

## DUTCH BOYS OUTSHOOT ALL FOR STATE 3A CHAMPIONSHIP

### State 3A golf champions!

MOC-Floyd Valley boys came around with team lows both days of the Iowa High School Athletic Association 3A State Golf Championship on Monday and Tuesday, May 21 and 22. On the links of Veenker Memorial Golf Course in Ames, with scores of 319 and 310, the Dutch secured the 3A crown with a 629. In the photo with the banner, from left, are Coach Brady Baker and players Davis Korver, Carson Korver, Cody Brenneman, Jackson Van Den Bosch, Kye Krogman, Isaiah Hulshof, Gavin Frederes, Ian Grossman and Aiden Truesdell. (Photo submitted)

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AMES — It's been a while in coming, but this year, MOC-Floyd Valley boys' golf captured the Iowa High School Athletic Association Class 3A state title. Coach Brady Baker recalled a fifth-place finish last year, a fourth-place performance the year previous. The Dutch have been third once and twice three times. On Monday and Tuesday, May 21 and 22, on the links of Veenker Memorial Golf Course in Ames, medalists senior Davis Korver and freshman Carson Korver led the way, seniors Cody Brenneman and Jackson Van Den Bosch cementing a 14-stroke victory, topping the 10-team field with rounds of 319 and 310 for a stroke count of 629.

"Veenker is a very difficult golf course that can be unrelenting at times," said Baker. "The first day they had the tee boxes way back, which didn't help scores any. They moved up some of the tees the second day, which certainly helped. The greens are very fast and there are penalties on almost all of the holes. You have to be mentally tough and you have to be playing well to score out there."

Knoxville fielded a scoring four that combined for a runner-up score of 643, Gilbert third with a 645.

"We came into state solely focused on ourselves," Baker said. "In fact, the kids didn't even know where they stood until after we were done the second day. I thought it allowed us to play freely and without regard for our opponent. This is not easy to get high school kids to buy into, but they did it exceptionally well."

"I thought if we played well we would have a chance," said Baker. "I think many looked at Gilbert as the favorite, being a two time defending champ and playing a golf course they play frequently. Beating Gilbert by 20 on our home course at districts seemed to surprise them, but to be honest, I'm not sure our team cared about any of the other teams. We were just trying to be the best team we could be all year long."

Davis and Carson Korver were among the five who counted

the fewest swings in the 68-golfer field. Roman Roth, golfing as an individual from eastern-Iowa Washington High School was individual champion, working two days on the par-72 course for a one-under 143.

Davis carded an 80 on the first 18 and 71 on the second for runner-up honors with a 151. After Jack McCarty of Solon's 79-74 for third, Carson scored a 79-75 for a 154. Brenneman led the Dutch on the first 18 with a 77, which, paired with an 82 on day two, resulted in a 14th-place 159. Not far from that were scores of 83 and 82 by Van Den Bosch, who came in with a 165.

"The first day felt a little like survival," Baker said. "The golf course was just playing very difficult. Cody Brenneman gave us an incredible boost. To shoot 77 and be tied for third after day one was pretty good for a five man. It showed the depth of our team. The rest of the guys hung in there to give us a 10-shot lead after day one."

"To have the low team score in the field both days was pretty special," said Baker. "The same five teams have been in the top five the last three years, so we have gotten pretty familiar with one another. It was as strong a field as I have seen."

"In order for you to win state titles you need your studs to perform," Baker said. "On day two, Davis and Carson both played some great golf. They were solid from start to finish. Their preparation of playing in big-time tournaments helped equip them to play well. Davis' round was one of two under-par rounds from the field on either day. He finished with a couple of birdies, which was a lot of fun."

"Davis has come so far," said Baker. "He rebounds far better than he used to and doesn't beat himself up for a bad shot nearly like he used to, either. To finish second in state as an individual is quite the accomplishment. His career is about as good as any golfer we have had at MOC-Floyd Valley."

"Carson was a pretty darn good addition to the team this year," Baker said. "He's just really good. He settled into the season a few meets in and really started to take off. Considering all of the golf he plays with his brother, it was a pretty sweet moment to see them go second and fourth."

Fifth golfer for the Dutch was senior Isaiah Hulshof, who combined scores of 83 and 91 for a 174. Kye Krogman and Ian Grossmann split sixth-man duties, combining a 96 and 84 for a 180.

"This is a very special group of seniors," said Baker. Jackson Van Den Bosch and Isaiah Hulshof, in particular, have been very steady performers for us the past three years. Sometimes you can get focused on Davis because he's such a good player, but Jackson and Isaiah were really good, too. They came up big for us countless times. Cody Brenneman, Aiden Truesdell, and Kye Krogman found their spots and worked very hard to become better players. We certainly would not have accomplished this without them."

"It's a bittersweet end to the season," Baker said. "I will miss those six seniors. They have offered so much to our program and carry themselves with class and humility. Our younger guys were fortunate to learn from them."

"Like I said last year after the state tournament, we were only going to be as good as the work our guys put into it," said Baker. "They worked tirelessly at their games to improve. The same will be true of next year's team. We will only be as good as the work we put in from this moment on. I'm looking forward to seeing what they do."

