

Vikings Upset Big Green for Golf Title

1977 PCL Tournament

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Doug Kindle and Casey Jones battled neck and neck for medalist honors Monday afternoon at the Delphos Country Club Golf Course, pacing the Leipsic Vikings to a narrow 345-348 PCL tournament win over two-year defending champion Ottoville and keeping from the Big Green permanent possession of the league's traveling trophy.

The loss was only the fifth in 16 meets for Ottoville and marked the first year the Big Green had not won the PCL championship. "It was a two-team meet all the way," Fort Jennings coach and tournament manager Don Cook stated. "The other teams had to fight it out for the other positions after Ottoville and Leipsic outdistanced everybody."

Kalida nipped Fort Jennings by six strokes for third while Miller City was fifth, Continental sixth and Pandora-Gilboa, with just one experienced golfer on the four-man team, finished seventh.

Despite the narrow three-stroke win, another battle still raged after the team scoring had been completed as Leipsic's Kindle and Jones, tied with identical 81's after the 18-hole match, squared off in a sudden death playoff for medalist honors. Jones, the Viking's number two man throughout the season, calmly parred the first hole of sudden death, edging Kindle for the individual title. Fort Jennings Mike Schuerman fought off Ottoville's Jim Miller and Miller City's Dave Cass in another sudden death playoff to determine third place in the individual standing, paring the first hole of overtime.

An 87 by Barry Rosebrook and Tom White's 96 completed the scoring for Leipsic while Ottoville was paced by Jim Miller's 84, Jerry Markward's 86, an 87 by Mike Miller and Jeff Beining's 91. Dean Koester, the regular number three man on the Ottoville team, missed the county tournament due to illness.

Gary VonderEmbse fired an 89 to pace Kalida to a slim 373-379 third place effort over Fort Jennings with Nick Stechschulte adding a 92, Joe Recker a 95 and Jeff Nartker a 97. For the Muskies,

Mike Schuerman led the way with an 84, Andy Eversole followed with a 91, Tim Schuerman added a 96 and Scott Recker fired a 98.

Although the county tournament has been decided, there will be no break in the action as sectional tournaments get underway this Friday. Miller City will travel to Wauseon to open sectional play, Ottoville, after missing the district cut by just five strokes last year, will join Continental, Fort Jennings, and Kalida at the Lost Creek Country Club in Lima, and Pandora-Gilboa and Leipsic will join 12 other teams at Findlay's Hillcrest Country Club. Ottawa-Glandorf joins the Class AA circuit for sectional action at Defiance.

SCORES

LEIPSIC 345 - Doug Kindle 81, Casey Jones 81, Barry Rosebrook 87, Tom White 96.

OTTOVILLE 348 - Jim Miller 84, Jerry Markward 86, Mike Miller 87, Jeff Beining 87.

KALIDA 373 - Gary VonderEmbse 89, Nick Stechschulte 92, Joe Recker 95, Jeff Nartker 97

FORT JENNINGS 379 - Mike Schuerman 84, Tim Schuerman 96, Andy Eversole 91, Scott Recker 98.

MILLER CITY 395 - Dave Cass 84, Verhoff 98, Barlage 98, Klear 115.

CONTINENTAL 403 - Kevin Homier 96, Steve Weisenburger 104, Kevin Bingley 102 and Brad Stover 101.

PANDORA-GILBOA 457 - Kurt Emans 94, Tony Schwab 121, Jeff Gratz 109, Dave Amstutz 133.