



35th South Carolina Amateur Match Play True Blue Plantation Pawleys Island, SC June 13-17, 2007 **Champion: Warren Thomas, Columbia**

Warren Thomas of Columbia defeated 2005 champion Kellen Altman of Myrtle Beach, 4 and 2, in the championship match. Thomas, a rising senior at the University of South Carolina, never trailed in the match. The win is Thomas's first CGA major victory. In the morning round, Thomas vaulted to a 4 up lead through nine holes. Altman chipped away at the lead by winning the 10th and 11th holes to go two down. But Thomas won the 14th and 15th holes with birdies to re-take a 4 up lead heading into the afternoon round. Altman tried to mount a comeback. He birdied the 30th hole only to

have Thomas match him. Altman birdied the 31st hole to cut the lead to 3 down. The next three holes were halved and Thomas was dormie heading to the 188-yard par 3 34th hole. Altman's tee shot just missed the green right and kicked into the lateral water hazard splashing any hopes of a late rally. Thomas's par putt was conceded for the victory. "My mom was the good luck charm this week," stated Thomas. "I made her ride in the cart all week. She got out once and I hit a shot over the green. I asked her to get back in and then I almost holed that chip. Ever since then she stayed in the cart." Good luck charm or not, Thomas played solid golf on Sunday. Through 34 holes played, Thomas was 8-under par that included 11 birdies and a conceded eagle.

First Round

(152) Chris McAlister, Seneca, SC def. (138) Ben Karns, Gaffney, SC, 4 & 2
 (147) Blaine Rogers, Simpsonville, SC def. (146) Richard Burgess Jr, Roebuck, SC, 3 & 2
 (143) Thomas Todd III, Laurens, SC def. (149) Jonathan Rustin, Mount Pleasant, SC, 2 & 1
 (144) Kellen Altman, Myrtle Beach, SC def. (149) Michael Cress II, Mount Pleasant, SC, 6 & 5
 (141) Will Oldham, Spartanburg, SC def. (151) Brandon Roach, Myrtle Beach, SC, 1 up
 (148) Brandon Hiott, Walterboro, SC def. (145) Jarrett Grimes, Columbia, SC, 1 up
 (141) Baker Elmore, Cheraw, SC def. (151) AJ Sanders, Hartsville, SC, 2 & 1
 (145) Josh Gallman, Gaffney, SC def. (149) Soonam Kim, Goose Creek, SC, 7 & 6
 (139) Tim Tang, Charleston, SC def. (151) Hayden Letien, Sumter, SC, 5 & 4
 (147) Luke Hopkins, Greer, SC def. (145) Kevin Driggers, Mt. Pleasant, SC, 1 up
 (143) Warren Thomas, Columbia, SC def. (150) Scott Glaze, Sumter, SC, 3 & 2
 (149) Austin Reeves, Greenville, SC def. (145) Bryan Newton, Gray Court, SC, 1 up
 (140) Patrick Rada, Anderson, SC def. (151) Todd Webber, Moore, SC, 3 & 2
 (145) Paul Woodbury, Lake City, SC def. (147) Whitfield Massey, Mount Pleasant, SC, 3 & 2
 (151) Tyler Rody, Spartanburg, SC def. (142) Cooper Tinsley, Greenwood, SC, 3 & 2
 (145) Baxter Culler, Hartsville, SC def. (149) Trevor Muffley, Longs, SC, 1 up

Round of 16

McAlister def. Rogers, 4 & 3
 Altman def. Todd III, 19 holes
 Oldham def. Hiott, 3 & 2
 Elmore def. Gallman, 19 Holes
 Tang def. Hopkins, 20 holes
 Thomas def. Reeves, 2 & 1
 Rada def. Woodbury, 2 & 1
 Culler def. Rody, 2 & 1

Quarterfinal

Altman def. McAlister, 3 & 1
 Elmore def. Oldham, 4 & 5
 Thomas def. Tang, 4 & 3
 Rada def. Culler, 1 up

