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# THE KENTUCKY



## High School Athlete

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

1946-47 Basketball Squad, Bowling Green, Kentucky



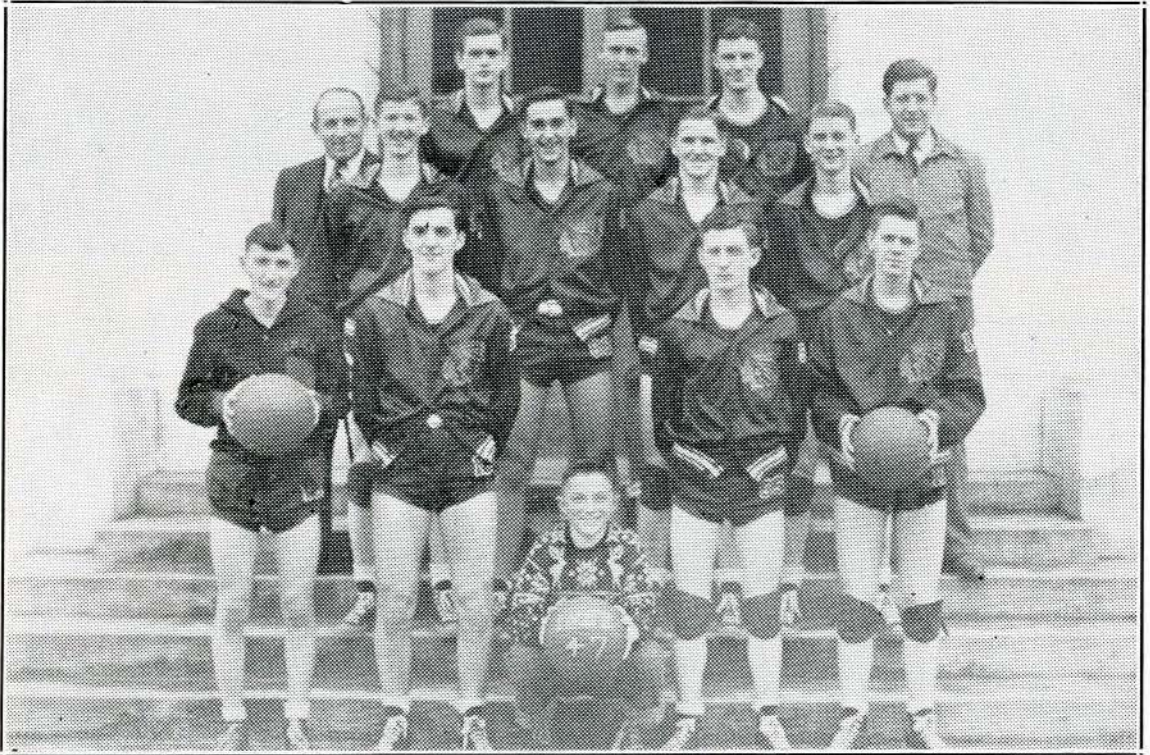
Left to right—front row—Bobo Davenport, Terry Cavanaugh, Charley Parsley, Chet Redmon, Bill Ausmus, Ed Hanes. Second row—Oran McKinney Don "Duck" Ray, Charley Labhart, Sleepy Spears, Roy Mann, Buddy Cate, Johnny Oldham. Third row—Head Coach Ed Diddle, Dee Gibson, Chalmers Embry, Paul Champion, Jimmy Bohannon, Turner Hogan, George Heller, Manager Charley Ruter. Fourth row—Assistant Coach Ted Hornback, John Givens, Jerry Murphy, Frank Wallheiser, Paul Hendrickson, Bob Gillaspie, Bob Hayes, and Manager W. B. Fisher.

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## Inez Basketball Squad



Left to right—front row—Hays Harmon, Junior Staton, Jimmie Williamson, Arnold Harmon, L. T. Hardin.

Second row — Coach Williamson, V. G. Horn, Charles Stepp, Eugene Cain, William Fairchild, T. P. Cassady, Coach.

Third row—J. C. Preece, Clarence Mills, Wilbur Delong.

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# The Kentucky High School Athlete

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## How Far To The Armory?

Some five hundred coaches and about five thousand high school players are spending a goodly portion of their waking hours trying to calculate how to skip the hurdles between their own gymnasium and the big show in the Louisville Armory, March 20-21-22. The old adage many are called but few chosen will apply next month, the number being reduced to sixteen by Saturday the 15th and to ONE by ten o'clock on the night of the 22nd. Difference by scores, results of conference tournaments, team records, and a number of other methods of picking the ultimate winner, usually prove but one thing—that those who make predictions are fit subjects for institutions in which sound minds command a handsome premium.

Many of the prospective sixteen are now at their peak from which humpty-dumpty exits may be expected long before the first whistle sounds in the Louisville Armory. Others will be so unfortunate as to sustain crippling injuries to key players, and still others will run into an off night, the reason for which there is no reasonable explanation. Then there are those whose hopes from the first were the result of wishful thinking.

Geographically it is a long ways from Brewers, Lone Oak, Williamsburg, Corbin, Inez, and Wayland to Louisville, but some of the representatives from those schools may find it more readily accessible than it is for countless teams within a fifty mile

radius. So-called favorites have been known to fall by the wayside a long mile short of the Armory while some who are hardly known make the grade with colors flying. Carr Creek, Hazel Green, Sharpe, Harlan, Lafayette, to name a few, have done right well in various state tournaments without the benefit of advance notices while many who were expected to create a big noise filed out in a din comparable to the familiar funeral dirge.

Overconfidence, staleness, stagefright, condition, breaks of the game, and bad drawings are among the more common excuses given for failure in the big tournaments, but just plain "not good enough," is the villain more frequently at fault. With few exceptions the best team usually wins. The writer could name a very few cases in which according to his honest opinion, the best team of the lot failed to grab the championship, but pointing them out adds nothing to the records other than wornout arguments retold.

