

Williams Leads Kalida to Crown 1992 PCL Tournament

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Kalida's Andy Williams set the pace and his teammates were very consistent as the Wildcats captured the Putnam County League golf championship Friday at the Delphos Country Club.

Williams fired an even par round of 71 to capture medalist honors, while as a team Kalida shot a 314 total to outdistance second place Ottoville (322) by eight strokes. This was the third straight league title for the Wildcats.

Third was Columbus Grove with a team total of 372 followed by Fort Jennings with a 380, Miller City was fifth at 388, Pandora-Gilboa sixth at 401 and Continental was seventh at 475.

With his round of 71 Williams may have even surprised himself somewhat.

"I still can't believe it," the Kalida junior said. "I didn't think I was prepared for this match. I haven't been playing all that great or the way I would have liked to have been playing. This round should really help my confidence. The course was in great shape, it was a little windy, but I don't think it affected me since I'm used to playing windy conditions at Country Acres all the time."

As a team Kalida played a very consistent round as after Williams round of 71 (3-37), the next three scores were all 81's. Senior Amy Langhals (39-42), sophomore John Heckman (41-40) and freshman Chad Ehrnsberger (38-43) all finished with rounds of 81. Junior Ryan Turnwald finished with an 85 (42-43).

"I'm very pleased with the way we played," Kalida coach Jim Harrod said. "All the players played real nice consistent rounds. I'm happy for the kids. They have really worked hard on developing a good mental attitude, along with the basic fundamentals and today it showed with their scores."

Second place Ottoville was led by Matt Hilvers medalist runner-up round of 77 (39-38). He was helped by Mark Schnipke's 81 (39-42), while Jason Metcalfe (39-43) and Joe Niedecken (42-40) both shot 82's. Kurt Hilvers shot an 84 (43-41).

"The kids are naturally disappointed," Ottoville coach Jim Maley said. "They wanted to win. But all five players being first or second team says something for what they have accomplished. We don't have one super player, we have five solid players. They all shot at or below their average for the season. They are super kids and they have had super years."

All five Kalida and Ottoville golfers were named to the first and second team. The only exception to the first and second team was Columbus Grove's Mike Meffley.

On the first team from Kalida were Williams (71), Langhals (81), Ehrnsberger (81) and Heckman (81),

with Ottoville's Matt Hilvers (77) and Schnipke (81). The second team consisted of Metcalfe (82), Niedecken (82) and Kurt Hilvers (84); Kalida's Turnwald (85) and Grove's Meffley (87) round out the second team.

SCORES

KALIDA 314 - Andy Williams (34-37-71), Amy Langhals (39-42-81), Chad Ehrnsberger (38-43-81), John Heckman (41-40-81) and Ryan Turnwald (42-43-85).

OTTOVILLE 322 - Jason Metcalfe (39-43-82), Joe Niedecken (42-40-82), Kurt Hilvers (43-41-84), Mark Schnipke (39-42-81) and Matt Hilvers (39-38-77).

COLUMBUS GROVE 372 - Neil Schaublin (41-47-88), Mike Meffley (45-42-87), Brian Kirst (50-49-99), Matt Bolyard (49-54-103) and Ryan Kruse (51-47-98).

FORT JENNINGS 380 - Brad Vetter (43-45-88), Brian Schroeder (50-48-98), Keith VonLehmden (49-46-95), Todd VonLehmden (51-48-99) and Ryan VonSossan (Withdrew).

MILLER CITY 388 - Jason Noirot (49-52-101), Mike Oberhaus (50-50-100), Ryan Wagner (45-50-95), Mark Schnipke (47-52-99) and Jeff Rieman (48-46-94).

PANDORA-GILBOA 401 - Josh Huffman (50-52-102), Andy Green (44-49-93), Jason Stokes (55-51-106), Bob Halker (50-50-100) and Ryan Stokes (52-59-111).

CONTINENTAL 475 - Brad Fuller (62-70-132), Nate Huff (57-69-126), Casey Knowles (58-57-115), Sam Galyk (63-51-114) and Mark Yenser (64-56-120).