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Bruins Second at OVAC Golf

Zanesville earns Class 4A crown

By MIKE MATHISON
For The Intelligencer

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Cambridge's Jordan Thompson's medalist score was 77. The Monarchs' Carson Schambach and Buckeye Local's Jared Shank each shot 78. Weir's Ryan Phillips fired a 79 and Brooke's J.D. Simpson and Zanesville's Brandon Miller each shot 80. All earned all-tournament honors.

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Simpson, playing in the No. 1 position, led the Bruins to a surprising second-place finish.

Sophomore Samantha DiDomenico followed with an 81. Both players bogeyed their final three holes.

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Wheeling Park's Alex seen looks over a putting action today at the VAC Class 4A golf moment in Weirton.



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"Definitely this was a surprise for us to be runner-up," said Brooke coach Bob DiLorenzo. "I told the team before we went out we were playing against 11 other teams that we had been playing well and if we could keep that up, we had the opportunity to at least be in the top half. I felt our best today would be a fourth."

"It was something I knew this team was capable of doing. I was just waiting for the opportunity for it to happen. We've always been on the bubble, close, playing against good teams and losing by five, maybe eight strokes, at the most. In a given day, somebody is going to come through and for us (Monday) it was our No. 5 man, J.D. Simpson."

"All in all, I'm pleased with the kids and their efforts."

"We didn't play very well, that's a given," said Wheeling Park coach Mike Ricci. "I think everybody had fun and they got to play a great golf course. I'm not too disappointed with my bunch. We're young."

"I thought the scores would be a little bit lower. I think the wind kicked up a bit. I think that had something to do with it. It's a tough golf course. You have to hit the ball straight here."

"The course was absolutely fabulous. I want to thank the people of Williams Country Club for allowing us to do this because this is a private club and it's tough for us to get on private clubs sometimes. They were very cooperative and I can't thank them enough for what they did for all these kids."

OVAC 4A GOLF

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Edison — Bryan Grazier 84, Aaron Hilt 87, Chris Stovilas 90, Shanlee Woodward 94, Robert Shoner 96.

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Weir — Ryan Phillips 79, Tyler Reese 92, Dave Roth 94, Aaron Shons 98.

Beaver Local — Tyler Chevront 92, Brady Guntar 94, Tyler Snodgrass 96, Justin Gloeckner 114, Jeb Pike 131.

East Liverpool — John Auer 96, Ridge Thomaselli 102, Kat Ammon 102, Anthony Ventilburg 113.

All Tournament Team Medalist — Jordan Thompson, Cambridge

Others — Carson Schambach, John Marshall; Jared Shank, Buckeye Local; Ryan Phillips, Weir; J.D. Simpson, Brooke; Brandon Mills, Zanesville.

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Linsly retains Class A title

• SJC finishes runnerup; Beallsville's Boan medalist

By RICK THORP
For The Times Leader

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committed to the game of golf," said Zavatsky, who has been leading the Linsly program since 1990.

The top four players scoring for Linsly were the same four who led the Cadets to last year's crown — Jonathan Wright, Zak Yochum, Philip Spencer and Vincent Tennant.

But for the first time during Zavatsky's tenure, all four of his scorers walked away with all-Tournament honors. Boan and Bellaire St. John's Larry Booth were the other members of the all-Tournament squad.

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local tournaments...without any prodding on my part."

Leading the way for Linsly was Wright, whose 72 was the second-best score in the tournament.

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The rest of the Linsly lineup includes juniors Spencer and Yochum, who both shot 73, along with sophomores Tennant (75) and Whitney Young (95).

"That was one of his best individual performances," Zavatsky said of Tennant. "One of the keys to success for us this year as been Vince coming in with that solid fourth score."

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standard. "He really has improved a lot during the summer," Blue Devils coach Patricia Marcum said of the three-year letter-winner, who has also spent time playing in Top Flite events.

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Marcum said Friday's individual victory will be big boost for Boan and the Beallsville team as it heads into Ohio Division III sectional play next week at Willandale Golf Club at Sugarcreek.

