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Sisterly bond

Lakeside golf team a quartet of siblings

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From left, Susanne, Stephanie, Lauren and Allison Boden. The Boden sisters are the four players who competed in the GHSA Girls' State Golf Tournament last week.

Forming a family-like bond was simple for the members of the Lakeside girls' golf team. The four members of the team already had one thing in common — a last name.

The Boden sisters, senior triplets Lauren, Stephanie and Allison and sophomore Susanne, never had to go through the early tribulations most teams have to go through to get to know one another.

"I have grown up playing with them, so it is really cool to do it on a high school team," Stephanie said.

The Boden sisters do not limit themselves to one team. They go from softball in the fall to basketball in the winter to golf in the spring. Lauren, the oldest sister by a minute, said she has enjoyed competing with her sisters.

"We have just gone from sport to sport, and it is nice," she said. "The rides to get places for all the sports have been fun."

Riding together is fun for the ladies, but Stephanie said there was a narrowing process when they were younger.

"When we were younger we played soccer and a couple other things, so we had to vote on what we wanted to play," Stephanie said. "It was just too much to go from field to field."

The sisters won the DeKalb County Tournament for the second year in a row this year, and they placed eighth in the state tournament last week.

"We just know how everyone thinks and we help each other out," Stephanie said. "We kind of have this bond that is different than other people."

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Susanne is two years younger than her triplet sisters, and she said there is a friendly competitive angle to being the youngest of the four.

"I want to do better than them, so I am always trying to get my score lower," Susanne said. "But I just relate to them so well. I really enjoy playing with them because they are always there for me."

Lakeside head coach Greg Lester said he had an easy job in 2010.

"They do a great job of balancing school, social life and sports," Lester said. "The unique thing about these girls is they start out with softball, then pick up basketball and then pick up golf. So to be able to place in the Top-10 against girls who play year-round is great."

Lester said the Bodens are a happy group.

"I don't ever see a frown and they are always smiling," Lester said.

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