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Findlay Succumbs to Purple Five

Visitors Lead Nearly Whole Game Until Last Five Minutes

Spurt Puts Victory Across For Ashland 27-21

A rally in the last five minutes of the game with Findlay College that capped the Third Annual Basketball Tournament, brought victory from impending defeat for the Purple stalwarts last Friday. With five minutes to go Ashland was trailing two points behind, when the basket was finally located and the eight points made that cinched the game for the locals.

The game was an example of hard, fast basketball that pleased the largest crowd of spectators that the College Gymnasium has ever held. Findlay gave unexpected opposition and proved to have their eye on the basket. Throughout the game the Ashland men consistently outplayed their opponents in all departments of the game except the shooting end. Ashland made but 3 field goals out of 39 attempts in the first half.

Ashland played an aggressive game that gave their opponents little time to handle the ball and shoot. The Ashland defense worked to perfection, Findlay forwards being unable to penetrate for short shots. Findlay exhibited no particular defense.

Visitors Score First Bucket

Findlay scored first on a foul shot and soon after scored a field goal. Ashland replied with two field goals that put the Purple in the lead, 4-3. Ashland was getting far more shots than their opponents but the hoop and the leather would not connect.

Ashland shifted quickly from offense to defense and was displaying good form in getting the ball from the tipoff. The first half ended with Findlay leading 16 to 13. This first half had given Coach Murray a chance to observe the new formation which had been developed to offset the absence of McClintock from the lineup. The lineup was shifted slightly as the second period began.

Aggressive Game in Second Period

At the outset of the second period it

RITTMAN WINS CLOSE GAME FROM SPENCER

Trailing all of the way, Rittman scored a goal in the last 20 seconds of play which put them one point in the lead only to be cheated out of victory when Firestone converted the foul called on Ritter as the gun cracked. In the overtime period, the runners-up scored six points while the losers made a single counter. Stuart starred at guard for Spencer while Kurtz, the crack forward from Rittman, scored 25 out of his team's 33 points. Spencer lost Nixon on personals just as victory was within grasp. The loss of this cog seemed to break the morale of the Spencer bucket brigade. Rittman, led by Kurtz, seized the opportunity, and taking time by the forelock, scored the needed points to tie the score. With Kurtz scoring every few minutes, the winners gradually crept up on their opponents with a determination which could not fail. Spencer fought hard to hold her lead but the strain was unendurable. Firestone shot a foul as the overtime period began. Kurtz caged the leather from the 18 foot line a few seconds after the tossup. Marble scored an easy one within another minute and a half. Kurtz recapitulated. Kurtz again scored with less than a minute to play. Rittman had possession of the ball at the gun.

Rittman		Spencer	
Conley, R F ..	4	Varney, R F ..	6
Kurtz, R G ...	25	Firestone, L F ..	7
Marble, C	4	Brouse, C	9
Ritter, R G ...	0	Nixon, R G ...	0
Kendig, L G ..	0	Stuart, L G ...	4
		Walters, G ...	0
	33		26

Sullivan Beats Smithville In Roughest Contest

In a game featured by many fouls, few of which were converted into points, Sullivan worsted Smithville by a score of 15-6. The losers led at the half by a score of 4-2 but could not hold their pace long in the second period. Lucas did splendid work for Sullivan in the second half while Webner scored most for Smithville.

Smithville		Sullivan	
Zimmerman, R F 2		Immel, R F ..	4
Webner, L F ..	4	Hale, L F	5
Mishler, C	0	Ringler, C	2
Ports, R G ...	0	Baer, R G	0

Large Number Here For Tourney

Exceeds All Previous Records Between Six and Seven Hundred Attend

The number who came here to attend the Annual Basketball Tournament this year exceeded all other years. It has been estimated that between six and seven hundred people came to root for their favorite team.

For the final game of the Tournament and the Ashland-Findlay game Friday night the gymnasium was taxed to capacity. Every available seat was taken and ten minutes before the game began there was not even standing room to be had.

