



NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER – SEASON RECAP

FRANKLIN BOYS GOLF TEAM REACHES STATE FINALS FOR FIRST TIME IN 35 YEARS!

The 2021 Franklin High School boy's golf team will leave its legacy among the all-time great Grizzly Cub squads based on a resume of noteworthy accomplishments. It marked the eighth time in the history of FCHS boy's golf program that it has reached the IHSAA State Finals and it was the first time since 1986.

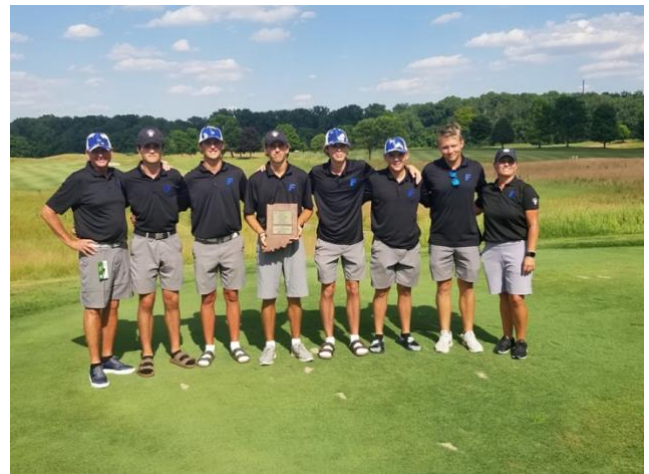


The Grizzly Cubs were led by Damon Dickey, Quin Edwards, Ian McCullough, Nate Blackwell and Barrett Dailey, all seniors. Will McGuinness, the lone junior along with freshmen Jake Lock and Luke Bechert, also all had worthwhile contributions in helping Franklin finish with a 119-48 (.713) record and a final ranking of 17th in the IHSGCA poll.

The highlight of the regular season came when Franklin shot a school record (293) to upset eventual state champion Center Grove (296) to win the Johnson County Boy's Championship. The Grizzly Cubs were led by Dickey (66), Edwards (72), McCullough (76) and Blackwell (79). This came shortly after Franklin defended the Mid-State Conference championship at Foxcliff GC in Martinsville. Dickey was the conference champ with (74).

Franklin finished runner-up in the IHSAA Sectional (325) among 12 teams and earned a berth in the IHSAA Regional at Champions Pointe. Dickey was the Sectional champion with (71). It became a very memorable day at the Regional for the Grizzly Cubs who posted a fine (307) to lock down a third place finish two shots ahead of Floyd Central and eight shots ahead of state-ranked Columbus North allowing Franklin to advance to the State Finals.

Dickey continued to set the pace winning the Regional with (69). The surprise of the day came from Will McGuinness who fired a career-best (76) just a few weeks after struggling and falling out of the starting lineup. It was a remarkable bounce back for Will. Ian McCullough hit what is arguably the greatest single shot in the history of FCHS golf when he holed out for an eagle two from the fairway on his final hole. This came after he carded a 9 on

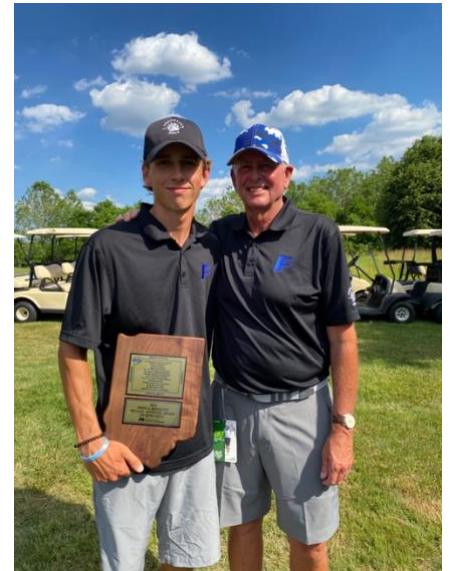


his 16th hole. Ian showed great resolve as he finished par-eagle. Those three players- Dickey, McGuinness and McCullough- provided the difference for Franklin. Quin Edwards rounded out the scoring with (83).

The Cubs finished 14th at the IHSAA State Finals as they failed to play their best golf. Dickey led the way with 79-72 (T11) and was named the IHSAA Fred A. Keesling Mental Attitude Award recipient. Damon also was named to the IHSGCA All-State team.

Here is a recap of the individual highlights:

Damon Dickey, Sr.- (71.94-33 rounds). Team MVP. Medalist 12 times. Under par 10 times. Low 9-hole round (31). Low 18-hole round (65). Finished even par in 297 holes of play. Franklin Invite Champ (65). Mid-State Conference Champ (74). Johnson County Champ (66). IHSAA Sectional Champ (71). IHSAA Regional Champ (69). All-State. All-County. Johnson County Player of the Year. IHSAA Mental Attitude Award recipient. Playing college golf at Butler University.



Quin Edwards, Sr.- (80.9-33 rounds). Most Improved Player. Low 18-hole round (67). All-Conference. All-County. Playing college golf at Huntington University.

