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# Prep Golf: Arcata's Bisgrove finishes fourth at NCS Tournament of Champions, advances to Nor Cal Championship

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Most golfers, be it amateur or professional, fold after starting play with a bogey.

Brittany Bisgrove is not like most golfers.

The Arcata High junior shot a 76 at the North Coast Section Division I Golf Tournament of Champions at the Lone Tree Golf Course in Antioch on Monday.

"I really honestly, just wanted to have fun. I started with a bogey and then a string of 11 pars, after that I tried to keep my mind clear," Bisgrove said over the phone. "I just tried to stay level headed, honestly. I really, really wanted to make it to next round. By pulling 11 pars, that really helped me."

The total gives Bisgrove the fourth and final spot on the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Nor Cal Qualifier list.

"Honestly, I didn't believe I actually could (qualify)," she said. "After I finished my round, I was biting my finger nails, praying I'd make it, as soon as I found I broke into tears. I didn't think I'd be able to do it. This is the farthest I've got and I want see if I can get further."

Arcata head coach Troy Ghisetti was just as elated as his top golfer.

"That was huge, she stepped up nicely on the big stage," Ghisetti said over the phone. "You know, when we went down to do practice round on Saturday, she shot pretty well. She did what she had to."

The other three golfers to qualify were Castro Valley's Betty Chen



(71), Foothill's Katie Sborov (72) and Kortnie Maxoutopoulos (75). All four will participate in the 11th Northern California Golf Association/CIF Northern California Girls Golf Championship which is scheduled for Nov. 8 at the Stockton Golf and Country Club in Stockton.

Bisgrove qualified for the D-I TOC after finishing second with a 79 to McKinleyville High's McKenzie Ford in the Division II Championships last week.

Bisgrove spent the majority of the Humboldt-Del Norte Conference regular season chasing Ford. Now, with Ford shooting an 80 in Antioch, Bisgrove is the lone H-DN golfer headed to Nor Cals.

Eureka's Cathy Canepa, another H-DN golfer at the TOC on Monday, shot a 94.

In terms of team Nor Cal Qualifiers, Amador Valley finished first with a 386 total, Alameda was second with 391 and Granada finished third with a 397.

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Bisgrove has had herself quite a two-week postseason run.

She and the Arcata team finished as the Division II Champions last week in Kelseyville with a total of 394. Second place went to Justin-Siena (399 total) while McKinleyville finished third with a 400.

Bisgrove, who played prep golf as a freshman but played volleyball as a sophomore instead, has made a dramatic return to the course.

Now, it's all about the Nor Cals in Stockton.

Bisgrove admitted she knows very little in regards to the Stockton Golf and Country Club course.

"Troy (Ghisetti) did happen to mention it was a lot easier than the course we were on today, but that's all I've heard," she said.

Still, that won't stop her from logging as much practice as she can.

"Absolutely. I'm going to try to get on as many courses as I can in Humboldt County," she said. "I have so much work to do. I want to make it to State."

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