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Dr. F. C. Allen  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Last week a regional basketball tournament was held here. I was greatly impressed with the playing of two brothers, Roy and Guy Mitchell, from Hutchinson.

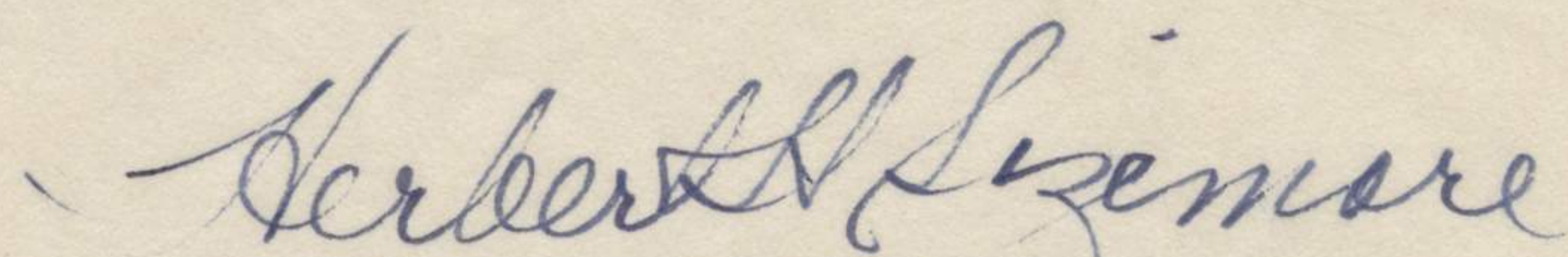
For versatility in high school boys, their play is seldom equalled. Either of them could "ring the basket" with deadly accuracy--their free throws seldom missed, and finding a couple of finer looking bucks, physically, would involve a long search. Both boys are big, easily six-footers, and well muscled, never-the-less both are wiry as snakes and have the speed of a couple of greyhounds.

I talked for a few minutes with them in the shower room and they informed me that one was a junior and the other a sophomore. Consequently they still have plenty of time for expansion. While I know nothing of their intentions regarding further schooling, or of their capacity for such, I intend to keep an eye on them this next year and, in due season, discuss with them the possibility of their attending the University.

My purpose in writing now is to "introduce" the boys so that you too may observe their progress, and in the event that employment is a requisite to their attendance, you would be better able to evaluate the merits of their case. And I, thru you, would be more adequately prepared to give them a picture of the program they could expect.

Congratulations upon the success of your basketball season, and I thank you for the complimentary letter you sent me last spring after graduation; I still prize it highly.

Sincerely yours,

  
Herbert H. Sizemore

# EL DORADO AND INMAN CHAMPIONS

## Overtime Session Needed In ElDorado-Hutch Thrilling

Brilliant, last quarter rallies and an overtime period featured the regional tournament finals at Lindley Hall Saturday night as El Dorado and Inman high schools became tourney champions and won free transportation to the state class A and B meets this week.

El Dorado, Ark Valley runner-up and twice victor over Hutchinson during the regular season, trailed most of the way and then went ahead in the last quarter, but had to down the Hawks in an overtime session, 32 to 30, after the Cairns-men tied the score in the last few seconds.

Inman, likewise, hit the comeback trail in the last quarter after Peabody had set the pace until that time, and registered 12 points in the last eight minutes to sew up a 26 to 25 victory. Inman, in claiming the crown won here last year by Midian high, is this section's official representative at the class B tourney at Hutchinson and El Dorado goes to Topeka.

The absence, for the first time in several years, of a Newton team from the regional finals didn't cut down the crowd. Lindley Hall was comfortably filled, altho the attendance dropped slightly from the record turnout for Friday's semi-final contests when the Railroaders were eliminated by Hutchinson.

### Hawks Rely on Free Throws

A remarkable free throwing percentage kept Hutchinson in the ball game, and two charity flips in the last ten seconds by Roy Mitchell tied the score and made necessary the overtime session. Then, a one-handed shot by Kent, El Dorado forward, provided the margin of victory before a minute had elapsed.

Hutchinson, converting 14 out of 19 gift shots, led by an 8 to 7 score at the first quarter, 15 to 12 at the half, and 20 to 19 at the beginning of the last period.

R. Mitchell, who rang up 25 points against Newton, couldn't dent the El Dorado defense so successfully and tallied only eight points against the Wildcats' bounding ball hawks. Team scoring honors fell to his younger brother, Guy, who counted an even dozen, while McSpadden, El Dorado center, was high for both teams with 13.

The score was tied three times and El Dorado had been in the lead only once up until McSpadden's basket and free throw at the beginning of the last quarter, which sent the Wildcats ahead, 22 to 20. Hutchinson tied the score three times after that but never regained the lead. R. Mitchell drove in for a set-up with 20 seconds to play and was fouled by Miller and converted both times to set the stage for the rief, overtime stanza.

The floor work and passing of Love sparked Hutchinson's attack, while Kent and Covert starred with McSpadden for El Dorado.

Peabody (25)	Fg	Ft	Pf
Baker f -----	6	5	3
Waterman f -----	2	1	3
Sanchez f -----	0	0	0
Ediger c -----	0	0	1
Janzen c -----	0	0	3
Cornelson g -----	1	1	2
Stovall g -----	0	0	2
Gaines g -----	0	0	0
Totals -----	9	7	14

Officials. Hennigh and Urhlaub.  
Halftime score: Peabody 16, Inman 10.  
Missed free throws: Peabody 4, Inman 7.

The four finalists in Newton's regional basketball tournament received major consideration in the selection of the Kansan's all-tournament teams. The champion El Dorado Wildcats landed three players on the Class A and Hutchinson two.

