

# BASKETBALL CHAMPS DEFEAT LEIPSIC HIGH IN THE FINAL GAME

**Ottoville Has Gone Season with but a Single Defeat in the County  
Second Consecutive Year the Ottoville Players have Carried Off the County Honors  
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The three final sessions of the Putnam County Basketball Tournament were played on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of last week and the favorites, which were picked as winners before the affair started, came through in expected style and picked off the honors.

Ottoville, selected by all the experts to come through to victory did so in a manner that must give much joy to their coach and supporters of their team. In all their games they were outscored upon during the first periods of play, but had the necessary courage and ability to come from behind and win their matches. This was largely due to their changing their style of play from one period to another.

In the final game they were on the short end of the score during the major portion of the game but, in the last quarter, changed their method of attack which brought immediate results – this combined with the removal of an opponent, Butler of Leipsic, from the game on account of fouls. And in this final quarter the Ottoville team made more points than they had in the entire three previous periods, which were enough to win the county championship by a count of 22 to 16.

In this crucial contest which meant county honors, both Ottoville and Leipsic played a brand of basketball that would have carried them through to victories in many tournaments.

Leipsic had the first chance to score via the foul route, but missed. Ottoville then performed a similar stunt. Finally, after some erratic passing on the part of Otto, Wank of Leipsic was fouled by Altenburger and the locals tossed their first score. Wank repeated with two more points shortly afterward by breaking through the Ottoville stonewall defense.

Schlagbaum of Ottoville got away with a free throw and Leis received a similar award. If it had not been for the close guarding by Ruben of Leipsic, the Ottoville boys would have been way out in front.

As it was, the quarter ended Leipsic three and Ottoville two.

This quarter was nothing in intensity to the one that followed. Ruben slipped through one for Leipsic and Heckman a fielder for Ottoville. This half ended with a count of 4 to 4.

Beginning the second quarter, Klausung threw in a long one for Leipsic and Wank was given a couple of foul shots. Otto caught his man napping and went under the basket for a sucker shot. Heckman got away from his guard and shot a nice one for Ottoville. Butler caged a foul shot and then the two Ottoville forwards, Byrne and Schlagbaum, each counted with a field goal which brought the count at the end of the third quarter, Leipsic 14 and Ottoville 9.

Shortly after the fourth quarter begun, Butler, who had been playing such a stellar game, was out of the lineup on account of fouls. Ottoville put a changed style of approach into effect and, before the crowd knew it, the score was tied 14-all when Byrne of Ottoville shot three baskets and one foul in rapid succession.

Wank made another counter from the field and tied the score 16-all, which ended the Leipsic scoring. However, Ottoville was not as yet satisfied and Byrne, Schlagbaum and Altenburger each added two points to the score to end the battle with a 22 to 16 victory

Leipsic	3	1	10	2	16
Ottoville	2	2	5	13	22