"I think his confidence has improved," Marcum said. "He's very confident in his game and he is also very determined and very focused."

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Class A leaders



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TAKING THE top two spots in the OVAC Class A golf tournament Friday were Beallsville's Alan Boan (medalist) and Linsly's Jonathan Wright (runnerup). Linsly repeated as team champion.

Zanesville wins OVAC 4-A golf title; BL third

by MIKE MATHISON
of The Times Leader

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Simpson and Zanesville's Brandon Miller shot 80.

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"I lipped out a birdie putt on 18 and missed coming back," said Shank. "That's about it."

The make would have given Shank medalist honors with a 76. The two-putt would have tied him with Thompson.

But, that's golf.

"I played good," said Shank after his second round at Williams Country Club. "I hit a lot of fairways and greens. I putted real well until the last hole."

"The course played pretty hard. The greens

were very fast - a little different than Becwood, where I usually play."

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Photo/MIKE MATHISON

BUCKEYE LOCAL'S Colin McCoy tees off on the 18th hole at Williams Country Club Monday in the OVAC 4A golf championships.

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tend for medalist honors.

"I think Ryan Phillips of Weir could contend for top honors," he said. "Tyler Kaidto, Jeff Ferda from Brooke also could be right there when it's all said and done. Jared Shank from Buckeye Local also could challenge."

Class 3-A:

10 teams, including defending champion Indian Creek, will take their best shot at an OVAC Class 3-A golf title, when they tee it up Friday at Steubenville Country Club.

According to Meadowbrook head coach and tournament director Mel Pesuit, the 3-A field is wide open.

"Indian Creek lost everybody from last year," he said. "So this year I think the favorites would have to be us, St. Clairsville and Magnolia."

Along with Indian Creek, St. Clairsville, Meadowbrook and Magnolia, the rest of the 3-A field features: Union Local, Harrison Central, Martins Ferry, Oak Glen, Tyler Consolidated and Bellaire.

Pesuit said Steubenville is a good course that rewards shot makers.

"Steubenville Country Club is a course that put a premium on putting the ball in play," Pesuit said. "It's also in excellent condition."

Class 2-A

Two-time defending champion Wheeling Central will be shooting for its third straight title at Riverside Golf Course Friday morning when the OVAC Class 2-A tournament gets underway.

"Joey Seabright and Wheeling Central are the prohibitive favorites

Friday," tournament director and River head golf coach Bob Cain said. "Though they will have to bring their 'A' game."

Eight teams will look to knock the Maroon Knights off their perch, including: Monro Central, led by Andrew Winland; Fort Frye, led by Brett Welsh (who lost in a playoff last year to Seabright); River, Buckeye Trail, Toronto, Wellsville, Barnesville and Steubenville Central.

Cain says the golf course is in decent shape.

"All things considered the course is good shape and has recovered from flood damage," he said. "There are a couple spots on the greens where the kids will need to lift."

Class 1-A

At Oglebay Park's Crispin Center, head coach and tournament director Mark Zavatsky's Linsly Cadets take aim at the sixth straight OVAC 1-A title.

The seven teams look to dethrone Linsly, include: Conotton Valley, Beallsville, St. John, Paden City, Bishop Donahue, Weirton Madonna and Shadyside.

Defending medalist Zak Yochum of Linsly returns as do four of the five members of the all-OVAC 1-A team.

Zavatsky says Crispin will hold up well for the tournament.

"Crispin is coming back," he said. "With the week or so of rain we've had it will definitely help soften up the golf course so that balls aren't going all over the place because of the hills."

OVAC GOLF RESULTS

OVAC Class A (at Crispin Golf Course)

Team Scores

1. Linsly 293; 2. Bell, St. John 323; 3. Beallsville 338; 4. Conotton Valley 342; 5. Bishop Donahue 345; 6. Weirton Madonna 386; 7. Shadyside 394.

