

# Putnam County's State Qualifiers, Poll and State Champions

In 1988, the Kalida Wildcats accomplished two amazing feats. They were the first team from Putnam County to win the State Poll Championship and the OHSAA State Championship. In 1989, the Wildcats duplicated this feat by repeating as the State Poll and the OHSAA State Champions. Both of these teams were coached by Frank Schroeder.

In 1997 and 1998, Kalida nearly duplicated this astounding feat again. In 1997, Kalida did not win the State Poll Championship but did win the OHSAA State Championship. In 1998, the reverse happened. The Wildcats won the State Poll Championship, but lost in the Regionals. Deb Lammers coached both of these teams.

In 2004, Miller City had a dream season with a 25-1 record. The Wildcats had an undefeated season and won the State Poll Champions, but lost in the State Semi-Finals. Miller City was coached by Chris Rump.

From 2015-2024, Ottawa-Glandorf sent six teams to State. In 2015, 2016, 2021 and 2024, the Titans were the State Runner-Ups. The Titans lost in the State Semi-Finals in 2017 and 2018. In 2017, O-G won the State Poll Championship with a 22-0 record. The Titans were coached by Troy Yant.

In 2025, Columbus Grove finished the season with a 28-2 record. The Bulldogs made their first trip to state and won the State Championship. Columbus Grove was coached by Brian Schroeder.

And then there is Ottoville! The Big Green dominated girls' basketball at the state level for 24 years, 1993-2026. They won four State Poll Championships in the years 2006, 2010, 2012 and 2013. Ottoville has not won an OHSAA State Championship yet, but have qualified ten times in the years 1993, 1996, 2005, 2007, 2013, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2025 and 2026. They were the State Runner-Ups in 2005, 2018 and 2019. Ottoville's coach was Dave Kleman and Vaughn Horstman.

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| Kalida - 6           | Ottawa-Glandorf - 10 | Ottoville - 14       |
| 1988 Poll Champions  | 2005 Poll Champions  | 1993 State Qualifier |
| 1988 State Champions | 2015 State Runner-Up | 1996 State Qualifier |
| 1989 Poll Champions  | 2016 State Runner-Up | 2005 State Runner-Up |
| 1989 State Champions | 2017 Poll Champions  | 2006 Poll Champions  |
| 1997 State Champions | 2017 State Qualifier | 2007 State Qualifier |
| 1998 Poll Champions  | 2018 State Qualifier | 2010 Poll Champions  |
|                      | 2021 State Runner-Up | 2012 Poll Champions  |
| Columbus Grove - 1   | 2024 State Runner-Up | 2013 Poll Champions  |
| 2025 State Champions | 2026 State Runner-Up | 2013 State Qualifier |
|                      | 2026 Poll Champions  | 2017 State Qualifier |
| Miller City - 2      |                      | 2018 State Runner-Up |
| 2004 Poll Champions  |                      | 2019 State Runner-Up |
| 2004 State Qualifier |                      | 2025 State Qualifier |
|                      |                      | 2026 State Qualifier |