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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This paper is concerned with the highlights and etatistical history of the Effingham High School basket-ball team located at Effingham, Illinois. This study begins with the 1912-1913 season and continues through the end of the 1964-1965 season.

The sources of data for this study were the official high school scorebooks; the school yearbook named the Signet; the Effingham daily newspaper, Effingham Daily Record, whose title was changed to the Effingham Daily News in 1946; Effingham's weekly newspapers, Effingham Democrat, and the County Review; the Paris, Illinois, daily newspaper, Paris Beacon-News; the Decatur, Illinois, daily newspaper, Decatur Herald; Eastern Illinois League Conference Records; and from interviews and telephone conversations with former players, coaches, and fans.

The writer was handicapped by the lack of newspaper coverage in the early years. In some instances the date of the game was not mentioned; in other instances no mention was made of where the game was played; and in still other instances no score was given other than to state if the game was won or lost.

This study is divided into chapters according to the coaches' tenure at Effingham High School with exception of Chapter II. This chapter is concerned with the beginning years of basketball at Effingham High School, 1912-1922, when there was no professional coach. Chapter III is the era of Harry Jacobs, 1923-1925; Chapter IV is the era of Albert Schneipp, 1926-1929; Chapter V is the era of P. W. Stone, 1930; Chapter VI is the era of Richard Radke, 1931; Chapter VII is the era of Paul Godwin, 1932-1934; Chapter VIII is the era of Ted Harpstreit, 1935-1936; Chapter IX is the era of Ralph Douthit, 1936-1939; Chapter X is the era of Cevert Lucas, 1940-1946; Chapter XI is the era of John Sheahan, 1947-1949; Chapter XII is the era of Don Martin, 1950-1953; Chapter XIII is the era of Floyd Hansen, 1954-1956; Chapter XIV is the era of Rod Richardson, 1957-1959; Chapter XV is the era of Jim Moore, 1960-1961; and Chapter XVI is the era of Don Deterding, 1962-1965.

The appendix is divided into four areas. Appendix A is the yearly record of the Effingham High School varsity basketball team; Appendix B is the total points scored each season by Effingham and opponents and the average number of points scored; Appendix C is the yearly record of each coach and his total winning percentage; and Appendix D is the total won and lost against Effingham's opponents for the years 1912-1965.

CHAPTER II

THE BEGINNING YEARS OF BASKETBALL

1912-1913

This was the first year that basketball was played at Effingham High School. The 1913 yearbook, Signet, had this to say about its beginning:

"The one branch of athletics which proved to be of the most interest to the pupils of the Effingham High School was Basketball--Effingham High School vs--- High School. "What," "Are those the home boys?" Yes, this is the first team that ever represented our school, and I am confident in saying the best team for beginners to be found. This was proven when they came in contact with their adversaries.

In the early part of the season, a basketball court was laid out on the school grounds and everyone enjoyed himself thereon, taking part in the game, until the weather compelled the players to seek some sheltered place in which to "shoot a few baskets." The High School team was then selected, suits were purchased, and several weeks of hard practice followed in preparation for the first game, which was played with the fast "Five" of the St. Elmo High School. The opponents being well organized, and having played together for two successive years, outclassed our boys in every respect; this was shown by the final score."

"The Effingham High school team journeyed to several of the surrounding towns in which they played many hard fought games, sharing in both victory and defeat.

The last and undoubtedly the best game of the season was played in Effingham on March 7th with the strong Neoga Township team. It was witnessed by hundreds of excited spectators, who cheered and rooted for the home team. However, our boys were surpassed in weight, and lacked the strength "to run over" their opponents; they were defeated by only eight points.

The players of the local team are all beginners, and three of the players graduate this year. This may have a tendency to separate the team. Nevertheless, we feel confident that the school has excellent material for a "banner" team in the near future, and moreover it is expected and desired that Effingham will have the strongest and best aggregation in Southern Illinois."¹

A total of seven games was played of which Effingham won three and lost four. The two home games were played in the Armory, located where the First Christian Church is now located. The spectators who attended these games were forced to stand since there was no place to sit. The Armory was used until the 1922-1923 season. During this time it was legal for a player to jump off the wall under his own basket to get greater height on a shot.²

¹ Signet, 1913, page 21-22.

² Interview with H. E. Lankford, June 4, 1965.

1913-1914

Principal Guy Gladson was the coach of the team.

Even though basketball was in its infant stages in these years, there was great enthusiasm to combat the difficulties faced by the early basketball teams at Effingham High School. The following excerpt from the high school yearbook, Signet, depicts the feelings of the students at that time:

"This, the second year of basketball, in the E. H. S., was entirely a success. Eleven games were played, and of these four were won. This is an exceedingly good record when the size of the teams played is taken into consideration. Our team was very light, being greatly outweighed by every team played. The team knew nothing of the other's playing ability, as only two men had played on the last year's team; this, of course, was a great handicap in the first games."¹

The season started with a loss to Kinsundy.

A home game was won by Farina; "We were beaten in this game by the Farina referee. Everytime we gained possession of the ball, he blew the foul whistle, giving us very little chance to score."²

The first victory was over Casey. Captain Austin scored ten points in the last twenty minutes of play. A defeat by Oblong and a victory over Kinsundy followed.

¹ Signet, 1914, page 20.

² Ibid.

"The next game played at Casey was the hardest fought game of the season. E. H. S. gained a small lead early in the game, but were soon headed off. Casey tried to rough it, but our referee persistently called fouls on them, although the crowd threatened to mob him. E. H. S. gained the lead after getting a fair chance, and held it until near the close of the game, when Casey forged ahead. It looked as though the game was lost until Hoilman came to the rescue, and won our only out of town game by making two baskets in short order. It was a good, close game, the score being 23-22."¹

Effingham then won from Lovington and lost to St. Elmo once and Neoga twice. In the last game of the season, according to the Signal: "We next went to Farina, and to say we got a rotten deal would be putting it very mildly. Their referee was not satisfied with calling fouls, even though their men were found on top in a scramble, but, seeing no other chance to win, awarded them points."²

1914-1915

Humphrey Le Crone and Claude Austin were returning regulars. These two along with Dennis Hoilman, Irv Linder, and Bob Heckman started most of the games this year.

¹ Ibid.

² Ibid.

Three of the first six games were won by the Blue and Gold of Effingham. The seventh scheduled game with Altamont had to be cancelled because of several cases of smallpox there.¹ Vandalia defeated Effingham by two points in overtime at the Armory. In the next game at Vandalia, Effingham led at the half but eventually lost 42-27. Two defeats by Kinmundy and two victories over Neoga ended the season.

The record was five victories and six defeats.

1915-1916

Only two players-Irv Linder and Arch Crews-returned from last year's team as Effingham prepared for a ten-game schedule.

An opening game loss to the Casey five, who were playing their eighth game, started the season. The second game was played at Altamont where "The floor was so rough that our players in attempting to find their way to our goal would lose sight of the ball, for great care had to be taken to step over the 2 X 4's nailed over the knotholes."²

¹Effingham Daily Record, December 12, 1914.

²Signet, 1916, page 54.

Altamont won 25-13. The first victory came over Neoga 19-18. In the next game against Bissell College, also located in Effingham, Effingham's high school center, Hooten, 5' 10", could not jump against the college's 6' 4" center. This was an easy victory for Bissell.

Neoga then defeated Effingham at Neoga, the game in which Irv Linder broke his leg. This injury, necessitating the amputation of his right leg, was finally responsible for his death in 1916.¹ Two more victories and three defeats followed.

For the first time Effingham participated in the State Basketball Tournament. Atwood defeated Effingham at Shelbyville in the Eastern Illinois State Basketball Tournament. The season ended with a record of three wins and eight losses. The 1916 Signet had this to say about the season:

"Reviewing the work of the E. H. S. quintet this year we find that as far as winning most of the games this year, the basketball team was a failure. However, the cause of all the defeats was not the poor playing of the players, but the lack of spirit on the part of the pupils of the High School. In order to have a winning team the whole school must be back of it and this was our chief need this year. Altho the team did not

¹ Interview with H. E. Lankford, June 4, 1965.

win all of their games this year, we can truthfully say that no team ever fought harder for the blue and gold than did this year's team. When we consider that only two of last year's men were with the team this year, we see that in all contests the work of the basketball team of 1915-1916 reflected credit on E. H. S."¹

1916-1917

Effingham's colors changed from blue and gold to red and green. Although an experienced team started the season, they lost an opening game with St. Elmo. In the next seven games Effingham won only one, a 43-18 win over Bissell College. The season ended with a record of one win and seven losses. The 1917 Signet gave the following reasons for the poor season:

"This string of defeats looks bad on paper, but in truth, it was the best thing that could have happened for the teams that are to fight for the Red and Green in the succeeding years. It will live long as an example in the minds of the players, that there must be team work and co-operation in any game. It will cause them to follow the fundamentals of the game more closely and to work the real inside stuff, which is the part of team work that makes or breaks a team.

In the first place, our team, which had promised to be the best that E. H. S. had turned out for many a day, was

¹Signet, 1916, page 54.

burdened by several dissenting players but this difficulty was smoothed over, and it looked for a while as if we would reach the top; but flunking grades cut a couple of our men, and from then on things began to droop. The first to be noticed was the practice. Without that a team need not expect to win. Horseplay was the chief game at the Armory this year, and it was a poor substitute for the practice. Individual work also figured largely in wrecking our hopes for this season.

We did not make a creditable showing this year thru no fault of the material at hand, or lack of proper coach, for there was plenty of both, but it was because we lacked the faculty of hard conscientious work, and I believe that a good motto for next year's team would be, "hard work and plenty of it."

Now, a word as to the support we received. The Board treated us royally in the manner of paying the practice expenses of the Armory; and we, the team, wish to thank them. In our two home games, the student body backed us to the limit and it was no fault of theirs that the scores were not different. The faculty also furnished good coaching in the person of Mr. "Jones" (Bruce), and extraordinary yelling led by "Dad" Walker. There were several other teachers who also took an active interest in the game, overlooking a flunking player till that individual shouted at them, "look at me, I am flunking." Take it "all in all," this should have been a successful season, and it will be so considered from the fact that it will help succeeding teams, who will fight under the Red and Green."¹

¹Signet, 1917, page 51.

1917-1918

Mr. William Krudup, a student at Bissell College, was the coach this year.¹ Virgil Austin, the only returning letterman, was the nucleus for the team.

During the season Effingham won three and lost eight games. One of the victories was a 96-6 win over Montrose. The ninety-six points is still the largest number scored by any Effingham team to the present date. The other two victories were over Shumway, undefeated until then, and over Greenup, as Jack Gravenhorst scored seventeen points, Virgil Austin fourteen, and Maurice Barton scored ten. Carlyle defeated Effingham in the first game of the District Tournament held at Centralia.

1918-1919

Maurice Barton, center from last year's team, was the only returning regular. Around Barton, Coaches Harold Laidlow and Edward Brewbaker built a team that gave Effingham its first winning season. At the beginning of the season, Mr. Laidlow, principal of the school, was coach, but later on Brewbaker was mentioned as the coach.

¹County Review, November 24, 1917.

During this season an epidemic of Spanish influenza broke out which caused the closing of Effingham High School for five weeks. This disrupted the continuity of the schedule.

Neoga was defeated in the first game prior to the dismissal of school. When school resumed, Effingham, in a weakened condition, lost its next two games.¹ Then the Alumni were defeated by the Varsity 40-38. During this game Coach Laidlow became an active player, and it was mainly because of his playing ability that Effingham won.² The next two games were with Farina. Effingham won the first game but lost the second. The team then traveled to Casey where they were victorious.

The next game was at Altamont: "During the game the team and rooters, a large number being girls, were treated so ungentlemanly and unwomanly that the local school authorities took them from the floor."³ The next night Greenville was defeated in overtime as Barton scored twelve points. Another victory over Greenville followed. Victories over Casey and Neoga and defeats by Farina and Vandalia closed the regular schedule.

¹Effingham Daily Record, December 1, 1918.

²Ibid., December 5, 1918.

³Ibid., January 25, 1919.

In the District Tournament at Centralia, Farina defeated Effingham for the third time that season. The season ended with eight victories and six losses.

1919-1920

E. R. Mullins, named to coach the basketball team this year, was employed to teach physical education to all the pupils in the Effingham schools from grades five through twelve. Because of his background he was considered the most qualified person to coach.¹

Two victories over Neoga opened the season, followed by three defeats. The Effinghamers then defeated Altamont before four hundred spectators standing in the Armory. After this victory a snake dance was held down the main street. Kinmundy was defeated by one point in a game which had to be called with three and one-half minutes to go because the lights went out in Kinmundy's gymnasium.² An overtime 25-23 victory over Casey in the second to last game of the regular schedule developed when guard John Akins hooked a shot over his shoulder from the center of the floor with six seconds to go in the overtime period.

¹Interview with H. E. Lankford, June 4, 1965.

²Effingham Democrat, November 27, 1919.

³Effingham Daily Record, February 21, 1920.

Alton defeated Effingham in the first game of the District Tournament held at Centralia. Effingham closed its season with a record of ten victories and twelve defeats.

At this time guard John Akins was a very good one-handed shooter, but Coach Mullins would not let him shoot it because two hands were supposed to be used.¹

1920-1921

Edgar Mullins was coach again this year. Returning regulars were Virgil Martin, Ed Dirks, and Paul Mason.

The season opened at St. Elmo with a two-point defeat. With Martin scoring sixteen points, Effingham won its first home game in the Armory by beating Neoga. They also defeated Oblong, and in the return game with St. Elmo, Effingham won 18-8. Jubilant fans held a victory snake dance through town after this win.² A loss to Flora and victories over Vandalia and Martinsville followed. In the Martinsville game, Martinsville's best player got two broken ribs during the first half and had to leave the game.³

Effingham garnered a two-point victory over Newton as Martin passed the ball to Dirks, who scored the winning

¹Interview with H. E. Lankford, June 4, 1965.

²Effingham Daily Record, December 2, 1920.

³Ibid., December 11, 1920.

basket in the last forty seconds. Mulberry Grove was defeated in the next game 28-2. Farina then defeated Effingham, during which game guard Paul Mason received a broken nose.¹ Two of the next four games were won by Effingham.

Effingham was scheduled to play at Robinson, Saturday, January 29, but Robinson's school burned down on the morning of the game, forcing cancellation of the game.² Two defeats and four straight victories followed. One of these victories was at home against Farina. The largest crowd of the season became so noisy that the official had to stop the game several times to quiet the crowd.³

Three straight losses before Robinson was defeated brought Effingham to the District Tournament at Centralia. In order for the team to be in Centralia to play at 8:30 a.m. Friday, it was necessary that they go on a mail train at 7:45 Thursday morning. They won their first game against Sandoval; however, they lost the second game to Trenton.

The season ended with a record of fifteen wins and eleven losses. The fifteen victories were the most games

¹Ibid., December 24, 1920.

²Ibid., February 2, 1921.

³Ibid., February 7, 1921.

won by an Effingham team at that time. "This has been the best and most successful season during the whole of basketball seasons. A great deal of credit must go to Mullins for his coaching efforts."¹

1921-1922

Coach Ralph Zehner greeted a group of players that included the five regulars from the past season. This same group started the majority of games again this season. They were Ellis Butler and Paul Mason at guards, George Ewers and J. W. Crews at forwards, and Edward Dirks at center. Freshman Bill Morgan played enough to letter.

Of the fourteen games played, Effingham won five of them. One of the opponents was the East River High School of Princeton, West Virginia. Six players from this school were spending their Christmas vacation with J. L. Rogers of Greenup, principal of their school two years earlier. While the players were visiting here, three games were scheduled with nearby schools.²

In the 8-1 defeat by Farina, Effingham scored the fewest number of points of any team. This record still stands although it was tied in 1926.

¹Ibid., March 12, 1921

²Ibid., December 24, 1921.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER II

During the beginning ten years of basketball at Effingham High School seven different coaches directed the teams. In three years the principals of the high school were the coaches. During two years teachers at the high school did the coaching and in one year a student at Bissell College, located in Effingham, was the coach. There was no mention of a coach in four of the ten years in any of the sources the writer used.

Only two winning seasons were among the first ten. These were the 1919 season with a record of eight wins and six losses and the 1921 season with fifteen wins and eleven losses. They won a total of fifty-seven games and lost seventy-six. Two school records were established during this era. These were the fewest number of points scored in one game, which was scored by the 1922 team when they scored only one point, and the largest number of points scored in one game when the 1918 team scored ninety-six against Montrose. All the home games were played in the Armory.

The original colors of the team were blue and gold. In 1917 the colors changed to red and green. These colors are still the official colors of the school today. (1965)

Effingham played in the State Tournament play-offs for the first time in 1916.

CHAPTER III

THE ERA OF HARRY JACOBS

Harry Jacobs is considered by this writer to be the first professional coach at Effingham High School. According to R. L. Bachman, the coaching ability of Harry Jacobs was a leading factor in his employment. He coached the basketball team for three years which was longer than any previous coach. Coach Jacobs graduated from Kent State College in Ohio. Besides being coach, he was also principal and taught math.

1922-1923

New Coach Jacobs had thirty candidates to choose from in the two weeks of practice before the first game. Included were three lettermen; Fred and Bernard Wernsing and sophomore Bill Morgan. Because of the increased interest in basketball by both the students and townspeople, the school board decided to rent Meek's Hall for the home games. This was originally a skating rink, which had three rows of bleachers on both sides plus a small balcony at one end. Meek's Hall, located on South Banker near the Illinois Central railroad tracks, was heated with an old-fashioned stove on just one end.¹

¹Interview with Bill Morgan, May 31, 1965.

An easy win over Montrose opened the season. Missing nine out of fourteen free throws, Effingham suffered their first loss to Newton, 27-23. A two-point win over Neoga and an easy victory over Martinsville followed as "the entire team dribbled through their opponents defense at will."¹ Handicapped by Windsor's long and narrow gymnasium, Effingham lost the game to them by the score of 31-13. Two victories followed, one over the Alumni and one over Westfield as Bill Morgan played a brilliant defensive game.

Altamont won its fourteenth straight game at the expense of the Hearts. Undefeated Farina then handed the Effingham five a 34-17 defeat.² Five victories followed including one over Newton. In this ball game, guard Bill Morgan, still considered one of the best guards ever produced at Effingham, made his first basket of the season.³ Altamont then made Effingham its eighteenth straight victim. Effingham won its next two games before Farina defeated them for its fifteenth victory in a row.

¹Effingham Daily Record, December 16, 1922.

²Ibid., January 7, 1923.

³Ibid., January 15, 1923.

Four Effingham players scored in double figures as Greenup was defeated 63-14. Fred Wernsing led the scoring with eighteen points, Claar followed with fourteen, and Bus Dancey and Bernard Wernsing each scored twelve.¹ The next night Effingham traveled to St. Elmo where St. Elmo scored eighty-eight points in their easy win. At the time this was the highest number of points scored against any Effingham team.

The District Tournament was held at Shelbyville. Victories over Nokomis, Neoga, and Montrose brought Effingham into the finals with Altamont, a team who had easily defeated them twice during the season. This time Effingham played better ball, but it was not quite good enough as Altamont won the tournament with a 27-26 win. Brothers Fred and Bernard Wernsing were selected to the first All-Star team while sophomore Bill Morgan was chosen on the second team.²

The season ended with a record of fifteen wins and nine losses.

1923-1924

Junior guard, Bill Morgan, was the only returning letterman to greet Coach Jacobs in his second year as

¹Ibid., February 24, 1923.

²Ibid., March 6, 1923.

head mentor. At this time, Morgan, even though he was just a junior, was considered the best guard Effingham had ever produced.

The first game with Beecher City was lost because of the lack of experience. Montrose, Newton, and Neoga were then defeated as the Effingham five became noted for their close guarding. In the three games only twenty-five total points were scored against them. Neoga was held to one field goal.¹

A slick floor at Vandalia was responsible for an 11-0 half time deficit. Vandalia had special shoes to hold on the slick floor. Twice during the first half, Effingham used rosin on their shoes, but even this did not help. Aroused, Effingham outscored Vandalia 12-6 in the second half but could not overcome the half time deficit and lost 17-12.²

Three more defeats followed before once beaten Martinsville was defeated 24-23. Two of the next three games were won by Effingham. In a return home game with Vandalia, Effingham avenged the earlier loss by playing a slow game and winning 12-7.

¹Ibid., November 15, 1923.

²Ibid., December 16, 1923.

Effingham won a five minute overtime game with Charleston, but seven straight defeats ensued before they trounced Stewardson in the final game of the season.

The band led a big parade of the students and teachers to send the team off to Greenville to play in the District Tournament. They defeated Mt. Olive in the first game, but after leading at the end of the first half, Effingham lost to Greenville 25-15.

Paul Parkhurst led the team in scoring with ninety-four points.¹ The season's record was ten wins and fourteen losses.

1924-1925

Hopes for a winning season, climaxed by the first district title in the school's history, were running high as four regulars, including last season's leading scorer, Paul Parkhurst, returned for action under Coach Jacobs.

The season opened in Meek's Hall against Greenup. With Parkhurst scoring ten points, Effingham won 27-8. Effingham continued to win nine games without a defeat. This was accomplished not only with balanced

¹Signet, 1924, page 45.

scoring, but with fine defense. Only in three of these nine games did the opponents score in double figures.

A one-point defeat by Farina in overtime gave Effingham its first loss. Effingham rebounded from this loss and won its next five games before Louisville, leading all the way; administered Effingham's third defeat by a score of 18-17. Another heartbreaking loss followed, this time to Marshall, 16-14. With the score tied 14-14 and with fifteen seconds to go Raglin, the Marshall center, was fouled, and he made both free throws to win the game.¹ Following these losses, Effingham once again won its next five games. Included was a two-point win over Farina in what was considered the best and cleanest game of the year.² In a rough and tumble game Effingham lost its last pre-tournament game to Neoga by two points.

In the District Tournament at Newton, Palestine was defeated by three points, but Oblong, a team whom Effingham had beaten twice during the season, won in the second game to eliminate Effingham.

¹Effingham Daily Record, February 11, 1925.

²Ibid., February 22, 1925.

The twenty-one won and five loss record for a winning percentage of 80.8% is the best record compiled by any Effingham team in the school's history. Of the five games lost, two were by one point and the other three were by two points.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER III

During Harry Jacobs three years as the varsity coach, his teams won forty-seven and lost twenty-seven for a winning percentage of .635. This percentage is the third best among Effingham's fourteen coaches. The 21-5 record in 1925 is the best record percentage wise that Effingham has ever had.

CHAPTER IV

THE ERA OF ALBERT SCHNEIPP

After graduating from Effingham High School, Albert Schneipp attended Central Wesleyan College in Missouri, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree. While at Central Wesleyan College, he played on the basketball team which won the championship of the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Besides his coaching duties, he was principal the three years he remained in Effingham.

1925-1926

Thirty boys reported for the first practice called by Coach Schneipp. Among the thirty was but one letterman of last year, Captain-elect Harold Claypool.¹

This year Effingham became a member of the Eastern Illinois Conference, which included the following high schools: Paris, Charleston, Casey, Robinson, Marshall, Oakland, Westfield, Toledo, Greenup, Martinsville, Newton, Oblong, and Palestine. Effingham remained in the conference until 1961.

¹Effingham Daily Record, November 1, 1925.

The opening game was away with Vandalia, a team who had already played ten games. A number of playing combinations were used, but Vandalia won 26-8.¹

Louis Licos, one of Effingham's most ardent fans, bought new uniforms for the team, worn for the first time against Effingham's first home opponent, Montrose. Captain Claypool scored seven points to help Effingham to its first win 14-13. This game was played in Meek's Hall as were the remainder of the home games.² Two losses followed making the record one win and three defeats for the month of December.

January started with Effingham's second victory, a 20-14 win over Vandalia. Toledo then beat Effingham, 13-1, in a game which tied a record for scoring the fewest number of points. A free throw by Ben Angel was the only point scored by Effingham.³ Three more defeats followed before Effingham defeated Marshall 24-21. In the Marshall game a new lineup proved successful and was used for the remainder of the season. This was Claypool and freshman Angel at forwards, Broom at center, and Sprinkle and Henderson at guards.⁴

¹Signet, 1926, page 33.

²Effingham Daily Record, December 13, 1925.

³Ibid., January 13, 1925.

⁴Signet, 1926, page 33.

In the Eastern Illinois League Tournament held at Marshall, Effingham won the first game from Oakland, a team who had only one defeat, and beat Charleston in the second. In the semi-finals, Westfield, the eventual winner, defeated Effingham by the score of 23-15.

Effingham won four of the remaining six games on their schedule, giving them a record of twelve wins and nine losses.

Effingham reached the semi-finals of the District Tournament at Greenville by defeating Highland and Vandalia. Trenton ended the hope for a championship with a 17-12 win. In the game for third place, Effingham defeated Sorento 19-9. Claypool was selected on the first All-Star team, while Henderson was chosen on the second team.

Coach Schnelpp had a fourteen and eleven record in his first year. This was a credit to his coaching, since the team was inexperienced but showed steady improvement as the season progressed.¹ Of the 451 points scored by the Effingham team for the year, Harold Claypool scored 203.²

¹Effingham Daily Record, March 10, 1926.

²Signet, 1926, page 33.

1926-1927

Two regulars, Ben Angel and Mike Sprinkle, and letterman Bob Miller were present for the first practice held in the first week of December.¹

Effingham had only one week of practice before their first home game against Watson. This year, because of its modern heating system, Odeon Hall was rented from Sacred Heart Catholic Church for all home games. This was located where the present Sacred Heart Grade school stands.²

With Bob Miller scoring twenty-seven points, Watson was defeated 67-27.³ A win over Montrose followed before Westfield handed Effingham their first defeat. Miller once again led Effingham back on the winning trail by scoring sixteen points in an easy win over Marshall.⁴ They defeated Newton and Vandalia also before Mattoon defeated Effingham for their second loss 30-25. Farina and Greenup gave Effingham their third and fourth straight defeats before Mattoon was beaten 37-19 to even the series with them. Ben Angel scored fifteen points as Charleston was defeated 28-21.⁵

¹Ibid.,

²Interview with Ross Phillips, June 3, 1965.

³Effingham Daily Record, December 11, 1926.

⁴Ibid., December 19, 1926.

⁵Ibid., January 26, 1927.

The month of February started with a win over Teutopolis as Earl Brown, a sophomore, filling in for Schottman, Effingham's ailing center, scored twelve points.¹ Without Schottman, Effingham lost to Farina for the second time. Schottman was able to play in the Altamont game and helped Effingham win 31-8.²

Effingham downed Kansas in the first game of the Eastern Illinois League Tournament at Charleston but lost to Oblong in the second game. After this tournament, the Effingham five again defeated Teutopolis as Brown scored eighteen points, Angel fifteen, and Miller fourteen points.³ The remaining five games were all won by Effingham. In the Altamont win, Ben Angel scored twenty-eight points for a season high,⁴ and in the Newton victory Earl Brown scored twenty-four points.⁵ The twenty-eight points scored by Angel was a record that remained until George Baker scored thirty-six points in 1955.

Effingham entered the District Tournament at Robinson with a 17-7 record. In the first game they defeated Robinson, but Greenup again defeated Effingham in the second game by two points.

¹ Ibid., February 9, 1927.

² Ibid., February 16, 1927.

³ Ibid., February 27, 1927.

⁴ Ibid., March 2, 1927.

⁵ Ibid., March 3, 1927.

1927-1928

With regulars Ben Angel and Earl Brown, along with lettermen Roy Green and Army Mesnard, returning, Coach Schneipp predicted a successful season.¹ Once again the home games were played in Odeon Hall. The season opened with a win over Robinson followed by a defeat by Louisville.

Effingham's next games were in the Greenup Invitation Tournament. Roy Green scored fifteen points and the Red and Green defeated Neoga in the first game.² All nineteen ball players played in a 43-8 win over Dietrich in the next game.³ In the semi-finals Beecher City was held to one field goal and one free throw as Effingham advanced to the finals to defeat Greenup for the championship.⁴ Earl Brown was the All-Star center and Roy Green was chosen as one of the forwards.⁵

Defeating Westfield, Vandalia, and Marshall gave Effingham a seven-game winning streak. In the final game in December, Martinsville ended this streak by 34-28, because of Effingham's bad passes and poor defense.⁶

¹Ibid., December 2, 1927.

