

1985 Boys' Golf State Championship
Henry Horton State Park - Chapel Hill, TN
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FINAL ROUND RESULTS

Socha Wins 4th State Golf Title

4-Year Sweep Sets National Record

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CHAPEL HILL, Tenn. — It may have rained on Karen Socha's parade, but her enthusiasm wasn't dampened in the least.

Socha, a 17-year-old Greeneville High School senior, set a national high school record yesterday when she won her fourth straight Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association State Golf Tournament individual championship.

Socha posted a 27-hole total of 117 in the rain-shortened tournament. After shooting 7-over par 80 on the Buford Ellington Golf Course on Tuesday, the talented Socha matched par 37 on the back side yesterday in the only nine she managed to complete. Memphis Hutchison's Kris Meyer, who matched Socha's 80 on Tuesday, had a 3-over 40 yesterday.

Hixson of Chattanooga won the girls team title with a 260 after having a 173 through 18 holes. Father Ryan held onto second with a 264 total, one stroke in front of Memphis Southern Baptist Educational Center.

The rain which began early and increased in intensity throughout the day forced the boys competition to revert back to Tuesday's scores because not all players were able to complete nine holes yesterday. That left Knoxville Farragut and Chatta-

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nooga Notre Dame tied for the individual championship at 304 and Robby Ware of Memphis Harding the individual champion with a par 72.

"I'm really excited. I've been dreaming about this day ever since my freshman year, but I never thought I'd see the day it would happen," said Socha, who has yet to decide on a choice of colleges.

"I knew all day that the weather would be a problem. I was on the practice green at about 6:15, and I could just feel that it was going to rain today and it started after I had played seven holes. I don't feel bad about it being shortened by rain. Cutting it short could have hurt me as much as it did anyone else."

Socha, playing in the first four-some, continued after making the turn and her score reflected the effects of the weather. She went double-bogey, bogey, bogey before a one hour, 20 minute rain delay was called. After returning to the course she continued to have trouble, but so did the rest of her foursome.

Looking to next year is the Father Ryan girls team, which had its highest ever state finish.

"This was not what we wanted, but the girls did the best they could,"



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Father Ryan's Chris Dacri, left, and teammate Stephanie Gentry, proudly display the TSSAA State Golf girls runnerup trophy which the duo won at the Henry Horton State Golf tournament. Chattanooga Hixson won the event.

said Fighting Irish coach Eddie Krenson. "I felt we had a good chance to win it, and if we had continued, maybe we would have. But there are always surprises here. Now we can think of next year and see if we can come back and improve."

Ryan's Chris Dacri had a 41 yesterday to go with her 82 on Tuesday while Stephanie Gentry had a 49 to go along with her 92 on Tuesday. Yesterday's round marked the

second straight year that the state tournament has been shortened because of rain.

"You can't control the elements, and this is something we live with," said Ronnie Carter of the TSSAA.

"The students all miss three days (of classes) as it is, and missing more is too much to ask. You can't keep a golf course tied up forever, and you can't tie up a motel when you don't know if you're going to need it either." ♦

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FIRST ROUND RESULTS

BOYS

(par 36-36-72)

72—Robbie Ware (Mem. Harding) 36-36.

73—Donnie Nicol (Chatt. Notre Dame) 36-37.

74—Mike Gair (Knox. Farragut) 39-35; Rick Robbins (Mem. CBHS) 40-34.

75—Todd Burgan (Campbell Co.) 36-39.

76—Randy Rankin (Knox. Farragut) 38-38; Greg Hardin (Hardin Co.) 38-38; Danny Tribble (Chatt. Notre Dame) 36-60; Corey Barnard (Gallatin) 37-39; Scott Murray (Knox. Bearden) 37-39; Mike Shears (MBA); Jimmy Johnson (Farragut) 40-36; Chris Dibble (Greeneville) 36-40.

77—Vann Vestal (Campbell Co.) 36-41; Doug Cook (Chatt. Notre Dame) 38-39; Scott Gardner (Clinton) 38-39; Trey Lewis (Goodpasture) 36-41.

78—Howard St. John (Campbell Co.) 40-38; Pat Parker (MBA) 36-42; David O'Block (Knox. Farragut) 38-40; Mickey Stinnett (McMinn Co.) 39-39; Rodney Cole (Columbia) 48-38; Jeff Cook (Chatt. Notre Dame) 41-37; Tommy Doggett (Stratford) 37-41.

79—David Coley (Gallatin) 37-42; Chris Pierce (Hardin Co.) 41-38; Kenny Walker (Hardin Co.) 41-38; Joe Apling (Knox. Webb) 38-39; Tim Roop (Mem. SBEC) 40-39.

80—Harris Gilbert (MBA) 38-42; Randy Parrish (Hardin Co.) 44-39; Scott Strong (Gallatin) 40-40; Denarce Odom (Mem. Briarcrest Baptist) 39-41.

81—Carter Brothers (MBA) 40-41; Scott Taylor (Mem. CBHS) 41-40; Adam Davis (Lebanon) 39-42; Jeff Oiler (Johnson City Science Hill) 42-39; Bark Wolfe (Johnson City Science Hill) 68-41.

82—Todd Hudson (Mem. CBHS) 62-40.

83—Brad Kuester (Greeneville) 40-43.

84—Sam Neill (Greeneville) 43-41; Jim Arnold (Campbell Co.) 42-42; Victor Findley (Chatt. Tyner) 42-42.

85—John Hammer (Greeneville) 42-43; Shawn Michael (Mem. CBHS) 38-37.

86—Ross Workman (Mem. Kirby) 45-41.

88—Greg Brach (Chatt. Tyner) 43-45.

90—Steven Dias (Gallatin) 46-44.

Team Scores: Knox. Farragut 304, Chatt. Notre Dame 304, Memphis Christian Brothers 312, Campbell Co. 314, Montgomery Bell Academy 315, Hardin County 316, Gallatin 325, Greeneville 328.