Near Riot Follows Glandorf's Win

One-Point Victory Kills Miller City's Hopes of Keeping Title Putnam County Sentinel – January 30, 1959

Glandorf's big Jerry Sager sent the ball into the air just as the final buzzer sounded Tuesday night. It went through the hoop and that set off a big fracas at the Glandorf gymnasium.

Miller City was leading the Dragons by one point before Sager got his hands on the ball. Miller City fans thought Sager shot after the buzzer sounded but Glandorf fans were convinced he had shot before.

Because of the roar of the crowd, the referees weren't sure. They left it up to the official timer and he ruled in favor of Glandorf.

*Coincidently, the timer was Mr. Joseph Nienberg who had coached at Miller City from 1945-1949 and at Glandorf from 1950-1957

It went into the books as an upset win for Glandorf by a score of 55-54, but a near riot almost ensued before Miler City fans begrudgingly went home with their defeat.

The Wildcats, defending champs of the county high school league, were still in the running for a share of this year's crown before the Dragons spoiled their bid Tuesday night in a game postponed from last Friday because of the flood.

Coaches Order Guns to be Used at Tourney

The Putnam County Coach's Association, meeting in a dinner session at Ottawa Sts. Peter and Paul high school Monday evening, voted a measure designed to prevent any possible donnybrook such as happened at Glandorf several weeks ago when officials could not hear the game-ending buzzer.

The coaches voted that each timekeeper at the county tournament should have a gun to sound the end of the periods.