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**Lisanne Schmidt Awarded Only Amateur Exemption to Play with Pros
in USI Championship**

Concord, NH—Lisanne Schmidt, a scholar-athlete at Lebanon High School in Lebanon, NH, has been selected as the only amateur to be awarded an exemption to compete with the professional golfers of the Duramed FUTURES Tour in the USI Championship on August 3-5 at Beaver Meadow Golf Course in Concord, New Hampshire.

“This year, we had many qualified candidates to consider when awarding the amateur exemption,” said Michael Palmieri, Tournament Director. “Lisanne rose to the top of the pile immediately, with a fantastic track record. As she’s clearly no stranger to competition, I’m sure she won’t be daunted by the caliber of play by the 143 professionals she’ll be joining in the USI Championship.”

Schmidt is an accomplished golfer. With a current handicap index of 2.6 and many other highlights in her golf career, Palmieri immediately saw her potential to be a competitive member of this elite field.

“When I first heard that I had the chance to compete with Duramed FUTURES pros I was thrilled because it meant that all my hard work and skill had really paid off,” said Schmidt. Schmidt has been working hard on her game for years, and it shows.

In 2003 and 2004 Schmidt was named Junior Girls Player of the Year in New Hampshire, based on her multiple tournament wins with scores in the mid and upper 70’s. In 2003, while a freshman at Lebanon High School, she was the first female member of the varsity golf team in 11 years, making an additional statement by becoming the High School Varsity Team Champion in the same year.

Schmidt repeated as Varsity Team Champion runner up in 2004 and 2005 with honorable mentions. Her average scores improved from 38.5 to 38.

In 2006, Schmidt proved her ability to compete with the best of the best, becoming the first female in New Hampshire history to beat 96 boys and 6 girls to be named the 2006 High School Team New Hampshire State Medalist. 2006 was an exceptional year for Schmidt, as she earned and was awarded many championships and medals including All State First Team New Hampshire. She currently holds the course record at Eastman, NH.

Based on this tremendous high school record, North Carolina State University recruited Schmidt to attend on a golf scholarship. Schmidt will joining the Wolfpack team as a freshman in the fall of 2007.



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