

SHAVER, CROSSNOE ADVANCE TO TSSAA REGIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Above: Shaver will be joined there by Rachel Crossnoe, who carded a 92 to finish fourth among the female competitors at the District 14-AA Tournament. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Crockett sophomore Jack Shaver will be moving on to next week's Region 7-AA Tournament in Humboldt after matching the low score of 76 in Monday's District event on the same course. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

Jack Shaver was pleased when he found out this year's District 14-AA Tournament would be played at the Humboldt Golf & Country Club.

After all, it's his home base. It's where he's primarily honed the skills that have made him Crockett County's top high school golfer for the past two seasons, even though he's still just a sophomore.

So when they teed it up Monday morning, Shaver strove confidently to the first hole and... promptly three-putted after his foursome reached the green. And on the second hole, he missed another makeable putt for a bogey. He was already three-over-par after two holes, in an 18-hole event in which – if you don't keep your score in the 70s – it's doubtful you'll see a berth in the following week's Region 7-AA Tournament.

So – at that point – what magical mental adjustment did Shaver make, or what sport psychology mantra did he employ? (Queue up the ESPN documentary music, please...)

"Nothing, really," the quiet linksman replied. (Kill the music – and the drama.) Shaver just played on. It's what he does. And he proceeded to play the final 16 holes in just one-over-par fashion to shoot a 76 and tie for the low medalist honors in the tournament, even though he was designated second place by an arbitrary decision to use a scorecard playoff rather than a head-to-head competition, which Shaver would have preferred.

[Note: A scorecard playoff is a method which designates one hole on the course – in this case the #1 handicap hole, considered the toughest hole on the course – to break the tie, using the number of strokes each player used on that hole. But both players parred it, so they went to the #2 handicap hole. Unfortunately, it's the one Shaver three-putted to begin his round.]

[Note #2: It's a lame, lousy way to decide a District Tournament champion. The vast majority of golfers hate it, and most tournament directors avoid it if there's time to actually hold a head-to-head duel.]

Anyway, Jack Shaver will be playing in next week's regional, as will his Lady Cavalier counterpart Rachel Crossnoe, who shot a 92 to place fourth among all the participants in the girls' portion of the tournament.

Shaver, after his tenuous start, birdied three straight holes (9-11) to offset a couple of bogeys late in the round. Crossnoe was fairly steady throughout her round on a day when many of her competitors just couldn't put anything together.

The season ends for the Crockett teams, which remain extremely young. Two of the Cavaliers' counting scores were shot by freshmen: Max Woods with an 85 and George Randall with a 90. Tyler Rathbun posted an 86 for Coach Chris Eubanks' squad.

BOYS RESULTS (Top 10 Individuals): 1. Seth Williams, Lexington 76; 2. Jack Shaver, Crockett 76; 3. Noah Williams, Lexington 77; 4. Andrew Snuffin, SGC 78; T-5. Jarrett Harrison, Dyer County 79; T-5. Luke Benson, South Side 79; T-7. Alex Stone, Lexington 80; T-7. Wyatt Guthrey, South Side 80; T-9. Zach Thompson, Hardin County 81; T-9. Gage Nesbitt, SGC 81.

BOYS TEAM RESULTS (Top 3 Teams Advance to Regionals): 1. South Gibson County 326 (Andrew Snuffin 78, Gage Nesbitt 81, Brock Beasley 83, Hall Cunningham 84); 2. Lexington 331 (Seth Williams 76, Noah Williams 77, Alex Stone 80, Alan Jones 98); 3. Dyer County 333 (Jarrett Harrison 79, Seaton Clutts 83, Dalton Muncrief 85, Seth LaRue 86);

4. Crockett County 337 (Jack Shaver 76, Max Woods 85, Tyler Rathbun 86, George Randall 90); 5. Jackson South Side 343 (Luke Benson 79, Wyatt Guthrey 80, Wyatt Diffie 86, Steven Perry 98); 6. Hardin County 357 (Zach Thompson 81, Westin Roten 83, Samuel McGinley 95, Hunter Reaves 98); 7. Chester County 366 (Jeff Cox 86, Easton Garner 86, Bryton Dempton 92, Jayce Goff 102). Partial Teams: Jackson North Side (Riley Young 90, Cross Burgess 106, Cooper Wall 118).

GIRLS RESULTS (Top 10 Individuals): 1. Marleigh Chicantek, SGC 72; 2. Kennedy Hill, Dyer County 89; 3. Brylee Doyle, SGC 90; 4. Rachel Crossnoe, Crockett 92; 5. Lilly Flagg, Dyer County 99; 6. Dixie Dillard, Lexington 102; 7. Josie Ferguson, Dyer County 103; T-8. Anna Claire Hardin, SGC 111; T-8. Makenzie Loynes, Chester County 111; 10. Camryn Hardison, Chester County 121.

GIRLS RESULTS (Top 3 Teams Advance to Regionals): 1. South Gibson County 162 (Marleigh Chicantek 72, Brylee Doyle 90); 2. Dyer County 188 (Kennedy Hill 89, Lilly Flagg 99); 3. Lexington 227 (Dixie Dillard 102, Elli O'Conner 125); 4. Chester County 232 (Makenzie Loynes 111, Camryn Hardison 121); **5. Crockett County 265 (Rachel Crossnoe 92, Addalynn Dunn 173);** 6. Hardin County 277 (Ashlan McLean 137, Emily Wright 140).

