

# Bergen Catholic is at its best

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EMERSON - Bergen Catholic produced one of the best performances in the history of North Jersey high school golf Thursday.

The Crusaders' four-player score of 4-over-par 288 at the NNJIL championship at Emerson Golf Club is at least the best tournament score by a North Jersey team over the past eight years, if not all time.

Coach Jim Jacobsen, never at a loss for words, was almost speechless as he tried to explain how his senior-less quartet became the first in his 27 seasons to break 296.

"Your only concern is that we haven't shot the whole thing and we don't play well in the State [on Monday]," said Jacobsen, whose team is No. 1 in the North Jersey Top 15. "But it seems like each tournament we get a little better."

A score of 300 is considered

outstanding. To put the 288 in perspective, the Crusaders won last year's NNJIL title with 318. They won Tuesday's North Non-Public A title with a 314. The 288 was 22 strokes better than arch rival Don Bosco.

The Crusaders had four of the five best scores and junior Drew Doidge repeated as NNJIL titlist with par-71.

"I feel really comfortable out there," Doidge said. "I like the greens and they roll pretty smooth and it's all about comfort."

Doidge won via a match of cards over junior teammate David Kim. Junior Sacheev Mandhle was third with 72. Freshman Harrison Shih was fifth with 74, the same score that won him the North Non-Public A title.