

Creek wins OVAC AAA golf title; Ferry's Bolon medalist

Indian Creek and Martins Ferry's Ken Bolon sparked Thursday night at the OVAC Class AAA Golf Championship on the par-71 Salt Fork Park layout.

Bolon was tied with Tyler Consolidated's Andrew Mercer after 18 holes with 80s, but was able to prevail on the second playoff hole to claim the overall medalist.

For Martins Ferry head coach Ken Campanizzi it was his first OVAC medalist in his coaching career — one that has included the likes of David Frey and Mike Mayhugh.

Bolon and Mercer both were members of the all-OVAC team.

Indian Creek captured the Class AAA Team Championship with a fine effort from all-OVAC performers Robbie Ellsworth and Matt Perviance, who both fired 82s.

The Redskins fired a team score of 337.

One shot back were the Colts of Meadowbrook with one golfer earning all-OVAC accolades in Tyler Connor who also fired an 82.

Coach Lefty Hall's St. Clairsville Red Devils were third with a team effort of 351.

Matt Bentley fired an 81 to capture a berth on the all-OVAC team.

Coming in sixth was Union Local. The Jets had a member of the all-OVAC team in Shaun Stiles who shot an 81.

Buckeye Trail finished ninth with a score of 397. Todd Warhola led the Warriors with an 89. Harrison Central was 10th with a 411, while Martins Ferry was 11th with a 416. Bellaire was 12th with a team score of 460.

OVERALL TEAM SCORING: 1. Indian Creek, 337; 2. Meadowbrook, 338; 3. St. Clairsville, 351; 4. Beaver Local, 355; 5. Tyler, 360; 6. Union Local, 361; 7. Oak Glen, 370; 8. Magnolia, 389; 9. Buckeye Trail, 397; 10. Harrison Central, 411; 11. Martins Ferry, 416; 12. Bellaire, 460.

ALL-OVAC: 1. Ken Bolon, 80 (won two-hole playoff); 2. Andrew Mercer, 80; 3. Shaun Stiles, UL, 81; Matt Bentley, St. C., 81; 5. Robbie Ellsworth, IC, 82; 4. Matt Perviance, IC, 82; 4. Tyler Connors, Meadowbrook, 82.

HOW THE LOCAL TEAMS FARED:

INDIAN CREEK (337) — Robbie Ellsworth, 82; Matt Perviance, 82; Steve Brozka, 86; Kyle Sheposh.

MEADOWBROOK (338) — Tyler Connor, 82; Logan Schultice, 83; Joey Back, 85; Adam Veselenak, 88.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE (351) — Matt Bentley, 81; Dustin Hocking, 87; Brandon Williams, 89; Derek Swallie, 94.

UNION LOCAL (361) — Shaun Stiles, 81; Hal Miller, 88; Mitchell Rataiczak, 94; Ronnie Everett, 98.

BUCKEYE TRAIL (397) — Todd Warhola, 89; Brian Carpenter, 97; Chad Taylor, 105; Matt Lashley, 106; Garrett Holt, 106.

HARRISON CENTRAL (411) — Chris Chesla, 100; Brian Thaxton, 102; Josh Barr, 103; Scott Campbell, 106.

MARTINS FERRY (416) — Ken Bolon, 80; Jesse Stillmak, 97; Randy Morris, 112; Tug Hildebrand, 127.

BELLAIRE (460) — Derek Myers, 107; Bryan Dunfee, 112; Adam Vavrek, 117; John Stack, 124.



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Double-Winners

The Wheeling Park High School golf team won both the city championship and the OVAC Class AAAA championship this fall. Pictured from left are Ryan Waialae; Keith Miller; Jamie Ziegler; Randel Mallery; Jarrod Worley, Mike Ricci; and Coach Mike Ricci Sr. Allison Hatcher was not available for the

OVAC GOLF

OVAC Golf Championships
Class AA
(at Riverside Golf Course, par 72)

Team Scores

1. Wheeling Central 321, 2. Toronto 326, 3. (tie) Fort Frye, Linsly 339, 5. Steubenville Central 351, 6. Barnesville 353, 7. Shadyside 356, 8. River 358, 9. Monroe Central 378, 10. Wellsville 417

