

Morganti '20 To Play with PGA Champions

As a young boy in Havertown watching the PGA on TV, Joe Morganti dreamed of the day when he would be playing at some of the world's best courses. Now, as a high school senior, he will get the chance to play at the fabled Pebble Beach Golf Links and Poppy Hills Golf Course in California, thanks to his involvement with First Tee a non-profit designed to introduce the game to young golfers.

The PURE Insurance Championship, a 54-hole golf event that will run September 27-29, will feature PGA Tour Champions players joined by 78 junior golfers from First Tee as well as 156 amateurs. Morganti, who has been a part of First Tee for the past five years, had to apply to participate, including submitting an essay as well as his golfing achievements and his handicap (+1.5).

"It's an incredible opportunity to learn from a professional player and see what it is like to play on that level," says Morganti, a four-year varsity golfer on the Prep team. "To play at a course like Pebble Beach is amazing when you consider the history of the place."



Morganti, who golfs at Llanerich Country Club, will be paired with a Senior PGA Player as well as an amateur. For a devoted student of the game, it is the chance of a lifetime. The tournament will be broadcast on the Golf Channel and allow Joe to show his skills off to a nationwide audience.

"Joey is the workhorse of our team," says Prep Golf Coach Christian Patragoni. "His work ethic, in terms of his physical and mental preparation, coupled with his rare talent has made him one of the best golfers in the area."