All-Tournament Team

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Bellaire St. John

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Beallsville

Alan Boan 69; Anthony Marcum 77; Billy Davis 90; Joey Albus 102; Steven McGinnis 110.

Conotton Valley

JD Quillen 79; Tyler Yosick 87; Drew Penso 86; Steven Gooding 90; Taylor Berg 112.

Bishop Donahue

Kelifer Walton 78; Trent Krupica 92; Michael Angalich 82; Marc Sneddon 135; Nathan Fallova 93.

Weirton Madonna

Ryan Rokisky 84; Austin Pitcock 86; James McFadden 99; Courtney Brancazio 117; Doug Mato 118.

Shadyside

Jared Andes 103; Vince DeBlasis 105; Patrick O'Donnell 93; Josh Enix 98; Kraig Kubancik 100.

CLASS AAA

Steubenville Country Club Meadowbrook (333): Scurlock 79, Neff 81, Miller 86, Fehrman 87, Hudson 94.

St. Clairsville (354): Gaudlo 83, Wade 86, Lucas 89, Gay 96, Moore 97.

Tyler Consolidated: (354): Summers 83, Burkhardt 88, Bliss 90, Helmick 93, Hayes 98.

Harrison Central (367): Ja. Hirauk 74, Heavilin 96, Ju. Hirauk 96, Kasarda 101, Heaston 108.

Indian Creek (375): Burns 86, Viltro 92, Williams 98, Binkiewicz 99, Caniff 121.

Oak Glen (378): Childers 83, Eckleberry 96, Murray 99, Owings 100, Mazeski 112.

Magnolia (379): Bridgeman 92, McEldowney 93, Standiford 95, Berry 99, Street 115.

Union Local (395): Hudak 93, Johnson 97, Bratton 98, Beal 107, Fraley 110.

Bellaire (396): Plute 88, Paliswat 92, Baisel 92, Southall 124, Leonard 132.

Martins Ferry (447): Matz 106, Bowen 112, Mandlich 112, Headly 117, Lucas 124.

All-Conference Team

Jared Hirauk, Harrison Central (74, medalist); James Scurlock, Meadowbrook (79); Anthony Neff, Meadowbrook (81); Ryan Childers, Oak Glen (83); Derek Gaudlo, St. Clairsville (83); Ryan Summers, Tyler Consolidated (83).

OVAC Class 2-A Golf Championship

Team Standings

1. Wheeling Central 317
2. Fort Frye 327
3. Toronto 328
4. Monroe Central 337
5. Steubenville Central 344
6. Buckeye Trail 350
7. Barnesville 359
8. Wellsville 375
9. River 451

OVAC All-Tournament

1. Joey Seabright (Wheeling Central) 71
2. Cody Maclean (Wellsville) 75
3. Cody Roe (Buckeye Trail) 77
4. Max King (Toronto) 78
Chris Staley (Wheeling Central) 78
Daniel Perry (Fort Frye) 78
Brent Welch (Fort Frye) 78

Team Scores

WHEELING CENTRAL -- Joey Seabright, 71; Chris Staley, 78; Eric Felton, 79; Wes Earley, 89; Matt Pockl, 91.

FORT FRYE -- Brent Welch, 78; Daniel Perry, 78; Jarrod Arnold, 83; Nate Gerber, 88; Jacob Strahler, 91.

TORONTO -- Max King, 78; Nolan Wilson, 79; Andrew Brower, 82; Jordan Cooper, 89; Aaron Miller, 95.

MONROE CENTRAL -- Michael Paulus, 81; Jordan Wells, 82; Ryan Kuhn, 86; Andrew Winland, 88; Patrick Sparkmann, 104.

STEUBENVILLE CENTRAL -- Jake Emmerling, 83; Ian Marshall, 86; Ryan Houk, 87; Thad Schrickel, 88; Ryan Smith, 98.

BUCKEYE TRAIL -- Cody Roe, 77; Ethan Williams, 81; Jim Oiden, 95; Josh Colvin, 97; Tommy Allen, 99.