Individuals

WC—McNabb 79, Miller 79, Sapon 81, Zachwleja 82

T—Brown 79, Chesnut 80, Lawson 83, Kuhn 84

F—Vannoy 80, O'Linn 80, Canterbury 88, Tuten 91

L—Tatich 77, Nickerson 83, Haning 89, Fragale 90

SC—Ronevich 83, M.DiFabblo 83, Petrola 92, O'Leary 93

B—Hunkler 86, Lucas 86, Bilyeu 88, Miles 93

S—Beck 84, Purpa 87, Parker 89, DaPaulis 96

R—Stephens 86, Mateslck 89, Ferry 90, Ensinger 93

MC—Majors 85, McConnell 94, Cain 99, Tennant 100

W—Hambleton 85, Dysart 87, McClelland 121, Spann 124

All-OVAC Team: Drew Tatich (L), Kevin Miller (WC), Brent McNabb (WC), Chris Brown (T), Luke Vannoy (FF), Tony O'Linn (FF), Adam Chesnut (T)

Class A

Team Scores

1. Weirton Madonna 347, 2. Beallsville 349, 3. Ballaire St. John's 360, 4. Bishop Donahue 404

Individuals

W—Toth 78, Panacci 82, Gajtka 93, Mikula 94

B—Burkhart 81, Adams 88, Maddy 90, Marcum 90

BSJ—Starr 80, Sansone 84, Yochum 94, Ollum 97

BD—Krupica 94, Hewitt 101, Wilson 102, Tonkovich 107

All-OVAC Team: Cory Toth (WM), Jake Starr (BSJ), Zach Burkhart (Bea), Jerome Panacci (WM), Kasey Adams (Bea)



Patriots Claim 4-A Golf Crown

Wheeling Park captured the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAAA golf title Friday at Richmond with a combined score of 319, three shots better than second-place Zanesville, 322.

Mike Ricci led the charge for the victorious Patriots with a score of 77.

He and teammate Keith Miller (78)

were selected to the all-tournament team along with co-medalists Nathan Hubbard and B.J. Tulodzleski of Edison who each fired rounds of 76.

Also honored on the all-tournament team were Evon Lamone (78) of Weir and Ty Shepfer (78) of Zanesville.

Louis Pitcock and Justin Adair of second-place Zanesville finished with scores of 82 and 83 respectively.

Despite have the top two scorers, Edison finished third in the team competition as the remaining pair of Wildcats combined for total of 176.

Rounding out the top five were Weir and Brooke who finished at 341 and 346 respectively.



Park wins OVAC 4-A golf crown

Wheeling Park captured the team championship Friday in the OVAC 4-A Golf Championship.

Park finished with a 319 total, three shots better than runnerup Zanesville. Edison was third with a 328 with Weirton fourth at 341 while Brooke rounded out the top five with its 346.

Mike Ricci -- defending West Virginia state champion -- paced the Patriots with a 77 while teammate Keith Miller fired a 78. Both made the all tournament team.

Buckeye Local finished ninth with a 355 cumulative.

Edison -- playing on its home course -- featured the co-medalists in Nathan Hubbard and B.J. Tulodzieski. Each carded a 76.

Also making the all-tournament team were Weir's Evon Lamone (78) and Zanesville's Ty Shepfer (78).

Results:

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WHEELING PARK -- Ricci 77; Miller 78; Waialae 80; Ziegler 84.

ZANESVILLE -- Shepfer 78; Hull 79; Pitcock 82; Adair 83.

EDISON: Hubbard 76; Tulodzieski 76; Sapp 81; Liggett 95.

WEIRTON: Lamone 78; Hoy 80; Ferris 90; Pate 93.

BROOKE: DiLorenzo 80; Clark 87; Lish 89; Lyle 90.

EAST LIVERPOOL: Pulido 81; Tokorcheck 87; White 88; Gaston 91.

STEUBENVILLE: Smoljanovich 83; Presley 88; Greenberg 88; Teramana 92.

CAMBRIDGE: Hubal 84; Williams 89; Grywalski 90; Oliver 91.

BUCKEYE LOCAL: Folda 83; Torok 85; Beckett 89; Polen 98.

JOHN MARSHALL: Kady 85; Schambach 86; Buzzard 92; Massey 93.

