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10th Capitol Classic golf tournament starts Thursday

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The 10th annual Capitol Classic golf tournament, one of the premiere in-state events of the spring boys season, begins Thursday at Country Club of Wildewood. Action shifts to The Woodlands CC on Friday. Both rounds begin at 9 a.m.

The loaded field features 26 teams that finished in the Top 10 at three classification state tournaments last season, including defending state champions Dutch Fork (4A) and A.C. Flora (3A). The Midlands lineup also includes Blythewood (3rd last season in 3A), Spring Valley (tied for 4th in 4A), Chapin (8th in 3A), Irmo, Dreher, Sumter, Ridge View and Lexington.

The other returning Top 10 teams on hand are Gaffney (2nd in 4A), South Aiken (3rd in 4A), Dorman (tied for 4th in 4A), West Florence (6th in 4A), Easley (7th in 4A), North Augusta (8th in 4A), Greenwood (9th in 4A), Fort Dorchester (tied for 10th in 4A) and Central of Pageland (3rd in 2A).

West Florence is the defending Capitol Classic champion. The Knights escaped with 612-613 victory margin over Dutch Fork, which staged a second-round charge that fell a bit short of the mark. Lexington finished in third place with Blythewood fourth.

Blythewood, Spring Valley and Ridge View are the host schools.

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Dorman builds four-shot Capitol Classic lead

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Dorman emerged with a four-shot lead over SCISA entry Pinewood Prep in the first round of the 10th Annual Capitol Classic golf tournament Tuesday at Country Club of Wildewood.

The Cavaliers are looking to clinch their first Capitol Classic championship when the action shifts to The Woodlands Country Club on Friday. Will Overton was Dorman's first-round leader with a 1-over round of 73 thanks to a 1-under 35 on the back nine. He finished in a tie for third place in the individual standings with Blythewood's Allen Parker.

A.C. Flora's Thomas Bradshaw was the top individual on Thursday, carding a 2-under 70, one stroke ahead of Pinewood Prep's Cody Austin.

Blythewood had the best first-round score among the Midlands entries, posting a third-place team total of 312 strokes, one ahead of defending Class 4A state champion Dutch Fork.

Tournament leaders

Top 10 team scores: Dorman 308, Pinewood Prep 312, Blythewood 313, Dutch Fork 315, A.C. Flora 319, Spring Valley 320, Lexington 321, Easley 322, Sumter 323, North Augusta 323.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Thomas Bradshaw, A.C. Flora, 70; 2. Austin Cody, Pinewood Prep, 71; 3. Allen Parker, Blythewood, 73 and Will Overden, Dorman, 73; 5. Brad Sill, Dorman, 74; 6. Mark Joye, Dutch Fork, 75, Cameron Lamb, Easley, 75, Adam Going, Gaffney, 75 and Chandler Brazeal, South Aiken, 75; 10. B. Kennedy, Dorman, 76.

Local scoring

Blythewood (313): Allen Parker, 73; Josh Lorensetti, 78; Damon Postal, 79; Josh Hinson, 83.

Dutch Fork (315): Mark Joye, 75; Collin Witiak, 79; Chuck Moore, 79; Lee Duncan, 82.

A.C. Flora (319): Thomas Bradshaw, 70; Allan King, 78; Will Murphy, 83; Stanton Pruitt, 88.

Spring Valley (320): Eric Eaton, 76; Shawn McKinney, 79; Ryan Turner, 80; Ben Fogler, 85.

Lexington (321): Luke Reeves, 77; Cole Thornton, 78; Grant Bouknight, 79; Brooks Massey, 87.

Sumter (323): Jon Weiss, 79; Hayden Lettein, 79; Brian Amick, 80; Taylor Brunson, 85.

Dreher (339): Det Cullum, 79; Zack Castro, 82; Will Godgrey, 82; Devon Kilgore, 96.

Chapin (343): Ben Starke, 80; Will Starke, 83; G. Doolittle, 88; Matt Meetze, 92.

Irmo (351): Travis Cushion, 85; Chris Doerring, 85; Michael Day, 86; Ken Henderson 95.

Ridge View (380): Chaz McIntyre 88; Brett Foltz, 93, Jordan Whitehead, 96; Brad Pouncey, 103.

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Dutch Fork storms back to earn fourth Capitol Classic golf title

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Dutch Fork claimed team honors and A.C. Flora's Thomas Bradshaw was the individual champion at the Capitol Classic golf tournament, which concluded Friday at The Woodlands Country Club.

Dutch Fork, which has been the dominant team in the 10-year history of the Midlands event, secured its fourth CC championship by shooting a second-round team score of 304 strokes on the cold, damp day, thus negating a seven-shot deficit it faced at the end of the first round on Thursday. Last year, the Silver Foxes' second-round charge fell one shot short of catching West Florence.

Dutch Fork is the only program to have more than one Capitol Classic championship on the books, and has had eight top three finishes.