## SCOREBOARD

### Baseball

Dutch 9, Estherville-Lincoln Central 4  
Knights 7, Hinton 0  
Dutch 1, Spencer 7 (five innings)  
Knight 4, West Sioux 3 (eight innings)  
Dutch 5, West Lyon 6  
Knights 1, West Lyon 3  
Dutch 10, Central Lyon 3

### Golf

3A girls state  
Dutch girls placed 10th with a score of 384-380 — 764  
2A girls state  
Lauren Vande Griend placed 29th with a score of 97-92 — 189  
3A boys state  
\*Dutch boys placed first with a score of 319-310 — 629

### Soccer

1A-1 Championship  
Knights boys 2, Western Christian 3  
Class 1A Region Seven semifinal  
Knight girls 0, Bishop Heelan 10

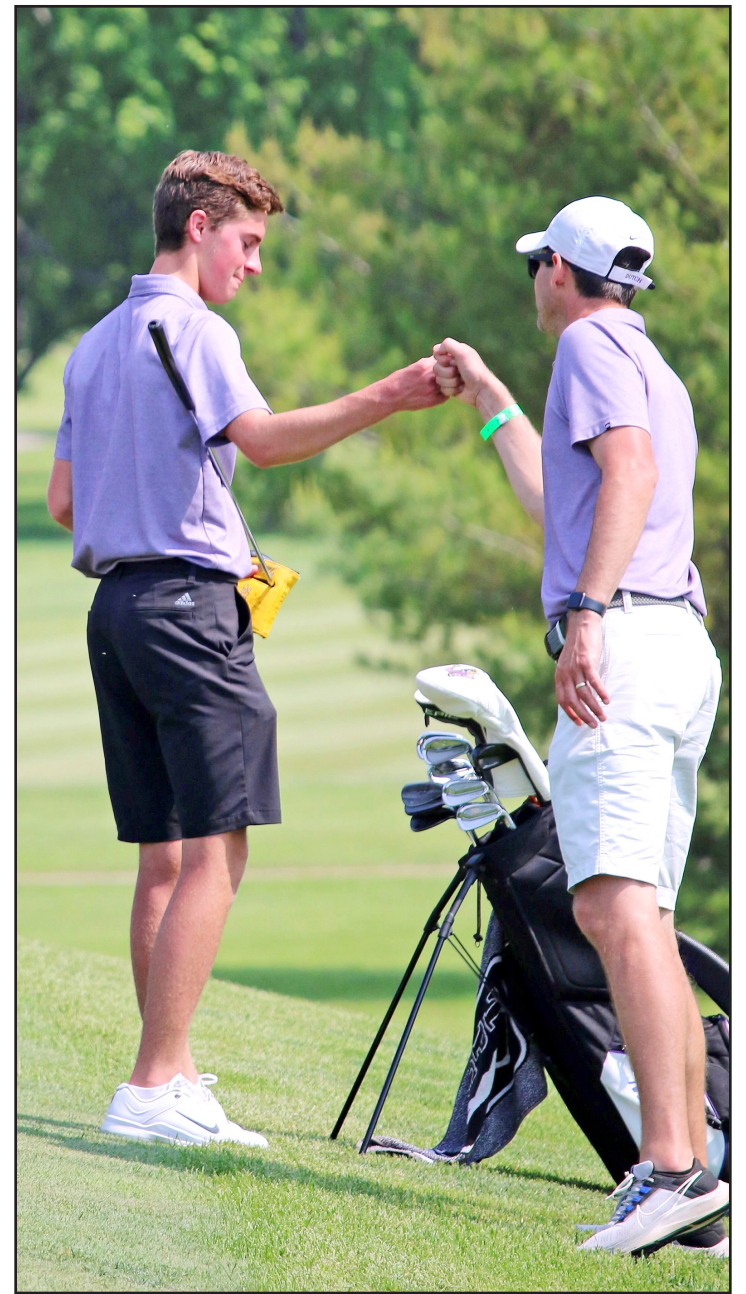
### Softball

Dutch 3, Spirit Lake 0  
Knights 2, Hinton 3  
Heelan Classic Tournament  
Dutch 7, Bishop Heelan 6  
Dutch 11, Le Mars 6  
Dutch 4, Spencer 7  
Dutch 8, Storm Lake 11  
Knights 5, West Sioux 4  
Dutch 0, West Lyon 10 (six innings)  
\* Knights 0, Remsen 11 (five innings)

### Track and Field

NAIA Track and Field Outdoor Championships  
Red Raider Braden Kalvelage, fourth, long jump, 7.42 meters  
Red Raider Jacie Vander Waal, seventh, high jump, 1.68 meters

\*There were errors in the May 25 issue. These scores are correct.



### Fist bump

Davis Korver (left) of MOC-Floyd Valley gets a fist bump from coach Brady Baker during play at the Monday and Tuesday, May 21 and 22, Iowa High School Athletic Association 3A State Golf Championship. Korver led the championship Dutch team with a runner-up 80-71 — 151. (Photo submitted)

### Iowa High School Athletic Association 3A State Golf Championship Veenker Memorial Golf Course Ames Monday, May 22, and Tuesday, May 23 MOC-Floyd Valley results

MOC-Floyd Valley	319-310 — 629
Knoxville	329-314 — 643
Gilbert	330-315 — 645
Adel DeSoto Minburn	334-315 — 649
Solon	335-319 — 654
Waverly-Shell Rock	339-320 — 659
Winterset	337-333 — 670
Spencer	347-342 — 689
Williamsburg	350-340 — 690
West Delaware	349-343 — 692
1 Roman Roth, Washington	73-70 — 143
2 Davis Korver	80-71 — 151
3 Jack McCarty, Solon	79-74 — 153
4 Carson Korver	79-75 — 154
5 Zachary McCarty, Clear Creek-Amana	79-77 — 156
14 Cody Brenneman	77-82 — 159
T21 Jackson Van Den Bosch	83-82 — 165
T43 Isaiah Hulshof	83-91 — 174
T50 Kye Krogman and Ian Grossmann	96-84 — 180



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