



INMAN REPEATS AS VALLEY CHAMPION

1,000 Customers Watch Osmond Bow, 23-17; Orchard 3d

The Inman Tigers breezed merrily through the 1948 edition of the Elkhorn Valley conference basketball tournament here last weekend, reclaiming the title won a year ago.

By brushing aside Clearwater, Ewing and Osmond, the Tigers from Inman-land won the seven-school meet with relative ease, dumping Osmond 23-17 in the final.

In first round play, the seeded teams were decisive winners except for Osmond's 25-20 win from Page, which was hard-fought. Orchard blasted Brunswick 37-19 and Inman sank Clearwater, 35-24. Only a fair-sized crowd was on hand for the opening round, the public saving their halves and quarters for the semifinals and finals.

The only upset in the tourney came last Thursday evening when the Osmond Tigers ousted the previously unbeaten Orchard Orioles 19-17 after coming from behind. Forward Richard Schmitz set the pace in Osmond's surge, which developed after the Orioles went into the second-half chill. Orchard counted only one fielder and one free throw during the two final stanzas. The Orioles led 14-10 at the intermission.

In the other semi final show, Inman disposed of Ewing, 25-13, as Coach Ralph Gray used his reserves liberally.

Nearly 1,000 customers watched the favored Inman Tigers fashion their win over Osmond in Friday night's finale. The Holt quint held the upperhand throughout. Inman led 13-9 at halftime, and Osmond moved within three points of the Inman team at one stage of the third period.

During the last stanza, the winners were short on accuracy but long on the shooting and they gathered enough points to build a comfortable lead.

Orchard measured the Ewing Tigers 33-23 to take third place honors.

The all-tournament squad, selected by coaches and officials, has been announced as follows: Forwards — Richard Schmitz; Osmond; Bill Mason, Brunswick; Jack Prater, Clearwater; Delmont Heck, Inman.

Centers — Max Mossman, Inman; Jack Rohberg, Osmond. Guards — Lyle Schluener, Orchard; Richard Buxton, Page; Dave Weyrich, Ewing; Polly Hartigan, Inman.

The boxscore of the championship game:

INMAN (23)	fg	ft	pf	pts.
Heck, f	3	2	2	8
Moore, f	0	0	0	0
L. Sholes, f	2	0	0	4
Morsbach, f	0	0	0	0
Mossman, c	0	1	4	1
Hopkins, c	0	0	0	0
G. Sholes, g	3	0	2	6
Luben, g	0	0	0	0
Hartigan, g	2	0	1	4
Clark, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	3	9	23

OSMOND (17)	fg	ft	pf	pts.
R. Schmitz, f	3	1	1	7
Kratovich, f	0	0	0	0
Ralph Schmitz, f	1	0	0	2
Bowling, f	0	0	0	0
Rohberg, c	2	2	5	6
Wortman, c	0	0	1	0
Weber, g	1	0	1	2
Anson, g	0	0	0	0
Waddell, g	0	0	1	0
Dawson, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	3	9	17

Officials: Leo Tomjack, Ewing; Kelly Saindon, O'Neill.

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The Ainsworth Arrows and O'Neill Eagles provided the customers here Tuesday night with a basketball game with a super-storybook finish. Ainsworth won, 23-22.

The victors started strong and baffled the Blues with a fast-breaking offensive that made points. Coach Kelly Saindon's O'Neill crowd got help in the second stanza and during the second-half laid down a near-perfect defensive screen, holding the Arrows to seven points after intermission.

In the last three minutes the Eagles crowded ahead of Ainsworth sparked by the all-around play of Big Bob Matthews, the Eagles' center. With O'Neill leading 21-20, Ainsworth's center, Raitt, sneaked in a fielder. An exchange of free throws ended the game.

The Bob's all-around play was outstanding, while Ainsworth's Guard Leonard looped in 12 points for high scoring honors. Ainsworth is undefeated this season and is ranked among the top 10 best teams in the state.

The boxscore:

O'NEILL (22)	fg	ft	pf	pts.
Van Every, f	2	1	4	5
Godel, f	0	0	1	0
Erwin, c	1	0	2	2

H. Elkins, g	0	0	0	0
Matthews, c	4	3	1	11
Orsborn, g	0	0	4	0
G. Elkins, g	1	2	3	4
Totals	8	6	15	22

AINSWORTH (23) fg ft pf pts

Arthurs, f	0	2	1	2
Scott, f	0	0	1	0
Richardson, f	1	0	5	2
Raitt, c	2	1	4	5
Honschouer, c	0	0	0	0
Crook, g	1	0	0	2
Leonard, g	5	2	0	12
Totals	9	5	11	23

Inman Bops Cards 36-12 in Prelim
The potent Inman Tigers poured on a 36-12 win over the St. Mary's Cardinals here Tuesday night in the first-half of a double-header. The Ainsworth-O'Neill mix was the night cap. Lean, long and lanky Max Mossman was a trouble-maker for the Cards, accounting for more points individually than the Scarlet could manage collectively. Forward Tom Hartly was best for St. Mary's with 5.

The boxscore:

INMAN (36)	fg	ft	pf	pts.
L. Sholes, f	2	1	2	5
Mossman, c	3	2	2	8
G. Sholes, g	3	2	2	8
Hartly, g	1	1	0	3
Clark, g	1	1	0	3
Totals	10	7	6	27

ST. MARY'S (12) fg ft pf pts

Hickey, f	0	1	2	3
Harty, f	2	1	2	5
O'Neill, c	1	1	4	3
Donohoe, g	0	1	4	1
Miles, g	0	2	3	2
Totals	3	6	15	12

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