Semifinal Round

Altman def. Elmore, 3 & 1
 Thomas def. Rada, 2 up

Final

Thomas def. Altman, 4 & 2

Qualifiers

Ben Karns, Gaffney, SC	71-67—138
Tim Tang, Charleston, SC	70-69—139
Patrick Rada, Anderson, SC	73-67—140
Baker Elmore, Cheraw, SC	71-70—141
Will Oldham, Spartanburg, SC	73-68—141
Cooper Tinsley, Greenwood, SC	70-72—142
Thomas Todd III, Laurens, SC	74-69—143
Warren Thomas, Columbia, SC	73-70—143
Kellen Altman, Myrtle Beach, SC	73-71—144
Kevin Driggers, Mt. Pleasant, SC	71-74—145
Jarrett Grimes, Columbia, SC	72-73—145
Bryan Newton, Gray Court, SC	70-75—145
Josh Gallman, Gaffney, SC	73-72—145
Paul Woodbury, Lake City, SC	73-72—145
Baxter Culler, Hartsville, SC	72-73—145
Richard Burgess Jr, Roebuck, SC	72-74—146
Blaine Rogers, Simpsonville, SC	75-72—147
Whitfield Massey, Mount Pleasant, SC	77-70—147
Luke Hopkins, Greer, SC	72-75—147
Brandon Hiott, Walterboro, SC	75-73—148
Michael Cress II, Mount Pleasant, SC	78-71—149
Soonam Kim, Goose Creek, SC	73-76—149
Austin Reeves, Greenville, SC	74-75—149
Trevor Muffley, Longs, SC	75-74—149
Jonathan Rustin, Mount Pleasant, SC	74-75—149
Scott Glaze, Sumter, SC	77-73—150
Todd Webber, Moore, SC	75-76—151
Brandon Roach, Myrtle Beach, SC	76-75—151
Hayden Letien, Sumter, SC	76-75—151
AJ Sanders, Hartsville, SC	73-78—151
Tyler Rody, Spartanburg, SC	76-75—151
*Chris McAlister, Seneca, SC	79-73—152

**Won in Playoff*

Failed to Qualify for Match Play

Christopher Lane II, H. Head, SC	78-74—152	Harrison Moore, O'burg, SC	81-78—159
Billy Belair, Myrtle Beach, SC	81-71—152	Nathan Stone, Piedmont, SC	78-81—159
Clark Carpenter, Blythewood, SC	73-79—152	Jamie Lightsey, Fort Mill, SC	86-73—159
Todd Hendley, Simpsonville, SC	74-78—152	Chris Weidner, Columbia, SC	83-77—160
Kris Bowie, Woodruff, SC	75-77—152	Chris Lane, Hilton Head, SC	78-83—161
Michael Daniels, M. Inlet, SC	81-72—153	Alex Finke, Rock Hill, SO	82-79—161
Jason Livingston, Columbia, SC	78-75—153	Mark Golightly, Rock Hill, SC	80-81—161
Tim Tyler, Chapin, SC	78-76—154	Kevin Thompkins, G'town, SC	78-83—161
Chris Forcucci, Fort Mill, SC	74-80—154	Ken Taylor, Columbia, SC	84-77—161
Ryan Sprayberry, Columbia, SC	75-79—154	Holley Wallace, Columbia, SC	78-83—161
Zack Siefert, Simpsonville, SC	76-79—155	Kenny Shockley, Easley, SC	83-79—162
Brad Williams, Elgin, SC	78-78—156	David Connor, Summerville, SC	86-77—163
Matt Laydon, Mt Pleasant, SC	76-80—156	Ted Kulp, Murrells Inlet, SC	81-82—163
Jay Connor, Charleston, SC	83-74—157	Aaron Kersey, Lexington, SC	79-85—164
Sam McCrorey, Rock Hill, SC	75-82—157	Craig Monahan, Charleston, SC	87-77—164
Chad Daniels, Charleston, SC	84-73—157	Robbie Davis, Hanahan, SC	85-80—165
Jeremy Moore, Mt. Pleasant, SC	79-78—157	Mac Cannon, Hanahan, SC	81-84—165
Richard Cox III, Charleston, SC	74-83—157	Robin Alley, Columbia, SC	82-84—166
Chris Marsh, Georgetown, SC	78-80—158	Cipriano Ayala, Myrtle Bch, SC	85-82—167
Warren De Villiers, M. Beach, SC	79-79—158	Steve Mays, Myrtle Beach, SC	84-83—167

