Sutherland foursome qualifies for sectionals

Dobrzynski leads the Knights with a third-place finish.

All four of the Pittsford Sutherland golfers in the Monroe County Tournament of Champions placed in the top 13 out of a field of more than 50 at Ontario Golf Club on May 15.

Junior Ben Dobrzynski tied for third with a fine score of 78, followed by junior Don McClintock, sophomore Mike Schwerdt, and junior Jordan Zwick with scores of 81.

David Chong of Spencerport was medalist with a score of 74, followed by Andrew DiBietetto of Greece Athena with a 76. Penfield has two golfers among the 13 from the Monroe County League, but no other school has more than one golfer in this group.

The Section 5 Tournament was played Monday at Midvale Country Club (after deadline) where nine golfers from a field of 63 were selected to represent the section at the New York High School Championships at the Cornell University Golf Course from May 31 - June 2.

Last year, Senior T. R. Eckler represented Sutherland on the Section 5 team, and then-sophomore Kyle Jackson lost in a playoff for one of the last spots on the team. Jackson is out for the remainder of this golf season with a fractured ankle. Mike Schwerdt missed to the playoff for the Section 5 team last year by one stroke when he was a freshman.

In its last team match of the year, Sutherland lost another close match to Rush-Henrietta, May 12, at Monroe Golf Club by a score of 95-85.

Unfortunately, due to the reorganization of the Monroe County league this year, arguably the two strongest teams in the county were grouped in the same five-team section. By virtue of two 95-85 match victories, Rush-Henrietta will move on to the Monroe County Team Championship competition against Mendon, Athena, and Batavia.

The four-time defending team champion Sutherland Knights will have to wait until next year to recapture their team championship. All four of the golfers representing Sutherland in this year's Section 5 tournament, along with Kyle Jackson, will return, so the team should be very strong again next year.