

# Legends of Ottoville

## **Sue Honigford – Gordon** **1975 – 1978 1,146 Points**

### First Ottoville Player to Score 1,000 Points

Sue Honigford's high school varsity basketball career began in 1975. There was no scorebook or individual stats to be found that year, but she did score at least 10 points and Ottoville's record was 3-8.

This was one year before the Ohio High School Athletic Association gave its 'seal of approval' and started treating female athletics the same as the males. In 1976 at the conclusion of the season, the OHSAA had its first sanctioned basketball tournament leading to a state championship.

In 1976, Sue scored 370 points.

Ottoville, 10-5, won its first Sectional Championship, but lost in the Districts to Miller City, 58-55.

In 1977, Sue score 368 points. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL and PCL Player of the Year.

1977 was the first year that the coaches in the PCL selected All-League Teams and a Player of the Year. What makes this so impressive is that she beat out Carol Lammers of Miller City who averaged 34 points and 14 rebounds.

The Big Green, 15-3, won a PCL and Sectional Championship, but lost in the Districts to Delphos St. Johns, 60-45.

In 1978, Sue scored 387 points with over 100 assists and steals respectively. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL and PCL Player of the Year. Sue was also named Honorable Mention All-Ohio.

Ottoville, 16-3, won a PCL, Sectional and District Championship, but lost in the Regionals to Ada, 43-41.

For her career, Sue scored 1,146 points in 52 games! During her tenure, Ottoville was 44-19.

## **Linda Honigford** **1982 – 1985 896 Points**

Linda began her varsity career at Ottoville in 1982 when she scored 3 points.

In 1983, she scored 198 points with 120 rebounds.

Ottoville, 17-7, won a Sectional Championship, but lost in the Districts to Delphos St. Johns, 62-43.

In 1984, Linda scored 289 points with 200 rebounds. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> All-PCL and Special Mention Northwestern Ohio.

Ottoville, 14-6, won a PCL Championship.

In 1985, she scored 406 points with 273 rebounds. Linda was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and Honorable Mention All-Ohio.

For her career, Linda scored 896 points with 593 rebounds. During her tenure, Ottoville was 57-28.

## **Melanie Miller – Thorbahn** **1988 – 1991 1,249 Points**

Melanie Miller started her varsity career at Ottoville High School in 1988 when she scored 106 points and pulled down 83 rebounds.

In 1989, she scored 305 points with 220 rebounds. Melanie was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-PCL.

In 1990, Melanie developed into one of the best players in the area by scoring 375 points and pulling in 219 rebounds. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio.

Ottoville finished with 15-6 record and a PCL Championship.

In 1991, Melanie completed her high school career in fine fashion by scoring 463 points and gathering in another 215 rebounds. Melanie was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Ohio.

Ottoville, 16-6, won a Sectional Championship, but lost in the Districts to Kalida, 42-35.

For her career, Melanie scored 1,249 points and grabbed 737 rebounds. During her tenure, the Big Green was 50-36.

After high school graduation, Melanie played basketball at Rio Grande and Findlay University.

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## **Tracy Wenzlick** **1992 – 1995    1,364 Points**

Tracy Wenzlick started her varsity career at Ottoville High School in 1992 when she scored 202 points with 72 rebounds, 30 steals and 39 assists.

In 1993, she scored 335 points with 68 rebounds, 88 steals and 48 assists. Tracy was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL.

Ottoville, 20-6, won a Sectional, District and Regional Championship, but lost in the State Tournament to Upper Scioto Valley, 74-51.

In 1994, Tracy scored 380 points with 76 rebounds, 56 steals and 40 assists. She was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-PCL, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio.

The Big Green, 23-2, won a Sectional and District Championship, but lost in the Regionals to Hilltop, 46-42.

In 1995, she scored 447 points with 76 rebounds, 60 steals and 54 assists. Tracy was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and Honorable Mention All-Ohio.

Ottoville, 21-4, won a PCL, Sectional and District Championship, but lost in the Regionals to Allen East, 54-52.

