

Ottawa County Champs

Columbus Grove Girls Eliminated by County Seat in Semi-Finals

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Weary of the passing back and forth from Leipsic and Columbus Grove for short periods of rest, the girls' cup has taken up its residence in Ottawa for a year. You might call it a good compromise. It is in a midway location between the two towns like Janus where it may turn either way to look askance at both its former holders.

The title this time is a clear one with no one being privileged to come in and claim it for a fraction of the year. It was a well-earned victory that brought the cup to Ottawa. It had to fight against teams rated higher during the season, compete against veterans schooled in the game by skilled coaches and taught well in the intricate details of scientific playing.

Dope is Upset

The Ottawa girls played three games in the series, playing the role of high moguls of the tribe of dope up setters in the second game with the highly touted Columbus Grove team.

Miller City was the first team to face the local champions and this game was disposed of in short order by a score of 10 to 4 with Ottawa on the long end. The scoring possibilities of the local aggregation were flashed before the eyes of the spectators during this game, but the Ottawa girls were not pushed enough to be compelled to extend themselves.

Then came the big surprise of the whole show – a clean cut victory over Columbus Grove by the lopsided score of 14 to 12.

Desperately did both teams fight, the one to uphold their well-deserved reputation as well-nigh unbeatable and the other to perform the feat which everybody said could not be done. Of such stuff are basketball tournaments made. The least bit of over-confidence will give a fighting, opposing team an opening to take advantage of that weakness and score a victory.

Lora scored four field goals during the first half, but was held scoreless by Lillian Seltz during the second half.

McDonald and Frey played the forward positions well in all the games. M. Ury and Blymer took care of the center places and E. Ury and Seitz handled the guard jobs. Wise, Fawcett and Heckman played in part of the games as substitutes.

All of the regulars and the subs deserve a medal and a crown. Coach Wilson comes in for a good share of the credit, because he has worked patiently with the team all season and has helped them to develop a passing game that was the marvel of the entire tournament.

In the final game, Vaughnsville was defeated by a score of 20 to 17. Both teams were rather tired from their previous games. This game was also closely contested. Frey scored high for Ottawa in this game and L. Anderson for the Vaughnsville players.