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The Westminster University men's golf team poses after winning a tournament at the Golf Club at Red Rock in Rapid City, South Dakota on Sept. 20. Zach Dallimore, a member of the men's golf team and double major in marketing and management, said the new coach is another step in the right direction.

MEN'S GOLF TEAM WELCOMES NEW COACH TO THE GREENS

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Westminster University Athletics announced David Tottori as the new men's golf team coach Oct. 12, according to a press release by Athletics.

Tottori is the latest hire to join the team since Denise Larson, director of golf, was elected to oversee both the men's and women's team, according to a separate press release on Aug. 18 by Athletics.

The previous coach from the last two years resigned, leaving the men's team without a full-time coach, according to current members of the team.

"[Being] without [a] coach has been nice because we've all kind of got tighter as a unit," said Andrew Ahlstrom, a golf player on the team and junior applied mathematics major. "We've had to work together, we've had to communicate more with ourselves."

Everyone "stepped up," assumed a bigger role and

was willing to take on more responsibility, according to Zach Dallimore, a member of the men's golf team and double major in marketing and management.

Dallimore said he's seen positive changes and improvement with the team attitude, and that

"A couple of them have [already] gone through coaching changes. Coaches don't stay at schools forever and ever. There [are] changes inevitable, but they've been wonderful."

Jarrard said the university takes hiring seriously.

"You want someone who's positive, who's available and understands the time commitment," Jarrard said.

Jarrard is "confident [the new coach, David Tottori] will bring immense value to our student-athletes," according to the press announcement made by Athletics.

Dallimore and Ahlstrom are two players who said they have seen a silver lining in this process. A valuable lesson is learning how to navigate change, according to Dallimore.

"I think as with anything in life, nothing's gonna go exactly how it's initially planned, and this was just another piece of adversity that we're gonna have to overcome," Dallimore said.

Hard work and unity was another lesson highlighted by Ahlstrom.

Even though golf can be viewed as an individual sport, the team is willing to work hard and cheer each other on, according to Ahlstrom. **F**

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Shelley Jarrard, the associate athletic director, said the men's golf team handled adjustments well.

"Our golf team is wonderful, they're great guys," Jarrard said.

"We never want to rush a process. We want to make sure we get a good fit," Jarrard said.

Jarrard also said there are qualifications on the applicant page they have to meet, such as adequate release time from their other jobs.