

Wellington Romps On Newton Here

36 To 25 Clinch Championship

Record Crowd Witnesses Victory Of Coach Cade Suran's
High School Basketball Team

Friday Night

Coach Cade Suran's Wellington High basketball team held the 1945 crown of the Ark Valley conference today, clinching the championship here Friday night by turning in another fine performance in defeating a strong Newton High quintet by a score of 36 to 25. A record crowd jammed the Crusader's gym in the high school, every available seat being sold an hour after the doors opened.

The victory definitely established the Crusaders as one of the finest high school clubs of the state. It was the twelfth triumph for the Suranmen in thirteen conference starts.

Wellington displayed championship form in their exhibition against the Rainers, and after a somewhat slow start hit their stride in the third period and held a safe lead that was never threatened. The Crusaders played a strong man-to-man defense and with their quick breaking offensive, held the visitors to few open shots.

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H. Rogers led the Crusaders in individual scoring and retained his Valley lead by scoring 15 points. The young sophomore star converted four out of five chances at free throws. Jerry Waugh, captain of the champions, played his usual fine style of basketball and contributed 7 points to his club. Archie Wallace came through with 7 points, "Rich" Mansfield made 5 and Gail Lupton 2. Mansfield went out of the game on five personals late in the final quarter. Virgil Kemp was called upon to substitute for Mansfield and did a nice job.

Coach Frank Lindley, who has seen his players lose very few times to a Wellington team, was unable to get a working combination to check the Wellington stars. The Rainer's star, Jim Holzer, did not start the game and when he was inserted in the line-up, was unable to fill the position and was taken out. Holzer went scoreless. Woolery with 8 points led the Rainers and he was followed by Guinn with 7