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.

Wildcat golf sees season come to close at tough regional meet



Louisburg senior Cole Mynsted watches his tee shot last Tuesday during the Class 4A regional in Chanute.

CHANUTE – For most of the season, the Louisburg golf team has

been toward the top of the team standings in many of its tournaments.

The Wildcats were hoping to do the same in their most important meet Tuesday, the Class 4A regional at Stone Creek Golf Course in Chanute.

Unfortunately for Louisburg, the course got the better of the Wildcats as they saw their season come to an end. Louisburg finished fifth in the team standings with a 385 in the 9-team meet.

Louisburg was also unable to qualify anyone for state individually as many of the Wildcats struggled to get a hang of the Chanute course.

Still, it was a positive season for a roster that features just one senior as the Wildcats racked up several team and individual honors throughout the year.

“The Louisburg golfers had a great season,” Louisburg coach Brian Burns said. “Regionals was tough for a few that didn’t get to play the course beforehand, even though they changed the tee boxes and hole locations to be as tough as they could. Our guys seem to struggle in the rough and some of the bunkers, and could not get past some of their bad holes and get focused again. I had a pretty young squad that will learn how to handle the pressure better next year.”



Louisburg junior Garrison Bloustine watches a shot go onto the green Tuesday at the Stone Creek course in Chanute.

The top three in each regional qualified for state. Bishop Miege won the team title with a 336 and Chanute was second on its home course with a 338. Fort Scott also qualified for state in the third with a 364.

Senior Cole Mynsted, junior Garrison Bloustine and sophomore Matt Stohs each led the Wildcats with a 96 on the day, which was good for a tie for 19th overall.

Junior Josh Holtzen was next on the team with a 97 in 22nd, while juniors Derek Frederick and Sam Frederick each carded a 98 to finish in a tie for 25th.

Chanute’s Cooper Lucke won the tournament with a 79, while Fort Scott’s Caleb Hall was second an 80.

Wildcat golf finishes regular season at Anderson County, Prairie View



Louisburg senior Cole Mynsted watches a tee shot last Tuesday during the Anderson County Invitational in Garnett. Mynsted shot an 86 on Thursday at Prairie View.

In its final week of competition before the postseason, the Louisburg golf team added a pair of good performances on its resume.

The Wildcats finished in a tie for third in both the Anderson

County and Prairie View Invitationals as they try to make adjustments before the regional tournament this Monday.

“To finish in a tie for third in both tournaments, I thought they played well,” Louisburg coach Brian Burns said. “However, we were still about 10 strokes above our best, which we will need to come close to qualifying as a team for state.”

Louisburg competed in the Prairie View Invitational on Thursday at Deer Trace Golf Course and tied Iola for third place with a 339. Santa Fe Trail won the tournament with a 327 and Spring Hill was second with a 334.

Sophomore Derek Frederick led the Wildcats with a 79 and medaled fourth overall. Another sophomore, Matt Stohs, also earned a medal with an 85 as he finished in a tie for 10th with an 85.



Louisburg junior Garrison Bloustine chips onto the green last Tuesday at Anderson County.

Senior Cole Mynsted also put together a solid round as he took 15th with an 86, while junior Garrison Bloustine was right behind him in 19th with an 89.

Senior Ayden McKain was 27th with a 94 and junior Josh Holtzen rounded out the Wildcat lineup in 39th with a 100.

The Wildcats also finished in a tie for third at Anderson County last Tuesday at the Garnett Country Club course, but ended up in fourth based on the playoff hole.

Stohs had a big tournament as he earned a sixth place medal, while Frederick finished in 10th.

Louisburg will now gear up for the postseason as the Wildcats will travel to Chanute on Monday for the Class 4A regional tournament. Tee time is set for 9 a.m. and will be held on the Stone Creek Golf Course.

Teams that will join Louisburg in the regional are Baldwin, Chanute, Eudora, Fort Scott, Ottawa, Paola, Parsons and Bishop Miege.

