

Mohawk Valley Junior Golf Tour Power Rankings

After Event #7: Skenandoa

Minimum of 2 events to be in power rankings

Boys 16-18

1. Nick de Jong (Up from #2)

De Jong took his third runner-up of the year with an 80 at Skenandoa, in addition to one victory, and 6 total top-4 finishes in 7 events. This consistent play was good enough to bump him to the top spot this week.

2. Cody Homer (Down from #1)

Homer has only accumulated 3 total points in his last 2 events (compared to de Jong picking up 12 in the same 2 events), and his average has raised significantly to an 80.2, behind Holtslag's 80.0. He hangs on because of early success, but he needs to pull out a good finish at Seven Oaks.

3. Bradee Holtslag (No change)

Holds down the number 3 spot this week, but won't be playing again until Rome CC.

4. Keith Smith (Previously unranked)

Smith pulled off back to back victories at Woodgate and Skenandoa, the first player to do so this year. Holtslag and Smith have now both played 4 events, and have 2 wins apiece, and while Smith has accumulated more points, Holtslag has a lower stroke average. Basically, it was a toss-up this week, so we left Holtslag at number 3 out of precedence.

5. Eamon Dempsey (Down from #4)

Eamon Dempsey-Mickelson finished runner-up for the fourth time in 6 events this year at Skenandoa. It seems a little unfair that Dempsey ranks so low on this list, but the 4 players above him have a combined 7 wins. As we've said all year, Dempsey needs to win to move up this list.

Others in consideration: Ken Quackenbush

Boys 13-15

1. Seth Adams (No change)

Well, it happened. Adams had a bad round, shooting 83 at Skenandoa. It was still good enough to stay in the points. Despite this round, Adams still has 2 wins on the year, an 8 point lead on the points list, and the low scoring average on Tour.

2. Aaron Macchia (No change)

With a 3rd place finish at Skenandoa, Macchia's last 4 finishes have all been top-4s, including one win. His scoring average of 77.8 is now within 1 stroke of Adams.

3. Joel Jakubowicz (Up from #4)
Following his victory at Woodgate, Jakubowicz posted a runner-up at Skenandoa. 4 of his 5 finishes this year have been top-3s.
4. Mike Kalil (Down from #3)
Kalil did not compete at Skenandoa, but will lose a spot. Jakubowicz and Kalil have now played the same number of events, and through 5 events, each have accumulated one win, and their scoring averages are identical 78.2s. Jakubowicz, however, has managed 31 points, to Kalil's 30, giving him the edge this time.
5. Garrett Drejza (Previously unranked)
Drejza dropped his average below 80 with a 77 at Skenandoa, and more importantly picked up his first victory of the year in his last event of the regular season.

Others in consideration: Alex Malta

Boys 12+Under

1. Tommy Mandel (No change)
Mandel was beat by a regular Tour member for the first time this year at Skenandoa, but finished second, only 1 shot behind. Mandel is still the clear dominant player in this division.
2. Ben Kallet (Up from #4)
Kallet is the first regular Tour member to outright beat Mandel this season, adding to his co-victory in the first event of the year. While he has 2 throw-away rounds, he also has 5 top-4 finishes, and has fought his way back to the fourth best stroke average in the division.
3. Reiss Brand (Down from #2)
Brand continues to play consistently well. He has been in the top 5 in all events he has entered this year, and his stroke average is only behind Mandel.
4. Jared Smaldon (Previously unranked)
Smaldon's been hit-or-miss this year, but when he's on, he's as good as anyone in the division. If he could get some consistency, he would be a top player on Tour.
5. Matt Dreimiller (No change)
Dreimiller has now racked up 5 consecutive in-the-points finishes after a T-7 at Skenandoa, and that kind of consistency has to be rewarded. He is also one of only a handful of players to be able to keep his average under 50.

Others in consideration: Brian Birnie, Cameron Soja

Girls 16-18

1. Kelley Citrin (No change)
Citrin shot another 92, which was good enough to win again at Skenandoa. Her last two wins have been by a combined total of 42 shots.
2. Katie Daskiewich (No change)
Took second place at Skenandoa, and continues to hold down the second best stroke average by more than 13 strokes.

Girls 13-15

1. MaryAnn Bulawa (No change)
Bulawa may not have played her best, but managed to win her sixth straight event this year. Her average margin of victory this year is 5.67 strokes.
2. Rachel Halwig (No change)
Halwig takes second place for a fifth straight time behind Bulawa. Her play continues to be solid and consistent.
3. Nicolette Darois (No change)
Darois put up her first bad round of the year at Skenandoa. Snizek has beaten her two events in a row now, but Darois hangs on to the number 3 spot because of her performance in the early events.

Others in consideration: Amanda Snizek

Girls 12+Under

1. Sydney Bard (No change)
Bard pulled out another victory, her fifth of the year out of six tries, shooting a solid round of 46 at Skenandoa.
2. Lilly Bulawa (No change)
Comes second to Bard for the fifth time this year. The stroke average differential between Bard and Bulawa, so the fact that Bard has won almost 90% of the time is actually pretty astounding. Bulawa is right with her every event, but just can't quite manage to pull ahead of her.