

Outlaws golf squad has rough week on the links

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The boys golf team struggled as a team this past week in their match at Meadow Lakes on Monday, April 25, and again four days later at the Summit Invitational held at Broken Top Golf Club.

Sisters finished last out of 10 teams on Monday at Meadow Lakes. The Outlaws posted a team score of 465.

Freshman Andrew Mayes led the Outlaws with a 47/52/99 for his lowest score of the season. Mayes had two pars in the round and one was especially sweet. Andrew putted the ball in from off the green from 50 feet away for a par on the fifth hole. Mayes only had one three-putt green in the round which made a huge difference in his game.

“This was an impressive day for Andrew to shoot his best score, because it was very cold and windy,” said Coach Bill Mitchell.

Devin Robillard carded a 54/56/110 and Kade Owen posted scores of 54/60/114. Wyatt Hernandez had 142 in the round and Patrick Dingeman finished at 149.

The Outlaws finished last again at the Summit Invitational on Friday. Summit took top honors with a team score of 285, and Rocky Mountain High was runner-up at 291. Redmond took third at 329. Remaining scores were: Corvallis (345), Ridgeview (355), Mt. View (358), Crook County (376), and Sisters (435).

“Summit is the best team in Central Oregon, and could be the best team in the country,” said Mitchell. “They have guys 10 deep that all

shoot par golf. The Rocky Mountain Grizzlies are the best team in Idaho and made the trek over just to see if they could beat the Storm.”

Broken Top was in pristine condition for the tournament, with immaculate greens and fairways.

“Broken Top is the best course we play all year,” said Mitchell. “It’s definitely the best club in Bend, and possibly the best in all of Central Oregon. It’s a private club, and they don’t have to let the kids come in and play. So it’s just great they host this event at no charge every year.”

Mitchell added, “The neat thing about this whole event is Summit’s parent involvement. It’s just huge. They provided sub sandwiches, platters of cookies, and coolers full of Gatorade and water for everyone. It made a big impression on my kids.”

It wasn’t an easy day for a round of golf, due to the cold and windy weather conditions. Austin Lake led the Outlaws with a 44/48/92 and Andrew Mayes followed with scores of 55/56/111. Kade Owen carded a 57 on both the front and back for a 114 finish. Wyatt Hernandez posted a 61/57/118 and Devin Robillard went 63/58/121.

Mitchell told *The Nugget* that the Outlaws have been practicing diligently on their putting at practice, and it showed in their play today. Lake, with his 92, tied for his personal best. Austin had four pars in the round and putted well.

Mitchell was pleased with freshman players Hernandez and Mayes.

“Wyatt shot a 142 at Meadow Lakes (ML) earlier

in the week, and came out today and shot a 118,” said Mitchell. “He got a 10 on his last hole, so he could have easily had an even better score. He was beaten down at ML and really didn’t even want to play, but he stuck it out with an amazing 24-shot

turn-around. His putting really improved, as did his irons, but he still needs work with his longer clubs. Andrew was solid again on a tough golf course. These first-year players are doing just fine. We need our upperclassmen, Devin and Kade, to step it

up a little and break 100 at districts.”

The Outlaws will host the annual Sisters Invitational at Black Butte Ranch on Thursday, May 5. Districts will be held at Tokatee on Monday and Tuesday, May 9-10.

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