

Arriola medals third at Frontier League Invitational



Louisburg senior A.J. Arriola watches a tee shot Tuesday at the Osawatomie Invitational. On Thursday, Arriola medaled third at the Frontier League Invitational at Sycamore Ridge Golf Course.

SPRING HILL – A.J. Arriola has put together a strong week for the Louisburg golf team and it ended with a memorable performance at one of the toughest courses in the area.

Arriola finished third at the Frontier League Invitational on Thursday at Sycamore Ridge Golf Course as he carded an 85.

As a team, the Wildcats finished fifth in the league with a 372, but found themselves just eight strokes back of third. Tonganoxie won the team title with a 349 and Piper was second with a 361. Spring Hill was third with a 364.

“A.J. is playing good golf and has much passion for the sport,” Louisburg coach Brian Burns said. “I know we got fifth place, but we were not too far off third and none of our top four scores were over 99 at a difficult course. I tried to make sure that the golfers thought about eliminating big numbers and for the most part, they did that on most of the holes.”

Junior Nick Lancaster, who the team’s No. 6 golfer heading into the tournament, shot a season-best 93 to finish 16th overall.

“Nick shot his best score this year on a tough course and was our six man doing it,” Burns said. “He has so much potential if he can put a full round together. There is no reason that he can’t break 90’s by the end of the season.”

Senior Johnny Thompson made his first appearance on the varsity team this season as he shot a 95 to finish 24th. Junior Jackson Olson and senior Ian Kirkpatrick both carded a 99 to finished 29th and 30th, respectively.

Another senior, Bodie Lancaster, shot a 112 to round out the Wildcat golfers.

Louisburg is off next week and is back in action on May 2 when the Wildcats travel to the Ottawa Invitational.

Arriola, Olson medal at Osawatomie

Louisburg started its week at the Osawatomie Invitational and senior A.J. Arriola earned his first medal of the week to lead the Wildcats.

Arriola finished third with an 81 and the Wildcats were fifth overall with a 353. Piper won the team title with a 340, while Bishop Seabury’s Will Hedges won the tournament with a 73.

Junior Jackson Olson also earned a medal for Louisburg as he carded an 87 and finished 20th overall.



Senior Ian Kirkpatrick watches his putt roll toward the hole Tuesday at the Osawatomie Invitational.

“Osawatomie was a good tournament,” Burns said. “At the same time, the team has not reached their full potential. We are just planning on playing more holes at practice and being able to stay longer with better weather.”

Senior Ian Kirkpatrick was third on the Wildcat team with a 90 and fellow senior Bodie Lancaster was fourth with a 95. Senior Sam Wheeler and junior Nick Lancaster shot a 100 and 101, respectively, to round out the Louisburg squad.