

**By Russ Pankonin**

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Chase County's Longhorn varsity golfers finally got to take to the course Tuesday, April 14 at the Lexington Invitational.

Their first meet, scheduled in Bayard April 7, was postponed and a second date was also postponed due to weather and course conditions.

For the first time out, Coach Larry Munger said the boys played well.

He said it's awfully tough to compete at this meet, which includes many Class B schools and Class A schools, especially since this was the Longhorns' first meet.

However, he said it's a good meet to go to because of the competition.

The Longhorns finished 12th in the 15-team field with a total of 386. Kearney High won the meet with a 324.

Munger said putting on the Johnson Lake course greens proved to be a key factor. None of the Longhorns recorded fewer than 34 putts.

Overall, Munger feels encouraged because he knows better scores await his team.

He said the three seniors, Matt Hayes, Scott Lakey and Casey Francis, are some good leadership for the team.

In addition, he said they all seem to be improving as the season progresses.

He said his younger players are also improving as they learn to compete and control their nerves in a competitive situation.

Hayes led the team at Lexington with a 91 while Lakey finished with a 94.

### **Jayvees at Wauneta-Palisade**

The jayvees competed in the Wauneta-Palisade meet Saturday at Enders. However, the meet was cut short due to rain.

Only nine holes were played, which included a stop for weather after seven holes.

Keithan Cochran led the jayvees with a 50. Munger said Cochran is showing signs of improvement and will be among several jayvee golfers battling for a varsity slot.

On Monday, the jayvees compete at McCook in the Hitchcock County invite and on Tuesday the varsity competed in the Perkins County invite at Grant.

### **Imperial invite Saturday**

The Longhorns will play host to visiting teams Saturday in their invitational set for Enders Lake Golf Course this Saturday.

Munger said both the varsity and jayvees will compete.

This will provide a good tune-up for the varsity as they prepare for the SPVA meet Friday, May 1 at Grant.

The Longhorns are also scheduled to compete in the Garden County meet Tuesday but Munger said who will compete, if any, is still up in the air.

Results of last week's meets are as follows:

### **Lexington invite**

Team standings—1st, Kearney, 324; 2nd, Ogallala, 324; 3rd, Grand Island, 338; 4th, North Platte, 343; 5th, Cozad, 344; 6th, McCook, 346; 7th, Lexington A, 349; 8th, Holdrege, 364; 9th, GI Northwest, 371; 10th, Minden, 380; 11th, Gothenburg, 384; 12th, Chase County, 386; 13th, Broken Bow, 387; 14th, Lexington B, 393; 15th, Lexington C., 484.

Individual winner—1st, James Osborn, Kearney High, 72.

Chase County individual results—Matt Hayes, 46-45=91; Casey Francis, 51-51=101; Steven Fish, 50-50=100; Scott Lakey, 46-48=94; Adam Moline, 54-46=103; Charlie Haarberg,

53-57=110.

**Wauneta/Palisade invite**

Team standings—1st, Cambridge, 183; 2nd, DCS, 196; 3rd, Sutherland, 197; 4th, Medicine Valley, 204; 5th, Chase County, 221.

Individual winner—1st, Taylor Lewis, Cambridge, 42.

Chase County individual results—Keithan Cochran 50, Travis Wheeler, 56; Eric Lakey, 57; Cody Cravey, 58; Chevy Smith, 67.