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Girls Golfer of the Year: Surcey goes out on top

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Christina Surcey finished off her perfect season in high school girls golf with a dominant win in the Class AA state championship tournament.

Surcey shot a 65 on the first day and followed it up with a 68 on the second to finish the tournament 11-under and eight shots clear of the rest of the field.

“She just got off to a really blazing start, and it just fueled her to really take control of the tournament on Day one,” Jack Engleman, coach of the girls golf team at North Christian said.

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For her efforts this season she was selected as the Cobb County Girls Golfer of the Year by the county coaches.

“I’m very honored. I’m thankful for my coach, coach Jack at North Cobb Christian, and coach Mata, who’s helped kind of put things together and and just the support from all the teachers and faculty at North Cobb Christian, they’re really incredible for me and my family. I’m very happy to be in this position.” Surcey said.

Surcey said there was no specific part of her physical game that stood out but her mental game was what really helped her find so much success this year.

“My mental game. Getting rid of expectations and playing for myself. My mental game was the strongest.” she said.

Surcey said that during previous high school golf seasons she felt a lot of pressure on herself because people expected her to win. The pressure had been affecting her mental game and hurting her performances.

“Last year I wasn’t really in a good spot mentally with high school golf,” she said. “I put so much pressure on myself. This year I just told myself, let’s just get out there, do our best and just keep a positive attitude, instead of so much pressure on having to win a certain tournament.”

Engleman said he was very impressed with her short game improvements around the green as well as some improvements with her putting.

“She’s always had the length off the tee box, but like I said, she’s got soft hands. She can also get up and down,” Engleman said.

Her performances this year were enough to earn her a chance to play golf at the collegiate level. She committed to play golf at Florida State back in June of 2023.

Surcey said that she is excited for the opportunity after working towards this goal for 11 years.

“I became even more motivated, and dedicated to put in the work to be able to compete at that level once I’m there.” She said, “I’m just very thankful for my family and my friends and the support of my coaches and just everyone around me at the high school level that have really guided me to get here.”

2024 Cobb County All-County Girls Golf Team

Christina Survey, North Cobb Christian

Kyra Friess, Mount Paran Christian

Saanvi Ventkatesh, Walton

Annika Gomeyak, Walton

Elizabeth Morris, Whitefield Academy

Emma Cates Richardson, Hillgrove

Wesleigh Myers, Allatoona