CROSSNOE ADJUSTING FOR STATE GOLF 2ND ROUND; VOLLEYBALL MOVES INTO SEMIFINALS



Above: Crockett senior Rachel Crossnoe readies for the opening tee shot of the TSSAA State Championships as the first Lady Cavalier golfer to ever make the field. (Photo by Candy Stallings)

What's the main difference between golf in West Tennessee and golf in the other parts of Tennessee?

Lots of hills. Which means elevation changes. Which means undulating greens. Which means a West Tennessean has to deal with a lot of things you're not used to seeing on most of the courses you've played.

That's the task facing Crockett County senior Rachel Crossnoe as she heads into the second and final round of the TSSAA State Golf Championships Tuesday in Sevierville, when the Lady Cavalier linkster – the first to ever qualify for the State tournament – will try to adjust to the problems presented by a course known as "The Highlands."

Crossnoe, of course, is used to playing on the flatter courses in the Crockett area. But what she faced Monday was entirely different, as assistant coach Candy Stallings explained.

"They were playing from the men's tees and from the tips (the farthest back) on most holes," Stallings said. "And there were very steep hills and the greens were very undulating."

Crossnoe managed a first-round 90, which may not sound that impressive until you compare it to the rest of the scores. No player even stayed within two shots of par on the Sevierville layout – which just as easily could have been described as the Severe-Hill layout. The leader – DeKalb County's Chloe Boyd – shot 73 on the par-70 course.

South Gibson County standout Marleigh Chicantek was alone in fifth place after a 75 and was the lone West Tennessean to break 80. In fact, only Chicantek and Lady Hornet teammate Sophie Ingle (84) managed a better score among West Tennesseans than Crossnoe, who resides in 30th place after Monday's round.

Seventeen other golfers trail Crossnoe, including the remaining nine that are from west of the Tennessee River.

"I'm so proud of Rachel for navigating this course," Stallings said. "She had a few tough holes with out-of-bounds shots, but I thought she handled all the challenges pretty well." Summertown currently leads the team competition with a score of 10-over-par.

Crossnoe has a 10:09 (Eastern) a.m. tee time Tuesday and will be in a pairing with SGC's Anna Claire Harbin and Riverside's Whitlee Pratt. They will begin on the tenth tee, playing the back nine first on Tuesday.

On the boys side of the tournament, playing on Sevierville's "River Course" – flatter than the "Highlands" – Dyer County's Jarrett Harrison has a share of the first-round lead along with Madison Academic's Jacob Ragan and McKenzie's Ethan Bradberry after all three fired 71s Monday. Gibson County's Colin Pack was tied for 11th at 75. Dyer County is tied for second in the team race, just three shots behind leader Signal Mountain.

TSSAA Division I Class A Girls State Championships
Individual Standings After Round 1: (1) Chloe Boyd, DeKalb Co 73; (T-2) Elizabeth Prowse, Springfield; Ann Marie Oliver, Eagleville; and Halle Busby, Summertown 74; (5) Marleigh Chicantek, So Gibson 75; (T-6) Paislee Campbell, Summertown; Brylee Catron, Greeneville; and Natalee Wyatt, Stewart Co 76; (T-9) Maddison O'Dell, Signal Mtn; Hadlie Campbell, Summertown; and Piper Heady and Ava Elrod, White Co 77; (T-13) Ava Tabb, Springfield; and Sophia Parsons and Ella Stone, Alcoa 78; (T-16) Emery Edgemon, Midway; Kamryn Renner, Greeneville; and Anna Powell, Murfreesboro Central 79; (T-19) Isabelle Harris, Sycamore; Lenzie Golden, White Co; and Lauren Powell, Murf Central 80; (T-22) Baylyn Rose, Volunteer; Kylee Renner, Greeneville; and Alerra Strickland, Eagleville 81; (25) Charlotte Knies, Kingston 82; (26) Landyn Kent, Smith Co 83; (T-27) Sophie Ingle, So Gibson; and Emery Mitchell, Murf Central 84; (29) Ivey Collins, Gibbs 89; (30) Rachel Crossnoe, Crockett Co 90; (31) Haylee McCormick, Alcoa 91; (T-32) Hollan Gresham, Seymour; and Anna Highsmith, East Robertson 92; (T-34) Anna Claire Hardin, So Gibson; and Kinsley Wilson, Cumberland Co 94; (36) Ella Kelley, Signal Mtn 95; (37) Lauren Ballentine, Kingston 96; (T-38) Millie England, Riverside; and Olivia Moody, Signal Mtn 97; (T-40) Kallie Haggard, Riverside; and Madisyn Hill, Community 98; (42) Whitlee Pratt, Riverside 100; (T-43) Nora Manley, Madison Academic; and Isabella Lax, Bolivar Central 102; (45) Taylor Burks, Ripley 103; (46) Neely Sims, Westview 107; (47) Camryn Hardison, Chester Co 112.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: Crockett County easily won its opening-round match of the District 13 Tournament Monday evening, defeating Westview in straight sets 25-8, 25-11, and 25-13. The Lady Cavaliers actually trailed 5-3 in the opening set before Lakyn Forsythe went on a 13-point service run to set the tone for the rest of the match.