BARNESVILLE -- Chase Milburn, 86; Justin Amos, 90; Darrell Hashman, 93; Bailey Warfield, 93; Chris Crawford, 99.

WELLSVILLE -- Cody Maclean, 75; Adam Childers, 84; Nate Reynolds, 107; Jake Koopman, 109; Tyler Kelly, 116.

RIVER -- Taylor Abbott, 100; Devan Weekley, 109; Mike Winland, 114; Frank Carpenter, 128; Gabe May, 132.

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HC's Hirauk bags AAA crown

• Meadowbrook captures team championship

By MIKE MATHISON
For The Times Leader

STEUBENVILLE -- For a guy who doesn't get too excited on the golf course regardless if he just drained a 35-foot eagle putt or three-putted for double bogey, Jared Hirauk's game can be up and down.

Fortunately for Harrison Central's No. 1 man, it was all good Friday at Steubenville Country Club in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference AAA golf championships.

His 74 earned him medalist honors and led the six-player all-tournament team.

"I usually play bad before I play good," said Hirauk, who shot 42 Thursday in a match on his home course. "If you look at my stats I have one bad one, then one good one. It goes up and down all the time."

Hirauk made two birdies (Nos. 6 and 12) and four bogeys (Nos. 2, 5, 11, 15) and 12 pars.

"I putted really well," he said. "I got in trouble off the tee a couple of times. But, I chipped close and made the putts. I've played good here all year. I like the golf course. I like hilly golf courses."

"I don't get upset when I make bogeys -- mellow golf."

"I played bad here last year (in the OVAC tournament). I wanted to play good this year. Plus, I've played well before here, so I figured I should do well."

"I wouldn't say this (round) came out of left field," said Huskies coach Todd Dunlap. "We've played twice here and he shot 37 one day and 34 another day. I knew he had a legitimate shot here and he has a legitimate shot to qualify at least through districts."

The course played long -- from the blue tees, wet with recently aerified fairways.

"Jared is a pretty long player, so I knew it wouldn't effect him a lot," said Dunlap. "I was more concerned with the conditions of the fairways since they just got done plugging them. But, he seemed to handle it fairly well."

He was five shots better than Meadowbrook's James Scurlock, who repeated as an all-OVAC performer.

"James was told before we played today, because he hasn't been playing very well, that the only reason I brought him today is because he was all-OVAC last year as a junior," said Meadowbrook coach Mel Pesuit. "He hasn't been playing well enough to be here, but I told him he would get a chance to defend his all-OVAC as a junior. I told him if he didn't play well today, I wasn't going to take him to sectionals on Tuesday."

"So, he shot 79 and played well and I'm taking him to the sectionals. He earned that right. But, that's what a team is all about. When some guys do not have their best stuff, somebody else steps forward."

Joining Hirauk and Scurlock on the all-OVAC team were Meadowbrook's Anthony Neff with an 81, Oak Glen's Ryan Childers, St. Clairsville's Derek Gaudio and Tyler Consolidated's Ryan Summers, all of whom shot 83.

Pesuit's Meadowbrook squad captured the team title by shooting 333, 21 shots better than St. Clairsville and Tyler Consolidated.

"I felt coming in we were one of the stronger teams in the tournament," said Pesuit. "And after having been second last year, and a bunch of years, I thought we would be right in the midst somewhere. But, it was strange how it happened. My one and two men didn't play how they are capable of playing and my three and four men stepped up."

The Red Devils nipped the Silver Knights for second place based on the last score of the team, of which Larry Moore's was one better than that of his Tyler Consolidated counterpart.

