

Model, Rome boys earn trips to state

- All state championships will be held May 22-23.

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Two local golfers claimed area individual titles and helped lead their teams to area championships on Tuesday. Next stop is state.

Cooper Greer shot a 71 as the Model boys completed an 18-hole round with a 310 to win the Class AA Area 3 tournament at Fields Ferry Golf Course in Calhoun. Meanwhile, Rome High's Justin Kim carded a 73 on the Mirror Lakes course in Villa Rica as the Wolves finished second overall at the Class 5A Area 4 tournament with a score of 331.

Greer and Kim each took low medalist honors at their area tournaments. Both teams also qualified for their respective classifications' state championships, which will be held May 22-23. Model will play in Waynesboro, while Rome will have the shorter trip to Carrollton.

Coosa's Dawson Tate tied with the Blue Devils' Cody Boazman for second-lowest score with a 79, while Armuchee's DreQuan Cook shot an 80 at the 3-AA event. Tate and Cook both individually qualified for the state tournament.

Jonathan Bryan and Grant Elliott each scored an 80 to round out Model's top-four qualifying scores. Kyle Dean finished with a 99. Pepperell finished third with a 365.

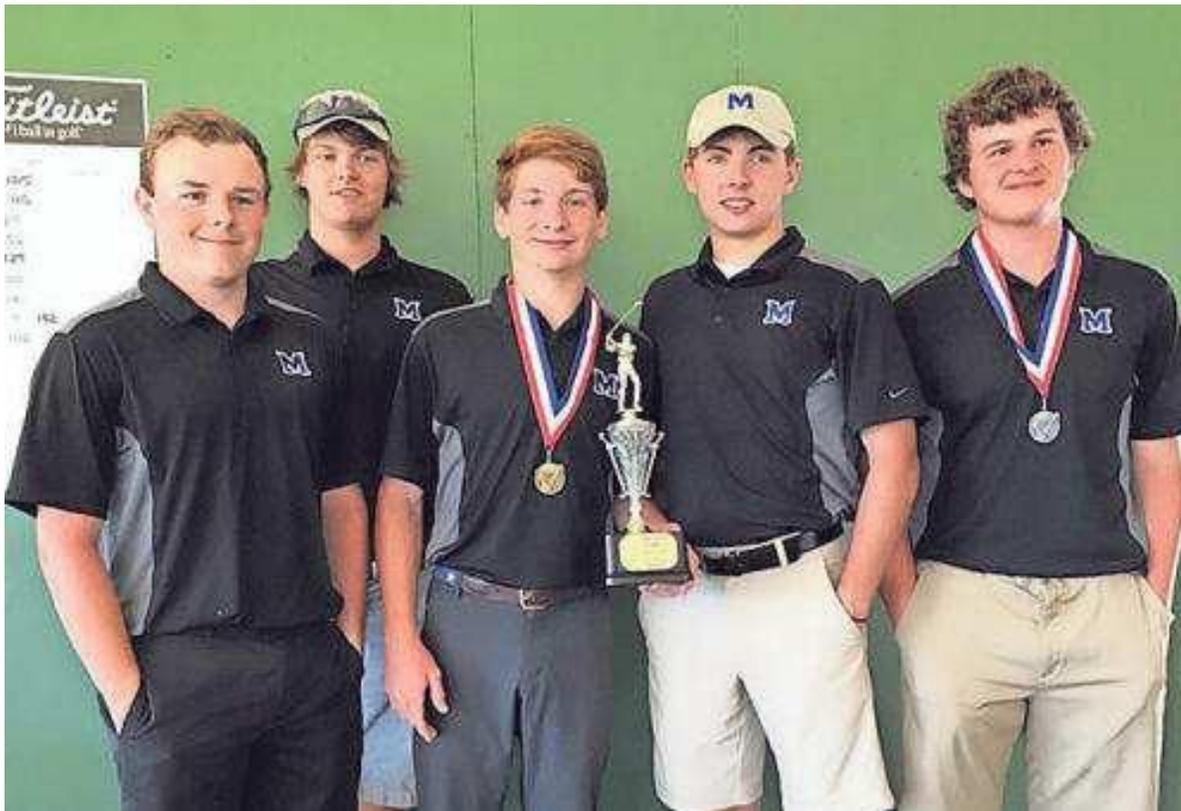
"The boys just showed great focus today. They did a great job," Model coach Todd Gilleland said. "You've got to have four really good scores to succeed. That's what counts, and that's what we've really stressed this year."

