

Warnecke Leads Kalida to PCL Golf Championship 2007 PCL Tournament

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Just over a week ago Ottoville won a fifth man playoff to take second at the Delphos Invitational.

When the two teams met again Monday in the Putnam County League golf tournament there would be no need for a playoff.

Behind the two low scores for the tournament, the Wildcats easily won the PCL championship by 18 strokes over the Big Green. Kalida laid claim to the championship as they shot a 326 team score, while the Big Green were second with a 344.

Leipsic finished third in the tournament with a 365 followed by Fort Jennings with a 408 and Miller City with a 412.

While the two teams both finished with a 333 at the Delphos Invitational, Kalida coach Ken Schnipke felt a renewed effort by his team to the win on Monday.

“The difference was taking our practices, the last week or so, a little more serious,” Schnipke said. “We have started to improve, compared to what we were doing. We have started to figure out individually what each one needs to do to hit ball better and not get lazy out there and not be thinking out there.”

“We have played a lot of golf the past two weeks, with tournaments, matches and practice rounds to get ready for this and the sectionals. We didn’t play too well this past Saturday, (at Orchard Hills) and I was concerned with how we would shoot today, but they put that behind and played really well.”

The Wildcats reclaimed the title behind the efforts of Matt Warnecke and Logan Recker as they shot the two low rounds for the day. Warnecke was the tournament medalist with a 74 and Recker followed with a 79.

Warnecke started his round with a two-under par 33 for the front nine, and then struggled a bit on the back nine before finishing well to shoot a 41 on the back nine.

“I started out really good then it was kind of bumpy in the middle, then I picked it up at the end,” Warnecke said of this round. “I hit a lot of greens and got a few puts to drop. I had a couple of bad rounds lately, but I came out and played well today. The whole team came out and played well today which will help our confidence.”

Recker, a freshman overlooked the pressure of the tournament to shoot two good nines as he had a 38 on the front nine and a 41 on the back.

“The big thing was Matt shooting a 74 and Logan a 79,” Schnipke said. “For a freshman to come out and shoot what he did was great. Matt didn’t shoot too well on Saturday, but he came out and played today. He shot scores like this over the summer and this fall. He’s a pretty smart kid, so I don’t have to worry too much about him on the course.”

Cody Buss added to the Wildcats win with an 86 and Kyle Hoffman finished with an 87. Warnecke and Recker were first team players for Kalida, while Buss and Hoffman were second team selections.

Ottoville picked up a pair of first team selections as Alex Odenweller led them with an 81 and Troy Markward had an 83. Jordan Schimmoeller was a second team player with an 88 and Chris Rieger also made the second team with a 92.

Leipsic’s Craig Meyer rounded out the first team with an 83 and teammate Nathan Maag was a second team player with an 89.

SCORES

KALIDA 326 - Matt Warnecke 74, Logan Recker 79, Cody Buss 86, Kyle Hoffman 87 and Derek Rayle 97.

OTTOVILLE 344 - Alex Odenweller 81, Troy Markward 83, Jordan Schimmoeller 88, Chris Rieger 92 and Tim Kramer 93.

LEIPSIC 365 - Craig Meyer 83, Nathan Maag 89, Eric Walters 96, Brian Potthoff 97 and Stuart Inkrott 122.

FORT JENNINGS 408 - Cody Bonifas 96, Derek Geise 98, Jared Horstman 101, Troy Warnecke 113 and Drew Mesker 120.

MILLER CITY 412 - Kyle Hoffman 96, Kirk Meyer 98, Tony Brown 107, Seth Lammers 111 and Derek Griggs 113.