Some of the following will be at Louisville for the week-end beginning March 22; some will be conspicuously absent. You nominate others who will be there, and they will be included in the next issue.

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| Inez         | Somerset         |
| Brewers      | College High     |
| Williamsburg | Cave City        |
| Corbin       | Central City     |
| Olive Hill   | Owensboro        |
| Lafayette    | Henderson        |
| Madison      | Dawson Springs   |
| Maysville    | Beaver Dam       |
| Flaget       | Covington        |
| Fort Knox    | Hazard           |
|              | Leitchfield? ? ? |

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# District Tournament Sites

- 1 Arlington
- 2 Augusta Tilghman
- 3 Mayfield
- 4 Murray College
- 5 Livingston County (Smithland)
- 6 Marion
- 7 Dawson Springs
- 8 Hopkinsville
- 9 Sebree
- 10 Barret Manual Trg. (Henderson)
- 11 Daviess County (Owensboro)
- 12 Lewisport
- 13 Hartford
- 14 Drakesboro
- 15 Rochester
- 16 Caneyville
- 17 College (Bowling Green)
- 18 Lewisburg
- 19 Glasgow
- 20 Burkesville
- 21 Lebanon
- 22 Munfordville
- 23 Fort Knox
- 24 Shepherdsville
- 29 Fern Creek (Buechel)
- 30 Shelbyville
- 31 Pleasureville
- 32 Trimble County (Bedford)
- 33 Williamstown
- 34 New Haven (at Union)
- 35 Simon Kenton (Independence)
- 36 Newport
- 37 Cynthiana
- 38 Falmouth
- 39 Fleming County (Flemingsburg)
- 40 Paris
- 41 Georgetown College
- 42 Lawrenceburg
- 43 University (Lexington)
- 44 Eastern State Teachers College (Richmond)
- 45 Danville
- 46 Stanford
- 47 Somerset
- 48 East Bernstadt
- 49 McKee
- 50 Corbin
- 51 Pineville
- 52 Wallins (Wallins Creek)
- 53 Tie: Fleming
- 54 Tie: Robinson (At Ary)
- 55 Breathitt (Jackson)
- 56 Powell County (Stanton)
- 57 Virgie
- 58 McDowell
- 59 Warfield
- 60 Morgan County (West Liberty)

- 61 Winchester
- 62 Owingsville
- 63 Olive Hill
- 64 Ashland

## LITRATING

AS OF MONDAY, FEB. 18, 1947

Brewers' Redmen, after eight solid weeks of undisputed supremacy, finally fell from grace. And it took another band of Indians to do it—the Inez Indians.

Russell Williamson's powerful team from the 15th Region finally unseated McCoy Tarry's western Kentucky club from first place in the Litkenhous Kentucky high school ratings by its 42-39 victory Saturday night at Lexington.

Inez moved into first place with a figure of 82.6 a plus 4.5 over last week's rating, while Brewers' fall to second changed its pointvale from 86.7 to 81.9.

### TOP TEN

The Williamson triumph, ended a string of 18 victories for Brewers. The Redmens' 39 points was the lowest they have scored this season. For Inez it was the 28th success against two setbacks. Only Hindman and Prestonsburg can claim decisions over the current Litratings leader; but the Indians have avenged the Prestonsburg loss twice by sizable margins.

The top ten in Kentucky includes virtually the same teams, with only Lexington Henry Clay replacing Meade Memorial. The Blue Devils charged into seventh, depressing Lone Oak to eighth.

Carr Creek (still more Indians) is third again and Olive Hill fourth. The see-saw duel between Wayland and Somerset puts Wayland up this week as the Briar Jumpers yielded fifth to Wayland for a sixth-place spot. Wayland was sixth last week.

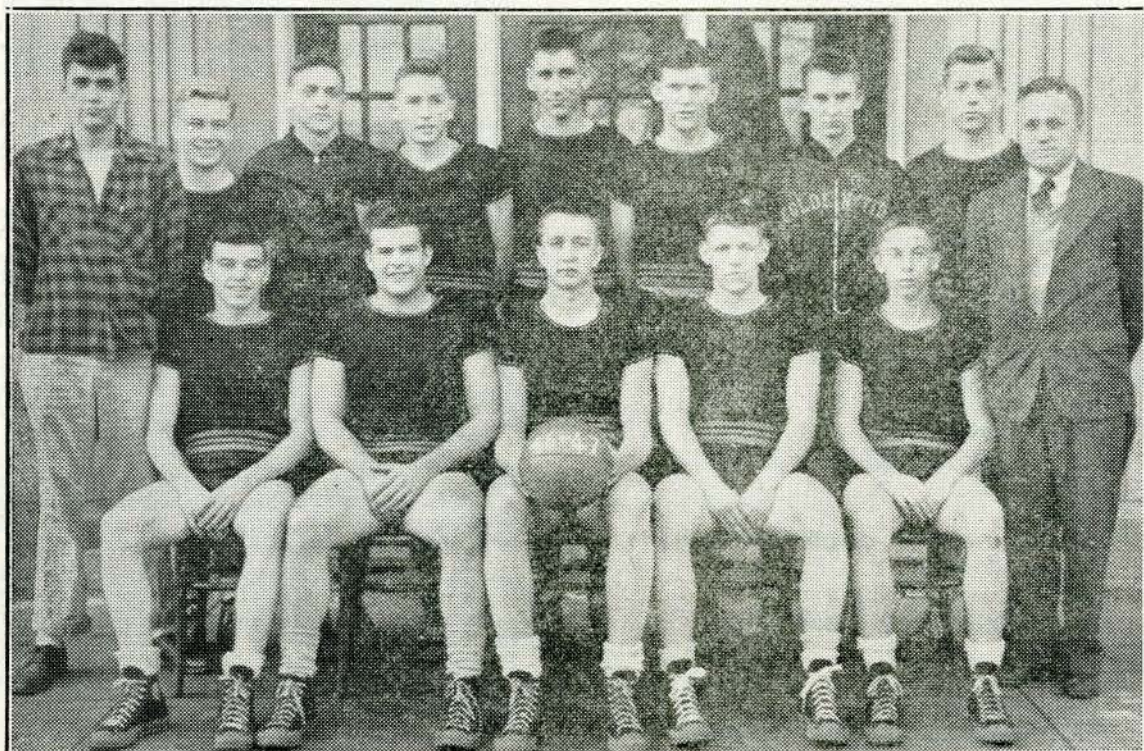
Corbin, the All-Kentucky Conference champion, rose from eighth to ninth, and Madison retained its tenth-place niche. The only change in the top 26 brought London back at Henderson's expense.

