'Cats Stun Ottoville in PCL Golf Meet Nartker, Unverferth Shoot Best Ever 1981 PCL Tournament

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Kalida sophomore Dave Unverferth watched his pitch shot sail over the creek, land on the No. 11 green and role in the hole for a birdie. It was that kind of day for the Wildcats.

Unverferth carded a best ever varsity match score of 79 and teammate Greg Nartker, another sophomore fired a 75 that served as the knockout punches as Kalida captured the Putnam County League golf championship at Country Acres Golf Club Monday afternoon.

The team totaled a 329, three strokes better than heavily favored Ottoville. Continental claimed third with a 358, Ft. Jennings fourth 373 and Miller City fifth 388.

Nartker, also shooting a personal best in team play, carded a 38-37 over the par 71 course. There were no birdies involved, but 15 pars to go with a pair of bogeys and a-ouch-double bogey on No. 8.

League champs in 1978 and runners up in '79, Kalida was not expected to win the meet, though were counted on to give favorite Ottoville everything it could handle.

A week before Kalida won the Delphos Invitational edging Jim Maley's Big Green by a single stroke. It was nearly as close Monday.

After the first nine holes, Kalida held a slim five stroke lead over the Otts, with substantial leads over third place Continental, Fort Jennings and Miller City.

Ottoville, recording three 40's and a 42 on the back nine, gained only two strokes over the Wildcats for the three stroke finish.

Terry Kortokrax and Scott Schimmoeller both strokes 81's for the second place team, Kortokrax wining the extra hole play off for an individual third place award, Dave Kortokrax and Kevin Swint each shot an 85.

For the champions, Nartker and Unverferth had their top scores hold up an 85 by senior Tom Heitmeyer and junior Steve Stechschulte's 48-42-90.

Tom Bruskotter's 41-42-83 paced Jennings, while Tom Niese's 44-41-85 topped Miller City and Mark Wilson led Continental with a 44-42-86.

Maley put it after the meet "I guess we bring out the best in Kalida."

SCORES

KALIDA 329 – Greg Nartker 38-37-75, Dave Unverferth 39-40-79, Tom Heitmeyer 40-45-85, Steve Stechschulte 48-42-90.

OTTOVILLE 332 - Terry Kortokrax 41-40-81, Scott Schimmoeller 41-40-81, Dave Kortokrax 45-40-85, Kevin Swint 43-42-85.

CONTINENTAL 358 – Mark Wilson 44-42-86, Paul Alvarado 48-43-91, Jim Alvarado 45-44-89, Kevin Coble 47-45-92.

FORT JENNINGS 373 – Tom Bruskotter 41-42-83, Jim Smith 44-46-90, John Eversole 51-47-98, Greg Schuerman 49-53-102.

MILLER CITY 388 – Tom Niese 44-41-85, Dale Lammers 48-44-92, Greg Gable 53-55-108, Doug Schnipke 58-50-108.