



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

TAYLOR TOTLAND

Red Bank Catholic

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There was a buzz surrounding Taylor Totland even before she hit a shot for Red Bank Catholic in 2010 because she had already established herself as a force on the junior golf circuit.

Four seasons later, Totland heads off to Furman, one of college golf's top women's programs, having set a standard for girls' golf that will be almost impossible to top.

For the fourth straight season Totland is the Asbury Park Press Player of the Year. And not only was she her usual self in tournament play, she helped the Caseys to their best season.

"We're going to miss her that's for sure," said RBC coach Bill Kusch, chuckling at the obvious nature of his statement.

"She is very special. I just think her willingness to put in long hours of practice, I can't say enough about not only how she lifted herself but lifted our whole team. That's a reflection on her leadership as a captain. It rubbed off on the other girls. I think the best compliment I can give her is the impact she had on the other players."

Totland began her season by winning her fourth straight Monmouth County Tournament title, as the Caseys rolled to the team title.

After suffering the only loss of her career in area play at last year's Shore Conference Tour-

namment, she rebounded to win the SCT for a third time, with the Caseys once again taking the top spot at Pine Barrens.

Totland placed second at the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions as a sophomore, before winning the overall state championship as a junior at Trump National in Colts Neck.

She capped her high school career at this year's Tournament of Champions with a second place finish. She finished one shot behind Montgomery's Alice Chen, who rolled in a long birdie putt on the 17th green at Cherry Valley.

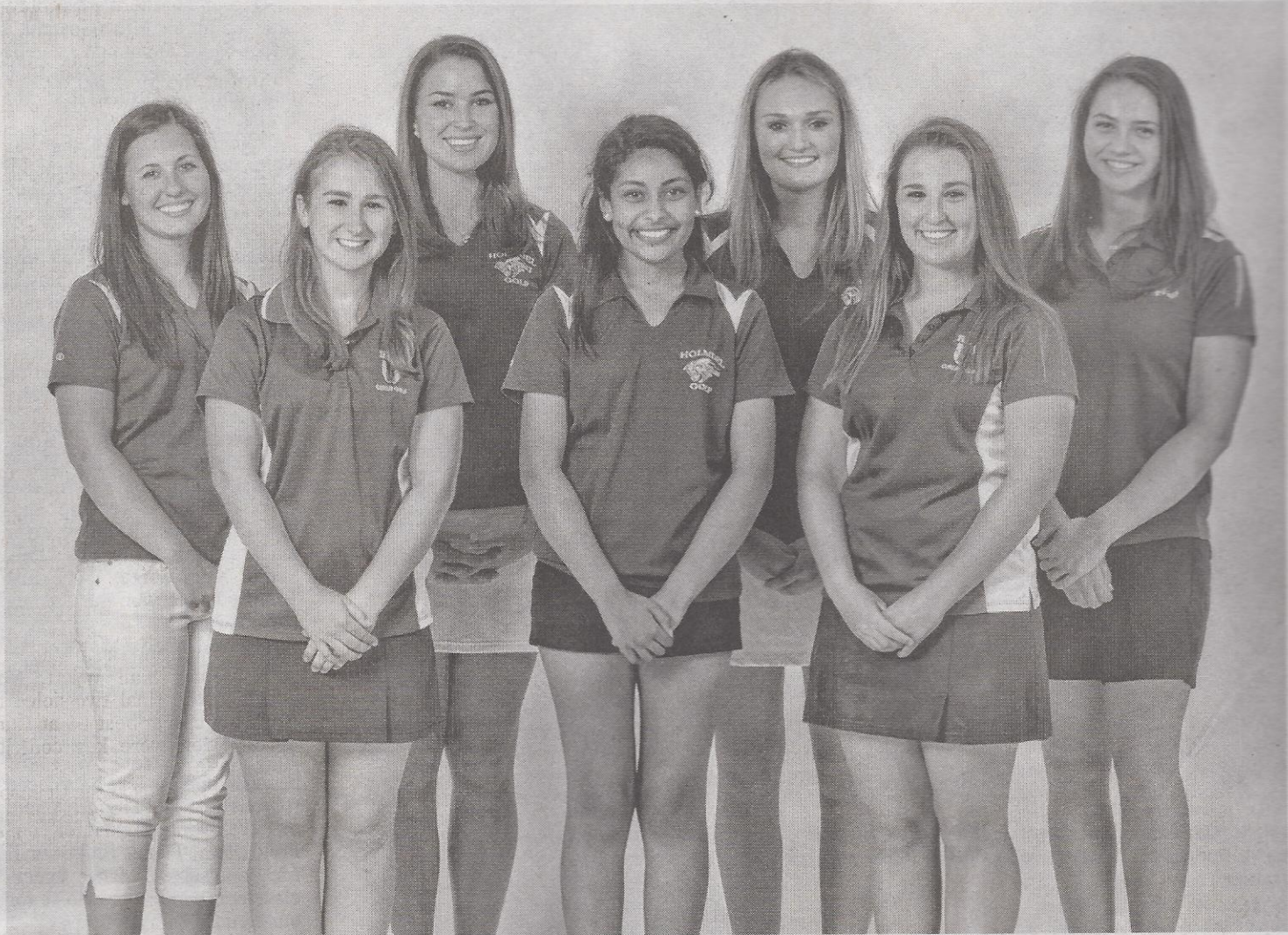
For the second straight year, the Caseys finished second in the team battle behind Ridge. They cut the deficit to 16 shots this time thanks to a solid team total of 341.