Flaget still is the best of the Louisville schools at 65.1. Male is ranked second at 63.0, St. Xavier next at 59.8 and Manual fourth at 55.3.

### THE TOP 26

|    |                 |      |
|----|-----------------|------|
| 1  | Inez            | 82.6 |
| 2  | Brewers         | 81.9 |
| 3  | Carr Creek      | 77.0 |
| 4  | Olive Hill      | 76.0 |
| 5  | Wayland         | 75.1 |
| 6  | Somerset        | 74.2 |
| 7  | Lexington       | 72.6 |
| 8  | Lone Oak        | 72.3 |
| 9  | Corbin          | 72.1 |
| 10 | Madison High    | 71.9 |
| 11 | Magnolia        | 71.7 |
| 12 | Owensboro       | 71.7 |
| 13 | Meade Memorial  | 71.5 |
| 14 | Williamsburg    | 71.5 |
| 15 | Hazel Green     | 70.5 |
| 16 | Lafayette       | 70.5 |
| 17 | Hindman         | 70.2 |
| 18 | Maysville       | 70.1 |
| 19 | Central City    | 69.7 |
| 20 | Barbourville    | 69.5 |
| 21 | Hazard          | 69.0 |
| 22 | Russell Springs | 68.8 |
| 23 | Sharpe          | 68.5 |
| 24 | London          | 68.3 |
| 25 | Covington       | 68.0 |
| 26 | Wickliffe       | 68.0 |

## Central City Basketball Squad



Left to right—front row—K. T. Downs, Manager; Tunney Jones, Gilbert Teague, Kent Henry, W. C. Mobberly, Jackie Day, Delmas Gish, Coach.

Back row—left to right—Royce McDowell, Sonny Son, Doug Edwards, Marvin Dossett, Tommy Gray, Wallace Nofsinger, Gene McDonald.

# Tournament Supplies For 1947

Tournament time will soon be here. So check over the following and let us hear from you.

## WARM-UP AND AWARD JACKETS

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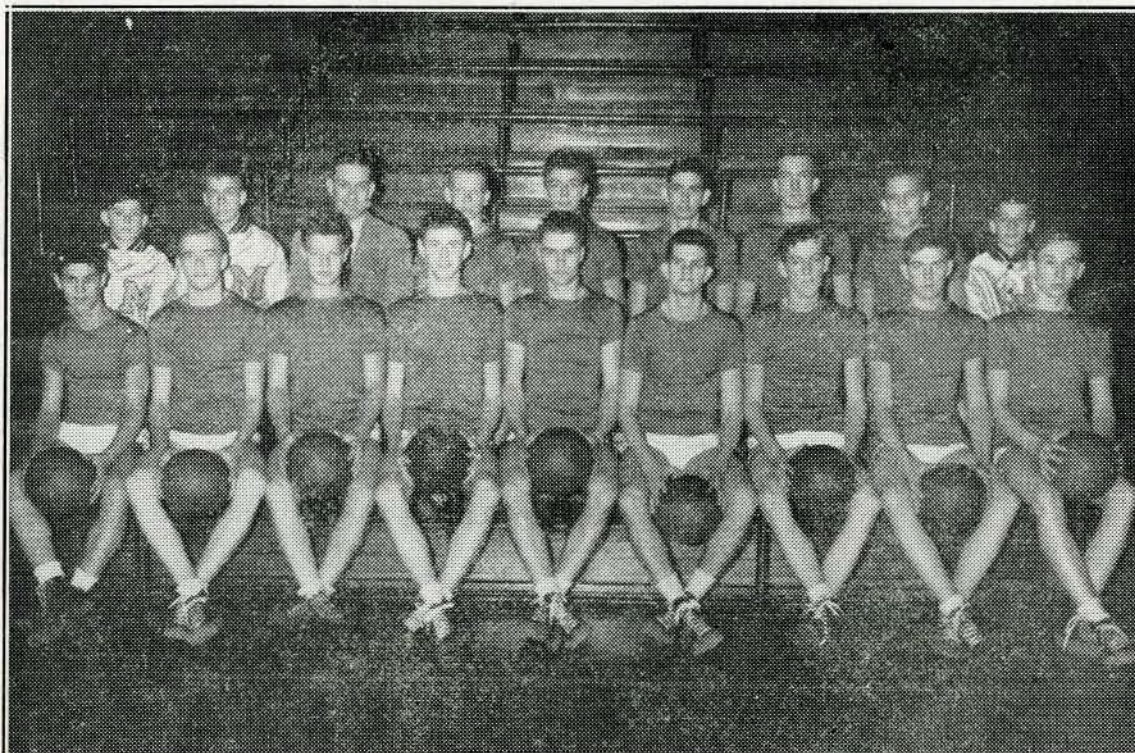


## Tilghman High School, Paducah, Ky.



Left to right—front row—Hugh Sisson and Henry Dallam, Managers. Second row seated—Orbie Elliott, Roy Skinner, Charles Spees, Bob Martin, James Croley, Charles Warner, James Hill, Shelby Elliott. Back row—Charles Price, Vard Curtis, Fred Pittard, Jack West, Jim Lansden, Mathew Dickson, Jim Cromwell, Charles McAlister, Otis Dinning, Coach.

