

Vaughnsville Given Basketball Honors!

“Score keepers error defeats Leipsic High in tournament finals”

Putnam County Sentinel – February 17, 1929

The long count of the Tunney-Dempsey battle is nothing, so far as Leipsic is concerned, as compared with the “short count” given the Leipsic High School basketball team in the final game of the county boys’ tournament held in the armory last Saturday night.

The Leipsic team had been the dark horse in the race. The season’s showing had not been such as would warrant them being picked as tournament winners. But they came to the finals defeating Ottawa Parochial 22 to 19; Glandorf 17 to 12; Pandora 20 to 7 and in the finals tying the classy Vaughnsville five 12 to 12. But in the last and deciding game the local boys were only allowed 11 points due to the fact that the incompetent score keepers forgot to mark a foul score made by Sweigart, Leipsic center, during

the third period of the game. The parties operating the score board caught the point and marked it up, but the official scorers failed to do so - and upon their error the decision of the county championship was decided. We do not think the men handling the score book made the mistake intentionally; it was simply on account of their lack of knowledge of the game and the ability to follow such fast and furious contests as were staged during the entire contest.

To eliminate such critical errors in the future, it would be well for the two superintendents of the teams playing to keep the scores. Then there would be no chance for such mistakes and each superintendent would no doubt look after the interest of his own team.