

# Wayne Golfers Claim Wakefield Invitational

WAKEFIELD, Neb. — With golfers recording scores under 110, Wayne claimed the team girls' golf team title at the Wakefield Invitational, held Friday in Wakefield, Neb. Wayne recorded a 412, while Crofton finished second at 435, Hartington Cedar Catholic took third at 436, followed in the top five by Pierce (476) and Hartington (479).

Crofton's Molly Zavadil earned top individual honors after carding a 82, five strokes ahead of Wayne's Brittney Peterson.

Hartington's Casey Steiner and Crofton's Gina Dendinger tied at 97, while Hartington Cedar Catholic's Allie Schieffer rounded out the top five at 100.

Also for Wayne, Hannah McCorkindale was ninth at 105, while Burgandy Roberts (110) and Taylor Burke (110) finished in the top 15.

TEAM SCORES: Wayne 412, Crofton 435, Hartington Cedar Catholic 436, Pierce 476, Hartington 479, Elkhorn Valley 527, Wakefield 1345, Pender 1388, Tekamah-Herman 1405, Stanton 2223, Oakland-Craig 2271

TOP 20: Molly Zavadil, Crofton 82; Brittney Peterson, Wayne 87; Casey Steiner, Hartington 97; Gina Dendinger, Crofton 97; Allie Schieffer, Hartington CC 100; Alexia Henschke, Pender 102; Joslyn Wiebelhaus, Hartington CC 103; Brië Frickenstein, Stanton 104; Hannah McCorkindale, Wayne 105; Ali Johnson, Pierce 105; Hannah Paxton, Wakefield 107; Burgandy Roberts, Wayne 110; Shauna Reikofski, Elkhorn Valley 110; Holly Kathol, Hartington CC 110; Taylor Burke, Wayne 110; Nicole Carstens, Pierce 112; Katelyn Tuttle, Wakefield 114; Alyssa Pavik, Crofton 118; Kayla Benson, Hartington 118; Rebecca Fischer, Hartington 119

## FUENTES

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The 35-year-old Fuentes is due to fly from Southern California to join his new team for Saturday's game against the Mariners.

"At this time of the year, you look at opportunities that can potentially make you better," Angels general manager Tony Reagins said. "As you go through the waiver process, there's a lot of things that come into play. Minnesota happened to be the team that claimed Brian, so we had to look within their system to see if we had an opportunity to get a good player in exchange for Brian. And we feel like we've accomplished that."

The player the Angels will get from the Twins will be chosen by

Oct. 15, Gardenhire said. Minnesota began Friday with a 3 1/2-game lead over the White Sox in the AL Central.

The manager mentioned how tough Fuentes is against left-handed batters. It also doesn't hurt that he instantly becomes the most experienced of the three left-handers Minnesota now has in its bullpen.

The other two are Randy Flores, claimed off waivers from Colorado this week, and Glenn Perkins. Minnesota recalled Perkins from Triple-A Rochester two weeks ago.

The Twins lost lefties Ron Mahay (torn rotator cuff) and Jose Mijares (right knee surgery) earlier this month.

"We knew he was out there, and as all players go through waivers we put in a claim for him along with everyone else," Gardenhire said of Fuentes, who has 542 career appearances. "We got to him first, and he

got to us.

"It's another very good arm out in the bullpen, with experience. He should help us a lot, after losing two left-handers recently. ... After we lost Mijares, we've been looking around."

Gardenhire said he was "hoping" Mijares could return from the disabled list in three weeks.

The 35-year-old Fuentes helped the Angels win their third straight AL West title last season, leading the majors with a career-high 48 saves after joining them as a free agent in December 2008. The AL Central-leading Twins will be his fourth team in 10 big league seasons. He began his career with Seattle in 2001, then spent seven seasons with the Colorado Rockies.

"There are a lot of relationships I've made here," Fuentes said just outside the Angels clubhouse. "But on the flip side, the business side

takes over and there's an opportunity to make both clubs better. So I'm looking forward to my time in Minnesota and getting back in the hunt."

Fuentes was 4-1 with a 3.52 ERA and was 23 for 27 converting saves this season for the slumping Angels, who were 9 1/2 games out of first place in the AL West at the time of the trade.

He was 1-5 with a 3.93 ERA and 48 saves in 55 chances last season, his first for Los Angeles after signing a \$17.5 million, two-year contract in December 2008.

He is likely to become a free agent again after this season. Gardenhire said after speaking to general manager Bill Smith that Fuentes has a vesting option in his contract for 2011, but that his current numbers make it unlikely those will "come into play" for Minnesota.

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used a pair of top 10 finishes to record 25 points for first place. Harrisburg was second at 44, followed in the top five by Vermillion (74), Lennox (79) and Dakota Valley (93).

Other area team finishes included Beresford at 97 and Alcester-Hudson at 113.

Parker's Duane Jongeling easily earned top individual honors at 17:11.40, over 30 seconds faster than Lennox's Travis Buse. Also for the Pheasants, Seth

Olson finished ninth at 18:58.00 and Jordan Wetering was 13th at 19:09.60.

