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Sarah Bae of Raleigh Athens Drive won a playoff to take the individual championship Tuesday in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A women's golf championships at Pinehurst number six. Bae and Ashley Osiecki of

New Bern finished 36 holes knotted at 152, three shots ahead of the field and 10 over par in difficult playing conditions. Osiecki had a 73 and Bae a 74 in the final round. The two golfers played the 18th hole even and then Bae won it with a birdie on the second playoff hole when they played the 18th again.

Meghan Symonds of Cary Green Hope and Hannah Craver of Pfafftown Reagan finished deadlocked for third at 155, three shots back. Then three golfers wound up in a tie for fifth at 157, including Shelby Osiecki of New Bern, Allyson Markiewicz of Charlotte Ardrey Kell and Gabby Weiss of Southern Pines Pinecrest. Defending individual champion Victoria Allred of Pfafftown Reagan finished tied for 10th.

Abbey Hartsell, who won the Northwestern 3A/4A indivdual championship and was the western regional champion last week at the Brushy Mountain Golf Club, finished in a two-way tie for sixth with a two-day total of 158. Hartsell, who was involved in a three-way tie for first after the opening round, fired an 82 on Tuesday and finished six shots back. Savanna Wood, who finished behind Hartsell in the NW3A/4A and was fifth at regionals last week, finished in a three-way tie for 13th with a two-day score of 163, 11 shots off the pace.

Wood, who had an 83 on Monday, fired an 80 on Tuesday. Wood, a three-time state qualifier posted her second top-15 finish in a row. She finished fourth last year. Mary Seramur was 73rd with a 214. She bettered her score by six shots on Tuesday with a 104; Tasha Wilson was 75th with a two-day total of 218.

Ardrey Kell pulled away on Tuesday in the tight team standings to finish with a 490 total, 11 shots ahead of Pinecrest at 501. Green Hope was third at 504 and Reagan fourth at 508. Alexander Central finished seventh with a team score of 541. The Cougars, who had a team score of 269 Monday finished with a 272 on Tuesday.

WHS finished in a two-way tie for tenth (with Fuquay-Varina) with a team score of 595. The Pioneers, who had a 302 in first round Monday, shaved nine shots off their score Tuesday with a 293.

In Class 3A, Hickory finished 11th with a team score of 632; Ledford won the team title with a team score of 506, besting the field by 12 shots. Bree Keller of the Red Tornadoes finished in a three-way tie for 18th with a two-day total of 178. She had a 94 on the final round. Tara Simmons of C.B. Aycock on the Class 3A championship with a two-day score of 154. She finished with a four-shot lead; she had a 77 on the final round.

The best three scores of a team counted toward the team totals, and a total of 12 teams and 78

golfers competed in the event, the 10th year that the sport has been classified. It was the second time that three separate championships have been held and the 32nd year for state championship competition in the sport.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION2012 STATE 4-A WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPSPinehurst number six TUESDAY'S RESULTS--FINAL TEAM SCORES

Charlotte Ardrey Kell 248 242 490
Pinecrest 252 249 501
Cary Green Hope 250 254 504
Pfafftown Reagan 255 253 508
New Bern 273 256 529
Greensboro Page 272 264 536
Alexander Central 269 272 541
Middle Creek 281 273 554
W-F Rolesville 279 289 568
Watauga 302 293 595
Fuquay-Varina 310 285 595
Wilmington Ashley 305 319 624

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

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Sarah Bae, Athens Drive 78 74 152*
Ashley Osiecki, New Bern 79 73 152
***-Bae defeated Osiecki for the championship on the second playoff hole.**

Meghan Symonds, Green Hope 76 79 155
Hannah Craver, Reagan 79 76 155
Shelby Osiecki, New Bern 78 79 157

Allyson Markiewicz, Ardrey Kell 80 77 157
Gabby Weiss, Pinecrest 76 81 157
Emily Stinson, Ardrey Kell 82 76 158
Abbey Hartsell, Alexander Central 76 82 158
Brittany Smith, Middle Creek 83 78 161
Victoria Allred, Reagan 82 79 161
Catherine Ashworth, Fuquay-Varina 81 81 162
Savanna Wood, Watauga 83 80 163
Leigha Holt, Holly Springs 83 80 163
Savannah Thompson, Pinecrest 83 80 163
Erica Gallerani, Page 89 75 164
Amanda LevyW F-Rolesville, 81 84 165
Muk ShoomeeLee Co, 80 85 165
Morgan ZemaitisMallard Creek, 84 82 166
Maddy ThompsonNew Hanover, 82 84 166
Becca HalterEast Chapel Hill, 81 86 167
Rhea BhatiaHeritage, 83 85 168
Marisa Daquil-KawabeTerry Sanford, 83 85 168
Joliana EliasRagsdale 83, 86 169
Megan MonroeHoke Co 86 85 171
Amanda WyrickNW Guilford 83 88 171