

Saints take 13-stroke lead in Valley meet

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WATERLOO - Xavier had four players finish among the top six and took control of the MVC Valley Division lead Monday at Gates Park.

J.P. King finished second, Matt Junge and Jason Beer finished in a three-way tie for third and Ben Sagers tied for sixth as Xavier won the second leg of the three-tourney series that determines the division champions.

"I made a comment recently that we hadn't played our best golf yet," Xavier Coach Tom O'Brien said. "Today we played well."

Xavier posted a 306 that was 12 strokes better than second-place Cedar Falls. The Saints entered the meet in second place, one stroke behind Hempstead and one ahead of Cedar Falls. They now hold a 13-stroke lead over the second-place Tigers and are 16 clear of Hempstead, which finished third Monday with a 323.

Jefferson was fourth, Prairie fifth, Iowa City West sixth and Waterloo East a distant seventh. Those teams hold those same places in the overall standings.

Hempstead's Carson Hillery shot a 1-over par 73 to take medalist honors. He is the overall medalist leader by three strokes over Xavier's Beer. King is five shots back.

The final round of the tournament is Sept. 26 at Airport National Golf Course in Cedar Rapids.

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MVC VALLEY DIVISION MEET

Second round results

At Waterloo (Gates Park, par-72)

Teams

1. Xavier	306
2. Cedar Falls	318
3. Hempstead	323
4. Jefferson	325
5. Prairie	341
6. Iowa City West	343
7. Waterloo East	384

Individuals

Carson Hillery (Hempstead)	38-35--73
J.P. King (Xavier)	38-37--75
Matt Junge (Xavier)	39-37--76
Jason Beer (Xavier)	37-39--76
Jacob Bermel (Cedar Falls)	36-40--76
Ben Sagers (Xavier)	39-40--79
Shawn Breitbach (Hempstead)	39-40--79
Eric Lehmkuhl (Jefferson)	38-41--79
Andy Kloos (Cedar Falls)	41-39--80
Zach Denny (Jefferson)	40-40--80
Colten Jourdan (Jefferson)	40-40--80
Rob Thinnies (Xavier)	38-42--80

XAVIER (306): J.P. King 75, Jason Beer 76, Matt Junge 76, Ben Sagers 79, Ron Thinnies 80, Ben McDermott 81

CEDAR FALLS (318): Jacob Bermel 76, Andy Kloos 80, Wil Hunemuller 81, Jon Skarlis 81, Jared Deines 82, Alec Braun 83

HEMPSTEAD (323): Carson Hillery 73, Shawn Breitbach 79, Brad Miehle 84, Kyle Vanderlee 87, Dalton Streff 88, Austin Massey 99

JEFFERSON (325): Eric Lehmkuhl 79, Zach Denny 80, Colten Jourdan 80, Ben Otis 86, Gavin Williams 87, Mitch Willems 94

PRAIRIE (341): Mitch Wagner 83, Drew Digman 85, Matt Edl 86, Colyn Snyder 87, Jared Smith 87, Brooks Kehoe 95

IOWA CITY WEST (343): Dominic Muzzin 82, Anthony Lehnertz 86, Michael Boysen 86, Drew Haas 89, Noah Federici 90, Joe Scott 91

WATERLOO EAST (384): Clay Wilkinson 87, Ryan Plummer 94, Nathan Bryant 101, Bryce

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Frost 102, Tyler Kirchman 104, Cody Parker 116

OVERALL STANDINGS

(Through the 2nd of 3 rounds)

Team

1. Xavier	286-306--592
2. Cedar Falls	287-318--605
3. Hempstead	285-323--608
4. Jefferson	308-325--633
5. Prairie	305-341--646
6. I.C. West	312-343--655
7. Waterloo East	374-384--758

Individuals

Carson Hillery (DH)	69-73--142
Jason Beer (CRX)	69-76--145
J.P. King (CRX)	72-75--147
Jacob Bermel (CF)	71-76--147
Ben Sagers (CRX)	70-79--149
Brad Miehe (DH)	68-84--152
Wil Hunemuller (CF)	71-81--152
Jared Deines (CF)	71-82--153
Shawn Breitbach (DH)	74-79--153
Matt Junge (CRX)	78-76--154
Zach Denny (CRJ)	74-80--154
Eric Lehmkuhl (CRJ)	76-79--155
Rob Thinnies (CRX)	75-80--155
Alec Braun (CF)	74-83--157
Dominic Muzzin (ICW)	77-82--159