

State and Poll Champion Teams

1925 - Leipsic - State Qualifier

In 1925 Leipsic placed 2nd in the PCT, losing to Ottawa Public 27-26. The Vikings qualified for State by winning four games at the Sectional and District level of tournament play. Since there was no Regional level of play, 16 teams qualified for State. Leipsic lost the first game at State to Oberlin 33-16. Hutton, 1st Team All-PCL, Wagner, 1st Team All-PCL and Robinson, 2nd Team All-PCL led Leipsic, coached by Al J. Sacksteder and Harry Dowler, to a 13-7 record that season. The Leipsic Vikings were the first of many boys' basketball teams from PC to participate in the State tournament.

1937 - Ottoville - State Qualifier

In 1927 Ottoville placed 1st in the PCT by defeating Columbus Grove 35-23. The Big Green qualified for State by winning four games at the Sectional and District level of tournament play. Since there was no Regional level of play, 16 teams qualified for State. Ottoville lost the first game at State to Lockland 40-14. Cyril Becker, 1st Team All-PCLT, Carl Leis, 2nd Team All-PCLT and Harold Wannemacher, 2nd Team All-PCLT led Ottoville, coached by the legendary Louis W. Heckman, to a 19-5 record. This was the 2nd team to qualify for State without Regional tournament.

1950 - Miller City - State Champs

In 1950 Miller City placed 1st in the Putnam County Tournament by defeating Continental 43-32. The Wildcats qualified for State by winning five games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Miller City won the State Tournament by defeating Corning 52-45 and Eaton 44-36. Skip Meyer, 1st Team All-PCLT and Frank Schroeder, 1st Team All-PCLT led Miller City, coached by Norris Simpson, to an undefeated 29-0 record. This was the 3rd team to qualify for State and the first State Champion.

1952 – Miller City – Poll Champs

In 1952 Miller City finished the regular season with an 18-1 record and claimed the 1st Boys' Associated Press State Poll Championship. The Wildcats lost in the District Finals to Columbus Grove 26-25. This was the third meeting for these two powerhouses from Putnam County. Miller City won the first two games 44-42 and 32-30. Miller City finished the season at 25-2 and Columbus Grove at 22-4, losing to Minster in the Regional Semi-Finals. The Wildcats were led by Jerry Kuhlman, Roy Meyer and Junior McDonald. They were coached by Norris Simpson. Meyer and McDonald were also major players on the 1950 State Championship team.

1967 - Kalida - State Qualifier

In 1967 Kalida tied for 3rd in the PCL with a 5-3 record. The Wildcats qualified for State by winning seven games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Kalida lost the first game at State to Arcanum 55-48. Bill Trenkamp, 2nd Team All-PCL, led Kalida, coached by Allan Clase, to a 17-9 record. This was the 4th team to qualify for State and the Wildcats 1st trip.

1972 - Continental - State Qualifier

In 1972 Continental tied for 3rd in the PCL with a 4-3 record. The Pirates qualified for State by winning six games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Continental lost the first game at State to Ridgedale 73-68. Greg Spitnale, 1st Team All-PCL and Don Brown, 2nd Team All-PCL led Continental, coached by Don Huber, to a 19-6 record. This was the 5th team to qualify for State and the Pirates first trip.

1977 - Continental - State Qualifier

In 1972 Continental tied Fort Jennings and Kalida for 1st in the PCL with a 5-2 record. The Pirates qualified for State by winning six games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Continental lost the first game at State to Fort Loramie 70-50. Ron Harter, 2nd Team All-PCL and Kevin Homier, 2nd Team All-PCL, led Continental, coached by Don Huber, to a 20-7 record. This was the 6th team to qualify for State and the Pirates 2nd trip.

1977 - OG - State Qualifier

In 1977 O-G tied for 1st in the WBL with a 7-2 record. The Titans qualified for State by winning six games at the Sect., Dist. and Reg. level of tournament play. O-G lost the first game at State to Cathedral Latin 85-67. Ken Pothast, 1st Team All-WBL, Player of the Year and Joe Maas, 1st Team All-WBL, led O-G, coached by Ron Niekamp, WBL Coach of the Year, to a 22-3 record. This was the 7th team to qualify for State and the Titans 1st trip.

