

Olberding's ace helps Saints win title

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Xavier High School junior Lisa Olberding had two reasons to celebrate at Ellis Park Golf Course Monday afternoon.

Olberding collected the first hole-in-one of her golfing career and the Saints topped Linn-Mar for the team championship at the 2012 Kennedy Invitational.

Olberding used a pitching wedge to ace the 98-yard 14th hole.

"It bounced right in front of the cup and then it just rolled in," she said. "I didn't believe it at first, but then I started freaking out a bit."

Olberding's playing partners, Emma Lorenz of Linn-Mar and Mackenzie Mertens of Iowa City High, got excited too. "They gave me a high-5 and they started cheering," she said.

Olberding finished as Xavier's third-lowest golfer with a 90 on the par-72 course that measures 4,787 yards from the women's tees. "That's a pretty good round for me," she said.

Maddie Bertsch led the Saints with a 9-over-par 81. Grace Winker finished with an 88 and Taylor Wertzberger shot a 91 to give Xavier a total score of 350. The Linn-Mar Lions finished in second place at 357.

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"We haven't beaten Linn-Mar all season, so it's exciting to beat them," said Olberding.

Jefferson senior Megan Furnish took medalist honors with a 3-over-par 75. Bertsch placed second with her 81.

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Xavier 350, 2. Linn-Mar 357, 3. Iowa City High 378, 4. Iowa City West 388, 5. Kennedy 408, 6. Prairie 420.

TOP 10 INDIVIDUALS

1. Megan Furnish, Jefferson 75
2. Maddie Bertsch, Xavier 81
3. Lauren Coughlin, Linn-Mar 86
4. Ali Lindo, Kennedy 87
5. Grace Winker, Xavier 88
- CJ Davis, Linn-Mar 88
7. Emma Lorenz, Linn-Mar 89
8. Lisa Olberding, Xavier 90
9. Taylor Wertzberger, Xavier 91
10. Olivia Ewing, IC West 92

XAVIER: Maddie Bertsch 81, Grace Winker 88, Lisa Olberding 90, Taylor Wertzberger 91, Morgan DeLong 98, Hailey Sojka 100.

LINN-MAR: Lauren Coughlin 86, CJ Davis 88, Emma Lorenz 89, Julie Pople 94, Rachel Thrune 96, Danielle Toy 96.

KENNEDY: Ali Lindo 87, Sadie Schultz 98, Raemi Chavez 107, Sheila Buschette 116, Breanna Osterkamp 120, Amanda Wiedemeier 122.

PRAIRIE: Alyssa Beisker 96, Emily Perrin 102, Kerstin Flugum 105, Konnor Griffith 117, Emily Machula 126, Jenna Niccolls 128.

UNATTACHED: Megan Furnish (Jefferson) 75, Emily Aukes (Jefferson) 109, Abby Hill (Kennedy) 127.