

# RACHEL CROSSNOE MEDALS AT FCA GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BEGIN A LONG DAY

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When Rachel Crossnoe woke up Monday morning, she knew she had a long day in front of her.

It kicked off bright and early with the annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Golf Tournament at Humboldt Golf & Country Club, in which Crossnoe and her Crockett County teammates would have to play 18 holes instead of the customary nine used in most school matches. It didn't help that by the time the players had reached the second half of their rounds, the temperature was in the mid-90s, with rarely a cloud in sight.

And after five or six hours on that steamy sauna of a golf course, Crossnoe would have to slip into her cheerleading uniform and somehow drum up the energy to entertain a large crowd in Cavalier Stadium for the "Meet the Cavs" event, which would begin at 7 p.m. – when it was still 90 degrees.

Crossnoe – one of the most pleasant young people you'd ever care to meet – faced the day's challenge with her typical approach: Make the best of it.

So she "zipped" around the golf course in just 84 strokes, good enough for third place overall and a medal in the girls division of the FCA event. And by Monday evening, she still had enough juice to pull off a successful standing backflip just before the cheerleaders were introduced to the crowd.

Crossnoe's play was the highlight for Crockett County in the FCA Tournament and helped the Lady Cavs gain a fifth-place finish of the eight teams competing. Teammate Alyssa Stricklin contributed a 114 score to the cause, good enough (when paired with Crossnoe's) to edge Columbia Academy by a single shot and Lexington by two.

Trinity Christian Academy took the team title on the strength of a magnificent two-under-par round of 70 by Tori Robinson. The TCA talent was nine strokes better than runner-up Oakley Blankenship of Scotts Hill.

Crockett's boys didn't fare as well, placing ninth out of the 10 full teams competing. While Jack Shaver managed three birdies between the seventh and tenth holes to offset three early bogeys, the course's tougher back nine took its toll and kicked his score up to a four-over-par 76. Still, that was the Cavaliers' best showing by 11 strokes on the brutally hot day.

Jackson Christian School, fresh off a state championship in its division last year, showed that the Eagles may get another one in 2025. The team combined to be two-under-par, with three players – Carson Andreoni, Nolan Smith, and Brody Smith – all shooting 71. Only Franklin Road Academy's Miguel de Gracia (69) and Augustine School's Tucker Davenport (70) did better individually.

Complete results of the FCA Tournament:

### BOYS SCORES

Jackson Christian School (286): Carson Andreoni 71, Nolan Smith 71, Brody Smith 71, Seth Joyner 73, Jack Veazy (ns) 89.

Franklin Road Academy (294): Miguel de Gracia 69, Jaime de Gracia 73, Waller McMillin 75, Greyson Brasfield 77, Jack Teas (ns) 78, Alex Cook (ns) 79, Lucas Pinkston (ns) 97.

Dyer County (308): Jarrett Harrison 72, Beau Thurman 77, Jamison Rhodes 79, Seth Larue 80, Miller Williams (ns) 80, Dalton Muncrief (ns) 88, Ryan DeSpain (ns) 88.

Trinity Christian Academy (313): Owen Franks 76, Levi Baker 78, Zack Niven 79, Harrison Harpole 80, Nathan Reed (ns) 82, Chandler Jowers (ns) 96, Eli King (ns) 100.

University School of Jackson (316): Houston Brasfield 71, Cooper Cunha 73, Graham Goolsby 83, Will King 89, Sam Thompson (ns) 92, Finis Shoaf (ns) 94, William Miller (ns) 96.

Columbia Academy (324): Landry Simmons 74, Jay Coleman 80, Parker Thomas 85, Wyatt Briceno 85, Cutler McKnight (ns) 98.

Scotts Hill (330): JoJo Howard 77, Ian Patterson 84, Mason Beers 84, Jace Cope 85, Cooper Liles (ns) 92.

Lexington (337): Alex Stone 77, Seth Williams 79, Jay Montgomery 89, Kaden Volner 92, Alan Jones (ns) 96.

Crockett County (347): Jack Shaver 76, George Randall 87, Max Woods 91, Clay Kail 93, Will Harber (ns) 95.

Huntingdon (383): Carson Watters 90, Cannon Heath 91, Owen Hugley 100, Wes Edwards 102, Rush Sanders (ns) 106.

Augustine School: Tucker Davenport 70. (No team score)

Jackson North Side: Riley Young 94. (No team score)

Tournament Top Ten: (1) Miguel de Gracia, FRA 69; (2) Tucker Davenport, Aug 70; (T-3) Carson Andreoni, Nolan Smith, & Brody Smith, JCS; Houston Brasfield, USJ 71; (7) Jarrett Harrison, Dyer Co 72; (T-8) Jaime de Gracia, FRA; Seth Joyner, JCS; & Cooper Cunha, USJ 73.

\*(ns) signifies score not used in team total.

**GIRLS SCORES**

Trinity Christian Academy (167): Tori Robinson 70, Ava Luckey 97.

