

Kalida Wins Second PCL Golf Tournament And League Championship in 2025

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OTTAWA – Despite changing weather conditions during the Putnam County League golf tournament Monday, the top three golfers in the league remained steady in their play.

With the golfers starting play in dry weather conditions at the Pike Run Golf Course that changed later in the morning as rain showers and windy conditions overtook the course. Still the action on the course remained steady for most players.

Kalida's golf team handled the changing conditions the best as they shot a 316 team score to win the tournament. Leipsic finished second with a 329 score, followed by Columbus Grove and Ottoville at 331. Miller City had a 353 for fifth place followed by Fort Jennings with a 359 and Pandora-Gilboa with a 411.

Individually, the Wildcats' Paul Stechschulte, Ottoville's Evan Altenburger and Leipsic's Brevin Brandt went head-to-head on the course as the three players combined to post two under par rounds and a one over par score.

Altenburger, a junior, was the tournament medalist with a four under par round of 67, followed by Stechschulte, a sophomore, with a one under par 70, while Brandt, a senior, finished with a one over 72. When all the points were totaled for the PCL season, the three golfers shared Player of the Year Honors.

This is the first time in the history of the PCL that three players have shared Player of the Year honors.

Monday, the Big Green junior was consistent on both sides of the course as he shot a three under 33 on the front nine before finishing with a one under 34 on the back.

Despite the changing weather conditions, Altenburger said he didn't change how he attacked each hole a lot.

"I played good, the putter was feeling good and I made a lot of putts," Altenburger said. "I changed my game a little,. It was about hole ten that it started raining, but not much. At the end, it was tough to judge the rain and wind, but most of the day was dry. We flew around here pretty quick as we didn't have any groups in front of us."

Stechschulte, who was playing in his second PCL tournament, said he just went out and did what he does best – and that's play golf. The Wildcat sophomore shot a 38 on the front nine before finishing with a three under 32 on the back nine.

"There's not a lot to say. I just kept my game a little bit. As it got a little wetter, I had to change my approach some. There was not a lot to it, but definitely a few changes."

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Brandt picked up his third straight Player of the Year award in the PCL as he finished with a one over 71. Brandt, a senior, shot an even par 36 on the front nine before shooting a one over 36 on the back nine.

“It’s not too big to be ashamed of as Paul and Evan are great players and they will battle it out next year as well,” Brandt said. “I’m not too unhappy, maybe just a little salty, I guess. I actually hit the ball pretty well, I just could not get the putter to go. I hit a lot of lips, not a lot of picking the ball out of the hole. If I get a couple of putts to go, then it’s a different game. Not a bad round, a 72 is nothing to be ashamed of.”

After finishing second to Ottoville in the first PCL Tournament at Moose Landing in August, the Wildcats proceeded to win all their PCL dual matches before winning the league title. They finished PCL play at 17-1 after Monday’s tournament win.

“We knew what we had to do the rest of the year,” Kalida head coach Kevin Stechschulte said. “The kids just kept working hard the rest of the season, one bad day wasn’t going to ruin our goals for the year. We took care of business today and played pretty well in some tough conditions.”

After Paul Stechschulte’s 70, Carson Buss was next with a 79, while Chris Rall had an 82 and Adam Bockrath had an 85 for

the team’s top four scores. Rall was named to the PCL first team, while Bockrath and Buss were named to the second team.

As the rain started to fall, Coach Stechschulte of Kalida said he found all his golfers to talk to them about the changing conditions and what they possible needed to do to adjust their games.

“It was a big adjustment,” Stechschulte said about the weather. “When I see the conditions changing, I try to get to all the kids and explain to them that you have to make sure you have the wind direction correctly and there is rain coming, make sure you have your rain gear available. You just have to remind kids, sometimes what they are doing because they get caught up in the moment out there and forget to do some things. It was tough for everybody out there. It’s a big adjustment when the weather changes.”

PCL Tournament Standings

Kalida 316 – Paul Stechschulte 38-32-70. Carson Buss 38-41-79. Chris Rall 38-44-82. Adam Bockrath 43-42-85. Logan Rampe 44-43-87. Josh Schulte 51-53-104.

Leipsic 329 – Brevin Brandt 36-36-72. Reagan Wenzinger 38-39-77. Andrew Hittle 40-45-85. Zac Lammers 48-47-95. Ryan Kamphaus 51-49-100. Leo Carrillo 51-50-101.

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Columbus Grove 331 – Gage Sautter 38-36-74. Michael King 42-43-85. Clark Keehn 44-42-86. Mitchell Schroeder 44-42-86. Dalton Hyman 43-46-89. Isaac Barto 44-49-93.

Ottoville 331 – Evan Altenburger 33-34-67. Reid Miller 41-43-84. Parker Langhals 42-44-86. Zach Hohlbein 46-48-94. Grady Leach 49-53-102. Luke Horstman 53-55-108.

Miller City 353 – Jack Wenzinger 40-41-81. Tyson Rieman 44-44-88. Gavin Vennekotter 43-46-89. Jonathon Pester 44-51-95. Kade Gerschutz 47-53-100. Landon Inkrott 49-51-100.

Fort Jennings 359 – Connor Leis 42-39-81. Ryan Aldrich 44-45-89. Cayden Swick 44-47-91. Logan Miller 49-49-98. Cole Nichols 54-49-103. Dillyn Inkrott 54-55-109.

Pandora-Gilboa 411 – Kaden Mullins 50-45-95. Camden Verhoff 49-50-99. Tucker Wentz 53-55-108. Aiden Dailey 55-54-109. Jacob Geren 59-56-115. Mackinley Gerten 72-75-147.

First Team

Evan Altenburger, Ottoville
Paul Stechschulte, Kalida
Brevin Brandt, Leipsic
Reagan Wenzinger, Leipsic
Gage Sautter, Columbus Grove
Chris Rall, Kalida

Second Team

Reid Miller, Ottoville
Parker Langhals, Ottoville
Connor Leis, Fort Jennings
Dalton Hyman, Columbus Grove
Adam Bockrath, Kalida
Carson Buss, Kalida

Honorable Mention

Mitchell Schroeder, Columbus Grove
Clark Keehn, Columbus Grove
Ryan Aldrich, Fort Jennings
Cayden Swick, Fort Jennings
Logan Rampe, Kalida
Andrew Hittle, Leipsic
Zac Lammers, Leipsic
Jack Wenzinger, Miller City
Tyson Rieman, Miller City
Zach Hohlbein, Ottoville
Grady Leach, Ottoville
Camden Verhoff, Pandora-Gilboa
Aiden Dailey, Pandora-Gilboa

Scholar Athletes

Jacob Ricker, Columbus Grove
Ryan Aldrich, Fort Jennings
Brevin Brandt, Leipsic
Zac Lammers, Leipsic
Gavin Vennekotter, Miller City
Kade Gerschutz, Mille City
Zach Hohlbein, Ottoville
Camden Verhoff, Pandora-Gilboa
Kaden Mullins, Pandora-Gilboa
Jacob Geren, Pandora-Gilboa