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**OCHSNER HEALTH LHSAA STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS – Division I Boys Final Story**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at The Farm d’Allie (6,536 yards, par 72), Carencro, La.**

**CARENCRO** – C. E. Byrd had to hold off nearby rival Benton to do it, but the Yellow Jackets claimed their sixth Girls Division I title in the last eight years Tuesday at the Ochsner Health LHSAA State Golf Championships.

Byrd held a 13-stroke lead after an opening one-over-par 289 on Monday over the 6,536-yard par-72 Farm d’Allie course, but Benton had a 294 team score on Tuesday and got within three shots. Byrd finished with a two-day 593 total after a 304 score in the final round, with Benton finishing as runner-up at 596.

Drew Silman of Zachary claimed individual honors with his second straight two-under 70 score, posting seven birdies in his round including a birdie at the par-five 18<sup>th</sup> hole. That birdie gave him a one-stroke win over Carter Schmitt of Catholic-Baton Rouge, the first-day leader, and Landon East of Sulphur.

Silman birdied four of his first six holes and six of his first 12 on Tuesday, carding a three-under 33 on the front side to catch Schmitt, who had shot a five-under 67 to take the individual lead on Monday. Schmitt posted a 74 in the final round, while East turned in the day’s low round with a four-under 68 to finish tied for second.

Miller Davis and Noah McWilliams, both of Benton, also broke par with a one-under 143 for the two rounds to tie for fourth, while Nick Kelsey of St. Paul’s finished sixth at 146.

Catholic-Baton Rouge finished third in the team chase, tallying a 300 for Tuesday’s second low round and finishing with a 602 total, while St. Paul’s was fourth at 607.