All-OVAC: Nathan Hubbard (Edison); B.J. Tulodzieski (Edison); Mike Ricci (Wheeling Park); Evon Lamone (Weir); Keith Miller (Wheeling Park); Ty Shepfer (Zanesville).

OVAC GOLF

OVAC Class AAAA Golf Championship
(at Spring Hills Golf Course)

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Individuals

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Z—Shepfer 78, Hull 79, Pitcock 82, Adair 83

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MF's Bolon 4-A Golf Champion

Martins Ferry's Ken Bolon held off Tyler Consolidated's Andrew Mercer on Thursday to win the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAA Golf Championship at Salt Fork State Park.

Indian Creek won the overall title, edging Meadowbrook by one stroke in a challenging OVAC match on the par 71 course.

The big story was how the medal title came down.

Bolon, whose Purple Riders finished 11th in a field of 12 teams, finished with an 80 to share the lead with Mercer after 18 holes. Both players parred the first playoff hole, played on the 333-yard, No. 10.

However, on the second hole -- a 501-yard, par 5 -- Mercer got into trouble when he pushed his drive into the trees. After hitting a tree and getting penalized for losing a ball and going out of bounds on his next two shots, the Tyler Consolidated senior and 1999 all-OVAC player opted to pick up.

Both players, like many others on the challenging course just east of Cambridge, struggled for most of the day.

They held the lead, however, after 18 holes. Both lipped out on birdie chips and par-putted to force the second playoff hole.

Bolon shot first on No. 11, staying on the fairway for his first shot and setting the ball on his second shot just 50 yards short of the green.

Meanwhile, Mercer got in trouble, leading to his eventual demise.

Bolon headlined the all-OVAC squad, joined by Mercer, along with Union Local's Shaun Stiles, who shot an 81 for the sixth-place Jets. St. Clairsville's Matt Bentley, whose team finished a distant third with 351, shot an 81 as well; Indian Creek's Rob Ellsworth and Matt Purviance helped the Redskins' title chase with 82s and Meadowbrook's Tyler Conner shot an 82.

This is the first of three OVAC championships.

The Class A-AA Championship is slated for Thursday at Sardis' Riverside Golf Course with a 10 a.m. tee-off time.

The Class AAAA Championship is scheduled for the following day at Spring Hills Golf Course in Richmond, Ohio. The big school tournament will tee off at 9 a.m.

Maroon Knight Golfers Grab Crown

Balance.

Wheeling Central had it.

It earned the Maroon Knights an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AA Golf title.

The Maroon Knights had four players shoot 82 or better at the Riverside Golf Course in Sardis, Ohio, on Thursday to vault them to the Class AA crown, edging second-place Toronto by five strokes on the par 72 home course of the River Pilots.

Wheeling Central's Brent McNabb and Kevin Miller each fired a 79, and although Linsly's Drew Tatich took medal honors with a sparkling 5-over-par 77, the Cadets finished 18 shots off the pace in the team scoring.

Rounding out the Knights' scor-

ing was Mark Sapon with an 81 and Vince Zachwieja with an 82.

Tatich's impressive performance was highlighted by a superb even-par 36 on the back nine which followed a 5-over 41 on the front.

His score on the final nine holes made him the only player to finish even par on either side of the course.

Finishing second in the team scoring was Toronto, which scored a 326 on the strength of Chris Brown and Adam Chesnut. Brown's 79 and Chesnut's 80 helped them earn all-OVAC honors along with McNabb and Miller of Wheeling Central, Tatich of Linsly and Fort Frye's Luke Vannoy and Tony O'Linn.

IN CLASS A action at Riverside, the Weirton Madonna Blue Dons rode the performance of medalist Cory Toth to a 347 and the single-A title.

Toth shot a 78, being the only player in the Class A group to finish under 80. Teammate Jerome Panacci fired an 82 to earned medal honors with Toth, while joining those two on the all-OVAC squad was Bellaire St. John's Jake Starr and Beallsville's Zach Burkhart and Kasey Adams.

The final OVAC Golf Tournament of the season is scheduled for today, when the Class AAAA event opens at 9 a.m. at the Spring Hills Golf Course in Richmond, Ohio.

