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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This study concerns the highlights and the statistical history of the Collinsville High School basketball team located at Collinsville, Illinois. The beginning of basketball at Collinsville can be traced back to 1907 which this study carries through to the end of the 1961 season.

The need of this study was made quite clear to the author as conflicting data and "hear say" were offered as fact. The purpose of this study was to collect, organize and prepare factual data in thesis form.

The sources of data for this study come from the official scorebooks obtained from the sports department of the Collinsville High School; the school yearbook which in 1913 was named Chantecler, in 1914 was named Will O'the Wisp and from 1927 to 1961 was named the Kahokian; the area newspapers, The Advertizer Press of Collinsville, The Collinsville Herald, and the Belleville News Democrat. Other data were obtained from personal interviews with former players and coaches.

This study is divided into chapters, chronologically arranged according to their occurrence. Chapter II covers the start of basketball at the Collinsville High School through the 1919 season. Chapter III is the start of the modern era of basketball when a professional coach was hired, this being John Hawkins, 1920-1924. Chapter IV is the era of Willard Larson, 1924-1937. Chapter V is the era of Allen Metternich, 1938-1942. Chapter VI is the era of James Placek, 1943-1944. Chapter VII is the era of D. K. Darling, 1945. Chapter VIII is the era of Jack Fabri, 1946. Chapter IX is the era of Virgil Fletcher,

1947-1961. Chapter X is the summary.

Supplementary material are listed in the appendix: dates, scores, places where games were played, and won and lost records of each season. Also listed, is the record of each coach, and the won and lost record of the Collinsville team against each opponent.

The weaknesses and limitations of this study are: the lack of interest in the earlier years by the newspapers which provided very little recorded data, the incorrect or variation of scores from some of the sources, and in some instances the obtaining of data from individuals relying on memory. Whenever it was possible, data obtained in this manner was checked through other sources. The lack of information from the available sources of the earlier years greatly hampered the writer in making this study complete.

CHAPTER II

THE BEGINNING OF BASKETBALL

AT

COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - 1907-1919

The first chapter concerns the beginning of basketball at Collinsville and includes the first twelve years. During this time, the coaching was done by teachers and others interested in seeing that the boys took part in this game called basketball.

Collinsville's first basketball team can be traced back even prior to the 1907 year mentioned above, as the girls, not the boys, were the first to establish basketball as a sport at the Collinsville High School.

In 1903-1904, Collinsville's first basketball team consisted of : Captain Ruth Hadfield (Mrs. Frank Needles, Demaris Eldred (Mrs. John Cleary), Fern Matthews (Mrs. John O'Quinn, Anna Renner (Mrs. Ralph Mabbs), Isabelle Grieve (Mrs. A. P. McCormick) and Cora Grubbs (Mrs. Harvey Scanlan).

The first game played was with the girls of McKendree College. As Mr. Dorris stated, "The occasion was quite a social event and the girls accorded a reception in the C Clionian Hall after the game." Later the local team was host to the Lebanon team at Collinsville. This return game was played outdoors at the old ball park, north of town. The Collinsville girls won this game after losing at Lebanon.

A few years later, the girls team won the Southern Illinois Championship by defeating a strong DuQuoin team in the final game in the Lansdowne gymnasium.¹

¹From a special article written by C. H. Dorris, concerning early athletics at Collinsville. This article was prepared for Coach Virgil Fletcher, 1959.

FIRST BOYS TEAM - 1907

Matt Welch, a player on the first boy's team, stated that the boys were reluctant to take up basketball as they considered it a sissy game. However, in 1907 they became convinced that it was really a boy's game. Bliss Dee, the high school principal was responsible for the boys starting to play the game. Mr. Dee, who came from McKendree College where the game was played, was anxious for the boys to learn the game. The enrollment of the Collinsville High School at this time was seventy-six students with only twenty-five of them boys. Mr. Dee was able to talk only six of the taller boys into coming out for the team.

The first problem was to develop a place to play, so with the aid of a Mr. M. Johnson, the school janitor, backboards were made and hung on the post in the front yard of the old Webster School, somewhere near where the present building stands today. The first goals were made by the local blacksmith, Mr. Kalina.

Mr. Dee taught the game to the following boys who made up the first Collinsville boys' basketball team: Matt Welch, Ralph Mabbs, Gayle Windsor, Ulm Harrison, Roy Johnson and John Snadden. After he taught the fundamentals of the game to these boys, he then took them over to McKendree College to practice against the college boys.

The first regular scheduled game played by a Collinsville team was played in the Fall of 1907 in the school yard of O'Fallon, Illinois. The first game ever played at Collinsville was a return game with O'Fallon. This game was played in the Temperance Hall which was a dance hall. At the present time it serves as a planing mill and shop of the Gauen Lumber Company. Dr. Siegel and Matt Welch made arrangements to use the hall on Saturday afternoons. A fee of ten dollars was charged as rent,

therefore an admission of ten cents per person was charged.

With only six players, Mr. Dee was unable to have two full groups to practice against one another. Through the cooperation of Mrs. Wells, the teacher and coach of the girls team, the boys were able to practice against the girls' team. As Matt Welch stated, it was a game with very little contact and rather a "stiff like" practice but it did give the boys opposition.

No records were available but Mr. Welsh remembered games played against O'Fallon, Belleville, Granite City, Upper Alton, Lebanon and East St. Louis.²

1908-1909

The 1908-1909 team was the first boys' team from the Collinsville Township High School. The players during this season were: Matt Welch, Gayle Windsor, Ulm Harrison, Ralph Mabbs, John Snadden, Roy Johnson, Will Quick, Walter Lepp and Elmer Harrison. No records were available as to the games or scores for this season, although Matt Welch believes they played about the same teams as played during the 1908 season with an additional game with University City, Missouri.

During this season, plans for a new gymnasium at the new high school were drawn up by the architect named Bill Kennedy. His experiences did not include gymnasium buildings, as his plans included three posts right down the center of the floor. The school authorities were asked why they had posts instead of steel girders. Their answer was that they could not afford to put in steel girders, but they would off-set them from the center of the floor. Therefore, the first gymnasium at Collinsville High School was a regulation size floor with three posts down the floor. Bleachers were provided on the north side.

²Personal interview with Matt Welch, February 17, 1962.

