

Grove High Girls' County Basketball Champs

Won Putnam County Tournament on Thursday Night
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The Columbus Grove High School girls' basketball team won the Putnam County basketball championship in their bracket Thursday evening by defeating Vaughnsville in the final tournament event, 17 to 14. Columbus Grove was trailing at the start of the last quarter, 13 to 11.

In their defeat of the Vaughnsville High School girls' basketball team here on Thursday night of last week by a score of 17-14, the Grove girls earned the greatly deserving designation as "Putnam County Champions." It can truly be said that the team thus honored defeated the three best girls' teams in the county, exclusive of their own team.

The champs got off on their right foot when they drubbed the team touted to win the county honors, Crawfis, in the Grove's opening tournament game to the tune of 21-11.

The pace setting trophy sextet next eliminated Leipsic 21-14 and in the final event, held on the Grove court, they disposed of Vaughnsville 17-14 in what proved to be the closest contested game of the three tourney engagements.

Vaughnsville vs. Grove

Before a house filled to capacity, Vaughnsville and the Grove girls valiantly fought for county honors. Moebuck opened the scoring when she made good from the charity station to give Vaughnsville a one-point lead. To Helen Meyers, Columbus Grove, goes the honor of caging the first field goal in the classic event to pace the champs in the lead 2-1. A field goal by Melba Allen gave the Grove a 4-1 Moebuck whittled it to a two-point led and a 4-2 standing when she made good on her second free throw. Here the first quarter ended.

Each Grove girl eligible to shoot had scored a field goal apiece when Edith Bogart out reached the opposition and buried the leather in the net for a 6-2 advantage by the Grove. Meyers free throw was good and Grove led 7-2. This five-point margin was the greatest variation in the score that existed during the entire contest. Moebuck went on a scoring rampage to count in a free throw, a field goal, a free throw, a free toss and a field goal to place Vaughnsville in the lead 9-7.

Allen's free throw was good for an 8-9 standing and just as the pistol barked the termination of the first half, Allen was fouled. She made her toss good in a lone attempt and

tied the count at 9 all at half time. The outcome was as unpredictable as it was at the outset of the honor seeking event.

As the last half opened the tie was unbroken when Bogart in a perfectly place overhead shot, raised the Grove count to 11 points. A deadlock was again recorded on the score board when Moebuck made a good in Vaughnsville's only field goal in the second half for a 11-11 standing. Seaman and Moebuck each scored from the foul line and Vaughnsville led 13-11 to end the third quarter.

A scoring spurt by the ultimate victors in which Allen scored twice from the field and Bogart once from the same territory gave the Grove a lead 17-11. The scoreboard showed but a minute to play. In this interval, Thomas of Vaughnsville, made good on one of two free throws and with the last 30 seconds going scoreless, the Grove won 17 to 14.

The Grove girls were thus crowned the Putnam County champions by this closely contested and well-earned victory.

Allen, of the Grove and Moebuck, of Vaughnsville, shared scoring honors by garnering 10 points apiece. The defensive work of captain Mary Jones, Jo Ann Tate, Alice Stanley and Eileen Rhodes combined with the offensive play of Melba Allen, Edith Bogart, Margaret Killen and Helen Meyers entitles all of the girls to share equally in the honors they earned for themselves, their school and their community. This was the best girls' basketball machine in Putnam County.

Vaughnsville's smoothly running basketball organization also comes in for their share of the credit as deserving the rating as second-best girls' team in the county in which Thomas, Moebuck and Seaman divide honors on the offensive end of the court with captain Hanline, Wagner and Beach. They were very effectively policing the other end of the court and always causing plenty of trouble for opposing forwards.

At the close of the historic occasion, a first-place trophy was presented to captain Jones of the Grove team and second place to captain Hanline of Vaughnsville.

C. Grove	7	2	2	6	17
Vaughnsville	4	5	4	1	14