

Kalida Golfers PCL Champs in 2014

Markward is Player of the Year

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Weather conditions were ideal for shooting good scores at the Putnam County League golf tournament Monday. Despite the sunshine and calm conditions, golfers were unable to take advantage of the weather. Kalida was the only team to have a player shoot under 80 and they added in three other good scores to win the 2014 PCL title.

The Wildcats repeated as PCL Champions shooting a 328. Columbus Grove and Miller City both finished at 385, with the Bulldogs taking the runner-up spot based on their fifth man score. Ottoville was fourth at 399, followed by Leipsic at 404 and Fort Jennings had a 423 for sixth place.

“It kind of surprised me there were weren’t more scores under 80 other than the one,” Kalida Coach Ken Schnipke said. “There wasn’t much wind blowing today. I think the greens were super-fast and you just had to watch where you put it on the greens. Sometimes you get three putts and you don’t like them. A couple of players played higher than I thought they would, the pressure of playing the PCL and doing it different this year as far points and the kids are looking at that, that may have played a factor in it as well.”

Instead of the tournament deciding the first and second teams, a point system was used this year taking into consideration how players played in PCL regular season matches as well. The squads also played with six man teams for the first time.

Trent Siebeneck, the Wildcats number three-man, was low as he finished with a 78, opening with a 37 on the front nine and finished with a 41 for tournament medalist honors. Evan Recker followed with an 81, Zach Erhart had an 84 and Collin Nartker rounded out the team scoring with an 85.

“Trent just played great,” Schnipke said. “I call him my little bulldog, he just grinds it out. He’s a smart player, he knows the type of shots he’s going

to hit, he’ll play that shot that day and he just doesn’t give up. I could say that about all my guys today. Jeffrey (Knueve) said he let the team down today, but I told him the only way he could let the team down today was to give up, but these guys don’t give up until the end and that’s all you can ask for.”

With the new system this year, Schnipke was named the PCL’s first Coach of the Year as Kalida not only won the tournament but went undefeated in regular season play at 5-0. There overall record with the tournament was 10-0.

Ottoville senior Wesley Markward was named the PCL Player of the Year. Although Markward struggled Monday shooting an 87, it was the medalist honors he won in PCL matches that helped him to the honor.

“The year started out well with the matches, I was happy to get a big win against Kalida, medalist in that match, because they are our toughest opponent. It’s kind of hard not playing well today, but I was able to hold on,” Markward said. “I just think the pressure of the PCL today got to all the players. This is my third year playing the PCL and every year you get the atmosphere is just so intense. You want to beat everyone out here and there are a lot of good golfers out here.”

“What I like it’s not a one day crap shoot, it’s a culmination of the entire year and what he has done all year in our PCL matches,” Ottoville Coach Jim Brown said. “He was pretty much the top dog in all our PCL matches and if you just had today he may have been second team. This just shows what he has done throughout the year, his work ethic and play throughout the year and I’m really proud of him.”

Markward headlined a first team that included Davis Lammers, Miller City, Zach Erhart, Kalida, Alex Ellerbrock, Leipsic, Brandon Hoffman, Columbus Grove, and Collin Nartker, Kalida. The second team consisted of Trent Siebeneck, Jeffrey Knueve, Noah Lambert and Evan Recker, Kalida, Brandon Schnipke, Ottoville and Sam Vetter, Fort Jennings.

Columbus Grove finished in the runner-up spot based on their fifth man score. Noah Oglesbee finished with a 102 and Jordan Schmenk had a 113 for the Wildcats.

Leipsic’s Bryce Heitmeyer and Nick Goedde were recognized as PCL Scholar Athletes.

KALIDA 328 – Trent Siebeneck 78, Evan Recker 81, Zach Erhart 84, Collin Nartker 85, Noah Lambert 87 and Jeffrey Knueve 96.

COLUMBUS GROVE 385 – Brandon Hoffman 94, Logan Hardeman 95, Kyle Welty 97, Gage Gerdeman 99, Noah Oglesbee 102 and Wyatt Mayberry 110.

MILLER CITY 385 – Davis Lammers 83, Jacob Schimmoeller 96, Cody Sheets 100, Trey Hermiller 106, Jordan Schmenk 113 and Adam Schroeder 130.

OTTOVILLE 399 – Wesley Markward 87, Brendon Schnipke 94, Andy Schimmoeller 102, Isaiah Miller 116, Thomas Waldick 119 and Kaleb Hanick 129.

LEIPSIC 404 – Alex Ellerbrock 91, Justin Ellerbrock 102, Tyler Selhorst 105, Bryce Heitmeyer 106, Nick Goedde 113 and Tyler Goedde 145.

FORT JENNINGS 423 – Sam Vetter 93, Alex Sealts 109, Austin Luebrecht 110, Nick VonSossan 111, Drew Grone 111 and Collin Wiegung 118.