

Wauneta team wins Logan Bauman Memorial

By Russ Pankonin
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Matt Klima and Aaron Keiser of Wauneta combined to win the championship flight of the Logan Bauman Memorial golf tournament this past weekend.

The duo shot an 18-hole score of 62 at the Imperial Country Club Saturday. They backed that up with a 65 on the Enders Lake Golf Course Sunday for the two-day low total of 127.

The team of Tom and Lynn Luhrs of Imperial took second with rounds of 67-64 for a total of 131. The team of Tim Yokum and Daryl Francoscoto of Cozad took third in the top flight with a 68-64 for a 132.

Three teams tied for first in the first flight, all with 145s. They included Alan Carman and Brian Carman, Jess Vapenik and Joe Humphrey, and John and Angie Paisley.

Jeff Pribbeno and Cheris Liedel won the second flight with a total of 156. Tom Ashmore and Sara Winslow took the third flight with a score of 171.

First time in Chase County

This marked the first time in the five-year history of the event that it was held in Chase County. In previous years, the tournament has been played in Parker, Colo.

The tournament is played as the sole fundraising event for the Logan Bauman Memorial Fund, a foundation started by his parents, Andy and Carla Bauman, after his untimely death in December, 2008 at the age of 14.

This year's event stretched over two days with teams golfing in morning and afternoon flights at both courses both days.

The tournament filled to capacity with 72 teams. Each team played an 18-hole round at both Enders and Imperial, alternating courses each day.



Aaron Keiser, left, and Matt Klima wait to tee off on the sixth hole at the Imperial Country Club Saturday. The pair won the Logan Bauman Memorial golf tournament played over the weekend. (Courtesy photo)



Adrian Shopp sends a putt towards the hole on the fourth green at the Imperial Country Club Saturday as C.J. Swanson and Michal Swanson look on. A total of 72 teams played in the 5th Annual Logan Bauman Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Imperial and Enders golf courses last weekend. (Courtesy photo)

Since the inception of the foundation five years ago, the Baumans have already donated \$100,000 to youth sporting activities and school scholarships.

The full results of this year's tournament is as follows.

Championship flight

1st, Matt Klima, Aaron Keiser, 62-65=127; **2nd**, Tom Luhrs, Lynn Luhrs, 67-64=131; **3rd**, Tim Yokum, Daryl Francoscoto, 68-64=132. **Other flight scores:** Ronnie Liebhart, James Liebhart, 66-68=134; Jim Pirog, Scott Fieldler, 69-65=134; Kelly Clevenger, Eric McDaniels, 67-68=135; Kurt Johnson, Russ Pankonin, 68-69=137; Logan Mohr, John Rehberg, 68-69=137; Lee Denker, Matt Borchers, 72-68=140; Brady Torpin, Michelle Spady, 72-68=140; Matt Jablonski, Joel Burke, 70-71=141; Joe Johnston, Harold Nordhausen, 72-69=141; Terry Martin, KC Martin, 73-69=142; Brad

Spady, Doug Mitchell, 72-71=143; Bob Thomas, Kenny Owens, 72-71=143; Daryl Sharp, Dirk Haarberg, 72-72=144; Randy Fair, Felicia Fair, 71-73=144

First flight

1st (tie), Alan Carman, Brian Carman, 71-74=145; **1st (tie)**, Jess Vapenik, Joe Humphrey, 73-72=145; **1st (tie)**, John Paisley, Angie Paisley, 73-72=145. **Other flight scores:** Danny Russell, Theresa Russell, 75-71=146; Dan Fulton, Rex Grayner, 77-69=146; Joe Weiss, Jeanie Weiss, 77-70=147; Matt Teply, Lindsey Teply, 76-72=148; Dave Battilega, Katie Battilega, 72-78=150; Gary Bragg, Randy McDonald, 73-78=151; Larry Cammerlohr, Miranda Cammerlohr, 78-74=152; Alex McNair, Chad Leibbrandt, 77-75=152; Johnny Miller, Roxane Miller, 75-78=153; Steve Gokie, Mark Spady, 80-74=154; Tanner Teply, Ben Brophy, 76-78=154; Scott Parker, Rory Jens, 75-80=155; Pat Bloomfield, Sean Bloomfield, 77-78=155; Ian Duden, Drew Stephon,

