

# Beat Pretty Prairie 44-30 in Final Game

## Marks Third Victory Over Mid-Kansas League Rival

The Halstead Dragons retained the state championship in class B by defeating the Pretty Prairie Bulldogs 44-30 in the finals at Emporia Saturday night before a record crowd of 4,600 spectators.

The two Mid-Kansas league rivals reached the championship round by turning in lopsided scores in Friday night's opening round—Pretty Prairie downing De Soto 61-39 and Halstead winning over Courtland 61-34.

Anthony won the championship in class A Saturday night by trouncing Turner 44-28 and Salina edged out Topeka 45-43 in a thrilling finish for the title in class AA.

### Halstead-Courtland

The Courtland Tigers put up a stiff battle at the start of the game and led twice during the first quarter, 5-4 and 8-6. However, by the end of the period the Dragons were out in front 13-10 and continued to widen their margin as the game went on, leading 26-16 at the half and 46-21 at the three-quarters' mark.

England paced the Dragons with 12 field goals and three free throws for 27 points. Smiley and Stahlheber each collected 8 points, Benbrook 6, and Vierthaler, Bob Wiederstein, and Koehn each 4. Pounds led the scoring for Courtland with 10 points while Stokes and Blackburn each caged 8.

### Halstead-Pretty Prairie

McCaslin's tip-in gave Pretty Prairie a 2-point lead to start the game but Benbrook matched it to knot the count. Halstead went ahead 5-2 on a free throw by England and a basket by Stahlheber but two jump shots by Hess and a basket by Jones put the Bulldogs out in front 8-6. Just before the quarter closed Stahlheber hit for his second bucket to tie the count at 8-all at the intermission.

Pretty Prairie led during the entire second period except for a short time when the Dragons were out in front 13-12. The widest mar-

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