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Good Morning CACC Golf Friends,

The Central Alabama C.C. Golfers played exceptional golf this week in Scottsboro, Alabama at the Ron Marshall Springfling College Golf Tournament. The Trojans led the tournament from bell to bell, while some teams made some strong moves at us. Our Trojan Golfers came out extremely strong in the first round shooting a fantastic score of -11 (277) with Paul Harris shooting 67, Lewis Gruber 68, Zach Primavera 69, Barrett Milam 73 and Jud Milam 76. Always being difficult to follow a superb round with another, the Trojans came back to the pack a little in round 2 shooting +2 (290). In that 2nd round, Darton C.C. came on strong with a 282 and closed the gap to 6 shots. In the final round, Darton was having some problems and for CACC only Lewis Gruber turned the front 9 under par. However, Meridian C.C. was playing some very good golf and was quickly closing the gap. It was becoming a very close race and we seemed to be leaking oil pretty badly. On the final 9 holes of the last round the Trojans really dug deep and turned things around. Lewis, who held the outright lead was hanging in and made a fantastic bogey on the final hole, hitting a shot from out of the 18th hole water hazard to finish at -6 for the tournament. Paul Harris, who was struggling a bit hung in there and posted a 74. Barrett made the turn at +5 but then showed a lot of grit in shooting 4 under par on the back nine and Zach who had turned at +1 caught fire with an eagle and 3 birdies to finish tied for the lead with Lewis at -6 for the tournament. This final 9 holes turned a bad round into a solid -1 (287) total and kept Meridian C.C. at bay, as they shot -5 (283) in the final round. The Trojans won the team event by 5 over Meridian and 10 over Darton.

Lewis, Zach and Taylor Wellborn of Darton C.C. completed regulation play at -6 (210) which forced a sudden death playoff for Tournament Medalist Honors. Lewis, who played first, pushed his drive to the right off the tee into the rough to start the playoff, Taylor also pushed his drive but landed in fairway bunker, then Zach ripped a drive down the left center of the fairway leaving him in position "A". Lewis was first to hit his second shot and launched his ball over the trees blocking his normal shot to approximately 25 feet from the hole. Taylor did not hit a solid shot from the bunker and advanced his ball only halfway to the green. Zach, who may have been licking his chops in the position he was in pulled his approach shot a little left leaving him a 45' chip shot. Taylor's 3rd shot was hit below the hole about 25' feet from the cup. Zach, who had chipped flawlessly throughout the tournament did not hit this shot up to his regular standards and was left with a tough 10' putt for par. Lewis rolled his birdie putt to 2' and marked his ball. Taylor missed his par putt and Zach, who thought he hit a perfect putt watched as his ball rolled just over the edge of the hole. Lewis then tapped in his par putt for the tournament win. This is Lewis' 2nd win for CACC. He won last year at University of Mobile's fall tournament.

I am very happy and proud of this group from 2 perspectives. First, we came out of the gate playing like this was our tournament to win and the boys played boldly. Although we had a slip in the second round and the front nine of the final round was pretty sketchy, these boys reached deep and showed their talent, grit and determination in taking back the lead and ultimately winning the tournament. It was a very good week in confidence building and learning from a few errors.

The CACC Golfers head to Florence, Alabama to compete in the University of North Alabama's Spring Invitational at the RTJ Trail – Fighting' Joe's course on March 29th & 30th. The Trojans are looking forward to taking on the NCAA D-2 teams in Florence. If we can maintain our confidence, work out some of the small kinks we realized this past week and stay positive, we have as good of a chance to come out on top at UNA's tournament as any other team in the field.

Thanks for the support,
Dave Jennings