Mark Joye led the Silver Foxes second-round charge with a 1-under round of 71 – the best score of the day. Joye had solid support from Colin Witak, Lee Duncan and Chuck Moore. Like Joye, Witak and Duncan were better the second time round. Joye shaved four strokes off his first round total. Witak carded a 76 after shooting 79 in the first round. Duncan scored 77, five strokes lower than his first-round effort. Moore rounded out the team score with an 80, one shot higher than his first-round score of 79.

Bradshaw became the first A.C. Flora entry to come away with medallist honors. The Falcons standout, who has committed to play at Clemson, finished with a two-shot edge over runner-up Cody Austin of Pinewood Prep. Bradshaw, who set the pace in the first round with a 2-under 70, checked in with a 1-over 73 over the final 18 holes.

Spring Valley actually had the best second-round performance with a team score of 301 strokes. The Vikings surge allowed them to tie Pinewood Prep at 621, two shots behind Dutch Fork. SV earned runner-up status because it had lower team score in the second round.

The key to Spring Valley's best-ever Capitol Classic finish was Ben Fogler's hot start on the front nine. After carding 85 in the first round, Fogler posted a 35 at the turn and finished with a round of 73. The Vikings improved by 19 strokes in the second round.

Tournament leaders

Top 10 team scores: 1. Dutch Fork 315-204 – 619; 2. Spring Valley 320-301 – 621; 3. Pinewood Prep 312-309 – 621; 4. Dorman 308-315 – 623; 5. A.C. Flora 319-307 – 626; 6. Blythewood 313-313 – 626; 7. Sumter 323-309 – 629; 8. Easley 322-313 – 635; 9. Lexington 321-321 – 642; 10. Gaffney 325-320 – 645.

All-tournament team: 1. Thomas Bradshaw, A.C. Flora, 70-73 - 143; 2. Austin Cody, Pinewood Prep, 71-74 – 145; 3. 6. Mark Joye, Dutch Fork, 75-71 – 146; 4. Chandler Brazeal, South Aiken, 75-72 – 147; 5. Will Overden, Dorman, 73-76 – 149; 5. Brad Sill, Dorman, 74-75 – 149; 5. McKenzie Oref, Easley, 77-72 – 149; 8. Allen Parker, Blythewood, 73-77 – 150.

Local scoring

Dutch Fork (619): Mark Joye, 75-71 - 145; Collin Witiak, 79-76 - 155; Chuck Moore, 79-80 - 159; Lee Duncan, 82-77 - 159.

Spring Valley (621): Eric Eaton, 76-75 - 151; Shawn McKinney, 79-76 - 155; Ryan Turner, 80-77 - 157; Ben Fogler, 85-73 - 158.

A.C. Flora (626): Thomas Bradshaw, 70-73 - 143; Allan King, 78-80 - 158; Will Murphy, 83-75 - 158; Stanton Pruitt, 88-79 - 167.

Blythewood (626): Allen Parker, 73-77 - 150; Josh Lorenzetti, 78-77 - 155; Damon Postal, 79-73 - 162; Josh Hinson, 83-86 - 169.

Sumter (632): Jon Weiss, 79-75 - 154; Hayden Lettein, 79-77 - 156; Brian Amick, 80-74 - 154; Taylor Brunson, 85-83 - 168.

Lexington (642): Luke Reeves, 77-81 - 158; Cole Thornton, 78-78 - 156; Grant Bouknight, 79-83 - 162; Brooks Massey, 87-79 - 166.

Chapin (673): Ben Starke, 80-77 - 157; Will Starke, 83-78 - 161; G. Doolittle, 88-80 - 168; Matt Meetze, 92; Livingston 95.

Dreher (687): Det Cullum, 79-75 - 154; Zack Castro, 82-86 - 168; Will Godgrey, 82-85 - 167; Devon Kilgore, 96; Keane Robinson, 83.

Irmo (690): Travis Cushion, 85-80 - 165; Chris Doerring, 85-84 - 169; Michael Day, 86-82 - 168; Ken Henderson 95-93 - 188.

Ridge View (751): Chaz McIntyre 88-90 - 178; Brett Foltz, 93-84 - 177, Jordan Whitehead, 96-93 - 189; Brad Pouncey, 103; Lee Nabors 104.

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Host Wildcats prevail at Lexington Tee Off tournament

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Lexington finished first at the 6th Annual Lexington Tee Off golf tournament at Golden Hills on Monday. The Wildcats prevailed by a nine-stroke margin over runner-up Chapin.

Pelion's Cody Proveaux was the individual champion, carding a 2-over par 73 - one shot in front of Joshua Rogers of White Knoll, Det Cullum of Dreher and Reed Covar of Strom Thurmond. Rogers claimed runner-up honors in a two-hole playoff.

