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Bob Kurland, Jennings Basketeer, Stands Out and Up on Hardwood

**6-Foot 11½-Inch Star
Scored 177 Points;
Meet Opens Tomorrow**

Bob Kurland, lanky Jennings basketball center, in addition to leading the district high individual scoring race, might also claim another honor—one that could easily go unchallenged by a prep anywhere in the United States—that of being the tallest cager of the season.

Bob, cocaptain and senior on Coach Walter L. Rulon's quintet, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kurland of 8837 Blewett avenue, stands 6 feet 11½ inches high in his stocking feet. If there are any other high school players who can beat this, neither the coach nor Kurland has heard of them.

The nearest approach here to Kurland's height are Paul Scoville of Ferguson, who is 6 feet, 7 inches and "Red" Morrow of Roosevelt, who stands 6 feet, 6 inches.

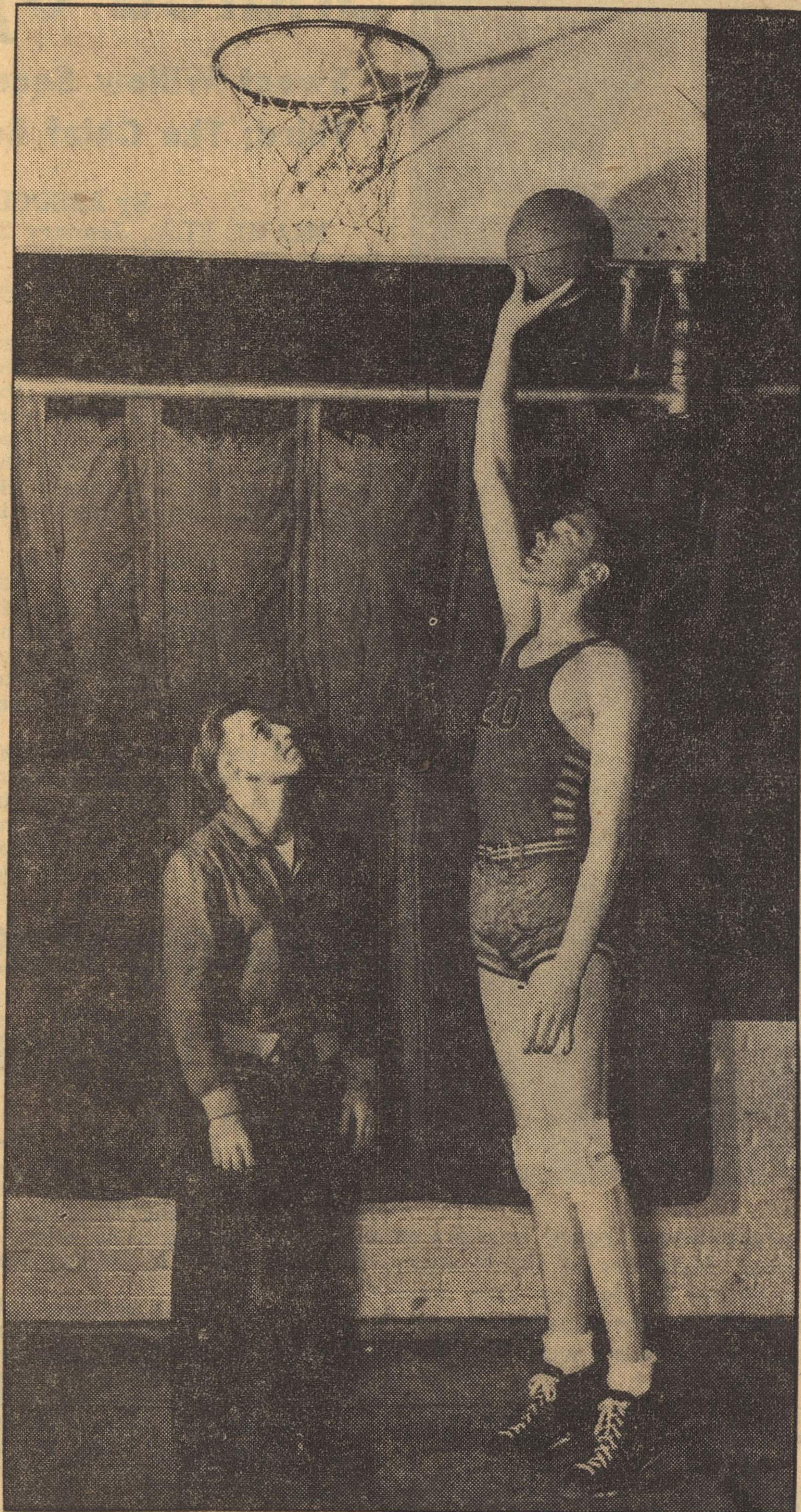
Kurland is 17 years old and weighs 210. He will graduate in June, but has not as yet decided what university he will attend.

The tall center is pacing the County League, having accumulated 130 points in six games for an average of 21.7 points per game. This includes only league contests as compiled by the Globe-Democrat. His sharpshooting has been consistent throughout the season as he has jammed in 177 points in eight games for an all-season average of 19.9 points per game.

The high mark of the season was registered against Hancock Friday night, in a league engagement in which he poured in 33 points. His lowest mark was against Mehlville on December 12, also in a league contest, in which he accounted for 11 points.

Bob has sparked his team in the hot race in the County League and is mainly responsible for its five consecutive victories. Jennings lost its first game last week, a non-league affair with Ferguson, but the lanky ace scored 15 points as his team was defeated, 32 to 28.

Kurland will be seen in action in the league's annual tournament which will start tomorrow night and wind up Friday night at Ferguson Senior High School. Jennings is defending champion, having dethroned Eureka, twice holder of the title, last year.



Bob Kurland and his coach, Robert L. Rulon.

Three first-round games are on tomorrow night's schedule, in which Valley Park will oppose Affton in the opener at 7 o'clock. Eureka will engage Riverview Gardens at 8 and Hancock will mix with Brentwood at 9. Jennings, Fairview, Bayless,

Ferguson and Mehlville drew first-round byes and will not see action until Tuesday night in quarterfinal round tilts. The semifinals will be staged Wednesday night and the final Friday night with the gymnasium being dark Thursday night.