Ian McCullough, Sr. (84.1-33 rounds). Low 18-hole round (76). All-Conference. Honorable Mention All-County. Made eagle two on his final hole at Regional to help lift FCHS to State.

Nate Blackwell, Sr. (84.6-25 rounds). Low 18-hole round (79). All-Conference. Honorable Mention All-County.

Will McGuinness, Jr. (88.8-31 rounds). Low 18-hole round (76). Honorable Mention All-County. Career-best round in Regional was crucial to Cubs advancing to State. FCHS Mental Attitude Award.

Barrett Daily, Sr.- (91.4-6 rounds). First alternate in the IHSAA State Tournament. Tremendous leader all season who always put team above self.

Jake Lock, Fr.- (90.2-11 rounds). Earned varsity letter. Low 18-hole score (83).

Luke Bechert, Fr.- (92.4-9 rounds). Earned varsity letter and played in Mid-State. Low 18-hole round (86).

JV Squad- Michael Clark, Conner Diebold, Kyle Diebold and Kadin Gibson.



FRANKLIN GIRLS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS AND FINISH WITH SOLID FALL SEASON

The Franklin Community High School Lady Cubs exceeded all expectations in 2021. Franklin successfully held onto its Mid-State Conference crown by posting a season low (311) at Heartland Crossing to win by 25 shots. The team achieved a final ranking of 10th in the IHSACA poll and finished with a 111-35 (.760) record. This was impressive considering it lost its best two players due to graduation, but the efforts of some new faces in the FCHS lineup were huge.

The team finished runner-up in the IHSAA Sectional and ultimately bowed out of the tournament with a 5th place finish in the Regional. Other



highlights included wins in six of the seven dual/triangular meets including a victory over #4 Center Grove and #17 Columbus North at The Legends GC. FCHS had runner-up finishes in the Franklin Invite and Johnson County Championship. The team was paced by Ava Ray, senior Captain; Reese Phillips, freshman; Morgan Sandrock, junior and Addie Livorno; sophomore. Rounding out the starting five were Maria Williams and Kara Heuchan, both sophomores

Here is a recap of the individual highlights.

Ava Ray, Sr.- (75.6/32 rounds). Was selected as FCHS Most Valuable Player. Ray tied several long standing FCHS girls records including low-18 hole score (67) and 3rd place individual finish in the IHSAA State Finals. Ava recorded the low 9-hole record (31). She set the FCHS Sectional mark with (71). Ray established a low 36-hole total of (146) at the IHSAA State Finals. She was medalist 11 times including five 18-hole victories. Ray was named All-State, the first time in over 20 years a Franklin girl accomplished the feat. She was champion of the Mid-State Conference and Johnson County Girls Championship. She earned All-Conference, All-County and was also named the Player of the Year by the Daily Journal.

Reese Phillips, Fr.- (85.6/28 rounds). All-Conference. All-County. Honorable Mention All-County by Daily Journal. Low 9-hole score (34). Low 18-hole score (77). FCHS Rookie of the Year. Sectional and Regional participant.

Morgan Sandrock, Jr.- (90.2/28 rounds). All-Conference. All-County Honorable Mention by Daily Journal. Low 9-hole score (39). Low 18-hole score (83). FCHS Co-Most Improved Player. Improved 18-hole average by 4.4 shots and played in 16 more rounds than 2020. Sectional and Regional participant.

Addie Livorno, So.- (89.0/28 rounds). All-County Honorable Mention by Daily Journal. Low 9-hole score (38). Low 18-hole score (83). FCHS Co-Most Improved Player. Improved 18-hole average by 11.6 shots and played in 21 more rounds than 2020. Sectional and Regional participant.



Maria Williams, So- (94.0/18 rounds). Low 9-hole score (40). Low 18-hole score (86). Improved 18-hole average by 5.6 shots and played in 5 more rounds than 2020. FCHS Mental Attitude Award. Sectional and Regional participant.

Kara Heuchan, So- (92.8/18 rounds). Low 9-hole score (42). Low 18-hole score (87). Earned varsity letter.

Rylie Wilkison, So- (99.2/10 rounds). Low 9-hole score (44). Low 18-hole score (108). Earned varsity letter.

