

Kalida Wins PCL Championship in 2015

Schimmoeller is Player of the Year

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Kalida's golf team didn't quite get off to a good start in the Putnam County League golf tournament. The Wildcats struggled on the opening holes of the tournament, but were able to regroup after the opening holes and finished strong to claim another PCL championship.

Kalida claimed the PCL championship by shooting a 321 at Pike Run Monday afternoon. Miller City finished second in the six team tournament with a 346 followed by Columbus Grove with a 375, Fort Jennings with a 384, Ottoville with a 386 and Leipsic a 463.

Although the Wildcats won the PCL tournament by 25 strokes, head coach Ken Schnipke had to be wondering about his team after the first few holes. Whether it was nerves or how the course was playing on a bright sunny afternoon, Kalida struggled early before settling down and playing well throughout the remainder of their rounds.

"After the first four holes we played well," Schnipke said. "I thought we started a little on the rough side, but they settled down and played real good. I think it was nerves early. Holes two, three and four are hard holes, but once we got through there it was good. You couldn't blame it on the weather, the weather was great. I was proud of the way they hung in there and finished."

The Wildcats were led by junior Jeffrey Knueve and senior Evan Klausung as both shot a 77 to share medalist honors for the day. Knueve went out in 41 and then finished one over par for the back nine with a 36. Recker shot a 42 on his front nine and then shot an even par 35 for the back nine. Sophomore Josh Klausung finished with an 81, while junior Trent Siebeneck and freshman Christian Nartker both had an 86. Junior Derek Buss had a 92 on the day.

"They all played good on their second nines," Schnipke said. "For guys to come around and struggle on the front nine and shoot even par or one over that was great.

I was hoping we would break 320. We had the chance. On the ninth hole, a par three, no one had par. It just seems like one hole may have prevented us from shooting that 320. Hopefully this gives us some momentum going into the Sectional on Thursday at Eagle rock.

Knueve, Recker and Klausung all were named to the first team in the PCL, while Siebeneck and Nartker were named to the second team. Schnipke was named the PCL Coach of the Year as the Wildcats were undefeated in league matches, 5 - 0, and won the tournament with an overall record of 10 - 0.

While Kalida had five golfers named first or second team, it was Miller City junior Jacob Schimmoeller that was named the PCL Player of the Year. Schimmoeller shot an 80 Monday to help his Wildcat teammates and with that being the second best score of the day, it gave him enough points to win Player of the Year honors.

Schimmoeller won the honor as he edged Kalida's Knueve by a half point (90 - 89.5)) when all the point totals from the PCL regular season matches and the tournament were added together.

"This is something. I played pretty good on the days I needed to. It all worked out," Schimmoeller said, "Going in I knew I had a half point lead on one guy and a two point lead on Jeffrey Knueve. It was pretty much cut and dry what I had to do. I just had to stay relaxed and play. The guys I played with, which included Knueve, I can joke with and helped me stay calm and shoot a good round."

Schimmoeller said this was one of his better rounds as he came in under four shots under his average, which was a 42 for nine holes or 84 for 18 holes.

Davis Lammers finished with an 81 for Miller City, while Trey Hermiller had a 92 and Calvin Stechschulte a 93. Adam Schroeder finished with a 95 and Luke Lammers a 97. Davis Lammers earned

first team PCL honors for the Wildcats as well.

Ottoville's Brendon Schnipke was the final member of the first team as he shot an 86 on Monday. Teammate Andy Schimmoeller was named to the second team after shooting an 87.

Kyle Welty, Columbus Grove (86), Justin Ellerbrock (91), Leipsic and Sam Vetter (96), Fort Jennings were all named to the second team.

KALIDA 321 - Jeffrey Knueve 77, Josh Klausung 81, Evan Recker 77, Trent Siebeneck 86, Christian Nartker 86 and Derek Buss 92.

MC 346 - Jacob Schimmoeller 80, Davis Lammers 81, Trey Hermiller 92, Adam Schroeder 95, Calvin Stechschulte 93 and Luke Lammers 97.

CG 375 - Wyatt Mayberry 122, Kyle Welty 86, Jacob Oglesbee 89, Noah Oglesbee 92 and Logan Malsam 108.

FJ 384 - Sam Vetter 96, Griffin Morman 109, Austin Luebrecht 99, Alex Sealts 92, Logan Hardeman 97 and Brandon Wehri 100.

OTTOVILLE 386 - Brendon Schnipke 86, Andy Schimmoeller 87, Isaiah Miller 110, Dylan Kemper 111, Ethan Geise 103 and Kaleb Hanicq 110.

LEIPSIC 463 - Justin Ellerbrock 91, Lillian Kamphaus 127, Tyler Goedee 122, Hannah Goedde 144, Grace Rigel 130 and Kyle Mickens 123.

FIRST TEAM - Jacob Schimmoeller, MC - 90. Jeffrey Knueve, Kalida - 89.5. Evan Recker, Kalida - 88.5. Josh Klausung, Kalida - 86. Brendon Schnipke, Ottoville - 85. Davis Lammers, MC - 75.

SECOND TEAM - Andy Schimmoeller, Ottoville - 74.5. Trent Siebeneck, Kalida - 73. Kyle Welty, CG - 69. Justin Ellerbrock, Leipsic - 67.5. Sam Vetter, FJ - 67. Christian Nartker, Kalida - 66.