

# Kalida Team Repeat at PCLT

## Weisenburger is Medalist

### 1998 PCL Tournament

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Continental's Kyle Weisenburger and the Kalida golf team have something in common. They repeated championships at the annual Putnam County League golf tournament Monday afternoon.

Weisenburger grabbed medalist honors for the second straight year in the PCL, while Kalida won their tenth straight league championship. This year's tournament was played at the Pike Run Golf Course.

Weisenburger, a senior, repeated as medalist as he shot a one under par round of 70 Monday. He shot a 37 on the front, and then carded a 33 as he headed for the clubhouse.

Kalida repeated its PCL championship for the eighth straight time as they shot a team score of 312. Fort Jennings was right behind them at 316 followed by Continental at 326, Ottoville at 332 and Columbus Grove was fifth at 339. Miller City was sixth in the standings with a 347 and host Leipsic was seventh with a 352.

For Weisenburger, his day didn't start out in medalist fashion, but he was able to turn things around in a hurry.

"The first four of five holes, I didn't play really well," Weisenburger said. "I had a couple of bogeys early and I just had to settle down and play my game."

"I may have been a little nervous in trying to repeat. I didn't know if anyone had done it before and I wanted to do it. The fourth hole I made a nice par putt and I started playing pretty well after that."

While Weisenburger didn't start out playing well he finished hot as he birdied 14, 15 and 16, parred 17 and finished with a bogey on 18.

"The last five holes I played really well," Weisenburger said. "The course played a lot different, a lot harder. The greens were tough as you had to watch how you bounced the shot up there and watch the speed of your putt."

While a senior captured medalist honors Monday, a group of underclassmen took home the big prize.

Without a senior in the lineup Kalida regained control of the PCL after heavy graduation losses last season.

"A lot of people expected us to be in a rebuilding year and why not with the loss of Jason (Unverferth) and Kevin (Stechschulte) and a good fifth man in Dale (Schnipke). Two of them are playing college golf, but this team was able to get it," Kalida Coach Ken Schnipke said. "This was a good team win for us and we did it without a senior in the lineup."

"We didn't know what type of season we would have, but these players have worked hard and we have turned in a good season."

On Monday Kalida was led by junior John Schmursal with a 75 (38-37), while freshman Seth Winkle had a 77 (41-36), Junior Jenny Schnipke had a 79 (41-38), while sophomore Jerid Winkle (42-39) and junior Derek Schroeder (45-36) both had an 81.

"This was good team win," Schmursal said. "The team really played well. This is a well-rounded team in the fact

that if someone is having a bad night someone else comes along and picks them up."

"Being underclassmen, we really don't have a team leader. The juniors sometimes take control or the sophomores and even the freshmen. We help pick each other up."

"I really didn't say much to them before they went out," Schnipke added. "We had lunch at Wendy's and talked over the course and what we had learned from our practice round on Sunday. With three new faces in the lineup, they don't always look pretty getting it done, but they get it done."

Fort Jennings finished second as Ryan Stechschulte was second overall with a 73. He received help from Kyle Liebrecht and Matt Kunz with 80's and Aaron Utrup had an 83.

Pike Run played to the golfers' liking Thursday as 14 players instead of ten, garnered all-league honors.

Grabbing first team honors were Weisenburger (70), Stechschulte (73), Columbus Grove's Jared Diller (75), Schmursal (75), Ottoville's Adam Koester (77), Tyler Miller (77) of Miller City and Seth Winkle (77) of Kalida.

On the second team was Jenny Schnipke (79), Leipsic's Garrett Korte (80), Kyle Liebrecht (80) and Matt Kunz (80) of Fort Jennings, Jerid Winkle (81) and Derek Schroeder (81) of Kalida and Matt Wannemacher (81) of Ottoville.

#### SCORES

**KALIDA 312** - John Schmursal (38-37-75), Jerid Winkle (42-39-81), Derek Schroeder (45-36-81), Seth Winkle (41-36-77) and Jenny Schnipke (41-38-79).

**FORT JENNINGS 316** - Ryan Stechschulte (37-36-73), Kyle Liebrecht (40-40-80), Scott Gasser (52-42-94), Matt Kunz (42-38-80) and Aaron Utrup (83) .

**CONTINENTAL 326** - Kyle Weisenburger (37-33-70), Keith Fisher (40-43-83), Scott Grant (44-44-88), Gene Tegenkamp (46-42-88) and Jacob Griffith (43-42-85).

**OTTOVILLE 332** - Adam Koester (39-38-77), Matt Wannemacher (40-41-81), Joe Horstman (37-45-82), Chris Horstman (92) and Bobby Horstman (48-46-94).

**COLUMBUS GROVE 339** - Jared Diller (38-37-75), Joe Mayberry (43-44-87), Ryan Miller (44-42-86), Chris Crenshaw (49-48-97) and Jack Ruen (48-43-91).

**MILLER CITY 347** - Pat Coble (48-41-89), Tyler Miller (38-39-77), Dusty Pester (44-49-93), Benji Pester (44-44-88) and A. J. Hoffman (49-45-94).

**LEIPSIC 352** - Mitch Selhorst (47-45-92), Garrett Korte (43-37-80), Derrik Hermiller (45-47-92), Nate Inkrott (46-42-88) and Mike Niese (52-51-103).