

Putnam County's State Qualifiers, Poll and State Champions

In 1988, the Kalida Wildcats accomplished two amazing feats. They were the first team from Putnam County to win the State Poll Championship and the OHSAA State Championship. In 1989, the Wildcats duplicated this feat by repeating as the State Poll and the OHSAA State Champions. Both of these teams were coached by Frank Schroeder.

In 1997 and 1998, Kalida nearly duplicated this astounding feat again. In 1997, Kalida did not win the State Poll Championship but did win the OHSAA State Championship. In 1998, the reverse happened. The Wildcats won the State Poll Championship, but lost in the Regionals. Deb Lammers coached both of these teams.

In 2004, Miller City had a dream season with a 25-1 record. The Wildcats had an undefeated season and won the State Poll Champions, but lost in the State Semi-Finals. Miller City was coached by Chris Rump.

From 2015-2024, Ottawa-Glandorf sent six teams to State. In 2015, 2016, 2021 and 2024, the Titans were the State Runner-Ups. The Titans lost in the State Semi-Finals in 2017 and 2018. In 2017, O-G won the State Poll Championship with a 22-0 record. The Titans were coached by Troy Yant.

And then there is Ottoville! The Big Green dominated girls' basketball at the state level for 17 years, 1993-2019. They won four State Poll Championships in the years 2006, 2010, 2012 and 2013. Ottoville has not won an OSHAA State Championship yet, but have qualified eight times in the years 1993, 1996, 2005, 2007, 2013, 2017, 2018 and 2019. They were the State Runner-Ups in 2005, 2018 and 2019. Ottoville's coach was Dave Kleman.

Kalida - 6

1988 Poll Champions
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1997 State Champions
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Miller City - 2

2004 Poll Champions
2004 State Qualifier

Ottawa-Glandorf - 8

2005 Poll Champions
2015 State Runner-Up
2016 State Runner-Up
2017 Poll Champions
2017 State Qualifier
2018 State Qualifier
2021 State Runner-Up
2024 State Runner-Up

Ottoville - 12

1993 State Qualifier
1996 State Qualifier
2005 State Runner-Up
2006 Poll Champions
2007 State Qualifier
2010 Poll Champions
2012 Poll Champions
2013 Poll Champions
2013 State Qualifier
2017 State Qualifier
2018 State Runner-Up
2019 State Runner-Up