Wildcat golf brings back nucleus as it aims for state berth



Louisburg senior Sam Frederick watches a tee shot during a tournament last season. Frederick is one of five varsity golfers returning from last season.

Last season was a successful one for the Louisburg golf team.

The Wildcats finished in the top three in most of the tournaments they competed in and racked up several individual medals in the process. Unfortunately, the Wildcats struggled at the regional tournament and were unable to qualify anyone for state.

As tough as that was to take, the Wildcats are ready for another opportunity at a state tournament appearence.

Louisburg returns most of its varsity roster from a season ago, including its top three golfers in senior Sam Frederick, along with juniors Matt Stohs and Derek Frederick.

Seniors Garrison Bloustine and Josh Holtzen both improved late in the se



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“The season has a chance to be a good one,” Louisburg coach Brian Burns said. “I think Sam, Matt and Derek could all shoot in the 70s this season, while Garrison and Josh can both shoot in the mid 80s. Reese should be in the high 80s as well.”

The Wildcats also have three other seniors on the roster in Lucas Carlson, Layne Vest and Nathaniel Phillis to go along with a solid junior varsity core.

As much success as Louisburg had a year ago, the Wildcats missed out on going to state, and this season will be another difficult challenge as it will travel to Independence for the Class 4A regional tournament.

“We are competing with some great teams again, so going to state will be tough as a team, but it can happen with four successful player rounds,” Burns said. “JV should be strong again with four being able to shoot in the 90’s.”

Louisburg will try and get its season started on the right foot Tuesday as the Wildcats travel to Dub’s Dread Golf Course for the Piper Invitational. Tee time is set for 1 p.m.