

Kalida Regains PCL Title

2001 PCL Tournament

Putnam County Sentinel – Charlie Warnimont, Sports Editor

Kalida's golf team was on a mission as they competed in the Putnam County League golf tournament Monday.

Having lost the PCL title to Continental one year earlier the Wildcats were looking to return the championship trophy to their school. Despite less than favorable playing conditions at Country Acres, the Wildcats accomplished their mission.

Kalida ran away from the field Monday as they shot a 317 to win the league title. Continental finished second with a 349, Leipsic was third at 358 and Ottoville was fourth at 369. Fort Jennings was next with a 375, Miller City was sixth with a 395 and Columbus Grove took seventh at 429.

Monday's weather featured a variety of conditions as golfers had to endure the cold, wind and an off-and-on mist as they worked their way through the 18 holes of golf.

"The kids were focused on winning, although I never said anything to them about what happened last year," Kalida coach Ken Schnipke said. "One of the players did say they had a few strokes to get back from last year, so it was probably in the back of their minds a little."

"You don't say too much about what happened, because I want them playing the best golf they possible can and they did a real good job. We played real well considering the weather, cold and wind."

The Wildcats' effort Monday was led by sophomore Russell Hamilton with an even par round of 72 and senior Seth Winkle with a two over par round of 74. Eric Fischnich chipped in with an 85 and Ross Askins had an 86. Amanda Schroeder finished with an 87 for the Wildcats as all five golfers earned first or second team honors.

"To shoot a 72 or 74 today is real good considering the weather, it was brutal out there. It was the coldest and wettest day we have played on so far this year," Schnipke added. "Russell and Seth have played well all year and they did it again. What's good about this win is that it helps get the kids' confidence up heading into sectionals on Friday."

Continental finished second as the Pirates were led by Gene Tegenkamp with an 83 and Asa Donaldson had an 86. Todd Sigler and Kurtis Brown both had a 90, while Katie Weisenburger had a 97.

Leipsic was led by Garrett Korte with an 81 and Andrew Cain with an 84. Ryan Selhorst had a 96 and Matt Warnimont a 97.

Kalida and Leipsic both had two players named to the first team in Hamilton and Winkle for Kalida, Korte

and Cain for Leipsic. Continental's Gene Tegenkamp nabbed the other first team spot.

The second team consisted of Kalida's Eric Fischnich and Ross Askins, Asa Donaldson of Continental, Fort Jennings Ross Stechschulte with an 86, Columbus Grove's Kip McDowell with an 87 and Schroeder of Kalida.

SCORES

KALIDA 317 - Russell Hamilton 72, Seth Winkle 74, Eric Fischnich 85, Ross Askins 86 and Amanda Schroeder 87.

CONTINENTAL 349 - Gene Tegenkamp 83, Asa Donaldson 86, Todd Sigler 90, Kurtis Brown 90 and Katie Weisenburger 97.

LEIPSIC 358 - Garrett Korte 81, Andrew Cain 84, Ryan Selhorst 96, Matt Warnimont 97 and Roger Steffan 124.

OTTOVILLE 369 - Alex Horstman 88, Kevin Markward 90, Jason Markward 94, Dustin Hoehn 97 and Justin Laudick 102.

FORT JENNINGS 375 - Ross Stechschulte 86, Eric Brokamp 92, Heath Stechschulte 98, Wes Warnecke 99 and Kurt Menke 108.

MILLER CITY 395 - Andy Schnipke 96, Doug Pester 97, Sam Pester 98, Matt Schieber 104 and Zach Schroeder N/A.

COLUMBUS GROVE 429 - Kip McDowell 87, Kacey Hughes 111, Ryan Askins 113 and Darren Gertsen 118.