

WLA's Schroeder wins, Springs second at Oriole-Ledger Invite

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WLA's Eric Schroeder tees off on the par 4 first hole at Rolling Meadows golf course on Wednesday. Schroeder tied for first with a 77, and got the win via tiebreaker. / Patrick Flood/The Reporter Media

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The St. Mary's Springs boys golf team can't seem to catch a break at its own invitational.

The Ledgers were one of 26 teams taking part in the 2013 Oriole-Ledger Invitational at Rolling Meadows Golf Course, and they played well enough to win.

But it wasn't in the cards. Literally.

Springs tied Pardeeville for first place in the division 2 standings, but lost out on the title via a handicap holes-tiebreaker. The same thing happened last year.

Nevertheless, coach Joe Bird was pleased with his team's outing.

“It’s not that hard to deal with,” he said about the tiebreaker. “We could have gone out and played for it, but it’s been almost a six-hour round and both teams are tired. We decided to go to the scorecards to break the tie. Everybody’s OK with it.”

The meet had a shotgun start at 10 a.m., and the first group of finishers didn’t come in until 3:30 p.m. on a cool, breezy day spring day on a still-soggy golf course. Temperatures were in the mid-30s when the meet started and only climbed into the mid-40s by the end.

Senior Nate Strigenz led the Ledgers with 82 on the par 72 course, placing third in division 2 behind Pardeeville’s Nick Satina (77) and Brady Ohlin (80). Strigenz’ Ledger teammates Brady Sarauer and Patrick Treichel — both freshmen — tied for fourth with 83s, while Sean Ahern was seventh (85).

“For our second meet, with very little practice, it’s an outstanding team score,” Bird said.

In division 1, it took a tiebreaker to decide the individual medalist as well. Winnebago Lutheran Academy junior Eric Schroeder and Lomira senior Mike Dean each finished the day with a 77, which tied for the low score in the invitational of 127 golfers. Schroeder won the tiebreaker for the D2 title, and meet medalist honors, also edging Pardeeville’s Sartina.

“He played very well today,” WLA coach Jeremiah Hoffmann said of Schroeder. “He’s only gotten better. He doesn’t do anything real flashy and doesn’t make a lot of mistakes.”

In the team standings, the Vikings missed the team title by a single stroke, as Ripon’s 345 was one better than the WLA’s 346.

“Over the course of 18 holes and with four players scoring, everyone can think of one spot where they could have made a shot or saved one,” Hoffmann said about coming so close to first. “But at the same time, we’re happy because we were an unknown this year.”

The Vikings took second despite placing three golfers in the top 10 in D1. Chris Colla was fourth (81) and Tim Anderson tied for ninth (88).

Campbellsport was third in D1 at 10 strokes back (354), led by Tony Leitheiser’s 87, which tied for seventh. Jack Adams tied for ninth.

North Fond du Lac (395), Lomira (407) and Mayville (451) took sixth, seventh and eighth. The Orioles’ Cameron Kuehl tied for 13th with an 89, while Ben Mand was 20th with a 93. Mayville’s top finisher was Dominic Nonhoff at 28th (103).

Laconia placed sixth in D2 with a 416, led by Joe Bille’s 24th-place 101. Tyler Rickert (104) was 27th.

In division 3, Markesan won the team title with a 376 — five strokes ahead of Stockbridge. Central Wisconsin Christian was fifth with a 424, while Oakfield only had three golfers.

Elkart’s Ollie Sadig topped the individual D3 leaderboard with a 79, followed by Markesan’s Josh Denk at 83.

CWC's Christopher Alsum earned a fifth-place medal with a 90, while Logan Ganz (101) was 16th. Oakfield was led by Trenton Vielbig's 20th-place 105.

There were 45 golfers in D1, 39 in D2 and 43 in D3.

ORIOLE-LEDGER INVITATIONAL at Rolling Meadows Golf Course Par 72 (36-36) Team scores Division 1

1, Ripon 345; 2, Winnebago Lutheran Academy 346; 3, Campbellsport 354; 4, Oostburg 356; 5, Columbus 375; 6, North Fond du Lac 395; 7, Lomira 407; 8, Mayville 451; 9, Omro 455.

Division 2

1, Pardeeville 333*; 1, St. Mary's Springs 333; 3, Oshkosh Lourdes 376; 4, Random Lake 389; 5, Cedar Grove 409; 6, Laconia 416; 7, Horicon 445; Cambridge N/A.

Division 3

1, Markesan 376; 2, Stockbridge 381; 3, Randolph 382; 4, Elkhart Lake 386; 5, Central Wisconsin Christian 424; 5, Madison Abundant Life 424; 7, Sheboygan Lutheran 427; 8, Princeton/Green Lake 479; Oakfield N/A.

*won on 7th hole tiebreaker

Top 10 individual scores Division 1

1, Eric Schroeder (WLA) 77*; 1, Mike Dean (LOM) 77; 3, Michael Lueptow (RIP) 79; 4, Chris Colla (WLA) 81; 5, Anson Bautista (LOM) 84; 5, Caleb Galligan (CBSP) 84; 7, Sam Vander Plas (RIP) 87; 7, Tony Leitheiser (CBSP) 87; 9, Josh Smies (OOS) 88; 9, Jack Adams (CBSP) 88; 9, Tim Anderson (WLA) 88; 9, Raymond Kolocek (OOS) 88.

Division 2

1, Nick Satina (PAR) 77; Brady Ohlin (PAR) 80; 3, Nate Strigenz (SMS) 82; 4, Brady Sarauer (SMS) 83; 4, Patrick Treichel (SMS) 83; 6, David Grunsted (OL) 84; 7, Sean Ahern (SMS) 85; 8, Nate Satina (PAR) 86; 9, Isaiah Bauer (CG) 88; 9, Justin Obbing (CG) 88.

Division 3

1, Ollie Sadig (EL) 79; 2, Josh Denk (MAR) 83; 3, Jake Hildreth (STO) 85; 4, Austin Buss (RAN) 89; 5, Christopher Alsum (CWC) 90; 6, Antonio Bett (EL) 92; 7, Bob Barker (MAR) 93; 8, Sam Jeffers (STO) 94; 9, Nate Hazenstein (RL) 95; 9, Josh Nelson (RAN) 95.

*Medalist via tiebreaker