

Sports

Mental game gives edge in state golf competition

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"Oberlin champion took a wrestling mentality through four contests."

A high school wrestling career taught Kade Brown that, in head-to-head battles, seeds mean little.

The Oberlin native put that lesson into use over the last two days by winning four straight contests in winning the Kansas Golf Association's Junior Match-Play Champions at Prairie Dunes Golf Club in Hutchinson on Friday.

He beat Goodland's Gage Ihrig, 5 and 3, in the championship round.

Not bad for a kid who began the 16-player knockout tournament at the No. 7 seed.

"It's a lot like wrestling," said Brown, who will play golf at Creighton University in the fall. "In wrestling, I kind of know once you get there, once you qualify in regionals, once you get to state, the seeding doesn't matter.

"You have to go out there against whoever you have to."

That wrestling mentality — a strong resolve, which allows one to keep grinding away, no matter the circumstances served Brown well over the last two days.

In Thursday's second round against second-seeded Chase Hanna, Brown won the first five holes to build a sizable lead, only to see Hanna battle back in the final holes to send the match into an extra hole.

Brown kept his composure and won on the 19th hole.

It was never that close on Friday. He beat James Henderson in the semifinals by shooting one stroke under par. Everything he did was



KADE BROWN chips out of a greenside bunker on hole 12 during the championship match of the Junior Match Play Championship Thursday at Prairie Dunes Country Club.

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good and Henderson, the 14th seed who pulled off two first-day upsets, didn't stand a chance.

"That was my best round of the tournament," he said. "I hit the ball well and made the putts. That's the secret to the game. You have to putt."

The championship match was close early on, but Brown gradually built a three-hole lead by the turn. Ihrig cut it to two with a birdie on 11, but could never get any closer.

Brown won the next three holes to close out the match.

"A day like this is big," he said. "I am excited, but it probably hasn't sunk in. It might be big in 20 years when I tell my kids about it. Right now, I am just happy. Something

like this gives you confidence."

"I have been working hard and it's finally paying off."

Brown is playing this week in the Kansas Amateur at Indian Hills Country Club in Mission. He also qualified for the Kansas Junior Cup Challenge. The eight-man team, which includes Dodge City's Zach Kirby, the overall points leader this summer, and Garden City's Taylor Larsen, will play against a team from Nebraska next month. Kirby, who lost to Ihrig in the semifinals on Friday, wrapped up the Kansas Junior Player of the Year honors with his performance this week in Hutchinson.

Kade is the son of Kevin and Carol Brown of Oberlin.

Sports Schedule

Sunday: Northwest Kansas Challenge Cup golf tournament in Goodland.

Grinnell Budweiser two-couple golf tournament, call (785) 824-8346.

WaKeeney two couple scramble golf tournament, call (785) 743-2839.

Tuesday: League Bowling, sec-

ond through eighth grades, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Sunflower Bowl. Learn bowling fundamentals, \$5 per week for bowling and shoes. Call Rick Salem, 470-2200, or J.D. Johnson, 470-7740.

Saturday, Aug. 10: Oberlin Community 5K Patriotic Run. Registration 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. Run/Walk, 8 a.m., kids 1/2 mile, 9:15

a.m., Oberlin City Park. 5K, \$15 (by July 25), \$20 after; kids fun run, \$10 (by July 25), \$15 after. Put on your red, white and blue and join the fun. Free swim, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Proceeds to benefit the Oberlin Pool Project. map of course at oberlin5k@gmail.com.

Mud volleyball, noon, Decatur County Fairground.

NOTICE OF CEMETERY BUDGET HEARINGS

The governing bodies of the Decatur County Cemetery Boards will meet on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 8 p.m. at the below listed homes for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of Ad Valorem Tax. Detailed Budget Information is available at the Office of the Decatur County Clerk and will be available at these hearings.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2014 Expenditures and Amount of current year estimate for 2013 Ad Valorem Tax to establish the maximum limits of the 2014 Budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuations.