There were three rows with a seating capacity of 120. The other three walls made up the boundaries of the floor, with the backboards fastened directly to the end walls. One of the favored shots by Welch and Johnson was to run up the wall and put the ball into the basket.

The equipment for the team during the year consisted of two all leather, almost round, basketballs. They were somewhat larger than the balls used today. The boys wore shoes that had a hard rubber sole and the uniforms were the track uniforms that the school had on hand, although they did get a basketball pant during the season that did have a quilted padded hip. The first nets that were hung on the baskets were made with a closed bottom, so after each basket someone would have to jump up and knock the ball back through the top to remove it.

One person was assigned to shoot all the free throws and a foul was called on a player if he doubled up on an opponent on defense. A player could not foul out of a game. The center jump was a rule at that time and a jump ball followed every basket made. There was no center line so a player could dribble or play anywhere on the floor. Another rule quite different from the present rules of today was when a player was taken out, he could not re-enter the game during that half.³

1909-1910

The 1909-1910 season brought about a change in coaching, as Mr. Dee left Collinsville and Mr. R. C. Sayre, a Latin and mathematics teacher, was assigned as the new coach. Mr. R. C. Sayre, is now living in Lebanon, Illinois. The won and lost record for this season cannot be found but is believed to have been eleven victories and two losses.⁴

³Ibid.

⁴Telephone conversation with R. C. Sayre, February 27, 1962.

During this season, the Collinsville team took part in a newly organized league called the Madison-St. Clair Conference. The Conference included Belleville, East St. Louis, O'Fallon, Lebanon, Edwardsville and Collinsville. The league standings ended in a tie with Collinsville and Lebanon. A play-off game was decided to break this tie. The arrangements for this game took until May of that year to be completed. It was decided that Collinsville would play Lebanon in the Louisiana Hall located in St. Louis. Lebanon won this game.

Mr. Sayre described some of the situations they had to face. At O'Fallon they had to play in the local dance hall which had only a twelve foot ceiling making it impossible to shoot any kind of shot except a lay-up or close shot. The Edwardsville gym was a building that served earlier as a church but was now used as a hall and gymnasium. What made this place dangerous was the fact that a big pot-bellied stove took up a corner of the playing floor.

Collinsville continued to play their games around the three posts in their gymnasium. The other teams complained that the Collinsville team actually had three extra players because of the way they used the posts to their advantage. Although in one game Jules Field, Collinsville player, found the poles and walls not to his advantage. As a conflicting story states, he collided with a post and was knocked unconscious for twenty-four hours. Later padding was installed at each end due to numerous collisions.⁵

1910-1911

Material and record for this season could not be found.

1911-1912

Material and record for this season could not be found.

⁵Matt Welch, Op. cit.

1912-1913

The following review was taken from the "Chantecler" which was the first yearbook printed for the Collinsville High School:⁶

As in years past, the C.T.H.S. this year again produced a winning basketball team. The team played twenty-three games, nine at home and thirteen away from home. It won all the games played at home and of those played abroad, eight were victories and six defeats. The success of the team was due to the coaching of William R. Street and to the enthusiasm shown by the boys. At the beginning of the season, Julius Elz was elected manager and Tony Gaizat, captain of the team.

Gaizat played left forward and starred in most of the games with his fast playing and goal shooting. Brede at right forward also helped to win many of the games by his excellent playing. At center, Frazier gave the signals and started the formations by getting the tip-off. At the beginning of the year, the guards were Elz and Jenkins but later Elz resigned and his place was filled by H. Dillon. The guards worked together like clockwork, this often resulting in their scoring more goals than their opposing forwards. Fritz, forward and Martin, guard, proved valuable in filling vacancies on the team.

On February 20th, the team journeyed to Carbondale to compete for the Southern Illinois Championship, on February 21 and 22. They won fourth place, winning from Anna and Nashville High Schools, and being defeated by Alton and Benton High Schools. Ten schools were represented there, Mt. Vernon winning first place, Centralia second, Benton third and Collinsville fourth. This was a splendid showing for the team, considering the large territory represented by the teams there.

The prospects for a winning team next year are good. Brede is the only player who will be missing. Some excellent material is developing on the second team and in the Junior League, which ought to assure the school a winning team for some years to come.

The final record for the season was eighteen victories and five losses.

⁶Chantecler, School yearbook, 1912-1913.

1913-1914

The material and review for the 1913-1914 season was obtained from Miss Elfrieda Brede, sister of Irwin Brede, a player on this team, and from Mrs. Arthur J. Opp, formerly Miss Iona E. Ostle, a student at the Collinsville High School, who provided the author with rare copies of the school year-book, The Chantecler, and the Will O'the Wisp.

The following review was taken from the Will O'the Wisp, yearbook.⁷

The close of the season of 1913, marks the close of the most successful basketball year that the C.T.H.S. has ever known. The team has shown a decided advance over the teams of previous years. The other teams that have represented the C.T.H.S. lacked the accuracy and speed which the team developed this year. The 1913 season opened with Capt. Gaizat, H. Dillon, Jenkins and Frazier, of last year's five on the squad, with Brede, H. Kneedler and J. W. Martin fighting hard to gain a place on the team. A glance at the schedule and scores shows that but one game out of nineteen was lost to Centralia in the closing game at Carbondale, a game that made everyone who saw the game guess to the last two minutes who would be the winner. Centralia won in the last two minutes of play by a score of 31-15. Owing to the graduation of Frazier, and yet his example of clean and consistent play has tended to produce a man that will fill his place; that man is Dorris. We certainly think that the class of basket ball of 1914 will compare favorably with any ever seen in the C.T.H.S. gym in the past. With Frazier at Center, always using his head, coupled with the aggressive, accurate work of Jenkins, Dillon, Gaizat and Brede. Gaizat and Brede are the best forwards that ever made the High School squad, and we can safely say that the work of Dillon and Jenkins places them with the first raters. We feel certain that all Collinsville will join with us when we say, "Here's to the fastest and cleanest and best basketball team ever seen in the C.T.H.S. gym.

Collinsville lost another game during the season not

⁷Will O'the Wisp, School yearbook, 1913-1914. In the possession of Mrs. Arthur J. Opp, Collinsville, Illinois.

included above. This was a game played at Lebanon against McKendree College which they lost 33 to 16. The boys were handicapped in the game because the college rules were somewhat different than the rules to which they were accustomed.