"Our strength all year, really, is that we have good five and six men," said St. Clairsville coach Rick Oberdick. "I wish we could

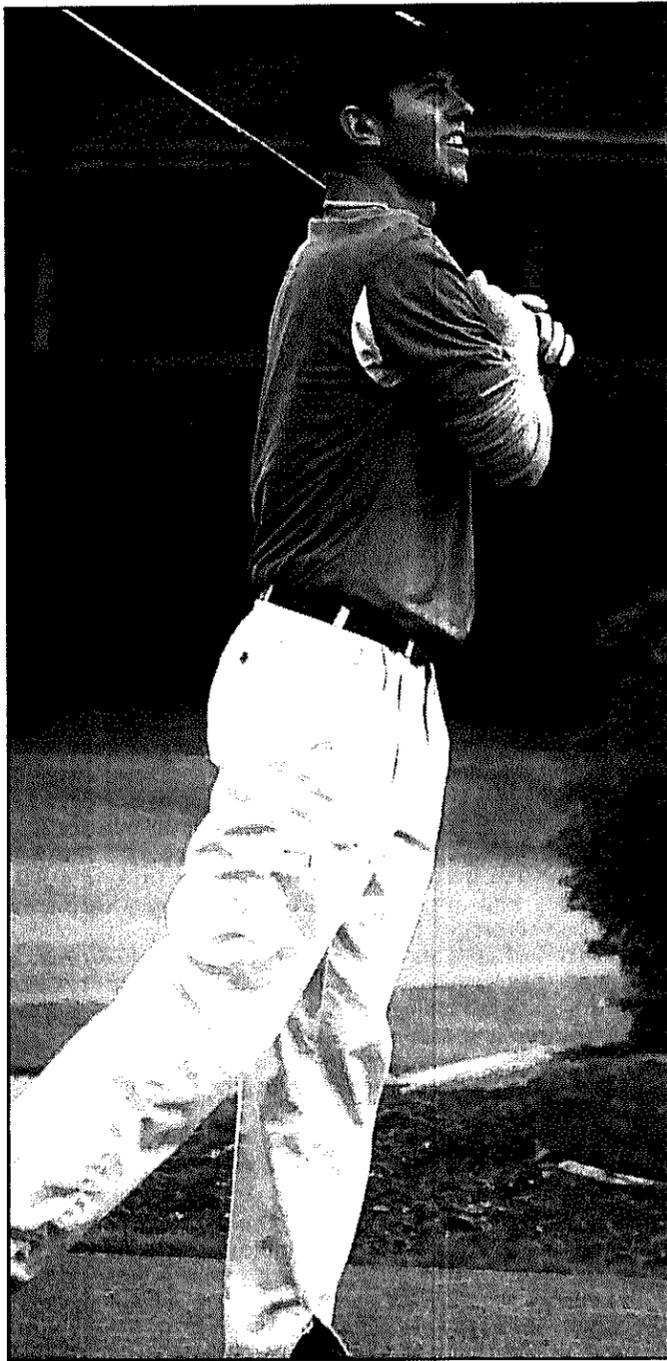


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WATCHING HIS shot during the OVAC Class AAA golf championship at Steubenville Country Club Friday is St. Clairsville's Adam Gay.

play six on six all year long because that's where we're strong. We don't have that 70s shooter and we don't know whose going to be the one to

step up. Day to day it changes. A couple of our kids today a little higher expectations and a couple came on. Maybe it was somebody else's turn."

VAC to begin crowning champs Monday

OF POTTS
Lead Sports Writer

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will crown its first set of champions this week as the OVAC tournaments get under way. Our sites will be utilized throughout the Ohio Valley, with Class A teeing off at 10 a.m. at Williams Country Club in Weirton.

