

Miller City Wins Tournament

Wildcats Whip Ottoville in Finals 56-28

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Miller City walked off with the laurels in the county basketball tournament Saturday night when they whipped Ottoville in the final game 56-28. Columbus Grove took consolation honors by whipping Sts. Peter and Paul 72-34.

The Wildcats reached the finals by taking Columbus Grove 32-30 in their semi-final game on Thursday night of last week after Ottoville took a 65-45 victory over the Ottawa squad in the first game of the evening.

The biggest crowd of the tournament took every available inch in standing room on Thursday night as 1,811 fans crowded into the gym and Saturday's 1,600 fans swelled the tourney attendance to over 9,000.

Miller City 56 – Ottoville 28

Miller City had little trouble taking the championship game which got off to a slow start. Ottoville took the opening tip off and, after working the ball around, Gene Beining sank a goal to start the scoring.

This was the only time during the whole game that Ottoville was in the lead. In the next couple of minutes, the Wildcats took over and it was their game from there on.

Roy Meyer sank a goal to tie the score. Vern Schroeder added a push-up from the side lines to put them ahead. Then Meyer goaled again and this was followed by another two-pointer by Junior McDonald and a free toss by Jerry Kuhlman to make the score 9-2 before Ottoville could score again.

FROM THEN on it was just a matter of playing the time out. The winners held leads of 11-3 at the end of the first quarter, 31-14 at the half and 43-21 at the start of the final round.

Jerry Kuhlman and Roy Meyer were the hot shots for the Wildcats and their efforts more than accounted for enough points to win the game as each netted 17. High point maker for Ottoville was Joe Horstman who got eight. Tall Jim Schneider, Ottoville's sophomore center, was limited to six free throws.

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McDonald – 5/3/13. Schroeder – 1/0/2. R. Meyer – 8/1/17. Kuhlman – 6/5/17. Lammers – 1/0/2. Brickner – 2/0/4. E. Meyer – 0-1/1.

Totals – 23/10/56

Ottoville

Beining – 3/0/6. Honigford – 1/1/3. Schneider – 0/6/6. Martin – 0/0/0. Wannemacher – 0/0/0. Hohlbein – 0/1/1. Schlagbaum – 0/4/4. Horstman – 3/2/8.

Totals – 7/14/28

Miller City	11	20	13	12	56
Ottoville	3	11	7	7	28