In the District Tournament played at Carbondale, Collinsville defeated Ashley, 45-17 and Mt. Vernon, 23-16, before losing to Centralia in the championship game, 21-15, to gain second place. The Centralia team had several players well over six feet.⁸

The final record for the season was eighteen victories and two losses.

1914-1915

With all but one player back from the very successful team of the past season, the prospect for another winning season was quite bright. Gone from the past year's team was Joe Frazier. Returning were Tony Gaizat, Roy Jenkins, John Dillon, Irwin Brede, John W. Martin, Hubert Kneedler and Milburne Dorris.

The local fans had high hopes for the team early in the season and gave full support to the team. The Advertiser Press, the local newspaper, and the local businessmen contributed to the cost of new uniforms for the team. These fans were not to be disappointed, as the Collinsville team rolled over all the teams during the early part of the season. Some of their outstanding victories were over Centralia, 48-11, the team that defeated them in the final game of the District Tournament the past year; over Lebanon Athletic Club, 56-19, Missouri State Militia team, 103-4, Rock Church, YMCA, 78-8, Alumi, 99-14, Lebanon, 66-16 and Hillsboro, 66-12. Hillsboro was the defending State Champion.

⁸The Advertiser Press, Collinsville, Illinois, March 7, 1914.

In this special benefit game played at the Reese Hall in Collinsville, the local team led Hillsboro, 34-0 at the half time. The only loss during the regular season came at the hands of Nashville, 30-25.⁹

Collinsville entered the District Tournament played at Centralia and lost the first game to Mt. Carmel, 21-17. John Willie Martin was unable to play in this game due to a protest filed by Granite City. Collinsville still was able to play in the tournament even after the earlier defeat and went on to defeat Ashley, 73-3, and Centralia to gain the right to play in the finals against Nashville.

Collinsville lost this game to Nashville, 35-18. What the fans could not understand was why Coach Beck started his second team rather than his main group. Many felt that the varsity team was over confident and not really ready for this game. It is believed by the author that one other game was played during this tournament by the Collinsville team but nothing could be showing this. The reason for this belief is the fact that a total of 216 points were scored and an average of forty-three points per game was given; this could only be possible with five games.¹⁰

Following their loss in the District Tournament, the Collinsville team was given an opportunity to play in the Central States Tournament played at Evanston, Illinois. The Collinsville fans decided to send this good team up to the tournament.

The tournament opener for Collinsville was a 40-20 loss to New Trier of Kenilworth, Illinois. Homer Dillon had to leave the game due to an injury. The second game played was a 33-16 victory over Elgin. The third

⁹Ibid., February 20, 1915.

¹⁰Ibid., March 6, 1915.

game was an easy 50-21 victory over Evanston. This was believed to be the second team of Evanston since they came back in the next game and routed Collinsville, 70-20, for the championship. Erwin Brede was too ill to play in this game and Homer Dillon was out with a broken nose.¹¹

The home games were played in Reese Hall which later was known for years as Ardison's Hall and now is the National Auto Supply Company. It was described then as large, well-lighted and more centrally located than the high school gymnasium.

This seemed to be the year of protests. John W. Martin was barred from play for awhile because an affidavit was filed by Mr. Heinrichs of Edwardsville to the effect that he paid Martin money to play a baseball game the past Labor day.¹² Roy Jenkins was kept out of the Granite City game due to a protest by the Granite City people, claiming Jenkins was a professional player.¹³

An interesting item on this Granite City game was found. Granite City came up with a new ball that was different than anything seen before. It was donated by the town's City Clerk. The ball was smooth and not like the one the teams had grown accustomed to. This produced a game with many fumbles and misses.¹⁴

Tony Gaizat ended his career as a Collinsville basketball player after seven years on the team.¹⁵

The final record for the season was twenty-one victories and seven losses.

¹¹Ibid., March 20, 1915.

¹²Ibid., October 31, 1914.

¹³Ibid., December 18, 1914.

¹⁴Ibid., November 27, 1914.

¹⁵Personal interview with Charles Despain, February 22, 1962.

1915-1916

The prospects for another successful season appeared quite good, as several returning veteran players were on hand to open the new season. They were Erwin Brede, Homer Dillon, Milburn Dorris, Harry Fox and Hubert Kneedler of the past season's team. Also, several promising younger boys were coming up.¹⁶

After winning the first two games by impressive scores, the Collinsville team lost its first game to McKendree College by the score of 37 to 19. Two victories followed this loss—a 31-28 win over Vandalia and a 21-14 win over St. Elmo, each on the loser's home floor.

The following week Collinsville lost its second game, a 22-20 loss to a strong Nashville team. The next night they bounced back to defeat Centralia, 23-16, followed by two more victories—one over Granite City, and one over Highland. In the Granite City game, Erwin Brede scored over half of the points as he totaled 28. During the Christmas vacation, the boys played two games against the Alumni, losing the first, 40-32, winning the second, 48-38.

Collinsville opened the new year with a 32-29 loss to a strong DuQuoin team on the home floor. A string of seven victories followed before Collinsville lost another game. Victories came over Central of St. Louis, Granite City, Nashville, DuQuoin, Edwardsville, Centralia and Edwardsville. Two of these victories were over teams that previously had beaten them, Nashville and DuQuoin. In the first of the two victories over Edwardsville, Irwin Brede scored forty points to set a new record. (This school record stood for thirty-seven

¹⁶The Advertiser Press, November 6, 1915.

until December 26, 1953, when Bob Schaulat scored 41 points to set a new record).¹⁷ The second Edwardsville game also provided an interesting happening. Edwardsville challenged Collinsville to a night of basketball, as three games were played during the evening. The first game was played by the second teams of each school. Collinsville won this game, 20-12. The second game was played between the faculties of each school. In this game, C. H. Dorris, Superintendent of Collinsville High School played, as did A. E. Arendt, Coach Beck, Assistant Principal Colbert and a teacher named, M. A. Andreen. "Collinsville won the game", said C. H. Dorris, "But only two players on each team were on the floor as the game came to an end. It was a survival of the fittest."¹⁸ The third game was between the regular team of each school. Collinsville won this game, 38-19, to make it a clean sweep for the evening.

In a regular scheduled game played against Leacocks American of St. Louis, Collinsville lost, 34-25. Irwin Brede, Collinsville's high scoring center, was out due to illness. The final game scheduled against East St. Louis gave the Collinsville team a record of sixteen victories and five losses, as they won this game, 65-39.

