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## South senior hot at state



AP PHOTO/JACK DEMPSEY Salida High School's Emily Wood watches her tee shot on the first hole during the first round of the Class 4A girls golf state championships Monday in Golden.

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***Ashlee Samuels tied for 10th after first round; Salida's Emily Wood shoots uncharacteristic 90.***

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**GOLDEN** - Ashlee Samuels came to the Class 4A state high school golf tournament with a questionable game.

Emily Wood came to the same tournament with the lowest regional score in the state.

After the first round Monday at Rolling Hills Country Club, it was hard to tell who was on the hot streak and who was hot under the collar.

Samuels, a senior at South, found enough of her game just in time to take on some of the toughest greens in the state. She shot 88 and is tied for 10th after 18 holes.

"I hit the poo out of my driver and only missed one fairway," said Samuels, who has had a hard time breaking 90 this season on the easier courses played in Southern Colorado. "I haven't been hitting the ball very well at all. I got some extra help on the side from a friend and we tried to figure out what was going on." The hunt for the missing piece revealed that Samuels was swinging way too fast. Once she slowed down her game, the strokes started to come off.

"I'm very happy with my score, considering how I played at Alamosa (in the final South-Central League tournament) and at regionals (91). I'm excited to play again tomorrow."

Wood, who's 72 at regionals was the top score - by three strokes - endured the opposite. Her game went from great, to average, to poor in less than two weeks as she finished with a 90.

"I made only four pars today," said Wood, eyes still filled with tears long after her round was over. "I wasn't consistent at all, especially on the greens. I would think (a putt) would go right, and it goes left. I'd hit it easy when I needed to hit it hard."

"To come in here with the No. 1 score and shoot a 90, that's just bad."

Despite her struggles on the greens, Wood remains in the hunt, tied for 14th, as the Rolling Hills fast and undulating greens yielded just three scores in the 70s.

"It's hard for these girls to comprehend their scores in comparison to all the other scores," Salida coach Cory Smith said. "Emily is used to shooting in the low 70s, but on this course, under the pressure conditions of state, that's not going to happen."

"Emily's struggled with her putter, and these greens can frustrate the best golfers. But she's capable of putting together a great round tomorrow and getting right back in it."

Kent Denver's Olivia Garard shot a 1-over-par 73 Monday, followed by Evergreen's Chance Forbes and Colorado Academy's Elizabeth Kresock at 79 apiece.

Pueblo East's tandem of Christina Aragon, who recently won the city prep golf tournament, and Kristyn Hudgens played well Monday. They shot 94 and 96, respectively.

"Both Christina and Kristyn played really good for this kind of course," Eagles coach Bruce Bellar said. "And they both think they can play it even better."

Centennial senior Haley Robinson, a three-time state qualifier, shot 95, finding nothing but inconsistent irons in her bag.

The only two other Southern Colorado players to break 100 were Rye's Trisha Vinci (98) and Canon City's Sarah Wilie (99).

Pueblo West's Kelsie Betz shot 101.

Colorado Academy and Kent Denver are tied for the team lead at 257, with Broomfield 13 shots back in third.

Salida, winners of a regional tournament for the first time in school history, is well off the pace at 308. Monte Vista, which also qualified as a team, is in 13th place at 349.

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### **Class 4A girls golf**

**GOLDEN, (AP)** - Here are team and individual results from the first round Monday of the girls Class 4A state golf championship held at the par-73, 5,809-yard Rolling Hills Country Club:

**Team Scores** Colorado Academy 257, Kent Denver 257, Broomfield 270, Golden 270, Glenwood Springs 272, Rock Canyon 286, Windsor 286, Greeley Central 292, Cheyenne Mountain 306, Salida 308, Cherokee Trail 309, Rifle 310, Monte Vista.

**Individual Results** Olivia Garard, Kent Denver 74 Elizabeth Kresock, Colorado Academy 79 Chance Forbes, Evergreen 79 Michelle Stripp, Glenwood Springs 81 Loren Forney, Rifle 82 Molly Dorans, Broomfield 83 Michaela Breit, Greeley Central 85 Brittany Johnson, Golden 85 Hillary Hofer, Colorado Academy 87 Ashlee Samuels, Pueblo South 88 Christina Spinzig, Evergreen 88 Grace Duboc, Kent Denver 89 LaNae Wadleigh, La Junta 89 Michaela Worley, Fleming 89 Taylor Stolte, Golden 89 Emily Wood, Salida 90 Meghann Forey, Ralston Valley 90 Justine Kemp, Cheyenne Mountain 91 Courtney Engle, Colorado Academy 91 Kaylee Moore, Cherokee Trail 92 Erika Balfanz, Windsor 92 Erica Schlomer, Windsor 92 Meranda Baker, Broomfield 92 Carlie McAlister, Rock Canyon 93 Eva Deluca, Yuma 93 Jordyn Dougal, The Classical Academy 94 Stephanie Flaagan, Kent Denver 94 Christina Aragon, Pueblo East 94 Megan Innes, Moffat County 94 Natasha Derby, Glenwood Springs 95 Kelly Meldrum, Gunnison 95 Jacquie Fankrell, Broomfield 95 Tessa Sullivan, Montrose 95 Haley Robinson, Pueblo Centennial 95 Sara Shafter, Regis Jesuit 95 Kristyn Hudgens, Pueblo East 96 Maggee Becker, Glenwood Springs 96 Brittany Ransome, Rock Canyon 96 Liz Saint, Estes Park 96 Tayler Bull, Golden 96 Laura Gritz, Rock Canyon 97 Corey Broker, Cheyenne Mountain 97 Daniellle Tafoya, Montrose 97 Katie Ferraro, Broomfield 97 Kaity Plath, Battle Mountain 97 Jeanette Baker, Eagle Valley 98 Bayley Clarke, Colorado Academy 98 Trisha Vinci, Rye 98 Sarah Willie, Canon City 99 Kylie Chrisman, Greeley Central 101 Kelsie Betz, Pueblo West 101 Jordan

Webber, Mountain Range 101 Kristen Heiden, Windsor 102 Alexandra Hauber, Mullen 102 Siobahn Kahanic, Limon 104 Katie Hocheder, Brush 104 Margo Berends, Cherokee Trail 104 Kara Sullivan, St. Mary's 104 Kori Kosht, Rifle 104 Candace Hsu, Alamosa 105 Alissa Aldea, La Junta 105 Arly Landry, Gunnison 105 Darian Amen, Greeley Central 106 Taelor Mullins, Monte Vista 106 Riley Johnson, Salida 106 Kacie Kyne, Ridgway 107 Samantha Lee, Rock Canyon 108 Cara Jorgensen, Fountain-Fort Carson 108 Dani Look, Castle View 108 Elissa Dominguez, Trinidad 109 Danielle Govea, Alamosa 109 Sawyer Bisel, Canon City 109 Heather Nicholson, Moffat County 111 Kendall Gonzales, Salida 112 Jazlynn Armstrong, Brush 113 Marlie Fisher, Cherokee Trail 113 Chelsey Walker, Cherokee Trail 114 Frankie DeGarbo, Pueblo Central 115 Kelsey Moore, Salida 116 Becky Nelson, Cheyenne Mountain 118 Chrissy Thon, Elizabeth 121 Stephanie Atkins, Monte Vista 121 Mary Kelloff, Monte Vista 122 Mercedes Bolado, Rifle 124