²Ibid., December 7, 1927.

³Ibid., December 9, 1927.

⁴Ibid., December 10, 1927.

⁵Ibid., December 12, 1927.

⁶Ibid., December 24, 1927.

After the holidays, Effingham conquered Mattoon, but arch rival Farina won easily from Effingham by the score of 41-15. The first home loss was to Oblong, as both Brown and Angel fouled out.¹ After two wins Palestine defeated the Fighting Effinghamers, as both Angel and Mesnard were ill and unable to play.² Before the largest home crowd of the season, Effingham defeated a good Neoga ball club.³ This was followed by a win over Toledo and another victory over Neoga at Neoga. An overtime loss to Farina and a win over Newton made Effingham's record fifteen and six.

In the Eastern Illinois League Tournament, Effingham reached the semi-finals, where Oblong defeated them 38-34. Earl Brown was chosen as the All-Star center.⁴

Effingham won seven of the remaining eight regularly scheduled games, losing only to Vandalia. In the District Tournament held at Casey, Martinsville defeated Effingham for the second time 24-14.

The season ended with a record of twenty-four wins against nine losses. The twenty-four wins was the highest number of games won during a season by any Effingham team.

¹ Ibid., January 13, 1928.

² Ibid., January 25, 1928.

³ Ibid., January 28, 1928.

⁴ Ibid., February 13, 1928.

1928-1929

Ben Angel, Ross Phillips, and Earl Brown were the returning lettermen present at the first practice called by Coach Schneipp. Ben had been a regular since his freshman year, while Earl started as a sophomore. Ross had seen considerable action the previous year as a freshman. With this nucleus, the Effingham fans were hoping to have a fifth straight winning season.¹

A new gymnasium with a seating capacity of twelve hundred, was ready to be used in the Central High School.² The dedication took place at the first home game of the season with Robinson. Cord Lipe, freshman coach at the University of Illinois, was the referee as Effingham won from Robinson by the score of 29-27. Behind 27-18 at the start of the fourth quarter, Effingham held Robinson scoreless while they scored eleven points to win the game.³

Three more victories followed, giving the Fighting Effinghamers a four-game winning streak. Four straight defeats evened the record at four and four. Neoga was defeated to break the losing streak, and with a slow breaking offense and Ben Angel's eighteen points

¹Ibid., December 6, 1928.

²Ibid., December 7, 1928.

³Ibid., December 8, 1928.

tournament All-Star team: Ben Angel at forward, Otto Willit at guard, and Earl Brown at center.¹

The season ended with a record of twenty-three wins and ten losses, the fourth straight winning season for Coach Schnelpp. It also marked the first time that an Effingham team had reached the finals in both the Eastern Illinois League Tournament and the District Tournament.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER IV

Effingham's conference affiliation with the Eastern Illinois League was begun during Albert Schnelpp's first year as coach. During his four years of coaching, he won seventy-nine games and lost thirty-eight games for a winning percentage of .575. This is the best winning percentage of any coach in Effingham's basketball history. The Greenup Invitational Tournament was won in 1928. Ben Angel set a single game scoring record by scoring twenty-eight points in 1927. A new gymnasium, now Central Junior High School's gymnasium, was dedicated in 1929. The Eastern Illinois League Tournament was held in this new gymnasium in 1929. The twenty-four games won in 1928 and the twenty-three games won in 1929 still remain the most victories over a two year span ever compiled by an Effingham team.

¹Ibid., March 11, 1929.

arch rival Farina was beaten for just the third time in the school's history.¹ A one-point victory over Vandalia followed. Centralia defeated Effingham, after which the Effingham five defeated Casey and Palestine. Farina then avenged an earlier January loss with a 30-23 victory. Victories over Newton and Kansas enabled Effingham to enter the Eastern Illinois League Tournament with a record of eleven wins and six losses.

In this tournament, host school Effingham advanced to the finals with victories over Robinson, Martinsville, and Hutsonville, but Westfield defeated Effingham by one point for the championship. Forward Ben Angel, center Earl Brown, and guard Denson Sprouse were honored by being selected to the first All-Star team.²

The next six games were won by Effingham; however, they bowed to Westfield and Altamont in the last two games of the regular season.

In the District tournament, Effingham reached the finals for the second year in the school's history.³ This time the Fighting Effinghamers were defeated in the finals by Farina, a team whom Effingham had beaten earlier in the season. Three Effingham players were chosen on the

¹Ibid., December 8, 1928.

²Ibid., January 12, 1929.

³Ibid., March 1, 1929.

CHAPTER V

THE ERA OF P. W. STONE

Coach Stone graduated from Illinois College in 1925. He taught and coached at Franklin High School, Franklin, Illinois, for three years. The year previous to his employment at Effingham, he coached football and basketball at Waverly High School, Waverly, Illinois.

1929-1930

Only one letterman, guard Ross Phillips, was present at the first practice called by Coach Stone. It appeared that with all the inexperienced ball players Effingham would suffer its first losing season in five years.¹

Effingham, led in scoring by Ross Phillips with eight points, lost their first game to Charleston 26-21. Four more defeats followed before a come from behind win over Newton enabled the Effingham players to feel the joy of victory. Ernie Mascher scored ten points in this game.² Three more defeats ensued. Effingham then traveled to Greenup, where Effingham outscored Greenup seven to one in the fourth quarter to win 20-17.³ A win over Teutopolis

¹ Ibid., December 3, 1929.

² Ibid., January 8, 1930.

³ Ibid., January 18, 1930.

in overtime, and losses to Martinsville, Mattoon and another to Greenup gave Effingham a record of only three wins and twelve losses.

Without ailing center Frank Stolley, Effingham lost its first game in the Eastern Illinois League Tournament to Newton 24-19.¹

Effingham lost two of its next three games before they defeated Toledo for the fifth win of the season. In this game with the score tied 15-15, Effingham missed four straight free throws before Bill Scott sank two for the victory.² In the last game of the season, Vandalia humiliated Effingham with a 50-19 win.

Effingham was the host for the District Tournament. In one of the most exciting games ever played by an Effingham team, the hosts defeated Stewardson 24-22 in three overtimes with Clarence Davis scoring fourteen points.³ Effingham went on to down Teutopolis in the semi-finals, but Kinmundy won the championship by defeating Effingham 22-20. Forward Clarence Davis, guards Clyde Jenkins and Jake Reuther were members of the District All-Star team.⁴

¹ Ibid., February 8, 1930.

² Ibid., March 1, 1930.

³ Ibid., March 7, 1930.

⁴ Ibid., March 10, 1930.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER V

Inexperience was the main reason for the seventeen losses during P. W. Stone's one year as varsity coach. His record of seven wins and seventeen losses was the first losing season for the Hearts in five years.

CHAPTER VI

THE ERA OF RICHARD O. RADKE

Richard Radke received his Bachelor of Science degree from Stout Institute. He taught manual arts as well as coached basketball during his employment at Effingham High School.

1930-1931

Regulars Ross Phillips and Clyde Jenkins, along with letterman Noble Manuel, were the only experienced players returning. Coach Radke's main problem was to find a smooth working five from the group of thirty boys practicing.¹

The season started with easy wins over Dietrich and Watson, both three-year high schools. Hitting only three of sixteen free throws, Effingham was defeated by Charleston 17-14.² A bigger and stronger Mattoon five gave Effingham its second defeat as Effingham scored only seven points.³ This lack of scoring continued in the first half of the next game with Kinmundy as Effingham failed to score a basket. The Effingham five started finding the range in the second half and went on to defeat Kinmundy 17-12.⁴

¹ Ibid., November 26, 1930.

² Ibid., December 11, 1930.

³ Ibid., December 14, 1930.

⁴ Ibid., December 19, 1930.

A victory over Greenup in the next game gave Effingham four victories against two defeats. Effingham, however, lost their next eleven games. Included was a loss to Palestine in the first game of the Eastern Illinois League Tournament and three defeats by Farina, one coming in the first game of the District Tournament held at Effingham.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER VI

In the one year that Richard Radke coached basketball at Effingham his team won four and lost thirteen. This was the second losing season in succession for the Effingham five.

CHAPTER VII

THE ERA OF PAUL GODWIN

Paul Godwin received his degree from De Pauw University. He was assistant coach under P. W. Stone and Richard Radke. Besides coaching, he taught science and algebra. He now has his Doctorate degree and is teaching at Thornton High School, Thornton, Illinois.

1931-1932

Seventy-four players answered Coach Paul Godwin's invitation to try out for the team. Lettermen included Noble Manuel, Clyde Jenkins, Eugene Brown, and John Lawrence. Forrest Davidson, star center of the Watson team, and Sid Mullins, captain elect of the Shelbyville team, were also present since they were now attending Effingham High School.¹

The season opened with a 40-5 win over Beecher City as Davidson scored eleven points.² Hutsonville defeated Effingham 16-9 in Effingham's gymnasium, but December opened with a victory over Kinmundy. Hutsonville once again defeated Effingham, this time in an overtime, 26-21. A victory over a strong Farina team indicated that Effingham's Fighting Five could have a very good season. A win over Westfield followed.

¹Ibid., November 6, 1931.

²Ibid., November 14, 1931.

Effingham lost its next two games. With Davidson and Mullins fouling out early in the fourth quarter, Teutopolis won 19-16.¹ Toledo won 25-23 as Effingham made only three out of twelve free throws.²

Effingham ended the regularly scheduled season by winning all the remaining eleven games. Included were victories over previously undefeated Oblong,³ a win over Teutopolis as the largest crowd of the year, between six hundred and seven hundred fans, watched,⁴ and a second win over rival Farina.

In the Eastern Illinois League Tournament, Effingham defeated Charleston in the first game but lost to Oblong, a team whom they had beaten earlier in the year, in the second game.

Effingham was the favorite in the District Tournament. A last second shot by Mullins enabled the Effingham five to slide by Newton 22-20 in the first game.⁵ Victories over Bible Grove and Toledo brought Effingham their first district championship.

¹Ibid., January 9, 1932.

²Ibid., January 16, 1932.

³Ibid., January 17, 1932.

⁴Ibid., January 23, 1932.

⁵Ibid., March 11, 1932.

Effingham then journeyed to Salem to play in its first Sectional Tournament, where Collinsville defeated Effingham 27-20.

After two losing seasons, a 19-6 record enabled Effingham to get back on the winning way.

1932-1933

Lettermen Ken Bolin, Warren McManaway, Harold Austin and Sid Mullins were among the seventy who reported for the first practice this year. The new ten-second rule went into effect in 1932, much to the liking of the players as well as the fans.¹

With Mullins scoring thirteen points, Effingham defeated St. Elmo 29-21 in the first game of the season.² Kinmundy, a good defensive ball club, administered the Red and Green's first defeat, 30-21. A one-point win over Toledo followed before Hutsonville, scoring a total of eighty-eight points, defeated them. Victories over Altamont, Farina, Greenup, and Westfield brought Effingham's record to seven wins and two losses. In the Westfield game, the playing was so rough that the referee stopped the game to remind the players that they were playing basketball, not football.³

¹Ibid., November 12, 1932.

²Ibid., November 23, 1932.

³Ibid., February 24, 1933.

After the holidays, Teutopolis and Altamont were defeated before Hutsonville once again beat the local five. This time they scored only thirty-nine points, against Oblong only Mullins could find the basket as he scored ten of the total sixteen points, as Effingham was defeated 47-16.¹

After a win over Farina, and an overtime loss to Vandalia, Effingham downed St. Elmo as Harold Austin scored nine points in the fourth quarter to bring Effingham from behind.² Two defeats followed before Teutopolis was defeated. Effingham lost four of the remaining five games on the schedule. Their only win was over Toledo. Before this game all of the Effingham ball players had their hair cut short in a "short Fompadour," the smart style of the early 1920's. The boys played superlatively and felt it was because of the haircuts.³

Effingham lost its first game in the Eastern Illinois League Tournament but won its own District Tournament for the second year in succession. Victories over Altamont, Iola, and Teutopolis enabled Effingham to meet the favorite, Kinmundy, in the finals. Kinmundy had beaten Effingham twice during the season,

¹Ibid., January 16, 1933.

²Ibid., January 25, 1933.

³Ibid., February 22, 1933.

but the third time was the charm for Effingham as they won 16-14. Sid Mullins was the leading scorer in the tournament with thirty points.¹ In the Sectional Tournament, Monticello defeated Effingham in the first game 29-13.

The season ended with a record of seventeen wins and thirteen losses.

1933-1934

Effingham fans were looking forward to this season, since eight lettermen were returning, all of whom had been starters at one time or another on the previous season's district championship team. Also present was Curt Henderson, former star of the Watson High School team. Coach Godwin said he, "looked for a championship team."²

The season opened with an overtime win over Neoga, as center Harold Austin scored the only points in the overtime.³ Another win followed over Stewardson before Greenup defeated Effingham, 27-17. A trip to Neoga to play the team they had previously beaten in overtime proved disastrous as Neoga won 19-18. Effingham

¹ Ibid., March 14, 1933.

² Ibid., November 17, 1933.

³ Ibid.

was behind by six at the start of the fourth quarter, and if there had been more time, they could have defeated Neoga.¹ A third straight defeat was administered by Casey. Effingham returned to Greenup and this time defeated them as forward Curt Henderson scored eighteen points.² A victory over Oblong was the last game played before the holidays.

January started with a defeat by Kinmundy in a poorly played ball game. Wins over Altamont, Teutopolis, Farina, Stewardson, and Toledo followed. In the Teutopolis game, Coach Godwin changed from a zone to a man-to-man defense at half time and assigned Henderson to guard the Teutopolis Captain, Roger Weber. This strategy paid off as Effingham came from behind to win by four points.³ Effingham's five-game winning streak was broken by Vandalia, a team who had a record of eighteen wins and only two losses.⁴

By holding Henderson, the leading scorer at that time, scoreless and with Austin fouling out early in the game Newton easily defeated Effingham in the first game of the Conference Tournament.⁵ The next week Effingham

¹ Ibid., December 10, 1933.

² Ibid., December 16, 1933.

³ Ibid., January 13, 1934.

⁴ Ibid., January 25, 1934.

⁵ Ibid., February 2, 1934.

went to Newton, and this time they won 26-15. Behind 10-5 at the half, Effingham staged a second-half rally, defeating Teutopolis by ten points. Wins over Altamont, Kinmundy, and Toledo followed. In the Kinmundy game, Boone McManaway, who had not played for the past two months because of illness, returned and scored eight points. With McManaway back in the lineup, Effingham fans felt positive of a third straight District Tournament win.¹ Effingham won two of the remaining four games on the schedule.

Effingham was rated number one, Kinmundy number two, and Farina number three in the District Tournament.² The only tough game for Effingham was in the semi-finals when they defeated Kinmundy by two points. With Austin scoring seventeen points and Henderson fifteen points, Altamont was then easily defeated for Coach Godwin's third straight district title. The official of the tournament called Henderson, "the biggest little man in Southern Illinois basketball."³

Catlin defeated Effingham 15-7 in the Sectional Tournament at Mattoon. The season ended with a record of eighteen wins and nine losses. Curt Henderson, Effingham's leading scorer, later played professional basketball with the Detroit Gems.

¹ Ibid., February 17, 1934.

² Ibid., March 7, 1934.

³ Ibid., March 12, 1934.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER VII

During Paul Godwin's three years as varsity basketball coach, his teams won fifty-four games and lost twenty-eight for a winning percentage of .659. This is the second best percentage among the fourteen professional coaches whom Effingham has had. During Godwin's reign, Effingham won its first district tournament. Two more district titles were won enabling Godwin to be Effingham's only coach to win the district or regional tournament in every year he coached.

CHAPTER VIII

THE ERA OF TED HARPSTREIT

A graduate of James Millikin University, Ted Harpstreit was assistant coach at Effingham High School for three years under Paul Godwin. He taught manual arts and physical education. After recovering from an illness, he was employed at the Belleville High School, Belleville, Illinois, in the fall of 1936. He remained there as track coach until his retirement in 1964.

ADOPTION OF THE NAME HEARTS

Up to this time Effingham's athletic teams had no official nickname. The basketball teams were called on different occasions the "Fighting Five" and the "Fighting Effinghamers", but these were names sport writers called the teams. In the 1930 census, it was discovered that Effingham was the center or heart of the population in the United States. Because of this, the school authorities officially adopted the name Hearts for the high school athletic teams. A sports writer from one of the Chicago papers added the word Flaming and although the official name is just Hearts, it is most commonly called Flaming Hearts.¹

¹Interview with R. L. Bachman, former principal of Effingham High School, June 1, 1965.

1934-1935

Nobel Devall and Harold Austin, returning regulars, were joined by transfer student, Dave Coslet, from Beecher City as the Hearts prepared for their first game against St. Anthony. These, along with Walter Stevenson, Charles Oliver, and Melvin Roedl, gave new Coach Ted Harpetreit a strong nucleus with which to work to build a fourth straight district championship team. For the first time the Hearts wore long knee-socks. These and new uniforms and warm-up jackets made the Hearts a very flashy outfit.¹

Poor shooting plagued the Hearts during the months of November and December. This resulted in only two wins compared with six losses. Two defeats started the month of January before Teutopolis was defeated for the Hearts' third win. A victory over Robinson, and a defeat by Palestine in the Eastern Illinois League Tournament ended basketball for January. The Hearts got off to a good start in February with a victory over Teutopolis, but once again poor shooting caused another Effingham loss, this time to Salem. Leading 16-3 at the half, Effingham easily defeated Kinmundy. Back on the winning trail, the Hearts won the last four games of the regular season.

¹Interview with Nobel Devall, June 2, 1965.

A new electrically operated scoreboard, which showed teams, quarters, time and score, was installed in the Central gymnasium for the District Tournament.¹ The Hearts easily won their first two games, but with Nobel Devall, Effingham's best defensive man and the key man on offense, unable to play because of illness, the Hearts were defeated by Salem, 35-34.²

The season started poorly, but through hard work and practice great improvement was made as the season progressed. Had Devall been able to play, the Hearts might well have won their fourth straight district tournament.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER VIII

In Ted Harpstreit's only full year of coaching his team had a record of seventeen wins and fourteen losses. Before illness sidelined him in the next season, his team won two games and lost none. This gave him a combined record of nineteen wins and fourteen losses.

¹Effingham Daily Record, February 19, 1935.

²Ibid., March 9, 1935.

CHAPTER IX

THE ERA OF RALPH DOUTHIT

Ralph Douthit was employed to coach basketball after the third game of the 1935-1936 season. This became necessary when Ted Harpstreit was forced to resign because of his health. Coach Douthit was a native of Champaign and a graduate of the University of Illinois. He had two years of coaching experience before his coaching at Effingham. In addition to his coaching duties, he taught physical education and mechanical drawing.

1935-1936

Charles Oliver, Merv Hanke, and "Dink" Roedl were returning regulars, but the remainder of the boys who reported for Coach Ted Harpstreit's first practice were mainly sophomore and junior boys of unknown quality.

The season started with easy wins over Toledo and Altamont. Before the St. Anthony ball game, which Effingham won, Coach Harpstreit became ill and the principal, E. R. Britton, took over the coaching reins. Coach Harpstreit's condition became serious, and he was taken to a St. Louis Hospital. It became apparent to the Board of Education that a new coach would have to be secured to fill out the year. Ralph Douthit was employed to take over.¹

¹Effingham Daily Record, January 23, 1936.

A seven-point win over Neoga, a defeat by the Alumni, a two-point defeat by a fast and powerful Greenup five, and wins over Toledo, Kinmundy, and Casey brought Effingham to their homecoming against Oblong. This strong team proved too much for the Hearts as they won the game by nineteen points. A defeat by previously beaten Altamont ended the play in December.

January started with an easy win over Stewardson, a twenty-four point win over Marshall as Charlie Oliver scored nineteen points,¹ and a win over Teutopolis. A loss to Robinson followed before the Hearts defeated Neoga, with Oliver scoring twelve points and "Bink" Roedl scoring fourteen.²

A four-game losing streak brought the Hearts to the Eastern Illinois League Tournament at Casey. Effingham reached the semi-finals but were defeated as Greenup won a close game 23-21. Oliver was selected to the second All-Tournament team.³

An overtime win over Kinmundy with Tim McDevitt scoring a basket in the overtime for the victory⁴ started the Hearts on a four-game winning streak. Included in this streak was a six point victory over Greenup, who had beaten the Hearts in the two previous encounters. Defeats by Newton and Salem ended regular season play.

¹ Ibid., January 5, 1936.

² Ibid., January 15, 1936.

³ Ibid., February 2, 1936.

⁴ Ibid., February 8, 1936.

In the Effingham Regional Tournament easy victories over Stewardson, Neoga, and Teutopolis brought the Hearts the championship. A strong Olney team, however, defeated the Hearts in their first game of the Mattoon Sectional.

1936-1937

In Coach Douthit's first full year as head coach of the Hearts, only two regulars returned, but hopes were high among the Effingham fans for a sixth straight winning season. Although only Charlie Oliver and Tim McDevitt had been considered regular starters the past season, lettermen Bud Althoff, Jim Johnson, Louis Miller and Denver Ball saw considerable action.

The Effingham fans were pleased with the new visible clock installed in the Central gymnasium. This clock showed remaining minutes left in the quarter and also had an automatic horn which ended the quarters.¹

St. Anthony provided the opening game competition but was not able to cope with their cross town rival. Effingham's second victory came over Toledo as Tim McDevitt scored twenty points, nine more than the entire Toledo team scored.² A win over Neoga gave the Hearts

¹Ibid., November 15, 1936.

²Ibid., November 20, 1936.

a three-game winning streak. The Hearts' next opponents were the local alumni team and an out-of-town alumni team. These games were both played on the same night. The Hearts defeated the local team by one point in the first game and the out-of-town team by three points in the second game.

Eighteen points by McDevitt helped to overcome an eight-point half time lead by Neoga to give the Hearts a one-point victory.¹ Another one-point victory, this time over Kinmundy, extended the Hearts' victory streak to seven games.

Three consecutive defeats, two by three points and one by two points, followed before the Hearts defeated Greenup by three points in a homecoming game.

In the Mt. Vernon Christmas Tournament, the Hearts received a first round bye and played Johnston City in the second round game. The Hearts led 2-1 at half time but lost 7-6 in, as the score indicated, a defensive battle.²

After the Christmas vacation, the Hearts upset a strong Mattoon five as Charlie Oliver scored eleven points.³ The Hearts evened the series with Teutopolis with an easy twenty-three point win. With Bill Jaycox hitting a free

¹ Ibid., December 3, 1936.

² Ibid., January 2, 1937.

³ Ibid., January 10, 1937.

throw and Oliver scoring a basket, the Hearts came from behind to beat Vandalla by one point.¹ Newton and Toledo were the next victims of the Hearts. In the Toledo game the Hearts wore their new black uniforms for the first time.²

In the Eastern Illinois League Conference Tournament at Casey, the Hearts won their first two games but lost to Paris in a double overtime in the semi-final game. McDevitt and Oliver were named for the first All-Tournament team.³

The Hearts were upset by Kinmundy on their own floor but then went on to win the remaining four games before the regional. The Hearts once again won the regional without too much trouble, and as was the case in the previous season, were defeated by Olney in the first round of the Bridgeport Sectional. History was made this season when Effingham went to the semi-finals of the conference tournament two years in succession. The twenty-two and seven record was the third best in the history of the school up to this date.

¹ Ibid., January 16, 1937.

² Ibid., January 20, 1937.

³ Ibid., February 6, 1937.

1937-1938

Prospects for a good season were very poor; only three lettermen returned and none of these had been a starter the previous year. Bill Jaycox, Ed Manuel, and Dale Austin were also the only players who had seen varsity action the year before, but, nevertheless, Coach Douthit was optimistic about the coming season.

An opening game defeat by the Alumni started the Hearts off on a losing way; then Bill Jaycox led the Hearts to their first victory over Toledo by scoring twelve points.¹ This victory was followed by another over Neoga 25-15. After the team's lag of eleven points at half time, Bud Merry and Dale Austin led a spirited second half rally which fell short as Greenup defeated the Hearts by only two points. Merry and Austin each scored eleven points.²

In their next game the Hearts traveled to Centralia to play the highly rated Orphans in their new Trout Gymnasium. Much to the pleasure of the Heart fans was the 31-21 win over the Orphans.³ Another tough contest ensued as Effingham hosted the Teutopolis Wooden Shoes, led by a 6' 4" center.⁴ Once again the Hearts rose to the occasion and won by five points.

¹Ibid., November 20, 1937.

²Ibid., November 25, 1937.

³Ibid., December 4, 1937.

⁴Ibid., December 7, 1937.

The Hearts were defeated in their next three games, including a Homecoming game loss to undefeated Mattoon.¹ A victory over Salem evened Effingham's record at five wins and five losses. In the Mt. Vernon Holiday Tournament, the Hearts overcame a fourth-quarter lead to defeat the host school 16-15² but were defeated by Albion in their second game.

A defeat by Teutopolis on their home floor, a victory over Charleston, undefeated in league play,³ a one-point loss to Salem, and then three straight victories enabled the Hearts to enter the Eastern Illinois League Tournament with a winning record.

Austin, with thirteen points, and Jaycox with eleven points, led the Hearts to a win over a strong Robinson team in the first game. In the second game the Hearts were defeated by Oblong, the winner of the tournament.⁴

Following this tournament the Hearts were defeated in their next three games but ended the regular season in a winning way by defeating Vandalia and Centralia.

Effingham was again host for the Regional Tournament. The Hearts easily defeated Stewardson in the first game but were upset by St. Elmo in the second game.

¹ Ibid., December 23, 1937.

² Ibid., December 28, 1937.

³ County Review, January 19, 1938.

⁴ Ibid., February 9, 1938.

The Hearts played inconsistently all year¹ but still had a winning season with a record of thirteen wins and twelve losses. This also was the third straight winning season under Coach Douthit. The seven season winning streak started in the 1931-1932 season and continued through this season is the longest winning streak in the school's history.

1938-1939

Coach Douthit's fourth season opened with no returning regulars, and only La Verne Shirley was a letterman. The remainder of the squad was composed of mostly inexperienced sophomores and juniors.

Effingham started the season off badly by losing the first four games before they defeated Newton 19-13 for their first win. Paris then defeated the Hearts in an Eastern Illinois League game. A four-point victory over Teutopolis followed as Shirley scored ten points.² Three more defeats followed, giving the Hearts a two and eight record.

In the Mt. Vernon Tournament the host school beat the Hearts in the first game, 12-8. Back in regular

¹Signet, 1938, page 30.

²County Review, December 7, 1938.

season action Mattoon defeated the Hearts before Teutopolis was defeated for the second time 27-22. The next two games were split with a loss to Charleston and a victory over Greenup. The Hearts traveled to Centralia to play the powerful Orphans in their next game. Ahead at half time, a poor third quarter cost Effingham a victory as they were defeated by four points.¹

A two point win over Kinmundy in overtime and a loss to Vandalia brought the Hearts to the Conference Tournament. Greenup and Palestine were defeated in the first two games, but once again the powerful Paris five, who eventually reached the state finals before losing,² beat the Hearts 33-18. In the game for third place Casey was victorious.

Two more defeats followed before Centralia, who had beaten the Hearts earlier in the season, was defeated, 31-27. This same Centralia team advanced as far as the semi-finals of the state basketball tournament.³ A defeat by Newton then ended the regular season play.

In the Regional Tournament the Hearts defeated Watson in their first game but lost to the eventual winner

¹ Ibid., January 25, 1939.

² Signet, 1939, page 40.

³ Ibid.

St. Elmo in their second game. The Hearts were led in scoring by La Verne Shirley who scored 17⁴ points.¹ Shirley later played for the University of Illinois. Although the Hearts experienced their first losing season in eight years, the valuable experience the underclassmen received made the loyal Heart fans very optimistic about the next season.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER IX

In the four years under Ralph Douthit, Effingham won seventy-three games and lost fifty-one for a winning percentage of .588. Two regional tournaments were won by Effingham but each time they were eliminated in the first game of the sectional tournament.

