

Vaughnsville Wins Way to Championship

Columbus Grove Fighting Five is Second THRILLING GAMES

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The Vaughnsville boys won the Putnam County 1932 basketball championship Saturday night at Leipsic for the second consecutive year and will be strong contenders at the District meet at Defiance Friday and Saturday. Although labeled as a stiff outfit by all observers, there were several other teams rated just as high.

The final game was played at nine o'clock between the champions and Columbus Grove. It was won by the Sugar Creek athletes by the score of 35 to 25.

The Grove boys put up a brave fight, but at no time seriously threatened to land in first position. Columbus Grove was in the lead at the end of the first quarter for its only lead.

Columbus Grove will also be represented in the Defiance tournament.

After winning from Ottoville in the first round, Vaughnsville eliminated Ottawa Parochial Friday evening in one of the best encounters of the tournament to the tune of 28 to 23. It was a game fought on even terms and one in which close decisions by officials were sufficient to turn the tide away from the county seat.

The next Vaughnsville opponent was the smooth machine of Leipsic that looked unbeatable most the time during the season. The trick was done by the champions, but not without a terrific struggle that was thrilling to the marrow. The score was 24 to 21.

The Putnam County basketball tournament, so far as the boy's teams representing the various high schools are concerned, is history now and the lads from Vaughnsville High were again the winners, but only after battling every step of the way from the first game of the session until the finals.

In the opinion of the officials and fans, the victors were slightly the best team in the yearly classic with the Ottawa Parochial and Leipsic teams a close second.

If these teams were allowed to play a series of three or more games, it would be a difficult matter to tell just which would come out victorious. But as only once during entire tournament do the teams get together, Vaughnsville must be given due credit for taking on all comers and winning by close margins.