

Karlee Allen signs golf scholarship with UAB

By Brian Hamilton

Karlee Allen, the eldest of the Northside sister trio, signed a scholarship to play golf for the UAB Lady Blazers on Monday afternoon. Karlee, along with her younger sisters Ericka and Ashlee, helped the Lady Rams win the Class 4A/5A girls golf championship in 2018.

Allen said that while she is focused on her senior season at Northside, she is excited to play for first-year UAB head coach Ryan Ashburn, who recently took over the Blazer program after serving as a Baylor assistant.

"They have a good golf program and (Ashburn) is making it even better," Allen said. "I really liked her and it is a great campus and they play all around Birmingham, which is great."

Allen said now that the signing process is over, she feels like she can relax and just play golf.

"It has been very stressful," Karlee said. "I just wanted to make everybody happy and I wanted to choose a place that was good for me and I feel like I've done that."

One dynamic that will change for Karlee this year is that it will be her first season with her mother Kaye as the Northside head golf coach.

"Karlee started in seventh grade and was able to play on the high school team, so for six years I have

been the assistant coach," Kaye Allen said. "She had the same coach, Stacia Morrison, who just retired last May and I talked with Coach Hilliker and Mr. Dunn, the principal, and told them I was interested, which I think they knew because it was just my girls on the team, so that's kind of how that went."

Karlee said she looks forward to playing for her mom, Kaye, during her senior year at Northside.

"Last year she was already there, but now she will get to actually talk to me and tell me what's going on," Karlee said. "It's not like I have to hide from her anymore."

This season will be the last time the trio of sisters all get to play together as a team and Allen said she hopes the siblings can go out on top with back-to-back state championships as a team.

While Allen is excited to continue her path onto the collegiate level, the senior said she will miss playing alongside her two siblings.

"I'm really going to miss my sisters so much," Karlee said.

However, the Allen's still have one more season to play together and the sisters look for nothing less than another state championship.

"I am really excited about the upcoming season and to see if we can win another championship," Karlee said.

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Karlee Allen signs her letter of intent while father Gregg and mother Kaye look on in jubilation.



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Karlee Allen (middle) poses on signing day with sisters Ashlee (left) and Ericka (right).