The District Tournament was played at Centralia. Collinsville was to play Edwardsville in the first game. Edwardsville, beaten three times previously by Collinsville, failed to show up for the game. Collinsville was given the game through a forfeit. Collinsville's second game was played against Nashville. Collinsville played poorly and Nashville jumped out to a commanding lead and won, 35-18. In a third game played at the tournament, Collinsville defeated Salem, 54-12. Irwin Brede was selected to the tournament first team. Hubert Kneedler

¹⁷ Ibid., November 6, 1915.

¹⁸ Personal interview with Charles H. Dorris, March 12, 1962; Chantecleer, school newspaper, Vol. III No. 15, January 18, 1927, P.2.

and Milburn Dorris were selected for the second team.

A statement which shows the contrast in the following, then and now, was made by the Advertiser Press, which said, "Fully fifty Collinsville people, including players, were at the tournament which more than taxed the capacity of the hall where the game was held."¹⁹ The final record of the season was eighteen victories and six losses.

1916-1917

Most of the regular players from the 1915-1916 team were gone through graduation. Also lost was Coach T. J. Beck, who accepted a job in South America, somewhere in Chile. Later it was said that he was back in the United States working in Chicago. Returning was a good second team and only Fremont Nagel from the past year. M. A. Andreen, a teacher and college classmate of T. J. Beck, took over the coaching during the year.²⁰

A regular schedule was played but very little was written about the happenings of the season. Scores were found for only seven games and a total won and lost record of four victories and four losses were found. Most of the home games were played in the Ardison Hall located in town.

The District Tournament was played at Centralia. Collinsville lost the first game to O'Fallon. The game was tied at the end of the regulation time. The game went into a five minute overtime. It ended with an O'Fallon player throwing the ball back over his head as a pass, the ball going directly into the basket and O'Fallon winning the game.²¹

¹⁹ Advertiser Press, March 4, 1916.

²⁰ Personal interview with Charles H. Dorris, March 12, 1962.

²¹ Personal interview with Charles Despain, February 22, 1962.

One reason records weren't kept very well was the fact that the scoring was kept on a blackboard on the gym wall. Players names were listed and all scoring kept in that manner.²²

Charles Despain, center on the team, told about the trip to DuQuoin. The trip was made by train, Not far from Pinckneyville, Illinois the train broke down. After a two hour delay, the trip continued. The game was played and Collinsville lost, 49-9. Despain mentioned a rule that is quite different from the present day rules. This was the fact that during a center jump, the player jumping had to have one hand behind his back while jumping.

The starting team during the season consisted of Elton Brayford, and George Peltz, forwards; Fremont Nagel and Sam Martin, guards and Charles Despain, center.

The final record for the season was four victories and four losses. It is believed that there were several other games played but no records were available to confirm this.

1917-1918

A situation quite different than any previously experienced was present as the basketball season was about to start. Several players were on hand ready to play but there was no coach. Due to the manpower shortage due to World War I and the lack of funds, the school was without a coach.

Sam Martin, one of Collinsville's more experienced players, was selected as captain of the team and acting coach. During the games, a member of the faculty would

²²Ibid.

be along with the team but Martin would actually do the coaching.²³

Players returning from the past season were Charles DesPain, George Peltz, Sam Martin, Irwin Maurer and Roy Nicol, Bert Parker, Roger Wilson and Russel Beebe.

Impressive victories came over O'Fallon, Benld, East St. Louis and Greenville. During one of the games, Russel Beebe, a Collinsville substitute, fell on his back, injuring his spine. He was unable to play again after this, but did serve as an acting coach with Martin.²⁴

Collinsville failed to send in their entry in time to be allowed to play in the District Tournament. The lack of funds also was a problem which was a factor in their not entering the tournament. The final record of the season was nine victories and six losses.

1918-1919

There was no team during this season. This was due to three reasons: the lack of finances necessary for transportation and equipment, the lack of a capable coach, and influenza epidemic which had become a great problem with school enrollment during the winter months.²⁵

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER II

Chapter II describes the beginning of basketball at Collinsville High School through the year of 1919. During this period, there were six known coaches, including a player who served in this capacity for one season.

Coach Bliss Dee was the first coach, and is credited with starting the first boys' basketball team in the Collinsville High School. Coach Dee coached the 1908 and the 1909 teams.

²³Ibid.

²⁴Ibid.

²⁵Person interview with Charles H. Dorris, March 12, 1962.

Coach R. C. Sayre followed Coach Dee and coached the Collinsville team for one year, 1909-1910. During this year, Collinsville took part in a Madison County-St. Clair County League. The final standings ended in a tie between Collinsville and Lebanon. Lebanon won the play-off game.

No records of the teams were available for the next two years, 1911 and 1912. The following year, William Green coached the team to a successful season, winning eighteen games and losing five. The team placed fourth in the District Tournament played at Carbondale.

The 1913-1914 season started with most of the team returning from the previous year, but under the direction of a new coach named, William Graham. The team did not lose a regular scheduled game during the season to any other high school. The only game lost was to McKendree College.

In the District Tournament played at Carbondale, Collinsville won the first two games before losing the final game to Centralia for second place.

Coach T. J. Beck was hired to coach the team the following two seasons. His teams compiled a record of 39 victories and 13 losses in the two seasons.

The 1914-1915 team lost unexpectedly in the District Tournament, so the people of Collinsville sent the team to a national tournament played at Evanston, Illinois. The team won second place there.

During the 1915-1916 season, the team won 18 games while losing seven. Again this year, they lost out in the District Tournament.

The records for the 1916-1917 and the 1917-1918 season were incomplete, as very few records were kept of the teams played. The 1916-1917 team was coached by M. A. Andreen and the 1917-1918 team was coached by a player on the team, John Willie Martin.

There was no team during the 1918-1919 season. This was due to the lack of finances, no coach and a flu epidemic.

