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Kevin Borowicz and Aaron Schauger of Grand Island (13-8) took second and fourth in the NFL Championships at Willowbrook Golf Course on Tuesday.

Ultimately, it wasn't enough to upset top-seeded Kenmore East, who took the match by 23 strokes over the Vikings.

Mike Davern of Ken East (20-1) earned medalist honors in the event, shooting a 5-over 77, one stroke ahead Borowicz. Ken East's Ricky Shotwell finished third with a 79 to finish between the two Vikings. Zach Dubuc was Niagara-Wheatfield's only golfer in the top five, shooting an 84 for fifth place.

The Falcons (16-5) used balanced scoring to finish eight strokes behind Grand Island in third place.

Borowicz, who had already clinched an automatic berth into this spring's sectional finals was disappointed that he didn't earn the top spot.

"I think he was a bit disappointed, he wanted to be medalist," Grand Island coach Craig Warthling said. "He's capable of shooting better than that, he had a couple bad holes and putting was tough ... Kevin was medalist in 11 of 14 matches, and averaged a 37, which is lowest in the league."

According to Ken East coach Tim Robbins, Davern shot exactly what he expected and his consistency is what makes him such a strong contributor to the team.

"A (77) is about what he shoots. You don't expect him to do more than that," Robbins said. "The last guy on the team is as important as the first guy. You need to have five, six, or seven good players. This year I thought we had eight good players. The two that didn't come could have contributed. It's nice having that."

Robbins was happy for Davern.

“He was the best golfer today and you can’t take that away from him,” Robbins said. “Everyone wants it. There’s other guys that have a chance. To be able to play under pressure and step up and come through in the clutch is great. That’s what every athlete hopes to do. He’s been here the longest and he has to be the one to step up.”

A four-man playoff was needed to decide the final two sectional qualifiers after they tied at 86. John Liberti of Niagara-Wheatfield and Lockport’s Brandon Lé came away victorious, while Evan Williams of Lockport and Adam Kroll of Ken East will be the first and second alternates, respectively.

Zach Dubuc of Niagara-Wheatfield, Devin Donoghue of North Tonawanda and Lockport’s Alex Weaver also qualified for sectionals this spring.