The Class 3-A will tee it up at Steubenville Country Club on Friday. The Class 2-A will begin Friday with a 10 a.m. shotgun start at Riverside Golf Course in Sardis. The Class 1-A tournament will be Friday at 9 a.m. at Oglebay Park's Crispin Center. Following is a capsule of all four tournaments:
Class 4-A:
Even with defending champion

Zanesville (310 at Castle Shannon last year) and medalist Chase Wilson (73) returning, Wheeling Park head coach and tournament director Mike Ricci says at least three teams have a shot at the title this year. "I think John Marshall and Wheeling Park have a shot at it," Ricci said. "With Carson Schambach and Dylan Mercer at John

Marshall and Brent Jordan and Alex Saseen at Wheeling Park, those two teams are right there." Along with Zanesville, Park and JM, other big schools teeing off Monday at Williams Country Club in Weirton include: Brooke, Cambridge, Edison, Buckeye Local, Beaver Local, East Liverpool, Steubenville and Weir. Ricci said the kids are going to

have an unforgettable experience playing Williams Country Club on Monday. "The course is gorgeous and in great shape," he said. "The kids are in for a real treat." Along with the aforementioned Wilson, Schambach, Mercer, Jordan and Saseen, Ricci said there are a couple other golfers who could con-

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Cadets Claim Class A Title



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Staff Writer

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Photo by Rick Thorp

Linsly's Jonathan Wright takes a swing during action of Friday's OVAC Class A Golf Championships at Oglebay Resort's Crispin Golf Course.

Class AAA

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Quillen 79; Yosick 87; Penso 86; Gooding 90; Berg 112.
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Walton 78; Krupica 92; Angalich 82; Sneddon 135; Fallova 93.
Weirton Madonna
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Harrison Central
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Indian Creek

Burns 86; Viltro 92; Williams 98; Binkiewicz 99; Caniff 121.
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Childers 83; Eckleberry 96; Murray 99; Owings 100; Mazeski 112.
Magnolia
Bridgeman 92; McEldowney 93; Standiford 95; Barry 99; Street 115.
Union Local
Hudek 93; Johnson 97; Bratton 98; Beal 107; Fralay 110.
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Fort Frye
Welch 78; Perry 78; Arnold 83; Gerber 88; Strahler 91.
Toronto
King 78; Wilson 79; Brower 82; Cooper 89; Miller 95.
Monroe Central
Paulus, 81; Wells 82; Kuhn 86; Winland 88; Sparkmann 104.
Steubenville Central
Emmerling 83; Marshall 88; Houk 87; Schrickel 88; Smith 98.
Buckeye Trail
Roe 77; Williams 81; Olden 95; Colvin 97; Altan 99.
Barnesville
Milburn 86; Amos 90; Hashman 93; Warfield 93; Chris Crawford 99.
Wellsville
Maclean 75; Childers 84; Reynolds 107; Koopman 109; Kelly 116.
River
Abbott 100; Weeklay 109; Winland 114; Carpenter 128; May 132.

OVAC Golf Events Set For This Week

By JEFF POTTS

For The News-Register
The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will crown its first set of champions this week as the OVAC Golf Tournaments get under way Monday.



Four sites will be utilized throughout the Ohio Valley, with Class 4-A teeing off at 10 a.m. at Williams Country Club in Weirton.

The Class 3-A will tee it up at Steubenville Country Club on Friday.

The Class 2-A will begin Friday with a 10 a.m. shotgun start at Riverside Golf Course in Sardis.

The Class 1-A tournament will be Friday at 9 a.m. at Oglebay Park's Crispin Center.

Following is a capsule of all four tournaments: Class 4-A: Even with defending champion Zanesville (310 at Castle Shannon last year) and medalist Chase Wilson (73) returning, Wheeling Park head coach and tournament director Mike Ricci says at least three teams have a shot at the title this year.

"I think John Marshall and Wheeling Park have a shot at it," Ricci said. "With Carson Schambach and Dylan Mercer at John Marshall and Brent Jordan and Alex Saseen at Wheeling Park, those two teams are right there."

Along with Zanesville, Wheeling Park and John Marshall, other big schools teeing off Monday at Williams Country Club in Weirton include: Brooke, Cambridge, Edison, Buckeye Local, Beaver Local, East Liverpool, Steubenville and Weir.

Ricci said the kids are going to have an unforgettable experience playing Williams Country Club on Monday.

"The course is gorgeous and in great shape," he said. "The kids are in for a real treat."

