

# Kalida Captures PCL Title in 2018

## Christian Nartker is Player of the Year

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MILLER CITY – Led by medalist Christian Nartker's 74, the Kalida boys golf team garnered the Putnam County League championship at Pike run Golf Club on Monday.

The Wildcats compiled a 317 score, outdistancing second-place Miller City by 17 strokes.

Third place Columbus Grove was next at 360, along with Ottoville's 364, Leipsic's 385 and Fort Jennings' 430.

The golfers had to endure a little bit of early-fall weather with Monday's cooler and wetter conditions at Pike Run.

"That was a bit different than we've been used to this fall. We just had to be mentally tougher today," Nartker said. "We've tried to practice as much as we could this season to make sure we were ready for it, just in case. There were times the ball just stopped on the greens today; other times it came out like a rocket. You have to adjust when you can in order to golf well on a day like this. Today wasn't always pretty and there were times you had to battle through the conditions. It's nice to win this title for the seventh year in a row and hopefully, we can continue."

Nartker's effort just continued a consistent effort by the Wildcat golfer.

"I've had a couple of tough rounds this year but overall, it's been a solid effort. What's even better is that this was a good team effort," Nartker said. "I am happy for our team and the results today. Again, hopefully, we can continue to improve as we move on in the tournament."

Kalida head coach Ken Schnipke was pleased with the performance of his team.

"A 317 was a good score today. It would have been a good score on a nice weather day, let alone with the chillier and wetter conditions we had today," Schnipke said. "Christian has been a steady leader for us this year. Outside of a couple of rounds this fall, he has been very consistent. He does a great job of helping out with the younger players and getting them prepared. "With the weather predicted to be cooler and possibly wetter for today, there is only so much you can do to get ready. We talked before the round about being prepared mentally and we did have a couple of days this fall when we had similar weather, especially with the rain. You try to learn each time out."

Fellow Wildcat Josh Recker shot a 76 to take second-medalist honors behind Miller City's Luke Lammers. "Josh was leading Christin coming into today and they switched places. Josh had a couple of bad holes today but he golfed

okay," Schnipke said. "Christian had a bad hole here or there but he did a nice job of bouncing back from those. This was good team win. We had a couple of freshmen shoot 84 and 85 and that's good for us. Now we need to continue to develop for the sectionals on Thursday."

Low man for Columbus Grove was Jacob Oglesbee with an 84, while for the Big Green, low golfer was Carter Schnipke's 86. Top golfer for the Vikings was Brock Lammers's 90, while the Musketeer's low man was Logan Schimmoeller's 104.

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### Team Standings

(1) Kalida (317) Christian Nartker 74, Josh Recker 76, David Peck 83, Ryan Klausing 84, Justin Siebeneck 85, Alec Edelbrock 86.

(2) Miller City (334) Luke Lammers 75, Boyd Vance III 83, Stevan Stechsulte 88, T. J. Michel 88, Reid Carr 100, Lucas Wank 105.

(3) Columbus Grove (360) Jacob Oglesbee 84, Owen Macke 87, Zac Roberts 89, Kurt Griffith 100, Austin Macke 101, Gabe Verhoff 108.

(4) Ottoville (364) Carter Schnipke 86, Evan Turnwald 87, Dylan Kemper 94, Jack Langhals 97, Ethan Geise 99, Dru Hilvers 101.

(5) Leipsic (385) Brock Lammers 90, Mason Tadena 92, Jaden Siefker 101, Eli Wueller 102, Mason Brandt 112, Alex Gerdeman 114.

(6) Fort Jennings (430) Logan Schimmoeller 104, Simon Smith 106, Collin Young 106, Noah Wittler 114, Gavin Schimmoeller 115, Nick Fields 123.

Scholar Athletes – Bryce King, Jacob Oglesbee and Kyle Schroeder from Columbus Grove. Simon Smith from Fort Jennings. Christian Nartker from Kalida. Ethan Geise from Ottoville.