

Linsly, Wheeling Central pocket OVAC golf crowns

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The City of Wheeling laid claims to the 1999 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class 2-A and 1-A golf championships.

Wheeling Central won the 2-A title by 21 strokes over runnerup Toronto and Linsly captured the 1-A crown by 20 strokes over second-place St. John Central Thursday.

This marked the third conference golf title won by a Wheeling school

this season. Last week, Wheeling Park copped the 3-A championship.

Vince Zachweija of Wheeling Central gained 2-A medalist honors with a four-over par 76 at the Riverside course near Sardis which played especially long. Additionally, cool, damp and windy weather greeted the golfers when they teed off at 9:30 a.m.

Zachweija was one of three Central golfers to earn All-OVAC lau-

rels. He was joined by teammates Mark Sapon (82) and Scott Seabright (83), along with Bryan Tate of Steubenville Central, who earned the runnerup medalist award with an 81. Also earning all-conference (five lowest scorers) was Andrew Martin of Fort Frye (84).

Coach Mickey Duffy's team showed consistency, turning the corner with a 165 and then combining for 161 on the back side.

Linsly also showed good balance and its four low scorers all shot in the 80s. "I told my team that we would have a good shot if we could all score in the 80s," said veteran Cadet coach Mark Zavatsky. "That's the way it turned out. I was pleased with our performance on a course that played really tough and long."

Linsly's Drew Tatich and Weirton Madonna's Cory Toth each came in with 81s and Toth won the medalist award when he fashioned a birdie on the first hole of a playoff.

Joining them on the all-conference team were Zack Burkhart of Beallsville (82), Jake Starr of St. John Central (86) and three players who all came in at 87 -- Ken Walden and Steve Fragale of Linsly and Jered Ehni of St. John's. Summaries:

CLASS 2-A

Wheeling Central (326) -- Scott Seabright, 41-42-83; Mark Sapon, 41-41-82; Vince Zachweija, 38-38-76; Brent McNabb, 45-40-85.

Toronto (347) -- Adam Chestnut, 43-43-88; Jay Foster, 45-41-88; Chris Brown, 52-38-90; J.D. Kuhn, 41-44-85.

Steubenville Central (349) -- Bryan Tate, 39-42-81; Joe Ronovich, 47-40-87; Sam DiFabbio, 47-49-96; Mike DiFabbio, 41-44-85.

Fort Frye (352) -- Doug Schott, 46-42-88; Andy Martin, 46-38-84; Matt Vess, 45-48-91; Todd Offenberger, 47-42-89.

Barnesville (366) -- Mike Conway, 48-47-95; Steve Neal, 47-43-90; Matt Hunkler, 44-48-92; Tim Lucas, 48-43-89.

River (393) -- Rob Matesick, 52-48-100; Eric Stephens, 44-47-91; Justin Fetty, 48-57-105; Jason Ensinger, 46-51-97.

Monroe Central (405) -- Craig McConnell, 52-49-101; P.J. Sparkman, 52-48-100; Eric Dillon, 50-52-102; Ramsay Tisher, 51-51-102.

CLASS 1-A

Linsly (343) -- Drew Tatich, 39-481; Ken Walden, 45-42-87; Steve Fragale, 45-487; Brian Nickerson, 45-43-88.

St. John Central (363) -- James McKeeagan, 53-46-99; Kyle Ogilbee, 45-46-91; Jered Ehni, 44-43-87; Jake Starr, 44-42-86.

Beallsville (375) -- Zack Burkhart, 42-40-82; Joe Crum, 48-50-96; Mike Maddy, 51-46-97; Trent Schumacher, 52-48-100.

Bishop Donahue (376) -- Travis Tellitocci, 44-50-94; Troy Krupica, 44-49-93; Tim Krupica, 45-46-91; Josh Fromhart, 52-46-98.

Shadyside (380) -- Turner Relsberger, 50-46-98; Zac Parker, 46-43-89; Mike Beck, 50-48-98; Gavin Graham, 47-50-97.

