

# Kalida's Kortokrax Wins 700th

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Kalida didn't need a second chance to get Coach Dick Kortokrax his 700<sup>th</sup> win.

The Wildcats came out hot as they jumped out to a big lead in beating Sycamore Mohawk 76-40 in non-league boy's basketball action. The win moved Kalida to 6-3 on the season.

Kortokrax got win 699 as the Wildcats downed Wayne Trace one week earlier. With Mohawk up next, the veteran Wildcat boss saw his team perform very well as he collected win number 700. He is the first coach in Ohio High School to have won 700 career games. In December, he became the winningest boy's basketball coach in Ohio.

Kortokrax now owns a 700-242 record in his 43-year coaching career. Now in his 28th season at Kalida, he has posted a 474-152 record. He started his coaching career at Fort Jennings where he posted a 26-18 record in two seasons. He then returned to his high school alma mater Ottoville, and posted a 200-82 record over 13 seasons.

In this game, the Wildcats jumped out to a quick lead and continued to add to it.

Kalida led 17-5 after the opening eight minutes of play and led 58-28 after three quarters as they outscored Mohawk 22-11 in the third quarter.

Cody Maxwell led the Wildcats with a game high 15 points and Ryan Schroeder tossed in 11 points. A total of 12 Kalida players scored in the game.

## Sycamore Mohawk 15 3 1 40

Sharp 1-0-0-2. McCain 1-1-0-5. Weininger 4-0-1-9. Ekleberry 4-1-0-11. Jacoby 2-1-0-7. Kurtz 1-0-0-2. Risener 2-0-0-4.

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Maag 4-0-0-8. Schroeder 4-1-0-11. R. Schnipke 3-0-0-6. Schulte 2-0-1-5. B. Schnipke 1-0-1-3. Rampe 0-1-2-5. Unverferth 2-0-0-4. Recker 2-0-1-5. Maxwell 7-0-1-15. Janka 3-0-0-6. Verhoff 0-0-2-2. Knueve 2-0-2-6.

Mohawk	5	12	11	12	40
Kalida	17	19	22	18	76

Junior Varsity: Kalida 66-32  
Rebounds: Mohawk 47, Kalida 24.

At the time, it was thought that this was Coach Kortokrax's 700<sup>th</sup> win during his 43<sup>rd</sup> season of coaching and 28<sup>th</sup> at Kalida. The actual 700<sup>th</sup> win came the next game against Fort Jennings when Kalida won 51-37. The Wildcats were 13-9 in 2003, losing to Crestview in the Sectionals. Dick was named the PCL Coach of the Year in 2000 and 2001 at Kalida for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> time, 14<sup>th</sup> overall.