Steve Peterson, Columbia, SC 88-80—168
 Daniel Hardy, Lexington, SC 88-81—169
 Mark Gonsalves, Bluffton, SC 87-82—169
 Jonathan Strauss, Columbia, SC 83-87—170
 Matthew Reynolds, Greer, SC 94-77—171
 Frank Starace, Little River, SC 86-86—172
 Brent Musick, Myrtle Beach, SC 86-88—174
 Stephen McNeely, Easley, SC 88-91—179
 Chris Martin, Newberry, SC 96-85—181
 Sean Goshert, Conway, SC 78—NC

Grey Raines, Florence, SC 80—NC
 Bradley Ricker, Greenville, SC 80—WD
 Darrin Cripe, Newberry, SC 87—NC
 Alex Hooper, Mt. Pleasant, SC 87—WD
 Sammy Truett, Surfside Bch, SC WD
 Trey Sheppard, Mt. Pleasant, SC WDI
 J. DeCamps, Johnsonville, SC WD
 Korey Marcello, Seneca, SC WD
 Chris Fitting, Clemson, SC WD
 Michael Dion, Bluffton, SC WD

South Carolina Amateur Match Play Champions

Date	Winner, Runner-up, Medalist	Score	Site
1973	David Bennett, Florence d. Marion Moore, Orangeburg 68-Bubba Hightower, Charleston	9 & 8	CC of SC Florence
1974	Bill Lewis, Florence d. Marion Fowler, Lake City 71*-Bill Ziegler, Orangeburg	10 & 9	CC of SC Florence
1975	Ken Wiland, Aiken d. Dick Horne, Mt. Pleasant 68-Jimmy White, Aiken	2 & 1	Dunes G&BC Myrtle Beach
1976	Dick Horne, Mt. Pleasant d. Gus Sylvan III, Columbia 145-Horne	38 holes	Wildewood CC Columbia
1977	Jim Holmes, Aiken Ernest Faile, Hartsville	287# 290	Wildewood CC Columbia
1978	Larry Boswell, Columbia d. Dick Horne, Mt. Pleasant 143-John Plyler, Columbia	2 & 1	Wildewood CC Columbia
1979	Dick Horne, Mt. Pleasant d. Jim McNair Jr., Aiken 141-John Plyler, Hopkins	10 & 8	Wellman Club Johnsonville
1980	Joey Graham, Columbia d. Ken Wiland, Columbia 147-Heyward Sullivan, Greenville	6 & 4	Greenville CC Chanticleer Greenville
1981	Bill Lovett, Greenville d. Allen Powers, N. Augusta 141-Bill Bowers, Columbia	2 up	Greenville CC Chanticleer Greenville
1982	Allen Powers, N. Augusta d. Marion Fowler, Lake City 140-Dillard Pruitt, Greenville	10 & 9	Dunes G&BC Myrtle Beach
1983	Ken Wiland, Columbia d. Mike Carlisle, Aiken 142-Wiland	1 up	Greenville CC Chanticleer Greenville
1984	Bill Bowers, Columbia d. Chip Prezioso, Columbia 142-Jimmy Burgess, Kingstree	5 & 4	Dunes G&BC Myrtle Beach
1985	Bob Varn, Orangeburg d. Joe Frederick, Fort Mill 139-Bill Lovett, Greenville	1 up	Greenville CC Chanticleer Greenville
1986	Rob Hrubala, Aiken d. Joel Hartwell, Myrtle Beach 141-Scott Lander, Myrtle Beach	5 & 3	Dunes G&BC Myrtle Beach
1987	Oswald Drawdy, Hampton d. Brian Lamb, Pickens 145-Chris Patton, Fountain Inn	1 up	Greenville CC Chanticleer Greenville
1988	Barry Black, Spartanburg d. Rob Hrubala, Aiken 136-Todd White, Spartanburg	4 & 3	Carolina CC Spartanburg
1989	Terry Ezell, Charleston d. Max Fain, Spartanburg 142-Bob Stringer, Blythewood	3 & 2	Osprey Point Course Kiawah Island
1990	Barry Black, Spartanburg d. Mike Gravely, Greer 138-Todd White, Spartanburg	4 & 3	Wachesaw Plantation Murrells Inlet
1991	Todd White, Spartanburg d. Mike Byce, Spartanburg 139-Marion Moore, Orangeburg	1 up	Wild Dunes Links Course Isle of Palms