For her career, Tracy scored 1,364 points with 292 rebounds, 234 steals and 181 assists. During her tenure, the Big Green was 69-28.

## **Karla Wenzlick – Keller** **1993 – 1996    1,851 Points**

OTTOVILLE'S #1 SCORER  
PUTNAM COUNTY'S #1 SCORER

Karla Wenzlick is the most honored and recognized girls' basketball player in the history of the Putnam County League. In 1993, her freshman year, she was selected to the 2<sup>nd</sup> All-PCL Team. In 1994, 1995 and 1996, not only was she selected to the 1<sup>st</sup> All-PCL Team, but she was named the Player of the Year. No other girl has ever accomplished this amazing feat.

In 1993, Karla, as a freshman, had statistics that any senior would have been proud of – 334 points, 128 rebounds, 85 steals and 75 assists. She was put on the All-PCL 2<sup>nd</sup> Team.

The Big Green also had a very successful season with a 20 – 6 record. This included a Sectional, District and Regional Championship. Ottoville lost to Upper Scioto Valley in the State Semi – Finals, 74-51.

In 1994, Karla scored 452 points with 128 rebounds, 129 steals and 156 assists. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Ohio.

Ottoville, 23-2, won a Sectional and District Championship, but lost to Hilltop in the Regional Finals, 46-42.

In 1995, she scored 484 points with 186 rebounds, 125 steals and 133 assists. Karla was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8 and Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and Player of the Year and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Ohio.

The Big Green, 21-4, won a PCL, Sectional and District Championship, but lost in the Regional Finals to Allen East, 54-52.

In 1996, Karla scored 581 points with 203 rebounds, 130 steals and 154 assists. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL,

PCL Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8 and Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and Player of the Year and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Ohio and Player of the Year.

Ottoville, 24-2, won a PCL, Sectional, District and Regional Championship, but lost to South Charleston Southeastern in the State Semi-Finals, 52-49.

Karla's career statistics are also unbelievable – 1,851 points, 518 assists and 469 steals. Ottoville's record during her tenure was 88-14.

## **Jaime Knippen – Bryan** **1994 – 1997    1,014 points**

Jaime Knippen began her varsity basketball career at Ottoville High School in 1994 when she scored 155 points with 101 rebounds, 39 steals and 9 assists.

Ottoville, 23-2, won a Sectional and District Championship, but lost in the Regionals to Hilltop, 46-42.

In 1995, Jaime scored 250 points with 158 rebounds, 46 steals and 17 assists.

The Big Green, 21-4, won a PCL, Sectional and District Championship, but lost in the Regionals to Allen East 54-52.

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In 1996, she scored 348 points with 216 rebounds, 51 steals and 26 assists. Jaime was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team District 8 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio.

Ottoville, 24-2, won a PCL, Sectional, District and Regional Championship, but lost in the State Semi-Finals to Southeastern 52-49.

In 1997, Jaime scored 261 points with 210 rebounds, 42 steals and 27 rebounds. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and Honorable Mention All-Ohio.

The Big Green, 14-7 won a Sectional Championship, but lost to Kalida in the Districts 54-38.

For her career, Jaime scored 1,014 points with 685 rebounds, 178 steals and 79 assists. During her tenure, Ottoville was 82-15.

## **Stacey Wannemacher** **2003 – 2006    1,229 Points**

Stacey began her high school varsity basketball career at Ottoville in 2003 with 229 points, 174 rebounds, 14 steals and 15 assists.

Ottoville, 13-9, won a Sectional Championship, but lost in the Districts to Miller City, 54-51.

In 2004, Stacey scored 357 points with 230 rebounds, 24 steals and 36 assists. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL.

The Big Green, 14-8, won a Sectional Championship, but lost in the Districts to Miller City, 44-42.

In 2005, Stacey scored 400 points with 226 rebounds, 25 steals and 37 assists. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-Ohio.

Ottoville, 23-4, won a Sectional, District and Regional Championship, but lost to Berlin Hiland in the State Finals 55-47.