Fund	2012		2013		Proposed Budget 2014		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate	Expenditures	Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimated Tax Rate*
#1 Norcatour Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Deb Marshall							
General	8,199	.997	11,500	2.272	12,315	7,229	1.778
Non Bldg. Fund	4,100						
Total	12,299		11,500		12,315		
Total Tax Levied	2,846		7,120				
Valuation	DC and NT 2,853,389		DC and NT 3,134,413		DC and NT 4,065,843		
#3 Big Timber Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Kenneth Krizek							
General	2,789	2.399	15,000	2.645	15,810	4,463	2.609
Total Tax Levied	4,269		4,279				
Valuation	1,779,540		1,617,906		1,710,387		
#4 Jennings Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Harold Tacha							
General	5,527	1.979	8,800	3.570	12,945	8,194	3.720
Total Tax Levied	4,131		8,172				
Valuation	2,087,578		2,288,760		2,202,521		
#5 Dresden Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Sheila Rhodes							
General	3,823	1.958	7,500	1.828	7,500	4,205	1.639
Total Tax Levied	4,031		4,142				
Valuation	DC & SD 2,058,653		DC & SD 2,266,073		DC & SD 2,566,089		
#6 Hawkeye Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Dave Juenemann							
General	2,236	2.112	19,200	2.202	19,950	3,793	1.617
Total Tax Levied	3,684		3,770				
Valuation	DC, RA & SD 2,223,118		DC, RA & SD 1,712,206		DC, RA & SD 2,345,531		
#7 Traer Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Greg Grafel							
General	53	1.841	7,000	1.724	8,550	1,654	1.620
Total Tax Levied	1,615		1,642				
Valuation	877,463		952,273		1,020,794		
#8 Cedar Bluffs Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Kathi Moore							
General	251	2.715	10,200	2.623	11,725	2,119	2.467
Total Tax Levied	1,983		2,034				
Valuation	730,397		775,446		859,040		
#10 Sherman Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Sharleen Wurm							
General	630	1.317	3,000	1.180	3,025	1,459	1.034
Total Tax Levied	1,415		1,459				
Valuation	1,074,444		1,235,999		1,410,902		
#11 Kanona Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Gary Orr							
General	863	2.166	7,000	2.399	7,000	1,672	1.927
Total Tax Levied	1,630		1,663				
Valuation	752,394		693,178		867,878		
#12 Lund Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Brad Marcuson							
General	2,051	8.271	9,700	7.591	10,330	4,152	6.413
Total Tax Levied	3,959		4,013				
Valuation	478,689		528,682		647,397		
#13 Vallonia Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Jim Reeves							
General	291	0.788	2,500	0.744	2,500	561	0.666
Total Tax Levied	549		558				
Valuation	696,278		749,871		842,414		

Note: Tax rates are expressed in mills and that means per thousand dollars worth of valuation.

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Is measuring everything a harmless habit or a curse?

My husband measures everything.

Maybe it's a man thing. Have you every noticed how many measuring devices men keep in their garages, tool sheds and junk drawers? Yardsticks, tape measures and calibrated wrenches, saws and drills.

I realized that Steve had a measuring addiction when he started wearing his pedometer on vacation.

Now, I can understand measuring your steps when you go out for a walk to see how much exercise you are getting. But when you're headed for a beach in Mexico, not so much. Besides it always drives the TSA guys at airport security nuts, because he never remembers to take it off his belt.

Well, I suppose that in itself might be one benefit.

However, back to my theory that my husband is addicted to measuring things.

He has two rain gauges. One we keep on the porch to measure rain. That one is seldom used. The second is in the garden. It measures rain and the amount of water that goes on the garden. While that may seem a reasonable thing to want to know, we've been watering the garden the same amount for the last 20 years, and the gauge always reads the same



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unless he forgets to dump it or we accidentally get some rain.

He checks the weather channel almost every day to see what the temperatures will be for the next week. I mean, let's face it. If it's summer, it's going to be hot. If it's winter, it'll be cold. What are you going to do differently if it's 85 degrees out today or 95?

