

BC3's Rozzi within All-American range with first-round 79

Neshannock High grad in 11th place of national golf tournament

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(Chautauqua, N.Y.) Michael Rozzi, a 2016 graduate of Neshannock High School and sophomore on the Butler County Community College golf team, shot a 7-over 79 Tuesday in the first round of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III national championships and is tied for 11th place in pursuit of the title and All-American status.

If Rozzi, a student at BC3 @ Lawrence Crossing in New Castle, finishes in the Top 18 of the 72-hole tournament at Chautauqua Golf Club, he would become the Pioneers' 26th All-American since 1970 and sixth in golf since 1996.

Rozzi shot an opening-round 41-38 and is tied with six golfers, from Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, N.Y.; County College of Morris, Randolph, N.J.; Delaware County Community College, Media, Pa.; the Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick, R.I.; and two players from Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Ga.

They are eight strokes behind leader Zach Breault, a sophomore at Vincennes University in Vincennes, Ind., who shot a first-round 36-35 on the 6,559-yard Lake Course.

Volleyball setter Brittney Bianco, of Freeport, No. 2 on the Pioneers' all-time assist list with 1,254, was named an NJCAA All-American in December. Softball center fielder Nicole Houk, of New Castle, who led all three divisions of the NJCAA with a .627 batting average in 2017, was selected in June 2017. Forward Julia Baxter, of Butler, the Pioneers' all-time leading scorer in women's basketball with 1,070 points, was chosen in April 2017.

Stefan Carlsson and Thomas Dimon are the Pioneers' most-recent All-Americans in golf. They became the first golfers in BC3 history to be selected as All-Americans in the same season when they finished 15th and 16th, respectively, in the 2015 NJCAA Division III national championships.



Michael Rozzi, a sophomore on the Butler County Community College Pioneers golf team, is tied for 11th place after the first round of the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division III national championships in Chautauqua, N.Y.