In 2006, Stacey score 243 points with 182 rebounds, 29 steals and 44 assists. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio.

Ottoville, 20-2, won a Sectional Championship, but lost in the Districts to Miller City, 29-24.

For her career, Stacey scored 1,229 points with 812 rebounds, 92 steals and 132 assists. Ottoville's record during her four-year career was 70-23.

After high school, Stacey attended Purdue University and was very successful in its track program, but did not play any basketball.

## **Gina Beining** **2005 – 2008    676 Points**

Gina began her varsity basketball career at Ottoville in 2005 when she scored 45 points.

Ottoville, 23-4, won a Sectional, District and Regional Championship, but lost to Berlin Hiland in the State Tournament, 55-47.

In 2006, she scored 178 points with 140 rebounds, 32 steals, 11 assists and 4 blocked shots.

The Big Green, 20-2, won a Sectional Championship, but lost in the Districts to Miller City, 29-24.

In 2007, she scored 217 points with 205 rebounds, 40 steals, 26 assists and 32 blocked shots. Gina was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-PCL.

In 2008, Gina scored 236 points with 220 rebounds, 26 steals and 16 assists. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year and 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8.

For her career, Gina scored 676 points with 565 rebounds, 98 steals, 53 assists and over 70 blocked shots. During her tenure, Ottoville was 83-14.

## **Abby Siefker** **2010 – 2013    1,365 Points**

Abby Siefker had one of the most successful high school careers in girls' basketball in Putnam County history.

In 2010, Abby scored 298 points with 246 rebounds, 32 steals, 20 assists and 63 blocked shots. She was then selected to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-PCL.

Ottoville, 23-1, won a PCL, Sectional and District Championship, but lost in the Regional Semi-Finals to Fort Loramie, 48-30.

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In 2011, she scored 276 points with 262 rebounds, 40 steals, 20 assists and 94 blocked shots. Abby was selected to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL.

The Big Green, 19-3, won a PCL and Sectional Championship, but lost to Delphos St. Johns in the District Semi-Finals, 41-39.

In 2012, Abby improved her stats again by scoring 341 points with 276 rebounds, 27 steals, 46 assists and 71 blocked shots. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8 and Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Ohio.

Ottoville, 23-1, won a PCL, Sectional and District Championship, but lost to Arlington in the Regional Semi-Finals 59-48.

Abby's senior and final season at Ottoville was truly outstanding in 2013. She scored 450 points with 311 rebounds, 61 steals, 66 assists and 84 blocked shots. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8 and Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and Player of the Year. Her greatest honor, however, was when she was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Ohio and the Division IV Player of the Year.

The Big Green, 27-1, won a PCL, Sectional, District and Regional Championship, but lost to Fort Loramie in the State Semi-Finals, 49-42.

What a high school career! Abby scored 1,365 points with 1,095 rebounds, 152 assists, 160 steals and 312 blocked shots. For her tenure, the Big Green was 92-6 overall and 28-0 in the PCL.

After Abby's high school graduation, she took her basketball talents to Bowling Green State University for the next four years, 2014 – 2017.

Abby played in every game in her four years at BGSU, a total of 102 games. She started in 47 of them. She missed the last half of her sophomore year due to an injury.

Statistically, her senior year was the best as she scored 221 points, pulled down 231 rebounds, dished out 59 assists, blocked 24 shots and had 23 steals.

For her career, she had 392 points, 452 rebounds and 51 blocked shots.

In addition to basketball honors, Abby earned the following awards - \*Falcons' Scholar - Athlete Award for the second

time the Fran and Marty Voll Senior Achievement Award the MAC Distinguished Scholar Athlete for the second time.

## **Bridget Landin** **2015 – 2018    1,319 Points**

Bridget Landin, who played for Ottoville High School, from 2015 – 2018, was one of its best overall players on offense and defense. Bridget improved each year in all phases of the game to register a fantastic high school career. She could play inside and outside and, at times, played all five offensive positions in the same game.

