



By Russ Pankonin

The Imperial Republican

Team Imperial retained possession of the Chase County Cup for another year but Team Enders didn't go down easily.

The two teams, one representing the Imperial Country Club and the other Enders Lake Golf Course, met Saturday on the links at Enders to determine this year's winner.

This marks the eighth year the competition has been held between the two clubs, using a Ryder Cup-style format.

Each course fields a team of 12 golfers competing in three different matches over 27 holes.

The first two nine-hole matches pair two-man teams against each other in best ball and alternating shot, match-play formats.

The final nine holes are head-to-head singles match play.

After the 12 morning doubles matches, Imperial held a commanding lead, winning eight of the matches and tying another for an 8.5-3.5 lead.

As the current holder of the cup, Imperial needed just 3.5 points to retain it going into the afternoon singles matches.

While winning 3.5 points seemed a cinch for Imperial, Enders' golfers didn't go down without a fight.

Of the 12 single matches, Enders won seven and halved two more, giving them eight points. One more win would have given them the cup.

In the eight-year history of the Cup, this marks the first time that a team has won at least eight points in the singles and not won the cup.

This year's final tally stood at 12.5 points for Imperial and 11.5 points for Enders.

This marks the third straight year that Imperial has won the Cup and evens the number of times each time has won the Cup at four.

The golfers competing for Enders Lake Golf Course included Eric Moreland, Eron Kitt, Butch Loring, Max McGarr, Kenny Denker, Kerry Denker, Alan Carman, Dave Parker, Dan Fulton, Rick Einspahr, Lee Denker and Joe Johnston. John Burke served as the team's non-playing captain.

Golfers competing for the Imperial Country Club included John Paisley, Dan Russell, Daryl Sharp, Bruce Wheeler, Brad Spady, Brad Cochran, Scott Fiedler, Jeff Pribbeno, Jim Pirog, Tom Luhrs, Russ Pankonin and Kirk Wilson. P.J. Pajerski served as Imperial's non-playing captain.

Results of the matches are as follows:

Doubles Best Ball: John Paisley/Dan Russell (I) defeated Eric Moreland/Eron Kitt (E), 2&1; Daryl Sharp/Bruce Wheeler (I) halved with Butch Loring/Max McGarr (E); Brad Spady/Brad Cochran (I) defeated Kenny Denker/Kerry Denker (E), 1 up; Scott Fiedler/Jeff Pribbeno (I)

defeated Alan Carman/Dave Parker (E), 1 up; Jim Pirog/Tom Luhrs (I) defeated Dan Fulton/Rick Einsphar (E), 1 up; Joe Johnston/Lee Denker (E) defeated Russ Pankonin/Kirk Wilson (I), 2&1. Imperial: 4.5 points, Enders: 1.5 points.

Doubles Alternating Shot: John Paisley/Dan Russell (I) defeated Eric Moreland/Eron Kitt (E), 4&3; Daryl Sharp/Bruce Wheeler (I) defeated Butch Loring/Max McGarr (E), 1 up; Kenny Denker/Kerry Denker (E) defeated Brad Spady/Brad Cochran (I), 3&2; Scott Fiedler/Jeff Pribbeno (I) defeated Alan Carman/Dave Parker (E), 4&3; Jim Pirog/Tom Luhrs (I) defeated Dan Fulton/Rick Einsphar (E), 3&2; Joe Johnston/Lee Denker (E) defeated Russ Pankonin/Kirk Wilson (I), 2&1. Imperial: 4 points (8.5 doubles total), Enders: 2 points (3.5 doubles total)

Singles: Kenny Denker defeated Russell, 2&1; Kerry Denker defeated Paisley, 1 up; Cochran halved with Dave Parker; Spady defeated Carman, 4&3; Sharp defeated Loring, 1 up; McGarr defeated Wheeler 2 up; Fulton defeated Pankonin, 3&2; Einsphar defeated Wilson, 2&1; Lee Denker defeated Pribbeno, 1 up; Scott Fiedler halved with Johnston, Pirog defeated Kitt, 3&2; and Moreland defeated Luhrs, 1 up. Imperial: 4 points in singles, 12.5 points total; Enders: 8 points in singles, 11.5 points total.

