

Sugar Creek High Girls Win Tourney

Defeat Ottawa High in a Close Contest

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The girls' basketball championship game at Columbus Grove, Thursday evening, proved to be an exciting tilt with Ottawa High and Vaughnsville High matched up in the Putnam County finals.

Vaughnsville won the game by one point, 18 to 17. As a result of their victory, they won the Putnam County championship and a trophy was awarded to them. The Ottawa team was also presented with a trophy.

Ottawa opened the scoring with a field basket which was followed with three of the same kind by the Sugar Creek Township lassies. Ottawa then ended the scoring and the first quarter with a foul shot. The score was 6 to 3 in favor of Vaughnsville.

Ottawa tied the count and took a one-point lead with a field and two foul shots as the second period opened. Vaughnsville then scored two field shots and held a three-point margin, 10 to 7, at half time.

Ottawa again tied the count and took the lead in the third frame with two field and one foul shot. Vaughnsville

tied the count with two foul baskets and Ottawa took the lead with a field basket. Vaughnsville then tied the count and held a two-point margin with two field baskets as the gun sounded, ending the quarter. The score was 16 to 14.

That fourth quarter was a hair-raising session. Both teams were playing desperately. Vaughnsville was held to two foul shots during the period and the local team was held to three foul baskets.

For one second in the closing seconds of play, it looked as if the Ottawa girls had the game won. A basket was shot from the floor. It looked perfect. The ball circled the rim twice and then bounced to the outside.

During the scrimmage that followed, the time-keeper announced the finish of a good, hard-fought, exciting contest between two good teams – the finish of another Putnam County girls' tournament.

Vaughns	6	4	6	2	18
Ottawa	3	4	7	3	17