

# Continental Wins PCL Golf Championship by One Shot Pirates End Kalida's Reign 2000 PCL Tournament

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On his way to the Delphos Country Club Monday afternoon, Continental golf coach Dave Tobias felt the Pirates would finish no worse than first or second in the Putnam County League tournament.

However, going up against a Kalida squad that had won 11 straight league titles, he knew it would take a superior effort from his golfers. As the scores started to filter in, nearly everyone started to concede the Wildcats another title.

But as the final scores were tallied, the Pirates had survived the cold, wind and rain, sometimes heavy, to dethrone the defending PCL champions by one stroke.

Continental claimed the PCL golf title Monday as they finished with a team total of 331. Kalida was second with a 332, followed by Ottoville at 350, Leipsic was fourth at 359, Fort Jennings was fifth at 374, Miller City was sixth and 383 and Columbus Grove finished seventh with a 396.

"On a day like today (weather conditions) anything can happen," Continental Coach Dave Tobias said. "To be honest I thought we had a really good shot at second place. I told the kids on the way over I'd be disappointed if we didn't finish first or second."

"These kinds of weather conditions kind of make the field even. Anyone can win on a day like today. This turned into more of a mental game than a physical game because if you didn't have little bit of toughness it would be easy to quit."

The Pirates' run to the championship was led by runner-up medalist Keith Fisher with a 78 (38-40). Jeff Potts (38-44) and Asa Donaldson (40-42) both shot an 82 and Gene Tegenkamp had an 89 (42-47). Katie Weisenburger finished with a 99 (48-51) for the Pirates.

"I give my kids credit because we hadn't been playing that well the last week or two," Tobias said. "Maybe this will get us going again."

"I wasn't surprised by what we shot. I was surprised we shot this well under these conditions. Jeff Potts is the one kid that has been playing better as the season goes along. The other kids shot what they are basically capable of shooting."

The PCL medalist was Kalida's Seth Winkle as he shot a 77 (39-38). Jerid Winkle helped Kalida finish

second as he shot an 80 (40-40), while Russell Hamilton had an 82 (38-44) and Ross Askins had a 93 (44-49).

The PCL first team includes Seth and Jerid Winkle of Kalida and Keith Fisher, Continental. They were joined by Leipsic's Garrett Korte with a 79 (35-44) and Ottoville's Bob Horstman with an 81 (37-44).

The second team consisted of Continental's Asa Donaldson and Jeff Potts, Fort Jennings' Heath Stechschulte and Matt Kunz with 87's, Ottoville's Joe Horstman with an 83, Columbus Grove's Kip McDowell with an 87 and Hamilton of Kalida.

## SCORES

**CONTINENTAL 331** - Keith Fisher 78, Jeff Potts 82, Asa Donaldson 82, Gene Tegenkamp 89 and Katie Weisenburger 99.

**KALIDA 332** - Seth Winkle 77, Jerid Winkle 80, Russell Hamilton 82, Ross Askins 93 and Amanda Schroeder 98.

**OTTOVILLE 350** - Bob Horstman 81, Joe Horstman 83, Andy Kehres 90, Jason Markward 96 and Mitch Heitmeyer 105.

**LEIPSIC 359** - Garrett Korte 79, Ryan Selhorst 90, Andrew Cain 95, Matt Warnimont 95 and Roger Steffan 105.

**FORT JENNINGS 374** - Matt Kunz 87, Heath Stechschulte 87, Matt Metzger 95, Eric Brokamp 105 and Nate Geise 107.

**MILLER CITY 380** - Doug Pester 93, A. J. Hoffman 94, Josh Klear 96, Ross Gerschutz 97 and Matt Schieber 102.

**COLUMBUS GROVE 396** - Kip McDowell 87, Tom Dotson 95, Adam Schroeder 97 and Darren Gertsen 117.