

# FOUR CROCKETT CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNERS ARE STATE-RANKED



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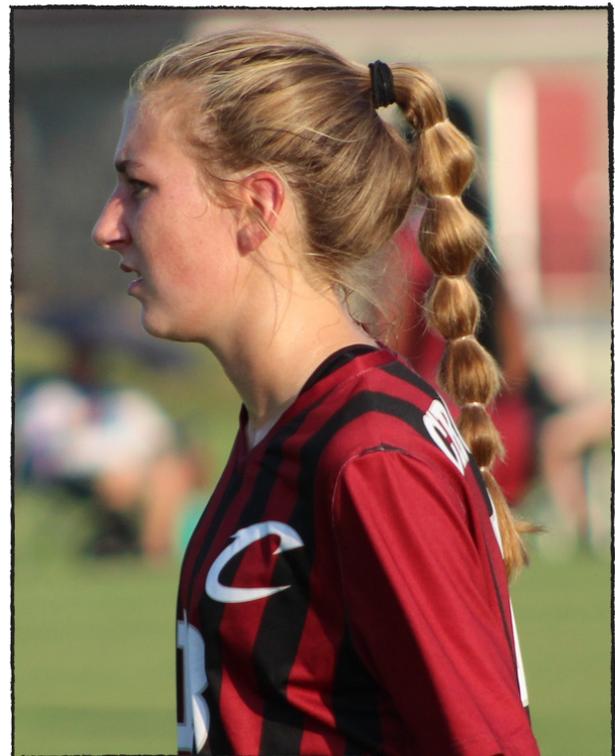
## By Ron Barry

Crockett County cross-country coach Julie Nass learned Friday that four of her cross-country racers – two boys and two girls – have earned statewide rankings based on their performances thus far this season.

Second-year runner Angel Garcia, who has medaled in almost every race in which he has participated and recently broke the 18-minute mark for a 5K distance for the first time in his short career, is currently rated as Tennessee's 12th-fastest sophomore. Freshman Jacob Wede is the state's 33rd-fastest racer in his class.

From the girls team, consistent medalist Claire Evans has been rated as Tennessee's 21st-fastest sophomore. Joining her in the rankings – even though experiencing some scheduling conflicts with the school's soccer team – is freshman Avery Thornton, currently the 27th-fastest freshman in the state.

Nass has entered both her teams in this week's Covington Invitational on Thursday at 4:30 at the Covington Sports Plex, the next opportunity for these four ranked racers to improve their status and for their teammates to complete for team and individual medals.



**Above:** Freshman Avery Thornton