## Maysville High School Basketball Squad



Left to right—front row—Gus Stergeos, Walter Maker, Ferdinand Case, Ed Taylor, Harold Walker, Buddy Shoemaker, Allie Gilvin, Joe Hinson and Ed Leforge.

Back row—Manager Winn Thomas, Manager Chad Christine, Coach Earl D. Jones, Herman Tolle, Bobby Ormes, Ervin Knapp, George Cooke, Elza Whalen and Manager Billy Perrine.

# Corbin - All-Kentucky Conference Champ

For the second time since organization of the All-Kentucky Conference the basketball championship decided in tournament play was copped by an out-of-Louisville team. Corbin, a perennial threat in the big meet, brushed aside all opposition and took the trophy back to the mountain city where it will repose in the same case occupied by the big piece of silver emblematic of state championship won in the days of Cluggish, the mountainous scourge of Paris, Nebo and others. Central City,

Owensboro and Danville may well have recalled the big boy from Corbin since the present All-Kentucky champs present a man-sized line-up. Central City the pre-tournament favorite, almost lived up to expectations turning back Manual and Murray by decisive scores before losing to Corbin in the finals, 44-41. Danville and Middlesboro, first round losers, played a consolation preliminary with the Boyle County lads overcoming Middlesboro, 30-28.

### Line-ups and Summaries:

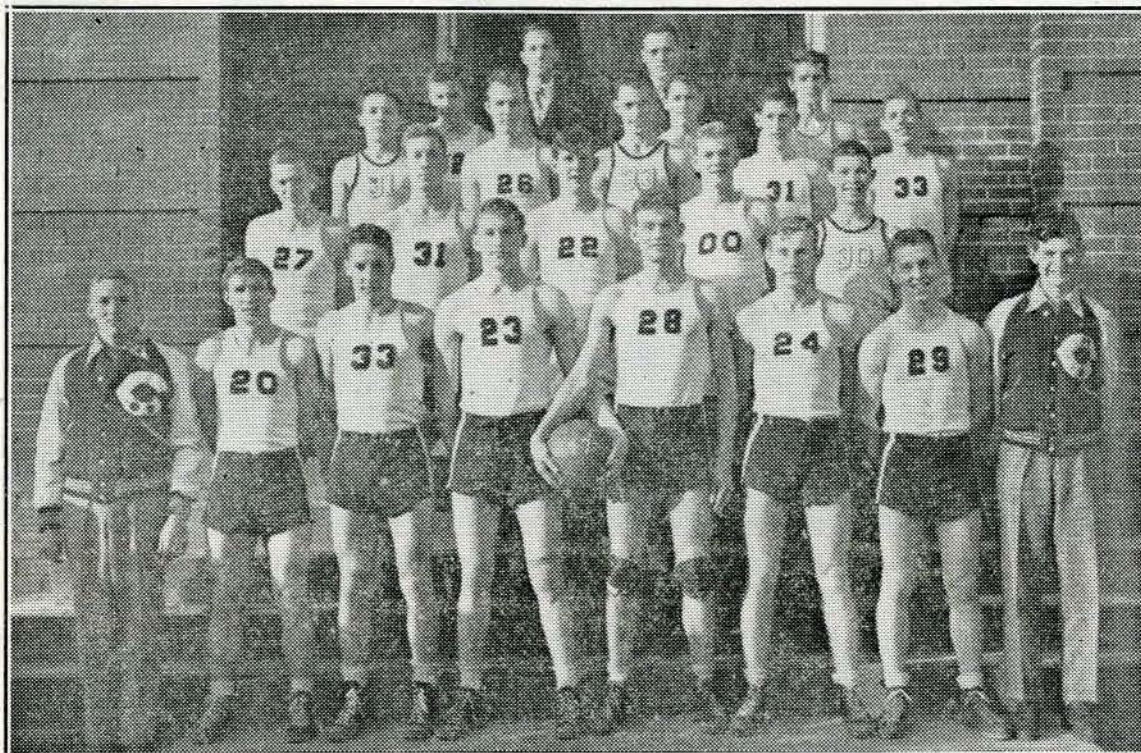
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|--------------------|-----|-----------------|
| CORBIN (44)        | Pos | (41) CENT. CITY |
| Selvy (12) -----   | F   | (16) Moberly    |
| Sturgill (6) ----- | F   | (8) Teague      |
| Mobley (11) -----  | C   | (5) Henry       |
| Yates (9) -----    | G   | (6) Jones       |
| Brooks (6) -----   | G   | (3) Day         |
| Corbin -----       |     | 7 25 34 44      |
| Central City ----- |     | 8 21 26 41      |

Substitutions: Corbin—Bryant, Central City --Dossett (3).

|                       |     |                 |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------------|
| DANVILLE (30)         | Pos | (28) MIDD'SBORO |
| Acton (2) -----       | F   | (8) Caywood     |
| Brandenburg (6) ----- | F   | (3) Colson      |
| Wilson (1) -----      | C   | (4) Jenkins     |
| Farley (4) -----      | G   | (4) Rector      |
| Weaver (6) -----      | G   | (5) Moorman     |

Substitutions: Danville—Tucker (2), Bodner (3), Dexter (4), Kemper (2), Potts. Middlesboro—Butturini, Emmett, Abrams (4), Holbrook, Cloar.

## Corbin High School Squad



Left to right—front row—Manager Charles Stuart, Leroy Yates, Harold Brooks, Curtis Selvy, Max Moberly, Bobby Sturgill, Jerry Bryant, Manager Carl Neal.

Second row—Bill Brown, James Selvy, Jack Crabtree, Henry Moberly, Dorman Siler.

Third row—Charles Eaton, Clarence McNeil, Robert Barton, Carl Jones, Eldred Von Grunigen.

Fourth row—Roy Kidd, Robert Cathers, Sylvester Wright.