Wildcats medal three, finish second at Ottawa Invite



The Louisburg golf team of (from left) Sam Frederick, Derek Fredereick, Ayden McKain, Garrison Bloustine, Cole Mynsted and Matt Stohs finished second Monday at the Ottawa Invitational.

OTTAWA – In what was a rain-soaked course, the Louisburg golf team had its fair share of challenges, but that didn't seem to bother the Wildcats.

Louisburg had three golfers finish in the top 10 and the Wildcats finished second in the team standings Monday at the Ottawa Invitational.

"The varsity golfers played amazing," Louisburg coach Brian Burns said. "I have not had four score in the 320's for many years and they still didn't win the meet. Of course, we enjoyed medaling as a team and playing well."

The Wildcats shot a 323 and finished just two strokes behind Ottawa in a battle for the team title on the Great Life Fitness and Golf Course.

Sophomore Derek Frederick, senior Cole Mynsted and junior Sam Frederick also left with some extra hardware.

Derek Frederick medaled fourth overall as he shot a 79. Mynsted and Sam Frederick each carded an 80 as they took fifth and sixth, respectively. Junior Garrison Bloustine shot a personal best 84 to finish 11th and one spot out of the medals.

“It was great to see one of my fifth and sixth spots in Garrison contribute to our score,” Burns said. “It was the first time he broke 90. Also, a big congrats goes out to Derek, Sam and Cole for medaling in the top 10.”

Sophomore Matt Stohs recorded an 88 to finish fifth on the team and 16th overall in the 10-team meet. Senior Ayden McKain carded a 99 to take 28th overall and round out the Wildcat lineup.

Louisburg is back in action Tuesday when it travel to Garnett for the Anderson County Invitational.

Stohs records league title in shortened tournament

Golfers were dodging rain drops last Thursday at the Frontier League Invitational, before the tournament was eventually called halfway through.

Luckily for the Wildcats, they didn’t let the wet weather bother them.

Matt Stohs won the league title at Sycamore Ridge Golf Course in Spring Hill and he wasn’t the only medalist. Senior Cole Mynsted and junior Sam Frederick also ended with individual medals.

As a team, the Wildcats finished second in the league

standings.

Winds don’t hinder Wildcats en route to Osawatomie Invite title



Louisburg junior Sam Frederick watches his tee shot Tuesday during the Osawatomie Invitational. Frederick earned a medal and helped the Wildcats to a team title.

OSAWATOMIE – Winds were gusting more than 40 miles per hour Tuesday at the Osawatomie Golf Course – not exactly ideal for shooting your best scores.

The high winds didn’t seem to bother Louisburg much as the

Wildcats put together their best team score of the season as they won Osawatomie Invitational. The Wildcats shot a 335 to win the tournament by three strokes.

Louisburg edged out Lansing, which finished as the runner-up with a 338, and Basehor-Linwood shot a 343 to take third in the 13-team tournament.

“The boys have been playing great all year, but did the best job managing the conditions and using their course knowledge in the tournament at Osawatomie,” Louisburg coach Brian Burns said.

Sophomore Derek Frederick continued his memorable season as he medaled in his fourth consecutive tournament. Frederick carded a 79, which was good for third overall.

Bishop Seabury’s Jace Hoffman and Heritage Christian’s Lucas Prado each shot a 77 to tie for first.

Louisburg junior Sam Frederick and sophomore Matt Stohs also continued their strong seasons as both earned their third medals of the year. Frederick carded an 80 to finish eighth overall, while Stohs shot an 82 to finish ninth.

“I was actually impressed by all four of my top golfers scores in that wind with Cole Mynsted being the other one,” Burns said. “The guys have got to play more this year and work on their short shots because of the great weather. To this, I owe their success as well as listening to their coach when it is time to make subtle swing changes.”



Louisburg junior Josh Holtzen chips onto the green Tuesday during the Osawatomie Invitational.

Senior Cole Mynsted was fourth on the team with a 94 and took 28th overall in the 75-member field. Junior Garrison Bloustine took 35th with a 98, while junior Josh Holtzen was 42nd with a 101.

