

Leipsic Loses at Columbus

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The Leipsic High school basketball team which went to Columbus last Thursday afternoon to compete in the state basketball tournament were not very successful as they were eliminated in the first game being so unfortunate as to draw the runners-up in the tournament. Oberlin being the team to win from the local boys by a score of 33 to 16.

Nevertheless, those who witnessed the game say that the home team gave a good account of themselves and are to be complimented on their playing. So far as the entire season is concerned, the Leipsic boys have gained honors enough for most any team. They have won consistently during the whole year and copped the regional championship. Practically the same team will be on the floor next season and with the assistance of such a wonderful coach as Sackstedder has been, we expect then to win more honors for Leipsic High next season.

The Free Press and every patron of the Leipsic Public schools take their hats off to the Fighting Saxons and their coach.

In 1925, the top two teams from the Putnam County Tournament qualified for the next level of tournament play. Today, it would be called the Districts. The winner of this tournament, qualified for the State Tournament.

Leipsic placed second in the PCT, losing to Ottawa Public in the finals 27-26. However, in the District tournament, Leipsic defeated Crestline, Union Township and Ottawa Public to get to the District Finals. In the finals, Leipsic defeated Delphos St. Johns 25-13.

Sixteen teams went directly from the District Tournament to the State Tournament. At Columbus, Leipsic lost the first game to Oberlin, 33-16.

Leipsic, coached by Al J. Secksteder, finished with a record of 13-7. This was the first boys basketball team to compete in the State Tournament.