CHAPTER III

THE ERA OF COACH JOHN HAWKINS FROM 1920-1924

Coach Hawkins was hired to coach at Collinsville even though he had very little knowledge of, and no experience with, basketball. Hawkins came to Collinsville to be interviewed for the football coaching job. Mr. Dorris, superintendent, and the Board of Education agreed to hire Mr. Hawkins because of his military background and ability to work with boys and men. Mr. Hawkins hesitated in taking the job, but was convinced he could be successful. This information was not released until after Mr. Hawkins left Collinsville.¹

1919-1920

After an absence of one year from the basketball scene, Collinsville High School once again had a team. Several good ball players and a new coach named John Hawkins were on hand to start off the new season. The following boys made up the team for the 1919-1920 season: Leo Jokerst, Norman Pinkel, Robert Louden, H. C. Finley, Bill Whittaker, John V. P. Siegel, Orville McAdoo, Edwards Langhan and Jack Renfro.²

The opening practice was held in early November with the first game scheduled for the middle of December with Edwardsville. Norman Pinkel was elected to be the captain of the team for the season. Collinsville defeated Edwardsville, 21-12. In this game, Captain Pinkel scored thirteen of the twenty-one points to take scoring honors. Robert Louden played a good floor before the

¹Collinsville Herald, December 24, 1947; Personal interview with Charles H. Dorris, March 12, 1962.

²Collinsville Herald, December 19, 1919.

large crowd that packed Reese Hall.

It is believed that a total of twenty-two games were played during this season however, only the results of eleven games could be found in the records available. Other victories came over Highland, Edwardsville and McKendree College. Losses were registered with O'Fallon and Edwardsville.

During the season, Collinsville conducted a tournament sponsored by the Commercial Club. The following teams took part in the tournament: O'Fallon, Edwardsville, Granite City, East St. Louis, Highland, Belleville and Collinsville.³

Collinsville defeated Belleville 13-11 in its first game. The second game played against East St. Louis ended with Collinsville losing, 28-20. With five minutes to go the score was tied but East St. Louis pulled ahead of the tiring Collinsville team to win.

The tournament, the first in Collinsville basketball history, was considered a success, both financially and from an interest standpoint, as over one thousand spectators attended. The Reese Hall, where the tournament was conducted, was considered as one of the best gymnasiums in the area.

The referee, Charles Lantz of Eastern Illinois Normal Teachers College, and the coaches selected an All-Star tournament team. Leo Jokerst, Collinsville center, was placed on the first team.⁴

The District Tournament was played at Centralia with Collinsville playing Flora. Collinsville lost this game to close the season. The final record for the season was six victories and four losses.

³Ibid.

⁴Ibid.

1920-1921

The 1920-1921 season opened with two victories over Highland. The first game was played on the home court and was described as a football game on a basketball floor. Collinsville won, 17-13, although the team came out second best physically, as McAdoo and Jokerst suffered injuries. The second game was described as being rougher than the first game. In this game, several players suffered injuries. Jokerst was again injured, receiving a blow to the nose that drew blood, Earl Paul received a bruised shoulder, Jack Renfro received a sprained ankle and Arthur Whittaker had a ligament pulled in his foot. The outcome of this game was only known after a close check of the scorebook. The scoreboard listed the score at the end of the regulation time at 14-14, but the scorebook gave Collinsville a 15-14 victory.⁵

The third game of the season played at Belleville gave Collinsville their third win without a defeat. The score was 20-12. A special car was used to take the spectators to see the next game played at Edwardsville. In this game, Jack Renfro, Collinsville guard, held the Edwardsville high scorer down, enabling Collinsville to win 25-16.

Collinsville continued on the victory trail by defeating Wood River, Belleville, Alton, Edwardsville and McKendree Academy in that order. These teams provided very little competition as the local team built up a record of nine victories against no defeats.⁶

East St. Louis provided more competition in the next game. The game was close throughout the first half but through "extra-ordinary team play" the local team

⁵Collinsville Herald, op. cit., December 17, 1920.

⁶Ibid., February 18, 1921.

won 28-21, Jokerst was the high scorer with fourteen points.⁷

The second round victories of the season came over Alton and Wood River by the scores of 24-14, and 27-12. Nashville came to Collinsville to seek and upset but fell short as the game ended 22-11. During the game, Nashville lost two players by fouls, leaving them with just four players to finish the game. Coach Hawkins followed this by removing one of his players; thus, the game continued with four players on each team.⁸

With only the East St. Louis game remaining on the schedule, the Collinsville Herald paid tribute to the team for the wonderful showing:⁹

Physical condition has helped Collinsville during the season to win some of the games in the second half. In order to reach their almost perfect condition the players have undergone hard workouts and have obeyed, training rules...The boys have followed Coach Hawkins instructions cheerfully until they now are proclaimed as leaders.

The last game of the regular season was played against East St. Louis at the Reese Brothers Hall in Collinsville. This game was claimed as the most spectacular game ever played in this Hall. The game was fast and rough but clever passing by Collinsville was the difference that enabled them to win 21-20.¹⁰

The District Tournament was played at Shurtleff College in Alton. Collinsville entered the tournament as the favored team having a record of fourteen victories against no losses. They were not denied the right to move on as they swept through the tournament without any difficulty defeating Jerseyville, 26-12,

⁷Ibid.

⁸Ibid., March 4, 1921.

⁹Ibid.,

¹⁰Ibid., March 11, 1921.

Mascoutah, 31-5; Mt. Olive, 23-6; and Belleville, 16-8.¹¹

Collinsville players won two places on the All-Star Team. They were Jack Renfro and Leo Jokerst. In addition, Jack Renfro won the sportsmanship award given by Shurtleff College. The tournament was considered a success financially as 750 people saw the games.¹²

By winning the District Tournament, Collinsville gained the right to play in the State Tournament played in Urbana. The first game played by the locals was against Fairbury, the score being Collinsville 21, Fairbury 15. The second game was one of the closest games of the season for Collinsville. Trailing throughout the entire game the locals finally pulled ahead and won, 19-17. The third game of the tournament proved to be the stumbler for the Collinsville team as they lost to a good Batavia team, 24-9. This brought the season to a close with a very respectable record of twenty victories and one loss.¹³

There was the usual disappointment of the team and the followers but all were proud of the fine team and their record.

1921-1922

The 1921-1922 basketball season was due to open and no building was available due to a dispute over the rent. The games previously were played at the Reese Hall. Mr. Reese was asking for forty per cent of the gate receipts, which the high school refused. Some agreement was finally reached and games were played.¹⁴

Boys back from the 1920-1921 State Tournament team were Leo Jokerst, Jack Renfro, Bill Whittaker,

¹¹Ibid.

