

# Ottoville Wins First PCL Golf Crown in 1975

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Ottoville captured the first ever Putnam County League golf crown with a convincing win over the Kalida Wildcats last Friday. The Ottoville linksters out-shot Kalida by a score of 180-208 over the Delphos Country Club course. The Big Green has gone undefeated in PCL matches and sport a 10-6 record overall.

Medalist for the match was Mike Heitmeyer with a 40. This score tied a school record for Ottoville, now in its fourth season of varsity golf competition and its second year under the direction of Coach Jim Maley.

Five strokes behind Heitmeyer was Tom Stechschulte, Kalida's top golfer with a 45. Ottoville's Jim Miller tallied a 46, while teammates Brett Devitt and Tony Miller both stroked 47's to round out Ottoville's top four. Jeff Schimmoeller scored a 50 for the Big Green's fifth position.

This was the first year for Putnam County League golf competition. Other teams participating in the PCL besides Ottoville and Kalida were league runner-up Ft. Jennings, Pandora-Gilboa, Miller City and Continental.

Pandora-Gilboa, Kalida and Continental are all in their first year of varsity golf competition and P-G has done exceptionally well in its first

year, recently placing high in the Blanchard Valley Conference championships.

The teams hope that next year the PCL will expand with a league tournament match. They are all preparing for the golf sectionals to be held this Friday and Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, with hopes of reaching the district tourney.

High school golf was originally played in the spring as early as 1965. The sport was moved to the fall in 1974 with no league affiliation. The first PCL championship in golf was claimed by the Ottoville Big Green in 1975 with a 5-0 record. The winner was determined by league play similar to all the other PCL sports. There were no PCL Tournament or All-League selections in this format. The league standings were as follows: Ottoville 5-0, Fort Jennings 4-1, Pandora-Gilboa 3-2, Miller City 1-4, Continental 1-4 and Kalida 0-5.