Weirton Madonna (387) -- Cory Toth, 40-41-81; Jerome Panaccl, 47-47-94; Chris Mikola, 64-50-114; Jason Quatrichi, 49-49-98.

Meadowbrook wins OVAC 3-A golf title

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St. C. takes third; Ferrians fourth

By GAL POKAS

CAMBRIDGE -- Meadowbrook High golf coach Mel Pesuit felt his team had a good chance to win the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference 3-A title if it could shoot 320.

The Colts proved their veteran coach a prophet as they shot exactly that score at the difficult Cambridge Country Club layout Friday.

Meadowbrook, winning its second-ever conference crown, was 18 strokes better than runnerup Indian Creek, while perennial champion St. Clairsville had to settle for third place, three more shots back at 341.

McManaway, 39-40-79; Adam Veselenak, 38-43-81; Joey Black, 44-41-85.

INDIAN CREEK (338) -- Robbie Ellsworth, 41-39-80; Ed Riley, 42-41-83; Brandon Seditz, 43-44-87; Matt Purviance, 47-41-88.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE (341) -- Robbie Phillips, 38-38-76; Dustin Hocking, 41-41-82; Eric Massey, 45-46-91; Jeff Bohus, 51-41-92.

MARTINS FERRY (358) -- Jeremy Shrodes, 42-41-83; Casey Berisford, 44-43-87; Ken Bolon, 45-45-90; Jesse Stilmak, 51-47-98.

MAGNOLIA (360) -- Richey Pefferman, 42-42-84; A.J. Johnson, 44-42-86; Brett Ripley, 43-49-92; Billy King, 53-45-98.



Martins Ferry was fourth at 358 and Magnolia rounded out the top five in the 12-school field at 360.

"We were averaging 330 going into the OVAC, but I felt we needed to shoot 320 because there were some good teams here today," Pesuit added. "We hope to keep improving. We want to be playing our best when we enter the sectional. The key is to continue. This win is a feather in our cap, and we hope it will serve as a springboard for a strong finish."

Logan Schultice, one of three sophomores in the Colt lineup, gained medalist honors with a three-over par 75. His 35 on the front nine was the only nine-hole round to match or better par.

Colt senior Ben McManaway also earned All-OVAC honors (five lowest scorers in the tourney) with a 79. Joining them on the all-conference team are senior Robbie Phillips of St. Clairsville, the runnerup medalist at 76 on rounds of 38-38; Andrew Mercer of defending champion Tyler Consolidated at 78; and Robbie Ellsworth of Indian Creek who carded an 80. Summary:

MEADOWBROOK (320) -- Logan Schultice, 35-40-75; Ben

TYLER (362) -- Andrew Mercer, 41-37-78; Curtis Heintzman, 44-41-85; Chris Kellen, 49-50-99; Drew Danser, 48-52-100.

UNION LOCAL (364) -- Hal Miller, 42-45-87; Pat Deemer, 43-45-88; Shawn Stiles, 47-43-90; Mitchell Rataiczak, 50-49-99.

BEAVER (380) -- Craig Hart, 46-42-86; Dave Smith, 44-48-92; Bob Moore, 50-46-96; Dustin Hambleton, 55-49-104.

BELLAIRE (388) -- Eric Violet, 49-43-92; Derek Myers, 49-43-92; Chris Ofat, 53-47-100; Garrett Kaldor, 55-49-104.

OAK GLEN (400) -- Lee Anderson, 49-47-96; Zack Glass, 44-55-99; Vinnie Gala, 53-47-100; Ryan Walsh, 53-52-105.

BUCKEYE TRAIL (434) -- Brian Carpenter, 51-52-103; Jesse Duff, 58-51-109; Todd Warhola, 57-53-110; Matt Lashley, 58-54-112.

HARRISON CENTRAL (434) -- Pete Dennis, 48-46-94; Brian Thaxton, 56-46-102; Chris Chesla, 68-46-114; Jamie Martinette, 64-60-124.

