

Vaughnsville High Won Basketball Tournament

Ottoville Second – Ottawa Public Third

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Vaughnsville's powerful basketball team will lead three Putnam County clubs into the Class B Sectional Tournament which starts Thursday in the Leipsic High School gymnasium. Ottoville and Ottawa Public are the other two teams that this county will send to the Sectional Tournament.

In a minor upset according to pre-tournament dope, Vaughnsville trounced Ottoville, 42 to 30, in the finals of the Putnam County tournament in Ottawa Saturday night to win the 1940 county championship. Ottawa Public eliminated Pandora in the consolation finals 44 to 38.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Vaughnsville vs Ottoville

The stage was all set for the final and championship game when nearly 1,600 rabid fans packed the gym to witness the stellar playing of two outstanding and well-balanced teams. Ottoville had the distinction of having defeated every county team that it played during the season and Vaughnsville had a record only one defeat and at the hands of its opponent.

Working as smoothly as a machine both on offense and defense, the rangy Vaughnsville quintet had the ball well under control after the first few minutes.

Ottoville found it impossible to get its vaunted fast-breaking offense started as Sylvester Goedde, a six-foot-five center and

Sakemiller and Fortman, both over six feet, prevented their opponents from getting near the basket for sucker shots and batted down many attempted long shots.

The game got under way with score tied at several intervals during the first quarter until Vaughnsville forged ahead 7-5 at intermission.

The excellent playing of Sakemiller and Goedde for Vaughnsville accounted for thirteen points in the second period while Ottoville, somewhat erratic, had to be content with three markers. The Sugar Creek lads were out in front, 20 to 8 at the half.

The second half was fought on even terms, each team scoring 22 points. Vaughnsville, however, was never in trouble and maintained a comfortable lead at all times. The game ended with Vaughnsville ahead 42 to 30 and once again the 1939-1940 basketball team of that village won for its school its seventh county championship.

Goedde tallied 18 points to boost his tournament total to 75 in four contests. Sakemiller, the outstanding player of the tournament, chalked up 16 points for a total of 49 points which left him in third place in tournament scoring. Altenburger led the Ottoville attack with 12 points.

Vaughnsville	7	13	11	11	42
Ottoville	5	3	11	11	30