



Familiar Faces On Top

Linsly, Indian Creek, Wheeling Central win OVAC golf titles

Both Linsly (Class A) and Wheeling Central (Class AA) had to use their full complement of players, but were able to gain victories in their respective Ohio Valley Athletic Conference classes on Thursday at the Riverside Golf Course in Sardinia, Ohio in the OVAC Class A-AA tournament.

Both schools also took home victories during the Ohio Valley Golf Association's 32-team High School Invitational last month at the Wheeling Country Club.

Indian Creek won the OVAC Class AAA title, finishing one stroke better than Meadowbrook (303-304). That tournament was played at the Cadiz Country Club, also on Thursday. Wheeling Central and Indian Creek are both back-to-back winners.

The Class AAAA tournament will take place Friday, Sept. 28 at 9 a.m. at the Belmont Hills Country Club.

Class A

Linsly's Jimmy Squibb finished five strokes better than Beallsville's Jason Turner giving the Cadets a Class A crown after both teams finished with 326s.

Brian Nickerson's 77 paced Linsly, followed by Chris Banal (78), Zach Haning (83), Brad Nickerson (88), and Squibb.

Weirton Madonna, which won this class last year, was third at 345, followed by Bellaire St. John's (357), Paden City (370), and Bishop Donahue (370).

Linsly's Nickerson was the Class A medalist with his 77, while Beallsville's Kasey Adams (77), Linsly's Banal (78), Weirton Madonna's Matt Gajtka (81), Bishop Donahue's Troy Krupica (81), and Beallsville's Zach Burkhardt (81) joined him on

OVAC GOLF RESULTS

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CLASS AAA

(Cadiz Country Club, par 72)
 Indian Creek 303 Meadowbrook 304
 Oak Glen 326 Union Local 328
 Magnolia 331 St. Clairsville 336
 Barnesville 357 Tyler Consolidated 358
 Martins Ferry 373 Harrison Central 381
 Bellaire 418

1. Indian Creek 303 (Kyle Sheposh 74, Nick Kirach 74, Matt Purviance 77, Robbie Ellsworth 78)

2. Meadowbrook 304 (Logan Schultice 73, Adam Veselenak 76, Tyler Conner 76, Joey Back 79)

3. Oak Glen (Vinnie Gala 80, Lee Anderson 81, Zach Glass 82, Frank Cox 82, Shawn St. Clair 86)

4. Union Local 328 (Shaun Stiles 78, Mitchell Raticzek 79, Hal Miller 81, Adam Saffell 88, Brandon Swallie 104)

5. Magnolia 331 (Michael Dean 74, T.C. Fauber 80, Chris Jones 86, Brett Ripley 91, Billy King 91)

6. St. Clairsville 338 (Dustin Hocking 79, Matt Bentley 81, Sam Kraly 86, Jonathan Olaszowy 91)

7. Barnesville 357 (Tom Myles 80, Kelly Murphy 91, Bruce Bilyeu 93, Josh McFarland 93)

8. Tyler Consolidated 358 (Tom Meeks 87, Mark Wilson 89, Aaron Fitzwater 91, Jarrett Helmick 91)

9. Martins Ferry 373 (Ken Bolon 78, Jared Estock 97, Phil Hockenberry 98, Jim Howes 100)

10. Harrison Central 381 (Josh Barr 90, Jamie Martinette 95, Mike Maier 95, Bruce Heavilin 101)

11. Bellaire (418) Bryan Dunfee 103, C.J. LaRoche 104, Adam Vavrek 105, Andy Bresiger 105

ALL-OVAC: Logan Schultice (Mead), Michael Dean (runner up medalist; Kirsch (IC), Sheposh (IC), Veselenak (Mead), Tyler Conner (Mead).

Class AA

(at Riverside Golf Course)

Team Scores

Wheeling Central 322 Fort Frye 322
 Steubenville Central 329 Wellsville 340
 Shadyside 350, River 352
 Buckeye Trail 375, Toronto 385
 Monroe Central 388

1. Wheeling Central 322 (Chris Yahn 81, Matt Hartzell 77, Ryan Wakim 83, Leea McKittrick 85, Larry Piko 81)

2. Fort Frey 322 (Tony O'Lynn 75, Luke Vannoy 78, Jason Canterbury 84, Jared Perry 85, Garrett Fleming 95)

3. Steubenville Central 329 (Mike DiFabbio

81, Joe Ronevich 76, Mike Porter 80, Ryan O'Leary 82, Frank Patrola 92)

