

Wildcats take first at Atchison, second at home invitational



Louisburg junior Garrett Rolofson chips onto the green last Monday during the team's home invitational at Metcalf Ridge Golf Course. Rolofson medaled seventh and then medaled again Thursday in Atchison.

ATCHISON – It couldn't have been a much better week for the Louisburg golf team, or for junior Calvin Dillon.

The Wildcats certainly had plenty of medals to prove it.

Louisburg won the Atchison Invitational on Thursday at Bellevue Country Club with a 356 and earned their second team medal of the week. The Wildcats won the team title by two strokes over Kansas City Christian.

Dillon continued his tear through the 2019 season as he won his third consecutive tournament with a 78 on the Atchison course, in what was less than ideal conditions.

"The wind was very tough for the guys at Atchison," Louisburg coach Brian Burns said. "I was happy with their scores considering all that."

Junior Garrett Rolofson picked up an individual medal, along with Dillon, as he finished ninth with a 92. Fellow junior Drake Varns also carded a 92, but just missed out on the top 10 for medal as he lost a scorecard playoff.

Another junior, Ryan Haight, had one of his best scores of the season as he shot a 94. Senior Noah Hill (100) and junior Luke Wickersham (107) was fifth and sixth on the Wildcat team, respectively.



Junior Ryan Haight watches his tee shot last Monday during the Louisburg Invitational.

As great as the end of the week was for Louisburg, the beginning was almost as good as the Wildcats hosted the Louisburg Invitational last Monday at Metcalf Ridge Golf Course.

Louisburg finished second in the

team standings with a 340 and finished seven strokes behind champion Ottawa, which had a 333.

Dillon was able to get the victory on his home course, but it was a challenging one as he finished in a tie with Ottawa's Cade Gollier as both players carded a 77. However, Dillon won the scorecard playoff as he was one of three Wildcats to medal.

"We shot the best we have all year," Burns said. "I am very proud of all the guys."

Dillon had a rough start to his round as he had a triple bogey to open, but then followed with an eagle on No. 4 to get back into it. He nearly had another eagle a couple holes later, but his shot rimmed out and he settled for a birdie.

After that, Dillon was able to settle in as he has now won all but one of this tournaments that he has competed in this season.

Varns and Rolofson also earned medals for the Wildcats. Varns had a strong outing as he finished with an 83, which was good for fifth place.

Rolofson carded an 88, which was his best round of the season for Louisburg, and he came in seventh overall.

Junior Ryan Haight and senior Noah Hill also had their best rounds of the season on their home course as they shot a 92 and 93, respectively. Junior Colin Cook rounded out the Louisburg scores with a 98.

Louisburg returns to action today
when it travels to the Ottawa Invitational. Tee time is set
for 2 p.m. at
Ottawa Country Club.