In 2015, Bridget, as a freshman, scored 221 points, pulled in 175 rebounds, dished out 64 assists, blocked 20 shots and had 75 steals. She was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-PCL.

Ottoville with a 19 – 8 record, won a Sectional and District Championship. The Big Green lost to Fostoria St. Wendelin in the Regional Finals 49-36.

In 2016, Bridget improved her statistics. She had 276 points, 181 rebounds, 56 assists, 29 blocks and 72 steals. Bridget was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team District 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and Honorable Mention All-Ohio.

The Big Green, with a 23 -3 record, won a Sectional Championship, but lost to Arlington 45-44 in the District Finals.

In 2017, she had 397 points, 211 rebounds, 65 assists, 29 blocks and 72 steals. Bridget was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Ohio.

Ottoville, with 24 – 4 record, won a Sectional, District and Regional Championship, but lost to Berlin Hiland 44 – 41 in the State Semi-Finals.

In 2018, Bridget scored 425 points, grabbed 294 rebounds, handed out 81 assists, blocked 61 shots and had 114 steals. She was once again named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8 and Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio, NWO Player of the Year and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Ohio.

The Big Green, 27-3, won a PCL, Sectional and District Championship. Ottoville lost to Minster, 63 – 48, in the State Semi-Finals.

What a career! She scored 1,319 points, pulled down 861 rebounds, handed out 266 assists, blocked 139 shots and

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came up with 333 steals. During her tenure, Ottoville was 93-18.

After graduation from Ottoville in 2018, Bridget entered the University of Findlay and started her college career with the Oilers.

## **Kasey Knippen** **2016 - 2019    906 Points**

Kasey began her varsity basketball career at Ottoville in 2016 when she scored 30 points with 24 rebounds, 10 steals and 13 assists.

Ottoville, 23-3, won a Sectional Championship, but lost to Arlington in the District Finals, 45-44.

In 2017, Kasey scored 145 points with 68 rebounds, 51 steals and 48 assists.

The Big Green, 24-4, won a Sectional, District and Regional Championship, but lost to Berlin Hiland in the State Semi-Finals, 44-41.

In 2018, she scored 318 points with 101 rebounds, 94 steals and 77 assists. Kasey was named to 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-PCL and 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8.

Ottoville, 27-3, won a PCL, Sectional, District and Regional Championship, but lost to Minster in the State Finals 63-48.

In 2019, Kasey had her best season when she scored 413 points with 190 rebounds, 94 steals and 92 assists. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Ohio.

The Big Green, 25-4, won a Sectional, District and Regional Championship, but lost to Minster in the State Finals 53-37.

For her career, Kasey scored 906 points with 383 rebounds, 249 steals and 230 assists. During her tenure, Ottoville was 99-14.

## **Nicole Knippen** **2018 – 2020    616 Points**

Nicole began her varsity basketball career at Ottoville in 2018 when she scored 12 points with 18 rebounds, 1 steal and 2 assists.

Ottoville, 27-3, won a PCL, Sectional, District and Regional Championship, but lost to Minster in the State Finals, 48-63.

In 2019, she scored 268 points with 152 rebounds, 53 steals and 40 assists.

The Big Green, 25-4, won a Sectional, District and Regional Championship, but lost to Minster in the State Tournament for the second year in a row, 37-50.

In 2020, Nicole scored 336 points with 118 rebounds, 75 steals and 64 assists. She was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Ohio.

Ottoville, 15-10, won a Sectional Championship, but lost in the District Finals to Wayne Trace, 49-60.

In 2021, she scored 420 points with 158 rebounds, 103 steals and 84 assists. Nicole was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-PCL, PCL Player of the Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northwestern Ohio and 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-Ohio.

Ottoville, 17-9, won a PCL and Sectional Championship, but lost in the District Finals to Crestview, 51-35.

For her career, Nicole scored 1,036 points with 446 rebounds, 232 steals and 190 assists. During her tenure, Ottoville finished with an 84-26 record.