¹²Ibid., March 18, 1921.

¹³Ibid., March 25, 1921.

¹⁴Ibid., December 27, 1921.

Irwin Bernhardt, Earl Paul and Harry Meyer. The outlook for this season appeared quite bright and the fans of Collinsville were ready.

First game of the season was a 23-8 victory for Collinsville. In the starting line were Paul and Kurtz at forward, Jokerst center and Whittaker and Renfro at the guard positions. The first loss was at the hands of St. Louis University High School, 21-18. Renfro in this game made ten of fifteen free throws. Collinsville led the first three quarters, then lost out in the fourth.

Belleville was defeated, 27-18, and Alton fell, 28-18, to the Collinsville team. Collinsville now had four victories and one defeat. In a return game, Alton defeated Collinsville on the winner's floor, 14 to 12. Renfro in this game was off on his free throw shooting, missing a total of five.¹⁵

A return game with St. Louis University brought the third defeat to the locals, 16-9. Victories were over Wood River, 16-10, Greenville, 30-24, Belleville, 26-12, Cleveland of St. Louis, 24-15, Edwardsville, 34-7 and Greenville, 25-15. Collinsville ended the regular schedule with a record of ten victories and three defeats.¹⁶

The elimination for State Tournament was set up as follows: The district, March 3 and 4, the Sectional, March 10-11 and the State 17-18.¹⁷

Collinsville was assigned to the District Tournament at Alton, to be played in the Shurtleff College gymnasium. The first opponent for Collinsville was Jerseyville and brought forth a 21-11 victory. Wood River gave little trouble as the Collinsville team defeated them 27-11. Belleville was the third team defeated, 23-13 and there was a victory over Mascoutah,

¹⁵Ibid., February 3, 1922.

¹⁶Ibid., February 24, 1922.

¹⁷Ibid.

the Class B champions, 32-9. This was the second year in a row the Collinsville team had won the District Tournament. The success of the team had been credited greatly to the superior five man defense the team had used through out the year. Jokerst and Renfro were placed on the all tournament first team. Whittaker was placed on the second team.¹⁸

The Sectional Tournament was held at Mt. Vernon on March 10 and 11. Collinsville played Olney in the first game and defeated them, 27-20. The second game, played against Marion, brought the season to a close as the locals lost, 21-36. The final record for the season was fifteen victories and four losses.¹⁹

1922-1923

The loss of three key men from the 1921-1922 squad presented quite a problem to Coach John Hawkins. A squad of twenty boys reported to help him solve this problem. The starting team put together by Coach Hawkins was Lorraine Hohn and Jack Renfro, forwards, Earl Paul and Katilus, guards and Bernhardt at the center position.

The season opener, played at Highland, went to the host team, 23-22. The first home game of the season was a return game with Highland. This game was the first game played in the new gymnasium. The players played a remarkable game to win for the home town crowd, 27-13. One of the outstanding feats of the game was a basket made by Renfro from a jump ball situation.²⁰

During the month of January, Collinsville defeated Edwardsville, 24-9, Highland, 27-13, Wood River, 14-9 and Belleville, 17-14. The Belleville game was the

¹⁸ Ibid., March 10, 1922.

¹⁹ Ibid.

²⁰ Ibid., January 12, 1923.

best game to date played by the local team. The winning basket was made by Adams. Losses during this time was a close 9-11 game to Alton and a 16-24 loss to Greenville.

During February the team gained four victories and one defeat, winning from Wood River in an overtime, 19-18, from Alton, 16-11, from Belleville, 15-7, on the loser's floor, and from Edwardsville, 22-17. The only loss again was to the powerful Greenville team, 8-18.²¹

The District Tournament was played in Collinsville's new gymnasium. Twenty-five schools were asked to play in the tournament. Collinsville's opponent for the first game was Granite City. In a double overtime, Granite City was able to outscore the Collinsville team, 13-11, and drop them from the tournament.²²

The season was still not over for Collinsville, as the team was entered in the Central Mississippi Valley Tournament played at the Washington University Field House in St. Louis, Missouri.²³

The first game was a 12-9 victory over Sparta, followed by a victory over Central of St. Louis, 17-14. Before losing to Farnia, 19-16, Collinsville appeared a bit over confident in this game and did not play a good game.²⁴

High scorers for the season were Earl Paul with eighty-six points and Jack Renfro with fifty-two.²⁵ The final record for the season was thirteen victories and six losses.

1923-1924

The 1923-1924 season brought forth the organization of the Southwestern Illinois Athletic Conference. The conference was organized to include the following

²¹Ibid., March 2, 1923.

²²Ibid., March 9, 1923.

²³Ibid.

²⁴Ibid., March 26, 1923.

²⁵Ibid.

schools: Alton, Belleville, Collinsville, Edwardsville, Granite City, Jerseyville, Madison and Wood River. All schools were scheduled to play every other team two times during the regular season to count toward a final standing. The team gaining this honor was to be presented with a loving cup. The first school to win it three times was to gain permanent possession.²⁶

Collinsville's team, coached by John Hawkins was a small, light team in comparison to other teams on the schedule, but what they lacked in size was overcome by the speed and ability. The starting team consisted of Captain Pete Kurtz, Val Jokerst, Monte Walker, Floyd Hohn and Jack Renfro.²⁷ The season opened with Collinsville winning seven straight games before losing to Madison by the score of 22-17. In this game, Collinsville led 14-10 at the half but could not score in the second half. Val Jokerst didn't play in this game due to an injured knee. One of the seven victories included a 14-5 score over O'Fallon. In this game, the Collinsville defense limited O'Fallon to only one field goal.²⁸

Conference victories were scored over Granite City twice, Alton twice, Wood River twice and once each over Edwardsville and Belleville. The final conference record was eight victories and three losses, placing Collinsville in second place.

The District Tournament was played at Granite City. The first game for Collinsville ended with a victory over East St. Louis, 22-15. This game brought forth the best effort of the season by the Collinsville team.

The second game was played against Jerseyville and resulted in a 22-20 overtime loss for Collinsville. The

²⁶ Ibid., January 18, 1924.

²⁷ Ibid., January 11, 1924.

