

Dillon hopes to secure another state medal as he leads Wildcat golf



Louisburg junior Calvin Dillon is hoping to earn his third consecutive state medal this season for the Wildcats.

Calvin Dillon has had one of the best starts – if not the best start – to a golf career in Louisburg High School history.

Dillon earned state medals during his freshman and sophomore seasons, and for some, those results alone would be a great high school career. However, Dillon is only halfway done and he isn't resting on his laurels.

Once his season completed last May, Dillon didn't stop playing as he competed in junior tournaments over the summer and into the fall as well. Even the cold weather didn't stop Dillon from picking up the clubs.

"With how bad our winter was, I hit a lot of balls and putted in an indoor facility in Overland Park," Dillon said. "It was a great feeling when the weather turned and it was nice to see some balls fly again."

Dillon and his Wildcat teammates

have been hard at work at practice the last couple weeks with the warmer weather as they prepare for their season opener Monday in Paola.

Last season, Dillon finished 11th at the state tournament in Emporia and he is hoping for even better things this time around.

"I would like to win another state medal and improve my placing from the last two years," Dillon said. "We've been working really hard at practice, putting a lot of emphasis on the short game. Coach has been giving us a lot of wedge and putting drills that will really help us throughout the season. We're all ready to compete and the guys are hungry to win this year."

Louisburg coach Brian Burns knows Dillon is capable of doing great things for the Wildcats this season and has noticed a little difference in his game.

"Calvin switched to an overlapping grip last year and has been playing a bunch," Burns said. "I know he will be trying to win every meet. He is a great golfer."

The Wildcats return three golfers with varsity experience from a year ago. Along with Dillon, juniors Ryan Haight, Drake Varns and David Perentis will return to help lead Louisburg.

Juniors Garrett Rolofson and Luke Wickersham, along with senior Cole Williams, could all see varsity time as well, according to Burns.

“There are a couple junior varsity players that are improving that might be able to take one or two of those varsity spots,” Burns said. “My expectations for the season are always high, but we are not where we need to be yet. I would like to get no lower than third in any tournament containing less than 10 teams.”

The Wildcats will get their season started Monday when they travel to the Paola Country Club for the Paola Invitational. Tee time is set for 2 p.m.