Fifth row—Basketball Coach Harry Taylor, Football Coach Ossie Burch.



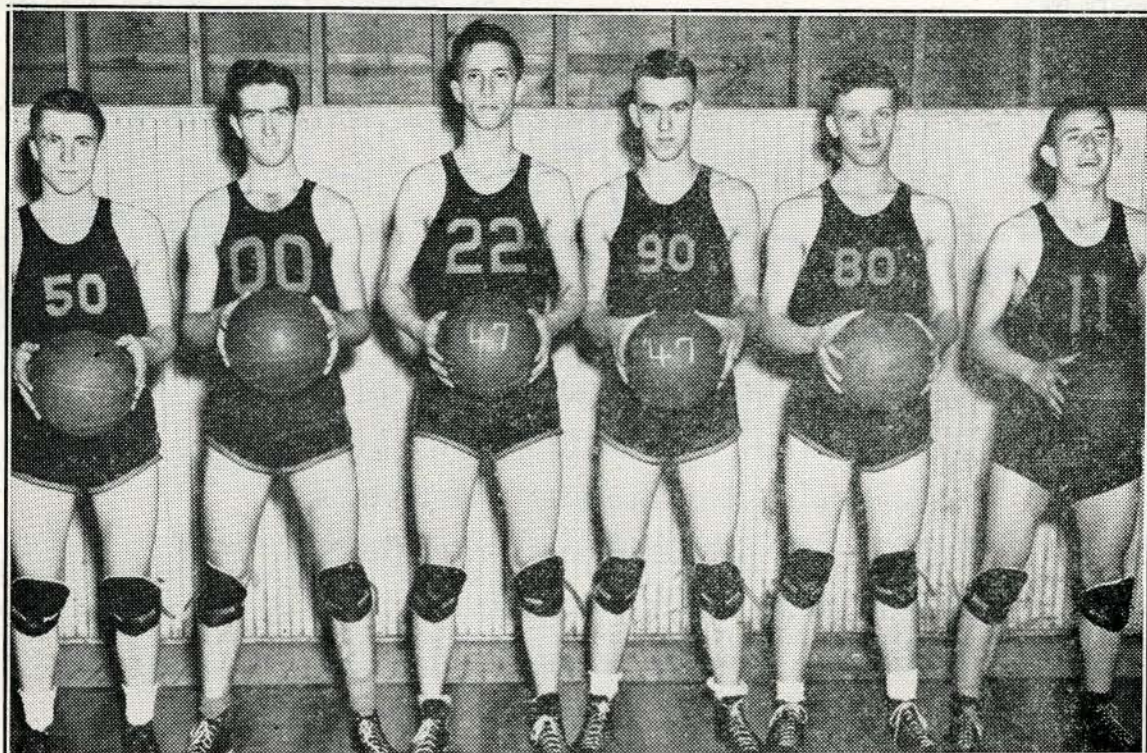
**BARRET MANUAL TRAINING HIGH SCHOOL, HENDERSON, KY.**

Left to right—front row—Hust, Denton, Shelton, Gibson, McClure, Jamerson, Brack, O’Nan.  
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 Top row—Crawley, Stewart, Epling, Sugg, Walker, Feix.



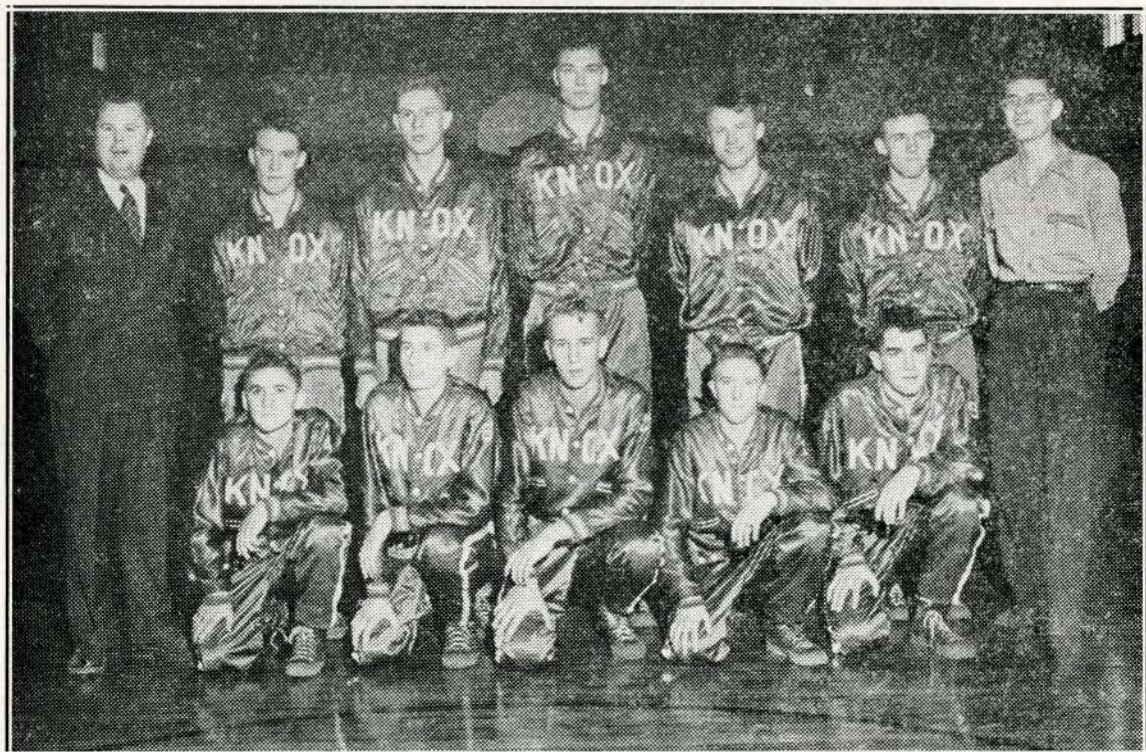
**HAZEL GREEN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM**

Left to right—Coach Virgil McWhorter, Ray Adams, Frank Dalton, G. C. Farris, Jr., Tom Evans, Jr., Warden Dixon, Paul Stewart, Denzil Chandler, Calvin Dalton, Clark Hensley, Vernus Anders and Harold Evans, Manager.