²⁸ Ibid., February 1, 1924.

failure of the scorekeeper's gun to fire resulted in the loss for Collinsville. As the timekeeper was trying to fix the gun in order to have it fire, the winning basket was scored after the gun should have fired. Witnesses near the scoring area saw this action but were not allowed to change the scorer's decision.²⁹

After being eliminated from the District Tournament, Coach Hawkins entered his team in the Mississippi Valley Tournament at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. In the opening game, Collinsville defeated Soldan of St. Louis, 12-11. However, the second game brought to a close the basketball season as Collinsville lost, 17-18, to Sparta.³⁰ The final record for the season was fourteen victories and six losses.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER III

Coach John Hawkins coached the Collinsville team for five seasons, from 1920-1924. During these years, his teams won sixty-eight games while losing twenty-one.

The Southwestern Illinois Conference was organized during the 1923-1924 season of which Collinsville was a charter member. During this first conference season, Coach Larsons' team won eight games and lost three placing them in second place.

Coach Hawkins' 1920-1921 team was the first Collinsville team to play in the State Tournament played at Urbana, Illinois. This team compiled a record of twenty straight victories before losing in the third game played in the State Tournament to Batavia.

²⁹Ibid., March 14, 1924.

³⁰Ibid., March 21, 1924.

CHAPTER IV

THE ERA OF COACH W. O. LARSON FROM 1924-1937

Mr. Willard O. Larson was a graduate of Augustans College, receiving his A. B. Degree in the Spring of 1924. In the fall of the same year, Coach Larson was hired by the Board of Education of Collinsville as an instructor in science and mathematics. He was also hired as the director of athletics, with coaching assignments in football, basketball, baseball and track.

In 1926, Coach Larson continued his education as he enrolled at the University of Notre Dame. He had the honor of having courses in athletic coaching under the direction of the celebrated Knute Rockne.¹

1924-1925

Collinsville fans had high hopes for the 1924-1925 season, as the entire first team of the 1923-1924 season was on hand to open the season. Willard O. Larson was named as the new head coach to direct the team and Floyd Hohn was named as the captain.²

The season's opening game played against Greenville ended with a 19-14 defeat for Collinsville. Poor shooting in this game contributed to the defeat.

Hopes for a conference championship were dimmed as Collinsville lost the first game against a new conference member, Mascoutah, 20-17. The loss to Mascoutah, provided a shock so great to the Collinsville team that they went on to score a 47-6 victory over Granite City

¹The Kahokian, the yearbook of the Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois 1931 p. 50.

²Collinsville Herald, November 28, 1924.

and built up a winning streak of eleven straight games before losing their second conference game to Alton, 16-14.³

One of the ten victories had to be decided by playing two games against Belleville. In the first regular scheduled game with Belleville, played at home, the referee scheduled to work the game failed to show up. After a delay of more than a half-hour, Leo Jokerst, a former Collinsville basketball player, was called from the crowd to officiate the game. Collinsville won the game, 23-15. Alton, a team in contention for the championship, protested the game as not being official because Leo Jokerst was not a registered official.

During an all-school assembly called for the purpose of discussing the game, Floyd Hohn, captain of the Collinsville team, made a motion that Collinsville should give Belleville a chance to replay this game. The student body voted unanimously to replay this game with a registered official. This decision made the first time a team had voted to take itself out of first place. The replay game was won by Collinsville, 28-19. Jokerst was high point man with 15 points.⁴

Eighteen schools divided in two classes, A and B, made up the list of teams entered in the District Tournament played at Belleville.⁵

Collinsville played good basketball as they defeated Edwardsville, 26-8; Alton, 18-9 and Brighton, 31-6. With only Belleville to play to decide the championship, Collinsville was the unanimous choice to win. The Belleville team had other ideas as they scored a 21-12 upset victory. Belleville played a completely new type of offense, as they slowed the game down and

³Ibid., December 5, 1924.

⁴Ibid., February 6, 1925.

⁵Ibid., February 27, 1925.

controlled the play throught the game. This brought to close the 1924-1925 season, with a record of sixteen victories and three losses.⁶

Honors won by Collinsville players, were as follows: Val Jokerst and George Maurer were selected on the All-District first team; Monte Walker and Floyd Hohn were selected on the All-District second team; Pete Kurtz received honorable mention on the All-District team.⁷

1925-1926

Captain Val Jokerst and Edward Nichols were the only lettermen returning for the 1925-1926 season. To fill the openings a total of fifty boys reported for practice.

The opening game was played against East St. Louis in Collinsville's newly remodeled gymnasium. The Collinsville High School gym was rated as one of the best playing floors in Southern Illinois, and had a seating capacity of two thousand.⁸ Collinsville won the ball game, 25-22, although the winner was in doubt till the last minute. Starting players for this first game were Val Jokerst, Edward Nichols, George Bullock, George Musso and Henry Gillaspy.

Collinsville ended the conference race with ten victories and two defeats to win second place in the standings. Only Belleville and Edwardsville were able to defeat Collinsville.

In non-conference games during the regular schedule, Collinsville compiled a record of five victories and two losses. Victories were recorded over East St. Louis, Central of St. Louis, Pocahontas, Greenville and O'Fallon.

The District Tournament was played in Collinsville's gymnasium. Collinsville defeated East St. Louis, 33-24, Granite City, 28-17, Brighton, 33-14 and Edwardsville, 24-19, to win the championship and the right to play in

⁶Ibid., March 13, 1925.

⁷Ibid.

⁸Ibid., November 20, 1925.

the Sectional Tournament. The District Tournament was a success, not only by the winning of the tournament but also financially, as several hundred people were turned away due to the capacity crowd.⁹

The Sectional Tournament was played at Salem. Collinsville's first opponent was Mt. Carmel, one of the better teams in the state. Collinsville played a good ball game and won, 32-25. After this victory, Collinsville was rated as the team to win the tournament. However, the second game, against Flora, proved to be more than Collinsville could handle as they lost, 15-12. In a consolation game, for third and fourth place, Collinsville lost to Marion, 38-18, to end the play for the season.¹⁰

Honors received by Collinsville players were as follows; Val Jokerst, George Musso and Edward Nichols were selected to the All-District, All-Star team; Henry Gillaspy and George Bullock were selected to the second team;¹¹ Val Jokerst and Edward Nichols were selected on the Sectional All-Star team.¹²

The season record was nineteen victories and five losses.

