

Ottoville Wins League Crown by Two Games - Whips PG 92-65

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Ottoville, which had wrapped up at least a share of the championship of the Putnam County League two weeks ago, wound up with a two-game margin as a result of the final round of play last Friday night.

The Big Green made it a perfect league season with their seventh straight league win by downing Pandora-Gilboa 92-65, while second-place Columbus Grove was being upset by Kalida, 63-62. This was the second loss in the league for the Bulldogs whose only other setback was at the hands of Ottoville.

Ottoville wound up the regular season with 15 victories and four defeat having won 14 of their last 16 starts.

They more or less toyed with the Pandora-Gilboa Rockets last Friday night as they built up an 11-point lead in the first quarter, played them on almost even terms in the middle rounds, and then polished off the final period of the season with 31 points.

Most of the victory came at the foul line as Ottoville was able to outscore the Rockets from the field by just one bucket. However, at the black stripe the Big Green had a 36-11 advantage. They made 36 of 51 tries, while P-G was getting only 23 tries.

Ken Markward, a 6-0 junior, had his best scoring game of this career as he poured in 26 big points for the winners. Don Hoersten, Ottoville's 6-4 center, canned 19,

and three others were in double figures for the winners.

Chuck Karhoff, the 6-5 Pandora-Gilboa center, racked up 19, as the Rockets lost their sixth league game in seven tries.

Ottoville reserves beat Pandora-Gilboa on Friday night 43-39 for their 12th victory of the season, but the P-G seconds rebounded on Saturday to whip Cory-Rawson 69-45 for their 12th win also.

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Langhals 4-2-10. Altenburger 5-3-13. Byrne 5-2-12. Wenzlick 0-6-6. Broecker 1-4-6. Hoersten 8-3-19. Markward 5-16-26.

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Arthur 2-1-5. Garmatter 3-0-6. Bridenbaugh 3-1-7. Hovest 2-1-5. Karhoff 7-5-19. Luginbill 1-0-2. Amstutz 4-0-8. Reichenbach 1-1-3. Baumgartner 4-2-10.

Ottoville	26	24	11	31	92
P.Gilboa	15	21	12	17	65

This was Coach Kortokrax's 200th win during his 13th season of coaching and 11th at Ottoville. The Big Green was 17-5 in 1972, losing to Continental in Districts. Dick was named the Coach of the Year for the 4th time at Ottoville. It was during this time line when Coach Kortokrax had an extra game added to his total due to a simple typing error in the year book in 1967. The year book credited him with a 13 win season when it actually was 12. As a result, his milestone marks of 200 to 700 were off by one until his 800th win in 2010.