

Josh Gregory

Golf

Josh Gregory was different from a young age. When many 4-year-olds were running around parks playing whatever or trying to pick out a toy at the department store, Josh was busy watching PGA golfer Andy Bean practice before his round at the then Danny Thomas Memphis Classic held at Colonial. The impact of golf on Josh's life was made at that moment.

Three years later at 7 years old, Josh captured the National Junior Putters of America title for 9-and-under division by shooting an astounding 22-under-par score. His win came at the Putt-Putt Sports Center on Mt. Moriah. The titles and records began to pile up, including setting one record with a broken nose that suffered while playing baseball.

Josh's golf game continued to flourish as he moved into the prep ranks at Christian Brothers High School. In 1992, he won the Tennessee High School State Class AAA crown. It was the first individual title by a Shelby-Metro golfer since 1986. For his efforts, Josh was named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association all-state team and the Commercial Appeal's Best of Preps in 1992.

Josh took his game to the college level at SMU in Dallas, where he lettered four years and competed in three NCAA Championships. While in college, Josh returned to play in the 1996 Memphis Golf Association Amateur Championship and won the title by eight strokes.

After graduation, Josh played on the development players tour, but caught the golf coaching bug in 1998 when he served in a pinch-hit role at the Tennessee High School Tournament for then-CBHS head coach Bob Gossett, who was ill. All Josh did was guide his alma mater to the state title.

Josh then returned to college — this time as a coach — first as an assistant at N.C. State and then as head coach at Augusta State, where he guided the program to consecutive NCAA Division 1 championships in 2010 and 2011. Along the way to those crowns, Josh produced 12 All-Americans, 14 South Region selections, six Palmer Cup picks, two Walker Cup selections and one Ryder Cup member. Josh also picked up honors for himself, being named the National Coach of the Year in 2010 and 2011.

Josh next coached at SMU, his alma mater, before moving on to coaching professional players on the PGA Tour, the likes of Will Zalatoris, Nick Dunlap and Taylor Moore. In 2023, Josh was inducted into the college Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Hall of Fame.

Please welcome to the Hall of Fame, for golf — Josh Gregory.