

UPSTATE GOLF REPORT

Kuchar building a home at

Fla. native has 7 PGA Tour wins;
Woodard, Venable, Cox on SC team

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Matt Kuchar will add to the list of PGA Tour players making the Upstate his home — at least part-time, anyway. Kuchar is building a home at The Cliffs at Keowee Falls near Six Mile.

The 37-year-old Florida native has won seven PGA Tour events and will play for captain Jay Haas

in the upcoming Presidents Cup matches. It'll be a convenient drive for the former Georgia Tech standout when the Yellow Jackets play football at Clemson.

» Greer's Dawn Woodard and Simpsonville's Lea Venable teed off Thursday in the first round of the USGA Women's State Team competition at Dalhousie Golf Club in Cape Girardeau,

Missouri. Emily Cox of Lancaster, the winner of The Blade Junior Classic in July, is the other member of the South Carolina team.

Teams from 49 states are competing in the biennial event, won in 2013 by New Jersey. After today's second round, the field will be cut to the top 21 teams and ties for Sunday's final round. At 16, Cox is older than several of the players. Delaware entered a team with two 13-year-olds and a 14-year-old.

Woodard and Venable will be at it again as favorites on Tuesday, when the WSCGA Amateur Championship begins at The Patriot Golf Club near Ninety Six.

Woodard has won five of the six state stroke-play titles she has competed in since moving to South Carolina from Tennessee. Venable, who won this year's state match-play title, won the other. A field of 70 is entered in the 54-hole event.

Next year, the competition gets tougher as the

The Cliffs

WSCGA moves the championship to the summer, allowing high school and college golfers to play.

» Greenville's Keenan Huskey, who won last month's South Carolina Amateur Championship, moved into the University of South Carolina's lineup for the first fall tournament this weekend. Huskey will play in the No. 4 spot for the Gamecocks, ranked No. 8 in the Golfweek preseason coaches' poll.

» Stephanie Johnson of Simpsonville shot 83

Wednesday at a qualifier for the USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship at Columbia Country Club to earn second alternate status from the qualifier. Woodard previously earned a spot in the Oct. 3-8 event in Choudrant, Louisiana, at a qualifier in Charlotte.

» Robert Hoffman and Scott Kabas won the SCGA Senior Four-Ball One-Day event Tuesday at Bulls Bay near Charleston. The Greenville team shot 64 to win by three strokes.