



### **By Tim Linscott**

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The Perkins County girls golf team and many of its members hit an all time low at the Oct. 1 Hershey Invite...and that is a good thing.

The Lady Plainsmen had the lowest team score of the season with a 427 at the Hershey Invite. Finishing fourth, the Lady Plainsmen were just five strokes off of third place, held by Dundy County. Ogallala won the invite with a 391.

Carra Johnson led PCS with a 99 to finish in seventh place overall.

The 99 score was her personal all-time low.

“This was one of her goals at the start of the season, to break 100 and it is always satisfying to see hard work pay off,” Perkins County girls golf coach, Troy Kemling, said. “Her ball striking was very good with few wasted shots.”

Kemling said Johnson was able to re-focus her attention and shrug off a bad hole to par the very next hole.

Barely missing the top 10 for PCS was Hailey Sletten. She had a 106 on the day and finished in 12th place, one stroke behind Hailey Nolde of Ogallala and two strokes off of the number 10 spot held by Stephanie Skinner, also of Ogallala.

“Hailey played solid as well. She had some trouble on the greens and will need to learn to take more time in preparation for her putts,” Kemling said. “She hit the ball consistently well but ended up giving back strokes on the greens.”

Amanda Reichert placed 15th overall with a 110 on the day. Reichert dropped eight strokes off her card on the back nine holes, shooting a 59 on the front nine and a 51 on the back nine.

“Amanda had a surprising score for us as she was hobbled by a sprained ankle,” Kemling said. “Little did I realize that a bad ankle is the recipe for scoring your best.”

The 110 was a personal best for Reichert.

“I think she is starting to get her golf swing groove where she is able to rely and trust it,” Kemling said.

Capri Meyer also cut several strokes off her card, shooting a 65 on the front nine and a 61 on

the back nine.

Alexis Schmidt shot a 112 on the day to finish 17th, allowing four of five PCS golfers a top 20 finish.

Schmidt's 112 was a personal best.

"Alexis is learning to eliminate the wasted shots and replace them with well-stuck hits. She is such a positive person in spite of how she is playing at the time," Kemling said. "This attitude helps her to overcome those moments when things don't go your way."

District Golf

The team was on the West Wind Golf Course in Ogallala on Monday for district action.

PCS was just shy of qualifying as a team, only four strokes off of punching their ticket to the state meet at Quail Run in Columbus.

Perkins County finished fourth with a team score of 443 while Bridgeport was third with a team score of 439.

"I told the girls that we had a chance to qualify as a team if we could play well. They did that and nearly qualified the team," Kemling said.

Capri Meyer was in a bit of a slump as of late, according to Kemling, but was able to rise to the occasion with her performance at districts.

"She came out and played some of her best golf all season," Kemling said. "Capri seemed to channel her focus into her game. It just shows that effort, concentration and a belief in yourself is the way to your best golf."

Kemling was happy with how things turned out at the end of the day for his squad.

"We put ourselves in a position to qualify the team by playing well. The girls carded a team score that I knew was going to be close...it just ended up not being good enough today. I am proud of their efforts and the type of people they showed to be in spite of being disappointed today," Kemling said.