¹Ibid., page 41.

CHAPTER X

THE ERA OF CEVERT LUCAS

Cevert Lucas succeeded Ralph Douthit as varsity basketball coach. He received his degree from Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana. Previous to his employment at Effingham, he had coached at Jamestown, Indiana, for eight years.¹ At the time of this writing, he was still an active coach in his home state of Indiana.²

1939-1940

Six returning lettermen were present at the first practice called by Coach Lucas: Claude Hershey, Jack Claar, Jim Keith, Karl Alt, George Austin, and Mort Harris. Of these only Claar was six feet tall.

Although students attended the new school in the western part of the city, the gymnasium was not completed, and practice and games were still held in the now Central Junior High School gymnasium until the completion of the new gymnasium.³

Wearing new green uniforms, the Hearts opened the season with an easy thirty-point win over St. Anthony.⁴

¹Effingham Daily Record, June 2, 1939.

²Interview with Gene Henderson, May 27, 1965.

³Effingham Daily Record, November 2, 1939.

⁴Ibid., November 5, 1939.

A two-point victory over Toledo followed before the Hearts were defeated by Paris. Two more victories followed over Greenup and Teutopolis. In the 21-6 loss to Mattoon, Effingham scored only one field goal, and that came in the last twenty-five seconds of the game by Jack Clear.¹ The remaining four games in December were all won by the Hearts.

After a two-week lay-off, the Hearts were defeated by Greenville, the team that Effingham had beaten in their last game of December. Teutopolis, another team the Hearts had beaten earlier, also evened their series with a three-point victory. Four more consecutive defeats followed before the Hearts defeated Marshall 27-26 by coming from behind in the last minute of the game.²

In the Eastern Illinois League Tournament, the Hearts lost to Oblong as the Hearts were held scoreless in the fourth quarter.³

With Noble Welch scoring eleven points, the Hearts defeated Altamont by twelve points. The first basketball game to be played in the new gymnasium was with Mattoon, a team who had beaten the Hearts earlier in the season by fifteen points. A standing room crowd of about 2000 people saw the Hearts defeat Mattoon in a thrilling contest, 31-29.⁴

¹Ibid., December 9, 1939.

²Ibid., January 27, 1940.

³Ibid., January 31, 1940.

⁴Ibid., February 11, 1940.

The first loss in the new gymnasium was handed the Hearts by Casey 27-26 in their next game. Outscoring Lawrenceville ten to four in the fourth quarter enabled Effingham to defeat this fine ball club by two points.¹ The regular season ended with a win over Newton and a loss to Flora.

Fourteen points by Claar and thirteen points by Jim Keith helped the Hearts to an easy win over Neoga in the first game of the Regional Tournament, held in Effingham's new gymnasium.² Rival Teutopolis then defeated the Hearts 22-21 in an overtime to eliminate them from the state- play-offs. The Hearts ended the season with twelve wins and fourteen losses. The most rewarding victory was the win over Mattoon in the first game played in the new gymnasium.

1940-1941

Coach Lucas's second season as head mentor of the Hearts looked unpredictable as only two lettermen returned, and these two had seen very little action. They were juniors Gene Henderson and Mort Harris. However, junior Keith Konrad moved to Effingham from Shunway where he had been a starter.³

¹Ibid., February 17, 1940.

²Ibid., February 29, 1940.

³Effingham Democrat, November 10, 1940.

The Hearts split their first four games, winning from Neoga and Altamont and losing to two Eastern Illinois League foes, Greenup and Paris. In a thrilling overtime game, Effingham defeated rival Teutopolis by one point as Keith Konrad scored a basket and Gene Henderson made a free throw in overtime.¹

Three more defeats followed before Vandavia was defeated as Mort Harris scored fourteen points.² Palestine and Greenville defeated the Hearts in their last games in December.

After a three-week lay-off, Effingham defeated Mattoon by two points when Harris hit a basket from far out in the last two seconds of the game.³ Charleston handed Effingham its fifth straight loss in conference play. Teutopolis scored only one point in the fourth quarter, and that came in the last five seconds, but it enabled them to defeat the Hearts 17-16.⁴ Three more defeats followed, giving the Hearts a five-game losing streak.

Two long shots by Mort Harris in the last forty seconds of the Marshall game helped the Hearts pull an

¹ Ibid., December 4, 1940.

² Ibid., December 18, 1940.

³ Ibid., January 16, 1941.

⁴ Ibid., January 23, 1941.

upset and win their first league game after six straight losses.¹ Marshall avenged this defeat the following week with a 22-16 win over the Hearts in the first game of the Eastern Illinois League Tournament.

After three more defeats, Konrad scored a basket in the last ten seconds to give the Hearts a 32-30 victory over Newton.² Games with Flora and Greenville followed, with both of them defeating the Hearts.

Teutopolis was the Hearts' opening round opponent in the Regional Tournament. During the season these two teams had split one-point games. This time Effingham had a breather and won by eight points. In the second game Windsor won by the score of 30-29.

Although the Hearts won only eight games, the experience gained by the sophomores and juniors proved most valuable. These boys demonstrated in the 1941-1942 season that they learned much from the playing time even though they lost nineteen games.

1941-1942

Coach Lucas, with seven lettermen returning, expected the best season and the first winning season since he had become coach. The seven lettermen

¹ Ibid., January 30, 1941.

² Ibid., February 20, 1941.

included seniors Gene Henderson, Mort Harris, and Keith Konrad, and juniors Leon Galbraith, Charlie Austin, Warren Habbe, and Tommy McCain.

A five-point victory over Mulberry Grove in the opening game and an eight-point victory over a Neoga team, who had won five straight, in the second game gave the Hearts a fine start. However, Paris defeated the Hearts in the first league contest, 37-28. The Hearts rebounded with a victory over Mattoon, 33-24.

A two-point defeat by Salem proved costly when Leon Galbraith, the Hearts' regular center, fell and fractured his left clavicle and was out of action for the remainder of the season.¹

After a victory over Vandalia and an eight-point victory over Teutopolis, in which Mort Harris scored fifteen of his team's twenty-eight points,² Robinson handed the Hearts their second league loss. A basket by junior guard Tommy McCain in the last seconds gave Effingham a one-point win over Mattoon.³

As Keith Konrad scored eighteen points, Effingham downed Vandalia. They went on to knock Palestine from the undefeated ranks in the conference with a 34-17 win. Once again Konrad led the Hearts by scoring fifteen points

¹ Ibid., December 11, 1941.

² Ibid., December 18, 1941.

³ Ibid., January 15, 1942.

as Newton was defeated even though the Hearts hit only eleven out of eight-four shots.¹

Both Teutopolis and Newton were victims for the second time as the Hearts warmed up for the Eastern Illinois League Tournament. In this tournament Effingham went to the finals only to be beaten by Paris.

Salem won easily, but the Hearts defeated Lawrenceville, Greenup, and Charleston before losing to Casey to end the regular season.

Effingham won the Regional Tournament by defeating Teutopolis, Greenup, and Windsor. In the Sectional Tournament at Bridgeport, Effingham won their first sectional game in the school's history by defeating Palestine 38-19.² Even though Konrad scored twenty-one points, Allendale defeated the Hearts in the second game by two points.

This "Outstanding Little Team,"³ with only one starter over six feet, was led in scoring by Keith Konrad, 5' 3" senior forward, with 325 points while Gene Henderson had the best free-throw average.⁴ Mort Harris later played on the Southeast Missouri State team that won the N. A. I. A. Tournament in 1943.

¹ Ibid., January 29, 1942.

² Ibid., March 16, 1942.

³ Signal, 1942, page 35.

⁴ Ibid.

1942-1943

Warren Habbe was the only returning regular reporting to Coach Lucas as the first practice started. However, lettermen Charlie Austin and Leon Galbraith had gained valuable experience the year before, so the prospects for a good year were present. Tommy McCain, a regular guard from the 1942 team, had moved to Arkansas during the summer.

Charlie Austin and Warren Habbe sparked the Hearts to an easy initial win over Mulberry Grove with twenty points and fourteen points respectively.¹ Another easy win followed before Effingham lost their next four games. A three-point win over Vandalia ended the losing streak only to have Mattoon register the Hearts fifth defeat on the following night. An overtime loss to Teutopolis, a team who had won their first six games, made the Hearts' record three wins and six losses.²

The Hearts enjoyed three consecutive victories before Robinson evened an earlier defeat by besting the Hearts by fourteen points. A four-game losing streak developed with additional losses to Charleston Eastern, the laboratory school of Eastern Illinois University, Palestine, and Mattoon.

¹Effingham Daily Record, November 18, 1942.

²Ibid., December 16, 1942.

With Habbe scoring twenty points, the Hearts defeated Teutopolis in their second meeting by the score of 37-30.¹ Two victories, one over Vandalia and one over Newton, enabled the Hearts to enter the conference tournament on a winning streak. Charleston ended this winning streak with a seventeen-point victory in the first game of the tournament. After the tournament the Hearts won two of the remaining five games left on their regular schedule. In the Regional Tournament, the Hearts reached the finals by defeating Stewardson and Teutopolis, but turned cold and lost to Windsor, 44-38.²

The season ended with fourteen wins to go against fourteen losses. Senior Warren Habbe led the team in scoring.

1943-1944

Once again some of the toughest teams in the state were on the Effingham schedule. Included were Paris, the 1943 State champion, and Salem, who finished third in the same state meet. Coach Lucas, however, was optimistic because of the Hearts good size, aggressiveness and speed. Lucas said, " . . .the going will be tough,

¹Ibid., January 23, 1943.

²Ibid., March 4, 1943.

but the boys will give a good account of themselves and will probably spring some surprises before the season is over."¹

Strasburg and Beecher City were easy victories for Effingham in their first two encounters as Bob Behrman scored seventeen and twenty-one points in these two games.

In a Thanksgiving afternoon game, Paris handed the Hearts their first defeat 26-21. A victory over Windsor proved costly when Ted Jaycox was injured and would not play in the next four games.² Of these four games, Effingham lost the first three but won the fourth at the expense of Teutopolis.

Jaycox got back in the line-up against Mattoon and scored seven of his team's thirty points as the Hearts defeated the Green Waves. An easy win over Newton helped prepare the Hearts for the Mt. Vernon Christmas Tournament. An opening round defeat by East St. Louis put the Hearts into the consolation bracket where they advanced to the finals by beating Murphysboro and McLeansboro but lost to Urbana 51-36.

The month of January saw the Hearts win four games and lose four. February started with the Eastern Illinois League Tournament, and once again the Hearts advanced to

¹ Ibid., November 2, 1943.

² Ibid., December 2, 1943.

the finals with wins over Charleston, Toledo, and Charleston Eastern, only to be defeated in the finals by Paris.

After the tournament, the Hearts fans were subjected to some very exciting basketball. Salem was defeated for the first time by a Lucas-coached team.¹ A lay-up in the last few seconds by Jack Parks gave the Hearts a one-point win over Flora.² In the second over-time against Lawrenceville, Behrman rebounded a missed Jaycox shot for a basket in the sudden death period.³ Effingham closed their regular season by winning two of the remaining three games.

In the Effingham Regional Tournament, victories over Greenup and Windsor put Effingham into a tournament title game for the third time, but this time the Hearts were victorious as they defeated Teutopolis 37-28, as Jack Parks scored nineteen points.⁴ In the Sectional Tournament at Flora the Hearts were eliminated by Mt. Carmel 42-29.

As Coach Lucas had predicted before the season started, the Hearts pulled a number of surprises and ended with a fine record of twenty-three wins and thirteen losses.

¹ Ibid., February 9, 1944.

² Ibid., February 12, 1944.

³ Ibid., February 14, 1944.

⁴ Ibid., March 3, 1944.

1944-1945

Last season regulars, Bill Woods and Ted Jaycox, were among some forty boys who reported for the first practice called by Coach Lucas. The season opened with an easy win over Windsor as Jack Henderson scored eighteen points.¹ Another easy win over a strong Mattoon team gave indication that the "Lucasmen" might have a really good year.² The Hearts split the next two games losing to a taller Decatur team and defeating Beecher City.

A victory over Flora, the first time Effingham had ever beaten them on their own court,³ and a loss to Vandalia brought the Hearts to their rival contest against Teutopolis. The game was scheduled for Teutopolis but because of the expectedly large crowd, the game was played at Effingham because of the larger seating capacity. Effingham won 28-23.⁴

Then came a two-point victory over Paris, the number two ranked team in the state. This also was the first time in six years that an Effingham team had beaten a Paris team.⁵ A loss to Salem and a homecoming victory

¹Ibid., November 22, 1944.

²Ibid., November 26, 1944.

³Ibid., December 6, 1944.

⁴Ibid., December 13, 1944.

⁵Ibid., December 16, 1944.

over Charleston Eastern, in which Bill Woods scored eighteen points, ended the schedule until after the Christmas holidays.¹

After a two-week lay-off, once-beaten Robinson won by two points in a thrilling overtime contest. The Hearts then defeated a strong Mt. Vernon team, but Decatur, led by their 6' 7" center Riley, who scored seventeen points, beat Effingham 43-35.² After this defeat the Hearts easily beat Palestine; won by two points over Teutopolis as Woods scored seventeen points; beat Mattoon by five points; and downed Newton by thirty-two points before Vandalia stopped their four-game winning streak. The Hearts tuned up for the conference tournament by defeating Flora for the second time.

The Hearts, labeled as the dark horse, easily won their first tournament game from Toledo as Ted Jaycox scored twenty-five points. In the second game Paris, whom the Hearts had already beaten, easily won by the score of 43-23.

In the regular season play, Effingham finished by winning four of the remaining six games.

The Hearts defeated Cowden, Stewardson, and Teutopolis in the Effingham Regional Tournament to become champs.

¹ Ibid., December 22, 1944.

² Ibid., January 9, 1945.

³ Ibid., February 1, 1945.

In the Lawrenceville Sectional, the Hearts came from behind in the fourth quarter to beat Mt. Carmel² but were beaten in the finals by Flora.

The 1944-1945 season definitely was a success. Hampered by the lack of size all year, the Hearts ended with a 22-10 record. Woods and Jaycox were the only starters who were over 5' 8". Jaycox, leading the team in scoring, later played outstanding ball at the University of Florida.

1945-1946

An inexperienced group reported to Coach Lucas this year as the Hearts prepared to meet some of the best teams in the state. Only John Woods and Scottie Babbs had seen much action in the previous season.¹

Victories over Windsor and Toledo in the first two games gave encouragement to the Heart fans, but these fans knew the big test would come against Champaign. The game was played in the University of Illinois gymnasium with the Hearts playing the first game of a double header while Centralia played Urbana in the second game. Champaign had seven players returning from their state championship team of the year before and easily defeated Effingham by the score of 75-25.²

¹County Review, November 15, 1945.

²Ibid., November 29, 1945.

Two more defeats occurred before Mattoon was defeated 43-36. A one-point loss in overtime to Salem and a homecoming victory over St. Elmo ended the Hearts' regular schedule in December.

In the Mt. Vernon Holiday Tournament, the Hearts defeated Herrin but lost to the host school in their second game.

After a defeat by Robinson, Bob Jaycox and John Woods led Effingham over an Eastern Illinois League foe, Newton.¹ A defeat by rival Teutopolis and a one-point victory over Charleston as Scottie Babbs scored twelve points brought the Hearts' record to seven wins and seven losses.² A defeat by the powerful Decatur team started the Hearts on a thirteen-game losing streak, which included an opening round loss to Greenup in the conference tournament.

In the Regional Tournament, Effingham met Stewardson, the pre-tourney favorite, in the first round game. Playing a ball control game, enabling the Hearts to control the ball almost twenty-four of the thirty-two minutes, they upset Stewardson, 35-21.³ In the semi-finals the Hearts fell to Teutopolis for the third straight time, 34-29.⁴

¹ Ibid., January 10, 1946.

² Ibid., January 17, 1946.

³ Ibid., March 6, 1946.

⁴ Ibid., March 7, 1946.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER X

Cevert Lucas was varsity basketball coach at Effingham High School for eight years, the longest any person has coached basketball for the Hearts. Coaching at Effingham for this length of time enabled Lucas to win more games (113) and lose more games (96) than any other coach. His winning percentage is .541. In 1942 his team compiled the third best season in Effingham's history by winning twenty-five and losing seven for a percentage of .781. In Coach Lucas's first year as coach, the Hearts played the first game in the present (1965) gymnasium.

Effingham won three regional tournaments during this era and in 1942 won its first sectional game by defeating Palestine. In the other two sectional tournament appearances, Effingham lost the first game in one and lost in the finals in the other.

CHAPTER XI

THE ERA OF JOHN SHEAHAN

John Sheahan was graduated from Illinois State Normal University and then received his Masters degree from the University of Illinois. He coached football and basketball at Reponset High School, Auburn High School, and Monmouth High School. He also coached basketball at Ephrata Air Base while in the Air Force. After three years as coach of the Hearts, he became varsity basketball coach and Athletic Director at Mattoon High School.¹

1946-1947

A total of forty-five boys reported to Coach Sheahan on the opening day of practice; of these only two were lettermen, Jim Hastings and Bob Devall. Once again lack of size was the most apparent weakness.²

An opening game defeat by Windsor started the Hearts on an eight-game losing streak. Included in the streak were a loss to Champaign, the past year's state champion, and an opening round loss to Mt. Vernon in the Mt. Vernon Holiday Tournament.

¹Effingham Daily News, May 9, 1946.

²Ibid., November 8, 1946.

The Hearts' first victory came against an Eastern Illinois League foe, Charleston Eastern, by the score of 51-45 as Jim Hastings scored twenty-two points.¹ Two more defeats followed before chief rival Teutopolis was defeated for the first time in two seasons. Both teams were cold from the field as Effingham made only 26 percent of its shots and Teutopolis made only 19 percent of its shots.²

After losing to two powerful Eastern Illinois League teams, Paris and Robinson, the Hearts had only a record of two and twelve going into the conference tournament. However, the Hearts surprised everyone by getting into the finals only to be beaten once again by Paris, the eventual state champion.

Two more defeats followed before the Hearts beat Greenup by scoring sixty-seven points, their highest of the season. The regular season ended with victories over Casey and Newton as well as two defeats by Vandalia and one by Mattoon.

In the Regional Tournament held at Effingham, the Hearts advanced to the finals by easy victories over Louisville and Cowden but were beaten by Flora in the finals by the score of 47-32.

¹ibid., January 11, 1947.

²ibid., January 18, 1947.

John Sheahan's first year's record was ten wins against nineteen losses. Since only three seniors would be lost from the squad, hopes for a winning season in the next year were high since sophomore Louie Martin, Roger Dettro, and Don Elmore all had received valuable playing experience. Seniors Bob Devall and Jim Hastings led the team in scoring as Bob Devall scored 203 and Hastings 201 points.¹

1947-1948

Seven lettermen greeted Coach Sheahan as the Hearts started preparing for the forthcoming season; Charles Althoff, Roger Dettro, Bob Haney, Don Elmore, Merlin Mercier, Louie Martin, and Johnny McDevitt.

The season opened with a 46-33 victory over Toledo as junior guard Roger Dettro scored seventeen points.² Beecher City was the Hearts' next victim as John McDevitt scored four straight field goals at the start of the fourth quarter to break a tie.³

Teutopolis, winner of its first five games, was Effingham's third straight victim as the Hearts held John Nieman, 6' 4" center from Teutopolis, who had a 21.6 scoring average, to just 9 points.⁴

¹Ibid., March 12, 1947.

²Ibid., December 3, 1947.

³Ibid., December 6, 1947.

⁴Ibid., December 10, 1947.

Roxana gave the Hearts their first defeat, but two more victories gave the Hearts a five and one record. A three-point loss to Vandalia, after leading until the fourth quarter, ended the schedule before the holidays.¹

In the Mt. Vernon Holiday Tournament, a tall Edwardsville quintet handed the Hearts a loss in the opening round even though Dettro scored twenty points.² Six more consecutive defeats made Effingham's record five wins and nine losses.

The Hearts broke the eight game losing streak by defeating Charleston Eastern 38-19. A fine defense held the Eastern team to only five field goals.³

In the Eastern Illinois League Tournament, the Hearts defeated Westfield, scoring their season high of eighty-seven points. Fifty-three of these came in a free scoring second half.⁴ In the second game Effingham held a 40-38 lead late in the third quarter, but then Mercier fouled out, and Robinson ended with an easy victory.⁵

¹Ibid., December 18, 1947.

²Ibid., December 30, 1947.

³Ibid., January 20, 1948.

⁴Ibid., February 5, 1948.

⁵Ibid., February 8, 1948.

Greenup was defeated before Salem, a team rated in the top three in the state all season and sporting a twenty-two and one record, defeated the Hearts.¹ The regular season came to an end with the Hearts winning two of the remaining four games.

In the Regional Tournament at Effingham, Meoga was an easy mark in the first game, but Strasburg ended any hopes of a regional championship with a one-point victory over Coach Sheahan's team.

The season ended with eleven wins and fourteen losses. Junior guard Roger Dettro led the team in scoring.

1948-1949

Six lettermen, of which four were regulars, returned from the 1948 team: Roger Dettro, the leading scorer of the last season, John McDevitt, Bob Haney, Louis Martin, Jim Burke, and Jerry Malty. Two outstanding transfer students, John Steppe from Dietrich and Keith Senior from Mason, were expected to help the already strong lettermen.²

The Hearts started the season by winning their first six games. Included was an opening game victory over Beecher City, a win over Brownstown as Rog Dettro scored

¹Ibid., February 15, 1948.

²Ibid., December 2, 1948.

fourteen points,¹ and an easy win over Roxana as Louis Martin scored fourteen points.² Flora, victorious in four of their first five games, fell to the Effingham five despite the fact that the Hearts threw the ball away twenty times on bad passes. John Steppe reinjured his right foot in this game and was lost to the team for two weeks.³ A win over St. Elmo and a four-point win over Vandalia as Detro scored twenty-two points and John McDevitt scored twenty-one were the Hearts' fifth and sixth victories.⁴ The first loss was to Lawrenceville 33-27 as the Hearts only scored two points in the fourth quarter.⁵

In the Mt. Vernon Christmas Tournament a twenty-one point third quarter for the Hearts enabled them to come from behind and beat a good Chicago Wells team in the first game.⁶ In the second game, Nashville, who later finished fourth in the state tournament,⁷ beat the Hearts 50-36.

¹Ibid., December 8, 1948.

²Ibid., December 11, 1948.

³Ibid., December 14, 1948.

⁴Ibid., December 22, 1948.

⁵Ibid., December 24, 1948.

⁶Ibid., December 30, 1948.

⁷Signet, 1949, page 41.

Windsor was the next win for the Hearts followed by a comeback win over the Mattoon Green Waves. In the Mattoon game Effingham trailed by ten points late in the third quarter but finally started to hit and won by three points.¹ With Senior scoring twenty points, Altamont was easily defeated for the Hearts' tenth win.²

The next home game for the Hearts was against Teutopolis. The Wooden Shoes, undefeated in fifteen games, were rated third in the United Press state poll. Roger Dettre scored twenty-two points, but Teutopolis won their sixteenth straight game before a standing room crowd.³ Paris, with a 14-2 record and rated number five in the United Press state poll, defeated the Hearts 52-29 as the local boys hit only 13 percent of their shots.⁴

Twenty points by Senior and the strong rebounding of Steppe helped the Hearts break their two game losing streak with a nineteen-point win over Robinson.⁵ Hitting 47 percent, the Hearts defeated Champaign 61-46.⁶

In the Eastern Illinois League Tournament at Casey, the Hearts easily defeated Martinsville, Westfield, and Charleston, advancing to play Robinson in the finals.

¹Effingham Daily News, January 10, 1949.

²Ibid., January 12, 1949.

³Ibid., January 13, 1949.

⁴Ibid., January 19, 1949.

⁵Ibid., January 22, 1949.

⁶Ibid., January 29, 1949.

Hitting twenty-seven out of thirty-six free throws, the Hearts won the tournament for the first time by beating Robinson 53-38.¹ With an eighteen and two record the Hearts were rated number fourteen in the state United Press poll. This was the first time an Effingham team had ever been rated in either the Associated Press or United Press polls.²

After the tournament the Hearts were defeated by Teutopolis by the score of 66-64. With less than a minute to go, Teutopolis's Tom Burford hit a 25-foot set shot from the corner to break a 64-64 tie, giving the Wooden Shoes their second straight victory over the Hearts.³

The Hearts won their second league game by defeating Greenup 69-22. The remaining games in February were all won, including three from Eastern Illinois League foes. This gave the Hearts a record of five wins and one loss in the conference, the best record of any Effingham team in the conference.

In the Flora Regional Tournament, Effingham easily defeated Clay City in the first game 67-23. In the semi-finals, the Hearts' opponent was Teutopolis, winner of twenty-eight straight games including two from Effingham.

¹ Ibid., February 7, 1949.

² Ibid., February 7, 1949.

³ Ibid., February 9, 1949.

The Hearts, playing a tight zone defense, pulled the biggest upset of the year by easily defeating the Wooden Shoes 65-40.¹ Superior rebounding by the Flora wolves, however, spelled defeat for the Hearts 53-45 in the regional finals.²

The season's record was twenty-six wins and six losses, which is a winning percentage of .793 percent, the second best in the school's history.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER XI

During the three years John Sheahan was varsity basketball coach, the Hearts won forty-four games and lost thirty-nine for a winning percentage of .530 percent. The 1949 team won the only basketball title in the Eastern Illinois League by winning the league tournament. This same team is the only team ever to be rated in any state basketball polls.

¹Ibid., March 4, 1949.

²Ibid., March 5, 1949.

CHAPTER XII

THE ERA OF DON MARTIN

Don Martin graduated from Warrensburg Teachers College in Missouri, where he not only played basketball but coached the team during his senior year. He coached basketball at Jennings High School, Jennings, Missouri, for three years. For the three years previous to his employment at Effingham, he played professional basketball with the St. Louis Bombers and a Baltimore team. He was 6' 8" tall.¹

1949-1950

Don Martin began his first year as coach with an inexperienced ball club. The first eight players from the season before were lost by graduation and only three lettermen returned. These were Jim Davis, Bob Monnett, and Jim Parker.²

The inexperience was evident in the first two games as the Hearts were easily defeated by Beecher City and Windsor. A victory over Brownstown enabled the Hearts to break into the win column for the first time under Coach Martin.

¹ Ibid., July 24, 1949.

² Ibid., November 1, 1949.

Flora's strong second half proved to be too much for the Hearts as they lost 65-46.¹ A bad second half caused the Hearts to lose their next two ball games.

In the Mt. Vernon Tournament, Sullivan edged past Effingham 47-46 in the first game. Effingham was in the lead, but a missed long shot and a bad pass turned an apparent victory into defeat.²

Mattoon and Robinson were victorious over the Hearts. Effingham's second victory was over Charleston Eastern 55-38. A 48-47 victory over St. Elmo came about when Jim Parker picked up a fumbled pass, drove the length of the court and scored on a lay-up as time was running out.³

In the Eastern Illinois Tournament, "Effingham, the defending champions, are favored to go through the upper bracket to the finals, with Westfield or Marshall capable of an upset."⁴ Victories over Westfield, Oblong, and Newton put Effingham into the finals where they were defeated by Robinson by two points as Robinson hit on 50 percent of their shots in the first half and then played a ball control game the second half.⁵

¹Ibid., December 14, 1949.

²Ibid., December 27, 1949.

³Ibid., January 23, 1950.

⁴Ibid., February 1, 1950.

⁵Ibid., February 6, 1950.

In the Teutopolis game, which Coach Martin missed because of strep throat, the Wooden Shoes won 52-40.¹ Casey also defeated the Hearts 50-39.

