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Ray Evans, Wyandotte

Probably the finest burly basketball player I have ever seen in high school is Wyandotte's star, Ray Evans. Although he is built like a professional wrestler, Evans handles the ball with the skill of an artist. He is one of the greatest high school "feeders" I have ever seen. His ability to get the ball in to a closely guarded post man is a revelation. The first tournament game with Colby saw Evans at his best in this respect. Trailing by eight points at one point in the third quarter, Wyandotte rallied to win by five or six points. Standing out in this rally was the sensational passing of Evans. He fed his men inside for one bucket after another. In addition he is a crack scorer in his own right. During the season he led Wyandotte in scoring. He is a crack long shot and a dandy on drive-ins. When Wyandotte beat Hutchinson so badly in the semi-finals, Evans shot three times from past the free throw line and hit every one of them. In the final game he tied the score in the last minute of play with as hard a one-hand chance as I have seen in some time. He goes good when the chips are down. His rebounding both on defense and offense is good. He gets up on the back-board nicely.

Evans also stands out for his ability to spark a team. When he was in the game Wyandotte played considerably better than when he was out. Even more so than his physical presence alone would account for. He is a dynamic figure in action, dribbling like a demon, breaking up plays and urging his teammates on. This boy is my kind of a ball player. He never stops battling. Apparently he is not the best defensive man on the squad, inasmuch as he did not guard the opposing team's aces, but on the other hand Coach Elbl may have wanted him out on the front line in order to be able to break fast.

Ray is 6 feet $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 6 feet 2 tall and weighs around 187 pounds. He is a Catholic and Notre Dame and St. Benedicts are interested in him as well as all of the schools around here.

His first year in high school, Evans was a star on the second team. As a junior he won a first string berth on the Wyandotte team and was a real star the last two seasons.