

Kalida Golfers Repeat PCL Title, Altenburger Shoots Low Round 1990 PCL Tournament

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Kalida repeated as Putnam County League golf champions Monday by eight strokes over Ottoville.

The Wildcats won their second straight championship with a 342-team total. Ottoville finished in the runner-up spot again with a 350-team score, followed by Miller City in third at 358, Continental had a 378, Columbus Grove a 389, Fort Jennings a 399 and Pandora-Gilboa was seventh with a 449 total.

The PCL golf tournament was held at the Country Acres Golf Course, which is the home course of the Wildcats.

Kalida won the championship with a team dominated by seniors. They were led by Jeff Giesige and Jared Burgei with 81's, Brent Langhals had an 89 and Craig Stechschulte had 91. Freshman Andy Williams was two shots back with a 93.

"It was a nice win for us," said first year Kalida Coach Brad Unverferth. "We played decent considering the weather conditions."

Also, a concern of Unverferth on Monday was the health of Burgei, the team's number two golfer. Saturday Burgei dropped out of the Trojan Invitational after 12 holes due to illness and later that day was taken to the Ambulatory Care Center for treatment he said. However, the senior was fine Monday as he tied for second overall with his 81.

While the Wildcats were winning the team title Ottoville's Brian Altenburger grabbed individual honors shooting the tournament's low round. Altenburger survived the cold and wind Monday to earn medalist honors with a 79. It was the only sub 80 round of the afternoon.

This low round placed him on the PCL first team along with Kalida's Giesige and Burgei, Miller City's Scott Niese and Ottoville teammate Mike Hilvers. Giesige, Burgei and Niese all shot 81's, while Hilvers had an 85.

Leading the second team was Brent Langhals of Kalida with an 89, Miller City's Randy Siefker and Ottoville's Kurt Hilvers each had 90's, while Craig Stechschulte of Kalida and Mike Rosengarten of Miller City each had 91's.

Besides Altenburger's 79, Mike Hilvers 85 and Kurt Hilvers 90 the Big Green got a round of 96 from Chris Ricker and a 98 from Jason Metcalfe.

For the Wildcats Niese led with an 81, Siefker had a 90, Rosengarten a 91, Kevin Morman a 96 and Andy Layne had a 98.

Most of the talk Monday at the PCL Championships centered around the chilly temperatures of late September and the strong winds blowing across the course. All the coaches felt the two had a definite effect on the scores as players had to wear more clothes than normal to stay warm and the winds played havoc with shots.

Many coaches felt under the conditions that just breaking 80 would be like breaking par in other years.

In two weeks all the Putnam County golfers will tackle Country Acres again as the Division III Sectionals will be contested at the Kalida course.

SCORES

KALIDA 342 - Jeff Giesige (42-39-81), Jared Burgei (43-38-81), Brent Langhals (47-42-89), Craig Stechschulte (46-45-91) and Andy Williams (46-47-93).

OTTOVILLE 350 - Brian Altenburger (38-41-79), Mike Hilvers (42-43-85), Kurt Hilvers (43-47-90), Chris Recker (47-49-96) and Jason Metcalfe (48-50-98).

MILLER CITY 358 - Scott Niese (40-41-81), Randy Siefker (46-44-90), Mike Rosengarten (47-44-91), Kevin Morman (47-49-96) and Andy Layne (51-47-98).

CONTINENTAL 378 - Travis Porter (47-46-93), Chad Fuller (47-47-94), Keith Wagner (50-45-95), Dan Wagner (46-50-96) and Jon Tobias (57-55-112).

COLUMBUS GROVE 389 - Scott Allen (53-42-95), Wes Bolyard (48-47-95), Sean Griffith (47-48-95), Troy King (53-51-104) and Mike Gossard (58-49-107).

FORT JENNINGS 399 - Nate Schroeder (47-50-97), John Osting (49-49-98), Brad Vetter (51-50-101), Kevin Grone (54-49-103) and Eric Schroeder (58-64-122).

PANDORA-GILBOA 449 - Stacy Hermiller (48-46-94), Josh Hoffman (54-55-109), Rick Shoupe (60-57-117), Jason Stokes (62-67-129) and Andy Hovest (70-63-133).