

Hawks soar above Falcons in non-conference dual

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Competing in its second dual in three days, but this time it was a non-conference dual, the Mid-Prairie girls golf team stayed home when they faced off against the Louisa-Muscatine Falcons at the Kalona Golf Course on April 27.

After nine holes played the Golden Hawks were able to prevail over Louisa-Muscatine. Mid-Prairie shot a 192 to conquer the Falcons and this win keeps the Golden Hawks undefeated in duals this season.

"All the girls played really well today and their scores were all probably impacted by at least two shots due to a really shaky pin placement on one of the holes," Mid-Prairie coach Tracy McArtor said. "The girls are really trending in the right direction and I'm excited to see them continue to play as we prepare for conference and regionals."

Earning medalist honors in this non-conference dual was Mid-Prairie senior Kylie Reinier. Reinier shot a 44 to take the top spot and this score would set a new personal best. She

sank in three pars on holes one, two, and five.

"I was either getting birdie or par most of the night. I feel like it all came together nicely," Reinier told KCII after the dual. "My game was just really on point. My drives, then I could just execute each one of my shots from there. Putting was also working today. I'm very pleased with my performance."

Close in score to Reinier was Mid-Prairie juniors Gabi Robertson and Madi Davidson. Both Robertson and Davidson finished the dual with a score of 49 to earn co-runner-up-medalist honors.

The rest of the Golden Hawk varsity team would each score one point apart from each other with junior Elliot Debler scoring a 50, sophomore Addison English scoring a 51, and Alexa Huber scoring a 52.

Up next for the Golden Hawks (9-6) will be once again being the host at the Kalona Golf Course and facing off against Durant (4-9) in a conference dual on May 8. Mid-Prairie won its last dual against Durant, on May 9, 2022, with a final score of 210-219.



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Mid-Prairie's Alexa Huber attempts to get on the green during a golf meet on April 20th.



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Left, Mid-Prairie's Elliot Debler begins her swing at the Kalona Golf Course on April 20th. Right, Mid-Prairie's Gabi Robertson places the ball on the green on April 20th.

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Schlabaugh and Bush were the only Golden Hawk golfers to finish the meet with a score below 90. Bush completed the meet sinking in nine pars, including five in a row from holes 6 to 10.

Scoring a 91 to tie for 31st place, along with Camanche junior Mason Duritz and West Branch junior Bradyn Sexton, was Mid-Prairie senior Warren Scarff.

Scarff shot a 47 on the back nine along with his 44 on the front nine to arrive at his overall score. A tough three hole stretch on 12, 13, and 14 prevented Scarff's score from being in the 80's.

Freshman Bryce Henry shot a 94 for the Golden Hawks. He finished the back nine with a 48 and he completed the front nine with a 46.

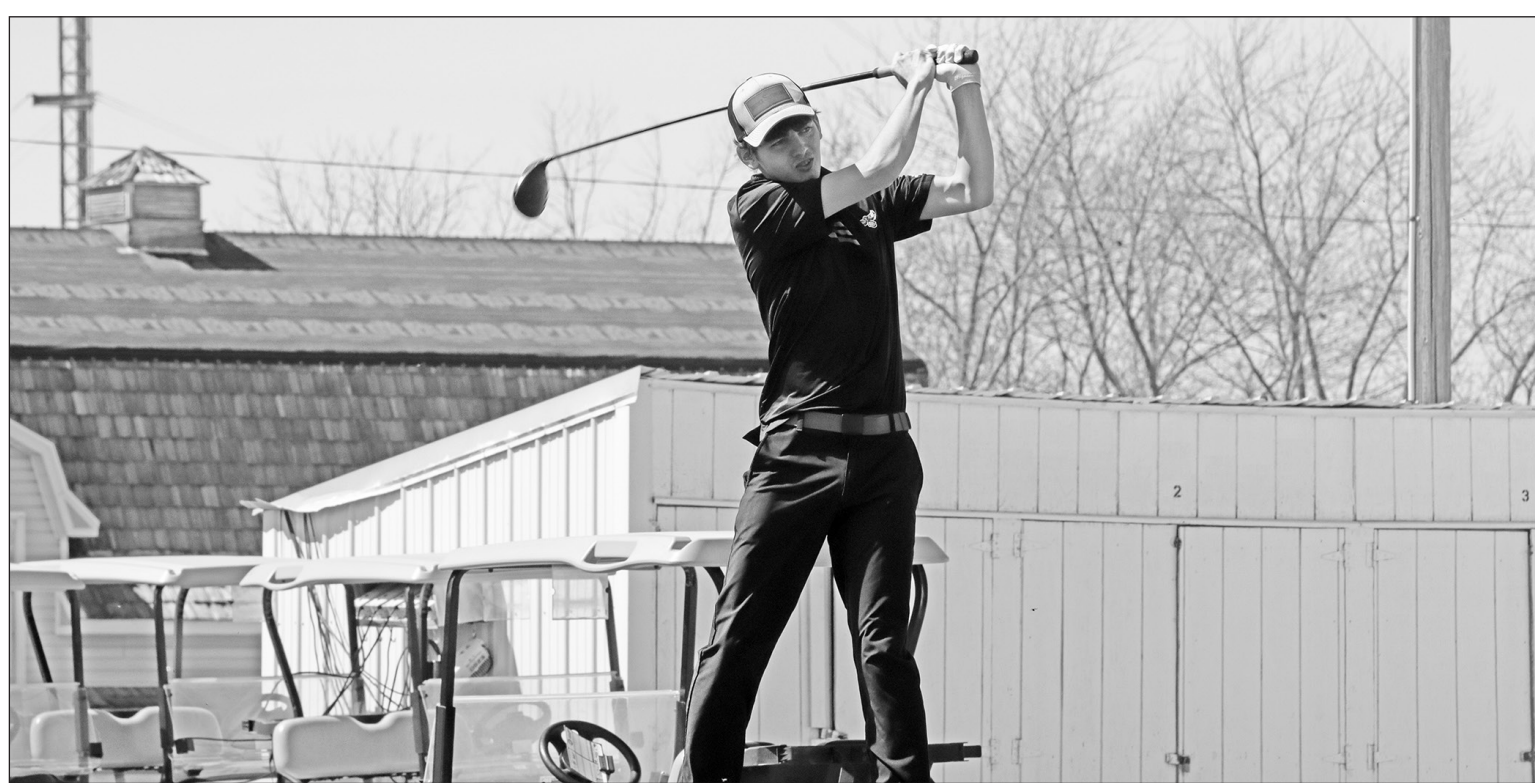
Henry finished the 18-hole meet in a five-way tie for 41st place, along with Camanche senior Kane McDanel, Durant senior Garrett Hollenback, Tipton senior Ty Stutzel, and Wapello junior Zach Harbison.

