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T-L Photo/PAULA GINTHER

MARTINS Ferry's Justin Verba watches his drive during Friday's OVAC Class AAA Golf Championships at Cadiz Country Club.



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

LINSLY'S Brad Nickerson tees off during the OVAC Class A Golf Championships at Belmont Hills Country Club.

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•Brooke's Jones wins medalist honors

John Marshall came away the team champion in the OVAC 4-A Golf Championships at Wheeling Country Club Monday.

The Monarchs finished with a 301 total, six strokes better than runnerup Brooke.

Wheeling Park and East Liverpool were tied for third with 317s.

The Bruins' Chris Jones captured medalist honors. He defeated John Marshall's Aric Goddard in the playoff. Both golfers fired 70s.

John Marshall --which won the state Class AAA championship last fall -- ended Wheeling Park's five-year reign as OVAC kingpin.

Buckeye Local opted not to



participate due to the recent heavy flooding.

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TEAM SCORING: John Marshall 301; Brooke 307; Wheeling Park 317; East Liverpool 317; Cambridge 318; Zanesville 319; Beaver Local 338; Weir 347; Steubenville 364; Edison 375; Buckeye Local (did not play).

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"It has been a long haul," said John Marshall coach Rudy Zatezalo. "Park has had a lock on it the last few years. It felt good to win one."

John Marshall's victory ended a five-year Patriots' run at the top of the OVAC. Even last year when the Monarchs won the West Virginia Class AAA state title, they still couldn't shake the OVAC title away from Wheeling Park.

"For a while there it felt like it was harder to win the OVAC title than the state title," said Zatezalo.

John Marshall winning tandem consisted of Aric Goddard (70), Joey Darmafall (73), Chuckie Spaine (76), Carson Schambach (82) and Logan Kinkade (82).

Goddard, Darmafall and Spaine were all members of John Marshall's state championship team a season ago.

"Our three veterans from last year really came through today," said Zatezalo. "The last couple weeks they have been playing a lot better than when the season started."

"Also, our two young players have been coming along. Schambach and Kinkade have been playing steady golf and that has been a big lift for us."

Goddard also finished as the runner-up medalist, losing out in a playoff to Brooke's Chris Jones.

Jones helped lead Brooke to a second-place finish with a score of 307.

Defending champion Wheeling Park had to settle for a third-place finish with a score of 317. The Patriots' top golfer on Monday, Alex Saseen, finished with a 317.

East Liverpool (317) and Cambridge (318) rounded out the top five.

Despite the recent flooding in the Ohio Valley, the OVAC championship couldn't be postponed since West Virginia Region One tournament action begins next week.

According to WVSSAC regulations West Virginia schools may not play in another type of tournament once regional action has begun.

"This was the only day the Country Club was available this week," said Zatezalo. "Other than Buckeye Local, every other school could play on Monday, so we went ahead and played it."

"Considering all the rain we have had, Wheeling Country Club deserves a lot of credit. They got the course in pretty good shape and were very cooperative like always."

The latest John Marshall victory should help boost the confidence of Zatezalo's squad as they prepare for Regional action next week at The Pines in Morgantown.

"This new region will be a dogfight," said Zatezalo. "Anyone would win that thing."

"But most of the kids in this Valley have played The Pines with the Top Flight tour and seem to score well over there. It is a tight course."

John Marshall will be joined by Wheeling Park, Brooke, Morgantown and Fairmont West in the new region.

(Staff writer Christopher S. Nash contributed to this report).

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