New look Wildcat golf team fares well in opener



KANSAS CITY, Kan. — The Louisburg golf team had a new look about it last week during its season opener at the Piper Invitational.

All six of the Wildcat golfers that competed were new to the varsity squad and each of them had to battle a tough course in Dub's Dread.

Still, Louisburg had a strong showing as the Wildcats shot a 391, which was good for fifth place out of 11 teams.

Junior Johnny Thompson had a nice outing in his varsity debut as he carded a 90 and he finished sixth overall.

"The golfers are improving at a fast rate from where they started," Louisburg coach Brian Burns said. "Johnny has shortened his swing, which helps him stay more connected and away from slicing as much. This change, and his great chipping short game, helped him score well."

Another junior, A.J. Arriola, shot a 95 and finished just outside the top 10, in 12th. Senior Johnny Eberhart carded a 100 to take 27th.

Sophomore Jackson Olson was 41st with a 106, while sophomore Carter Stuteville and senior Dacey Wieland shot a 114 to finish in a tied for 53rd.

Mill Valley won the team title with a 341 and Basehor-Linwood

was second with a 364. Mill Valley's Nick Mason won the individual title with a 70.

The Wildcats are back on the links today when they travel to the Paola Invitational. Tee time is set for 2 p.m. at the Paola Country Club.