

Kalida Claims PCL Golf Title

Stechschulte is the Medalist

1996 PCL Tournament

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Kalida golf Coach Ken Schnipke may have been a bit nervous going into the Putnam County League golf tournament Monday at the Delphos Country Club.

With the Wildcats having come off their worst performance of the season Friday against Shawnee at the Shawnee Country Club, the first year head coach had reason to worry.

However, his Wildcat golfers responded to the challenge as they claimed their eighth straight PCL golf championship.

Kalida claimed the PCL golf championship Monday as they ran away from the field shooting a 302 score. Ottoville was second with a 329 followed by Fort Jennings at 336, Miller City was fourth at 352 and Continental was fifth with a team score of 363. Columbus Grove placed sixth with a team score of 366.

The Wildcats' solid effort on Monday resulted in them placing four of their five golfers on the first and second team in the PCL, with three of these selections being placed on the first team.

"This was a much better team effort," Schnipke said. "I think Friday night was a wakeup call for us. We had our worst outing of the season shooting a 168.

"Shooting a 302 today, I couldn't ask them for a much better round. The weather was great and it led to some very fine golf. This should be a real confidence builder for us as we head into the tournament next week. This team has shot pretty consistent all year long and to have four players shoot in the 70's today says a lot about what they can do."

The Wildcats' winning effort Monday was led by junior Kevin Stechschulte as he shot a one over par round of 72. Stechschulte had 35 on the front nine and then followed it with a 37 on the back nine.

"Kevin had a great round, his short game was a major asset for him," Schnipke said. "He hits some big drives off the tee, leaving him a short iron shot to the green. I thought Chad Ehrnsberger hit some big drives last year, but Kevin hits the ball just as long or longer. Kevin was a really hitting some great iron shots to the green leaving himself with some easy putts."

"Kevin had a 35 on the front nine and that was with a double bogey, so you could tell what kind of round he was having."

Chris Schnipke followed Stechschulte's round with a 75 (38-37), Jason Unverferth had a 76 (37-39) and

Dale Schnipke had a 79 (40-39). John Schmursal was the fifth Kalida golfer and finished with an 85 (42-43).

Besides Stechschulte being named to the first team Chris Schnipke and Unverferth were named to the first team, while Dale Schnipke made the second team.

Ottoville's second place finish was led by Adam Koester as he shot an 80 (41-39). Darren Leis had an 81 (42-39), while Cory Miller (43-41) and Matt Wannemacher (42-42) both had an 84. All four of these Big Green players were named to the second team PCL.

Also named to the first team was Fort Jennings' Ryan Stechschulte with a 77 (38-39) and Continental's Kyle Weisenburger rounded out the first team with a 78 (39-39). Miller City's Aaron Erford slipped onto the second team with an 80 (37-43).

SPORTS

KALIDA 302 - Kevin Stechschulte 72, Chris Schnipke 75, Jason Unverferth 76, Dale Schnipke 79 and John Schmursal 85.

OTTOVILLE 329 - Adam Koester 80, Darren Leis 81, Cory Miller 84, Matt Wannemacher 84 and Rusty MacDonald 85.

FORT JENNINGS 336 - Ryan Stechschulte 77, Ryan Vetter 85, Matt Menke 85, Craig Menke 89 and Pete Schroeder 94.

MILLER CITY 352 - Aaron Erford 80, Tony Gerschutz 86, Karl Fulkert 93, Brad Niese 93 and Pat Coble 103.

CONTINENTAL 363 - Kyle Weisenburger 78, Bruce Troyer 88, Matt Yenser 93, Jacob Griffith 104 and Scott Good 112.

COLUMBUS GROVE 366 - Jarod Diller 85, William Jolliff 86, Aaron Kruse 93, Ryan Zimmerly 102 and Aaron Sarka 104.