

September 30, 2009

Dear Friends of CACC Golf,

Yesterday was the final round of the Meridian C.C. Fall Invitational. We played at Briarwood C.C. in Meridian and it is an old style; shortest course with a number of doglegs and a bunch of blind tee shots. A number of holes required a lay-up positioning tee shot and on some holes – a longer second shot into the greens. Meridian has been like most areas in the southeast – wet, wet, wet over the past 2-3 weeks. On two of the holes, they have not been able to get a fairway mower on those holes for over two weeks – a bit fuzzy.

Our boys came out of the gate with a one shot lead over Meridian after round 1 on Monday, but slightly fell back in our 2nd round. Looks like we need to do some more running to be better prepared for those 36-hole days. Zach Primavera found himself in a familiar position on top of the leader board after shooting 69 in the first round, but a 72 put him a couple shots back after round two. Not being able to drain the birdie putts he needed on the final round placed Zach in a tie for 2nd place again for the tournament behind Blaise Wilson of Wallace State.

Our team looked like we were making the move we needed in the final round until we hit a wall on the final few holes. With the exception of Zach and Ethan Frazier who both finished with -1 (70) rounds, both Lewis Gruber and Chaz Fairbrother were hanging in until the last couple holes. Lewis was laying up for a lake on 17 but caught another hazard and made double bogey, finishing with a 75 and Chaz who was holding on with a bunch of pars throughout the day through 13 finished with making a few too many bogeys and also shot 75. Paul Harris, who is normally a dependable par or better player was off his game for the week and clocked in too many hours punching out of the woods after poor tee shots. We finished 2nd in this 12 team event, but certainly had the man power to win. We have a lot of work to do to accomplish our lofty goals this year and nobody knows this more than our team players. At Willow Point, watch for these boys to play and practice even harder than what you've seen over the past few weeks, preparing for the National Championship Preview, played in Huntsville, AL.

You can review all scores and finishes at: <http://www.golfstat.com/2009-2010/men/mtourf109/M4038.htm>

All the best,

Coach Dave Jennings