Along with the aforementioned Wilson, Schambach, Mercer, Jordan and Saseen, Ricci said there are a couple other golfers who could contend for medalist honors.

"I think Ryan Phillips of Weir could contend for top honors," he said. "Tyler Kaidto, Jeff Ferda from Brooke also could be right there when it's all said and done. Jared Shank from Buckeye Local also could challenge."

Class 3-A: 10 teams, including defending champion Indian Creek, will take their best shot at an OVAC Class 3-A golf title, when they tee it up Friday at Steubenville Country Club.

According to Meadowbrook head coach and tournament director Mel Pesuit, the 3-A field is wide open.

"Indian Creek lost everybody from last year," he said. "So this year I think the favorites would have to be us, St. Clairsville and Magnolia."

Along with Indian Creek, St. Clairsville, Meadowbrook and Magnolia, the rest of the 3-A field features: Union Local, Harrison Central, Martins Ferry, Oak Glen, Tyler Consolidated and Bellaire.

Pesuit said Steubenville is a good course that rewards shot makers.

"Steubenville Country Club is a course that put a premium on putting the ball in play," Pesuit said.

"It's also in excellent condition."

Class 2-A Two-time defending champion Wheeling Central will be shooting for its third straight title at Riverside Golf Course Friday morning when the OVAC Class 2-A tournament gets underway.

"Joey Seabright and Wheeling Central are the prohibitive favorites Friday," tournament director and River head golf coach Bob Cain said. "Though they will have to bring their 'A' game."

Eight teams will look to knock the Maroon Knights off their perch, including: Monore Central, led by Andrew Winland; Fort Frye, led by Brett Welsh (who lost in a playoff last year to Seabright); River, Buckeye Trail, Toronto, Wellsville, Barnesville and Steubenville Central.

Cain says the golf course is in decent shape.

"All things considered the course is good shape and has recovered from flood damage," he said. "There are a couple spots on the greens where the kids will need to lift."

Class 1-A At Oglebay Park's Crispin Center, head coach and tournament director Mark Zavatsky's Linsly Cadets take aim at the sixth straight OVAC 1-A title.

The seven teams look to dethrone Linsly, include: Conotton Valley, Beallsville, St. John, Paden City, Bishop Donahue, Weirton Madonna and Shadyside.

Defending medalist Zak Yochum of Linsly returns as do four of the five members of the all-OVAC 1-A team.

Zavatsky says Crispin will hold up well for the tournament.

"Crispin is coming back," he said. "With the week or so of rain we've had it will definitely help soften up the golf course so that balls aren't going all over the place because of the hills."

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been playing well and if we could keep that, we had the opportunity to at least be in the top half. I felt our best today would be a fourth.

"It was something I knew this team was capable of doing. I was just waiting for the opportunity for it to happen. We've always been on the bubble, close, playing against good teams and losing by five, maybe eight strokes, at the most.

In a given day, somebody is going to come through and for us today it was our No. 5 man, J.D. Simpson.

"All in all, I'm pleased with the kids and their efforts."

"We didn't play very well today, that's a given," said Wheeling Park coach Mike Ricci. "I think everybody had

fun and they got to play a great golf course. I'm not too disappointed with my bunch. We're young.

"I thought the scores would be a little bit lower today. I think the wind kicked up a bit. I think that had something to do with it.

"It's a tough golf course.

"You have to hit the ball straight here.

"The course was absolutely fabulous. I want to thank the people of Williams Country Club for allowing us to do this because this is a private club and it's tough for us to get on private clubs sometimes. They were very cooperative and I can't thank them enough for what they did for all these kids today."

OVAC 4-A Golf Results

OVAC 4-A GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

(At Williams Country Club)

1. Zanesville 328; 2. Brooke 334; 3. Wheeling Park 339; 4. Buckeye Local 343; 5. Cambridge 351; 6. Steubenville 354; 7. Edison 355; 8. John Marshall 359; 9. Weirton 363; 10. Beaver Local 398; 11. East Liverpool 413.

