

Arriola earns fourth straight medal to lead Wildcats at Ottawa



Louisburg senior A.J. Arriola watches his putt during a meet earlier this season. Arriola finished ninth on Tuesday in Ottawa.

OTTAWA – Louisburg’s A.J. Arriola continued his memorable senior season Tuesday when the Wildcat golf team made the journey to the Ottawa Invitational.

Outside of the first tournament of the season, Arriola has garnered a medal in every competition and that continued Tuesday at the Great Life Golf and Fitness Course.

Arriola finished ninth overall as he shot an 85, which was good enough for his fourth consecutive medal.

As a team, the Wildcats finished sixth overall with a 356 in what was a competitive tournament that featured several Frontier League teams.

Ottawa won its home tournament with a 338, while Tonganoxie’s Andrew Wilson won the individual crown with a 74. Ottawa’s Aiden Finch was second with a 79.

Louisburg got a strong performance from its top three golfers, who all shot in the 80s.

Senior Ian Kirkpatrick was one stroke away from a medal as he

finished 12th with an 88. Another senior, Johnny Thompson, carded an 89 to finish in a tie for 18th overall.

Junior Nick Lancaster was fourth on the team with a 92. Senior Sam Wheeler and junior Carter Stuteville rounded out the Wildcat team with a 96 and 98, respectively.

Louisburg will be busy next week as the Wildcats participate in two tournaments. They will take part in the Anderson County Invitational on Tuesday in Garnett and then the Prairie View Invitational on Thursday at Deer Trace Golf Course.

Both tournaments will set up the Wildcats for the postseason as they will take part in the Class 4A regional May 16 in Fort Scott.