Coach Andrew Laman's Lady Cavaliers, now 27-9 on the season, face a rematch with Milan at 6:15 Tuesday in Newbern with a Region Tournament berth on the line and a spot in the district championship match Thursday. The teams split their regular-season matches, so one very good team will be ending its season Tuesday.



Right: Lakyn Forsythe went on a 13-point service run to reverse an early deficit in Set #1 and ignite a Crockett sweep of Westview Monday evening in the District 13 Tournament. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Most of the points in Lakyn Forsythe's service run were concluded with vicious kills like this one from bestie Wesley Thornton. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Rachel Crossnoe belts her first drive in the State Tournament. Crossnoe is in 30th place after the opening round. (Photo by Candy Stallings)

Below: Rachel Crossnoe knocks in a birdie putt on the 16th hole at the Sevierville Golf Club "Highlands" course in the opening round of the TSSAA State Championships. (Photo by Candy Stallings)









Right: Nataly Amador kept a lot of points alive for the Lady Cavs with digs and passes like this one. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Far Right: The service accuracy of Carmen Claybrooks has been a Crockett positive throughout the season. (Photo by Ron Barry)

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Above: Madi Collins (third from left) is celebrated for a successful slam by Jentry Elmore (3), Wesley Thornton (20), and Lakyn Forsythe (11). (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Addie Davidson's hustle and passing skills have greatly aided the Lady Cav cause. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Kira Bray's improvement on the front line will be a key factor Tuesday as Crockett duels Milan at 6:15 in an elimination match. (Photo by Ron Barry)

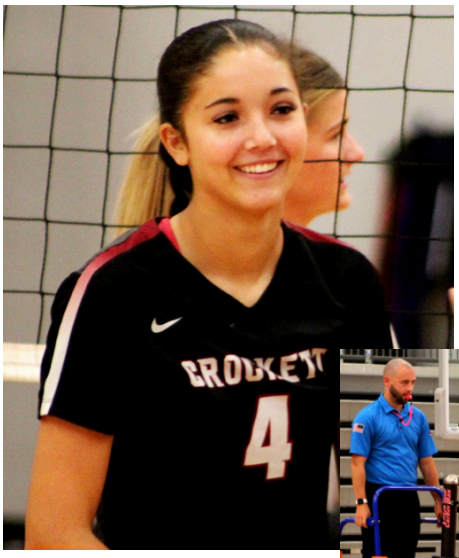


Left: Emilee Chandler gives Crockett a left-handed option in its front-row play. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Lola Bailey (1) directs a drop shot into an open space for another Lady Cav point in the win over Westview Monday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Jentry Elmore provides added athleticism to the libero position, along with Addie Davidson. (Photo by Ron Barry)







Below: But it's the power slammers -- Wesley Thornton and Madi Collins -- who hope to be doing a lot of this Tuesday night against Milan's tough Lady Dawgs. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: And if they're successful enough, setter Lakyn Forsythe won't have to give them any of her patented staredowns to get them inspired. (Photo by Ron Barry)

