

# Ottoville Champions in Basketball Tournament

Miller City Second in County Meet – Blanchard Third  
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Following the pace they had set during the regular basketball season, the tall and determined Ottoville team controlled the county tournament and came through as county champions. Coach L. W. Heckman's boys', holders of a bye in the first tournament round, came through with two victories last weekend after defeating Ottawa Parochial in the second round.

Miller City, also holder of a first-round bye, became the last victim of the Ottoville squad in the finals Saturday evening at the Leipsic gym and had to be content with second county honors.

Coach "Joe" Nienberg's boys had won over Continental in the second round a week previously and on Friday evening eliminated Ottawa Public.

## Ottoville – Miller City

The final contest brought together Ottoville and Miller City, first and second place teams in the county league. Fans were on tension and the teams, showing but a slight nervousness at the start, played a very conservative and cautious first quarter, with Miller City having a 5-1 lead at the quarter.

During the second frame Ottoville started to find its way through the Miller City

defense and to the hoop. At the half Miller City was one point behind 14 to 13.

Drawing their defense still more closely in the third frame, Ottoville held Miller City scoreless during that period which ended 27 to 13 in favor of the boys from the western part of the county.

During the final eight minutes, Ottoville connected for 20 more counters, while Miller City added 15 to make the final count 47 to 28 to make Ottoville undisputed champions for the season and Miller City the runners-up.

### Ottoville

Trenkamp – 5/2/12. Vincke – 5/3/13.  
Honigford – 6/5/17. Kramer – 0/1/1.  
Schramm – 2/0/4.

Totals – 18/11/47

### Miller City

Brinkman – 0/0/0. Conkright – 0/0/0.  
Kreinbrink – 2/2/6. Noiro – 1/0/2.  
Lammers – 3/3/9. Meyer – 4/3/11.

Totals – 10/8/28

Ottoville	1	13	13	20	47
Miller City	5	8	0	15	28