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Chase County Longhorn golfers came within six strokes of matching the Perkins County Plainsmen in the Chase County golf invite Saturday.

Conditions proved less than ideal for the tournament played at the Enders Lake Golf Course.

On the first round, winds helped drive wind chills down. While the wind didn't subside, it got warmer for the back nine but it was never comfortable, Coach Larry Munger said.

Sophomore Freddie Kasselmann repeated as medalist for the meet after winning it last year as a freshman.

Munger said Kasselmann got off to a rough start and was four over after three but battled back to finish with a 41 on the opening nine. He backed that up with a 42 to finish with an 83 for the title.

He was two strokes ahead of Perkins County's No. 1 golfer Alex Johnston who finished with an 85.

As a team, Munger said he was pleased with a second place finish. He said he got some consistent play from his squad, with five of the six getting medals.

He figured Perkins County was the favorite with all seniors but one. After the first nine, the Longhorns were up by four strokes but couldn't carry that through on the back.

He said it was a plus to stay within six of Perkins County for the day.

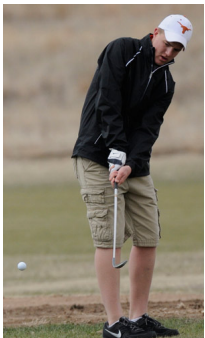
Weather continues to play havoc with the season.

The Perkins County meet scheduled for Tuesday was postponed to Thursday, May 2.

The Southwest tournament today (Thursday) at Cambridge remains questionable due to weather.

On Monday, the golfers will go to Curtis for the Medicine Valley meet, which was already postponed once.

Next Tuesday, April 23 the team will compete at Oshkosh followed by the SPVA meet at Sutherland Friday, April 26.



Chase County Invitational

Team standings—1st, Perkins County, 363; 2nd, Chase County, 369; 3rd, Ogallala, 401; 4th, McCook I, 420; 5th, McCook II, 468; 6th, Sutherland, 473

Individual Medals—1st, Freddie Kasselmann, Chase County, 83; 2nd, Alex Johnston, Perkins County, 85; 3rd, Cole Whalen, Perkins County, 88; 4th, Mason Sis, McCook-1, 91; 5th, James Knaggs, Ogallala, 93; 6th, Curtis Laird, Chase County, 93; 7th, Trevor Reiss, Ogallala, 93; 8th, Austin Thelander, Perkins County, 94; 9th, Blake Poppe, Perkins County, 95; 10th, Ryan Moline, Chase County, 96; 11th, Darin Knobbe, Chase County, 97; 12th, Colton White, Perkins County, 99; 13th, Chase Miyamoto, Perkins County, 101; 14th, Tyler Jennings, Chase County, 102; 15th, Kolby Gardner, Ogallala, 104.

Chase County scoring—Freddie Kasselmann, 41-42=83; Ryan Moline, 45-51=96; Curtis Laird, 46-47=93; Sam Haarberg, 58-52=110; Darin Knobbe-47-50=97; Tyler Jennings, 46-56=102.