

Xavier claims Valley division golf crown

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Xavier boys golf coach Tim O'Brien says the Saints have a championship banner from the Mississippi Valley Conference Super Meet in 2001, but he's not aware of any other golf pennants at the school.

There will be now.

Xavier turned in a solid performance at Airport National Tuesday and captured the Valley Division title in the MVC by 13 strokes over Cedar Falls.

"We came in with a 13-stroke lead over Cedar Falls and ended today with a 13-stroke lead over Cedar Falls," O'Brien noted. "I was really pleased that we held serve with them."

The Mississippi Valley Conference determines its divisional golf champions with a series of three meets at three different courses on three different days. The Saints emerged on top.

"I'm just proud as punch," said O'Brien, in his fifth year as Xavier's head coach. "I'm pretty happy."

"It's something we've been working toward. Each year the kids seemed to have gotten a little better."

Xavier placed five of its golfers in the top-9 in the overall standings to dominate the all-conference teams. Jason Beer finished second with a 54-hole total of 212, followed by J.P. King (fourth), Matt Junge (fifth), Rob Thinnies (seventh) and Ben Sagers (ninth).

Beer, King and Junge made first team all-conference, while Thinnies and Sagers were second team all-conference.

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Jefferson's Zach Denny finished sixth overall and was first team all-conference.

Carson Hillery of Hempstead took medalist honors with a 54-hole score of 210, two shots ahead of Beer.

Jefferson finished fourth in the Valley Division standings and Prairie was fifth. Mitch Wagner of Prairie placed 13th overall and Eric Lehmkuhl of Jefferson was 14th.

Prairie posted the low score Monday at Airport National with a 267. Cedar Falls and Xavier finished at 269, with Jefferson three strokes further back at 272.

Wagner and Matt Edl of Prairie shared medalist honors for Monday's round with a 1-over-par 64. Jon Skarlis of Cedar Falls also shot 64.

Kennedy won the Mississippi Division title Monday in Waterloo.

MVC VALLEY DIVISION GOLF

Final Team Standings

3 Event Totals

1. Xavier 861, 2. Cedar Falls 874, 3. Hempstead 886, 4. Jefferson 905, 5. Prairie 913, 6. Iowa City West 935, 7. Waterloo East 1,103.

Final Individual Results

3 Event Totals

First Team All-Conference

1. Carson Hillery, Hempstead 69-73-68--210
2. Jason Beer, Xavier 69-76-67--212
3. Jacob Bermel, Cedar Falls 71-76-67--214
4. J.P. King, Xavier 72-75-70--217
5. Matt Junge, Xavier 78-76-66--220
6. Zach Denny, Jefferson 74-80-66--220

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Second Team All-Conference

- 7. Rob Thinnies, Xavier 75-80-66--221
- 8. Wil Hunemuller, Cedar Falls 71-81-69--221
- 9. Ben Sagers, Xavier 70-79-72--221
- 10. Jared Deines, Cedar Falls 71-82-69--222
- 11. Brad Miehe, Hempstead 68-84-71--223
- 12. Shawn Breitbach, Hempstead 74-79-70--223

Honorable Mention

- 13. Mitch Wagner, Prairie 77-83-64--224
- 14. Eric Lehmkuhl, Jefferson 76-79-69--224
- 15. Jon Skarlis, Cedar Falls 80-81-64--225
- 16. Matt Edl, Prairie 75-86-64--225
- 17. Alec Braun, Cedar Falls 74-83-69--226
- 18. Dominic Muzzin, IC West 77-82-69--228

Xavier

- Jason Beer 69-76-67--212
- J.P. King 72-75-70--217
- Matt Junge 78-76-66--220
- Ben Sagers 70-79-72--221
- Rob Thinnies 75-80-66--221

Jefferson

- Zach Denny 74-80-66--220
- Eric Lehmkuhl 76-79-69--224
- Colten Jourdan 84-80-69--233
- Mitch Willems 76-94-69--239
- Ben Otis 88-86-68--242
- Gavin Williams 82-87-78--247

Prairie

- Mitch Wagner 77-83-64--224
- Matt Edl 75-86-64--225
- Colyn Snyder 76-87-68--231
- Drew Digman 77-85-71--233
- Jared Smith 84-87-71--242
- Brooks Kehoe 90-95-81--266

Tuesday's Results

Final Round

At Airport National (Par 63)

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Team Standings

1. Prairie 267, 2. Cedar Falls 269, 3. Xavier 269, 4. Jefferson 272, 5. Hempstead 277, 6. IC West 280, 7. Waterloo East 339.

Top Individuals

Mitch Wagner, Prairie	64
Jon Skarlis, Cedar Falls	64
Matt Edl, Prairie	64
Matt Junge, Xavier	66
Zach Denny, Jefferson	66
Rob Thinnes, Xavier	66
Jason Beer, Xavier	67
Jacob Bermel, Cedar Falls	67
Carson Hillery, Hempstead	68
Ben Otis, Jefferson	68
Colyn Snyder, Prairie	68
Wil Hunemuller, Cedar Falls	69
Jared Deines, Cedar Falls	69
Eric Lehmkuhl, Jefferson	69
Alec Braun, Cedar Falls	69
Dominic Muzzin, IC West	69
Colten Jourdan, Jefferson	69
Mitch Willems, Jefferson	69
Josh Viertel, Cedar Falls	69
Anthony Lehnertz, IC West	69

PRAIRIE (267): Mitch Wagner 64, Matt Edl 64, Colyn Snyder 68, Drew Digman 71, Jared Smith 71, Brooks Kehoe 81.

XAVIER (269): Matt Junge 66, Ron Thinnes 66, Jason Beer 67, J.P. King 70, John Drahozal 70, Ben Sagers 72.

JEFFERSON (272): Zach Denny 66, Ben Otis 68, Eric Lehmkuhl 69, Colten Jourdan 69, Mitch Willems 69, Gavin Williams 78.