

BC3 captures region golf title

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Mars graduate Garrett Gabriel shot a 79 in the final round of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III Region XX Tournament to lead the Butler County Community College men's golf team to the championship.

The Pioneers carded a 676 as a team over the 36-hole tournament, besting CCAC South by 31 strokes.

Gabriel, who shot an 85 in the first round at Youghiogheny Country Club Monday, finished third.

His teammate, Butler grad Tyler Friel, fired an 85-81 to place fourth. Knoch grad Matt Eshelman shot an 86-84 to place fifth and Karns City grad Tucker Preston carded an 89-87 to finish seventh.

The Pioneers will travel to Chautauqua Golf Club in Chautauqua, N.Y., June 2-7 for the NJCAA National Tournament.

It is the first trip to the national tournament for BC3 since 2009.