

Wildcat golf takes runner-up at Paola as it medals two



Louisburg senior Sam Frederick watches a tee shot during the Paola Invitational on April 14 at Paola Country Club. Frederick medaled third and helped the Wildcats to a second place team finish.

PAOLA – In just its second tournament of the year, the Louisburg golf team rounded into form and came back with some hardware to show for it.

Sam Frederick and Derek Frederick earned individual medals, while the Wildcats finished second at the Paola Invitational on April 14 at the Paola Country Club.

Louisburg, which shot a 325, finished just one stroke behind Ottawa for the championship. The Wildcats also ended one stroke ahead of third-place Eudora, in what was a battle for

the top spot.

“It was a very competitive tournament,” Louisburg coach Brian Burns said. “We had our best score as a team for these guys. With that being said, we just squeaked by getting second and just missed getting first by a stroke. These guys love the sport and have been working hard to get better.”

Sam Frederick bounced back from a tough start to the tournament to finish third overall with a 74. Sam also carded five birdies on the day to get back toward the top of the leaderboard.

Eudora’s Ty Deterding won title with a 71 and Paola’s Stratton Draper was second with a 73.

Derek Frederick took fifth for the Wildcats as he carded a 79 on the par-72 course to earn his second consecutive medal to start the season.



Louisburg junior Derek Frederick chips onto the green during

the Paola Invitational.

Louisburg junior Matt Stohs ended up just outside the medals as he finished in a tie for 11th with an 83, while senior Josh Holtzen was 20th with an 89.

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"The course didn't cause any problems, just the golfers confidence in some of the swings they made," Burns said. "Josh and Sam rebounded well and Derek is close to putting a round of 77 together. Matt has been close to the high 70's, but has a few bad holes that prevent him from doing so, but he will get there.

"The hardest thing about the tournament was not having a range to really warm up at. Ten balls isn't enough, and they were not able to hit the long clubs."

Louisburg is back in action on April 22 as it travels to the Osawatomie Invitational. Tee time is set for noon at the Osawatomie Golf Course.

Frederick medals at Piper

Louisburg opened its season at the Piper Invitational on April 8 and left with a medalist.

Junior Derek Frederick led the Wildcats as he took fourth overall with a 78 at Dub's Dread Golf Course. As a team, the Wildcats finished sixth with a 335.

Matt Stohs finished in a tie for 14th with an 82, while Sam Frederick was 19th with an 83. Josh Holtzen (42nd), Garrison Bloustine (46th) and Reese Smith (46th) rounded out the Louisburg lineup.