The three-game losing streak was broken by a win over Cumberland as the Hearts hit a hot 59.4 percent from the floor.² Three more victories followed over Shelbyville, Newton, and Charleaton. In the Newton game, Newton's top scorer, sophomore Phil Apple, missed the game because of an ankle injury.³

In the regional, Effingham defeated Noble in the first game 64-54. Teutopolis was the Hearts opponent in the semi-finals, and Effingham fans were hoping that the Hearts could upset the Wooden Shoes as they had done the previous year. Teutopolis won 50-48 in overtime. According to most fans, it was Effingham's finest game of the year.⁴

The season ended with twelve wins and fifteen losses. The encouraging aspect was that most of the players would be returning, and they had showed signs of improvement at the end of the season.

¹Ibid., February 8, 1950.

²Ibid., February 16, 1950.

³Ibid., February 22, 1950.

⁴Ibid., February 27, 1950.

1950-1951

The season opened with four returning lettermen, all of whom had been regulars at one time or another the year before; Bob Monnett, Bob Smith, Jim Parker, and Jack Dettro. A tall center was very badly needed, and Coach Martin had high hopes for 6' 3" sophomore Charles Huntington, but he dropped out of school.¹ Coach Martin then hoped he had an "ace up his sleeve" in Ray Woods, a 6' 4" junior, who had missed his sophomore year because of an injury.²

A 40-36 victory over Mt. Carmel opened the season, with Bob Monnett scoring nineteen points. The victory was a costly one as the Hearts lost their floor general, Bob Smith, for an indefinite period of time because of a back injury.³

Two other victories over Beecher City and Windsor gave the Hearts a three-game winning streak before they were beaten by Flora, the eighth place team in the state.

Effingham then beat rival Teutopolis by one-point as Jack Dettro hit a long set shot with twenty-five seconds to go.⁴

¹Ibid., November 14, 1950.

²Ibid., November 16, 1950.

³Ibid., November 29, 1950.

⁴Ibid., December 16, 1950.

A victory over Lawrenceville made Effingham's record five victories and one defeat. A cold second half caused the Hearts to lose to Vandalia, 52-44.

In the Pontiac Holiday Tournament, Effingham won one and lost three. In the final game Coach Martin used his second team most of the game in an effort to shake the first team's slump.¹

Forward Bob Smith was ready to play against an experienced Mattoon team. His return did help the team play better ball, but the Hearts lost the game in overtime.²

Effingham won their next two games, but Robinson and St. Elmo then beat the Hearts. In the Pana game, Effingham was out to avenge an earlier defeat in the Pontiac tournament. They did this with a 60-36 win.

Palestine and Eastern were defeated in the first two games of the Eastern Illinois Tournament. Paris ended the Hearts' hopes of being in the finals for the third straight year with a 63-56 win. In the game with Casey for third place, Effingham had an eleven-point lead at half time but could not hold it as Casey won 66-61.³

The next two games on the schedule were split by beating Cumberland and losing to Paris by one-point.

¹Ibid., December 30, 1950.

²Ibid., January 5, 1951.

³Signet, 1951, page 53.

Teutopolis and Casey were the next victims of the Hearts, but Shelbyville beat the Hearts by one-point as they dominated the boards.¹ In the final home appearance Coach Martin's squad defeated Newton, 79-64. Bob Monnett tied the school individual scoring record with twenty-eight points in this game.² The regular season ended with an overtime win at Charleston.

The regional tournament provided a first for Effingham's basketball teams as St. Anthony, the cross-town rival, was the opponent for the first time since it became a four year high school. Effingham won 45-42, but both teams shot very poorly.³ The Hearts easily defeated Louisville in the semi-final game. With Bob Monnett scoring twenty points and Jack Dettro scoring eighteen points, Effingham stayed with a favored Flora team before losing 59-56.

The season's record was nineteen wins and twelve losses. Bob Monnett was leading scorer with 492 points in the thirty-one games.

1951-1952

Wayne Endebrook, Tom McDevitt, Roy Smith, Hillard Williams, Jerry Clair, and Tom Lanekin were the returning

¹Effingham Daily News, February 23, 1951.

²Signet, 1951, page 53.

³Effingham Daily News, February 28, 1951.

lettermen from the previous year. Of these, only Wayne "Chick" Endebrock and Tom McDevitt could be considered starters.¹

The season opened with a 48-41 win over Mt. Carmel. A tall, strong Shelbyville team beat the Hearts before Effingham defeated Windsor. Beecher City came from behind to even Effingham's record at two victories and two defeats.

An upset victory over Flora was brought about by the excellent defense of the Hearts.² A two point victory over Teutopolis preceded two defeats by Lawrenceville and Vandalia.

In the Pontiac Holiday Tournament, the Hearts were defeated by the 1951 State Champions, Freeport, by the score of 65-44. In their second game Effingham beat Chenoa in an overtime as Bill Trett scored twelve points in the fourth quarter and overtime period.³ Two more defeats followed as the Hearts had trouble scoring.

Four straight defeats after this tournament ran the string of defeats to six straight. A 62-56 win over St. Elmo broke the string, but six more consecutive losses followed, including the Hearts' first game in the Eastern Illinois Tournament.

¹Ibid., November 5, 1951.

²Ibid., December 12, 1951.

³Ibid., December 27, 1951.

Effingham's lone win in the conference was gained from Charleston 56-54. A win over Altamont ended the regular season as sophomore George Baker scored twelve points.¹

The Hearts won their first two games in the regional and met Teutopolis in the finals. The Wooden Shoes avenged an earlier defeat by winning 60-48. The season ended with a record of ten victories and eighteen defeats.

1952-1953

Four returning lettermen greeted Coach Martin on opening day: Roy Smith, George Baker, Hillard Williams, and Julian Dahncke.

A second half comeback in the first two games, plus good free throw shooting, enabled the Hearts to beat Beecher City and Shelbyville. Windsor gave the Hearts their first defeat 58-53. with "Rocky" Smith scoring twenty-nine points, the Hearts downed Altamont to give Effingham a very good start with three wins and only one loss.²

A hope for a very successful season was ended with a five-game losing streak. Included in this string was a loss to Teutopolis in which the Hearts hit only

¹Ibid., February 24, 1952.

²Signet, 1953, page 41.

sixteen of fifty-one shots, and a loss to Vandalia, when Roy Smith was ill and did not play. In the Vandalia game, Effingham was able to make only six field goals the entire game.¹

Junior guard, Jack Arnold's twenty-eight points enabled Effingham to break the losing streak with an 80-62 win over Westfield.

Two losses, a win over St. Elmo and a loss to Teutopolis, brought the Hearts to the Salem Tournament. The Hearts were defeated by Vandalia and Harrisburg. An opening round loss to Casey in the Eastern Illinois Conference Tournament then extended the Hearts' losing streak to four games.

A three-game winning streak, longest of the season, followed. A three-point victory over Eastern, a come from behind victory over Casey, and a one-point win over Cumberland gave them this streak. In the Cumberland game, Coach Martin's men held the ball the last two minutes while losing 49-48. With ten seconds to go, Julian Dahneke tipped in a missed shot for the victory.²

Two defeats ended the regularly scheduled season. In the Regional Tournament Farina was beaten 77-64. In the semi-finals, Flora humiliated the Hearts with a 81-46 victory.

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

Throughout most of the season Effingham would play a good first half only to falter in the second. The result was a season of eight victories and fifteen defeats. George Baker was the leading scorer.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER XII

Don Martin's Effingham teams won forty-nine and lost sixty during his four years as varsity basketball coach. His winning percentage was .450 percent. St. Anthony as a four year high school was the Hearts opponent for the first time in 1951.

CHAPTER XIII

THE ERA OF FLOYD HANSON

Floyd Hanson, a native of Paris, Illinois, and a graduate of Indiana State, came to Effingham from Unity High School, Tolono, Illinois. He also coached basketball at Montezuma High School in Indiana. He was varsity football and track coach as well as varsity basketball coach.¹

1953-1954

New Coach Floyd Hanson had a group of six returning lettermen, including the previous year's leading scorer, George Baker. Other returning players were Julian Dahncke, Leroy Tabor, Jack Arnold, Bud Endebrock, and Doug Brown.

Although the spirit was high for a successful season with experienced players returning, the season started out poorly as all the returning lettermen missed the first called practice. This occurred when the school celebrated the football team's co-championship of the Eastern Illinois Conference on the morning of the first practice, and the boys decided to take the entire day off from school. The next night all were present and started

¹Effingham Daily News, June 3, 1953.

work in earnest for the season opener with Beecher City.¹

Misfortune befell the Hearts in their opening game as the lights failed in the Beecher City gymnasium, and the game was delayed for fifty-one minutes until repairs could be made. This did not cool off the hot shooting Hearts, however, as they defeated their opponent 88-48 with Julian Dahncke leading the scoring with twenty points.²

The Windsor game provided some excitement as the Hearts overcame a seven-point deficit in the last four minutes to win by one point.³ Teutopolis was the next victim to make it three in a row, but foul trouble plagued the Hearts in the Flora game. Effingham led all the way until the middle of the fourth quarter. With three regulars lost via the foul route, Flora was able to take the lead and win by two points.⁴

The Hearts continued to provide excitement as they came from behind in the last forty-five seconds to beat Lawrenceville by three points. All Heart starters were in double figures.⁵

¹Ibid., November 11, 1953.

²Ibid., November 28, 1953.

³Ibid., December 7, 1953.

⁴Ibid., December 14, 1953.

⁵Ibid., December 16, 1953.

Effingham beat Vandalia and then left for Olney, seeking their seventh win against a team who had lost their last seven ball games; however, Olney, playing excellent ball, won 71-59.¹

After a two-week lay-off over the Christmas vacation, Cumberland beat the Hearts, 67-60. A victory over Shelbyville and a come from behind victory over Odin increased Effingham's victories to eight.

Effingham lost to Robinson and beat Pana in their next two games. With the Hearts hitting 53 percent of the shots from the field, they scored a season high of ninety points against St. Elmo.² A victory over Teutopolis gave the Hearts a three-game winning streak.

After an 83-75 win over a good Salem team in the opening game of the Salem Tournament, the Hearts were considered a strong contender for the title. Centralia smashed any such hope the next afternoon with an 82-52 win.

Next came the Eastern Illinois Conference Tournament. Effingham won its first two games easily, and with George Baker scoring eight points in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter, a close ball game with Robinson was broken open.³ Against Cumberland in the finals, Effingham led until four

¹ Ibid., December 23, 1953.

² Ibid., January 23, 1954.

³ Ibid., February 6, 1954.

regulars were lost by fouls. The result was a 64-59 win by Cumberland.¹

The regular season ended with Effingham winning three of the remaining five games. In the Charleston victory, George Baker set an individual single game scoring record of thirty-six points as he connected on fourteen field goals and eight free throws.²

In the Regional Tournament, Effingham defeated Teutopolis for the third time that season, but they then lost to Flora in the semi-finals.

The season ended with nineteen victories and nine defeats in Floyd Hansen's first year as coach. George Baker repeated as the leading scorer with 426 points followed by Julian Bahnske and sophomore Topper Woelfer each scoring 358 points.

1954-1955

Larry Heurlott, Doug Brown, Howard Monnett, Jim Robinson, Topper Woelfer, and Don Bushue were the six lettermen back from the fine 1954 season. "Our strength will lie in our underclassmen, we will probably be a year away," was the way Coach Hansen summed up the coming season.³

¹Ibid., February 8, 1954.

²Signet, 1954, page 21.

³Effingham Daily News, December 2, 1954.

The inexperience showed as Windsor was victorious in the Hearts' opener. With Topper Woelfer scoring nineteen points, which included the winning basket, the Hearts won their first game of the season by beating Altamont 73-71. Teutopolis was then defeated in the seventy-first meeting of these two schools.

Flora and Lawrenceville defeated the Hearts in their next two encounters as the inexperienced underclassmen committed a number of costly fouls.¹

The Red and Green then conquered Vandalia and Olney, with the Olney game being one of the most exciting of the year. The Hearts were losing by eleven points at half time. A second half rally was successful as Howard Monnett tied the score with a driving lay-up with twenty-five seconds to go. The two free throws Charlie Morgan hit with ten seconds left gave the Hearts a 63-61 victory.²

Effingham, by only scoring fourteen points in the last half, enabled Cumberland to win, 62-42. The Hearts then won three in a row but lost to Pana by two points and to St. Elmo by one point. A 70-50 win over Teutopolis gave the Hearts their eighth win of the season.

¹Ibid., December 15, 1954.

²Ibid., December 22, 1954.

A defeat at the hands of Centralia, the fourth ranked team in the state,¹ and by Lawrenceville, in which the Hearts exhibited their poorest form of the season,² dropped Effingham out of any championship picture in the Salem Tournament.

The Hearts opened on a happy note in the Eastern Illinois Tournament as they defeated Martinsville, 50-48. However, a zone defense by Charleston resulted in an easy victory for them over the Hearts.³

Immediately following this tournament, the Hearts were once again defeated by Charleston in league play. A ball control type of game and Woelfer's nineteen points enabled Effingham to beat Casey by nine points.⁴

The third ranked team in the state, Pinckneyville, was the next opponent. Effingham played splendid ball, but they were outmanned. Pinckneyville won 54-34.⁵

With Topper Woelfer scoring twenty-seven points, the Hearts walloped Sullivan.⁶ A victory over Newton and

¹Ibid., January 25, 1955.

²Ibid., January 31, 1955.

³Ibid., February 3, 1955.

⁴Ibid., February 12, 1955.

⁵Ibid., February 14, 1955.

⁶Ibid., February 16, 1955.

a defeat by Salem closed out the regular season.

In the Regional Tournament the Hearts advanced to the finals by beating La Grove and first seeded Flora.¹ St. Anthony won the regional by beating Effingham 56-44.

Junior Topper Woelfer led the scoring with 418 points as the Hearts posted a record of fourteen wins and thirteen losses.

1955-1956

Eight returning lettermen gave Coach Hansen plenty of experience plus the leading scorer from the year before in Topper Woelfer. Jim Robinson, Charles Morgan, Richard Wooley, Paul Telch, John Austin, Charles Keller, and sophomore Larry Lane were the other lettermen. As the season opened, the Hearts appeared to have adequate height at the forward and center positions and good shooting from the guard and forward positions.²

Two straight defeats in the first two games indicated that the Hearts might not have the successful season that everyone had hoped for. A victory over Teutopolis gave the Hearts their first win, but then Flora and Lawrenceville gave the Hearts two more defeats.

¹ibid., March 4, 1955.

²ibid., December 2, 1955.

Effingham's second victory was a 56-48 win over Vandalia as Topper Woelfer scored thirty-one points.¹ Five straight defeats followed before St. Elmo and Teutopolis were defeated.

In the Salem Invitational Tournament, Centralia defeated the Hearts in the opener, however, Effingham won the consolation championship by beating Flora and Vandalia. Topper Woelfer set a tournament scoring record with seventy-three points for a 24.4 average per game. woelfer was selected to the first All-Tournament team and Jim Robinson to the second team.²

In the Eastern Illinois Tournament, Effingham beat Palestine in the opener, but they lost to Robinson as Jim Robinson played on a sprained ankle.³

A defeat by Charleston and a victory over Casey brought Effingham's record to eight victories and twelve defeats. Both teams played a slow control type of game as Finckneyville beat the Hearts 37-20.⁴ A victory over Sullivan; a defeat by Paris; a victory over Newton, accomplished without woelfer, who was out with the flu;⁵ and a defeat by the North Egypt champions, Salem, closed out the regular season.

¹Ibid., December 19, 1955.

²Ibid., January 30, 1956.

³Ibid., February 3, 1956.

⁴Ibid., February 13, 1956.

⁵Ibid., February 21, 1956.

In the regional, Effingham beat Teutopolis for the third time that season but lost to St. Anthony's state team, 64-57, in the semi-finals.

Floyd Manson suffered his first losing season at Effingham with a record of eleven victories and sixteen defeats. Topper Woelfer set a new single season scoring record of 520 points for a 19.2 average per game. His career total of 1296 points also set a record.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER XIII

Forty-four games were won and thirty-eight games were lost during Floyd Manson's three years as basketball coach for a winning percentage of .537 percent. Three individual scoring records were established during this time: the individual high scoring for a game of thirty-six points set by George Baker, the single season scoring record of 520 points set by Topper Woelfer and the career scoring record of 1296 points set by Woelfer. Only the career scoring record still stands.

CHAPTER XVI

THE ERA OF RODNEY RICHARDSON

Rodney Richardson graduated from Western Illinois State College. His first coaching experience in Illinois was at Fulton High School, where his teams won eighty-eight and lost only eighteen. After leaving Effingham, he went to Bradley-Bourbonnois High School, Bradley, Illinois, as varsity basketball coach.¹

1956-1957

John Austin, Frank Davis, Charles Keller, Ron Brown, Paul Tolch, Richard Wooley, and Larry Lane were the seven returning lettermen who reported to new coach, Rod Richardson, on opening day of practice. A good season was anticipated because of the experience and depth, even though the team was lacking in size. Coach Richardson announced that the Hearts would use a set pattern style of offensive play.²

Rod Richardson's first game as coach ended in defeat as Salem won 54-47. With Paul Tolch scoring twenty points, Effingham beat Altamont to register their first win. Six straight victories followed giving the

¹Ibid., April 24, 1956.

²Ibid., November 30, 1956.

Hearts a fine record of seven wins against only one loss. Included in this string of victories was a 49-29 victory over Flora in which five Heart players did not get to play because of training rules infractions.¹

A defeat by Cumberland gave the Hearts their second loss. Three more victories followed before the Hearts were defeated by Teutopolis in a thriller, 54-53.

Pinckneyville beat the Hearts in the first game of the Salem Tournament putting them in the consolation bracket. A victory over Flora put the Hearts into the finale against Salem, who already had beaten the Hearts once that season. A jump shot by Larry Lane with four seconds remaining enabled the Hearts to bring home the consolation trophy with a 60-59 win.²

Following a victory over Neoga, the Hearts entered the Eastern Illinois Tournament where Robinson got revenge for an earlier defeat from the Hearts by beating them 45-30.

Effingham's second defeat in the conference was by Charleston. Two more victories followed before the Hearts lost to Paris after having a twelve-point half time lead. Effingham could manage only four points in the entire fourth quarter.³

¹ Ibid., December 12, 1956.

² Ibid., January 28, 1957.

³ Signet, 1957, page 30.

Two of the remaining three games of the regular season were won by Effingham, but Salem won its second game of the year over the Hearts.

Cisne was the victim of the Hearts in the first game of the regional tournament as all of the ten tournament squad members scored. In the semi-finals Effingham met Flora, whom they had beaten easily twice before that season; however, Flora was victorious this time as they eliminated the Hearts from the state play-offs.

In Rod Richardson's first year as coach, the Hearts posted a fine record of eighteen wins and nine losses. Paul Tolch was the leading scorer with 356 points.

1957-1958

The season opened with five returning lettermen: Vernon Ebbs, Jim Collins, Jim Jansen, Larry Lane, and Ronnie Phillips. Of these, Larry Lane was the only one on the squad who was over six feet in height.

The season opened at Effingham's gymnasium with Marshall as the opponent. The Fleming Hearts beat Marshall by one point, 47-46, which set a pattern of thrilling, close ball games which was present in most of the remaining games. This victory marked a successful start of the Eastern Illinois Conference.

Altamont, Teutopolis, Lawrenceville, and Stewardson were the next victims of Coach Richardson's squad, giving them a five straight victory streak.

Effingham's first defeat was administered on a foreign floor by Olney 51-50. A cold first quarter in which the Hearts fell behind twenty to ten caused their downfall. They did start finding the range in the next two quarters to get close, but Olney's ball control in the fourth quarter ended any thought of a sixth victory.¹ Salem was beaten by the score of 57-54, but Cumberland, Vandalia, and Robinson beat the Hearts as Effingham had difficulty scoring.

Effingham rebounded from their string of three straight losses by beating Oblong 51-50 in what was probably the most exciting game of the year. Oblong jumped out to an early lead and held it until the last twelve seconds when Larry Lane made a fifteen foot jump shot to give Effingham a victory.² Teutopolis was then defeated by three points with Ronale Phillips scoring twenty-six points.

In the Salem Invitational Tournament, the Hearts were defeated by Centralia 61-67 in their first game. The sixty-seven points was a season high. After this opening defeat, the Hearts had hopes of winning the consolation championship for the second straight year.

¹Effingham Daily News, December 18, 1957.

²ibid., January 15, 1958.

Flora was defeated by three points, but a double overtime defeat by Vandalia ended the hope for a second championship.

The Eastern Illinois League Tournament was next on the schedule, but a defeat by Cumberland in the first game eliminated the Hearts.

In the remaining games of the regular season, Effingham beat Charleston, Casey, Greenville, and Shelbyville, and lost to Flora, Paris, Newton, and Mattoon.

Effingham was host for the regional tournament and was considered the Cinderella team because of being hot and cold and winning those they should have lost while losing the ones they should have won.¹ A 56-48 win over La Grove and a three-point win over a good Flora ball club enabled the Hearts to meet the favorite and cross-town rival, St. Anthony in the finals, with Jim Jansen playing a marvelous floor game and scoring twenty-one points as well as the tremendous job of rebounding done by Gerald Van Dyke against his taller opponents, Effingham won the regional by beating St. Anthony 59-48.²

Enthusiasm was high for the Hearts first try at sectional play since 1945. The Olney gymnasium was the place of play and Oblong was the opponent. Earlier in the season Effingham had beaten Oblong by one point in a thriller

¹ Ibid., March 6, 1958.

² Ibid., March 8, 1958.

so a very exciting close game was anticipated; however, Oblong gained an easy 53-40 victory because of a cool .294 field shooting percentage.¹

1958-1959

A lack of experience and height once again plagued Effingham as only Gerald Van Dyke had seen considerable action. Other lettersmen returning were Charles Atkins, Elmer Sparrow, Duon Powell, Jim Sherrick, and David Ball.

The season opened with a 57-39 loss to Marshall, followed by a 46-38 win over Altamont. Teutopolis and Lawrenceville were next on the schedule and defeated the Hearts.

With Charles Atkinson scoring twenty-three points, Effingham won over Olney in a thriller 58-57. A three point defeat by Salem preceded the Christmas break.

Because of the pairings of the previous years, which usually had the Hearts playing the top seeded team in their opening game, Effingham decided to drop out of the Salem Invitational Tournament and replace this tournament appearance with one of their own. A Christmas Tournament was organized with eight teams. A consolation bracket was set up along with the usual winning bracket.² The Hearts' first opponent in their own tournament was Vandalia, and a 50-46

¹ Ibid., March 11, 1958.

² Interview with Jack Klosterman, Athletic Director, Effingham High School, July 25, 1964.

win over the Vandals gave the Hearts hope of winning the championship in their first tournament. A 70-54 trouncing by Robinson in the semi-finals ended the Hearts' bid. Notre Dame of Quincy won the tournament by defeating Robinson in the finals.

The new year started poorly as Vandalia administered a 53-47 defeat to Effingham. Just a week earlier, Effingham had beaten the Vandalia five in their own tournament. Three consecutive defeats followed before the Hearts defeated Stewardson 62-44. This marked the first time that season that Effingham was able to score sixty points or more in a game.

Five more successive defeats followed as once again the Hearts had trouble scoring. Included in this string of defeats was an opening loss in the Eastern Illinois Conference Tournament to Robinson. A 51-47 victory over Flora gave Effingham their fifth and final win of the season.

The season ended with an opening round loss to Flora in the regional tournament. Gerald Van Dyke ended the season as the leading rebounder even though he was only 5' 10" as well as leading scorer with 264 points for an eleven point average. This was not too bad considering that Effingham only scored on an average of 36.2 points per game for the season.¹

¹Effingham Daily News, March 14, 1959.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER XVI

During Red Richardson's three years as basketball coach his teams won thirty-nine and lost forty for a winning percentage of .494. A consolation championship in the Salem Invitational Tournament and a regional championship were won during these years.

CHAPTER XV

THE ERA OF JIM MOORE

Jim Moore graduated from the University of Illinois where he played basketball for two years. He coached basketball at Mt. Pulaski High School and Hartsburg-Emden High School in Illinois, before coming to Effingham. He is currently head track coach and assistant football coach at Greenville High School, Greenville, Illinois.

1959-1960

Although five lettermen from the losing season the year before answered Coach Jim Moore's call to the first practice, it appeared as though the season might be a long one.¹ The lettermen were Don Davis, Ken Grieder, Duon Powell, Eddie Smith and Jim Sherrick.

A string of five consecutive defeats opened the season before the Hearts beat Lakeview by the score of 63-56 as four of the Heart starters were in double figures.² The sixty-three points scored was to be a season high.

The next fifteen games of the regular season and the first game in the regional were lost. This gave the Hearts a record of only one win and twenty-one losses.

¹ Ibid., November 27, 1959.

² Ibid., December 20, 1959.

The inability to score was the basic reason that the Hearts suffered through their worst season in basketball history at Effingham High School. Only once did the Hearts score sixty or more points. This was against Lakeview, the Hearts' only victory. Only five times did the Hearts score fifty or more points. With a number of underclassmen getting valuable experience, it was hoped by the fans that next year the Hearts would break the string of two consecutive losing seasons.

1960-1961

Seven returning lettermen reported to Coach Moore on opening day. These were Ron Campbell, Jack Owens, Steve Baker, Clifford Ormsby, John Koenig, and David Brosseau.

An almost completely new schedule faced the Hearts. Because of scheduling difficulties and the method of determining the champion, Effingham dropped out of the Eastern Illinois Conference and joined the Mid-State Conference.¹ Members of the Mid-State Conference included Greenville, Vandalia, Shelbyville, Pana, Hillsboro, Taylorville, and Litchfield.

¹Interview with Jack Klosterman, Athletic Director, Effingham High School, July 25, 1964.

The season opened with five straight defeats, before the Hearts beat Newton in the first game of the Christmas Tournament by the score of 54-47. The star of this game was junior John Koenig, who scored fourteen points, was great on the boards, and was instrumental in keeping Newton's press ineffective.¹

Five more successive defeats followed before Vandalia was beaten in the Flora Round Robin Tournament. "Butch" Ormsby's twenty-five points and John Koenig's fourteen points and thirteen rebounds were mainly responsible for the Hearts' second victory.²

Eleven more defeats followed including a third defeat by Teutopolis in the regional tournament. The season ended with a record of two wins and twenty-two losses. "Butch" Ormsby was leading scorer.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER XV

Three games were won and forty-three games were lost during Jim Moore's two years as basketball coach. Effingham participated in the Eastern Illinois League for the last time in the 1959-1960 season. In the next season Effingham participated in the Mid-State Conference for the first time.

¹Effingham Daily News, December 29, 1960.

²Ibid., January 23, 1961.

CHAPTER XVI

THE ERA OF DON DETERDING

A high school graduate of Collinsville High school, Don Deterding received his college degree from Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He coached basketball at Mineral High School, Mineral, Illinois, for one year and at Dexter High School, Dexter, Missouri, for three years. During his last year at Dexter, his team participated in the Missouri State Basketball Tournament.

1961-1962

Don Deterding replaced Jim Moore as varsity basketball coach. Six lettermen returned with most of them seeing considerable action in the previous season. The lettermen were John Koenig; the previous year's leading scorer, Clifford "Butch" Ormsby; David Brosseau; Ron Evans; Pete Bradham; and Mike Voyles.

Newton and Hillboro defeated the Hearts in their first two ball games before Effingham, with Ron Evans scoring twenty-two points, and Dave Brosseau scoring fifteen, defeated Altamont 61-44 for Coach Deterding's first victory.¹ Three more consecutive defeats indicated

¹Ibid., December 13, 1962.

that the Hearts were on their way to their fourth successive losing season.

In the first game of the Effingham Christmas Tournament, the Hearts overcame a half time deficit to defeat Newton, who had beaten the Hearts by thirty-three points earlier in the season. However, six more defeats followed.

In the last game of the Flora Round Robin Tournament, Deterding started all underclassmen in an attempt to break the slump. The underclassmen were able to tie Louisville in the regulation game. Dave Brosseau, 6' 3" senior, was inserted into the lineup during the overtime and his six free throws without a miss in these three minutes was basically the reason the Hearts won their third game.¹

The Hearts lost their next seven games in a row. However, the Hearts were starting to play better ball as indicated by the Taylorville game which saw the Hearts lead all the way only to be beaten by a shot made in the last second. The score was 66-65, with Ormsby scoring twenty-three points and Ken Evans scoring nineteen.²

¹Ibid., January 21, 1962.