Louisburg will look to continue its strong play on April 25 when it travels to Spring Hill for the Frontier League Invitational. Tee time is set for 10 a.m. at Sycamore Ridge Golf Course.

Wildcat golf continues strong play at Paola, Piper tournaments



Louisburg's Matt Stohs watches at tee shot during the Paola Invitational on April 8.

PAOLA – For part of the Paola Invitational, the Louisburg golf team was having its struggles and the Wildcats couldn't seem to get into a rhythm.

Whatever it was, something seemed to click. Louisburg rallied on the back nine and the Wildcats finished second overall with a 337 on April 8 at the Paola Country Club.

The Wildcats were able to sneak past Ottawa by one stoke for

the runner-up spot. Paola won its home tournament with a 325.

“The guys, except Derek (Frederick), were off to a horrible start,” Louisburg coach Brian Burns said. “It was the biggest comeback I have seen from any of my teams in recent years. I was super excited for all of them.”

Junior Sam Frederick responded with his best score of the season as he shot an 80 to medal fifth overall. Sophomore Matt Stohs also carded an 80, which was good for a sixth-place medal.

Another sophomore Derek Frederick, was the Wildcats’ third medalist of the day with an 84 as he took 11th overall.

Senior Cole Mynsted finished with a 93 to take 26th and junior Garrison Bloustine was 31st with a 96. Senior Drake Crooks rounded out the Wildcat lineup with as he took 58th with a 112.

Frederick medals at Piper

Louisburg didn’t have to wait long for its next meet as the Wildcats took part in the Piper Invitational on April 9 at the challenging Dub’s Dread Golf Course.

Derek Frederick recorded his third medal on the young season as he shot a 79 to take third overall. Topeka-Hayden’s Tagen Rodriguez and Basehor-Linwood’s Carson Youngblood tied for the tournament win with a 78.

“Derek is one of my best learners and kept his swing like I taught him and has applied it every year,” Louisburg coach Brian Burns said. “He is shooting in the high 70’s and 80’s and I am super proud of him. He has medaled in every tournament so far and also has straight A’s. He is a great student-athlete.”



Louisburg sophomore Derek Frederick finished third at the Piper Invitational on April 9.

As a team, the Wildcats shot a 354 against some tough competition and took sixt

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ng Hill took third with a 329.

Along with Derek Frederick's score, Sam Frederick also shot a solid round for the Wildcats as he carded an 84, which was good for 14th overall.

"Dub's Dread was harder, but finishing in the middle of all the 5A and 6A teams was OK with me," Burns said. "Derek and Sam impressed me with their scores at a tougher course."

Matt Stohs was third on the team with a 95 and finished in 38th, while Cole Mynsted was 41st with a 96. Josh Holtzen (104) and Garrison Bloustine (125) took 47th and 63rd, respectively.

Louisburg is back in action Tuesday when it travels to the Osawatomie Invitational. Tee time is set for 1 p.m.

Week 3 Athlete of the Week:

Derek Frederick



Here is the Louisburg Sports Zone Athlete of the Week for week three of the spring sports season, sponsored by Craig Holtzen-Edward Jones.

DEREK FREDERICK, SOPHOMORE, GOLF

Louisburg sophomore Derek Frederick had a memorable start to his high school golf season last week at the Burlington Invitational. Frederick, in his first varsity meet, captured the Burlington individual title with a 78. He also helped the Wildcats to a first place team finish as they won the tournament by 10 strokes.

Frederick garnered two more medals this week as he finished third Tuesday with a 79 at the Piper Invitational. He also medaled 11th at the Paola Invitational on Monday as the Wildcats finished second as a team.

The athlete of the week award is announced every Wednesday morning during the spring season and the winner is selected by Louisburg Sports Zone with the help of nominations from coaches.

Previous Winners:

Week 1: Jack Anderson

Week 2: Nathaniel Lamm



Frederick, Wildcats win Burlington Invitational



The Louisburg golf team won the Burlington Invitational last Tuesday. Members of the team (from left) are Matt Stohs, Cole Mynsted, Sam Frederick, Garrison Bloustine and Derek Frederick. Not pictured is Josh Holtzen.

