

Last year, one Baltimore publication declared "Remember this Name:

BRANDON WILSON!



Well, in 2008 Brandon Wilson lived up to that headline.

You may have seen articles or caught a glimpse on TV of the 7-year-old Kingsville Elementary student's breakout performance on the US Kids golf tour.

This summer was good to little Wilson as well when he claimed 13 wins and seven second-place finishes on the US Kids Golf Tour, never finishing lower than runner-up.

Wilson earned Player of The Year on the Maryland/Dover and Philadelphia South US Kids Golf Tours. He earned him an exemption to the 2009 US Kids World Golf Championship at Pinehurst, N.C. to compete against the top 100 8-year-old boys in the world. The US Kids World Golf Championship will host players from 33 different countries and more than 45 states in competition for 6-12-year-old boys and girls. Wilson was recently invited to play in the US Kids Desert Shootout in Phoenix Arizona this December.

Brandon played on the US Kids Tour Maryland/Dover Tour as well as the Philadelphia South Tour in the 7-year-old bracket. He also played a few events on the Junior Tour of Baltimore, where he won one event and fished second in two others. These events were against 8-9-year-olds from much longer yardages than he typically played on the US Kids Golf Tour.

Wilson, who plays several sports, hit the golf tour after finishing up his lacrosse season in April after a brief tune-up from golf coach Damon Klepazynski at Mountain Branch Golf Club.

"Adding more than 10 more events to his busy golf tour schedule this summer, we knew it was going to be nothing but golf for the summer," said Brandon's father Rob Wilson, host of the Baltimore-based radio program "Double Bogey Blues" on ESPN 1300. "Unlike, last year when it was pretty much practice every day in the summer, Brandon was good enough this summer to have some down time to play with his friends and relax.

“We were up early two to three times a week before the sun came up many mornings still in his PJ’s and his eyes shut until we got to the golf course during tournament days to travel north to play golf and dominate the competition.”

Rob says Brandon loves to win, but he also made lots of friends and had fun running down the fairway doing cartwheels and playing swords with golf clubs with the other boys.

“As his dad and caddy it can be hard on both of us, but at the end of the day and smile and hug makes it all worth wild.” Rob says. “We made one decision together, that we would play hard until the last putt on the last hole of each day no matter how bad it looked during the round. Brandon mastered that pretty quickly and that was what helped him win many events this year. He finished strong. The kids that last the longest until the last hole usually end up on top at the end of the day.”

Brandon’s lowest tournament score was 37 for nine holes. He has shot under par during practice rounds at his home golf course, Mountain Branch Golf Club in Harford County. His highest tournament score was 50 on one of the toughest golf courses he will play. While all the other 7-year-olds boys shot in the 70’s that day.

Last year, Brandon was also player of the year and earned a trip in August to play at Pinehurst against the top 7-year-olds in the world at the US Kids World Golf Championship. He had a great experience, met some new friends, played with old friends and played pretty well. One person told Brandon, has more medals then Michael Phelps. That’s pretty cool.

“After a fun and rewarding summer for Brandon, at the end of the day he worked hard on his golf game and became an awesome little golfer,” Rob Wilson said. “His golf knowledge and understanding the rules of the game are superb. I’m not saying he’s the next Tiger Woods, but he has a real good chance of being successful through the game of golf. And, most importantly, he doesn’t think he is anything special. As a matter of fact, he is quite shy about being a great golfer and getting special attention from his friends and his schoolmates.”

Brandon has already helped raise money for cancer research with his game of golf. ***

Brandon would like to challenge anyone in the media that thinks they can beat him to come out and play against him for fun to see how you match up to a 40-inch, 42-pound, 7-year-old Kingsville Elementary School second grader. If you would like to do a follow-up story or a first time story on Brandon please contact us. For more information or set up a time to do an interview and take some photos or video contact us at: 443-570-3011 or pgawill@aol.com.