

# Leipsic Wins Basketball Tourney

**Many Thrilling Games Please Spectators  
CROWDS ARE LARGE  
Winners Crash Through to Glory Heights**

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County athletic cups have no home. They are fickle in their affections, favoring this team and that and passing from one school to another without warning and with a reckless spirit of vagabondage.

We have a completely new set of champions in basketball in Putnam County, proud heroic athletes who have carried off the palm of victory and are wearing the laurels that the glory of the fifth annual county tournament has bestowed on the winners.

## **Leipsic Triumphs**

Leipsic has come through. They are the undisputed county champions for 1928 and will represent the county at the District Meet at Lima next week. May they do as well there as they did in the local basket fracas of last week.

Every year since basketball has been tournamented at the Armory near the close of February, Leipsic has been a strong contender for first place, but never quite made the grade. There has always been a stumbling block of some kind and more than once that obstacle has been a plucky little team from the county seat.

But this year, by successive and decisive victories, they pounded their opposition to pulp and there was no stopping them in their onward march to the pinnacle of basketball fame. Most commentators give them a wide margin over any other team in the county.

Vaughnsville was the first victim of the champions, going down to defeat by a score of 26 to 17.

In the semi-finals Ottawa was downed in easy fashion to the tune of a 47 to 11 count.

In the final game Saturday evening, Columbus Grove was walloped; final score reading 39 to 14.

## **Good Tournament**

It would be fitting and proper to go into detail on every game played during the five-session affair, but such a detailed report is not possible. Many payers on defeated teams deserve honorable mention by name. We wish we might do that very thing in these columns.

Putnam County has a group of young people that are a credit to its citizenship. Good sportsmanship prevailed through the tournament. The boys and girls played the game the best they knew how, which is the real test of a human being who is put in a position where he must perform, think, act quickly and correctly, or be blamed for bringing shame to himself and defeat to this team.

If basketball does not add a little to the mental and physical resources of those who take part in the game, it is hardly worth the while. If it does not furnish the background and experience that will be available in other and later situations in life, it is hardly worth the effort.

The tournament was marked by good officiating, good behavior and an attitude on the part of the spectators that meant an unexpressed hope that the best team might win in each of the contests. Large crowds witnessed the games at each session.