I caught him measuring the number of charcoals he was using for the barbecue grill the other night. I'll swear he was counting them out — not just pouring them in and eyeballing them for the right amount for eight steak sandwiches.

And we're not even going to go into the Garmin in the car, which can measure miles per hour, how long it'll take to get there and how much fuel you're using. He loves that thing.

He measures when he cooks,

too.

Of course, we all measure when we cook. Very few of us can come up with a cupful without a measuring cup, and it's important not to get too much or too little baking powder or baking soda in a recipe.

But there are a lot of things that just don't need a measuring cup or a spoon. Things like salt and pepper, onion and garlic.

I can measure a teaspoon of salt in the palm of my hand and eyeball a half cup of diced onion. Who cares if I'm an eighth of a cup off. It's onion. It's all good.

Not Steve. He's precise. He doesn't put too much or too little of anything into a recipe.

He's addicted, I tell you but as long as I can keep him cooking, I'm not going to start an intervention. I know when I have a good thing going.

Right to petition equally valid

To the editor:

I would like to point out to the persons who wrote to the editor last week, our rights as American citizens to petition the government is as legitimate as our right to vote and like it or not a part of the process.

The definition of our right to petition is as follows: (As defined by wikipedia)

The prohibition of abridgment of the "right to petition" originally referred only to the federal legislature, Congress, and the US federal courts. The incorporation doctrine later expanded the protection of the right

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to its current scope, over all state and federal courts and legislatures, and the executive branches of the state and federal governments. (*)

So while we did have an election and a majority of voters did vote for the pool, the majority of votes is only representative of one-third of the actual population and we still have the right to petition the government to change the ruling and require another vote on the

subject. This is a subject that I believe should be voted on the same as the airport was voted on. Each household should be allowed one vote. So please be respectful of our right to petition and our opinions as we are of yours.

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(*) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Right_to_petition_in_the_United_States

Regulations smother small business

President Ronald Reagan once said that one of the scariest phrases in the English language is, "I'm from the government, and I'm here to help."

Nowhere is that saying more true than for our nation's small businesses.

Listening to these job creators is so important because small businesses provide more than one-half of the jobs in America, especially here in the Heartland.

Owners spend countless hours and sleepless nights building a business so they can provide a little better life for their family. In turn, they are important citizens in our communities, employing their neighbors, paying the taxes that pay for our local governments and often sponsoring the town's little league teams.

While big businesses and liberal special interests in Washington negotiate deals on what new regulations will be "acceptable" to them, our small businesses struggle to keep up. They cannot afford to hire an army of lobbyists and lawyers to sift through the mountains of new mandates that are passed each year. Instead, they work extra hours at their office or at their kitchen table, trying to demystify the government mandates, make payroll, pay off the loan and maybe take that family vacation. And there is no relief in sight.

This year in particular, our small businesses also face the uncertain-

ties that come with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has already produced over 20,000 pages of Obamacare regulations to be implemented on Jan. 1, and her minions are not done yet.

Under Obamacare, once a small business reaches 50 employees, it must either comply with Obamacare mandates or face a stiff Internal Revenue Service penalty. As a result, many small businesses have been forced to reduce the hours of part-time and full-time workers in order to avoid the excesses of Obamacare. Others have not hired new employees or have laid off workers. Premiums have risen rather than fallen by \$2,500 as the president promised.

In addition to the countless regulations they face, our small businesses are forced to comply with a massive, complicated tax code that is nearly 74,000 pages long and changes each year. It takes the average American 13 hours to file

their taxes each year, while small business owners can spend as much as 20 times longer complying with a litany of tax provisions.

What do these small business owners ask for from Washington? Get out of their way. Give them certainty, simplicity and a reduced tax and regulatory burden.

Small business owners want to know how to plan for the future. And instead of spending time complying with complex tax codes and regulations, they'd like to get back to their job.

June 16 - 22 was designated as National Small Business Week. What a great time to honor our small business owners by giving them what they deserve — not what a legion of Washington politicians and bureaucrats think they need.

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On the Potomac

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