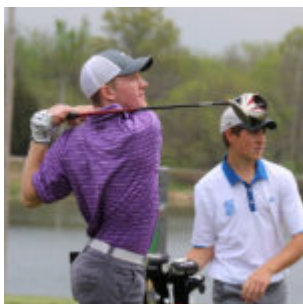


Welch, Wildcats take second at league tourney



Senior Hogan Welch watches his tee shot during the Osawatomi Invitational on Tuesday at the Osawatomi Golf Course. On Thursday, Welch shot an 81 to medal second overall at the Frontier League Tournament in Spring Hill and Louisburg finished second in the team standings with a 341.

SPRING HILL – Just like its three previous tournaments, the Louisburg High School golf team found itself in a familiar position following the Frontier League Tournament on Thursday.

For the fourth consecutive time, the Wildcats picked up a team medal as they finished second in the league with a 341 following their round at Sycamore Ridge Golf Course in Spring Hill, just two strokes behind league champion Paola.

Louisburg has finished second in the team standings in every tournament it has participated in this season.

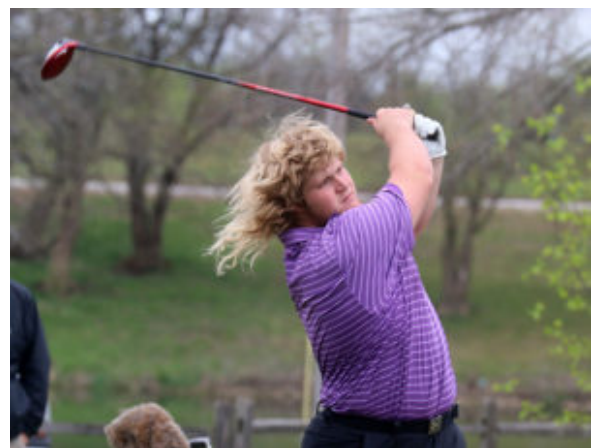
“We’re really excited with where we’re at as a team right now,” Louisburg senior Hogan Welch said. “We knew at the beginning of the year any one of us could go out and post a good number. The question was could we all do that on the same day consistently. So far everyone has done a good job of pulling their weight and we’re hoping to get over the hump and win one soon.”

Welch was the one to lead the Wildcats on Thursday as he picked up a pair of medals himself. He shot an 81 and took second in the Frontier League competition.

The league tournament also doubled as the Spring Hill Invitational and Welch finished ninth out of 80 golfers to earn another medal. Welch shot a 40 on the front nine and a 41 on the back.

“I was pretty happy with taking second at league,” Welch said. “Obviously I wish I could’ve won and there’s always going to be a few ‘what ifs’ in golf, but overall I can’t say I’m disappointed.

“For me, Sycamore Ridge tends to be really difficult when I’m not hitting it well. Thankfully I drove the ball really well this week. It’s always in great shape and one of my favorite courses to play every year.”



Senior Anders Vance tees off Tuesday during the Osawatomie Invitational.

Junior Ty Martin who has been among the Wildcat leaders all season also garnered a league medal. Martin shot an 82 to finish fifth overall in the league standings and 16th in Spring Hill Invitational. He shot a 43 on the first nine holes, but responded well on the back nine with a 39.

Junior Nick Welch carded an 88 to just miss out on a medal in 12th place. Seniors Anders Vance and T.J. Svoboda both shot a 90 to come in 17th and 18th, respectively in the league tournament.

Jake Hill, a junior, rounded out the Wildcat team with a 109.

Paola's Jordan Bulcock won the individual league title with a 79 to win by two strokes over Welch and the Panthers shot a 339 to win the team title. Ottawa was third with a 342.

Piper's Eric Pahls won the individual Spring Hill Invitational crown as he shot a 67 to finish the day 5-under par.

Louisburg returns to action today when it hosts the Louisburg Invitational at Metcalf Ridge Golf Course. Tee time is set for 1 p.m.

Wildcats medal three at Osawatomie

As a precursor to the Frontier League Tournament, the Louisburg golf team hit the course at the Osawatomie Invitational last Tuesday and came away with more hardware.

Louisburg finished second in the 16-team tournament with a 339 to earn team medals. Ottawa won the tournament by 12 strokes with a 327.

Junior Ty Martin had a good round to lead the Wildcats as he shot a 79 to finish eighth overall and was one of three Wildcats to garner medals. Senior Hogan Welch carded an 82 to take 10th and fellow senior T.J. Svoboda shot an 84 to come in 13th.

Senior Anders Vance and junior Nick Welch each shot a 94 to finish fourth and fifth on the team, respectively. Junior Jake Hill rounded out the Wildcat squad with a 114.