

# Kalida Sizzles in Winning PCL Tournament in 2017

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Just over two weeks ago Kalida shot a 328 in winning the Delphos Invitational at the Delphos Country Club.

Monday, the Wildcats were back at DCC for the Putnam County League tournament and head coach Ken Schnipke wanted to see if his team could shoot lower than that score. While he thought his golfers could better that score he knew it would be tough with the warm weather conditions.

The Wildcats put aside the nearly 90-degree temperatures to blister the Delphos County Club course by shooting a 315 to win the PCL Tournament by 61 strokes. Columbus Grove finished second to Kalida with a 376 followed by Miller City at 379, Ottoville had a 385, Leipsic a 409 and Fort Jennings had a 463 to round out the six-team field.

The win for Kalida allowed them to repeat as PCL Champions for a sixth straight season.

Schnipke was pleased with how his golfers responded to his challenge in the stifling heat Monday afternoon, which was possible the warmest weather they had played in this season.

“It was a good day,” Schnipke said. “The score was great, but the main thing was I was just trying to keep them hydrated, so they could play. I really didn’t do much coaching today, they know the course anyway. It was brutal out there as far as the heat which makes a 315 even better.”

“I think we shot a 328 in winning the Delphos Invitational, so to take it that much lower is great. Hopefully we have improved that much and we can keep it going for a couple of more weeks. For the last couple of weeks all that we have talked about is playing smart, staying focused, staying poised and just believing in yourself. Hopefully it is working out.”

Senior Josh Klausing led the Wildcats effort Monday with a two over par round of 73 for medalist honors. Klausing went out in 35, even par, before coming home with a 38 for his score. Not only was Klausing the tournament medalist, but his play this season in PCL matches and the tournament helped him be named the PCL Player of the Year.

The honor capped a solid season for the Wildcats lone senior, who started the year as the team’s number two golfer.

“He was so focused today. It was unreal,” Schnipke said. “When I saw him on the first nine holes, I didn’t know if he just didn’t want to talk or was just that focused. I didn’t say anything to him. It was like he was in the zone and I didn’t want to take him out of it. He played solid, really good golf. Josh has been playing better as the season went along. Christian Nartker started out really good in our first seven or eight invitationals. If it wouldn’t have been for that, I might have had a new number one golfer. He had done a good job. Being the only senior, he tried to stay focused and keep everyone else going.”

Klausing also was the league’s only scholar athlete this season.

Josh Recker backed up Klausing Monday with a 77 (37-40) and Nartker had a 79 (39-40) and Nartker had a 79 (39-40) as both of them were named to the first team. Alec Edelbrock rounded out the Wildcats scoring with an 86. Grace Miller had an 87 and Luke Erhart had a 90 as both of them were named to the second team, based on season and tournament points.

Ottoville’s Andy Schimmoeller was the runner-up for Player of the Year honors to Klausing. Schimmoeller shot an 89 to lead Ottoville Monday.

Miller City’s Luke Lammers and Boyd Vance III rounded out the PCL first team. Vance shot an 88 Monday to lead Miller City and Lammers had a 92.

The second team consisted of Erhart and Miller, Kalida, Columbus Grove’s Owen Macke, Jacob Oglesbee and Zach Roberts, Leipsic’s Mason Tadena and Ottoville’s Dylan Kemper and Ethan Geise.

Macke helped the Bulldogs to second place in the tournament with an 89, while Oglesbee had a 93 and Roberts a 97, Gabe Verhoff had a 97 to round out the Bulldogs scoring.

Schnipke was named the PCL Coach of the Year.

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## Team Standings

(1) Kalida (315) Josh Klausing 73, Josh Recker 77, Christian Nartker 79, Alec Edelbrock 86, Grace Miller 87, Luke Erhart 90.

(2) Columbus Grove (376) Owen Macke 89, Jacob Oglesbee 93, Zach Roberts 97, Gabe Verhoff 97, Austin Macke 102, Justin Flanders 116.

(3) Miller City (379) Boyd Vance III 88, T. J. Michel 91, Luke Lammers 92, Reid Carr 108, Lucas Wank 133, Connor Niese 135.

(4) Ottoville (385) Andy Schimmoeller 89, Dylan Kemper 91, Ethan Geise 100, Evan Turnwald 105, Logan Heuerman 111, Zach Knippen 117.

(5) Leipsic (409) Eli Wueller 101, Mason Tadena 102, Jaden Siefker 103, Brock Lammers 103, Alex Gerdeman 118, Ben Haselman 136.

(6) Fort Jennings (463) Simon Smith 112, Logan Schimmoeller 113, Lexi Stant 117, Brandon Suever 121, Collin Young 132.

Scholar Athlete – Josh Klausing, Kalida