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CELEBRATING the school's second OVAC 3-A golf championship is this team from Meadowbrook High which also prevailed in 1995 under coach Mel Pesuit. Kneeling, from left, are Tyler Conner, Logan Schultice, Adam Veselenak and Joey Back. Standing, are coach Pesuit and Ben McManaway, the lone senior on the team. Meadowbrook fired a score of 320 to outdistance runnerup Indian Creek by 18 strokes in the 12-school field. Schultice was tournament medalist with a three-over par 75.

OVAC 4-A, Bel-Roe golf tourneys slated

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By CAL POKAS

There's plenty of high school golf action on tap Friday, one in the northern part of the area serviced by the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and the other in the extreme southern part.

Ten schools will form the field for the usually competitive OVAC Class 4-A tournament which will be held at the Highland Springs Golf Club, east of Wellsburg.

At about the same time, 10 schools will be competing in the 20th Bel-Roe Golf League tournament at the Riverside Golf Club near Sardis.

EDISON HIGH is expected to make a strong defense of the OVAC 4-A title that it won a year ago at the Spring Hills Golf Club near East Springfield in Jefferson County.

Joining coach Tom Bocek's team in the 4-A event will be Weir, Steubenville, Buckeye Local, Cambridge, East Liverpool, Zanesville, Brooke, John Marshall and Wheel-

ing Park. Cambridge was runnerup last year, with Wheeling Park, Brooke and East Liverpool rounding out the top five.

A new medalist is assured as Steubenville High's Justin Holman, who won medal honors the last two years, has been graduated. In last year's tournament, Holman and Buckeye Local junior Larry Boroski finished their rounds at five-over par 76. Holman won the title on the second hole of a playoff. Boroski has also enjoyed much success in the conference event. He also earned All-Tournament honors as a sophomore when he finished among the five low scorers, and just missed that designation as a freshman.

Tournament director Tom Smarella of Brooke High said he's split the field into 11 foursomes and two threesomes, with the first group slated to tee off at 8 a.m.

MARTINS FERRY is cast in the role of defending Bel-Roe champion, finishing nine shots ahead of runnerup St. Clairsville in last year's event held at the Clair-

Mar course in Powhatan.

The title was the second for coach Ken Campanizzi's Ferrians in the 20-year history of the event. For St. C., the runnerup finish was its seventh. Coach Richard "Lefty" Hall's Red Devils have also won the title on nine occasions.

Joining Ferry and St. C. in the field will be Shadyside, Bellaire, St. John Central, River, Beallsville, Monroe Central, Union Local and Barnesville.

St. Clairsville and Ferry finished regular season league play in a tie and the two teams will match scorecards for the initial nine holes to determine the regular season crown.

A new medalist and runnerup are assured. Mike Mayhugh of Ferry won his second medal title a year ago with a 71, nosing out Monroe Central's Justin Sawyers by a stroke. Both of these golfers have since been graduated.

The Bel-Roe tourney is unique in that six golfers per team are allowed to compete. The first group will tee off at 9 a.m.

Park golfers bag OVAC 4-A crown.

Medalist Mike Ricci shot even par to lead an underdog Wheeling Park team to the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class 4-A title Friday at the Highland Springs Golf Club near Wellsburg.

The Patriots carded a team score of 312 over the difficult layout to topple Cambridge by 14 strokes. Defending champion and pre-meet favorite Edison settled for third place at 332, while rounding out the top five in the 10-school field were Buckeye Local at 339 and Weir at 340.

"Our kids were big underdogs," said ninth-year head coach Mike Ricci, father of the tournament's medalist. "Edison had defeated us in the regular season, and we felt they and Cambridge would be the teams to beat."

Young Ricci made the turn in even par 36, which included a save after hitting the ball into the water on a par three hole. He dropped, but then knocked the ball in the hole to save par. With birdies on Nos. 12 and 13, he went two under and stayed that way until he bogeyed each of the final two holes.

"Our kids came to play and I'm real happy for them," said coach Ricci. "They are a great bunch of kids and work hard. I told them before the start of the tournament that we'd be right in there if we got two scores in the 70s and two in the 80s, and it worked out that way. Our balance worked out good."