VOLLEYBALL: Golf was not the only high school sport on the Crockett docket Monday. Coach Andrew Laman's volleyball team rebounded from a tough four-set defeat at powerful Dyer County last Thursday to score a big district win over Obion County, posting set triumphs of 25-22, 25-13, and 28-26 for a 3-0 sweep on Senior Night in Emerson Gymnasium.

Laman used his senior players extensively during the match, but still found time to employ his younger rotation players as Obion County put up a more spirited fight than in past seasons. The visiting Lady Rebels even pushed the Lady Cavaliers into extra time in Set 3, but Crockett eventually prevailed.

The volleyball team will journey to Dyersburg Tuesday night for another district rematch. Crockett survived a tough bout with the Lady Trojans in their first meeting in Alamo, but it was a dogfight.

GIRLS SOCCER: That school in Medina continued to hinder the progress made by Crockett's soccer squad when South Gibson County managed a lopsided 7-0 victory over the previously 7-1-1 Lady Cavs.

"South Gibson is very skilled," Coach Carli Branson said. "Defensively, we allowed too many open opportunities in the middle of the field. Amaria Walker (our goalie) actually played a phenomenal game to keep it from being a 'mercy rule' game, making multiple saves. But these are the games we will learn from. South Gibson has quite a few players who play club ball. We have to see girls putting in work outside of practice too – even if they don't play club ball – if we're ever going to cut into the difference in our programs right now. Our girls know their performance tonight was not their best – now we'll see how they respond."

It doesn't get any easier for Crockett this week as Dyersburg makes the trek to Alamo for a Thursday night match.

TUESDAY SPORTS: Coach Julie Nass takes her cross-country teams to Jackson to compete in the TCA Invitational at 4:30; the CCHS volleyball team goes to Dyersburg; the middle school footballers are also at Dyersburg, while the middle school girls soccer club travels to South Gibson for a major clash on their schedule.

WEDNESDAY MORNING: All students are invited to attend the annual gathering for See You at the Pole, a 7:15 a.m. prayer and worship time for the school system at Cavalier Stadium.



Above: Jack Shaver birdied three straight holes at the turn to salvage his round after getting off to a shaky start. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Rachel Crossnoe hammers her drive off the #1 tee Monday on her way to a fourth-place finish in the District 14-AA golf tournament in Humboldt. (Photo by Ron Barry)





Above: While the season ended for Crockett's other golfers, their efforts and improvement warrant a season-closing photographic salute, beginning with freshman George Randall. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Another freshman, Max Woods, shot an 85 in the District 14-AA Tournament. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Tyler Rathbun contributed an 86 to the team score on Monday. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Luke Carter posted some beneficial scores in several of the squad's late-season matches. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Addalynn Dunn was Crossnoe's partner for the 2024 season, giving the Lady Cavs the chance to enter team events. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Rachel Crossnoe, seen through the leaves of a neighboring tree, waits her turn on one of Humboldt's tee boxes Monday. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: When it was time to hand out the medals Monday in Humboldt, Rachel Crossnoe and Jack Shaver accepted theirs and the Region 7-AA Tournament berths that go with them. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Piper White hammers a key serve to help the Lady Cavs salvage Set 3 28-26 after fighting back from a late deficit. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: It was Senior Night Monday at Emerson Gymnasium, which brought Khaki Hail (20) some front-row action against district foe Obion County. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: It wasn't all about the seniors Monday night; here a couple of underclassmen -- Jordyn Maddox (13) and Keeton Holyfield (14) -- team up to stuff this block right back at the Lady Rebels. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Dee Cole doesn't often have to dig a ball, but the opportunity presented itself on this play. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Katherine West continues to be a key factor for Crockett, especially as a left hitter. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below:: Giorgia Elmore awaits a serve from the Lady Rebels in the third set Monday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)

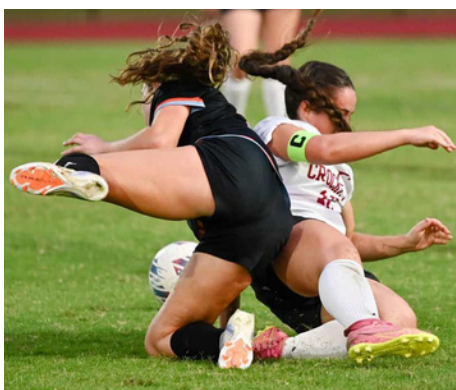
Below: Halle Holyfield hit the deck on this play to somehow miraculously get the ball back up in the air for Sadie Hoover (1) to set to either Madi Collins (16) or Wesley Thornton (23). (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Keeton Holyfield searches for an Obion County formation weakness into which she can deftly drop one of her patented touch shots for a winner. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Kendra Juarez (11) tries to slow down a Lady Hornet attacker, getting help from Chayse Lewis (5) and Dani Rios (15). (Photo by Robin Waddey)



Above: It didn't take long to identify this as a Crockett vs. South Gibson match-up, with collisions everywhere and bodies flying. The Lady Cavs' Lydia Waddey is involved early in this physical play. (Photo by Robin Waddey)



Left: Nyah Cathey (4) tries to get something started offensively for Crockett. She's trailed on this play by Adalee Doyle, Dani Rios, Stephanie Joyner, and Braniya Green. (Photo by Robin Waddey)



Right: Kate Davis (19) gets off a shot attempt as South Gibson defenders move to set a block. (Photo by Robin Waddey)