



The championship flight winners are, from left, Joel Lavalley, Allen Hitchcock, Jordan Turner and Dann Stout.

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The top-four teams in each flight were recognized at the event.

The Stern family claimed second in the championship flight, shooting a 17-under, 55. The team included Wally Stern and his sons Will and Nick, along with former WCHS golfer Liam Brock.

Paul Martin, Matt Cotten, Brad Brock and Brent Brock placed third in the championship flight at 16-under, while Phil Whisenhunt, Johnny Murray, Bobby Taylor and Larry Willmore were fourth at 14-under.

The other two teams finishing at 61 in the first flight were the quartet of Syd Prater, Larry Prater, Betty Wood and Adam Wood and the group including Michael Taylor, Buddy Cantrell, Delbert Ray and Terry Underhill. Steve Cantrell, Brent Pryor, Tim Paige and Norman

Sain claimed fourth with a 10-under, 62.

In the second flight, John Chisam, Danny Sutton, Hunter Sain and Van Bonin combined to shoot 66. Two teams finished tied at 67, with Shane Brock, Wes Fanning, Kenny Delon and Tim Land winning a tiebreaker over Bruce Gipson, Clint Moore, Stan Martin and Hilton Conger.

The event was a big success for Rotary, which raised nearly \$10,000 for their programs.

"On behalf of the Breakfast and Noon Rotary Clubs of McMinnville, I would like to thank all player, prize donors and sponsors for making our tournament a great success," said tournament organizer Bill Rogers. "The money raised from this event will go toward funding the charitable work of the Rotary clubs. I want to congratulate all the winners and we hope to see everybody back next year."



The first flight winners are, from left, Pieter van Vuuren, David Marttala, Andy Knowles and Andrew Brock.



The second flight winners are, from left, Greg Smartt, Micah Lawrence, Steve Beard and Josh Elam.

Wright

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"This the first time we've had somebody sign early. It's great for younger

kids coming to the high school who may not think girls basketball has athletes go to the next level, but aside from last year,

we've had somebody go play every year," said Panter. "Charleston Southern is a big school. It's D-1. Maybe people

don't know about it because it's not Tennessee or Alabama. Kids see teams on TV and think they're the only options, but there are realistic goals out there.

"Tyra is a real-life example to younger Lady Pioneers. It's awesome."

Before heading to South

Carolina, where she plans to pursue a degree in psychology and a career as a speech therapist, Wright has unfinished business in town.

"I want to get better and win some games," said Wright. "I'm looking forward to playing with my team one last time."

Vols relish fresh start with Pruitt

KNOXVILLE (AP) — Offensive tackle Drew Richmond gave a two-word analysis of Tennessee's dreadful 2017 season, and that was twice as long as defensive tackle Shy Tuttle's synopsis.

Their comments exemplify how the Volunteers are trying to put last year behind them while savoring a fresh start under a new staff.

"It's over," Richmond said.

When Tuttle was asked to describe the 2017 season, he replied with a one-word expletive.

Yet no matter how hard they try to put it in the past, the Vols realize they'll never completely forget what happened last year as they staggered through one of the most disappointing seasons in this program's proud history.

Ranked in the Top 25 to start the season, Tennessee finished 4-8 and failed to win a Southeastern Conference game for the first time since the league started football competition in 1933. The collapse led to the firing of Butch Jones and the hiring of former Alabama defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt.

"It's in the rear-view mirror, but shoot, me myself, I've got it in the back of my head," Tuttle said. "I'm not trying to be that again."

Tennessee players spoke to reporters Sunday for the first time since starting training camp two days earlier, as seven Vols were made available to the media before gathering for a team photo.

"The past is the past," linebacker Daniel Bituli said. "I feel like every guy on this team has rally embraced a new staff, a new scheme. We're just excited for this season."

Tennessee's busy day also featured an open practice that was followed by an autograph session. Fans started lining up outside Neyland Stadium as early as 7 a.m., and about 100 people had gathered by 10 a.m. to attend a practice session that didn't begin until 2:30 p.m.

That shows this fan base remains hopeful, even though preseason projections for Tennessee are much different than they've been in the recent past.

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