78-77=155; Tracy Haarberg, Sid Haarberg, 76-79=155

Second flight

1st, Cheris Liedel, Jeff Pribbeno, 79-77=156; **2nd**, Adrian Shopp, Angie Shopp, 85-73=158; **3rd**, Eron Kitt, Tom Weiss, 80-79=159. **Other flight scores:** P J Pajerski, Jerry Pajerski, 83-78=161; Larry Schilke, Dave Schilke, 83-79=162; Cody Warden, Rick Robertson, 78-85=163; Dave Parker, Jeremy Mathews, 79-85=164; Doug Smith, Kim Smith, 75-89=164; Doug Pribbeno, Nate Pribbeno, 83-81=164; Tom Pribbeno, Matt Pribbeno, 84-83=167; Alec Spady, Jeff Banks, 88-80=168;

Michael Swanson, C J Swanson, 81-87=168; Luke Tjerman, Allison Tjerman, 86-82=168; Mitch Tweedy, Jocelyn Brooks, 87-82=169; Dan Terryberry, Vanessa Terryberry, 86-83=169; Chad Yaw, Dusty Claus, 88-82=170; Brent Bussell, Lori Sis, 86-84=170

Third flight

1st, Tom Ashmore, Sara Winslow, 84-87=171; **2nd (tie)**, Jerry Bauman, Chuck Adams, 87-86=173. **2nd (tie)**, Jay Shockley, Ashley Shockley, 87-86=173. **Other flight scores:** Mitchell Pieper, Matt Mishler, 81-93=174; Henri Duhot, Laura Duhot, 91-84=175; Tyler Pribbeno, Beth

Bremer, 92-84=176; Jim Sorge, Sue Sorge, 93-83=176; Amy Bloomfield, Nancy Bloomfield, 88-89=177; Scott Wallace, Chris Lee, 88-90=178; Katie Davis, Cory Renon, 89-91=180; Mike Jaeger, Jimmy Norvelle, 87-93=180; Brian Strand, Adam Vlasin, 87-95=182; Jeff Payne, Susan Payne, 91-91=182; Mike Pribbeno, Jana Pribbeno, 97-86=183; Zach Miller, John Skoglund, 96-89=185; Brett Harmon, Jakob Burke, 99-94=193; Orville Green, Pam Green, 103-107=210; Steve Nemeth, Bryce Nemeth, 83-WD=WD; Colin Wetovick, Nate Bubak, 80-WD=WD; Conor Young, Alyson Young, 87-WD=WD

Junior Legion drops a pair to Sidney

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Imperial's Junior Legion baseball team dropped a double header to Sidney there Sunday afternoon.

The lost the opener 1-11 followed by a 13-5 loss in the finale.

In the opener, Imperial went down in order to open the game and gave up a pair of runs in the bottom of the first.

In the second, the juniors stranded Jake Lueth and Destyn Milner after each picked up singles. Sidney added two more runs in the bottom half of the inning.

After a scoreless third, Imperial got a lead-off run from Lueth, who got on base via a walk and advanced off a single by Curtis Laird.

Sidney added two more runs in the fourth to lead 6-1.

The juniors got a pair of two-out singles from Bryson Fisher and Lueth but the rally ended after the team's seventh strike out.

Sidney sent five more runners around the bases to end the game in the bottom of the fifth on the 10-run rule.

Moline collected five strike outs in the shortened game.

Second of doubleheader

In the finale, Moline led off with a single, stole his way to second and later scored on a passed ball to draw first blood.

The juniors followed that up by retiring Sidney in order, including a pair of strike outs by pitcher Tyler Oxford.

In the top of the second, Imperial stranded a runner and

then gave up seven runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Carlos Enriquez got a single to open the third and scored Imperial's second run of the game.

From there, the game was scoreless until the bottom of the fifth when Sidney added three more to make the score 10-2.

In the top of the sixth, the juniors started a two-out rally on a single by Darin Knobbe. Sidney proceeded to walk four Imperial batters, bringing two runs in, making the score 10-4.

Sidney expanded their lead in the bottom of the sixth, scoring three more runs.

Imperial collected a final run in the top of the seventh after Lueth walked and made his way around the base path.

Oxford went the distance, striking out eight.



Biking for hunger

By Carolyn Lee
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Mark, Renae and Kyle Bottom of Imperial recently spent four days on bicycles to benefit local and world hunger projects. They were part of about 170 people participating in the Nebraska United Methodist Bike (NUMB) Ride for Hunger.

The group started in Norfolk June 23, traveling to Oakland, Laurel, Creighton and back to Norfolk on June 26, for a total of 238 miles.

Mark Bottom said a typical

day started at 5 a.m., when the group packed their tents, cots and sleeping gear on a big truck.