1978 - Ottoville - State Qualifier

In 1978 Ottoville placed 3rd in the PCL with a 5-2 record. The Big Green qualified for State by winning six games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Ottoville lost the first game at State to Tipp City Bethel 53-49. Joe Kemper, 1st Team All-PCL and Keith Miller, 2nd Team All-PCL led Ottoville, coached by Phil Muehlfeld, to a 23-4 record. This was the 8th team to qualify for State and the Big Greens 2nd trip.

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1978 - OG - State Qualifier

In 1978 O-G placed 4th in the WBL with a 5-4 record. The Titans qualified for State by winning six games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. O-G lost the first game at State to Portsmouth 59-46. Joe Maas, 1st Team All-WBL led Ottawa-Glandorf, coached by Ron Niekamp to an 18-7 record. This was the 9th team to qualify for State and the Titans 2nd trip.

1980 - Kalida - State Qualifier

In 1980 Kalida placed 2nd in the PCL with a 6-1 record. The Wildcats qualified for State by winning six games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Kalida lost the first game at State to Summit Country Day 72-66. Barry VonderEmbse, 1st Team All-PCL, Player of the Year and Jeff Nartker, 2nd Team All-PCL led Kalida, coached by Dick Kortokrax, to a 25-2 record. This was the 10th team to qualify for State and the Wildcats 2nd trip.

1981 - Kalida - State Champs

In 1981 Kalida tied for 1st in the PCL with Fort Jennings with 6-1 record. The Wildcats qualified for State by winning six games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Kalida won the State Tournament by defeating South Eastern 73-56 and C.A.P.E 58-44. Dan Utendorf, 1st Team All-PCL, Greg Verhoff, 1st All-PCL and Rob Kortokrax, 2nd Team All-PCL led Kalida, coached by Dick Kortokrax, to a 27-1 record. This was the 11th team to qualify for State and was the Wildcats 3rd trip. This was Kalida's 1st State Championship.

1986 – OG – Poll Champs

In 1986, Ottawa-Glandorf finished the regular season with a 20-0 record and claimed its 1st Boys' UPI Poll Championship. Ottawa-Glandorf was the 2nd boys' team from Putnam County to win a Poll Championship. The Titans lost in the District Finals to Coldwater, 66-51. The Titans were led by Eric Morman, 1st Team All-Ohio, 1st Team and WBL Player of the Year and Brent Kaufman, 1st Team WBL. Dave Sweet, WBL Coach of the Year, led Ottawa-Glandorf to a 22-1 record.

1988 - Kalida - State Runner-Up

In 1988 Ottawa-Glandorf placed 1st in the PCL with a 7-0 record. The Wildcats qualified for State by winning five games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Kalida won the first game at State by defeating Fort Loramie 63-54. The Wildcats lost the State Championship game to Columbus Wehrle 71-54. Brian Vorst, 1st Team All-PCL, Player of the Year and Dave Hovest, 1st Team All-PCL, led Kalida, coached by Dick

Kortokrax, PCL Coach of the Year, to a 25-2 record. This was the 12th team to qualify for State and the Wildcat's 4th trip.

1996 - OG - State Runner-Up

In 1996 Ottawa-Glandorf placed 1st in the WBL with a 9-0 record. The Titans qualified for State by winning five games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Ottawa-Glandorf won the first game at State by defeating Cambridge 67-64. The Titans lost the State Championship game to Orrville 64-63. Ryan Maag, 1st Team All-WBL and Brad Schumaker, 1st Team All-WBL, led Ottawa-Glandorf, coached by Dave Sweet, WBL Coach of the Year, to a 25-2 record. This was the 13th team to qualify for State and the Titan's 3rd trip.

2000 – Ft. Jennings – State Champs

In 2000 Fort Jennings placed 2nd in the PCL with 6-1 record. The Musketeers qualified for State by winning five games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Fort Jennings won the State Tournament by defeating Berlin Highland 71-56 and St. Henry 64-58. Kevin Grothouse, 1st Team All-PCL, Matt Metzger, 1st Team All-PCL and Kyle Liebrecht, 1st Team All-PCL led Fort Jennings, coached by John VonSossan, to a 24-3 record. This was the 14th team to qualify for State and was the Musketeer's 1st trip. This was Fort Jennings' 1st State Championship.

