Pandora Champs in County Basketball

Kalida Second in County Meet – Ottoville is Winner of Third Place LARGE ATTENDANCE

Record Crowds Witness Thirteen Games

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Pandora High won the Putnam County Class B basketball tournament at Leipsic, Saturday evening, but it took the Kalida school, with its limited enrollment as well as limited number of experienced players, to steal the tournament show.

Kalida came through as runner-up against heavy odds by eliminating two of the seeded teams in the tournament.

The Finals

Somewhat fatigued from their earlier contests, the Kalida team went against Pandora's smooth working championship team Saturday evening with a determination to put up another thrilling battle — that determination lasted until the final minutes in the last quarter when the Pandora boys edged ahead to win by eight points, 31-23. Pandora held leads of 7 to 4 at the quarter, 16 to 14 at the half and 25 to 20 at the end of the third period.

The attendance at this season's five-night tournament set a new record it was announced with 6,544 paid admissions amounting to \$3,129.90. Saturday evening's crowd was also a record breaker with 1,525 paid admissions, it was reported.

To the championship Pandora team, goes the congratulations of all basketball fans in the county. The team made a fine showing during the regular season and it showed up just as well during the tournament. Players and fans of the school took their victories in stride and their championship as real sportsman. It is the first basketball championship won by the school and the honor was well earned.

Pandora, Kalida and Ottoville were each awarded a cup for winning first, second and third place, respectively in the county events and, by virtue of their victories, the three schools will represent this county in the District Tournament which opened at the Leipsic gym on Wednesday evening.

Pandora

Etter -4/0/8. Baumgartner -1/6/8. Gratz -2/3/7. Zimmerly -2/1/5. Amstutz -0/0/0. Steiner -1/1/3.

Totals - 10/11/31

<u>Kalida</u>

Stechschulte -4/2/10. J. Wurth -0/4/4. Siebeneck -1/2/4. Kahle -1/1/3. Schroeder -0-2-2.

Totals - 6/11/23

Pandora	7	9	9	6	31
Kalida	4	8	8	3	23