

layed answering your letter intending to find these figures, but I cannot find them. However, I would not dispute it authoritatively, because it might be so.

(3) Mr. Fessler of the high school tournaments in Indiana, originated the system in which the state winners meet at the Butler fieldhouse in Indianapolis to play off their state tournament. I have been present at some of their final games at which 16,000 people attended. I am not sure that we could give Mr. Fessler credit for originating the tournament idea. That would also take some research. Even Kansas started their tournaments in 1908. So again, question 3 is debatable.

Now, as for claims by the opposition: (1) "Outcome of National AAU tournaments should be reasonably accepted as a criterion of what section of the country sponsors the best brand of basketball . . . And in this respect, Kansas and Missouri, as well as Oklahoma have consistently won more titles than other states." As to this question, I would say that naturally the tournaments having been held in Kansas City, Missouri, and Denver, Colorado, - Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma have won more AAU Tournaments than any other states, but these teams are not strictly representative of any one state. For instance, the Phillips 66 Oilers, who won the National AAU title at Denver, have Fred Pralle of Kansas, John Freiburger of Arkansas, Martin Nash of Missouri, Bill Martin of Oklahoma, Lindemann of Washington State, and the team is coached by Bud Browning, formerly of the University of Oklahoma.

A previous championship team of 1941 - 1943 had Howard Engleman of Kansas, Joe Fortenberry of North Texas State Teachers, Clarence Anderson of Stanford, Hank Luisetti of Stanford, Bill Martin of Oklahoma, Chuck Hyatt of Pittsburgh University, Jim Wilcoxon of Colorado, John Adams of Arkansas, Nash of Missouri, and Pralle of Kansas.

So you see these industrial teams pick these boys up wherever an outstanding star blossoms. I do not believe it fair to say that these boys who happen to be playing on a team in Oklahoma are naturally all Oklahoma boys. That applies also to Kansas and Missouri. I believe you get my point.

(2) "There are no high school teams better known for good basketball over a period of time, than Newton, Kansas." I would say that that would apply to Kansas very satisfactorily, but each state has its centers of well-known basketball teams. Years ago Winfield, Kansas, occupied the spot that Newton now occupies. However, the last two years Shawnee-Mission High School, a small rural high school out of Kansas City, has won the state championship twice in succession. And Newton and other large teams, as well as Kansas City, Kansas, were in the tournament.