

ALL-AREA GOLF

Golfer of the Year

JAKE DARR

MIDDLETOWN, Freshman

■ Already possessing many of the skills needed to be a successful high school golfer, Darr showed everyone early he was going to be a contender. He won the individual county and district (2A-1A) championships, then finished with a 153 at the state championships. He posted nine hole scores in the mid-30s throughout the season and led the Knights to the district 2A-1A crown.



FIRST TEAM

JOEY DIFRANCESCO SOPHOMORE

THOMAS JOHNSON

■ Qualified for the state tournament. Shot a 78 in the county tournament. Carried a 38.5 scoring average for nine holes

KURTIS HEATON SENIOR

BRUNSWICK

■ Heaton averaged 40.0 for the Railroaders, qualified for the state tournament and finished with a 169. In the county tournament, he shot a 79.

BRIAN JAMES SENIOR

OAKDALE

■ Making his first appearance at the state tournament, James survived the cut and finished with a 161. At the county tournament, he shot a 79.

MITCHELL MILLER SENIOR

WALKERSVILLE

■ Averaged 40.1 for the Lions during the season. Qualified for the state tournament. Shot a 75 at the county tournament.

JOSH MCDANIEL SENIOR

TUSCARORA

■ McDaniel made a return trip to the states this year, finishing with a 161. He averaged 39.5 during the regular season for the Titans. He carded a 76 at the county tournament.

JON MOLES SENIOR

URBANA

■ Moles set the pace for the Hawks in the state tournament, finishing tied for seventh, individually, with a 147. During the regular season, he averaged 37.0 for nine holes. He shot a 74 at the county tournament.



HONORABLE MENTION

Catoctin—Garrett Keyser, Garrett Ridenour. **Frederick**—Rory Conklin, Jon Lee. **Linganore**—Ryan Gilmartin. **Middletown**—Phillip Addington, Shane Cleverly, Zach Main, Eric Williams, Brendan Grife. **Oakdale**—Loren Prescott. **TJ**—Jack Magerowski. **Tuscarora**—Bailey McAuliffe. **Urbana**—Stefan Lapcevic, Teagan Stephenson, Riley Tyeryar, Ryan Woodward, Madison Lewis. **Walkersville**—Nick Kotchenreuther, Samantha Hudak, Adam Marshall.

No. 2 Alabama forced to cope with another injured receiver

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — No. 2 Alabama's once-deep receiving corps has been hit by its third big injury.

The Crimson Tide lost deep threat Kenny Bell to a broken leg against Auburn, marking the third major hit among receivers this season. It has left a thinned-out group facing No. 3 Georgia in Saturday's Southeastern Conference championship game.

Coach Nick Saban said Monday he's considering playing highly touted freshman Chris Black, who had shoulder surgery in August, over the final two games. Black is in line for a redshirt season.

"He's been practicing for three weeks now. Now he's been cleared," Saban said Monday. "So we're going to try to get him some reps because we're getting down to where we only have maybe five guys that have much experience at the position. We still feel good about the guys that we have. We just need to get more guys ready to play so that they can complement each other."

"You'd like to be able to roll guys in and out at that position."

The Tide (11-1) has been able to do that pretty well this season despite the casualties. DeAndrew White started the first five games before a season-ending knee injury against Mississippi.

Now, Bell has had surgery and is out five or six weeks. Saban said

it's up to the team doctors to determine when he can return.

Bell is averaging a team-high 25.4 yards per catch and had the team's two longest receptions, 85 yards against Florida Atlantic and 57 versus Mississippi State.

The biggest playmaker for quarterback AJ McCarron has clearly been freshman Amari Cooper, easily the team leader with 767 yards and eight touchdowns. He has three 100-yard games in his last six games despite being held without a catch against LSU, when he missed the second half with an ankle injury.

"The one you notice is Cooper, obviously," Georgia coach Mark Richt said. "He's the leading receiver. He's definitely the go-to guy, the deep ball guy, made some wonderful plays. Some of the long yardage receptions have been just launching it out there deep and him making a play. He's also caught a couple balls, shorter range balls, made people miss, has taken it to the house or had some big plays."

"He's very versatile. They have a couple other guys that have been outstanding for them, as well."

Kevin Norwood and Christian Jones are veterans having solid seasons but no other healthy wideout has more than four catches.

Tight end Michael Williams is fourth on the team with 19 catches

and tailback Eddie Lacy fifth with 18.

Georgia can relate to Alabama's problems.

The Bulldogs' Marlon Brown and Michael Bennett have both been lost for the season with knee injuries. They were leading the team in receiving at the time of their injuries.

Alabama started preseason camp with plenty of bodies at receiver despite the departure of Marquis Maze and Darius Hanks. The numbers have since dwindled.

"It was really deep. It's a shame that we had a lot of injuries," Norwood said. "Injuries happen. We just got to deal with it the best way we can."

With Alabama trying to play for a national championship, Black's situation presents an interesting dilemma. One of the nation's top receiving prospects, he enrolled in January and scored on a 44-yard catch-and-run play in the spring game.

Alabama cornerback Dee Milliner has faced him frequently in practice and thinks he could get the job done if needed.

"He's been practicing against us for, like, the last three weeks, giving us a great look of different receivers from different teams," Milliner said. "He does a great job with that. Hopefully, if he can play he'll be a big step for us."



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Alabama wide receiver Kenny Bell (7) is helped from the field after being injured during Saturday's game.