4. Wellsville 340 (Brett Hambleton 72, Eric Dysert 83, Josh Congrove 100, C.J. Congrove 92, Chass Varish 93)

5. Shadyside 350 (Mike Beck 82, Shane Bickmeier 83, Josh DePaulis 86, Zac Parker 89, Stefan Pumps 83)

6. River 352 (Justin Fatty, Eric Stephens, Russell Kocher, Greg Bayes, Tim Byers 91)

7. Buckeye Trail 375 (Matt Loshley 92, Todd Warhole 98, Brian Carpenter 105, Chad Taylor 94, Clayton Allen 91)

8. Toronto 385 (Tom Wilson 91, Tim Bickerstaff 100, Josh Franke 107, T.J. Augustynovich 104, Mark Conlon 90)

9. Monroe Central 398 (Tyler Woodby 98, Ryasey Tisher 109, Derek Winland 91, Matt Tipple 102, Tyler Graham 105)

ALL-OVAC TEAM: Brett Hambleton (Wel) 72, Tony O'Leary (FF) 76, Joe Ronevich (SCC) 78, Matt Hartzell (WC) 77, Luke Vannoy (FF) 78.

CLASS A

(at Riverside Golf Course, Sardinia)

Team Scores

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Weirton Madonna 345

Bellaire St. John's 357 Paden City 370

Bishop Donahue 370

1. Linsly 326 (Brian Nickerson 77, Chris Banal 78, Zach Haning 83, Brad Nickerson 88, Jimmy Squibb 92)

2. Beallsville 326 (Zach Brukhart 81, Adam Cislak 84, Clint Marcum 84, Kasey Adams 77, Jason Turner 97)

3. Weirton Madonna 345 (Jerome Panacci 82, Matt Gajtka 81, Chris Mikula 82, Zak Stewart 100, Jack Arango 108)

4. Bellaire St. John's 357 (Jake Starr 88, Nick Sansone 84, Brad Yochum 88, Ricky Kraflich 97, Alicia Kaesmar 102)

5. Paden City 370 (Robbie Sellers 87, Corey Sluder 89, Mark Mattingly 97, Jeremy Gilbert 98, Jared Feldmeier 97)

6. Bishop Donahue 370 (Troy Krupica 81, Brandon Tonkovich 92, Bill Burris 94, Bryan McCulley 104, Alex Baker 103)

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Longest Drive Hole No. 1: Ryan Wakim, WC (294) No. 1.

Longest Putt Hole No. 9: Zac Parker, Shadyside (14-8).

Longest Drive Hole No. 10: Ryan Wakim, WC (305).

Closest to Pin Hole No. 18: Robbie Sellers, Paden City (15-7).

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Wellsville's Brett Hambleton was the AA medalist, finishing with a 72, followed by Fort Frye's (75), Steubenville Central's Ronevich (76), Wheeling Central's Hartzell (77) and Fort Frye's Vannoy (78).

Wheeling Central's Wakim had the longest drive on holes 1 and 10, at 294 and 305 yards, respectively.

Class AAA

Indian Creek shot 1-under on the back-nine (143) as it came back from a six-stroke deficit at the turn to edge Meadowbrook and repeat as Class AAA champion.

Kyle Sheposh and Nick Kirsch (-3 on the back nine) paced Indian Creek with 2-over 74s, followed by Matt Purviance (77), and Robbie Ellsworth (78).

Oak Glen was third a 326, followed by Union Local (326),

Magnolia (331), St. Clairsville (336), Barnesville (357), Tyler Consolidated (358), Martins Ferry (373), Harrison Central (381), and Bellaire (418).

Logan Schultice, of Meadowbrook, was the medalist (73), while Michael Dean's bogey on the fifth playoff hole beat the Redskins' Kirsch and Sheposh (IC) for the runner-up.

Meadowbrook's Adam Veselenak and Tyler Conner (both with 76s) rounded out the Class AAA all-tournament team.

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Paden City's Robbie Sellers was closest to the pin on hole No. 18, coming within 18-feet, 7-inches on his drive.

Shadyside's Zac Parker drained the day's longest put (14-feet, 8-inches).

Class AA

Wheeling Central edged Fort Frye for the crown, having no players shoot in the 90s.

Matt Hartzell led the way with a 77, followed by Chris Yahn (81), Ryan Wakim (83), Larry Piko (81), and Lee McKittrick (85).

Steubenville Central, led by Joe Ronevich's 76, finished third (329), followed by Wellsville (340), Shadyside (350), River (352), Buckeye Trail (375), Toronto (385) and Monroe Central (396).

Tony O'Leary led Fort Frye with a 75 while Luke Vannoy had a 78 for the Cadets.