Scotts Hill (171): Oakley Blankenship 79, Lilly Peterson 92, Karlee Patterson (ns) 92, Mayce Hughes (ns) 104, Kiley Robins (ns) 105.

Dyer County (173): Lily Flagg 86, Kennedy Hill 87, Josie Ferguson (ns) 91.

University School of Jackson (175): Madeline Eldridge 86, Graylynn Richardson 89, Wesley Kate Wilks (ns) 100, Lorellai Ballentine (ns) 115.  
 Crockett County (198): Rachel Crossnoe 84, Alyssa Stricklin 114, Addie Dunn (ns) 126.

Columbia Academy (199): Ava Coding 89, Francie McDonald 110, Bethany McDonald (ns) 117.

Lexington (200): Dixie Dillard 91, Elli O'Connor 109, Elizabeth Daniels (ns) 115.

Jackson Christian School (209): Kinsley Chapman 93, Hadley Fowler 116, Nadia Bougard (ns) 120.

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Following the golf tournament, Crockett's players hustled back over to the school campus to join the other Cavalier athletes and coaches for "Meet the Cavs," the annual fundraiser that helps the cheer squad meet its expenses for the school year. All the Crockett sports teams were introduced and a full slate of concession items were available for those brave enough to eat in the heat. Some scenes from the event follow the golf photo recap.



**Above:** Crockett junior Rachel Crossnoe finished third in the FCA Golf Tournament in Humboldt in brutal heat and then hustled back to Alamo... (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** ... where she jumped into her cheer team uniform and helped lead the spirited squad at the "Meet the Cavs" event at Cavalier Stadium. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Below:** Rachel Crossnoe's new teammate Alyssa Stricklin -- her lining up a putt on her next-to-last hole Monday -- helped the Lady Cavaliers gain a fifth-place finish in the team competition. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** George Randall stares down a putt that didn't drop, adding to his back-nine woes Monday after making the turn in a very respectable 37. The heat caused several golfers' scores to soar on the final nine. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** Crockett's steady Jack Shaver -- after a roller-coaster round exacerbated by the brutal heat -- prepares to pound his drive on the 18th hole to work out his frustration. Shaver managed a 76, still 11 shots better than any other Cavalier Monday. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Clay Kail blasts nicely out of a sand trap to set up a par save on #17 in Monday's FCA Tournament at Humboldt. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** When the FCA Tournament was over, Crockett's girls got their chance to be greeted by the crowd at "Meet the Cavs." Addie Dunn, Rachel Crossnoe, and Alyssa Stricklin tried to ignore the heat as they said "hello." (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Below:** The largest team (naturally) introduced at "Meet the Cavs" was the football team, featuring (near the right) #6 Dre Walker, a recent commit to new Division I program Delaware. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** "Meet the Cavs" is a fundraiser for Crockett's cheer team (pictured here). Following are various people and scenes from the evening at Cavalier Stadium. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Soccer standout Rebecca Waddey is introduced. (Photo by Ron Barry)

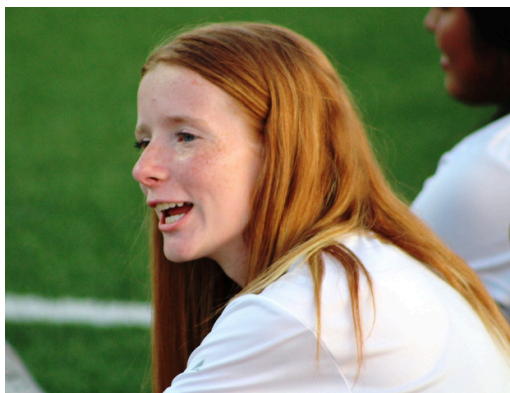


**Above:** Baseball veterans Callan Willis, Carter Winders, and Brady Fronabarger. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Football fans can't wait to see #32 -- running back DK Woods -- in action in a couple of weeks. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Jersey Wells and Addie Hoover -- multi-sport athletes like many at CCHS -- are even planning to try something new this spring when Crockett launches its new track. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Soccer player Chloe Campbell. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Right:** Coach Spencer Bursey's first full season as Crockett's basketball leader will see these guys manning the lineup. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** The sizeable crowd -- braving the brutal heat as Crockett's soccer team sits before them -- enjoys supporting Cavalier sports. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Left:** It's officially going to get crazier in the area when these two get together: softball stars Fallon Beard and Piper Smith. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Below:** Volleyball veterans applaud as Katherine West is introduced. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Above:** The soccer team's seniors celebrate each other. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Freshman Caroline Scruggs (seen waving hear) had to pinball between the soccer, cross-country, and basketball teams. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** The girls' cross-country team got off to a great start with its performance this past weekend at the West Tennessee Jamboree at Jackson State. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Need some enthusiasm? Tink Willis is in the house! (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Left:** To cap the evening, all of Crockett's senior members of the band and sport teams gathered at the center of the field for a commemorative picture. (Photo by Ron Barry)