

A Lot Of To Do For Nothing

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Last spring the county coach's association decided that seeding of teams for the annual basketball tournament would be simplified by picking the first four teams in the league standing as of the date of the tournament drawings since this is the order in which the seedings usually came out anyway.

Previously, the coaches voted for four teams and ranked their choices first, second, third and fourth with the first-place choice getting four points, second, three, etc. Naturally, this took a lot of time so they decided to simplify matters by picking the top four teams in the league.

However, they didn't figure on any ties, so when the drawings took place in the court house Monday afternoon, the mentors had to choose between teams in the second and fourth-place ties in the league.

So, they voted between Columbus Grove and Leipsic for second and between Continental and Miller City for fourth. On the first ballot, Columbus Grove was an overwhelming choice for the second place so they were placed in the opposite bracket from Ottoville.

BUT CONTINENTAL and Miller City each received six votes and a second ballot was necessary. A voice in the rear of the room piped up that the two should play an extra game for the honor. This brought a laugh from those present, but the remark, wasn't as far off the track as it sounded at the time.

On the second ballot, Continental received seven votes to Miller City's five and after 45 minutes, the seeding, which wasn't supposed to take any time, was accomplished and the drawings could get under way.

Teams drew for their respective brackets and then for position in the brackets. And who should get the honor of meeting in the first game of the tournament? Continental and Miller City, the two teams which caused all the wrangle in the first place.

Some days you just can't save a nickel.