

Wildcats medal four, finish third at Anderson County Invite



The Louisburg golf team medaled third Tuesday at the Anderson County Invitational. Members of the team (from left) are Sam Wheeler, Ian Kirkpatrick, A.J. Arriola, Johnny Thompson, Nick Lancaster and Jackson Olson.

GARNETT – In its final week of competition before regionals, the Louisburg golf team saw a lot of positives and many of those came Tuesday at the Anderson County Invitational.

The Wildcats finished third at the Garnett Country Club course with a 347 and had one of their best outings of the season.

Four of the six Wildcats earned medals and senior A.J. Arriola led the way with an 82 and finished sixth overall.

Junior Jackson Olson medaled 10th overall with an 88. Senior Johnny Thompson also shot an 88 and took 11th, while senior Sam Wheeler finished 15th overall with an 89 to also earn a medal.

Senior Ian Kirkpatrick finished 18th with a 92 and junior Nick Lancaster rounded out the Wildcat lineup in 21st with a 95.

Ottawa's Aiden Finch won the tournament with a 79, while Anderson County captured the team title with a 329. Ottawa was second with a 333.

The Wildcats also competed in the Prairie View Invitational on Thursday, but the Deer Trace course at Linn Valley Lakes proved to be a difficult one.

Louisburg finished fifth in the team standings with a 367, but the Wildcats did have one medalist.

Arriola garnered his sixth straight medal as he carded an 85 and finished ninth overall.

Santa Fe Trail won the team title with a 320 and Paola was second with a 346. Santa Fe Trail's Blake Buessing won the individual title with a 75.

Olson was second on the Wildcat team with a 91 and finished in a tie for 20th. Fitzpatrick was 23rd with a 92 and Lancaster shot a 99 and took 32nd.

Thompson carded a 100 and finished 34th to round out the Louisburg lineup.

The Wildcats will begin postseason action as they try to qualify for their third straight state tournament as a team. They will travel to Fort Scott for the regional tournament tomorrow. Tee time is set for 10 a.m.