Vermillion's Alex Card finished fifth at 18:44.10, while Freeman's Slade Mutchelknaus was eighth (18:54.70) and Alcester-Hudson's Keth Berg rounded out the top 10 (18:59.40).

In the girls' 4K race, Canton had four runners in the top 12 to record 22 total points. Vermillion, with a pair of runners in the top six, was second at 59, followed in the top five by Dell Rapids (72), Canistota (73) and Sioux Falls Christian (81).

Rounding out the area finishers were Elk Point-Jefferson at 91 and Dakota Valley at 123.

Canton's Taylor Lohan was the top individual finisher at 16:00.10, while teammates Morgan Goodroad was eighth (16:52.90), Hailey McMains was 10th (16:55.50) and Cayce Johnson finished 12th (17:01.70).

Freeman Academy's Lillie Koerner was second at 16:05.80, followed by Centerville twins Becca Steadman (16:17.40) and Nicole Steadman (16:31.80). The Vermillion duo of Blair Gilkyson (16:38.70) and Ashley Brunick (16:40.20) finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

**Collignon Inv.**  
MADISON — Milbank's Jalen Snaza and Madison's Madison

Nipe earned top honors in the John Collignon Invitational cross country meet, held Friday in Madison.

No team points were kept. Snaza finished the 5,000-meter course in 16:32.38, over 50 seconds faster than Garretson's Andrew Oveson (17:25.15). Sioux Valley's Taylor Hauge placed third in 17:30.28.

Nipe led a 1-2-3 finish for Madison, with all three being eighth graders. Nipe clocked a 17:18.12 over the 4,000-meter course, followed by teammates Emily Hawkes (17:23.09) and Sydnie Waldner (17:40.89). Garretson junior Erin Nolz placed fourth in 17:44.99.

## BUCKS

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Ulmer has taken the lead in a crowded quarterback race, and will start under center in the opener. Ulmer had one start a year ago. Pasco will also see time, according to Likness.

"We want Pasco to get some reps," he noted. "Michael Rucker (So., 6-0, 170) didn't look bad, so it's nice to have three guys that could step in and, hopefully, carry the load."

While the Bucks don't expect to pass often, they want to pass efficiently.

"We want to move the ball on the ground and throw the ball with a high percentage," Likness said. "Five-for-eight would be excellent, four-for-eight, we'll take."

Brady Knodel (Jr., 6-0, 240) returns as the team's top offensive weapon from a year ago, and the fullback will be a focal point of Central's defense.

"We know they'll run the football," Pikula said. "Knodel's a big kid, and they'll run behind him. That's what they did last year."

Knodel had 119 yards and two touchdowns in the playoff win over the Cobblers. He rushed for 29 yards and three touchdowns in Yankton's season-opening win over Central.

Also seeing time in the Buck backfield will be Fitzsimmons, Hohenthaner and Schroeder. More backs will see time as the season progresses.

"We were deep, but we've had a few injuries now. So we're not as deep as we like to have been, but we potentially could be," Likness said. "We're still decent there."

Ty Soulek, who played tight end a year ago, will start the season at center. Schiltz and Robbie Heine (Sr., 6-1, 235) will play at the guard positions. Nick DeLong (Sr., 6-0, 270) and Dylan Halversen (Sr., 6-1, 290) will start at the tackles. Jordan Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 255), a returning starter, and Kellen Soulek (So., 6-3, 230) may miss the game due to injury.

Huber, Anderson and Hunhoff will see time at tight end. Drotzmann, Sternhagen, Tacke, Youngberg and others could see time at split end. Hohenthaner, Tieszen, Schurrer and McKee could also see time at fullback.

While Likness has several players capable of contributing on both sides of the ball, he and the Bucks' coaching staff would like to limit two-way players as much as possible.

"What you want to do is build your depth, so we'll try not to play as many guys both ways to start out the year," he said. "We'll see where it takes us, and hopefully it will be a good thing."

Huber will handle all of the kicking duties.

The Cobblers return six starters on defense, including the team's returning tackler in Jake Weber (Jr., 6-2, 235).

"Jake led the team in tackles and he missed three games last year," Pikula noted. "With Casey

Guluzza (Sr., 5-10, 170) and Taton Bolton (Jr., 6-1, 180) back, our line-backer corps is as good as I've had."

Ryan Jackson (Sr., 6-4, 285) returns at nose guard and Dom Smith (Sr., 6-0, 165) returns at free safety, giving the Cobblers solid experience in the middle of the field.

"We're hoping those three, four in the middle can slow down Brady (Knodel) a little bit," Likness said.

With some injuries lingering

from fall camp, the Bucks are hoping to take care of business in their opening game while several players get a chance to heal.

"We need to move the ball with some guys that didn't think they'd be starting," Likness said. "It will be great for our depth down the road."

The Cobblers will look to avoid the slow start that plagued them in both their 2009 losses to YHS.

"The first game, we had two blocked punts, a fumble and an

interception in our first four possessions. The year before that, the same thing. In the playoff game we got in a hole and had to battle back," Pikula said. "The theme is we started off slow, and we can't do that. We've been preaching it since day one. We have to come out ready to play, and make plays."

Game time is 6 p.m. CDT.

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