

Vaughnsville Takes Honors

Basketball Tournament Becomes History

GOOD ATTENDANCE

Palmer Goes to Finals – Leipsic is Third

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The 1931 Putnam County High School basketball tournament played at Leipsic last Friday and Saturday, brought forth the Vaughnsville boys as county champions. The final was played Saturday evening.

It is to be noted that Palmer, one of the smaller schools in the county, sent two plucky teams to the tournament, both of which reached the finals, but could not quite make the grade to cop honors.

Third place in the boys' department went to Leipsic when they defeated Pandora Saturday evening in the tilt staged to determine third place. Pandora and Leipsic were the losers in the semi-finals.

In the first boys' game, Palmer defeated Crawfis 20 to 15. Other first round winners were Columbus Grove, Vaughnsville and Sts. Peter and Paul.

Columbus Grove eliminated Ottawa Public 26 to 18. Vaughnsville bested Ottoville 35 to 20 and Sts. Peter and Paul downed Glandorf 30 to 26.

In the second round, Pandora swept aside Belmore 37 to 6, Palmer defeated Columbus Grove 27 to 5. Vaughnsville edged out Sts. Peter and Paul 24 to 22 and Leipsic put Continental to flight, 22 to 11.

In the semi-finals, Pandora and Palmer were paired for one game and Vaughnsville and Leipsic for the other. Palmer was victorious

by a count of 22 to 10 and Vaughnsville triumphed over Leipsic 28 to 20.

Vaughnsville defeated Palmer in the final game by the score of 37 to 17. The score in the Leipsic/Pandora consolation encounter was 25 to 19.

One of the best high school games ever played anywhere was that between Sts. Peter and Paul and Vaughnsville Friday evening when the Ottawa lads were nosed out by two points. Pass work was fast and spectacular and the ball was seldom permitted to touch the floor.

In the same class was the game between Ottoville and Vaughnsville Friday afternoon, although the score was not quite as close.

Honorable mention should also go to the two Palmer teams and of course to the two winning aggregations.

The crowd was accommodated quite nicely in the new Leipsic gymnasium with the largest attendance being registered Saturday evening when all available seats were occupied. The building is well lighted and ventilated.

The tournament, all in all, was a success. A financial accounting will be made in the near future at a meeting in which representatives of all the participating schools will take part.