Breakfast was at 6 a.m., followed by the ride to the next town. They usually arrived between noon and 2 p.m.

Then, they'd set up their tents, eat and maybe swim. At 6 p.m. they'd meet at the local Methodist Church for a meal, talent show and meeting.

"We had a couple rainy days, some rolling hill days and hot days," Mark said. "It was a rewarding and good experience. We all made it back safe and

sound and no worse for the wear."

The Bottoms were supported by individual donations from First Imperial United Methodist Church, of which they are members.

This year the group of riders raised a total of over \$52,000 for the food projects.

The Bottoms were joined on the ride by his brother Wayne Bottom of Denver, niece Mindy Bottom of Iowa and family friends John and Lori Hafnor of Ft. Collins, Colo.

Mark said he was told the tentative NUMB 2015 route might include Imperial.



Well ahead of the throw, Destiny Reinke is easily safe after stealing second base in last week's contest against Wallace. (Courtesy photo)

Junior girls headed into final regular season game with no losses

By Jan Schultz
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With a 7-0 season record early this week, the Imperial junior girls' softball played its final game of the season Tuesday, a contest in Imperial against Paxton.

Imperial will likely have the top seed in the league tournament starting next Thursday, July 11, in Wallace.

In a game June 25 in Imperial against Wallace, Imperial had little trouble racking up its seventh win, taking the game

13-1. It was a 1-1 tie after the first, but that's when Imperial's bats came alive.

Imperial put up seven in the second and five more in the fourth, and Wallace was never able to put another run across home. The game ended early on the 10-run rule.

Coach Heidi Wheeler said her team played well with a solid defense and hitting that continues to get better.

"Most importantly, the girls were focused and ready to play at the first pitch," she said.

The coach credited a new warm-up routine in which an invisible ball is used. She believes that led to an almost perfect game on defense.

Earning hits were Josie Peterson, three singles; Sarah Allen, single and double; Destiny Reinke, Mikaela O'Brien, Katelyn Wheeler and Megan Engbrecht, all with two singles; and singles from Kady Milner and Kelly Christensen.

Peterson and Milner shared the pitching duties. Peterson had three K's, while Milner struck out two.

PeeWees win two, lose one in busy week

Over the course of six days, the Imperial Pee Wee team won against Hershey 1 (8-3) and Wallace (26-2), then lost to Paxton 1 (13-3) to bring their record to 7-2.

Last Wednesday in Hershey the Imperial team got a three-run lead in the first inning then were shut out in the second and third while Hershey came back, tying the game at three in the bottom of the third.

With a runner on third and one out, Hershey looked poised to take the lead when Scott Wheeler, playing second base, caught a hot line drive, then fired it to third to catch the runner off base and end the inning on a double play.

Imperial put up five runs in the top of the fourth, highlighted by Will Kuene's two-out, two RBI double up the middle that put the game out of reach.

Bryce Zuege pitched five innings, giving up only five hits and three walks.

On Friday, after an intense

Thursday morning batting practice, Imperial opened up on Wallace, scoring 26 runs on 22 hits, eight walks and one hit batter. Every player on the team got on base at least once, and several players circled the diamond four times.

Imperial pitchers Jack Bauerle and Cody Hamilton held Wallace to two runs, scoring six strikeouts and allowing one hit and five walks.

On Monday, the team traveled to Paxton 1 to make up a game they canceled early in the season.

After a sprinkler malfunction delayed the start an hour, Paxton took an early 3-0 lead mostly off walks in the first. Imperial scored one in the second, and stayed in contact, keeping Paxton to one run in the second, three in the third and one in the fourth.

Imperial threatened but fell short: they left the bases loaded in the second, a Paxton outfielder snagged a long hit by Jorge Cervantes in the third and another made a great

throw in to catch Cody Hamilton stretching a double to a triple in the fourth.

Landis Beverly led off the fifth with a hit, Scott Wheeler walked, then, after two strikeouts, Cervantes hit them home and Zach Space walked.

But that would be all they got, with Cervantes and Space left on base. Paxton got five across in the bottom of the fifth to end the game.

"We had heard that Paxton had good pitchers," said Coach Larry Peterson. "And they did, but instead of coming out swinging, we folded our tents and watched too many strikes go by."

While the loss was disappointing, Peterson said, "We got beat, but our fielding play was pretty solid, and we're doing better at holding runners on base."

The PeeWees have a final regular season game against Ogallala Black July 3 in Ogallala. The league tournament is July 10-14 in Paxton.