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1992	Barry Black, Spartanburg d. Roddy Guest, Myrtle Beach 70-Chris Winchip, Columbia+	5 & 3	Prestwick GC Myrtle Beach
1993	Butch Genoble, Spartanburg d. Barry Black, Spartanburg 134-Mike Byce, Spartanburg	7 & 6	Carolina CC Spartanburg
1994	Bert Atkinson, Charleston d. Terry Ezell, N. Augusta 142-Brad Krapfel, Columbia	5 & 4	Windermere Club Blythewood
1995	Bert Atkinson, Charleston d. Frank Ford III, Charleston 143*-Gus Sylvan, Columbia	6 & 5	Ocean Course Kiawah Island
1996	Bert Atkinson, Charleston d. Charles Warren, Columbia 136-Warren	10 & 9	Wild Wing, Avocet Course Myrtle Beach
1997	Bobby Hathaway, Columbia d. Bob Varn, Orangeburg 146-Austin Page, Duncan	7 & 6	Tidewater GC Myrtle Beach
1998	Jason Gabriel, Aiken d. Rob Simmons, Walterboro 139-Gus Sylvan, Columbia	1 up	Palmetto GC Aiken
1999	Robert Godfrey, Central d. Kyle Thompson, Columbia 139-Frank Ford III, Charleston	2 & 1	Windermere Club Blythewood
2000	Gregg Jones, Florence d. Brad Martin, Spartanburg 142-Jani Saari, Clemson	6 & 5	Musgrove Mill GC Clinton
2001	Gregg Jones, Florence d. Jack Ferguson, Seneca 139-Ferguson	2 & 1	Kings North, M.B. National Myrtle Beach
2002	Nick Biershenk, Boiling Spgs d. Taylor Hough, Sp'burg 137-Emmett Turner, Greenwood	2 & 1	CC of Spartanburg Spartanburg
2003	Dillard Pruitt, Greenville d. Todd White, Moore 134-Brian Duncan, Greenville	5 & 3	Green Valley CC Greenville
2004	Todd White, Moore d. Nick Biershenk, Boling Springs 134-Todd White, Moore	1 up	Mount Vintage GC North Augusta
2005	Kellen Altman, Conway d. Ben Martin, Greenwood 133-Daniel Sloan, Greenville	2 & 1	The Carolina CC Spartanburg
2006	Adam Hart, Blythewood d. Baker Elmore, Cheraw 67-Holley Wallace, Columbia+	3 & 2	Camden CC Camden
2007	Warren Thomas, Columbia d. Kellen Altman, Myrtle Beach 138-Ben Karns, Gaffney	4 & 2	True Blue Plantation Pawleys Island

* Won in playoff. # Championship contested at stroke play. + Rain shortened.

Photo Gallery: South Carolina Amateur Match Play



Left: Ben Karns of Gaffney shot a two day total of 138 to take medalist. Center: The 3rd hole at True Blue Plantation is a long par-3 over water that requires a precise tee shot. Right: Kellen Altman was looking for another SCAMP victory but Warren Thomas shut him out on the 34th hole.