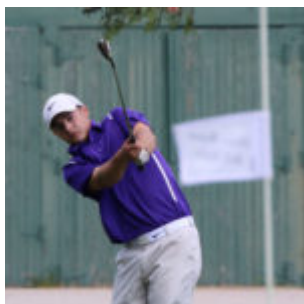


Wildcats second at Garnett, Dillon and Martin finish 1-2



Louisburg High School senior Jake Hill watches his shot as he chips onto the green Tuesday during the Anderson County Invitational in Garnett. The Wildcats finished second overall with a 330, while Calvin Dillon won the tournament and Ty Martin took second.

GARNETT – In what turned out to be its final tournament before regionals, the Louisburg High School golf team couldn't have asked for a better finish to its regular season.

The Wildcats finished second overall Tuesday at the Anderson County Invitational with a 330 at the Garnett Golf Course, just seven strokes behind champion Ottawa. If that wasn't good enough, Louisburg also finished in the top two individually.

Freshman Calvin Dillon won the event by five strokes as he shot a 72 and senior Ty Martin carded a 77 to finish in second overall.

It was the second straight week the Wildcats had finished in the top two of the team standings. Last week, Louisburg finished second at the Ottawa Invitational and Martin medaled second overall and Dillon was fourth.

The difference for the Wildcats this week was the golfers behind Dillon and Martin shot one of their best rounds of the

season to lower their team score.

Senior Jake Hill carded an 87 to finish third on the Wildcat team and junior Justin Sievert was fourth with a 95. Kai Tinich and Ignacio Huesa both shot a 105 to round out the Louisburg individuals.



Louisburg junior Justin Sievert watches his putt roll

toward the hole Tuesday in Garnett.

“They are both playing great golf,” Louisburg coach Brian Burns said of Dillon and Martin. “No matter what type of course you play, you still have to make good shots to score well. They have been working hard on their short game which has helped tremendously.

“Jake broke 90 for the first time and Justin was out of the low 100’s for the first time this season. My top two guys have been playing the course quite a bit while I have been working with the other four. This has helped work with various shots.”

The Wildcats will now prepare for their biggest tournament of the season Monday when it travels to Fort Scott for the Class 4A regional. Louisburg played on the Fort Scott course early in the year and it hopes that will help them this time around.

“The guys know that they need to hit straighter and not as long at Fort Scott and they have been practicing that,” Burns said. “We are close to being more accurate at the bottom three spots. Hopefully one of the guys can put it all together so the team might have a possibility to go to state. All four spots must play their best and avoid the big mistakes and play smart golf.”

Tee time for the regional tournament is set for 8:30 a.m.