**MAGNOLIA BASKETBALL SQUAD**

Left to right—Charles Reed, William Lemons, J. D. Avery, Stewart Pepper, Coleman Miller, and Charles Ward.



**FORT KNOX BASKETBALL SQUAD**

Left to right—front row—Billy Epperson, Barry Herendeen, Bill Claggett, Jimmy King, Stanley Jones. Back row—Hershel Roberts, Coach; George Wilson, Phil Gartland, Doug Hill, Leon Kingsolver, Co-Capt.; Jay Wilson, Co-Capt.; Bill Brotherton, Manager.

# *WHAS Broadcast Schedule for K. H. S. A. A. State Tournament*

Thursday—March 20th

- 10:00 A. M.—First Round—play-by-play
- 3:00 P. M.—First Round—play-by-play
- 4:30 P. M.—Resume and Interviews
- 5:30 P. M.—Resume and Interviews
- 10:15 P. M.—Resume and Interviews
- 11:00 P. M.—First Round—play-by-play

Friday—March 21st

- 3:00 P. M.—Resume and Interviews
- 4:30 P. M.—Resume and Interviews
- 5:30 P. M.—Resume and Interviews
- 10:15 P. M.—Play-by-play—Second Round

Saturday—March 22nd

- 1:45 P. M.—Play-by-play—Semi-finals
- 9:30 P. M.—Play-by-play—Finals

This is the most complete schedule of broadcasts that it has ever been possible for us to make, and I think it will do much to keep the high school fans of Kentucky in touch with the action at the 1947 Tournament.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely,

GEORGE WALSH,  
Sports Director



## Tournament Time In These United States

March is tournament month in these United States. Over a period of a few weeks 4000 tournaments involving 20,000 players and 3 million students will be played. In each state, a sectional or a state champion will emerge as final winner. More than 15 million admissions indicate a new high in spectator interest.

These contests have increased school and community rivalries and quickened loyalties of students and patrons. For the most part, both the rivalry and the rekindled loyalty have been wholesome and desirable. The few cases where there have been acts subject to criticism or where there have been excesses which cannot be justified as being in accordance with good educational procedure, only tend to emphasize the small number.

Basketball is a provoker of stirring emotions. Its action is rapid. Its tense moments are many. A short life-time of elations and depressions are experienced in a long hour. Life will be sweeter—and longer if the following truisms are remembered in the excitement of a tense game and especially in the strain of tournament play.

### TOURNAMENT TENETS

BASKETBALL IS A GAME—NOT A BATTLE, OR A FIGHT.

BASKETBALL IS PLAYED FOR THE FUN AND ENJOYMENT IT PRODUCES—NOT TO PROVOKE BITTERNESS AND SORROW.

AN ATHLETIC CONTEST IS ONLY A GAME AND NOT A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH.

AN ATHLETIC CONTEST IS ONLY A GAME FROM WHICH THERE MUST EMERGE A VICTOR AND A LOSER.

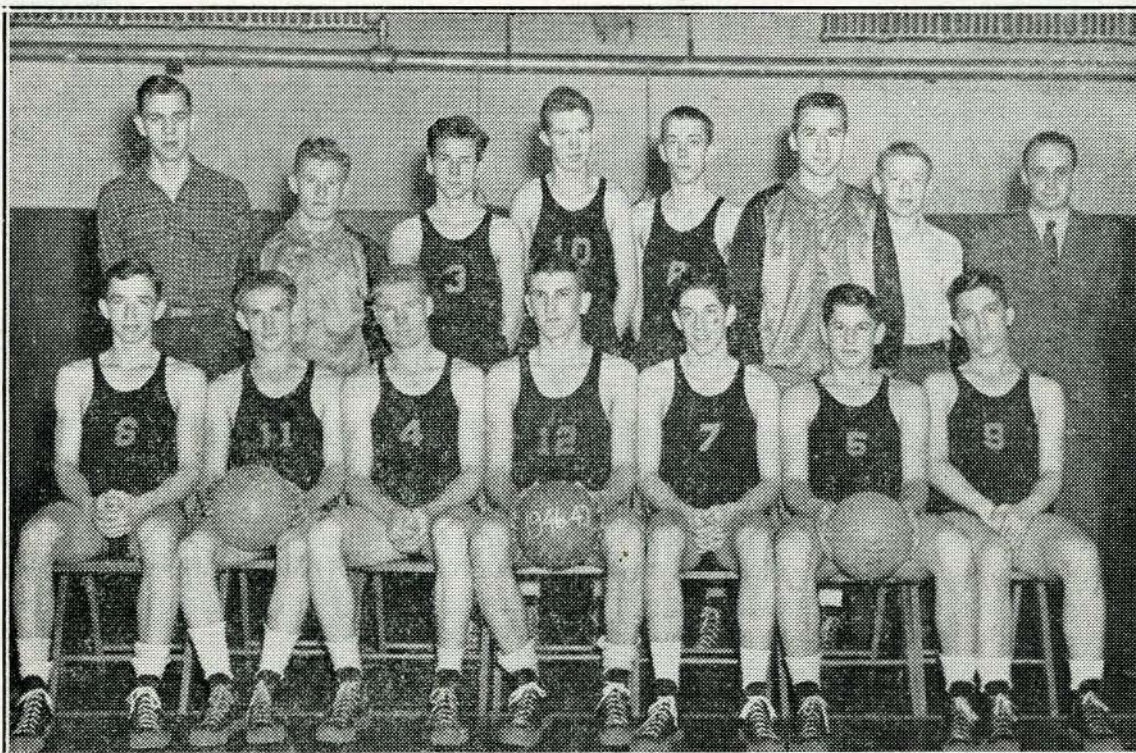
ONLY A FEW POINTS, IN GENERAL, SEPARATE THE VICTOR FROM THE LOSER.