²Ibid., February 26, 1962.

After the Taylorville game, the Hearts won their first game in the Mid-State Conference since they were admitted. This was a 72-49 win over Pana, as once again Ormsby scored twenty-three points.¹ A defeat by conference champion, Litchfield, ended the regular season.

With seniors "Butch" Ormsby, John Koenig, and sophomore Earl Mesnard doing most of the scoring and with better team defense, the Hearts defeated La Grove and St. Anthony in the regional only to lose 55-42 to Flora in the finals.

Once again the Hearts had a losing season, winning only six and losing twenty, but the strong finish plus the fine showing of a number of underclassmen indicated that maybe next year the Hearts would once again win more than they would lose.

1962-1963

A total of eight returning lettermen reported to Coach Don Deterding on the opening day of practice, including Ron Evans, the leading scorer from the previous year. Others returning were Pete Bradhan, Ed McDevitt, Mike Voyles, Tom Edwards, and Jerry Foreman. Earl Mesnard, a regular, did not report because of a knee injury sustained in football.²

¹Ibid., February 28, 1962.

²Ibid., November 13, 1962.

A 57-48 victory over Newton got the season off to a good start, but then two straight defeats by Hillsboro and Altamont made the season look as though it might be another disastrous one. The one bright spot in the Altamont game was the fine showing of junior center, Jerry Foreman. He scored eighteen points and set a school record of thirty rebounds.¹

In an attempt to break the two-game losing streak, Coach Deterding started Earl Mesnard in the Vandalia ball game. Since Earl's knee was taped to the extent that it hindered his movement, a slow, deliberate style of ball was used, which resulted in a 42-41 win for the Hearts. The showing of Mesnard's knee, however, indicated that the injury had not healed, and Earl would be lost for the remainder of the season.²

A victory over Greenville gave the Hearts a two game winning streak.

In the Effingham Christmas Tournament, Dietrich and Newton were defeated to put the Hearts in the final game for the first time. It looked as though the Hearts would win the tournament since they had beaten their opponent Greenville just the Friday before; however, Greenville won 58-49.

¹ Ibid., December 12, 1962.

² Ibid., December 15, 1962.

Effingham won their next four games before they were defeated by Litchfield 81-75 despite the tremendous second half scoring of Ron Evans. With Evans leading the way, the Hearts overcame a twenty-one point half time deficit to come within two points in the last few minutes, but the rally fell short.¹

The Flora Round Robin Tournament was next on the schedule. With Jerry Foreman scoring twenty-four points, the Hearts defeated Olney by one point. In the second game, the Hearts held an early lead until Jerry Foreman sprained his ankle, which forced him out of the game.² Mater Dei of Breese took advantage of this injury and won 55-40. The Hearts won second place honors by beating Flora in the last game of the tournament.

After the tournament the Hearts downed Teutopolis, but Hillsboro defeated the Hearts for the second time. The Shelbyville game was the most exciting game of the year. Effingham led by one point with two seconds to go in the game when Steve Brown, the Shelbyville guard, was fouled. He made both free throws giving the Rams a one-point lead. Ron Evans took the ball out of bounds and threw a pass to Mike Voyles at the ten second line. Mike caught the ball, turned and shot and while the ball was in the air, the horn sounded ending the game. The ball bounced off the backboard into the basket, giving the Hearts

¹Ibid., January 30, 1963.

²Ibid., January 26, 1963.

a 48-47 victory. This field goal was Voyles' only basket of the ball game.¹

Another exciting game followed with an overtime win against Vandalia. Ron Evans hit on seventeen field goals and two free throws to tie the individual school scoring record of thirty-six points.²

A defeat by Taylorville and three straight victories ended the regular season play. The defeat of the conference champions, Litchfield, in the last game was probably the best played game of the year for the Hearts. Tom Edwards came off the bench in the last half to spark a rally which resulted in the victory.³

In the regional tournament, Effingham defeated Cisne 65-43, but lost to north-end rival, St. Anthony 70-67 as Ron Evans ended his high school career by scoring twenty-eight points.

The season record of eighteen wins and eight losses was one of the best in quite a number of years. After finishing last in the Mid-State Conference in the first two years, a third place finish was an outstanding improvement.⁴ Ron Evans led the scoring with 451 points.

¹Ibid., February 9, 1963.

²Ibid., January 11, 1963.

³Ibid., March 2, 1963.

⁴Ibid., March 9, 1963.

1963-1964

Hopes for a successful season were high as lettermen Terry Koester, Jerry Foreman, Pat Fitzsimmons, Willard "Chip" McClure, and Jerry Phillips of the previous season, and Earl Mesnard, a letterman as a sophomore, reported for the first practice. Four of these were regulars and along with the experience was adequate height.

Earl Mesnard, a regular as a sophomore, had a knee operation during the summer, but he reinjured it during the football season. Coach Deterding hoped that Earl would be physically ready for the basketball season.

The season opened with a defeat by Newton, eventually the Eastern Illinois Conference champion, after the Hearts lost a thirteen point lead. Sophomore Pat Fitzsimmons, 6' 5" center, led the Hearts scoring with twenty-four points.¹

The Hearts' first victory, a 76-60 win over Shelbyville turned out to be a costly one as Mesnard injured his knee in the fourth quarter.² The injury was diagnosed as minor, and Earl missed only the next game against Altamont, which was won by the Hearts.

¹ Ibid., December 4, 1963.

² Ibid., December 9, 1963.

A jump shot in the last three seconds by Pat Fitzsimmons gave the Hearts a two-point victory over Greenville.¹ Taylorville gave the Hearts their first conference defeat, but the Hearts rebounded with a nine point win over Hillsboro.

In their own Christmas Tournament, the Hearts once again advanced to the finals by beating Teutopolis and Olney. Earl Mesnard hit a twenty foot jump shot in the last second to give the Hearts a two-point victory over Olney.² History repeated itself in the final game only this time Hillsboro was involved. As in the previous year, the Hearts lost to a team they had beaten just the week before.

After the Christmas Tournament the Hearts traveled to Litchfield to lose 62-42. Earl Mesnard once again hurt his knee. After this injury it was apparent that it would be better for all concerned if Earl would become a substitute instead of a regular.³

Two victories were followed by three straight defeats including two in the Salem Tournament. In the last game of the tournament, won by Salem, Coach Deterding

¹Ibid., December 14, 1963.

²Ibid., December 29, 1963.

³Ibid., January 4, 1964.

changed his line-up. Pat Fitzsimmons moved to forward, Jerry Forezan moved to center, and Terry Koeater moved to guard. Inseted into the line-up was 6' 3" junior Roger Krueger at forward and junior Tom Tilly at guard.¹ These boys continued at starting positions for the remainder of the season.

Victories over Shelbyville and Hillsboro, each by one point, gave the Hearts a chance at the conference championship. All hopes of winning the first basketball conference championship in the history of the school ended with a double overtime defeat by Greenville, the eventual conference champion. In this game, the Hearts were leading by thirteen points mid-way through the fourth quarter. Eight consecutive free throw misses, each one being the first of a potential two shots on the one and one rule, plus the loss of four regulars on fouls, caused the Hearts' defeat.²

The Hearts were seeded number one in the regional tournament, held for the first time at St. Anthony High School gymnasium. A victory over Farina enabled the Hearts to meet a good St. Anthony team in the semi-finals. With Pat Fitzsimmons scoring twenty-seven points, the Hearts beat the Bulldogs 65-53. In the finals, Fitzsimmons

¹Ibid., January 26, 1964.

²Ibid., February 10, 1964.

again led the scoring with twenty-two points followed closely by Tom Tilly with twenty-one points. This helped in a 72-63 win over a running Clay City team.

In the Sectional Tournament held at Bridgeport, Olney defeated the Hearts 62-49 as the Hearts missed sixteen of twenty-nine free throw attempts.

The season ended with seventeen victories and ten defeats. Sophomore Pat Fitzsimmons led the Hearts in scoring with 432 points. Pat and Terry Koester were selected to the All-Conference team.¹

1964-1965

Five lettermen reported to Coach Deterding the first night of practice. Returning were Pat Fitzsimmons, last season's leading scorer, and regulars Roger Krueger, and Tom Tilly. The other two lettermen were Larry Wagner and Tony Starkey. With these five as a nucleus, hope was high for a possible conference championship.

The season opened with a win over Newton as all Heart starters scored in double figures.² Pat Fitzsimmons' twenty-nine points led the Hearts in an easy win over Shelbyville for their first conference victory.³ However,

¹ Ibid., March 15, 1964.

² Ibid., December 2, 1964.

³ Ibid., December 5, 1964.

in the next game, hopes for a conference championship were dimmed as defending champion Greenville won 74-65. The Hearts rebounded from this defeat to win their next two games, both against conference opponents.

In the Effingham Christmas Tournament, the Hearts easily won their first two games to reach the finals for the third year in succession. Once again Effingham was unable to win their own tournament as Greenville, although trailing at half time, came back strong in the second half to defeat the Hearts for the second time in December.

Effingham won four of their next five games giving them a record of ten wins and three losses. Effingham then traveled to Salem to play in the Salem Invitational Tournament. In the opening game Salem defeated the Hearts, 60-56. On Saturday the Hearts won the consolation bracket by defeating DuQuoin, whom they outscored twenty-seven to two in the second quarter, and Pinckneyville in the finals. Junior center Pat Fitzsimmons was selected to the first All-Tournament team and senior Roger Krueger was named to the second All-Tournament team.¹

after this tournament, the Hearts faltered and lost four straight conference ball games. The losing streak was ended at the expense of Teutopolis as sophomore

¹ ibid., January 24, 1965.

John Klosterman scored seventeen points. This defeat halted a seventeen game winning streak which Teutopolis had going.¹ Effingham won one of the remaining two games on the regular schedule.

Effingham was the host for the Regional Tournament and the Hearts were rated number one. An easy win over Cisne brought the Hearts into the semi-finals against Teutopolis. This time the twenty-nine points scored by Pat Fitzsimmons led the Hearts to their second victory over the Wooden Shoes. Cross-town rival St. Anthony defeated Effingham in the final game 77-69.

The season ended with seventeen wins and ten losses. Pat Fitzsimmons not only set the individual game scoring record, but broke the individual season scoring record of 520 points set by Topper Koelfer in 1956 with 591 points for a 21.6 average per game. He also scored within two hundred points of the career scoring record. Fitzsimmons and Roger Erueger made the All-Conference team. Pat Fitzsimmons was also the only junior selected on the Decatur Herald's All Area team.²

¹Ibid., February 15, 1965.

²Decatur Herald, March 29, 1965.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER XVI

At the time of this writing, Don Deterding had completed four years of coaching at Effingham High School, with fifty-eight wins and forty-eight losses for a winning percentage of .547. One regional tournament was won along with a consolation championship of the Salem Invitational Tournament. Pat Fitzsimmons set both the individual game scoring record with thirty-eight points, and the season scoring record with 591 points.

CHAPTER XVII

SUMMARY OF THE YEARS 1912 TO 1965

Effingham started organized basketball in the school year of 1912-1913. They continuously fielded a team for fifty-three years. During this period of basketball at Effingham High School a total of 1,318 games were played. Of these, 689 were won and 629 were lost. In twenty-eight of these seasons, Effingham won more games than they lost and in twenty-five seasons, they lost more than they won. Effingham has played a total of 104 different schools or teams during these years.

Five different buildings or gymnasiums were used for Effingham's home games. These were in order from the earliest to the present: Armory Hall, 1912-1922; Meeks Hall, 1923-1926; Odeon Hall, 1927-1928; Central gymnasium, 1929-1940; and the present high school gymnasium, 1941-1965.

A total of fourteen professional coaches have guided Effingham's basketball teams with Cevert Lucas's eight years being the longest reign of any basketball coach. Cevert Lucas won more games and lost more games than any other coach while Albert Schneipp had the best winning percentage. The 21-5 record in 1924-1925 is the best percentage record of any year whereas the twenty-five games won in 1941-1942 is the most ever won by any team in one year.

Effingham has participated in two conferences: the Eastern Illinois League from 1926 until 1960 and the Mid-State Conference from 1961 until the present (1965). No Effingham team has finished higher than third in either conference. Only once, in 1949, did Effingham win the Eastern Illinois League Tournament.

Effingham has won ten district or regional tournaments and only twice have they been able to win their first game in the sectional. Effingham has never advanced any farther than the finals of the sectional.

No Effingham basketball player has ever been selected any higher than honorable mention on any All-State team. Only one team, the 1949 team, received any mention on any of the rating polls within the state. This team was ranked as high as thirteenth in the state by the United Press.

Effingham has defeated Teutopolis the most times by winning fifty-seven games against them. Vandalia, by defeating Effingham forty-four times, has beaten them the most times. Effingham's best record has been against Charleston Eastern with eleven wins and one loss, and the poorest record against Decatur, with no victories and seven defeats, and Paris with one win and twenty-five defeats.

Basketball at Effingham High School is the only sport that has been played every year since 1912. However, Effingham has never been considered a power in this sport. As the total winning percentage of .523 bears out, Effingham through good seasons and poor seasons averaged out winning a few more than they lost.

The original school colors were Blue and Gold, but in 1917 the colors were changed to the present Red and Green. Effingham did not have a special nickname until 1934 when the name Hearts was adopted. Prior to this time the teams were called the "Fighting Effinghamer's" or the "Fighting Five."

In Effingham's basketball history there was one fatality. This was Irv Linder who died in 1916 of complications from a broken leg suffered in a basketball game with Neoga.

APPENDIX

Appendix A

**YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH
SCHOOL VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM**

YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM
 1912-1913^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 9	Here	St. Elmo	10 ⁺	53
Nov. 20	Here	Greenup	lost	
Nov. 21	There	St. Elmo	65	33
Jan. 17	Here	Casey	15 ⁺	20
Feb. 13	There	Kinmundy	19	8
	Here	Kinmundy	won	
Mar. 7	Here	Neoga	18 ⁺	27

Coach: C. H. Pfingst

Record: 3 wins 4 losses

Squad Members:

Dennis Hoilman
 Claude Austin
 George Bauer
 Fred Zimmerman
 George Began
 Ralph Began

^aSignet, 1913, page 22

^bEffingham Daily Record

+ indicates loss

YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1913-1914^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Oct. 20	There	Kinmundy	20 ⁺	46
	Here	Farina	16 ⁺	17
Oct. 30	Here	Casey	19	18
	There	Oblong	7 ⁺	70
Nov. 11	Here	Kinmundy	26	11
	There	Casey	23	22
Nov. 27	There	St. Elmo	20 ⁺	34
Nov. 28	There	Neoga	7 ⁺	67
Jan. 30	Here	Lovington	17	16
Feb. 27	Here	Neoga	19 ⁺	36
	There	Farina	lost ⁺	

Coch: Guy Gladson

Record: 4 wins 7 losses

Squad Members:

Dennis Hailman
 Tom Eaton
 Humphrey Le Crone
 Boyd Decker
 Claude Austin

^aSignet, 1914, page 20

^aEffingham Daily Record

+ indicates loss

YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1914-1915^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 18	Here	Bissell College	lost	
Oct. 31	Here	Altamont	35	27
Nov. 6	Here	St. Elmo	won	
Nov. 13	There	Martinsville	lost	
Nov. 18	Here	Bissell College	44	22
Nov. 27	There	St. Elmo	21 ⁺	43
Dec. 4	There	Casey	won	
Dec. 18	Here	Vandalia	28 ⁺	30
Jan. 8	There	Vandalia	27 ⁺	42
Jan. 15	Here	Kinmundy	26 ⁺	34
Jan. 22	There	Neoga	26 ⁺	33
Jan. 23	Here	Neoga	won	
Feb. 5	There	Kinmundy	16 ⁺	51

Coachs:

Records: 5 wins 7 losses

Squad Members:

Claude Austin
 Humphrey Le Crone
 Irv Linder
 Dennis Hollman
 Paul Hooten

Bob Heckman
 Arch Crews
 Thomas Barnes
 Fae W. Claar

^aEffingham Daily Record

+ indicates loss

YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1915-1916^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 10	Here	Casey	18 ⁺	23
	There	Altamont	13 ⁺	25
Jan. 7	Here	Neoga	19	18
Jan. 12	Here	Bissell College	13 ⁺	34
Jan. 14	There	Neoga	14 ⁺	35
Jan. 28	Here	Altamont	17	10
Feb. 4	There	St. Elmo	15 ⁺	34
Feb. 17	Here	Alumni	18	16
Feb. 18	There	Newton	16 ⁺	40
Feb. 19	There	Shelbyville	6 ⁺	33
Eastern Illinois State Basketball Tournament				
Feb. 25	Shelbyville	Attwood	lost	

Coach:

Record: 3 wins 8 losses

Squad Members:

Irv Linder
Virgil Austin
Paul Hooten
Arch Crews

Harold Taylor
Fae W. Claar
Leslie Sutherland

^a Signet, 1916, page 54^a Effingham Daily Record

+ indicates loss

YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM
 1916-1917^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 15	There	St. Elmo	lost	
Jan. 4	There	Greenup	25+	44
Jan. 12	There	Omlong	17+	29
Jan. 19	Here	Bissell College	43	18
Jan. 31	There	Newton	12+	30
Feb. 2	Here	Greenup	18+	29
Feb. 9	There	Newton	4+	31
Feb. 16	Here	St. Elmo	18+	22
District Tournament				
Feb. 23	Centralia	Edwardsville	lost	

Coach: F. J. Bruce

Record: 1 win 8 losses

Squad Members:

Orville Hewkin
 George Lacy
 Harold Taylor
 Arch Crews
 Paul Hooten

Virgil Austin
 Kenneth Johnson
 Leslie Sutherland
 John Gravenhorst

Signet, 1917, page 51

Effingham Daily Record

+ indicates loss

YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1917-1918^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 9	There	Montrose	96	6
Nov. 13	Here	Greenup	7 ⁺	48
Nov. 16	Here	Alumni	18 ⁺	55
Nov. 24	Here	St. Elmo	12 ⁺	31
Nov. 24	There	Toledo	Lost	
Dec. 1	Here	Shumway	27	13
Dec. 7	There	Kinmundy	9 ⁺	40
Dec. 21	Here	Greenup	41	27
Jan. 4	Here	Greenville	17 ⁺	23
Feb. 1	There	Greenville	11 ⁺	49
Feb. 8	There	St. Elmo	lost	
District Tournament				
Feb. 28	Centralia	Carlyle	lost	

Coach: William Krudup

Record: 3 wins 9 losses

Squad Members:

Jack Gravenhorst
Harold Ryman
Virgil Austin
John Akins

Virgil Martin
Fred Witwer
Maurice Barton

^aSignet, 1918, page 43^aCounty Review

+ indicates loss

YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1918-1919^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
		Neoga	won	
Nov. 28	Here	St. Elmo	21 ⁺	23
Nov. 29	There	Palestine	14 ⁺	18
Dec. 4	Here	Alumni	40	38
Dec. 14	Here	Farina	14	13
Dec. 31	Here	Farina	20 ⁺	27
Jan. 3	There	Casey	18 ^o	15
Jan. 25	Here	Greenville	18	14
Feb. 1	There	Greenville	16	15
Feb. 5	There	Farina	13 ⁺	18
Feb. 19	Here	Casey	21	11
Feb. 21	There	Vandalia	15 ⁺	40
Feb. 22	There	Neoga	24	12
District Tournament				
Feb. 28	Centralia	Farina	9 ⁺	30

Coach: Harold Laidlow and Edward Brewbaker

Record: 8 wins 6 losses

Squad Members:

George Ewers
Virgil Martin
Maurice Barton
John Akins

Ellis Butler
William Smith
Paul Mason

^aEffingham Daily Record

+ indicates loss

o indicates overtime

YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1919-1920^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Oct. 22	Here	Neoga	47	19
Oct. 24	There	Neoga	16	8
Nov. 6	There	St. Elmo	won	
Nov. 7	There	Altamont	5 ⁺	6
Nov. 10	Here	Farina	16 ⁺	28
Nov. 14	There	Palestine	12 ⁺	36
Nov. 22	Here	Altamont	17	12
Nov. 26	There	Kinmundy	12	11
Dec. 5	Here	Kinmundy	44	13
Dec. 12	Here	Palestine	16 ⁺	19
Dec. 18	There	Farina	17 ⁺	42
Dec. 19	Here	St. Elmo	won	
Dec. 24	There	Casey	26	25
Jan. 2	There	Robinson	lost	
Jan. 21	Here	Robinson	lost	
Jan. 30	Here	Mattoon	23	6
Feb. 6	There	Vandalia	10 ⁺	20
Feb. 20	Here	Casey	25 ^o	23
Feb. 27	Here	Vandalia	19 ⁺	12
District Tournament				
Mar. 2	Centralia	Alton	19 ⁺	26

Coach: E. R. Mullins

Record: 10 wins 10 losses

Squad Members:

Virgil Martin
John Akins
Harry Spaker
Paul Mason
Theodore Miller

Ellis Butler
Wayne Crews
Albert Schneipp
George Ewers

^aEffingham Democrat

+ indicates loss

o indicates overtime

YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM
 1920-1921^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 18	There	St. Elmo	22 ⁺	24
Nov. 22	Here	Neoga	28	9
Nov. 26	Here	Oblong	18	14
Dec. 3	Here	St. Elmo	18	8
Dec. 4	There	Flora	16 ⁺	27
Dec. 10	Here	Vandalia	18	8
Dec. 11	There	Martinsville	19	10
Dec. 17	There	Newton	26	24
Dec. 18	Here	Mulberry Grove	28	2
Dec. 23	There	Farina	17 ⁺	40
Dec. 24	Here	Windsor	26	9
Jan. 12	There	Neoga	33	17
Jan. 13	Here	Palestine	11 ⁺	26
Jan. 22	Here	Flora	17 ⁺	25
Feb. 4	Here	Louisville	14 ⁺	16
Feb. 5	There	Palestine	8 ⁺	18
Feb. 11	Here	Martinsville	40	14
Feb. 12	There	Vandalia	40	20
Feb. 16	Here	Farina	40	23
Feb. 18	There	Windsor	30	6
Feb. 19	There	Oblong	18 ⁺	37
Feb. 25	Here	Casey	11 ⁺	16
Feb. 26	There	Louisville	23 ⁺	29
Mar. 5	Here	Robinson	36	25
District Tournament				
Mar. 11	Centralia	Sandoval	31	23
Mar. 11	Centralia	Trenton	16 ⁺	22

Coach: E. R. Mullina

Record: 15 wins 11 losses

Squad Members:

Virgil Martin
 Albert Schneipp
 Wayne Crews

Paul Mason
 Ellis Butler
 Ed Dirks

^aEffingham Democrat

⁺ indicates loss

YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1921-1922^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 2	Here	Neoga	20	14
Dec. 10	There	Farina	7 ⁺	19
Dec. 16	Here	Greenup	31	4
Dec. 28	Here	East River, Princeton, West Va.	13 ⁺	22
Jan. 6	There	Altamont	13	12
Jan. 13	There	Neoga	17 ⁺	21
Jan. 14	There	Montrose	8	4
Jan. 20	Here	Farina	1 ⁺	8
Jan. 28	Here	Vandalia	13	12
Feb. 4	There	Marshall	18 ⁺	25
Feb. 9	Here	Altamont	12 ⁺	15
Feb. 17	There	Vandalia	22 ⁺	33
Feb. 24	There	St. Elmo	16 ⁺	20
District Tournament				
Mar. 2	Olney	Fairfield	16 ⁺	25

Coach: Ralph Zehner

Record: 5 wins 9 losses

Squad Members:

George Ewers
Wayne Crews
Ellis Butler
Paul Mason
Edward Dirks

Arthur Meislahn
Fred Wernsing
Bernard Wernsing
Bill Morgan
Russell White

^aEffingham Daily Record

+ indicates loss

YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1922-1923^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 2	Here	Montrose	30	13
Dec. 8	Here	Newton	23 ⁺	27
Dec. 9	There	Neoga	15	13
Dec. 15	Here	Martinsville	40	17
Dec. 16	There	Windsor	13 ⁺	31
Dec. 22	Here	Alumni	20	15
Jan. 6	Here	Westfield	30	10
Jan. 12	There	Altamont	13 ⁺	27
Jan. 13	There	Farina	17 ⁺	34
Jan. 20	Here	Vandalia	33	9
Jan. 26	Here	St. Elmo	32	12
Jan. 27	There	Newton	30	24
Feb. 2	Here	Neoga	45	6
Feb. 5	There	Martinsville	28	24
Feb. 7	Here	Altamont	22 ⁺	40
Feb. 9	There	Vandalia	29	16
Feb. 10	Here	Windsor	33	15
Feb. 16	Here	Farina	25 ⁺	28
Feb. 23	Here	Greenup	63	14
Feb. 24	There	St. Elmo	20 ⁺	88
District Tournament				
Mar. 2	Shelbyville	Nokomis	38	25
Mar. 3	Shelbyville	Neoga	44	15
Mar. 4	Shelbyville	Montrose	31	14
Mar. 4	Shelbyville	Altamont	26 ⁺	27

Coach: H. D. Jacobs

Record: 16 wins 8 losses

Squad Members:

Bill Morgan
 Fred Wernsing
 Bernard Wernsing
 Hugh Ryan

Bue Dancey
 Paul Parkhurst
 F. Osborn

^a Signal, 1923, page 45^a Effingham Daily Record

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1923-1924^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 28	There	Beecher City	19 ⁺	27
Dec. 1	Here	Montrose	20	11
Dec. 8	Here	Newton	12	10
Dec. 14	Here	Neoga	11	4
Dec. 15	There	Vandalia	12 ⁺	17
Dec. 19	Here	Windsor	6 ⁺	24
Jan. 4	Here	Shelbyville	13 ⁺	20
Jan. 5	There	Charleston	11 ⁺	13
Jan. 11	Here	Martinsville	24	23
Jan. 12	There	Farina	11 ⁺	29
Jan. 15	Here	Altamont	18	16
Jan. 18	There	Newton	23	22
Jan. 19	Here	Vandalia	12	7
Jan. 25	Here	Charleston	25	24
Feb. 1	Here	Altamont	17 ⁺	24
Feb. 2	There	Windsor	11 ⁺	29
Feb. 8	Here	Beecher City	8 ⁺	14
Feb. 9	There	Neoga	11 ⁺	16
Feb. 15	There	Martinsville	17 ⁺	18
Feb. 16	Here	Farina	8 ⁺	30
Feb. 23	There	Shelbyville	16 ⁺	28
Feb. 28	Here	Stewardson	16 ⁺	9
District Tournament				
Mar. 6	Greenville	Mt. Olive	24	20
Mar. 7	Greenville	Greenville	15 ⁺	25

Coach: Harry Jacobs

Record: 10 wins 14 losses

Squad Members:

Harold Claypool
 Paul Parkhurst
 Bill Morgan
 Joe Osborn
 Arthur Wolf

Clyde Mills
 Arthur Miller
 Arliegh Campbell
 George Henderson

^a Signet, 1924, page 45^a Effingham Daily Record

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VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1924-1925^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 29	Here	Greenup	27	8
Dec. 4	Here	Montrose	39	8
Dec. 10	Here	Toledo	23	11
Dec. 12	There	Charleston	29	7
Dec. 19	Here	Newton	38	9
Jan. 9	Here	Louisville	21	5
Jan. 10	There	Casey	27	17
Jan. 14	There	Toledo	19	10
Jan. 16	Here	Neoga	25	8
Jan. 17	There	Farina	18 ⁰⁺	19
Jan. 21	Here	Altamont	32	12
Jan. 23	Here	Oblong	19	13
Jan. 30	There	Newton	31	15
Jan. 31	Here	Beecher City	21	9
Feb. 6	Here	Charleston	24	21
Feb. 7	There	Louisville	17 ⁺	18
Feb. 10	There	Marshall	14 ⁺	16
Feb. 13	Here	Casey	19	13
Feb. 14	There	Beecher City	17	15
Feb. 20	There	Oblong	25	22
Feb. 21	Here	Farina	20	18
Feb. 25	Here	Altamont	41	16
Feb. 27	There	Neoga	14 ⁺	16
District Tournament				
Mar. 5	Newton	Palestine	16	13
Mar. 6	Newton	Oblong	17 ⁺	19

