

Kalida Repeats PCL Golf Championship Monday 2002 PCL Tournament

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Kalida didn't play host to the Putnam County League golf tournament this year, but it was played on their home course at Country Acres.

The home flavor may have helped the Wildcats as they posted the three low scores Monday on their way to repeating as league champions.

Kalida retained the PCL title as they shot a team score of 317. Ottoville finished second with a 340, while Miller City was third at 356. Fort Jennings was fourth at 360 followed by Continental at 368 and Leipsic was sixth at 376.

Kalida was able to retain the title as their top three golfers all had solid rounds as they finished within three strokes of each other.

The Wildcats' efforts Monday were led by senior Ross Askins as he shot a 75 (36-39). Junior Russell Hamilton was next with a 76 (38-38) and junior Eric Fischnich followed with a 78 (37-41). Sophomore Barry Schroeder posted the Wildcats' fourth score with an 88(43-45) while freshman Andy Unverferth was the squad's fifth golfer shooting a 90.

Askins, Hamilton and Fischnich all grabbed first team all-league honors while Schroeder was second team all-league.

"Those three played pretty good," Kalida Coach Ken Schnipke said. "They have been our top three players all season and they went out and did the job today. Overall, I thought we played pretty well."

"We've been up and down. One night we'll shoot well, but the next night we won't. I don't exactly know why but we're starting to play better as the season winds down. We had a 317 today, but I feel we can shoot better."

While Schnipke feels the Wildcats can play better, he was happy to see Askins take medalist honors. Playing as Kalida's third golfer, this was the Wildcat senior's final PCL tournament.

"I was happy to see Ross take medalist honors, this being his final year and he is our only senior," Schnipke said. "He is starting to play better right now. He had a couple of good matches early, and then the scores went up, now they are coming back down."

"I just told them to relax and not to let one shot bother them. This is their home course and they should know how to play. A 317 is good score, but I think we have to bring it down a couple shots by districts and I think we can do that."

Ottoville finished second as they had three golfers share top honors, Nick Miller, Justin Laudick and Josh Vorst all led the way with 84's, while Ryan Schimmoeller finished with an 88.

Miller, Laudick and Vorst all made the PCL first team. Leipsic's David Carpenter also made the first team.

Fort Jennings Heath Stechschulte and Ross Stechschulte made the second team, along with Miller City's Andy Schnipke and Zach Schroeder. Ryan Schimmoeller, Ottoville, also made the second team.

SCORES

KALIDA 317 - Ross Askins 75, Russell Hamilton 76, Eric Fischnich 78 and Barry Schroeder 88.

OTTOVILLE 340 - Nick Miller 84, Justin Laudick 84, Josh Vorst 84, Ryan Schimmoeller 88 and Alex Horstman 91.

MILLER CITY 356 - Andy Schnipke 85, Zach Schroeder 88, Matt Schieber 91 and Sam Pester 92.

FORT JENNINGS 360 - Heath Stechschulte 85, Ross Stechschulte 86, Eric Brokamp 89 and Trent Stechschulte 100.

CONTINENTAL 368 - Kurtis Brown 91, Nick Wilson 91, Todd Sigler 93 and Katie Weisenburger 93.

LEIPSIC 376 - David Carpenter 84, Roger Steffan 96, Ryan Selhorst 97 and Brian Meyer 99.