THE VICTORS DESERVE CONGRATULATIONS; THE LOSERS, RESPECT.

VICTORY SHOULD DEVELOP A SPIRIT OF TEMPERED ELATION MIXED WITH TOLERANCE.

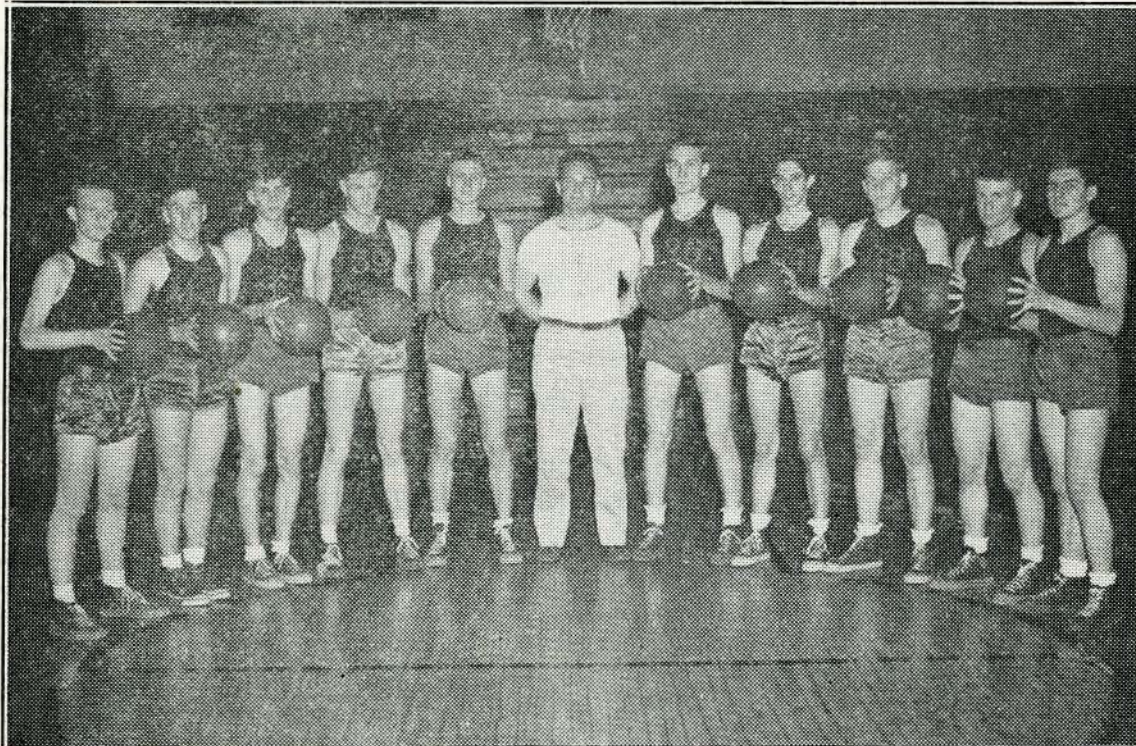
SECRETARY H. R. PETERSON  
IN MINNESOTA BULLETIN





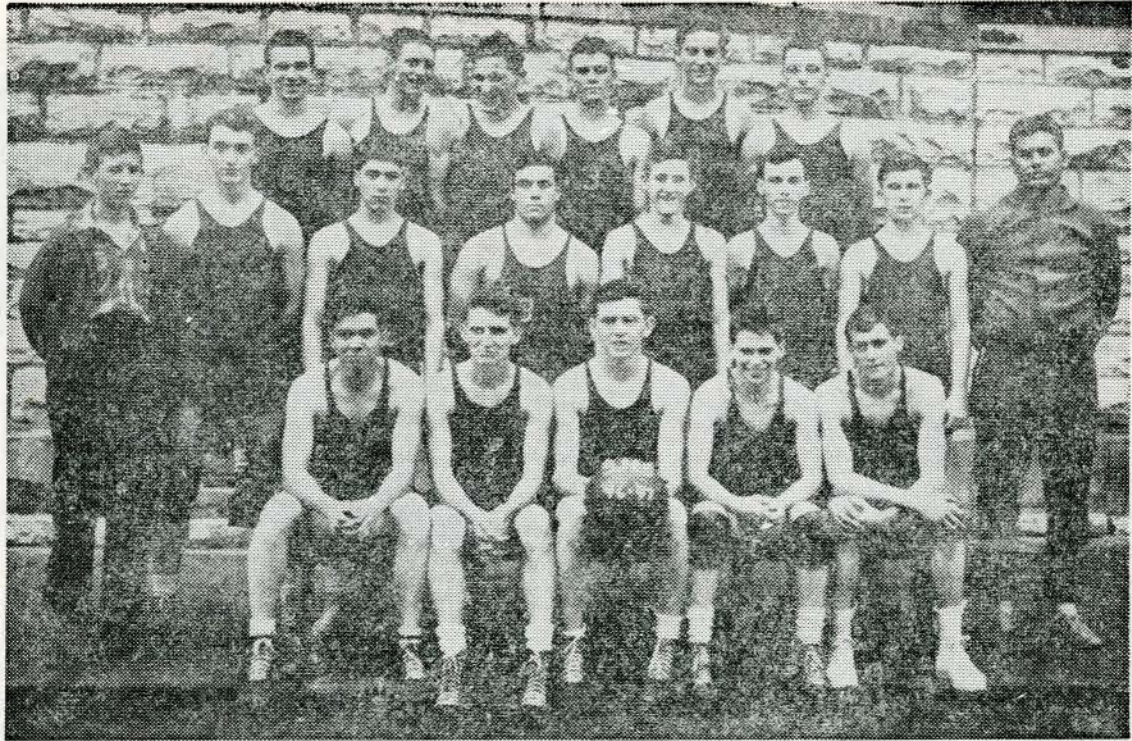
**BEAVER DAM BASKETBALL SQUAD**

Left to right—front row—Barnes, Powers, Gaither, Duvall, Davis, Givens, Hines. Back row—Taylor, Manager; Leach, Crow, Kelly, Iler, W. Crow, Manager Danks, Coach Martin.