The gymnasium presented a gay appearance when dressed in the colors of the high school participating in the tourney and the Purple and Gold of the College. Each high school notified the authorities in charge of the arrangements for the day of the number of supporters that they would bring with them and an adequate space was made, decorated in the colors of the school. A placard was also hung from the balcony with the name of the team upon it.

The decoration of the gymnasium was left to the Hoosier and Keystone clubs. These two useful organizations were busy at work Thursday and Friday with the material furnished by the College. A definite plan of decoration was carried out. The ceiling was striped with purple and gold streamers.

Polk Drops Initial Contest To Rittman Five

Rittman and Polk drew the first numbers and fought for the privilege of meeting Burbank in the second round. Polk, altho completely outplayed and outscored, played a cleaner game than any other team during the day, only having two fouls called on players during the entire contest. Neither team showed much pep in the first half but Norris for Polk and Conley and Kurtz caged the leather rapidly as the game drew to a close. Ritter of Rittman and Tucker of Polk both played whirlwind games at guard. Final

MT. EATON BASKETBALL TEAM WINS THIRD ANNUAL COLLEGE TOURNEY; RITTMAN GETS SECOND HONORS

Seventeen Entering Teams Exhibit Tip-top Basketball—Work of Mt. Eaton Wins Victories

In the finals of the Third Annual Basketball Tournament, Mt. Eaton completely outplayed Rittman and piled up a score of 58-29. The game which was void of thrills, showed up the individual stars on both teams.

While Mount Eaton has all of her men back from last year, Rittman with a single veteran upset the dope bucket. This is the third time in succession that Rittman has come within distance of the coveted cup but in each case has lost out in the final game.

In former years, Rittman was forced to play two games in succession without rest, but in this case, she was unlucky enough to draw the position where she would have to play the extra game to bring the tournament into multiples of eight. This handicap forced her to play five games while Mt. Eaton played four.

Mount Eaton Best Team

In spite of the hard luck suffered by Rittman, Mount was a strong favorite from the very start. Coming with a long string of victories, two of which were over Rittman, and no defeats except the one at the hands of the Wooster College Freshmen, all dope pointed to their ability to carry off the coveted trophy. No one was surprised to any great extent at the final outcome.

Day Shows Up Classy Stars on Many Teams

Many basketball players-in-the-making were revealed by the various events of the tourney. Perhaps the most valuable player of the day was Read from Albion. His percentage record is one which no other player in the tournament can equal. Out of the 31 points scored by his team in the two games played, he accounted for 20. His sensational shots from the center of the floor, won him the admiration of many opposing fans.

The man scoring the most points was Kurtz from Rittman, playing his first season at the sport. In the course of the day, he caged the sphere for 81 counters

Mt. Eaton Outplays Rittman in Finals

Outplaying Rittman from the very first whistle until the final crack of the gun, the basketeers from Mount Eaton, Wayne County, completely swamped the eagers from Rittman, Wayne County, in the finals of the Ashland College Tourney last Friday. Mt. Eaton proved to be by far the better team and held the long end of the score all thru the contest. Eaton scored first when Dodez scored a goal from the field. Graber recapitulated. Kurtz opened fire for the Red and White with a clean field goal, and Dodez returned with a long heave which caged the leather cleanly. Dodez again sent the sphere twirling thru the hoop from the middle of the floor and Kurtz again tallied for the losers. Altho Rittman scored occasionally, the Mt. Eaton forwards completely outwitted the Rittman guards while the Green and White guards made scarcely any attempt to score. Mt. Eaton tried a large number of long shots, few of which went true to the mark, but constant following in, converted many of them into markers. The game was the closest of the tournament, only six fouls being called during the entire contest. Kurtz starred for the losers while Dodez and Graber were the mainstays for Eaton.

Lineup and summary:

Rittman	Foul	Field	Total
Conley, R F	0	3	6
Kurtz, L F	2	8	19
Marble, C	0	0	0
Ritter, R G	0	0	0