"I know not every kid can get to her level," Kusch said. "But the girls see how hard she works. She is a great example. You have to work hard at everything in life if you want to achieve things. That's been the most impressive thing over her four years, and hopefully we can maintain that level when she's gone."

To put Totland's career in perspective, in the 12 major individual events she competed in, she won eight of them, and finished second three other times.

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Front row, left to right: Nicole Totland (Red Bank Catholic), Haley Mander (Holmdel) and Taylor Totland (Red Bank Catholic). Back row, left to right: Emily Mills (Colts Neck), Beth Bohny (Holmdel), Pauline Miller (Holmdel), and Katie Veasey (Rumson-Fair Haven). DOUG HOOD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

TAYLOR TOTLAND

School: RBC
Year: Senior

Her dominant four-year run for the Caseys ended like it began, with individual titles at the Monmouth County and Shore Conference tournaments. She ended her career with a second place finish at the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions. She won that tournament in 2012 and finished second in 2011.

EMILY MILLS

School: Colts Neck
Year: Junior

Mills continues to impress with her strong play in every event. After winning the Shore Conference Tournament as a sophomore, Mills was second there this season, her third straight finish in one of the top two spots in the event. She was tied for fifth at the Tournament of Champions.

NICOLE TOTLAND

School: RBC
Year: Freshman

Looking to follow in her older sister Taylor's shoes, Totland began her career for the Caseys with a fifth place finish at the Monmouth County Tournament.

TOP 5

1. RBC (13-1)
2. Holmdel (10-4)
3. Rumson-Fair Haven (15-1)
4. Toms River North (17-1)
5. Central (11-1)

She moved up to third place at the Shore Conference Tournament at Pine Barrens. She ended her season by shooting 82 at the Tournament of Champions, the same score her older sister posted as a freshman.

BETH BOHNY

School: Holmdel
Year: Senior

After establishing herself among the area's top players as a junior, Bohny continued to place near the top of the leaderboard every time she competed. She was third at the Monmouth County Tournament and fourth at the Shore

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Year
Taylor Totland	Red Bank Catholic	12
Emily Mills	Colts Neck	11
Beth Bohny	Holmdel	12
Nicole Totland	Red Bank Catholic	9
Katie Veasey	Rumson-Fair Haven	12
Paulina Miller	Holmdel	11
Haley Mander	Holmdel	9

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Year
Arianna Palmeri	Red Bank Catholic	9
Sarah Vallee	Jackson Memorial	11
Danielle Elia	Pinelands	10
Julia DeSanctis	Middletown South	11
Molly McHugh	Red Bank Catholic	12
Meghan Foos	Rumson-Fair Haven	10
Clare Rochford	Red Bank Catholic	11

Conference Tournament. At the Tournament of Champions at Cherry Valley, Bohny posted an 85 as Holmdel finished seventh as a team.

KATIE VEASEY

School: Rumson-Fair Haven
Year: Senior

The highlight of Veasey's senior

campaign came at the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions at Cherry Valley, where she shot 80 and finished in a tie for 13th in the state. She was top 10 at both the Monmouth County and Shore Conference tournaments. She shot 37 in an individual match to help Rumson hand RBC its only loss of the season.

PAULINA MILLER

School: Holmdel
Year: Junior

Miller showed why the Hornets are so optimistic about the program's future, helping them finish second at both the Monmouth County and Shore Conference tournaments. Individually, Miller was fourth at the MCT and tied for fifth at the SCT. She carded a 90 at the Tournament of Champions.

HALEY MANDER

School: Holmdel
Year: Freshman

Her emergence in her first season of high school golf was a major part of the Hornet's tournament success. She finished seventh at the Monmouth County Tournament and tied for fifth at the Shore Conference Tournament.