

Leipsic County Champs

Ottawa Parochial and Vaughnsville

Second and Third

SURPRISES SPRUNG

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The 1929-1930 high school basketball season in Putnam County came to a close last Friday and Saturday with the annual tournament at the Armory in Ottawa which brought forth Leipsic as the undisputed champions. The Vikings triumphed after a grueling test in the two-day performances.

Leipsic first downed Miller City 27 to 12, then defeated Glandorf 25 to 18, vanquished Vaughnsville in the semi-finals by the count of 27 to 18 in a fast tilt that completely upset all the dope that the dopesters had been able to figure out and finally overcame Ottawa Sts. Peter and Paul in the finals Saturday evening by a score of 25 to 15.

In the semi-finals, Haughn of Leipsic ran wild in the game against Vaughnsville, scoring 14 points and playing all over the floor. Teammates that assisted in the scoring of the 27 points were S. Young, Sweigart and Crist.

For the losers, Thomas had an eye for nine points, Irwin for four, Williams for four and Roy Slusser for one.

In the semi-final tilt between the two Ottawa teams Saturday afternoon as a result of which Sts. Peter and Paul went into the finals in the evening. Karcher made nine points for the winners, Kohli added five and Gerdeman was good for two.

For Ottawa Public, Ruch and Maidlow made four apiece. Frick and Zinser did their bit by scoring three points each.

Vaughnsville had little trouble in landing in third place with Ottawa Public as the opposing team in

an evening encounter on Saturday. The final score was 34 to 5.

Maidlow made all the Ottawa scores. Ray Slusser led the Vaughnsville scoring with 10 points to his credit.

In the championship game, Leipsic and Ottawa Sts. Peter and Paul fought for first honors Saturday evening with the former winning by a score of 25 to 15.

The names of players on the Leipsic team that stood forth consistently in scoring all through the tournament are S. Young, Haughn and Sweigart. In the final game, Kohli scored nine points for Ottawa, Schmenk made three, Karcher two and Gerdeman one.

The three teams that will go to the Sectional Tournament at Bowling Green this week, Friday and Saturday, are the victorious Leipsicites, Ottawa Sts. Peter and Paul to whom second honors belong and Vaughnsville to whom third place is accorded by virtue of a win over Ottawa Public Saturday evening.

Slocum and Lehman of Toledo refereed all the games in a satisfactory manner. While the crowds were not quite as large as in previous years, interest lagged at no time and rivalry at times reached a peak of intensity and fervor. Supt. H. J. Benning of Glandorf was the official scorer and John Klein of Ottawa the official time keeper.