Inman and Peabody were each awarded two places on the Class B quintet, and the fifth position went to Buhler. Jay Payton of Newton was named as a guard on the class A second team.

The all-star nominees follow:

### Class A—First Team

Forwards—Kent, El Dorado, and R. Mitchell, Hutchinson; center—McSpadden, El Dorado (Capt.); guards—Love, Hutchinson, and Covert, El Dorado.

### Second Team

Forwards—Geymann, El Dorado, and G. Mitchell, Hutchinosn; center—Nordstrom, Lyons, and Grimm and Bellatti, Newton; center—McClour, Newton; guards—Stevens, Hutchinson; de la Torre, Lyons, and Nebergall, Newton.

### Baker a Star

Inman's last quarter drive swept Hoyt Baker, sophomore star, and his Peabody mates off their feet in a thrilling preliminary to the class A final. But even in defeat, Baker emerged as the outstanding player of the tournament.

His keen generalship and scoring power kept Peabody ahead of the orange clad boys for three periods, but Inman's reserve power was too much to overcome. Baker's 17 points in the final contest gave him a grand total of 59 for the tournament.

Encountering a three-point deficit at the half, Inman found itself trailing by an even larger margin at the half, 16 to 10, and the difference was 20 to 14 when the last quarter opened.

Within five minutes the score was deadlocked, 23 to 23, and Inman when ahead and retained the lead for the final three minutes. But Baker was pitching to the very last and sank Peabody's final bucket as the gun went off. Doerksen, center, with two baskets and six free throws led the winners with 10 points.

Inman, coached by John Krehbiel, former Bethel college athlete, defeated Walton and Peabody to reach the finals, while El Dorado eliminated Lyons, its only opponent before the championship game.

At the conclusion of the tournament, Carl Becker, president of the Newton board of education, presented trophies to the captains of the winning and runner-up teams.

#### Box Scores:

#### Class A

	Fg	Ft	Pf
Hutchinson (30)			
K. Love f	1	2	1
G. Mitchell f	4	4	3
R. Mitchell c	2	4	3
Stevens g	0	3	4
Glenn g	0	0	1
Harrison g	1	1	1

Totals 8 14 13

	Fg	Ft	Pf
El Dorado (32)			
Kent f	3	1	2
Geymann f	2	2	2
H. Beal f	0	2	0
McSpadden c	6	1	3
Covert g	2	0	1
King g	0	0	4
Miller g	0	0	2

Totals 13 6 14

Officials: Astle and Urhlaub.

Halftime score: Hutchinson 15, El Dorado 12.

Missed free throws: Hutchinson 5, El Dorado 9.

#### Class B

	Fg	Ft	Pf
Inman (26)			
Friesen f	1	0	1
Voth f	3	1	2
Hoefler f	1	2	0
Martens f	0	1	0
Doerksen c	2	6	3
Buller g	0	1	3
Pauls g	0	1	0
Krueger g	0	0	1

Totals 7 12 10

### Class B—First Team

Edwards — Baker, Peabody, (Capt.), and Martens, Inman; center—Koehn, Buhler; guards—Cornelson, Peabody, and Buller, Inman.

### Second Team

Forwards—R. Siemens, Buhler, and Doerksen, Inman, center—Hague, Walton; guards—Foster, Roosevelt, and Pauls, Inman.

### Honorable Mention

Forwards—Friesen, Inman, McMurray, Galva, Dunfield, Roosevelt, Tieszen, Walton; center—Grant, Galva; guards—Singular, Roosevelt, and Stovall, Peabody.

Some of the basketball fans in nearby towns, especially those having teams in the regional tournament, have complained because they considered the price of single admission to the games was too high. There was a disposition to place the responsibility for the financial part of the tournament upon the host city.

When this complaint was heard, an investigation was made. It was learned that the host city has nothing to do with the price of admission, nor the disposition of the money taken in. That is all under the direction of the officers of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. The tournament rules, the entries, admission charges and all details belong to the association, and the host city or school merely acts as agent.

All teams have their expenses fully paid when they attend a tournament. The host team gets expense money the same as the others—as much as the team coming the longest distance. That takes care of local expenses. After other expense, such as that for referees has been paid, and the state association has received a small percentage to cover overhead expense of conducting the association affairs, if there is any revenue left, the teams entered are entitled to share with the state association in the division of what might be termed "profit" on the tournament.

Perhaps the price of admission is too high. But many tournaments do not pay out. Experience here has been that Lindley Hall is usually just about packed for the final games, anyway.

Nevertheless and regardless of other considerations, the fact remains that the state association officials fix the admission rates and direct all matters pertaining to tournament finances.

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## Hoyt Baker Of Peabody Ace Scorer

Hoyt Baker, Peabody's sophomore offensive ace, amassed 59 points in the regional basketball tournament to lead the individual scoring. Baker starred in each of the three games he appeared and counted 17 points in Saturday's final against Inman. Roy Mitchell of Hutchinson was runner-up to Baker with 38 points.

The leading scorers were:

Player	Team	G	Pts
Baker, f	Peabody	3	59
R. Mitchell, c	Hutchinson	3	38
Koehn, c	Buhler	2	32
G. Mitchell, f	Hutchinson	3	30
Nordstrom, c	Lyons	2	28
Foster, g	Roosevelt	2	27
Hague, c	Walton	2	27
R. Siemens, f	Buhler	2	21
Suttle, f	Lyons	2	20
Kent, f	El Dorado	2	20
McMurray, f	Galva	2	20
McSpadden, c	El Dorado	2	19