Finishing with a one stroke difference between each other was Mid-Prairie senior Alex Bean and freshman Clayton Davidson.

Bean shot a 49 on the front nine and a 47 on the back nine for a final score of 96 to take a four-way tie for 44th place, along with Regina Catholic sophomore Noach Clark, Tipton senior Dylan McCall, and Wapello junior Codder Malcolm.

Davidson finished the meet with a 97, shooting a 46 on the front nine and a 51 on the back nine. He was able to sink in two birdies, on holes four and eight. His score of 97 puts him in a tie for 48th place, along with Camanche junior Bryce Buckley.

"I am proud of the effort and improvement the golfers are



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Mid-Prairie's Aiden Bush after a mighty swing on the Kalona Golf Course on April 20th.

showing each meet," Bender said about his golfers' performance at the invitational. "We just have a few little things to clean up to become a little more consistent throughout an 18 hole meet."

Mid-Prairie 183, Louisa-Muscatine 207

Getting to stay on its home turf the Golden Hawks welcomed the Louisa-Muscatine Falcons to the Kalona Golf Course for a non-conference dual on April 27.

Sending the Falcons home with a loss, Mid-Prairie won the dual, 183-207. This win marks the Golden Hawks' fourth dual win of the season.

"We played good but not our best," Mid-Prairie coach Kelby Bender said. "I felt that we were a little tired. This was the third meet in four days this week and it showed. A few mental

mistakes here and there cost us a few strokes but we played good enough to get the win. I am proud of how they battled through a little adversity in their rounds and found a way to finish well."

Leading the Golden Hawks with a score of 44 was junior Drew Schlabaugh. Schlabaugh's score of 44 earned him medalist honors at this non-conference dual.

He started off the day by making a birdie three on the par four first hole and he was able to shoot consistently enough to arrive at this dual best score of 44.

Just one stroke behind Schlabaugh was Mid-Prairie freshman Clayton Davidson. Davidson finished the day with a score of 45. The highlight hole of the dual for Davidson came on hole 3, when he made a long putt to secure a birdie.

The third top scorer for

Mid-Prairie was senior Warren Scarff. Following the trend of one Golden Hawk finishing right below the other, Scarff ended the meet with a score of 46.

West Liberty 171, Mid-Prairie 185

Facing strong winds that would make even a wind turbine jealous, the Golden Hawks traveled to the West Liberty Country Club to face off against the West Liberty Comets in a River Valley Conference dual on May 1.

This dual ended a busy week for the Mid-Prairie boys golf team and the week would also end in a loss to West Liberty, with a final score of 171-185.

"On a very windy day West Liberty beat us on their home course. We did not play our best today in the wind," Mid-Prairie coach Kelby Bender

said. "A few mistakes cost us some good rounds. They kept battling and we were able to post three decent scores. Just needed one more good score to break the 180 mark."

Both of the top scores of the dual belonged to the Comets. West Liberty seniors Ty Jones and Colin Cassady both posted identical scores of 40 to earn co-medalist honors.

For Mid-Prairie it was its freshman who stood up on this windy day to lead the team in scoring.

"We were led by a pair of freshmen. Bryce Henry led us with a 44 making two pars and avoiding any really big trouble. Clayton Davidson shot a 45 with a par and he birdied the par 4 6th hole," Bender said.

Coming up for Mid-Prairie will be traveling to the Waukesha Country Club to battle Durant on May 8.