It was the second year in a row Kim had earned low medalist at the region/area tournament. Rome's scores were rounded out by Sam Branton (79), John Goolsby (85) and Ben Harrell (94). The team finished 10 strokes behind Carrollton.

Coach Kevin Davis said they set out to qualify for the state tournament as a team this season and he was proud to see his players accomplish it.

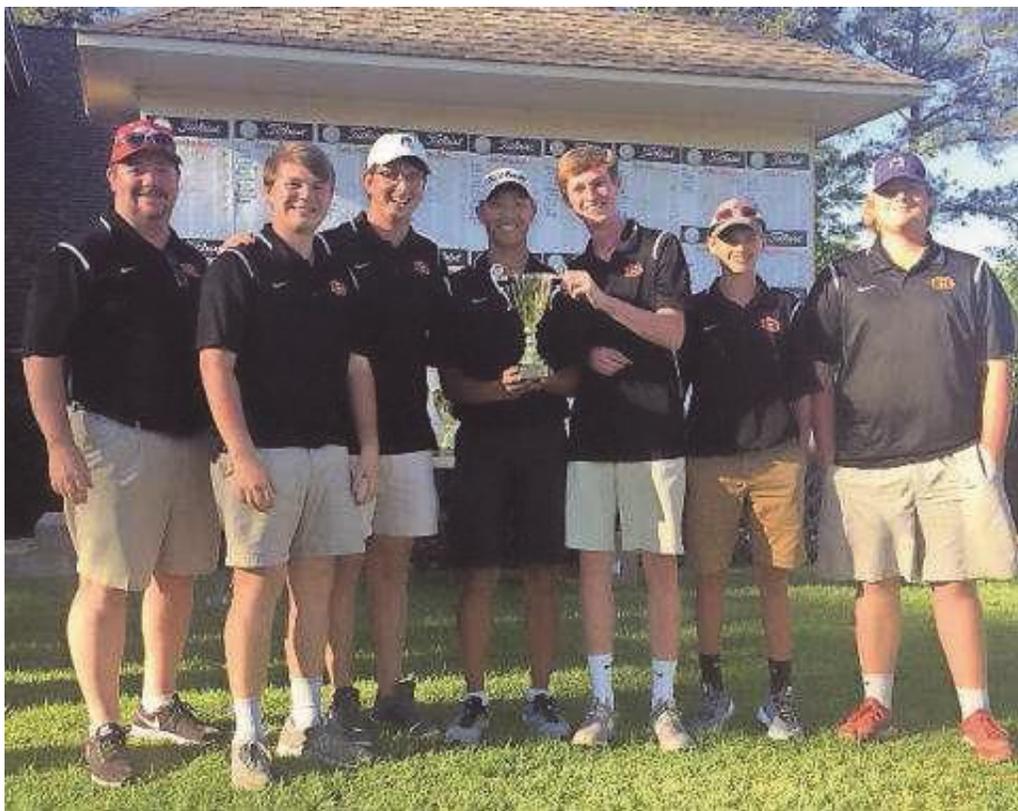
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Model golfers Jonathan Bryan (from left), Kyle Dean, Cooper Parker, Grant Elliott and Cody Boazman pose with the Area 3-AA championship trophy at Fields Ferry Golf Club in Calhoun.



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The Rome boys' golf team finished second at the Area 4-5A championships Tuesday at Mirror Lake Golf Club in Villa Rica. Shown are coach Kevin Davis (from left), golfers John Goolsby,

William Douglas, Justin Kim, Sam Branton, Adam Trammell and Ben Harrell.