Morgan leads Eagles to Evangel golf title

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SPRINGFIELD, Mo. - James Morgan and the Kirkwood golf team rallied Tuesday to capture top honors at the Evangel Spring Invitational.

Morgan, a sophomore from Scotland, fired a 1-under-par 71 to help the ninth-ranked Eagles overcome a seven-shot deficit and win the initial meet of their spring campaign.

Morgan captured medalist honors at 5-over 149 for a one-shot victory in the 36-hole event. Sam Lockhart of Kirkwood tied for fourth place at 10-over 154.

Kirkwood finished five strokes ahead of William Woods, 621 to 626, for the title. The Eagles shot a team score of 323 on Monday in the first round, but improved by 25 shots to post a 298 on Tuesday.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Kirkwood 621, 2. William Woods 626, 3. Evangel 645, 4. Ave Maria 664, 5. College of the Ozarks 676, 6. Westminster 687, 7. Hannibal-LaGrange 688.

KIRKWOOD: 1. James Morgan 78-71=149, 4. Sam Lockhart 79-75=154, 10. Jacob Patterson 81-77=158, 12. Sterling McIlravy 83-77=160, 14. Jacob Harrington-Wara 81-80-161.