FCHS ALUMNI CORNER

Four players from the Class of 2021 extended their playing careers at the collegiate level. Damon Dickey had a solid first semester for the Butler Bulldogs competing in all of the team's fall events. Ellie Beavins won her first college tournament playing for Taylor University and also logged time in all her team's competitions. Quin Edwards attends Huntington University and he had valuable contributions in all of the Foresters events. Liv Parramore, plays at the Savannah College of Art & Design and saw action in three of the team's fall events. Here is a summary:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Ave</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Best Finish</u>
Damon Dickey, Butler	5	13	73.9	67(2)	T11(2)
Ellie Beavins, Taylor	6	13	79.5	73	1 st
Quin Edwards, Huntington	6	14	78.0	72	T11
Liv Parramore, SCAD	3	6	83.0	79	22

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS SHOW IMPROVEMENT AS SEASON ROLLED ON

Greg Fisher, Head Coach & John Maryan, Assistant Coach

The 2021 Franklin MS Boys Golf Team consisted of 8 sixth graders, 5 seventh graders, and 3 eighth graders. Many of these individuals had very little competitive golf experience to begin the season. These young men worked extremely hard and made great improvement throughout the season. They shot a team score of 203 in the first round of the year, ultimately firing a team low score of 170, an improvement of 34 strokes, ending the season with a team average of 189. The team's overall record was 14 wins and 7 losses, 3rd in the Johnson County Tourney, and 3rd in the JMSC Conference. The 2021 team was led by 8th grader Reid Davidson who was named the Most Valuable Golfer. Other 8th graders included Carter Breeden and Aiden Stahl. FCMS returns 8 players to



next year's team and looks to improve on its regular season record and County and Conference finishes. Returning golfers for next 2022 season would be 7th graders Jayden Abplanalp, Carsten Bland, Adam Botkin (Attitude Award Winner), Ryder Hall, Riley McNicholas, Cameron Sommers and Austin Tyree, and 8th graders Jackson Lock, Nolan Murray, Cooper Pauszek, Isaiah Stultz (Sportsmanship Award Winner), and Ezra Fair.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS REPEAT AS MID-STATE AND COUNTY CHAMPS!

Alexandria Maris, Head Coach and John Maryan, Assistant Coach

The Lady Grizzly Cubs had a great middle school season. They won 9 of their 10 matches including the Johnson County match and the JMISC. Every win was a great team effort and at JMISC all 5 players earned All-Conference. There were a total of 15 players on the team with great leadership from the 8th graders. Each player improved in all aspects of the game with short

game being the focus. Lexi Ray led the team with a below par scoring average and won JMISC in school record fashion with a (-5) 31! The team not only had fun on the course but enjoyed each other's company at team bonding. Thank you 8th graders for your contribution to the team and good luck in high school.



COACHES HOLD THE FIRST ANNUAL FRANKLIN GOLF SUMMER GOLF CAMP

Franklin Middle and High School Golf Coaches held the first annual FGC Summer Golf Camp to promote the game among Franklin youth and develop up and coming players in the program. We look forward to making this a summer tradition for Franklin golfers – look for 2022 dates so you can get your child registered!



FRANKLIN GOLF CLUB GIVING BACK!

Members of the boys' and girls' golf teams, led by Morgan Sandrock and Will McGuinness, will represent the Franklin Golf Club as it participates in the Franklin Good Cheer Fund before Christmas. Our players will help assemble food baskets and then distribute them on December 18. The Franklin Golf Club will be collecting cans of soup for the Good Cheer Fund and those can be dropped off at The Legends Golf Club golf shop. We encourage all golfers to drop off some cans of soup to The Legends! Our FCHS golfers are all very fortunate and it's great to see them get involved in our community to help those who need it.

FCHS TO RECOGNIZE GRIZZLY CUBS ON DECEMBER 17

Franklin Community High School will honor the 2021 boys golf team at the FCHS-Beech Grove basketball game. The '21 Grizzly Cubs won the Mid-State and Johnson County championships while becoming the first Franklin boys team since 1986 to reach the IHSAA State Finals. Damon Dickey was the IHSAA Mental Attitude recipient and was named All-State. Ava Ray will also be recognized for her 3rd place individual finish in this fall's IHSAA Girls State Finals and being named All-State.

WHY SUPPORT THE FRANKLIN GOLF CLUB?

Franklin Community High School has an illustrious past in golf. The boy's and girl's teams have reached the State Finals a total of 18 times as a team. On numerous other occasions individual golfers have represented the Grizzly Cubs at the IHSAA State Finals. Our golf programs have brought much recognition to our school and community.

In order to compete at the highest level against the best teams in Indiana, we need financial resources. These are used for uniforms, equipment, travel, meals, practice rounds and anything else our coaches deem necessary to put our student athletes in a position to succeed.

The Franklin Golf Club is a 501C3 non-profit and it is overseen by the following board members. Ted Bishop, President. Crystal Morse, Treasurer. Jim Admire, Secretary. Bill Doty, FCHS Athletic Director. Dean Abplanalp, FCHS Hall of Famer. The board appreciates your continued support of the Franklin Golf Club!

For \$40 you can join or renew your membership with the form attached in this newsletter. You can also stop in the golf shop at The Legends Golf Club or call 317-736-8939. All Franklin Golf Club members receive a hat or towel plus a Franklin Golf decal. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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You can join the 2022 Franklin Golf Club for \$40. All club members receive a cap *or* towel and Franklin Golf Club decal to help show your support for our boys' and girls' golfers in Franklin. Club dues will be used to offset expenses for uniforms, equipment, travel and food. These forms of payment are accepted- cash, credit cards or checks (payable to Franklin Golf Club, Inc.).

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