

# Ottoville Golfers Repeat as 2011 PCL Champions

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**OTTAWA** - A soggy golf course greeted Putnam County League golfers Wednesday as they gathered to play for the league crown. While the playing conditions and a heavy late afternoon rain shower made things tough on the golfers, they didn't seem to bother Ottoville.

The Big Green turned in one of their better rounds of the season to win the PCL tournament championship again.

Ottoville shot a 305 to win the league title followed by Kalida with a 318. Miller City finished third with a 350, Leipsic was fourth with a 361 followed by Columbus Grove with a 361 and Fort Jennings with a 357. Leipsic finished fourth as their fifth man score was lower than Columbus Grove's fifth man score.

"I'm really proud of the way we played," Ottoville coach Jim Brown said. "There was a time today I thought we needed to gather the animals two by two when the heavy rain moved through. It ends our regular season on a good note. We had a really nice regular season and these guys really wanted it. They dug down deep. We've kind of been looking for some mental toughness and I thought we found it today playing in these conditions and the competition."

Number three man, Zach Weber, led the Big Green as he shot a 73 to earn medalist honors as well as first team all-league honors. Kyle Karhoff added a 75, Travis Maag had a 76 and Derek Schimmoeller had an 81 to round out the Ottoville scoring. Karhoff and Maag joined Weber on the first team and Schimmoeller was a second team award winner.

"He (Weber) may be the best bad weather player I have seen," Brown said. "When the weather gets bad it just doesn't seem to bother him. He goes out there and plays really well, not to say the other guys didn't. Kyle played well and Travis Maag had a career score with a 76 in these kinds of conditions. I was real pleased with all of them and Derek Schimmoeller had a good round. I thought, today, 81 was a great score,

but there were a lot of great scores for these conditions."

Kalida also had four players receive all-league honors led by Neil Recker's 78 as he earned first team all-league honors. Cody Mathew (79), Zach Erhart (80) and Eric Kahle (81) all received second team all-league honors.

"I thought the way the course was and with the rain anything below 320 was a good score today," Kalida coach Ken Schnipke said. "I'm happy with a 318, but there is no way we can shoot a 305. My players shot well today. We had four players receive all-league honors and we throw out an 85, which I thought was a good score for today. Ottoville just played really well today."

Fort Jennings' Kurt Warnecke received first team honors with a 78. Leipsic's Troy Niese was named to the second team after shooting an 81.

Receiving Scholar Athlete awards at the tournament were Troy Niese, Leipsic, Cody Warnecke, Fort Jennings, Taylor Giesige and Jeff Birkemeier, Columbus Grove.

## SCORES

**OTTOVILLE** – Zach Weber 73, Kyle Karhoff 75, Travis Maag 76, Derek Schimmoeller 81 and Luke Schimmoeller 94.

**KALIDA** – Neil Recker 78, Cody Mathew 79, Zach Erhart 80, Eric Kahle 81 and Austin Horstman 85.

**MC** – Derek Kaufman 82, Jared Fuka 82, Austin Lammers 85, Liz Schimmoeller 101 and Cody Sheets 101.

**LEIPSIC** – Troy Niese 81, Jason Niese 88, Neil Haselman 95, Logan Selhorst 97 and John Ellerbrock 97.

**CG** – Jeff Birkemeier 87, Taylor Geisige 88, Kody Griffith 90, Matt Silver 96 and Clay Diller 100.

**FORT JENNINGS** – Kurt Warnecke 78, Cody Warnecke 93, Zach Schuerman 96, Nate German 100 and Josh Wittler 107.