

Kalida Repeats PCL Title Weisenburger Medalist 1997 PCL Tournament

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The Country Acres Golf Course challenged the Putnam County League golfers Monday afternoon, providing some old and new results.

Due to Friday night's heavy rains the course played longer on Monday, however that didn't seem to bother Kalida's golf team and Continental golfer Kyle Weisenburger

Kalida repeated its PCL golf championship for the ninth straight year as they ran away from the field, while Weisenburger played a consistent round in capturing medalist honors for the first time.

The Wildcats ran away from the field on Monday as they shot a 307 to capture another league championship. Ottoville finished second in the seven-team field with a 332 followed by Continental with a 340, Fort Jennings checked in at 353, Miller City had a 367, Columbus Grove was at 391 and Leipsic had a 425 as they made their first league championship appearance in 20 years.

Although Kalida ran away with the team championship, the battle for medalist honors was a little tighter.

Continental junior Kyle Weisenburger captured medalist honors Monday as he shot a 36-38 for a 74. Kalida senior Jason Unverferth was second on the list as he shot a 75, rallying from a 42 he shot on the front nine. Kevin Stechschulte and John Schmursal tied for third place as both shot a 77.

"My round felt good, it was one of my better rounds," Weisenburger said. "The course played very tough today due to the rain, especially along the roughs, but I spent most of my round in the fairways. I putted very well today as I had only one three put hole."

Weisenburger's only major trouble in his round came on the back nine and he had a triple bogey on the 16th hole.

While Weisenburger was playing very consistent golf, the Wildcats could not say the same through the first nine holes. Kalida had a pair of golfers shoot poorly on their first nine holes, then turn up their game on the back nine to help their team collect the title.

"This was good team win for us," Kalida Coach Ken Schnipke said. "We had a couple of golfers get off to bad starts on their first nine, but I told them at the turn they could put that behind them or go out and turn it around."

"All I can ask of them is to be consistent. We have been pretty consistent all year as any one of the three golfers can shot for medalist on a given night. We hope to be able to carry this consistent play into the tournament."

The Wildcats' Jason Unverferth and Kevin Stechschulte both got off to bad starts Monday as Unverferth shot a 42 on the front nine and Stechschulte started with a 40. The two seniors rebounded on the back nine as Unverferth shot a 33 on the round and Stechschulte had a 37 to shoot a 75 and 77 respectively.

John Schmursal also had a 77, Derek Schroeder had a 78 and Dale Schnipke had an 82.

"It was tough out there today," Schnipke added. "It was wet and they had the tees back. It took a club or two more to reach the green. You hit it in the rough, you've got to watch where it goes or you'll lose it. It was a premium to keep it in the fairway."

All five of Kalida's golfers were named to the all-league first or second team as the PCL first team consisted of Weisenburger, Unverferth, Kevin Stechschulte, Schmursal, Schroeder and Ottoville's Matt Wannemacher with a 78.

The second team consisted of Fort Jennings' Ryan Stechschulte (80) and Schnipke of Kalida (82) along with Ottoville's Darren Leis (83) and Adam Koester (84) and Ft. Jennings' Kyle Liebrecht (86).

SCORES

KALIDA 307 - Jason Unverferth 75, Kevin Stechschulte 77, John Schmursal 77, Derek Schroeder 78 and Dale Schnipke 82.

OTTOVILLE 332 - Matt Wannemacher 78, Darren Leis 83, Adam Koester 84, Cory Miller 87 and Rusty MacDonald 89.

CONTINENTAL 340 - Kyle Weisenburger 74, Keith Fisher 87, Bruce Troyer 89, Jacob Griffith 90 and Scott Grant 92.

FORT JENNINGS 353 - Ryan Stechschulte 80, Kyle Liebrecht 86, Matt Menke 93, Aaron Utrup 94 and Scott Gasser 96.

MILLER CITY 367 - Pat Coble 87, Aaron Erford 89, Tyler Miller 89, Andy Palte 102 and Dusty Pester 102.

COLUMBUS GROVE 391 - Ryan Miller 92, Chris Crenshaw 98, Joe Mayberry 100, Jared Diller 101 and Ryan Zimmerly 101.

LEIPSIC 425 - Derek Hermiller 99, Rod Hermiller 102, Mitch Selhorst 104, Dave Selhorst 120 and Kyle Steffan 124.