# Wildcat golfers ready to tee it up



**The Louisburg High School golf team will have five seniors on the roster along with plenty of underclassmen with experience this season. The Wildcats open their season Monday when they travel to Gardner.**

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Just looking at the roster, the Louisburg golf team features one with a lot of experience.

There are five seniors listed competing for the six varsity spots along with a few underclassmen. However, three of those seniors weren't a part of last season's team.

Senior newcomers Mesa Ribordy, T.J. Smith and Brady Lambeth will hit the links for the first time in a Wildcat uniform and will join veterans Nathan Moore and Logan Glenn when Louisburg opens its season next week.

"They are all very athletic and listen well to instructions," Louisburg coach Brian Burns said. "All of these guys are competing for the six varsity spots every week."

Joining the five seniors will be some seasoned underclassmen. Juniors Hogan Welch and T.J. Svoboda, along with sophomore

Nick Welch, all saw varsity time last season.

Hogan Welch was one of the Wildcats' top golfers in 2014 as he missed the state tournament by just two strokes. He also finished fifth in the Frontier League tournament.

Burns believes Hogan and his other golfers have a chance to do some good things this season.

"My expectations are for all of the varsity golfers to shoot around an average of 86," Burns said. "All of the varsity golfers have all aspects of the game, if they can just omit that one bad hole on the front and back nines."

The good weather has also allowed the Wildcats to spend a lot of time on the course, which has helped to sharpen their game.

"Practices have been up and down with scores," Burns said. "However, (Monday) was a good day for all of the varsity players. Hopefully they can keep that focus from here to the finish. They are starting to get more comfortable with their short game, which is helping."

Louisburg opens its season at 9 a.m. on Monday when it travels to the Gardner Invitational.

**LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL GOLF SCHEDULE**

Apr. 6 @ Gardner
9 a.m.

Apr. 13 @ Paola
3 p.m.

Apr. 14 @ Gardner

(Junior Varsity) 3 p.m.

Apr. 20 @ Anderson County (JV) 2 p.m.

Apr. 21 @ Osawatomie 1 p.m.

Apr. 27 Louisburg Invitational 1 p.m.

Apr. 28 @Shawnee Golf Course (League) 8 a.m.

May 4 @ Ottawa 2 p.m.

May 6 @ Osawatomie (JV) 3 p.m.

May 11 @ Ottawa (JV) 3 p.m.

May 12 @ Anderson County 1 p.m.

May 12 @ Paola (JV) 3 p.m.

May 14 @ Prairie View (Linn Valley) 1:30 p.m.

May 18 @ Regionals (@Osawatomie) TBA