Coach: Harry Jacobs

Record: 21 wins 5 losses

Squad Members:

Bill Morgan
Joe Osborn
Paul Parkhurst
Otis Davis
Harold Claypool
Eugene Goebel

Harry Schottman
George Henderson
Noble Teets
Harry Sprinkle
Lawrence Jansen

^aSignet, 1925, page 48

^aEffingham Daily Record

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VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1925-1926^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 8	There	Vandalia	8 ⁺	26
Dec. 13	Here	Montrose	14	13
Dec. 20	Here	Newton	10 ⁺	13
Dec. 21	There	Neoga	17 ⁺	21
Jan. 8	Here	Vandalia	20	14
Jan. 12	There	Toledo	1 ⁺	13
Jan. 16	Here	Farina	12 ⁺	21
Jan. 23	There	Martinsville	23 ⁺	26
Jan. 24	There	Altamont	14 ⁺	15
Jan. 27	There	Marshall	24	21
Feb. 5	Here	Martinsville	21	16
Feb. 10	Here	Neoga	28	9
Feb. 12	There	Louisville	13 ⁺	23
Feb. 13	Here	Marshall	28	15
Feb. 20	Here	Altamont	18	11
Feb. 23	Here	Teutopolis	29	5
Feb. 26	There	Farina	7 ⁺	22
Mar. 2	Here	Toledo	14	7
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 29	Marshall	Oakland	16	10
Jan. 30	Marshall	Charleston	35	26
Jan. 30	Marshall	Westfield	15 ⁺	23
District Tournament				
Mar. 4	Greenville	Highland	28	12
Mar. 5	Greenville	Vandalia	24	13
Mar. 6	Greenville	Trenton	12 ⁺	17
Mar. 6	Greenville	Sorento	19	9

Coach: Albert Schniepp

Record: 14 wins 11 losses

Squad Members:

Harold Claypool
George Henderson
Ben Angel
Noble Teets

Farl Brown
Paul Broom
Harry Sprinkle

^aSignet, 1926, page 33

^aEffingham Daily Record

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1926-1927^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 10	Here	Watson	67	27
Dec.		Montrose	27	22
Dec.		Westfield	6 ⁺	15
Dec. 18	Here	Marshall	34	15
Dec. 21	There	Newton	39	11
Jan. 7	Here	Vandalia	25	12
Jan. 8	There	Mattoon	25 ⁺	30
Jan. 14	Here	Stewardson	30 ⁺	31
Jan.	There	Farina	12 ⁺	30
Jan. 18	Here	Greenup	27 ⁺	29
Jan. 20	There	Vandalia	27	21
Jan. 21	Here	Mattoon	37	19
Jan. 25	There	Charleston	28	21
Feb. 1	There	Teutopolis	26	16
Feb. 4	Here	Farina	14 ⁺	25
Feb. 8	Here	Altamont	31	8
Feb. 15	Here	Teutopolis	59	13
Feb. 21	Here	Toledo	17	6
Feb. 22	There	Marshall	35	17
Feb. 26	Here	Altamont	50	19
Mar. 1	Here	Newton	53	17
Mar. 4	Here	Charleston	30	18
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 11	Charleston	Kansas	18	13
Feb. 12	Charleston	Oblong	16 ⁺	26
District Tournament				
Mar. 11	Robinson	Robinson	20	12
Mar. 12	Robinson	Greenup	18 ⁺	20

Coach: Albert Schneipp

Record: 18 wins 8 losses

Squad Members:

Ben Angel
Bob Miller
Mike Sprinkle
Farl Brown
Lloyd Sipes

Kermit Schottmann
Homer Wiley
Dick Wenthe
Clyde Martin

^aSignet, 1927, page 50

^aEffingham Daily Record

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VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1927-1928^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 2	There	Robinson	26	15
Dec. 8	There	Louisville	18 ⁺	22
Dec. 13	Here	Westfield	24	16
Dec. 16	There	Vandalia	32	20
Dec. 20	Here	Marshall	47	17
Dec. 23	There	Martinsville	28 ⁺	34
Jan. 6	Here	Mattoon	25	22
Jan. 10	There	Farina	15 ⁺	41
Jan. 12	Here	Oblong	34 ⁺	38
Jan. 17	There	Newton	29	20
Jan. 20	Here	Charleston	56	27
Jan. 24	There	Palestine	19 ⁺	22
Jan. 27	Here	Neoga	24	16
Jan. 31	Here	Toledo	28	21
Feb. 1	There	Neoga	36	29
Feb. 3	Here	Farina	24 ^{+o}	26
Feb. 7	Here	Newton	28	15
Feb. 14	There	Altamont	41	7
Feb. 18	Here	Oblong	31	27
Feb. 21	There	Vandalia	16 ⁺	18
Feb. 24	There	Teutopolis	20	17
Feb. 25	There	Mattoon	24	12
Feb. 27	Here	Marshall	39	21
Feb. 28	Here	Teutopolis	27	20
Mar. 2	Here	Louisville	26	17
Greenup Invitational Tournament				
Dec. 8	Greenup	Neoga	30	27
Dec. 9	Greenup	Dietrich	43	8
Dec. 10	Greenup	Beecher City	33	3
Dec. 10	Greenup	Greenup	23	15
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 9	Charleston	Robinson	30	26
Feb. 10	Charleston	Newton	31	23
Feb. 11	Charleston	Oblong	34 ⁺	38
District Tournament				
Mar. 8	Casey	Martinsville	14 ⁺	24

Coach: Albert Schneipp

Record: 24 Wins 9 losses

quad Members:

Ben Angel
Earl Brown
Roy Green
Ross Phillips

Al Davidson
Dick Wenthe
Arney Mesnard

^a Signet, 1928, page 48

^a Effingham Daily Record

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VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1928-1929^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 7	Here	Robinson	29	27
Dec. 11	There	Westfield	27	22
Dec. 14	There	Charleston	26	16
Dec. 15	Here	Mattoon	22	6
Dec. 21	Here	Martinaville	25 ⁺	30
Dec. 22	There	Centralia	21 ⁺	36
Dec. 25	Here	Alumni	15 ⁺	17
Jan. 4	There	Mattoon	13 ⁺	17
Jan. 8	Here	Neoga	32	26
Jan. 11	Here	Farina	35	30
Jan. 18	There	Vandalia	24	23
Jan. 19	Here	Centralia	22 ⁺	29
Jan. 22	There	Casey	29	22
Jan. 25	Here	Palestine	36	23
Jan. 26	There	Farina	23 ⁺	30
Jan. 29	Here	Newton	24	19
Feb. 1	There	Kaneas	29	20
Feb. 12	Here	Altamont	19	9
Feb. 15	There	Neoga	16	15
Feb. 16	Here	Louisville	29	17
Feb. 19	There	Newton	32	25
Feb. 22	Here	Flora	24	15
Feb. 26	There	Louisville	35	31
Mar. 1	Here	Westfield	21 ⁺	26
Mar. 2	There	Altamont	19 ⁺	20
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 7	Effingham	Robinson	18	12
Feb. 8	Effingham	Martinsville	29	27
Feb. 9	Effingham	Hutsonville	17	14
Feb. 9	Effingham	Westfield	11 ⁺	12
District Tournament				
Mar. 7		St. Elmo	40	17
Mar. 8		Brownstown	37	21
Mar. 9		Beecher City	36	26
Mar. 9		Farina	20 ⁺	24

Coach: Albert Schneipp

Record: 23 wins 10 losses

Squad Members:

Ben Angel
Ross Phillips
Mike Sprinkle
Earl Brown
Otto Willett

Benson Sprouse
Courtland Bolin
Gerald Adams
Dallas Richeson
Norbert Heitmacher

^aSignet, 1929, page 34

^aEffingham Daily Record

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VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1929-1930^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 10	Here	Charleston	21+	26
Dec. 13	There	Teutopolis	15+	27
Dec. 14	Here	Mattoon	13+	18
Dec. 17	Here	Vandalia	23+	29
Dec. 20	There	Martinsville	12+	15
Jan. 7	Here	Newton	21	19
Jan. 10	There	Neoga	24+	25
Jan. 11	There	Robinson	10+	49
Jan. 14	There	Toledo	19+	35
Jan. 17	There	Greenup	20	17
Jan. 21	Here	Casey	17+	19
Jan. 24	Here	Teutopolis	17 ⁰	15
Jan. 26	Here	Martinsville	14+	19
Jan. 31	There	Mattoon	13+	25
Feb. 1	Here	Greenup	14+	22
Feb. 16	Here	Neoga	15+	17
Feb. 21	Here	Kansas	10	8
Feb. 25	There	Newton	15+	28
Feb. 26	Here	Toledo	17	15
Mar. 1	There	Vandalia	15+	50
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 7	Casey	Newton	19+	24
District Tournament				
Mar. 6	Effingham	Stewardson	24 ⁰	22
Mar. 7	Effingham	Teutopolis	22	17
Mar. 8	Effingham	Kinsundy	20+	22

Coach: P. W. Stone

Record: 7 wins 17 losses

Squad Members:

Frank Stolley
Jake Reuther
Clyde Jenkins
Ernie Mascher

Clarence Davis
Noble Manuel
George Austin
Bill Scott

^aSignet, 1930, page 55

^aBirmingham Daily Record

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1930-1931^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 27	Here	Dietrich	32	9
Dec. 5	Here	Watson	23	9
Dec. 10	There	Charleston	14 ⁺	17
Dec. 13	Here	Mattoon	7 ⁺	32
Dec. 18	Here	Kinmundy	17	12
Dec. 21	Here	Greenup	19	13
Jan. 10	There	Altamont	14 ⁺	18
Jan. 17	There	Newton	18 ⁺	24
Jan. 23	Here	Neoga	17 ⁺	24
Jan. 31	Here	Farina	20 ⁺	24
Feb. 10	There	Farina	15 ⁺	26
Feb. 13	Here	Newton	11 ⁺	35
Feb. 17	Here	Casey	12 ⁺	17
Feb. 20	There	Neoga	20 ⁺	22
Feb. 28	There	Mattoon	19 ⁺	21
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 5	Casey	Palestine	17 ⁺	21
District Tournament				
Mar. 5	Effingham	Farina	21 ⁺	24

Coach: Richard Radke

Record: 4 wins 13 losses

Conference Record: 0 wins 2 losses

Conference Standing: 12th place

Squad Members:

Noble Manuel
 Ross Phillips
 Clyde Jenkins
 Carl Haywood
 Merrill Loy
 Dan Gabel

Harold Kroeger
 John Lawrence
 Eugene Brown
 Lester Mikaworth
 Frank Bock
 John Gabel

^aSignet, 1931, page 54

^aEffingham Daily Record

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VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1931-1932^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 13	Here	Beecher City	40	5
Nov. 18	Here	Hutsonville	9 ⁺	16
Dec. 5	There	Kinmundy	21	16
Dec. 11	There	Hutsonville	21 ⁺⁰	26
Dec. 19	Here	Farina	21	15
Dec. 23	Here	Westfield	30	17
Jan. 8	There	Teutopolis	16 ⁺	19
Jan. 15	There	Toledo	23 ⁺	25
Jan. 16	Here	Oblong	26	23
Jan. 19	Here	Kinmundy	48	11
Jan. 22	Here	Teutopolis	33	13
Jan. 26	There	Farina	22	16
Jan. 29	Here	Neoga	31	12
Feb. 13	Here	Greenup	35	17
Feb. 16	There	Casey	28	17
Feb. 19	There	Greenup	34	13
Feb. 23	There	Neoga	25	18
Feb. 26	Here	Toledo	27	16
Mar. 2	Here	Newton	23 ⁰	19
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 3	Casey	Charleston	29	16
Feb. 5	Casey	Oblong	16 ⁺	24
District Tournament				
Mar. 10	Effingham	Newton	22	20
Mar. 11	Effingham	Bible Grove	26	17
Mar. 12	Effingham	Toledo	17	12
Sectional Tournament				
Mar. 16	Salem	Collinville	20 ⁺	27

Coach: Paul Godwin

Record: 19 wins 6 losses

Conference Record: 7 wins 2 losses

Conference Standing: 3rd place

Squad Members:

Noble Manuel
Eugene Brown
Clyde Jenkins
Forrest Davidson
Sid Mullins
Maurice Peck

John Lawrence
John Cooley
Ken Bolin
Uriel Martin
Warren McManaway
Harold Austin

^aSignet, 1932, page 33

^aEffingham Daily Record

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VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1932-1933^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 22	Here	St. Elmo	29	21
Nov. 29	Here	Kinmundy	21 ⁺	30
Dec. 2	There	Greenup	31	22
Dec. 6	There	Toledo	25	24
Dec. 9	There	Hutsonville	19 ⁺	88
Dec. 16	Here	Altamont	14	12
Dec. 17	There	Farina	24	14
Dec. 20	Here	Greenup	19	18
Dec. 23	There	Westfield	25	19
Jan. 3	Here	Teutopolis	30	17
Jan. 7	There	Altamont	30	21
Jan. 13	Here	Hutsonville	22 ⁺	39
Jan. 14	There	Oblong	16 ⁺	47
Jan. 17	Here	Farina	26	13
Jan. 20	Here	Vandalia	23 ⁺⁰	27
Jan. 24	There	St. Elmo	21	17
Jan. 28	There	Neoga	17 ⁺	28
Feb. 7	Here	Newton	18 ⁺	22
Feb. 10	There	Teutopolis	18	8
Feb. 14	Here	Neoga	20 ⁺	31
Feb. 17	There	Vandalia	11 ⁺	17
Feb. 21	Here	Toledo	30	6
Feb. 25	There	Kinmundy	14 ⁺	24
Feb. 28	There	Newton	15 ⁺	25
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 2	Casey	Casey	24 ⁺	36
District Tournament				
Mar. 9	Effingham	Altamont	39	22
Mar. 10	Effingham	Iola	21	10
Mar. 11	Effingham	Teutopolis	33	19
Mar. 11	Effingham	Kinmundy	16	14
Sectional Tournament				
Mar. 16	Mattoon	Monticello	13 ⁺	29

Coach: Paul Godwin

Record: 17 wins 13 losses

Conference Record: 6 wins 6 losses

Conference Standing: 8th place

Squad Members:

Ken Bolin

Lister Spence

Hubert Brooks

Noble Devall

Warren McManaway

Harold Austin

Sid Mullins

LaVerne Davis

Howard Nelson

^aSignet, 1933, page 43

^aEffingham Daily Record

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VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1933-1934^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 16	Here	Neoga	16 ⁰	14
Nov. 30	Here	Stewardson	34	11
Dec. 8	There	Greenup	17 ⁺	21
Dec. 9	There	Neoga	18 ⁺	19
Dec. 12	There	Casey	25 ⁺	30
Dec. 15	There	Greenup	32	32
Dec. 22	Here	Oblong	26	15
Jan. 6	Here	Kinmundy	13 ⁺	19
Jan. 9	Here	Altamont	28	22
Jan. 12	There	Teutopolis	22	18
Jan. 16	Here	Farina	22	9
Jan. 20	There	Stewardson	28	12
Jan. 26	There	Toledo	33	15
Jan. 27	Here	Vandalia	21 ⁺	33
Feb. 6	There	Newton	26	15
Feb. 9	Here	Teutopolis	23	13
Feb. 13	There	Altamont	23	10
Feb. 16	There	Kinmundy	36	19
Feb. 23	Here	Toledo	33	13
Feb. 24	There	Vandalia	23 ⁺	29
Feb. 27	Here	Newton	33	14
Mar. 3	There	Farina	22 ⁺	23
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 1	Casey	Newton	14 ⁺	21
District Tournament				
Mar. 7	Effingham	Stewardson	35	18
Mar. 8	Effingham	Kinmundy	24	22
Mar. 9	Effingham	Altamont	43	34
Sectional Tournament				
Mar. 15	Mattoon	Catlin	7 ⁺	15

Coach: Paul Godwin

Record: 18 wins 9 losses

Conference Record: 6 wins 2 losses

Conference Standing: 3rd place

Squad Members:

Harold Austin
Noble Devall
Hubert Brooks
Warren McManaway
Chuck Jaycox

Garret Loy
Les Spencer
Curt Henderson
Alice Feldhake

^aSignet, 1934, page 52

^aEffingham Daily Record

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VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1934-1935^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 13	Here	St. Anthony	31	18
Nov. 17	There	Neoga	10 ⁺	15
Nov. 23	Here	Stewardson	20 ⁺	24
Nov. 28	Here	Home Alumni	19	14
Nov. 28	Here	Out-of-town Alumni	15 ⁺	18
Dec. 7	There	Greenup	23 ⁺	36
Dec. 8	Here	Neoga	16 ⁺	26
Dec. 14	Here	Greenup	24	13
Dec. 15	There	Casey	24	13
Dec. 18	Here	Newton	25 ⁺	31
Jan. 4	There	Kinmundy	13 ⁺	25
Jan. 5	Here	Marshall	19 ⁺	26
Jan. 11	There	Teutopolis	27	22
Jan. 12	Here	Robinson	24	14
Feb. 8	Here	Teutopolis	28	22
Feb. 15	There	Salem	18 ⁺	20
Feb. 16	Here	Kinmundy	28	13
Feb. 22	Here	Toledo	30	20
Feb. 23	There	Vandalia	30	25
Mar. 1	There	Newton	41	22
Mar. 2	Here	Salem	30	25
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 30	Casey	Palestine	22 ⁺	28
District Tournament				
Mar. 6	Effingham	Shumway	44	18
Mar. 7	Effingham	Beecher City	45	17
Mar. 8	Effingham	Salem	34 ⁺	35

Coach: Ted Harpstreit

Record: 17 wins 14 losses

Conference Record: 5 wins 5 losses

Conference Standing: 10th place

Squad Members:

Dave Coslet
Walter Stevenson
Harold Austin
Charles Oliver

Herb Brooks
Melvin Roedl
Noble Devall

^aSignet, 1935, page 55

^aEffingham Daily Record

♦ indicates loss

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VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1935-1936^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 15	There	Toledo	36	16
Nov. 16	Here	Altamont	26	15
Nov. 19	Here	St. Anthony	27	15
Nov. 23	Here	Neoga	22	15
Nov. 27	Here	Alumni	28	34
Dec. 6	Here	Greenup	30+	32
Dec. 10	Here	Toledo	24	15
Dec. 13	There	Kinmundy	21	15
Dec. 14	Here	Casey	26	18
Dec. 20	Here	Oblong	17+	28
Dec. 21	There	Altamont	21+	22
Jan. 3	There	Stewardson	34	14
Jan. 4	Here	Marshall	47	23
Jan. 10	Here	Teutopolis	30	21
Jan. 12	There	Robinson	20+	32
Jan. 14	There	Neoga	33	26
Jan. 18	Here	Salem	18+	28
Jan. 21	Here	Newton	28+	35
Jan. 24	Here	Vandalia	21+	46
Jan. 25	There	Mattoon	21+	26
Feb. 7	Here	Kinmundy	23 ^o	21
Feb. 9	There	Teutopolis	18	11
Feb. 15	There	Greenup	32	26
Feb. 21	Here	Westfield	25	24
Feb. 22	There	Vandalia	28	23
Feb. 28	There	Newton	20+	34
Feb. 29	There	Salem	28+	34
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 28	Casey	Palestine	30	21
Jan. 30	Casey	Martinsville	27	23
Feb. 1	Casey	Greenup	21+	23
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 6	Effingham	Stewardson	45	28
Mar. 7	Effingham	Neoga	21	13
Mar. 9	Effingham	Teutopolis	29	16
Sectional Tournament				
Mar. 13	Mattoon	Olney	24+	37

Coach: Ralph Douthit

Record: 21 wins 13 losses

Conference Record: 6 wins 5 losses

Conference Standing: 7th place

Squad Members:

Russ Bolin
Bill Jaycox
Ed Manuel
John Grunloh
Bud Althoff
Louis Miller

Herb Austin
Tim McDevitt
Charles Oliver
Merv Hanke
Melvin Roedl
Jim Johnson

^a Signet, 1936, page 30

^a Effingham Daily Record

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1936-1937^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 16	Here	St. Anthony	46	8
Nov. 18	There	Toledo	40	11
Nov. 21	Here	Neoga	19	14
Nov. 26	Here	Local Alumni	24	23
Nov. 26	Here	Out-of-town Alumni	27	24
Dec. 2	There	Neoga	25	24
Dec. 5	There	Kinmundy	20	19
Dec. 8	There	Teutopolis	18 ⁺	21
Dec. 11	There	Paris	24 ⁺	27
Dec. 22	Here	Oblong	20 ⁺	30
Dec. 23	Here	Greenup	21	18
Jan. 9	Here	Mattoon	25	23
Jan. 12	Here	Teutopolis	39	16
Jan. 15	There	Vandalia	29	28
Jan. 19	There	Newton	48	25
Jan. 29	Here	Toledo	43	15
Feb. 12	Here	Kinmundy	25 ⁺	32
Feb. 15	There	Casey	34	17
Feb. 20	Here	Vandalia	30	25
Feb. 22	Here	Newton	46	16
Feb. 25	Here	Moweaqua	24	16
Mt. Vernon Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 31	Mt. Vernon	Johnston City	6 ⁺	7
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 5	Casey	Robinson	33	30
Feb. 5	Casey	Martinsville	28	24
Feb. 6	Casey	Paris	19 ⁺	21
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 3	Effingham	St. Elmo	49	14
Mar. 5	Effingham	Altamont	32	21
Mar. 6	Effingham	Teutopolis	23	18
Sectional Tournament				
Mar. 11	Bridgeport	Olney	23 ⁺	30

Coach: Ralph Douthit

Record: 22 wins 7 losses

Conference Record: 7 wins 2 losses

Conference Standing: 3rd place

Squad Members:

Denver Ball

Jim Henry

Charlie Oliver

Tim McDevitt

Bill Jaycox

Dale Austin

Wade Riley

Bud Althoff

Ed Manuel

Lowell Peck

Louis Miller

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^aEffingham Daily Record

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1937-1938^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 17	Here	Alumni	14 ⁺	19
Nov. 19	There	Toledo	27	25
Nov. 22	Here	Neoga	25	15
Nov. 24	There	Greenup	24 ⁺	26
Dec. 3	There	Centralia	31	21
Dec. 7	Here	Teutopolis	28	23
Dec. 10	There	Paris	27 ⁺	31
Dec. 18	Here	Newton	24 ⁺	32
Dec. 22	Here	Mattoon	17 ⁺	20
Jan. 8	Here	Salem	20	17
Jan. 11	There	Teutopolis	14 ⁺	15
Jan. 14	Here	Charleston	23	21
Jan. 16	There	Salem	22 ⁺	23
Jan. 21	Here	Vandalia	35	11
Jan. 26	There	Kinmundy	16	14
Jan. 28	Here	Toledo	39	13
Feb. 8	There	Newton	28	39
Feb. 11	Here	Greenup	14 ⁺	21
Feb. 15	Here	Shelbyville	22 ⁺	25
Feb. 19	There	Vandalia	29	23
Feb. 25	Here	Centralia	35	21
Mt. Vernon Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 26	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	16	15
Dec. 27	Mt. Vernon	Albion	19 ⁺	33
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 2	Casey	Robinson	32	27
Feb. 4	Casey	Oblong	22 ⁺	29
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 3	Effingham	Stewardson	51	27
Mar. 4	Effingham	St. Elmo	19 ⁺	28

Coach: Ralph Douthit

Record: 14 wins 13 losses

Conference Record: 3 wins 5 losses

Conference Standing: 12th place

Squad Members:

Jim Keith
Charles Logan
Bud Merry
Dale Austin
Ed Manuel

Dale Davis
LaVerne Smith
Herb Schwartz
Jerry Stevenson
Claude Hershey

^aSignet, 1938, page 66.

^aEffingham Daily Record

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1938-1939^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 16	Here	Alumni	13 ⁺	33
Nov. 18	There	Toledo	14 ⁺	19
Nov. 21	There	Neoga	20 ⁺	37
Nov. 23	There	Greenup	23 ⁺	25
Nov. 29	Here	Newton	19	13
Dec. 3	Here	Paris	30 ⁺	43
Dec. 6	There	Teutopolis	29	25
Dec. 9	There	Vandalia	12 ⁺	28
Dec. 17	Here	Decatur	19 ⁺	31
Dec. 22	Here	Mattoon	20 ⁺ ^o	22
Jan. 7	There	Mattoon	19 ⁺	24
Jan. 10	Here	Teutopolis	27	22
Jan. 13	There	Charleston	25 ⁺	40
Jan. 17	Here	Greenup	31	18
Jan. 21	There	Centralia	22 ⁺	26
Jan. 24	Here	Kincaudy	23 ^o	21
Jan. 27	Here	Vandalia	17 ⁺	36
Feb. 11	There	Decatur	21 ⁺	29
Feb. 14	There	Shelbyville	33 ⁺	54
Feb. 18	Here	Centralia	31	27
Feb. 21	There	Newton	24 ⁺	29
Mt. Vernon Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 22	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	8 ⁺	12
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 31	Casey	Greenup	22	15
Feb. 2	Casey	Palestine	33	22
Feb. 4	Casey	Paris	18 ⁺	33
Feb. 4	Casey	Casey	31 ⁺	41
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 1	Effingham	Watson	23	18
Mar. 3	Effingham	St. Elmo	20 ⁺	29

Coach: Ralph Douthit

Record: 9 wins 19 losses

Conference Record: 5 wins 5 losses

Conference Standing: 9th place

Squad Members:

Karl Alt
 Jim Calvert
 Jerry Stevenson
 Tom Keith
 LaVerne Shirley
 Claude Hershey
 George Austin
 Gene Henderson

Herb Schwartz
 Jim Keith
 Paul Behrman
 Bill Siefken
 Mort Harris
 Lowell Miller
 Arlan Zeigler

^aSignet, 1939, page 55.

