

Baseball Meet to be Played in Twin Bills at Kalida and Ottawa

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A new setup for conducting the Putnam County high school baseball tournament was decided upon by the county coaches association at a meeting held Monday evening in Kalida.

The tournament will be held in a series of twilight-night double headers on the lighted diamonds at Kalida and Ottawa. Coaches said this action is an attempt to revive spectator interest in baseball.

The tournament will get under way on Monday evening, April 10 and continue on April 20, 24, and 27, with rain dates being the following evenings.

Four games are scheduled on each of the first two nights, being played at both diamonds. Semi-finals and finals will be at Kalida.

Trophies will be given for the first two place s and the two-top teams will advance to the district tournament.

IN THE UPPER bracket Miller City meets Kalida in the opening at Kalida at 4:00 p.m. April 17, while Glandorf takes on Columbus Grove at 4:00 p.m. at Ottawa. Bottom bracket first round games will be played at about 6:00 p.m. the same day. Ottoville will meet Ottawa Sts. Peter and Paul at Kalida, while Vaughnsville is scheduled against Continental at Ottawa.

Fort Jennings and Leipsic drew the byes in the upper bracket, while Pandora-Gilboa and Ottawa Public got the bottom bracket byes.

Jennings meets the Miller City-Kalida winner at 4:00 p.m. April 20 at Ottawa, and at the same time Leipsic will take on the Glandorf-Columbus Grove survivor at 4:00 p.m.

Second round games in the bottom bracket will be at about 6:00 p.m. on the same sites. At Ottawa the Ottoville-Ottawa SPPS victor goes against Pandora-Gilboa while the Vaughnsville-Continental survivor plays Ottawa Public at Kalida.

Semi-finals will be at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on April 24 at Kalida, and the championship game on April 27 will be a night game starting at seven o'clock at Kalida.

IN ORDER to defray the expenses, including the light bill, donations will be taken for the first two rounds. A 25-cent admission charge will be made for the semi-finals and finals. There will be no game for third place. Milo Gerken, baseball coach at Continental, was named tournament manager.

Continental is the defending county champion, while Leipsic was last year's runner-up. However, Fort Jennings is the favored team this year. The Musketeers waltzed through last fall's eight-team league undefeated in seven starts. Columbus Grove, Leipsic, Pandora-Gilboa and Ottoville did not participate in the fall league.

In other action, the coaches set up the county varsity and junior high track meets.

The varsity meet will be at Pandora on May 5. The junior high meet, for seventh and eighth graders only, will be at Columbus grove on May 10.