

Putnam Basket Ball Teams to Enter Tournament

Ottawa Will Welcome Teams From Eight Biggest Towns

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The Putnam county basketball tournament will be held at Ottawa February 22 and 23 simultaneously with similar tournaments in all counties of the State.

The winner and runner-up of the Ottawa tournament will represent Putnam County at the regional tournament to be held at Defiance a week later. The regional tournament will select a representative team for the State tournament in Columbus.

Decision to hold the big basketball meet at Ottawa was reached at the meeting of superintendents held at Ottawa Saturday.

Schools to be represented by teams are: Columbus Grove, Ottawa, Leipsic, Continental, Kalida, Glandorf, Crawfis College and Vaughnsville.

Pandora will not enter teams in the meet because basketball has been impossible at the high school due to lack of a hall.

All schools except Kalida and Glandorf will enter both girls' and boys' teams in the meet. These two schools do not have girl's teams.

Arrangements have been made for the first round of four games for the boy's teams on Friday night.

The second round for the boys will be played Saturday afternoon at which time the girls' teams will meet for the first matches.

The evening will see the final boy's game and the final two rounds for the girls.

Admission to each of the three sessions is fixed at 50 cents for adults and 35 cents for children. Season tickets good for all the games are to be sold at \$1.00 to adults and 75 cents to children.

This is the first year that county elimination contests have been held. It has been the practice to send teams to the regional tournaments without a previous elimination.

So many teams participated in these games that it was found impossible to make schedules fair to the players. Winning teams often were required to play five and six games within a short period.

This was an article in the Putnam County Sentinel about the first Putnam County basketball tournament for boys and girls. The boys' top two teams would advance to the regional tournament in Defiance. There was no advancement for the girls. In 1922, there was a similarly styled tournament, but it was only a local tournament for the boys.