Team scores: Lexington 311, Chapin 320, Brookland-Cayce 325, Strom Thurmond 326, Aiken 331, Pelion 334, Dreher 338, White Knoll 341, Gilbert 347, Batesburg-Leesville 360, Ridge View 369, Swansea 375, Spring Valley 378, Airport 396, Midland Valley 429.

Lexington (311) - Cole Thornton 76; Luke Reeves 76; Grant Bouknight 77; Brooks Massey 82; Christian Fryland 85.

Chapin (320) - Will Starke 76; Ben Starke 79; Griff Doolittle 81; Austin Kleynenburg 84; Matthew Meetze 85.

Brookland-Cayce (325) - Cole Pierce 77; Wade Porter 78; Wells Pierce 85; Cody Kleckley 85; Taylor Fralick 88.

Pelion (334) - Cody Proveaux 73; Sam Jackson 78; Philip Shumpert 91; Ryan Rogers 92; Jeffery Wise 126.

Dreher (338) - Det Cullum 74; William Godfrey 80; Dustin Kilgore 89; Zack Casto 95; Patrick Spotts 95.

White Knoll (341) - Joshua Rogers 74; Eric Dunn 80; Dalton Olawsky 88; Alex Oldham 99; JC Chittenden 104.

Gilbert (347) - Tyler Hylton 83; Darby Hallman 84; Zack Giddens 89; Avery Bruner 91; Wade Tankersly 95.

Batesburg-Leesville (360) - Aaron Hatfield 81; Davey Taylor 90; Lance Oxner 90; Kevin Bowsher 99; Jake Asbill 100.

Ridge View (369) - Chaz McIntyre 86; Jordan Whitehead, 89; Brett Foltz 96; Lee Nabors, 98; Brad Pouncey 98.

Swansea (375) - Matt Seiter 89; Buddy Neese 90; Nick Dowda 92; Justin Hutto 104.

Spring Valley (378) - Matt Richardson 81; Chris Bianchi 93; Brendan Ayers 101; Richie Kelly 103; Will Robinson 103.

Airport (396) - Matthew Edwards 82; Jim Williamson 96; Evan Lusk 108; Andrew Price 100; Daniel Lucas 111.

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Ridge View golf notes

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Ridge View finished 16th at the Magnolia Invitational golf tournament at Beech Creek GC on March 25-26. The Blazers shot 267 as a team in the first round, but ballooned to a 321 in the second round.

Chaz McIntyre and Brett Foltz had the best individual rounds. McIntyre carded an 86, while Foltz had an 89.

The Blazers hosts two matches this week at Oak Hills GC – vs. Lancaster on Tuesday, and vs. Brookland-Cayce and Lugoff-Elgin on Thursday.

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Lancaster golfers tops Blazers

Lancaster defeated Ridge View 155-182 in a 9-hole regular season golf match at Oak Hills GC. John Heath shot 36 to lead the winning Bruins. Chaz McIntyre's 38 led the Blazers. Brett Foltz (42), Lee Nabors (50), Brad Pouncey (52) and Spencer Morris (58) rounded out the Ridge View lineup.

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RV golfers score first success in four years

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Ridge View finished third in a four-team golf match against SCISA teams Robert E. Lee, Orangeburg Prep and Calhoun Academy on April 16 at Calhoun Country Club. But by finishing ahead of Calhoun Academy in the final standings, the Blazers were able to celebrate their first "win" on the links in four years.

Chaz McIntyre's nine-hole round of 44 led the way for Ridge View, followed by Jordan Whitehead (45), Lee Nabors (46) and Brad Pouncey (48).

Vikings edge Bengals for 4-4A golf honors

Spring Valley emerged victorious at the Region 4-4A champion golf match on Wednesday at Columbia Country Club. The Vikings beat out second-place Blythewood by six strokes during the 36-hole, one-day event, taking a 299-302 lead over the Bengals at the end of the first 18-hole phase and picking up three more strokes in the second round.

Spring Valley and Blythewood are the 4-4A qualifiers for the 16-team state tournament, scheduled for May 11-12 at Furman.

Ben Fogler and Shawn McKinney led the Vikings to the title by posting identical tournament scores of 144. Fogler went 73-71, while McKinney was 72-72. The SV duo finished three strokes behind region medallist Eric Eberspacher of Rock Hill, who went 71-70 – 141. Roger Turner and Eric Eaton joined their teammates on the all-region team. Eaton finished fifth at 148, while Turner's score of 155 was good for 10th place on the individual list.

Blythewood also placed four on the all-region team. Damon Postal led the way with a fourth-place score of 147, Parker Allen was sixth at 150, Shane Rogan was seventh at 151 and Josh Lorenzetti was tied for eighth at 154. Lorenzetti made a dramatic reversal in the second round to earn all-region status, firing a 72 after a blow-up 82 on the first 18 holes.

Ridge View finished fifth in the six-team field. The Blazers leader was Brett Foltz (83-30 – 163).

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