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Colorado's Talley: Statistically snubbed

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Colorado's Emily Talley



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Golf is a predominantly individual sport, however, college golf has probably done the best job of any such sport of placing the emphasis on team.

We often lose track of the individual play because of this greater focus on the team game.

Today, 72 teams teed off at three regional sites in hopes of finishing inside the top eight and advancing to the NCAA Women's Championship in a couple weeks.

Playing alongside those 72 teams are nine individuals (see charts, below) that were selected by the NCAA Women's Golf Committee.

Those individuals are playing unattached - a word that is more associated with track and field - meaning they are competing without a team.

And while most of the attention since selection day has been placed on the absence of Minnesota and Harvard, not to mention the inclusion of College of Charleston and East Carolina, the individual selections received little talk.

It appeared there was one player who might have been left out. Colorado's Emily Talley was ranked No. 146 by *Golfweek* and No. 140 by Golfstat.

Talley, a sophomore, would have been the sixth-best individual not on a team according to *Golfweek* numbers and the eighth-best player according to Golfstat. Talley, who closed the season with a T-5 at the Big 12 Conference Championship, posted five top-11 finishes in 11 starts.

In terms of team play, Talley would be your equivalent to Minnesota.

Players that received individual invites into regional play:

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- 59. Ashley Bauer (Michigan)
- 65. Ellen Mueller (Oklahoma)
- 101. Julia Potter (Missouri)
- 103. Amy Anderson (ND State)
- 133. Shena Yang (So. Fla.)
- 147. Teresa Puga (Minnesota)
- 151. Olivia Lansing (Drake)
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