

# Fort Jennings New Putnam County Golf Champions – Kalida Takes Second 1988 PCL Tournament

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There was a changing of the guard Monday in the Putnam County League golf championships.

For the first time in four years a team other than Ottoville sits atop the PCL golf throne. In the previous 12 years the Big Green had won it nine times.

Late Monday afternoon Fort Jennings was crowned the new kings of golf in Putnam County. It was the first such title for them in the 13 years of the PCL golf tournament.

The Musketeers gained the title when they registered a mild upset over Kalida 327 to 329. Defending champion Ottoville was third with a 334 total, Columbus Grove and Pandora-Gilboa tied for the next spot with 346's, Continental had a 354 and Miller City a 375.

Medalist for the 18 hole event was Kalida's Jeff Giesige who shot a 76 (39-37), Continental's Jeff Grant and Fort Jennings' Jeff Cook tied for second with 77's, while Jared Burgei and Greg Kortokrax were one shot behind them with 78's.

Coaches around the league felt Kalida and Ottoville would battle for the top position. However, the first nine holes told a different story.

At the turn it was Fort Jennings and Pandora-Gilboa fighting for the top spot with Kalida and Ottoville still close.

Over the final nine holes the Rockets dropped off, but the Musketeers remained steady and came away with the two stroke win.

The winners were paced by Jim Cook who shot a 77, Steve Schroeder had an 80, Brad Yerick an 88 and Rod Schroeder an 87.

Kalida finished second with Giesige leading the way with a 76, Burgei shot a 78, Jay Heckman an 88 and Jeff Sager a 92.

Fort Jennings coach Don Altenburger didn't feel his team had a shot at winning the title while coming to the meet, but was happy afterwards.

"I figured Ottoville or Kalida would win," said Altenburger. "The boys kept saying they could win it, but I wasn't so sure."

"I felt if we played a solid round we could finish second. We have four seniors and a junior and they played well today."

Altenburger said the key to winning the PCL could have been junior Rod Schroeder. On his first nine Schroeder shot a 45, then finished with a 42 which his coach felt was the difference.

"Our junior was the difference," said Altenburger. "On the front he had a 45, and then came back with a 42."

Named on the PCL's first team were Kalida's Jeff Giesige and Jared Burgei, Ft. Jennings' Jim Cook, Continental's Jeff Grant and Ottoville's Greg Kortokrax. On the second team were Fort Jennings' Steve Schroeder, Pandora-Gilboa's Eric Hermiller and Ty Comer, Ottoville's Jason Ricker, Columbus Grove's Jason Knott, Kalida's Jay Heckman and Fort Jennings' Brad Yerick.

Pandora-Gilboa's Comer shot the only par round of nine on the day as he shot a 36 on this first nine. He finished the second nine with a 45 for a total of 81.

## SCORES

**FORT JENNINGS** 327 - Jim Cook (38-39-77), Steve Schroeder (42-38-80), Brad Yerick (42-41-83), Rod Schroeder (42-45-87) and Dan Good (43-47-90).

**KALIDA** 329 - Jeff Giesige (39-37-76), Jared Burgei (41-37-78), Jay Heckman (40-43-83), Jeff Sager (49-43-92) and Scott Heitmeyer (42-51-93).

**OTTOVILLE** 334 - Greg Kortokrax (38-40-78), Jason Ricker (40-42-82), Chris Ricker (45-41-86), Brian Altenburger (45-43-88) and Troy Fairbanks (44-45-89).

**COLUMBUS GROVE** 346 - Jason Knott (43-40-83), Wes Bolyard (38-46-84), Scott Allen (46-41-87), Troy King (46-46-92) and Nate Nelson (48-49-97).

**PANDORA-GILBOA** 346 - Eric Hermiller (41-39-80), Ty Comer (36-45-81), Todd Johnson (51-44-95), Jason Huffman (49-41-90) and Bruce Alt (60-44-104).

**CONTINENTAL** 354 - Jeff Grant (39-38-77), Brian Bauer (47-41-88), Rob Alvarado (43-45-88), Dean Williamson (48-53-101) and Mike Karhoff (55-47-102).

**MILLER CITY** 375 - Scott Niese (42-45-87), Randy Siefker (44-46-90), Joe Schroeder (51-47-98), Rod Niese (51-49-100) and Mike Rosengarten (55-52-107).