Medallist - Jordan Thompson, Cambridge

All-Tournament -- Carson Schambach, John Marshall; Jared Shank, Buckeye Local; Ryan Phillips, Weir; J.D. Simpson, Brooke; Brandon Mills, Zanesville.

TEAM RESULTS

ZANESVILLE -- Brandon Mills, 80; Chase Wilson, 82; Matt Kaido, 83; Wade Kaido, 83; Corey Hull, 85.

BROOKE -- J.D. Simpson, 80; Samantha DiDomenico, 81; Jeff Ferda, 86; Nick Boykin, 87; Josh Aracich, 98.

WHEELING PARK -- Alex Saseen, 82; Brent Jordan, 84; Marshall Hone, 86; Zach Aderholt, 87; Shane Wilson, 91.

BUCKEYE LOCAL -- Jared Shank, 78; Jade Walkura, 82; Colin McCoy, 89; Cory Schrader, 94; Lance Pierpoint, 101.

CAMBRIDGE -- Jordan Thompson, 77; Aaron Fahey, 88; Greg Roberts, 91; Winston Turner, 95; Jeff Carroll, 116.

STEUBENVILLE -- Pete Petrides, 81; Sonny Guarino, 90; Cody Cooke, 90; Chris Penman, 93; Mike Glandomenico, 115.

EDISON -- Bryan Grazier, 84; Aaron Hilt, 87; Chris Strovilas, 90; Shanlee Woodward, 94; Robert Shoner, 96.

JOHN MARSHALL -- Carson Schambach, 78; Dylan Mercer, 89; Kyle Hill, 95; Tyler McMillan, 97; Kylan Whipp, 101.

WEIRTON -- Ryan Phillips, 79; Tyler Reese, 92; Dave Roth, 94; Aaron Shons, 98; Tony Ruzskowski, WD.

BEAVER LOCAL -- Tyler Chevrant, 92; Brady Gunter, 94; Tyler Snodgrass, 96; Justin Gloeckner, 114; Jeb Pike, 131.

EAST LIVERPOOL -- John Auer, 96; Ridge Thomaselli, 102; Kat Ammon, 102; Anthony Vantilburg, 113; Chris Juszcak, WD.

Wheeling Central prevails in 'AA'

By JEFF POTTS

Times Leader Sports Writer

Wheeling Central took a nine-shot lead at the turn and cruised from there to claim its third straight Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AA Golf Championship Friday morning at a blustery Riverside Golf Course in Sardis.

"It feels pretty good," Maroon Knights head coach Paul Kurtz said. "I'm pretty proud of these guys, they work hard at their game and it showed today."

The Maroon Knights finished with a 317, outdistancing Fort Frye by 10 strokes and Toronto by 11 shots.

"It was harder than it looked," Kurtz explained. "The wheels started coming off a little bit on the back nine for some of the guys."

Wheeling Central was led by junior sensation Joey Seabright, who shot a one-under 71 to claim medalist honors for the third straight year.

Seabright made the turn at even-par 36, but caught fire on the back nine with a stretch of three birdies over five holes.

"I wasn't surprised at Joey's three birdies on the back nine," Kurtz said, knowing how difficult the back nine was playing. "I was more surprised he didn't get more birdies on the front nine. I was watching him play and he was knocking balls in there tight but the putts weren't dropping."

Kurtz said he felt something special brewing in 2004 when the Maroon Knights captured their first OVAC crown.

"Joey is a really good player," he said. "Not just Joey though. We have Chris Staley and Eric Felton. All those guys are juniors, and as freshmen they won the state title in West Virginia so things were looking pretty confident."

Seabright and Felton represented Wheeling Central on the All-Tournament team.

The shot of the day though came from Toronto's Nolan Wilson, who eagled the par 5 14th hole.

Along with Seabright and Felton, the remainder of the All-Tournament team featured Cody Maclean of Wellsville, Cody Roe of Buckeye Trail, Max King of Toronto and the Fort Frye duo of Daniel Perry and Brent Welch.