BURLINGTON – In was what a rainy, soggy season opener for the Louisburg golf team, the results were anything but dreary.

The Wildcats captured the Burlington Invitational title last Tuesday with a 338 and had four medalists on the day. Louisburg defeated Burlington by 10 strokes to win going away in the 8-team meet.

If that wasn’t good enough, Louisburg sophomore Derek Frederick also led the clubhouse with the best score of the day.

Frederick captured the individual crown with a 78 and beat Anderson County's Eli Martin by four strokes to win comfortably.

"I was very impressed with Derek and the others, but we still need more work," Louisburg coach Brian Burns said. "At the same time, they did a great job managing a new course and avoiding the large numbers. I am proud of all of them."

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Along with Frederick's performance, the Wildcats came three

other finishes in the top 10 and garner a medal.

Junior Sam Frederick finished with an 86 and took fourth overall. Senior Cole Mynsted and sophomore Matt Stohs each carded an 87, but Mynsted won the tiebreaker to finish fifth and Stohs was sixth.

Louisburg junior Garrison Bloustine was 17th overall with a 94, while junior Josh Holtzen shot a 108 and finished 32nd.

The Wildcats will try and continue that momentum today as they travel to the Paola Invitational. Tee time is set for 2 p.m. at the Paola Country Club.

Wildcat golf hoping to find way back to state tournament



Louisburg junior Sam Frederick is one of four returning golfers who saw varsity time last season.

For the first time in several years, the Louisburg golf team missed out on the state tournament, but the Wildcats aren't planning on making that a habit.

Louisburg returns four golfers that saw varsity time this past season, including three that played in the regional tournament last season in Coffeyville.

Wildcat coach Brian Burns likes the experience that he has returning to the group and believes this team can improve throughout the season.

“I should have two golfers shooting 80s and two in the 90s at this point,” Louisburg coach Brian Burns said. “I am hoping that all four can shoot mid 80s by regionals. This is actually a goal that is reachable at any time now, but we need more consistency within all aspects of the game.”

Senior Cole Mynsted is the lone senior on the varsity roster



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Junior Garrison Bloustine saw some varsity time last year, while sophomores Derek Frederick and Matt Stohs will also open the season as two of the top six Wildcat golfers.

“One of the spots might change, but five spots should be the same throughout the season,” Burns said. “

Louisburg added two tournaments this season, including their season opener today in Burlington. The Wildcats will also take part in the Piper Invitational, along with tournaments in Paola, Anderson County, Ottawa, Osawatomie, Spring Hill and Prairie View.

The Wildcats will travel to Chanute to end the season for the Class 4A regional tournament.

Although, they are still waiting on their first action of the season, Burns has liked what he has seen so far during practice.

“This has been the best season for practicing due to good

weather conditions," Burns said. "The guys are doing a good job, but like always, there is more work to be done. I want my players to be more consistent throughout all aspects of the game."

Wildcat golf season comes to a close at regionals



Louisburg senior Carter Stuteville watches a tee shot during a tournament earlier this season.

COFFEYVILLE – The Louisburg golf team was already competing in one of its tougher tournaments on the season last week at the Class 4A regional.

The weather just made it even more difficult.

The tournament was delayed due to storms, and when they finally got the all clear to play, the golfers were still trying to dodge rain showers.

Not much seemed to go right for the Wildcats, who saw their season come to an end at the Coffeyville Country Club course.

Louisburg finished seventh in the team standings with a 392 and none of the Wildcats were able to qualify individually. It broke a streak of three straight years of qualifying as a

team.

Independence won the regional title with a 324, while Chanute and Coffeyville-Field Kindley also qualified for state with a 364.

Three Wildcat seniors played their last tournament for the team and all three led Louisburg on the day.

Nick Lancaster finished 20th overall with a 95, which includ



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Sophomore Sam Frederick and junior Cole Mysnted each carded a 102, which was good for 28th overall. Sophomore Josh Holtzen had a 114 and took 41st.

Field Kindley’s Zachary Becker won the regional title with a 78 on his home course.