^aCounty Review

^aParis Beacon-News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1939-1940^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 14	Here	St. Anthony	49	19
Nov. 17	There	Toledo	26	24
Nov. 25	There	Paris	26 ⁺	32
Dec. 1	Here	Greenup	26	19
Dec. 5	Here	Teutopolis	17	15
Dec. 8	There	Mattoon	6 ⁺	21
Dec. 12	Here	Palestine	39	20
Dec. 15	There	Vandalia	39	33
Dec. 18	There	Palestine	32	22
Dec. 21	Here	Greenville	20	16
Jan. 6	There	Greenville	25 ⁺	28
Jan. 9	There	Teutopolis	16 ⁺	19
Jan. 12	Here	Charleston	22 ⁺	26
Jan. 16	There	Greenup	30 ⁺	32
Jan. 19	Here	Vandalia	31 ⁺	34
Jan. 23	Here	Flora	20 ⁺	23
Jan. 26	There	Marshall	27	26
Feb. 7	There	Altamont	37	29
Feb. 10	Here	Mattoon	31	29
Feb. 13	Here	Casey	25 ⁺	27
Feb. 16	There	Lawrenceville	25	23
Feb. 20	Here	Newton	33	15
Feb. 23	There	Flora	11 ⁺	19
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 30	Casey	Oblong	20 ⁺	27
Regional Tournament				
Feb. 29	Effingham	Neoga	43	22
Mar. 1	Effingham	Teutopolis	20 ⁺⁰	21

Coach: Covert Lucas

Record: 14 wins 12 losses

Conference Record: 5 wins 5 losses

Conference Standing: 8th place

Squad Members:

Claude Hershey
Bill Keith
Jack Claar
Tom Keith
Jim Keith

George Austin
Noble Welch
Morton Harris
Karl Alt
Gene Henderson

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^aParis Beacon-News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1940-1941^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 13	There	Neoga	25	19
Nov. 19	Here	Altamont	29	14
Nov. 26	There	Greenup	15 ⁺	21
Nov. 29	Here	Paris	17 ⁺	31
Dec. 3	There	Teutopolis	18 ^o	17
Dec. 6	There	Mattoon	13 ⁺	25
Dec. 7	Here	Salem	8 ⁺	24
Dec. 10	There	Palestine	20 ⁺	30
Dec. 13	Here	Vandalia	25	14
Dec. 17	Here	Palestine	15 ⁺	27
Dec. 19	Here	Greenville	14 ⁺	17
Jan. 10	Here	Mattoon	17 ^o	15
Jan. 12	There	Charleston	16 ⁺	28
Jan. 14	Here	Teutopolis	16 ⁺	17
Jan. 15	There	Vandalia	30 ⁺	42
Jan. 18	Here	Greenup	16 ⁺	25
Jan. 21	Here	Flora	15 ⁺	22
Jan. 24	Here	Marshall	34	33
Feb. 7	There	Salem	33 ⁺	35
Feb. 9	There	Casey	15 ⁺	25
Feb. 14	Here	Lawrenceville	24 ^o	25
Feb. 17	There	Newton	32	30
Feb. 20	There	Flora	21 ⁺	50
Feb. 24	There	Greenville	31 ⁺	37
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 27	Casey	Marshall	16 ⁺	22
Regional Tournament				
Feb. 28	Effingham	Teutopolis	24	16
Mar. 2	Effingham	Windsor	29 ⁺	30

Coach: Cevert Lucas

Record: 8 wins 19 losses

Conference Record: 2 wins 7 losses

Conference Standing: 14th place

Squad Members:

Lowell Miller
Gene Henderson
Mort Harris
George Austin
Earl Moeller
Tom McCain

Bill Keith
Keith Konrad
Warren Habbe
Leon Galbraith

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^aEffingham Daily Record

^aParis Beacon-News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1941-1942^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 13	Here	Mulberry Grove	25	20
Nov. 17	Here	Neoga	23	15
Nov. 28	There	Paria	28 ⁺	37
Dec. 4	There	St. Elmo	33	20
Dec. 5	Here	Mattoon	33	24
Dec. 9	Here	Salem	32 ⁺	34
Dec. 12	There	Vandalia	38	20
Dec. 16	There	Teutopolis	28	20
Dec. 19	Here	Robinson	35 ⁺	38
Dec. 23	Here	Windsor	30	25
Jan. 6	Here	St. Elmo	42	27
Jan. 9	There	Robinson	31	23
Jan. 10	There	Mattoon	34	33
Jan. 13	Here	Vandalia	44	28
Jan. 16	Here	Palestine	34	17
Jan. 20	There	Newton	29	18
Jan. 23	Here	Teutopolis	36	18
Jan. 31	Here	Newton	29	18
Feb. 10	There	Salem	21 ⁺	48
Feb. 13	There	Lawrenceville	42	32
Feb. 20	There	Greenup	24	21
Feb. 24	Here	Charleston	23	13
Feb. 25	There	Casey	26 ⁺	28
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 3	Casey	Martinsville	44	9
Feb. 5	Casey	Newton	51	27
Feb. 7	Casey	Charleston Eastern	36	21
Feb. 7	Casey	Paria	23 ⁺	47
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 3	Effingham	Teutopolis	44	22
Mar. 5	Effingham	Greenup	31	20
Mar. 6	Effingham	Windsor	37	32
Sectional Tournament				
Mar. 12	Bridgeport	Palestine	38	19
Mar. 13	Bridgeport	Allendale	36 ⁺	38

Coach: Covert Lucas

Record: 25 wins 7 losses

Conference Record: 6 wins 3 losses

Conference Standing: 5th place

Squad Members:

Tom McCain

Warren Habbe

Gene Henderson

Leon Galbraith

Mort Harris

Charlie Austin

Keith Konrad

Ken Hardy

Mark Rice

Jim Barnes

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^aEffingham Daily Record

^aParis Beacon-News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1942-1943^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 17	There	Mulberry Grove	43	31
Nov. 20	Here	Toledo	56	20
Nov. 24	Here	Paris	15 ⁺	44
Dec. 1	There	Windsor	17 ⁺	24
Dec. 5	Here	Taylorville	12 ⁺	50
Dec. 8	There	Flora	26 ⁺	40
Dec. 11	Here	Vandalia	30	27
Dec. 12	There	Mattoon	21 ⁺	38
Dec. 15	Here	Teutopolis	30 ⁺⁰	32
Dec. 18	Here	Robinson	32	26
Dec. 22	Here	Newton	43	17
Dec. 30	Here	Springfield	37	22
Jan. 8	There	Robinson	25 ⁺	39
Jan. 9	Here	Charleston		
		Eastern	49	26
Jan. 15	There	Palestine	24 ⁺	30
Jan. 16	Here	Mattoon	30 ⁺	46
Jan. 22	There	Teutopolis	37	30
Jan. 30	There	Newton	34	25
Feb. 12	Here	Lawrenceville	26 ⁺	38
Feb. 16	Here	Flora	30 ⁺	47
Feb. 19	Here	Greenup	44	28
Feb. 23	There	Charleston	30 ⁺	36
Feb. 24	Here	Casey	34	26
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 3	Casey	Charleston	26 ⁺	43
Regional Tournament				
Feb. 20	Effingham	Stewardson	50	26
Mar. 1	Effingham	Teutopolis	43	28
Mar. 3	Effingham	Windsor	38 ⁺	44

Coach: Cevert Lucas

Record: 14 wins 14 losses

Conference Record: 7 wins 3 losses

Conference Standing: 5th place

Squad Members:

Roger Winter
Charles Austin
Leon Galbraith
Bill Doak
Warren Habbe
Bob Mast

Jack Henderson
Jack Parks
Bob McCaw
Bob Behrman
Ted Jaycox

^aSignet, 1943, page 34.

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^aParis Beacon-News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1943-1944^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 16	Here	Strasburg	50	21
Nov. 19	Here	Beecher City	60	16
Nov. 25	There	Paris	21 ⁺	26
Dec. 1	Here	Windsor	53	39
Dec. 4	There	Taylorville	26 ⁺	46
Dec. 7	Here	Flora	23 ⁺	25
Dec. 10	There	Vandalia	27 ⁺	41
Dec. 14	There	Teutopolis	30	23
Dec. 17	Here	Mattoon	30	21
Dec. 21	There	Newton	58	17
Jan. 7	There	Robinson	37 ⁺	61
Jan. 8	There	Charleston		
		Eastern	40	20
Jan. 11	Here	Mt. Vernon	30 ⁺	38
Jan. 14	Here	Palestine	39	22
Jan. 18	There	Beecher City	53	23
Jan. 23	Here	Teutopolis	26 ⁺	30
Jan. 28	Here	Vandalia	28 ⁺	34
Jan. 29	Here	Newton	49	20
Feb. 8	There	Salem	27	18
Feb. 11	There	Flora	34	33
Feb. 12	There	Lawrenceville	35 ⁰	33
Feb. 18	There	Greenup	44	26
Feb. 19	Here	Robinson	37 ⁺	40
Feb. 25	There	Casey	40	38
Mt. Vernon Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 29	Mt. Vernon	East St. Louis	42 ⁺	58
Dec. 30	Mt. Vernon	Murphysboro	52	31
Dec. 31	Mt. Vernon	McLeansboro	46	31
Dec. 31	Mt. Vernon	Urbana	36 ⁺	51
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 3	Casey	Charleston	34	29
Feb. 5	Casey	Toledo	34	24
Feb. 6	Casey	Charleston		
		Eastern	32	29
Feb. 6	Casey	Paris	19 ⁺	30
Regional Tournament				
Feb. 29	Effingham	Greenup	39	30
Mar. 2	Effingham	Windsor	43	26
Mar. 3	Effingham	Teutopolis	37	28
Sectional Tournament				
Mar. 9	Flora	Mt. Carmel	29 ⁺	42

Coach: Cevert Lucas

Record: 23 wins 13 losses

Conference Record: 6 wins 3 losses

Conference Standing: 8th place

Squad Members:

Bob Behrman

Jack Parks

Ted Jaycox

Bill Woods

Jack Henderson

Roger Winter

Bob Mast

Val Browning

George Steppe

Scottie Babbs

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^aEffingham Daily Record

^aParis Beacon-News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1944-1945^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 21	There	Windsor	44	22
Nov. 25	There	Mattoon	46	22
Nov. 28	Here	Decatur	36	42
Dec. 2	There	Beecher City	46	19
Dec. 5	There	Flora	43	33
Dec. 8	Here	Vandalia	23	38
Dec. 12	Here	Teutopolis	28	23
Dec. 15	Here	Paris	30	28
Dec. 19	Here	Salem	32	35
Dec. 21	Here	Charleston		
		Eastern	38	29
Jan. 5	Here	Robinson	38	40
Jan. 8	There	Decatur	35	43
Jan. 9	There	Mt. Vernon	33	29
Jan. 12	There	Palestine	43	23
Jan. 19	There	Teutopolis	40	38
Jan. 20	Here	Mattoon	40	35
Jan. 25	Here	Newton	62	30
Jan. 26	There	Vandalia	31	42
Jan. 30	Here	Flora	41	36
Feb. 6	Here	Beecher City	63	34
Feb. 9	Here	Lawrenceville	38	25
Feb. 13	There	Salem	20	61
Feb. 16	Here	Greenup	43	25
Feb. 17	There	Robinson	41	51
Feb. 23	Here	Casey	26	21
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 31	Casey	Toledo	57	33
Feb. 1	Casey	Paris	23	43
Regional Tournament				
Feb. 27	Effingham	Cowden	50	34
Mar. 1	Effingham	Stewardson	55	40
Mar. 2	Effingham	Teutopolis	46	38
Sectional Tournament				
Mar. 8	Lawrenceville	Mt. Carmel	35	32
Mar. 9	Lawrenceville	Flora	27	37

Couch: Cevert Lucas

Record: 22 wins 10 losses

Conference Record: 6 wins 2 losses

Conference Standing: 4th place

Squad Members:

Bill Woods

Ted Jaycox

Jack Henderson

Val Browning

Jack Freitscher

John Lee

Joe Dyer

John Woody

Bill Hudnet

Frank Percival

Scottie Babbs

Jim Hastings

^a Signet, 1945, page 44.

^b Effingham Daily Record

^c Paris Beacon-News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1945-1946^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 20	Here	Windsor	35	32
Nov. 27	Here	Toledo	64	25
Nov. 30	There	Champaign	25 ⁺	75
Dec. 1	There	Flora	24 ⁺	51
Dec. 7	Here	Vandalia	31 ⁺	32
Dec. 15	Here	Mattoon	43	36
Dec. 18	There	Salem	48 ⁺⁰	49
Dec. 21	Here	St. Elmo	30	21
Jan. 2	There	Robinson	29 ⁺	44
Jan. 5	Here	Newton	44	40
Jan. 11	There	Charleston	34	33
Jan. 12	Here	Decatur	39 ⁺	54
Jan. 16	There	Greenup	26 ⁺	38
Jan. 18	Here	Teutopolis	36 ⁺	59
Jan. 22	There	Paris	20 ⁺	44
Jan. 25	There	Vandalia	35 ⁺	59
Jan. 28	Here	Flora	40 ⁺	48
Feb. 2	There	Mattoon	25 ⁺	43
Feb. 5	There	Decatur	37 ⁺	48
Feb. 8	There	Lawrenceville	44 ⁺	55
Feb. 12	Here	Salem	35 ⁺	46
Feb. 16	Here	Robinson	25 ⁺	50
Feb. 22	There	Casey	32 ⁺	46
Mt. Vernon Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 27	Mt. Vernon	Herrin	43	34
Dec. 28	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	31 ⁺	62
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 31	Casey	Greenup	21 ⁺	39
Regional Tournament				
Feb. 27	Effingham	Stewardson	35	21
Mar. 1	Effingham	Teutopolis	29 ⁺	34

Coach: Cevert Lucas

Record: 9 wins 19 losses

Conference Record: 3 wins 6 losses

Conference Standing: 10th place

Squad Members:

Bob Devall
John Woody
Jim Hastings
Scottie Babbs
Bob Jaycox

Frank Percival
Bill Hudnut
Ted Keller
Phil Dolbow
Wayne Arnold

^aSignet, 1946, page 55.

^aCounty Review

^aParis Beacon-News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1946-1947^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 29	There	Windsor	36 ⁺	50
Nov. 30	There	Mattoon	32 ⁺	50
Dec. 7	Here	Champaign	23 ⁺	51
Dec. 10	Here	Teutopolis	39 ⁺	42
Dec. 14	Here	Robinson	34 ⁺	53
Dec. 17	There	Flora	24 ⁺	57
Dec. 20	There	St. Elmo	25 ⁺	36
Jan. 10	Here	Charleston		
		Eastern	51	45
Jan. 11	Here	Flora	28 ⁺	57
Jan. 17	Here	Teutopolis	39	27
Jan. 18	There	Altamont	33 ⁺	39
Jan. 21	Here	Paris	34 ⁺	69
Jan. 24	There	Robinson	34 ⁺	72
Jan. 25	Here	Lawrenceville	52 ⁺	67
Jan. 31	There	Salem	34 ⁺	57
Feb. 7	Here	Greenup	67	40
Feb. 11	Here	Vandalia	43 ⁺	54
Feb. 14	Here	Casey	61	45
Feb. 21	Here	Mattoon	37 ⁺	52
Feb. 27	There	Newton	54	35
Feb. 28	There	Vandalia	39 ⁺	57
Mt. Vernon Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 27	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	30 ⁺	65
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 1	Casey	Martinsville	39	20
Feb. 3	Casey	Marshall	47	40
Feb. 5	Casey	Falestine	30	32
Feb. 5	Casey	Paris	25 ⁺	88
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 3	Effingham	Louisville	43	35
Mar. 4	Effingham	Cowden	42	30
Mar. 5	Effingham	Flora	32 ⁺	47

Coach: John Sheahan

Record: 10 wins 19 losses

Conference Record: 4 wins 3 losses

Conference Standing: 8th place

Squad Members:

Lewis Martin
Jim Hastings
Bob Devall
Isaac Harper
Roger Dettro

John McDevitt
Merlin Mercier
Don Elmore
Bob Haney
Charlie Althoff

^aSignet, 1947, page 67.

^aEffingham Daily News

^aParis Beacon-News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1947-1948^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 2	Here	Toledo	46	33
Dec. 5	There	Beecher City	46	35
Dec. 9	Here	Teutopolis	37	34
Dec. 16	Here	Roxana	42 ⁺	46
Dec. 17	There	Flora	34	24
Dec. 19	Here	St. Elmo	44	33
Dec. 23	Here	Vandalia	33 ⁺	36
Jan. 6	Here	Windsor	44 ⁺	51
Jan. 10	There	Mattoon	27 ⁺	56
Jan. 13	Here	Altamont	45 ⁺	49
Jan. 16	Here	Teutopolis	37 ⁺	47
Jan. 20	There	Paris	37 ⁺	71
Jan. 23	There	Robinson	25 ⁺	56
Jan. 27	There	Charleston		
		Eastern	36	19
Feb. 13	There	Greenup	51	31
Feb. 14	Here	Salem	30 ⁺	42
Feb. 20	Here	Casey	28 ⁺	42
Feb. 21	Here	Shelbyville	53	37
Feb. 24	There	Newton	48	24
Feb. 27	Here	Charleston	47 ⁺	56
Mt. Vernon Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 29	Mt. Vernon	Edwardsville	44 ⁺	69
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 2	Casey	Westfield	67	11
Feb. 4	Casey	Robinson	44 ⁺	64
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 2	Effingham	Neoga	61	37
Mar. 3	Effingham	Strasburg	33 ⁺	34

Coach: John Sheehan

Record: 11 wins 14 losses

Conference Record: 6 wins 4 losses

Conference Standing: 10th place

Squad Members:

Charles Althoff
Roger Dettro
Bob Haney
Merlin Mercier
Lewis Martin
Jack Overbeck

John McDevitt
Jerry Mathy
Loren Morgan
Bill Ferris
Phil Brown
Jim Burk

^aSignet, 1948, page 76.

^aEffingham Daily News

^aParis Beacon-News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1948-1949^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 3	Here	Beecher City	57	41
Dec. 7	Here	Brownstown	44	30
Dec. 10	There	Roxana	54	32
Dec. 14	Here	Flora	44	41
Dec. 17	There	St. Elmo	56	27
Dec. 21	There	Vandalia	57	53
Dec. 23	There	Lawrenceville	27 ⁺	33
Jan. 4	There	Windsor	63	34
Jan. 8	Here	Mattoon	39	36
Jan. 11	Here	Altamont	70	44
Jan. 14	Here	Teutopolis	46 ⁺	54
Jan. 18	Here	Paris	39 ⁺	52
Jan. 21	Here	Robinson	47	28
Jan. 28	There	Champaign	61	46
Feb. 8	Here	Teutopolis	64 ⁺	66
Feb. 11	Here	Greenup	69	22
Feb. 18	Here	Casey	52	36
Feb. 19	There	Shelbyville	69	36
Feb. 22	Here	Newton	64	36
Feb. 25	There	Charleston	77	32
Mt. Vernon Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 29	Mt. Vernon	Wells of Chicago	53	47
Dec. 30	Mt. Vernon	Nashville	36 ⁺	50
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 31	Casey	Martinsville	73	32
Feb. 2	Casey	Westfield	81	41
Feb. 4	Casey	Charleston	57	38
Feb. 5	Casey	Robinson	53	38
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 1	Effingham	Clay City	67	23
Mar. 3	Effingham	Teutopolis	65	40
Mar. 4	Effingham	Flora	45 ⁺	53

Coach: Joan Sheahan

Record: 23 wins 6 losses

Conference Record: 3 wins 1 loss

Conference Standing: 5th place

Squad Members:

Bob Monnett
Jim Davis
Bill Ferris
Bob Haney
Jim Parker
Keith Senior

Jim Burke
Lewis Martin
John McDevitt
Roger Dettro
John Steppe

^aSignet, 1949, page 66.

^aEffingham Daily News

^aParis Beacon-News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1949-1950^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 2	There	Beecher City	27 ⁺	51
Dec. 9	Here	Windsor	37 ⁺	46
Dec. 10	There	Brownstown	61	43
Dec. 13	There	Flora	46 ⁺	69
Dec. 16	Here	Teutopolis	40 ⁺	48
Dec. 20	Here	Lawrenceville	43 ⁺	51
Dec. 22	Here	Vandalia	40 ⁺	51
Jan. 7	There	Mattoon	38 ⁺	46
Jan. 13	Here	Charleston		
		Eastern	55	38
Jan. 20	There	Robinson	42 ⁺	51
Jan. 21	Here	St. Elmo	48	47
Jan. 24	Here	Altamont	43	32
Jan. 27	Here	Champaign	48 ⁺	57
Jan. 28	There	Pana	51 ⁺	54
Feb. 7	Here	Teutopolis	40 ⁺	52
Feb. 10	There	Casey	39 ⁺	50
Feb. 17	There	Cumberland	66	49
Feb. 18	Here	Shelbyville	51	44
Feb. 21	There	Newton	52	26
Feb. 24	Here	Charleston	48	24
Mt. Vernon Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 28	Mt. Vernon	Sullivan	46 ⁺	47
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 30	Casey	Westfield	53	39
Feb. 2	Casey	Oblong	47	44
Feb. 4	Casey	Newton	38	35
Feb. 4	Casey	Robinson	39 ⁺	41
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 1	Teutopolis	Noble	64	54
Mar. 3	Teutopolis	Teutopolis	48 ⁺	50

Coach: Don Martin

Record: 12 wins 15 losses

Conference Record: 4 wins 2 losses

Conference Standing: 8th place

Squad Members:

Jim Bushue
Jim Parker
Jim Davis
Jesse Orvdahl
Bob Monnett
Dale Mellendorf

Bob Lee
Jack Dettro
Joe Devall
Dale Norris
Bob Smith

^aSignet, 1950, page 30.

^{*}Effingham Daily News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1950-1951²³

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 28	There	Mt. Carmel	40	36
Dec. 1	Here	Leecher City	56	48
Dec. 8	There	Windsor	47	43
Dec. 12	Here	Flora	26 ⁺	48
Dec. 15	There	Teutopolis	42	41
Dec. 19	There	Lawrenceville	54	43
Dec. 22	There	Vandalia	44 ⁺	52
Jan. 6	There	Mattoon	50 ⁺	61
Jan. 12	There	Charleston		
		Eastern	61	32
Jan. 16	Here	Altamont	72	62
Jan. 19	Here	Robinson	43 ⁺	57
Jan. 26	There	St. Elmo	39 ⁺	56
Jan. 27	Here	Pana	60	36
Feb. 9	Here	Cumberland	75	42
Feb. 10	There	Paris	53 ⁺	54
Feb. 13	Here	Teutopolis	58	37
Feb. 16	Here	Casey	72	53
Feb. 17	There	Shelbyville	69 ⁺	70
Feb. 20	Here	Newton	79	64
Feb. 23	There	Charleston	57	55
Pontiac Holiday Tournament				
Dec. 27	Pontiac	Lexington	41 ⁺	63
Dec. 28	Pontiac	Rushville	55	42
Dec. 29	Pontiac	Alton	31 ⁺	65
Dec. 29	Pontiac	Pana	50 ⁺	52
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 29	Casey	Salestine	57	44
Jan. 31	Casey	Charleston		
		Eastern	47	42
Feb. 3	Casey	Paris	56	63
Feb. 3	Casey	Casey	61	66
Regional Tournament				
Feb. 27	Teutopolis	St. Anthony	45	42
Feb. 28	Teutopolis	Louisville	73	41
Mar. 1	Teutopolis	Flora	56	59

Coach: Don Martin

Record: 19 wins 12 losses

Conference Record: 5 wins 2 losses

Conference Standing: 6th place

Squad Members:

Bob Monnett
Tom McDevitt
Jerry Claar
Jim Parker
Ray Wood
Bob Smith

Joe Devall
Billard Williams
Tom Lankin
Wayne Endebrook
Roy Smith
Jack Dettro

^aSignet, 1951, page 33.

^bEffingham Daily News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1951-1952^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 27	Here	Mt. Carmel	48	41
Dec. 1	Here	Shelbyville	45+	54
Dec. 7	Here	Windsor	57	43
Dec. 8	There	Beecher City	36+	42
Dec. 11	There	Flora	42	36
Dec. 14	There	Teutopolis	34	32
Dec. 19	Here	Lawrenceville	32+	73
Dec. 21	Here	Vandalia	40+	69
Jan. 4	Here	Altamont	54	44
Jan. 5	There	Mattoon	42+	68
Jan. 11	Here	Charleston		
		Eastern	43+	44
Jan. 18	Here	Robinson	28+	75
Jan. 22	There	Pana	47+	59
Jan. 25	Here	St. Elmo	62	56
Feb. 9	There	Cumberland	50+	69
Feb. 10	Here	Paris	50+	62
Feb. 12	Here	Teutopolis	50+	54
Feb. 15	There	Casey	72+	81
Feb. 19	There	Newton	59+	73
Feb. 22	Here	Charleston	56	54
Pontiac Holiday Tournament				
Dec. 27	Pontiac	Freeport	44+	65
Dec. 28	Pontiac	Chenoa	56	51
Dec. 29	Pontiac	Carlinville	50+	57
Dec. 29	Pontiac	Rushville	41+	62
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 28	Casey	Robinson	41+	75
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 4	Effingham	Clay City	56	46
Mar. 6	Effingham	Flora	60	54
Mar. 7	Effingham	Teutopolis	48+	60

Coach: Don Martin

Record: 10 wins 18 losses

Conference Record: 1 win 6 losses

Conference Standing: 14th place

Squad Members:

Wayne Andebrook
Tom McDevitt
Roy Smith
George Baker
Ray wood

Hillard Williams
Jerry Clair
Bob Treet
Julian Dahncke
Tom Lan kin

^aSignet, 1952, page 39.

^aEffingham Daily News

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1952-1953^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 19	Here	Beecher City	60	54
Nov. 21	There	Shelbyville	49	38
Dec. 5	There	Windsor	53 ⁺	58
Dec. 9	There	Altamont	76	68
Dec. 12	There	Teutopolis	44 ⁺	57
Dec. 13	Here	Flora	50 ⁺	73
Dec. 16	There	Lawrenceville	45 ⁺	66
Dec. 19	There	Vandalia	29 ⁺	44
Jan. 10	Here	Mattoon	54 ⁺	77
Jan. 13	Here	Westfield	60	62
Jan. 16	Here	Robinson	49 ⁺	64
Jan. 20	Here	Pana	52 ⁺	70
Jan. 23	There	St. Elmo	50	46
Jan. 27	Here	Teutopolis	51 ⁺	66
Feb. 10	There	Charleston		
		Eastern	48	45
Feb. 13	Here	Casey	62	56
Feb. 14	Here	Cumberland	50	49
Feb. 20	There	Charleston	43 ⁺	49
Feb. 24	Here	Newton	66 ⁺	76
Feb. 27	There	Salem	52 ⁺	71
Salem Invitational Tournament				
Jan. 28	Salem	Vandalia	40 ⁺	45
Jan. 30	Salem	Harrisburg	49 ⁺	67
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 2	Casey	Casey	49 ⁺	58
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 4	Flora	Farina	77	64
Mar. 5	Flora	Flora	46 ⁺	81

Coach: Don Martin

Record: 8 wins 15 losses

Conference Record: 5 wins 3 losses

Conference Standing: 7th place

Squad members:

Jack Arnold
George Baker
Julian Dahncke
Jim Davidson
Howard Monnett
Bud Tndebrook

Leroy Tabor
Millard Williams
Harry Woods
Bruce Kessler
Roy Smith

^aSignet, 1953, page 41.

