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### **Rolex Tournament of Champions: A Rough Final Round for Delio**

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For three rounds at the Rolex Tournament of Champions in Columbus, Ohio, recent Saugus graduate Nick Delio was his steady self.

It brought him to Friday, tied for the tournament lead.

But a final round 6-over 77 combined with stellar play of those around him, spelled a tie for eighth place at the Ohio State University Golf Club.

"I'm not really disappointed," Delio said. "I knew through 54 holes I competed and held my own."

A final round 4-under 67 brought Buena Park's Sihwan Kim the American Junior Golf Association's Rolex title. He finished the 72-hole tournament at 1-under.

Delio was 6-over.

He co-led after rounds one and three.

Nerves weren't his problem Friday, he said, nor was it a troublesome hole that he couldn't recover from.

"It wasn't one hole, it was the combination of me not making birdies and not seeing the putts drop like the first three days," Delio said.

The Cal State Northridge-bound golfer made two tremendous 50-foot putts on Thursday, but said he left too many short on Friday.

He bogeyed No. 2 to start off his day and never recovered. Delio made no birdies and was 2-over on the front nine.

He made his second double-bogey of the tournament on the par-4 15th hole.

Yet he still managed a solid final result on what he described as a long, tough course.

The 2007 Saugus High graduate will next compete in the U.S. Junior Amateur at the Boone Valley Golf Club in Missouri, July 23-28.

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