

# Ottoville Team Champs in Basketball

## Defeated Columbus Grove in Final Tilt CONTINENTAL THIRD

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Ottoville High basketeers won the Putnam County Class B basketball championship Saturday evening by defeating the fast Columbus Grove team in the final tilt of the boys' meet.

In the preliminary tilt the same evening, Continental High defeated the Ottawa Parochial quintette by one basket in a game that called for extra minutes of play.

As a result of the boys' games, Ottoville, Columbus Grove and Continental will represent this county in the District tournament at Defiance this week-end.

### Championship Game Ottoville vs Columbus Grove

In the final game Saturday night Ottoville's free throw placed them in the lead 1-0, but Vandemark tied the count in the Grove's initial chance at the charity marker. Anderson's rather long shot chalked up the first field goal of the contest and placed the Grove in the lead 3-1. Ottoville raised their count to six with two field goals and a free throw, but Hartman and Rockhill, in succession, scored a free throw and a field goal to knot the count at 6 to 6. Ottoville scored a point to lead 7 to 6 and Hartman counted from well beyond the foul line to place the Grove in the lead 8 to 7 as the first quarter ended.

### Second Quarter

Hartman completed a long dribble and scored from beneath the basket to give his team a 10 to 7 advantage. Ottoville raised their count to nine. Hartman scored again from the field and Grove led 12 to 9. Agners's free throw was accurate for a 13 to 9 standing. Vandemark's free throw was good for a 14 to 9 relationship. Ottoville made it 14 to 10. Rockhill chalked up a nice overhead shot from the corner of the court and Grove led 16 to 10. Ottoville's charity toss rang true and they trailed 16 to 11. Vandemark shoved a clean one through for an

18-11 lead. Ottoville ended the half with a field goal to trail 18 to 13 as the time keeper's pistol barked.

### Grove Loses Early Lead

At the opening of the second half, Ottoville and the Grove each scored from the foul line and the score was 19 to 14. Hartman's long toss pierced the net for a 21 to 14 standing. It was here that the Grove seemed to lose their scoring punch and Ottoville raised their score to 27 and the former failed to score again that quarter. The end of the third period found Ottoville leading 27 to 21.

### Final Quarter

The Grove had now lost two of their five who started the game by the foul route and their scoring punch was affected. However, they kept on putting their best into the night cap event, never so far behind but what there was a chance for a rally that might spell victory.

Ottoville seemed to find themselves as they had not been able to do until the middle of the third quarter and it seemed as though they couldn't miss the hoop. Ottoville finally won 35 to 23 after making good on 13 out of 20 attempts at foul shots. McCrate wound up scoring for the Grove with a short shot from under the basket. The Grove made good on 5 out of 8 chances at the free throw station.

Ottoville	7	6	14	8	35
C. Grove	8	10	3	2	23