2004 - OG - State Champs

In 2004 Ottawa-Glandorf placed 1st in the WBL with an 8-1 record. The Titans qualified for State by winning six games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Ottawa-Glandorf won the State Tournament by defeating Dover 61-60 and Canal Fulton 75-42. Tim Pollitz, 1st Team All-WBL and Eric Pollitz, 1st Team All-WBL, led Ottawa-Glandorf, coached by Dave Sweet, to a 27-1 record. This was the 15th team to qualify for State and was the Titan's 4th trip. This was Ottawa-Glandorf's 1st State Championship.

2005 - Continental - State Qualifier

In 2005 Continental placed 1st in the PCL with a 6-1 record. The Pirates qualified for State by winning five games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Continental lost the first game at State to Columbus Africentric 61-45. The Pirates were later determined the winner because Africentric used an ineligible player. Continental won by forfeit 2-0. Kurtis Brown, 1st Team All-PCL, Player of the Year and Nick Wilson, 1st Team All-PCL led Continental, coached by Kevin Homier, PCL Coach of the Year, to a 23-3 record. This was the 16th team to qualify for State and the Pirates 3rd trip.

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2006 - C. Grove - State Runner-Up

In 2006 Columbus Grove placed 3rd in the PCL with a 4-3 record. The Bulldogs qualified for State by winning six games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Columbus Grove won the first game at State by defeating Windham 75-62. The Bulldogs lost the State Championship game to South Webster 83-65. Kyle Meyer, 1st Team All-PCL and Eric Maag, 2nd Team All-PCL led Columbus Grove, coached by Troy Schwemley, to a 21-6 record. This was the 17th team to qualify for State and the Bulldogs 1st trip.

2006 – Ottoville – Poll Champs

In 2006 Ottoville finished the regular season with a 20-0 record and claimed its 1st Boys' Associated Press State Poll Championship. Ottoville was the 3rd boys' team from Putnam County to win an A.P. Championship. The Big Green lost its first District game to Columbus Grove 66-50. Josh Vorst, 1st Team All-PCL and Player of the Year, Jason Wehri, 2nd Team All-PCL and Brandon Miller, 2nd Team All-PCL, led Ottoville, coached by Tom VonSossan, PCL Coach of the Year, to a 21-1 record.

2008 - OG - State Champs

In 2008 Ottawa-Glandorf had a 6-3 WBL record. The Titans qualified for State by winning six games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Ottawa-Glandorf won the State Tournament by defeating Anna 65-57 and Garaway 62-44. Justin Schomaeker, 1st Team All-WBL, led Ottawa-Glandorf, coached by Josh Leslie, to a 23-5 record. This was the 18th team to qualify for State and the Titan's 5th trip. This was Ottawa-Glandorf's 2nd State Championship.

2009 - Kalida - State Runner-Up

In 2009 Kalida tied for 1st in the PCL with Pandora-Gilboa with a 6-1 record. The Wildcats qualified for State by winning five games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Kalida won the first game at the State Tournament by defeating Cleveland Heights Lutheran 57-46. The Wildcats lost the Championship game to Oak Hills 48-43. Scott Schnipke, 1st Team All-PCL, Jordan Basinger, 1st Team All-PCL and Justin Kahle, 2nd Team All-PCL led Kalida, coached by Dick Kortokrax, PCL Coach of the Year, to a 23-5 record. This was the 19th team to qualify for State and the Wildcats 5th trip.

2011 - Continental - State Qualifier

In 2011 Continental placed 3rd in the PCL with a 5-2 record. The Pirates qualified for State by winning five games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Continental lost the first game at State

to Berlin Highland 70-56. Brock Homier, 1st Team All-PCL and John Spitnale, 2nd Team All-PCL led Continental, coached by Kevin Homier, to a 21-4 record. This was the 20th team to qualify for State and the Pirates 4th trip.

2012 – OG – State Qualifier

In 2012 Ottawa-Glandorf had a 7-2 WBL record. The Titans qualified for State by winning five games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. The Titans lost the first game at State to Portsmouth 74-66. Michael Rosebrock, 1st Team All-WBL and T.J. Metzger, 2nd Team All-WBL, led Ottawa-Glandorf, coached by Tyson McGlaughlin, to a 19-7 record. This was the 21st team to qualify for State and the Titan's 6th trip.

