

# Ottoville Cops 8<sup>th</sup> Title in 12 Years

## 1986 PCL Tournament

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Team balance and loss of experience make for a tough combination. It proved the difference in the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Putnam County League golf championship held Monday at the Bluffton Golf Club.

Ottoville, a veteran team that advanced to the state tournament last year and coming off a Delphos Invitational title last week captured the 6-team event Monday with a team score of 329, ten strokes better than runner-up Columbus Grove.

"I really feel that our kids having been involved in the regional and state tournament last year and also having strong balance was the difference," said Coach Jim Maley, his Big Green winning their 8<sup>th</sup> PCL crown in the 12 year history.

"Quite a few teams have very good 1 and 2 players but slack off after that," Maley added. "We're fortunate enough to have strength throughout. We could have thrown our top score out (Monday) and used our number 5 player's score and still won."

Troy Landin had an 81 for the winners, played on a humid and very windy afternoon that definitely affected the scores. Darren Schimmoeller added an 82 and Dale Schimmoeller and Mike Schnipke 83's.

Dennis Karcher of Kalida was medalist with a 77, but the Wildcats, a strong team the last several years, had trouble after that. Keith Nartker was next low with an 84.

Runner-up Columbus Grove, a team that tied Ottoville in a 9-hole regular season match but lost in a playoff earlier this year, fired a 339.

"We set a school record in that match against Ottoville (156) but still ended up losing," said Coach Mike Allen.

Ryan Auchmuty had an 82 for the Bulldogs, Lance Seyer 84, Marc Smith 85 and Jeff Schumaker 88. Smith is the lone senior on the Grove roster.

Kalida finished with a 341 (Heitmeyer added an 88 and Heckman a 92), followed by Ft. Jennings with a 346, Miller City 352, Continental 370 and Pandora-Gilboa a 401.

Jeff Grant of Continental, firing an 82, was named to the PCL first team along with Kalida's Karcher, Ottoville's Landin and Darren Schimmoeller and CG's Auchmuty.

Second team laurels went to Keith Nartker of Kalida, Ft. Jennings' Jim Cook and Bruce Schroeder, Dale Dulle of Miller City, Mike Schnipke and Dale Schimmoeller of Ottoville and Grove's Lance Seyer.

### SCORES

**OTTOVILLE** 329 - Troy Landin 81, Darren Schimmoeller 82, Dale Schimmoeller 83 and Mike Schnipke 83.

**COLUMBUS GROVE** 339 - Ryan Auchmuty 82, Lance Seyer 84, Smith 85 and Schumaker 88.

**KALIDA** 341 - Dennis Karcher 77, Keith Nartker 84, Scott Heitmeyer 88 and Jay Heckman 92.

**FORT JENNINGS** 346 - Bruce Schroeder 84, Cook 84, Scott Schroeder 91 and Brad Yerick 87.

**MILLER CITY** 353 - Jeff Lammers 88, Dale Dulle 84, Jeff Morman 89 and Rosengarten 92.

**CONTINENTAL** 370 - Jeff Grant 82, Rod Coble 91, Dennis Potts 103 and Rob Alvarado 94.

**PANDORA-GILBOA** 401 - Eric Hermiller 94, Doug Michel 94, Todd Johnson 106 and Jason Huffman 107.