**COLLEGE HIGH, BOWLING GREEN, KY.**

Left to right—B. B. Kerr, Horace Miles, Ward Coleman, Ken Fleenor, Eddie Diddle, Coach Downing, Tom Redford, Voss Jackson, Rhea Lazarus, Tessie Harris, Tom Perkins.



**SOMERSET BASKETBALL SQUAD**

Left to right—front row—Coomer, Jack Sheehan, Capt. Gene Sheehan, Hines, and Claunch. Second row—Prather, Manager; Stamps, Gaskin, Williams, Dove, Freeland, Padgett, Coach Wm. Marshall Clark. Top row—J. Hudson, H. Hudson, Gross, Adams, Stucker, Van Hook. Photo courtesy The Courier-Journal.



**BENHAM BASKETBALL SQUAD**

Left to right—front row—Eggers, Grogan, McCurry, Robinson, Clark and Cummins. Back row—Coach Davis, Burns, Trent, Cornett, Fawbush, Cope and Guinn.



FLAGET HIGH SCHOOL, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Left to right—Thomas Bohannon, Robert Peak, John Gleason, Jack Peak, David Bell, Larry Driscoll, Gene Kern, Edward McFarland, Joe McGrath, Gene Deddens, Joe Burke.

## If The School Should Fall

TWO CENTURIES AGO a violin maker named Stradivarius hand carved musical masterpieces which are still the finest in the world. He worked in the belief that:

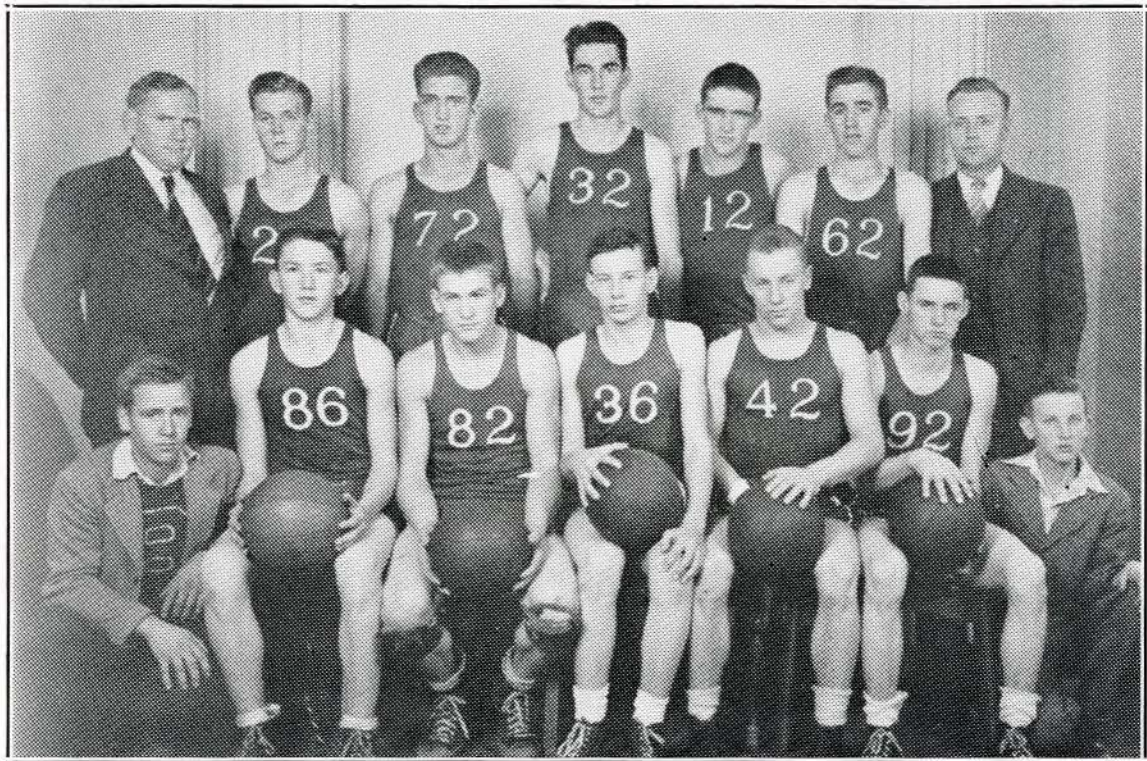
“While God gives musicians skill,  
I give them instruments to play upon,—  
God choosing me to help him.  
If my hand slacked,  
I should rob God, for he could not make  
Antonio Stradivari violins  
Without Antonio.”

TODAY there is concern about the attitude toward work and civic responsibility, the effect of much leisure and lack of serious purpose, and the decline of respect for law. Few have taken time to consider how the graph line of youthful subversive activity would rocket if the schools were to suddenly discontinue their athletic programs which now give wholesome outlets for the vital urge for action and group loyalties. You who direct these activities as coach, athletic director or administrator are a craftsman who works with living ingredients.

If your hands slack,  
Civilization will be the loser.  
While God gives youth energy,—  
The channels into which it flows  
Are determined by you.

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## Brewers Basketball Squad



Left to right—front row—Donnie Mathis, Manager; Mason Cope, Van Mathis, Gilbert Darnall, Barney Thweatt, Coy Creason and Junior Mathis, Manager.

Back row—McCoy Tarry, Coach; Kenneth Arnett, Jim Owens, Rudy Wright, Thomas Mathis, Jim McGregor and Alton Ross, Principal.

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