2013 – Leipsic – State Runner-Up

In 2013 Leipsic placed 1st in the PCL with a 7-0 record. The Vikings qualified for the State by winning six games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Leipsic won the first game at the State Tournament by defeating Fairfield Christian 61-58. The Vikings lost the championship game to Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph 87-63. Devin Mangas was a 1st Team All-PCL player and the Player of the Year. In addition, Austin Brown, 1st All-PCL and Zach Kuhlman, 2nd Team All-PCL led Leipsic, coached by Scott Maag, PCL Coach of the Year, to a 25-5 record. This was the 22nd team to qualify for State and the Vikings 2nd trip.

2013 – OG – State Champs

In 2013 Ottawa-Glandorf had a 7-2 WBL record. The Titans qualified for State by winning five games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. The Titans won the State Tournament by defeating Ironton 61-60 and Versailles 67-46. T.J. Metzger, 1st Team All-WBL, Mike Rosebrock, 2nd Team All-WBL and Noah Bramlage, 3rd Team All-WBL led Ottawa-Glandorf, Coached by Tyson McGlaughlin, to a 26-3 record. This was the 23rd team to qualify for State and the Titan's 7th trip.

2018 – PG – State Qualifier

In 2018 Pandora-Gilboa placed 1st in the PCL with a 7-0 record. The Rockets qualified for State by winning five games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Pandora-Gilboa lost the first game at State to Marion Local 56-54. Drew Johnson, 1st Team All-PCL and Player of the Year along with Jared Breece, 2nd Team All-PCL led Pandora-Gilboa, coached by Joe Braidic, PCL Coach of the Year, to a 26-2 record. This was the 24th team to qualify for State and the Rockets 1st trip.

2020 – C. Grove – Poll Champs

In 2020, Columbus Grove finished the regular season with a 22-0 record and claimed its 1st Boys' Associated Press State Poll Championship. Columbus Grove was the 4th boys' team from Putnam County to win an A.P. Championship. The Bulldogs made it to the Regional Championship game against Parkway when the OHSAA postponed the tournament and a short time

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later ended all basketball tournament games for the 2020 season due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. Blake Reynolds, 1st Team All-PCL and Player of the Year, Tayt Birnesser 1st Team All-PCL and Gabe Clement 2nd Team All-PCL, led Columbus Grove, coached by Chris Sautter, PCL Coach of the Year, to a 26-0 record.

2021 – OG – State Qualifier

In 2020, Ottawa-Glandorf placed 2nd in the WBL with a 7-2 record. The Titans qualified for State by winning five games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. Ottawa-Glandorf lost the first game at State to Lutheran East, 58-52. Owen Nichols and Brennen Blevins, who were selected to the 1st Team All-WBL, led the Titans, coached by Tyson McGlaughlin, to a 20-5 record. This was the 25th team to qualify for State and the Titans 8th trip.

2021 – CG – State Runner-Up

In 2021, Columbus Grove placed 2nd in the PCL with a 6-1 record. The Bulldogs qualified for State by winning five games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. CG won the first game at State by defeating Glenwood 58-53, but lost in the State Finals to Botkins, 60-44. Blake Reynolds, 1st Team All-PCL, Tayt Birnesser, 1st Team All-PCL and Gabe Clement, 2nd Team All-PCL, led the Bulldogs, coached by Chris Sautter, to a 25-3 record. This was the 26th team to qualify for State and Columbus Grove's 2nd trip.

2022 – OG – State Runner-Up

In 2022, Ottawa-Glandorf won the WBL with a 9-0 record. The Titans qualified for State by winning five games at the Sectional, District and Regional level of tournament play. OG won the first game at State by defeating Africentric 53-48, but lost in the State Finals to Cincinnati Taft 48-45. Colin White, 1st All-WBL, Eli Schmenk, 2nd Team All-WBL, Theo Maag, 3rd Team All-WBL and Carter Schimmoeller, 3rd Team All-WBL led the Titans, coached by Tyson McGlaughlin, to a 25-3 record. This was the 27th team to qualify for State and Ottawa-Glandorf's 9th trip.