

# Kalida's Trip to State in 1940

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## COUNTY BASEBALL CHAMPS

### Kalida High Defending County in District

Putnam County's Class B baseball champions, Kalida, will meet Ft. Recovery Friday afternoon in the semi-finals of the district tournament at Defiance by virtue of two victories last week. The finals of the tournament will be played Saturday.

Kalida behind the brilliant pitching of its captain, William Stechschulte, defeated Edon Saturday afternoon 5 to 2 to advance to the semi-finals. On Friday, the Putnam County champs disposed of Chesterfield 3 to 2 in a first round game.

Winning his third game of the week, Stechschulte let Edon down with five hits while he and his mates were garnering eight off Knapp of Edon. He struck out 19 opposing batsmen while only five Kalida hitters fanned.

Edon tallied first in the top half of the fourth when L. Buck opened the stanza with a triple and scored when there was an error on Bunce's ground ball. Kalida came right back to tie up the game in the last half of the fourth when Erhart singled and went to second on a muff of his hit and then scored as Stechschulte singled.

The other Edon marker came in the seventh as Nold singled, E. Miller advanced him on a ground ball and an error on a grounder off the bat of DeWilde plate him.

Kalida put the tilt on ice, however, in the last of the sixth with four runs. Gerdeman's walk to open the inning was followed by a triple by Westbeld, singles by Erhart and Stechschulte, a double by Unverferth and fielder's choices by Verhoff and Krouse.

## KALIDA HIGH WINS TOURNEY

### Goes to State to Compete in Baseball

Members of the Kalida district championship baseball team were looking forward today to their first trip to a state playoff as a result of their 5 to 2 victory over Spencerville in the finals of the District Tournament at Defiance Saturday afternoon.

Coach James Ferguson reports that the citizens of Kalida have ordered new uniforms for the team which probably will arrive in time for the state tourney which begins Friday morning. He will go to Columbus night to draw for his first round game.

The chances of Kalida in the state meet depend for the most part upon the strong right arm of Captain William Stechschulte who pitched the club to the Putnam County and District Championships. He was in top form against Spencerville, giving up 11 hits but bearing down in the pinches to choke off runs.

At the same time, excellent support in the field combined with the pitcher's performance to win the game for Kalida.

Spencerville scored one run in the first half of the first on successive singles by Miller, Mullenhour and Kill and their other run came in the sixth on signals by Muell and Bowersock and a double by Glasco.

Kalida tallied first in the last of the initial frame on a home run by Westbeld, Stechschulte doubled in the fourth, stole third and scored on an error by Miller. Kalida put the game on ice in the fifth when Stechschulte pounded out a home run with Gerdeman and Westbeld on base.

## KALIDA HI BOYS LOSE

### AT COLUMBUS

The Kalida high school baseball nine, having won county and district honors, went to Columbus last weekend to take part in the state high baseball tournament. They were scheduled to play Friday morning, but because of unfavorable weather conditions the game was postponed until Saturday.

In the drawing the Kalida team was booked against the Colerain nine. Their contest took place Saturday morning at nine o'clock with the county team holding the short end of the score. It was a disappointment to the team and the fans, but the boys and their followers can look with pride upon the record they had established for this season prior to that time.