^aEffingham Daily News

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VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1953-1954^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 27	There	Beecher City	80	48
Dec. 5	Here	Windsor	56	55
Dec. 6	Here	Altamont	56 ⁺	60
Dec. 11	There	Teutopolis	53	39
Dec. 12	There	Flora	70 ⁺	72
Dec. 15	Here	Lawrenceville	67	64
Dec. 18	Here	Vandalia	68	51
Dec. 22	There	Olney	59 ⁺	71
Jan. 8	There	Cumberland	60 ⁺	67
Jan. 9	Here	Shelbyville	67	64
Jan. 12	Here	Odin	65	64
Jan. 15	There	Robinson	62 ⁺	67
Jan. 19	There	Pana	60	57
Jan. 22	Here	St. Elmo	90	48
Jan. 26	Here	Teutopolis	70	55
Feb. 9	Here	Charleston	80	77
Feb. 12	There	Casey	47 ⁺	51
Feb. 16	There	Sullivan	59	56
Feb. 23	There	Newton	75	69
Feb. 26	Here	Salem	72 ⁺	73
Salem Invitational Tournament				
Jan. 27	Salem	Salem	83	75
Jan. 29	Salem	Centralia	52 ⁺	82
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 1	Casey	Martinville	91	45
Feb. 4	Casey	Casey	69	60
Feb. 6	Casey	Robinson	51	43
Feb. 6	Casey	Cumberland	59 ⁺	64
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 3	Teutopolis	Teutopolis	67 ⁰	60
Mar. 4	Teutopolis	Flora	48 ⁺	52

Coach: Floyd Hansen

Record: 19 wins 9 losses

Conference Record: 3 wins 3 losses

Conference Standing: 9th place

Squad Members:

Topper Koelfer
Larry Meurlott
Bill Ballenger
Julian Dahncke
George Baker
Leroy Tabor

Jack Arnold
John Davis
Charles Morgan
Bud Endebrock
Howard Monnett
Doug Brown

²Effingham Daily News

³Eastern Illinois League files

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1954-1955^B

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 3	There	windsor	71 ⁺	76
Dec. 4	There	Altamont	73	71
Dec. 10	Here	Teutopolis	72	57
Dec. 11	Here	Flora	58 ⁺	64
Dec. 14	There	Lawrenceville	44 ⁺	52
Dec. 17	There	Vandalia	82	68
Dec. 21	Here	Olney	63	61
Jan. 7	Here	Cumberland	42 ⁺	62
Jan. 8	There	Shelbyville	53	51
Jan. 11	There	Odin	80	68
Jan. 14	Here	Robinson	79	73
Jan. 18	Here	Pana	58 ⁺	60
Jan. 21	There	St. Elmo	62 ⁺	63
Jan. 24	There	Teutopolis	70	58
Feb. 8	There	Charleston	65 ⁺	74
Feb. 11	Here	Casey	63	54
Feb. 12	Here	Pinckneyville	34 ⁺	54
Feb. 15	Here	Sullivan	82	59
Feb. 22	Here	Newton	63	57
Feb. 25	There	Salem	45 ⁺	57
Salem Invitational Tournament				
Jan. 26	Salem	Centralia	70 ⁺	86
Jan. 28	Salem	Lawrenceville	59 ⁺	84
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Feb. 1	Casey	Martinsville	50	48
Feb. 3	Casey	Charleston	52 ⁺	73
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 1	Effingham	Farina	65	43
Mar. 3	Effingham	Flora	52	49
Mar. 4	Effingham	St. Anthony	44 ⁺	58

Coach: Floyd Hansen

Record: 14 wins 13 losses

Conference Record: 3 wins 3 losses

Conference Standing: 9th place

Squad Members:

Ronald Ahten
Larry Neurlott
Doug Brown
Howard Monnett
Jim Robinson
Topper Scoelfer

Donald Bushue
Charles Morgan
Richard Scooley
Paul Tolch
Frank Davis
John Austin

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^aEastern Illinois League files

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1955-1956^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 2	There	Salem	65 ⁺	81
Dec. 3	Here	Altamont	48 ⁺	66
Dec. 9	There	Teutopolis	61	59
Dec. 10	There	Flora	63 ⁺	65
Dec. 13	Here	Lawrenceville	49 ⁺	64
Dec. 17	Here	Vandalia	56	48
Dec. 20	There	Olney	49 ⁺	55
Jan. 6	There	Cumberland	74 ⁺	81
Jan. 7	There	Shelbyville	52 ⁺	53
Jan. 13	There	Robinson	60 ⁺	65
Jan. 17	There	Fans	54 ⁺	69
Jan. 20	Here	St. Elmo	59	49
Jan. 24	Here	Teutopolis	55	35
Feb. 7	Here	Charleston	55 ⁺	60
Feb. 10	There	Casey	66 ⁺	51
Feb. 11	There	Finckneyville	20 ⁺	37
Feb. 14	Here	Sullivan	65	55
Feb. 18	Here	Paris	49 ⁺	62
Feb. 24	There	Newton	59	55
Feb. 25	Here	Salem	47 ⁺	62
Salem Invitational Tournament				
Jan. 25	Salem	Centralia	64 ⁺	84
Jan. 28	Salem	Flora	63	58
Jan. 28	Salem	Vandalia	76	60
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 30	Casey	Palestine	59	52
Feb. 2	Casey	Robinson	47 ⁺	54
Regional Tournament				
Feb. 28	Flora	Teutopolis	62	65
Mar. 1	Flora	St. Anthony	57 ⁺	64

Coach: Floyd Hansen

Record: 11 wins 16 losses

Conference Record: 3 wins 4 losses

Conference Standing: 9th place

Squad Members:

Topper Woelfer
Jim Robinson
Charles Morgan
Frank Davis
Richard Wooley
Paul Tolch

Charles Ealy
John Austin
Ron Brown
Charles Keller
Larry Lane
Jerry Garrett

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^cEastern Illinois League files

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1956-1957^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 30	Here	Salem	47 ⁺	54
Dec. 4	There	Altamont	70	52
Dec. 7	Here	Teutopolis	62	39
Dec. 8	Here	Flora	49	29
Dec. 11	There	Lawrenceville	45	43
Dec. 15	There	Vandalia	59	50
Dec. 18	Here	Olney	50	42
Dec. 29	There	Stewardson- Strasburg	70	38
Jan. 4	Here	Cumberland	50 ⁺	67
Jan. 11	Here	Robinson	55	46
Jan. 15	Here	Fena	64	44
Jan. 18	There	St. Elmo	63	56
Jan. 22	There	Teutopolis	53 ⁺	54
Feb. 5	There	Neoga	48	38
Feb. 8	Here	Casey	67	32
Feb. 12	Here	Sullivan	46	36
Feb. 16	There	Paris	48 ⁺	51
Feb. 19	Here	Newton	61	58
Mar. 1	There	Shelbyville	61	59
Salem Invitational Tournament				
Jan. 23	Salem	Pinckneyville	31 ⁺	55
Jan. 25	Salem	Flora	57	47
Jan. 26	Salem	Salem	60	59
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 28	Casey	Robinson	30 ⁺	45
Jan. 30	Casey	Charleston	35 ⁺	52
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 6	Teutopolis	Cisne	73	42
Mar. 7	Teutopolis	Flora	66 ⁺	70

Coach: Rod Richardson

Record: 18 wins 9 losses

Conference Record: 4 wins 3 losses

Conference Standing: 8th Place

Squad Members:

John Austin
Richard Wooley
Paul Tolch
Larry Lane
Charles Keller
Jim Jansen

Frank Davis
Ron Brown
Vernon Babbs
Jerry Garrett
Ron Phillips
Jim Collins

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^aEastern Illinois League files

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1957-1958^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 26	Here	Marshall	47	46
Dec. 3	Here	Altamont	57	40
Dec. 6	There	Teutopolis	53	40
Dec. 10	Here	Lawrenceville	57	46
Dec. 14	Here	Stewardson- Strasburg	54	36
Dec. 17	There	Olney	50 ⁺	51
Dec. 20	There	Salem	57	54
Jan. 3	There	Cumberland	46 ⁺	56
Jan. 4	Here	Vandalia	46 ⁺	56
Jan. 10	There	Robinson	51 ⁺	64
Jan. 14	There	Oblong	51	50
Jan. 18	Here	Teutopolis	66	63
Feb. 4	Here	Charleston	60	40
Feb. 7	There	Casey	47	35
Feb. 11	There	Flora	50 ⁺	67
Feb. 14	Here	Paris	37 ⁺	47
Feb. 15	Here	Greenville	74	61
Feb. 18	There	Newton	58 ⁺	63
Feb. 22	There	Kattoon	50 ⁺	66
Feb. 25	Here	Shelbyville	57	50
Salem Invitational Tournament				
Jan. 23	Salem	Centralia	67 ⁺	81
Jan. 25	Salem	Flora	66	63
Jan. 25	Salem	Vandalia	51 ⁺	53
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 28	Casey	Cumberland	46 ⁺	49
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 5	Effingham	Parina	58	40
Mar. 6	Effingham	Flora	56	53
Mar. 7	Effingham	St. Anthony	59	48
Sectional Tournament				
Mar. 12	Olney	Oblong	40 ⁺	53

Coach: Rod Richardson

Record: 16 wins 12 losses

Conference Record: 4 wins 4 losses

Conference Standing: 10th place

Squad Members:

Vernon Babbs
Jim Collins
Jim Jansen
Larry Lane
Ron Phillips
David Ball

Charles Atkinson
Jerry Brown
Ken Hardiek
Steve Mowe
Gerald Van Dyke
Artie Babbs

^aEffingham High School Basketball Scorebook

^bEffingham Daily News

^cEastern Illinois League files

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1958-1959^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 25	There	Marshall	39 ⁺	57
Dec. 2	There	Altamont	46	38
Dec. 5	Here	Teutopolis	53	67
Dec. 9	There	Lawrenceville	49 ⁺	52
Dec. 16	Here	Clney	58	57
Dec. 19	Here	Salem	56 ⁺	59
Jan. 3	There	Vandalia	47 ⁺	53
Jan. 5	Here	Robinson	47 ⁺	55
Jan. 10	Here	Mattoon	55 ⁺	59
Jan. 16	Here	Oblong	39 ⁺	40
Jan. 17	There	Stewardson- Strasburg	62	44
Jan. 23	There	Teutopolis	52 ⁺	55
Jan. 24	There	Greenville	50 ⁺	75
Feb. 3	There	Charleston	38 ⁺	59
Feb. 6	Here	Casey	63 ⁺	81
Feb. 10	Here	Flora	51	47
Feb. 13	There	Faris	47 ⁺	50
Feb. 17	Here	Newton	55 ⁺	72
Feb. 20	Here	Cumberland	55 ⁺	78
Feb. 24	There	Shelbyville	52 ⁺	57
Effingham Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 26	Effingham	Vandalia	50	46
Dec. 27	Effingham	Robinson	54 ⁺	70
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 26	Casey	Robinson	36 ⁺	55
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 3	Flora	Flora	47 ⁺	50

Coach: Rod Richardson

Record: 5 wins 19 losses

Conference Record: 0 wins 0 losses

Conference Standing: 13th place

Squad Members:

Charles Atkinson
Ken Harkiek
Elmer Sparrow
David Ball
Cerald Van Dyke

Artie Babbs
Duon Powell
Delaine Donaldson
Terry Foreman
Jim Sherrick

^hEffingham High School Basketball Scorebook

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1959-1960th

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 1	Here	Altamont	31 ⁺	58
Dec. 4	Here	Teutopolis	37 ⁺	59
Dec. 5	There	Mattoon	24 ⁺	71
Dec. 8	Here	Lawrenceville	36 ⁺	56
Dec. 15	There	Olney	50 ⁺	69
Dec. 22	There	Lakeview	63 ⁺	58
Jan. 8	There	Robinson	44 ⁺	67
Jan. 9	There	Vandalia	59 ⁺	68
Jan. 15	Here	Oblong	49 ⁺	69
Jan. 16	Here	Stewardson- Strasburg	57 ⁺	69
Jan. 22	There	Teutopolis	53 ⁺	60
Jan. 23	Here	Oakland	41 ⁺	56
Feb. 2	Here	Charleston	31 ⁺	54
Feb. 5	There	Casey	31 ⁺	71
Feb. 9	There	Flora	38 ⁺	59
Feb. 16	Here	Nexon	37 ⁺	69
Feb. 19	There	Cumberland	40 ⁺	72
Feb. 26	Here	Shelbyville	42 ⁺	80
Effingham Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 29	Effingham	Vandalia	55 ⁺	60
Dec. 30	Effingham	Fans	47 ⁺	56
Eastern Illinois League Tournament				
Jan. 26	Casey	Charleston	39 ⁺	58
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 2	Teutopolis	Flora	37 ⁺	62

Coach: Jim Moore

Record: 1 win 21 losses

Conference Record: 0 wins 6 losses

Conference Standing: 13th place

Squad Members:

Steve Baker
Ron Campbell
Ross Foley
Dan Davis
David Brosseau
Ken Grieder

Larry Hanna
Duon Powell
Eddie Smith
Jack Owens
Jim Sherrick
Kent Stortzum

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1960-1961^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Nov. 29	There	Altamont	49 ⁺	69
Dec. 2	Here	Taylorville	47 ⁺	56
Dec. 9	There	Hillsboro	53 ⁺	67
Dec. 12	There	Vandalia	67 ⁺	88
Dec. 16	Here	Greenville	47 ⁺	63
Jan. 3	There	Charleston	45 ⁺	56
Jan. 6	There	Litchfield	33 ⁺	62
Jan. 10	Here	Pana	67 ⁺	76
Jan. 13	There	Shelbyville	54 ⁺	75
Jan. 25	Here	Teutopolis	50 ⁺	67
Jan. 27	There	Taylorville	50 ⁺	61
Jan. 31	Here	Hillsboro	56 ⁺	62
Feb. 3	Here	Vandalia	55 ⁺	68
Feb. 7	There	Oakland	50 ⁺	53
Feb. 10	There	Greenville	52 ⁺	73
Feb. 17	There	Pana	58 ⁺	67
Feb. 18	Here	Litchfield	57 ⁺	82
Feb. 24	Here	Shelbyville	55 ⁺	77
Effingham Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 27	Effingham	Newton	54	47
Dec. 29	Effingham	Teutopolis	54 ⁺	79
Flora Round Robin Tournament				
Jan. 19	Flora	Bridgeport	48 ⁺	99
Jan. 20	Flora	Flora	52 ⁺	74
Jan. 21	Flora	Vandalia	62	56
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 2	Effingham	Teutopolis	57 ⁺	77

Coach: Jim Moore

Record: 2 wins 22 losses

Conference Record: 0 wins 14 losses

Conference Standing: 8th place

Squad Members:

Ron Campbell
Pete Bradham
Jack Owens
Steve Baker
Clifford Crasby

John Koenig
Andy Ventress
Ron Evans
David Brosseau
Mike Voyles

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1961-1962^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 5	There	Newton	37 ⁺	60
Dec. 8	Here	Hillsboro	53 ⁺	63
Dec. 12	Here	Altamont	61	44
Dec. 15	There	Vandalia	42 ⁺	64
Dec. 22	There	Greenville	52 ⁺	60
Dec. 23	Here	Shelbyville	61 ⁺	72
Jan. 5	Here	Pana	55 ⁺	63
Jan. 9	There	Cumberland	60 ⁺	69
Jan. 12	There	Taylorville	40 ⁺	75
Jan. 26	Here	Litchfield	44 ⁺	77
Jan. 30	There	Teutopolis	64 ⁺	75
Feb. 2	There	Hillsboro	62 ⁺	79
Feb. 9	There	Shelbyville	63 ⁺	85
Feb. 10	Here	Vandalia	67 ⁺	73
Feb. 16	Here	Greenville	51 ⁺	68
Feb. 17	Here	Taylorville	65 ⁺	66
Feb. 24	There	Pana	72	49
Mar. 2	There	Litchfield	60 ⁺	81
Effingham Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 27	Effingham	Newton	48	45
Dec. 29	Effingham	Teutopolis	56 ⁺	65
Flora Round Robin Tournament				
Jan. 18	Flora	Flora	50 ⁺	59
Jan. 19	Flora	Lawrenceville	51 ⁺	54
Jan. 20	Flora	Louisville	69 ⁰	68
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 5	Flora	Parina	69	64
Mar. 6	Flora	St. Anthony	45	40
Mar. 7	Flora	Flora	42 ⁺	55

Coach: Don Deterding

Record: 6 wins 20 losses

Conference Record: 1 win 13 losses

Conference Standing: 8th place

Squad Members:

Ed McDevitt
John Koenig
Clifford Crmsby
David Brosseau
Ron Evans

Pete Bradham
Jerry Foreman
Earl Mesnard
Mike Voyles
Tom Edwards

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1962-1963^B

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 4	Here	Newton	57	48
Dec. 7	There	Hillsboro	49 ⁺	57
Dec. 11	There	Altamont	69 ⁺	76
Dec. 14	Here	Vandalia	42	41
Dec. 21	Here	Greenville	60	56
Dec. 22	There	Shelbyville	65	55
Jan. 4	There	Pana	62	57
Jan. 8	Here	Cumberland	69	64
Jan. 11	Here	Taylorville	58	52
Jan. 18	There	Litchfield	75 ⁺	81
Jan. 29	Here	Teutopolis	67	56
Feb. 1	Here	Hillsboro	46	57
Feb. 8	Here	Shelbyville	48	47
Feb. 9	There	Vandalia	76	74
Feb. 15	There	Taylorville	50 ⁺	64
Feb. 22	There	Pana	66	64
Feb. 23	Here	Greenville	60	59
Mar. 1	Here	Litchfield	52	46
Effingham Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 26	Effingham	Dietrich	60	50
Dec. 28	Effingham	Newton	63	40
Dec. 28	Effingham	Greenville	49 ⁺	50
Flora Round Robin Tournament				
Jan. 24	Flora	Olney	64	63
Jan. 25	Flora	Water Dei	40 ⁺	55
Jan. 26	Flora	Flora	59	41
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 4	Teutopolis	Cisne	65	43
Mar. 6	Teutopolis	St. Anthony	67 ⁺	70

Coach: Don Deterding

Record: 18 wins 8 losses

Conference Record: 10 wins 4 losses

Conference Standing: 3rd place

Squad Members:

Earl Mesnard
Ron Evans
Jerry Foreman
Pete Bradham
Terry Koester

Mike Voyles
Ed McDevitt
Tom Edwards
Jim Henderson
Pat Fitzsimmons

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1963-1964^a

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 3	There	Newton	58 ⁺	60
Dec. 6	There	Shelbyville	76	60
Dec. 10	Here	Altamont	93	65
Dec. 13	Here	Greenville	57	55
Dec. 14	There	Taylorville	39 ⁺	55
Dec. 20	There	Hillsboro	59	50
Jan. 3	There	Litchfield	42 ⁺	62
Jan. 7	There	Cumberland	64	61
Jan. 10	Here	Vandalia	80	69
Jan. 17	There	Pana	56	67
Jan. 31	Here	Shelbyville	58	57
Feb. 7	There	Hillsboro	55	54
Feb. 8	There	Greenville	71 ⁺	77
Feb. 14	Here	Taylorville	58	57
Feb. 15	There	Teutopolis	66	37
Feb. 21	There	Vandalia	62	60
Feb. 22	Here	Litchfield	56 ⁺	64
Feb. 28	Here	Pana	67	54
Effingham Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 26	Effingham	Teutopolis	60	53
Dec. 28	Effingham	Olney	55	53
Dec. 28	Effingham	Hillsboro	45 ⁺	49
Salem Invitational Tournament				
Jan. 22	Salem	Pinckneyville	54 ⁺	70
Jan. 25	Salem	Salem	43 ⁺	53
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 2	St. Anthony	Farina	57	52
Mar. 4	St. Anthony	St. Anthony	65	53
Mar. 6	St. Anthony	Clay City	72	63
Sectional Tournament				
Mar. 10	Bridgeport	Olney	49 ⁺	62

Coach: Don Deterding

Record: 17 wins 10 losses

Conference Record: 9 wins 5 losses

Conference Standing: 3rd place

Squad Members:

Terry Koester
Jerry Phillips
Pat Fitzsimmons
Tom Tilly
Roger Krueger
Jerry Foreman

Larry Wagner
"Chip" McClure
Jim Ooton
Tony Starkey
Dennis Langley
Earl Mesnard

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YEARLY RECORD OF THE EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

1964-1965^A

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Effingham Score</u>	<u>Opponent Score</u>
Dec. 1	Here	Newton	84	39
Dec. 4	Here	Shelbyville	70	46
Dec. 11	There	Greenville	65 ⁺	74
Dec. 12	Here	Taylorville	74	67
Dec. 18	There	Hillsboro	58	50
Jan. 5	Here	Cumberland	81	64
Jan. 8	There	Vandalia	74 ⁺	83
Jan. 9	Here	Litchfield	76	59
Jan. 12	There	Altamont	90	72
Jan. 15	Here	Pana	53	48
Jan. 29	There	Shelbyville	61	70
Feb. 5	Here	Hillsboro	59 ⁺	63
Feb. 6	Here	Greenville	65 ⁺	70
Feb. 11	There	Taylorville	55 ⁺	61
Feb. 13	Here	Teutopolis	72	67
Feb. 19	Here	Vandalia	77	47
Feb. 20	There	Litchfield	54 ⁺	65
Feb. 26	There	Pana	74	54
Effingham Christmas Tournament				
Dec. 28	Effingham	Ramsey	65	45
Dec. 30	Effingham	Clay City	70	58
Dec. 30	Effingham	Greenville	65 ⁺	79
Salem Invitational Tournament				
Jan. 20	Salem	Salem	58 ⁺	60
Jan. 23	Salem	Du Quoin	93	49
Jan. 23	Salem	Pinckneyville	69	51
Regional Tournament				
Mar. 1	Effingham	Cisne	88	51
Mar. 3	Effingham	Teutopolis	70	59
Mar. 5	Effingham	St. Anthony	69 ⁺	77

Coach: Don Deterding

Record: 17 wins 10 losses

Conference Record: 7 wins 7 losses

Conference Standing: Tie for 4th place

Squad Members:

Roger Krueger
Tom Tilly
Larry Wagner
Tony Starkey
Dennis Langley

Fat Fitzsimons
Crain Williams
Gary Brummer
Delbert Morgan
John Klosterman

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Appendix B

TOTAL POINTS SCORED EACH SEASON
BY EFFINGHAM AND OPPONENTS AND THE
AVERAGE NUMBER OF POINTS SCORED

TOTAL POINTS SCORED EACH SEASON BY EFFINGHAM AND OPPONENTS
AND THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF POINTS SCORED EACH SEASON

<u>Year</u>	<u>Effingham</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Average</u>
1912-1913+	137	27.4	141	28.2
1913-1914+	174	17.4	337	33.7
1914-1915+	223	27.9	282	35.2
1915-1916+	149	14.9	268	26.8
1916-1917+	137	19.6	203	29.0
1917-1918+	238	26.4	292	32.4
1918-1919+	243	18.7	274	21.1
1919-1920+	324	20.3	306	19.1
1920-1921	604	23.2	492	18.9
1921-1922	207	14.7	234	16.7
1922-1923	700	29.1	544	22.6
1923-1924	362	15.0	460	19.1
1924-1925	580	22.6	338	13.0
1925-1926	451	18.0	399	15.9
1926-1927	773	29.7	493	18.9
1927-1928	985	29.8	727	22.3
1928-1929	819	24.8	699	21.1
1929-1930	410	17.0	563	23.4
1930-1931	302	17.7	343	20.1
1931-1932	645	25.8	433	17.3
1932-1933	664	22.1	669	22.3
1933-1934	683	25.2	516	19.1
1934-1935	640	20.6	555	17.9
1935-1936	901	26.5	810	23.8
1936-1937	848	29.2	597	20.5
1937-1938	673	24.9	614	22.7
1938-1939	627	22.3	772	27.5
1939-1940	699	26.8	621	23.8
1940-1941	573	21.2	691	25.5
1941-1942	1077	33.6	812	25.3
1942-1943	928	33.1	911	32.5
1943-1944	1340	37.2	1120	31.1
1944-1945	1261	39.4	1081	33.7
1945-1946	960	34.2	1218	43.5
1946-1947	1114	38.4	1420	48.9
1947-1948	1061	42.4	1037	41.4
1948-1949	1629	56.1	1141	39.3
1949-1950	1247	46.1	1243	46.0

1950-1951	1678	54.1	1569	50.6
1951-1952	1360	48.5	1559	57.1
1952-1953	1535	66.7	1542	67.0
1953-1954	1844	65.8	1689	60.3
1954-1955	1651	61.1	1680	62.2
1955-1956	1555	57.5	1609	59.5
1956-1957	1468	54.3	1313	48.6
1957-1958	1515	54.1	1502	53.7
1958-1959	1201	50.0	1376	57.3
1959-1960	941	42.7	1461	66.4
1960-1961	1253	52.2	1660	69.1
1961-1962	1439	55.3	1673	64.3
1962-1963	1538	59.1	1474	56.6
1963-1964	1617	59.8	1572	58.2
1964-1965	1889	69.9	1628	60.2
Total for all 53 years	47,880	37.9	46,983	37.2

+ indicates incomplete record

Appendix C

YEARLY RECORD OF EACH COACH AND
HIS TOTAL WINNING PERCENTAGE

YEARLY RECORD OF EACH COACH AND
HIS TOTAL WINNING PERCENTAGE

BEGINNING YEARS	WON	LOST	WINNING PERCENTAGE
1912-1913	3	4	
1913-1914	4	7	
1914-1915	5	6	
1915-1916	3	8	
1916-1917	1	8	
1917-1918	3	8	
1918-1919	8	6	
1919-1920	10	10	
1920-1921	15	11	
1921-1922	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	
Total	57	76	.429
HARRY JACOBS			
1922-1923	16	8	
1923-1924	10	14	
1924-1925	<u>21</u>	<u>5</u>	
Total	47	27	.635
ALBERT SCHNEIPP			
1925-1926	14	11	
1926-1927	18	8	
1927-1928	24	9	
1928-1929	<u>23</u>	<u>10</u>	
Total	79	38	.675
P. W. STONE			
1929-1930	7	17	.292
RICHARD O. RADKE			
1930-1931	4	13	.235

PAUL GOLDMAN

1931-1932	19	6	
1932-1933	17	13	
1933-1934	<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>	
Total	54	28	.659

TED HARPSTREIT

1934-1935	17	14	
1935-1936	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	
Total	19	14	.576

RALPH DOUTHIT

1935-1936	21	13	
1936-1937	22	7	
1937-1938	14	13	
1938-1939	<u>9</u>	<u>19</u>	
Total	73	51	.588

GEORGE LUCAS

1939-1940	14	12	
1940-1941	8	19	
1941-1942	25	7	
1942-1943	14	14	
1943-1944	23	13	
1944-1945	22	10	
1945-1946	<u>9</u>	<u>19</u>	
Total	113	96	.541

JOHN SHEAHAN

1946-1947	10	19	
1947-1948	11	14	
1948-1949	<u>23</u>	<u>6</u>	
Total	44	39	.530

DON MARTIN

1949-1950	12	15	
1950-1951	19	12	
1951-1952	10	18	
1952-1953	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>	
Total	49	60	.450

FLOYD HANSEN

1953-1954	19	9	
1954-1955	14	13	
1955-1956	<u>11</u>	<u>16</u>	
Total	44	38	.537

ROD RICHARDSON

1956-1957	18	9	
1957-1958	16	12	
1958-1959	<u>5</u>	<u>19</u>	
Total	39	40	.494

JIM MOORE

1959-1960	1	21	
1960-1961	<u>2</u>	<u>22</u>	
Total	3	43	.065

DON DETERDING

1961-1962	6	20	
1962-1963	18	8	
1963-1964	17	10	
1964-1965	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>	
Total	58	48	.547

TOTAL YEARS	689	629	.523
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Appendix D

**TOTAL WON AND LOST RECORD AGAINST EFFINGHAM'S
OPPONENTS FOR THE YEARS 1912-1965**

THE TOTAL WON AND LOST RECORD AGAINST
 OPPONENTS FOR THE YEARS 1912 TO 1965

TEAM	WON	LOST
Albion	0	1
Allendale	0	1
Altamont	35	17
Alton	0	2
Alumni (home)	5	5
Alumni (out-of-town)	1	1
Attwood	0	1
Beecher City	15	4
Bible Grove	1	0
Bissell College, Effingham	2	2
Bridgeport	0	1
Brownstown	3	0
Carlinville	0	1
Carlyle	0	1
Casey	26	20
Catlin	0	1
Centralia	3	7
Charleston	21	18
Charleston Eastern	11	1
Champaign	1	3
Chenoa	1	0
Cisne	3	0
Clay City	4	0
Collinsville	0	1
Cowden	2	0
Cumberland	7	10
Decatur	0	6
Dietrich	3	0
Du Quoin	1	0
East St. Louis	0	1
East River, Princeton, N. J.	0	1
Edwardsville	0	2
Fairfield	0	1
Flora	16	32
Freeport	0	1
Greenup	26	20
Greenville	7	15
Harrisburg	0	1
Herrin	1	0
Highland	1	0

Hillsboro	3	8
Hutsonville	1	4
Iola	1	0
Johnston City	0	1
Kansas	3	0
Kinmundy	17	10
La Grove (Farina)	14	27
Lakeview	1	0
Lawrenceville	8	14
Lexington	0	1
Litchfield	2	8
Louisville	8	4
Lovington	1	0
Mt. Carmel	3	1
Mt. Vernon	2	4
Marshall	11	5
Mater Dei of Breese	0	1
Martinsville	14	7
Mattoon	15	25
McLeansboro	1	0
Monticello	0	1
Montrose	8	0
Howeaqua	1	0
Mulberry Grove	3	0
Murphysboro	1	0
Nashville	0	1
Neoga	33	19
Newton	50	23
Noble	1	0
Nokomis	1	0
Oakland	1	2
Oblong	8	16
Odin	2	0
Olney	5	6
Palestine	13	11
Pana	9	11
Paris	1	25
Pinckneyville	1	4
Ramsey	1	0
Robinson	16	31
Roxana	1	1
Rushville	1	1
Salem	6	25
Sandoval	1	0
Shelbyville	12	16

Shunway	2	0
Sorento	1	0
Springfield	1	0
St. Anthony	8	4
St. Elmo	21	17
Stewardson	10	3
Strasburg	1	1
Stewardson-Strasburg	4	0
Sullivan	4	1
Taylorville	3	9
Teutopolis	57	32
Toledo	25	5
Trenton	0	2
Urbana	0	1
Vandalia	38	44
Watson	3	0
Wells of Chicago	1	0
Westfield	10	4
Windsor	14	11

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