

# 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.