

Continental Winner of County Cup

**Ottawa Wins Over Leipsic in Semi-Final Clash
Before a Frenzied Crowd**

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The Third Annual Putnam County Basketball Tournament is now a matter of modern history. Two games with overtime periods, one in the first round and one in the semi-finals, and a tie game in the finals marked some of the spots of the two days' athletic spectacle. It was an event which will be talked about in years to come.

Continental romped off with the cup in handsome style, winning in the finals from the Ottawa boys, who were unable to repeat the flashy performance of the afternoon.

The Continental lads were not figured in the running very strongly by many who passed out the dope free of charge as to who was "it" and who was "out of it." But the records show that the team from Continental has had an unusually good season. Their team plays best under heavy fire and produces the goods in the pinches.

Continental defeated Palmer 24 to 4 and knocked off Crawfis in the semi-finals to get to the final game.

Ottawa beat Belmore and then edged Leipsic in the semi-finals 20 to 17 to jump into the finals against Continental.

The winning team was coached to play the style of game that would be most effective against their opponents, a system that will win many games against strong opponents by close margins. That is a part of the science of the game.

Putnam County will be well represented at the Class B semi-finals at Lima, March 12 and 13 by Continental and Ottawa.

We do not make any predictions that either team will go to the finals at Columbus because predictions of this sort are unsafe and unreliable. We do believe that these two teams will give a good account of themselves at Lima.

A good delegation of fans will be on hand to see the game between the contesting teams at Lima.