FUTURES Classic	\$70,000
Lost Creek Country Club -- Lima, Ohio		
To Benefit: Lima Memorial Hospital Foundation		
June 30 - July 2	Northwest Indiana FUTURES Golf Classic	\$75,000
presented by Horseshoe Casino Hammond		
Lost Marsh Golf Course - Hammond, Ind.		
To Benefit: TBA		
July 14 - 16	CIGNA Chip In For A Cure FUTURES Golf Classic	\$70,000
Gillette Ridge Golf Club -- Bloomfield, Conn.		
To Benefit: Chip In For A Cure		

July 21 - 23	Alliance Bank FUTURES Golf Classic	\$70,000
The Links at Erie Village -- Syracuse, N. Y.		
To Benefit: The Loretto Foundation		
August 4 - 6	Laconia Savings Bank Golf Classic	\$70,000
Beaver Meadow Golf Course -- Concord, N. H.		
To Benefit: The Havenwood-Heritage Heights Trust Fund (Resident Support Fund)		
August 11 - 13	Betty Puskar FUTURES Golf Classic	\$75,000
The Pines Country Club -- Morgantown, W. Va.		
To Benefit: Betty Puskar Breast Care Center		
August 18 - 20	Hunters Oak FUTURES Golf Classic	\$70,000
Hunters Oak Golf Club -- Queenstown, Md.		
To Benefit: TBD		
August 25 - 27	The Gettysburg Championship presented by Klein Builders Inc., and Hanover Honda	\$75,000
The Links At Gettysburg - Gettysburg, Pa.		
To Benefit: United Way of Adams County		
September 8 - 10	ILOVENY Championship at Capital Hills Golf Course at Albany	\$85,000
Capital Hills at Albany -- Albany, N. Y.		
To Benefit: Albany Police & Fire Foundation		

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