Ricci, a junior, heads the all-OVAC team consisting of the five lowest scorers. Sophomore teammate Keith Miller and Buckeye Local senior Larry Boroski tied for runnerup medal honors at 76, and also earning all-conference laurels were Robbie Mattheson of Cam-

bridge (77) and Nathan Hubbard of Edison (78). This marked the third straight year that Boroski has earned all-OVAC honors.

Back of Ricci and Miller for the Patriots were the Hatcher sisters, with Lori, a senior, carding an 81 and Allyson, a freshman, posting an 83.

This marked the second OVAC title for Ricci's team in the last three seasons. The Patriots' next major outing will be the Wheeling City Championship against Linsly and Wheeling Central on Oct. 4 at the Wheeling Country Club. Park will then play host to the Class AAA Regional at Oglebay Park's Speidel course on Oct. 18. The Patriots' victory in the conference tournament improved their overall record to 51-19-1.

Summary:
WHEELING PARK (312) -- Mike Ricci, 72; Keith Miller, 76; Lori Hatcher, 81; Allyson Hatcher, 83.

CAMBRIDGE (326) -- Robbie Mattheson, 77; Levi Birch, 82; Derrick Oliver, 82; John Jameil, 85.

EDISON (332) -- Nathan Hubbard, 78; Brian Benner, 82; Ryan Oberholtzer, 85; Matt Bailey, 87.

BUCKEYE LOCAL (339) -- Larry Boroski, 76; Nick Kasal, 80; Nathan Finney, 90; Brian Folda, 93.

WEIR (340) -- Mike Kelster, 81; Matt Dennis, 86; Matt Sternart, 86; Ryan Hoy, 87.

ZANESVILLE (345) -- Justin Adair, 81; Louis Pitcock, 84; Tyler Hull, 87; Ty Shepfer, 93.

BROOKE (353) -- Paul DiLorenzo, 81; Bryan Lyle, 88; T.J. Cipoletti, 90; Steve Rovnak, 94.

EAST LIVERPOOL (354) -- Brian Riggs, 85; Chris Sanford, 86; Jonathan Gaston, 89; Jonathan Pulido, 94.

JOHN MARSHALL (355) -- John Robbins, 88; Patrick Massey, 88; Jeff Kady, 90; Josh Forrester, 91.

STEBENVILLE (367) -- Ed Presley, 80; Dave Eft, 91; Jason Smoljanovich, 97; Natalie Hauser, 99.

OVAC 3-A golf title event slated

The first of four Ohio Valley Athletic Conference golf championship tournaments will be held Friday at the Cambridge Country Club.

It's the Class 3-A championship and tourney director Mel Pesuit of Meadowbrook High said 12 schools, including defending champion Tyler Consolidated, will compete.

Joining the Silver Knights will be golfers from Magnolia, Bellaire, Martins Ferry, St. Clairsville, Union Local, Harrison Central, Indian Creek, Meadowbrook, Oak Glen, Buckeye Trail and Beaver Local.

Pesuit said there will be a meeting of coaches at 9:30 a.m. and the first group will tee off at 10.
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"It should be a closely-contested tournament, with at least six teams in contention for the title," said Pesuit.

Five members and the coach of the winning team will receive plaques and they will also be invited to the Banquet of Champions next May when the school will receive its banner.

The tournament medalist and runnerup will earn trophies, as will the winning team. The five low individual scorers will gain All-OVAC status.

The Class 4-A tournament will be held Sept. 24 at Highland Springs Golf Club near Wellsburg, while the Class 2-A and Class 1-A events will be held simultaneously on Sept. 30 at the Riverside Golf Club near Sardis.



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THESE CLASS 3-A golfers earned All-OVAC honors by posting the five lowest scores in the 12-school tournament held Friday at the Cambridge Country Club. Kneeling, are medalist Logan Schultice of champion Meadowbrook (left) and runnerup medalist Robbie Phillips of St. Clairsville. Standing, from left, are Andrew Mercer of Tyler Consolidated, Ben McManaway of Meadowbrook and Robbie Ellsworth of Indian Creek. Schultice shot a three-over par 75 to edge Phillips by a stroke. Mercer carded a 78, McManaway came in at 79 and Ellsworth shot 80.