NAME CHOSEN FOR THE TEAM

THE KAHOKS

During the fall of 1926, a request by the Chanticleer, the school newspaper, for the students to submit a name for the schools' athletic teams was made. They stated that no prize would be given to the winner but it would be an honor to the person to be able to say that he named the schools' teams.

⁹Ibid., March 5, 1926.

¹⁰Ibid., March 12, 1926.

¹¹Ibid.,

¹²Ibid., March 19, 1926.

A committee composed of coaches and captains of the teams were to select the winning name. Their suggestion was that a name should be such as to "instill fear in the hearts of the opponent".¹³

That is a short name but it is full of meaning and will mean more as the years go by, for it is the name that has been selected to grace the Collinsville athletic teams of the future.

The committee composed of the coaches and the captains were greatly disappointed by the fact that only three names were turned in as suggestions. These three, "Panthers", "Yellow-Jackets" and "Scalpers" were cast aside and the committee resorted back to the vicinity history of the past and coined the word "Kahoks".

Our new name signifies the history of years ago, of the Mound Builders whose efforts and works are still traceable, so may the efforts of our teams be something that will live down through time, then again, the Indian is always a good athletic symbol, living as he did, an out-door athletic life, he signifies to us today, speed, courage, cunningness, power and bravery. So, here's to the Kahoks, may they always embody these highly desired characteristics.¹⁴

The exact person who was responsible for devising the name Kahoks, is not known but is believed to have been William Ross, the Senior Class President.¹⁵

1926-1927

Basketball had always been Collinsville's strongest sport. Every year the Collinsville team had either won or had been near the top in the conference standings. The 1926-1927 season was not to be an exception, as this strong team went through the conference without a single loss, a 14-0 record. This was unheard of prior to this season.

Coach Larson had just two lettermen back from the 1925-1926 season. They were Henry "Jadda" Gillaspay and

¹³Chanticleer, Vol III, Oct. 26, 1926, #6.

¹⁴Chanticleer, Vol. III, Nov. 16, 1926, #9.

¹⁵Collinsville Herald, March 19, 1948.

George Musso. However, a squad of seventy boys reported for practice and tryouts.¹⁶

The first game of the season was played against Greenville, with Collinsville winning, 15-10. The team was inexperienced and in this game, definitely showed it. In the next game, against a strong Virden team, the Collinsville boys played much better and won, 19-11.

The conference season opened against Wood River. Collinsville showed great potential in this game, as they defeated a strong Wood River team by the score of, 28-11. This game brought to light a new scorer for Collinsville, Gus "Red" Poneleit. Poneleit came through with six baskets while only playing half of the game.¹⁷

The first loss of the season came during the Christmas vacation. A strong Lebanon team came to Collinsville to hand the locals a 27-23 loss.

Back on the winning trail, the Collinsville team defeated the Alumni, 29-20. The second conference win was a victory over Granite City, 26-11. Then came the big game against East St. Louis. East St. Louis hadn't lost a game to date and were rated as the team to beat. The game was considered anyones' until late in the 4th quarter, as the Kahoks pulled ahead and won, 15-9. Conference victories were gained over Edwardsville, 21-11, Belleville, 21-18, Alton, 25-11 and Jerseyville, 20-10, giving the Kahoks, and all of their faithful following, an undisputed lead at the half-way point, with a record of seven victories and no losses in conference play.¹⁸

In the second round of Conference games, Collinsville defeated Wood River, 24-16. They then defeated Granite City by a record score of, 62-13. This game was supposed to be a close game, but the Kahok team couldn't

¹⁶The Kahokian, 1927, p.63.

¹⁷Ibid.

¹⁸Ibid., P.64.

be stopped. This sixty-two points was the highest score made by a conference school against another conference school. The other teams fell in order, Jerseyville, East St. Louis, Edwardsville, Belleville and Alton. The undefeated conference record of fourteen victories and no losses was the first in the history of the conference.

The Madison County Tournament was played at Collinsville with a total of ten teams entered. Collinsville kept up the winning habit as they defeated Edwardsville, Madison and Wood River to gain the championship. The regular schedule ended with the Kahoks having a record of twenty-three victories and one defeat.¹⁹

A play-off game was played with the winner of the Class A school and the winner of the Class B school. The game, played on a neutral floor, placed the Kahoks against a strong Lebanon team. Lebanon was favored to win this game, as they already had defeated Collinsville earlier in the season. This game drew a crowd of well over two thousand frantic fans.

Never was there a game played with such speed and never was there a game played with so many thrills. It was just an ideal championship game. The outcome of the battle was always in doubt but the sensational playing of the two Indian guards, Gillaspay and Musso, finally stemmed the tide and Lebanon was nosed out, 22-20.²⁰

The District Tournament was played at East St. Louis. Collinsville drew again this strong Lebanon team, which they had defeated a few weeks prior. The outcome of this game was to be different, as the Kahoks lost, 25-32.

The season was considered a success, although there was a disappointment in that the team did not go on to show their greatness. Coach Larsons' boys dominated the Conference All-Star team as four members were

¹⁹Ibid.

²⁰Ibid., p.65.

placed on it. They were Captain Gillaspy, "Red" Poneleit, Bob Boken and George Musso.²¹

A tribute paid to Captain "Jadda" Gillaspy could not be passed by in a history that he had so much to do with. The following tribute was taken from the 1927 school annual, The Kahokian.²²

"Jadda" was often called the outstanding player of the 1927 conference season. His work on the basketball court was on a par with his sensational playing on the gridiron. To him goes the rare honor of being Captain of an athletic team while still an under classman. As a Captain and leader, he has no superior in high school circles. He always was working, goading his team on, until they dropped from exhaustion and whenever a basket was needed, it was Gillaspy who usually came through. He was called the greatest "pinch player" in Southern Illinois. In every big game throughout the year, the speedy running guard was high point man on the team. When his team needed confidence, he soon had them fighting mad, as if they were going against a hated enemy who had a superior record. He was chosen, as Captain of the Conference All-Star Team, an honor that speaks for itself.

The season record was twenty-four victories and two losses.

1927-1928

With most of the players returning from the championship team of 1927, great expectation was present, as the Kahoks opened their fourth season under the leadership of Coach Larson.

Boys returning were Bobby Boken, "Jadda" Gillaspy, Pete Klobuchar, T. Byrkit, Stillwell Merrill, George Musso, Walter Clare, Walter McWhirter, EdwardsBailey and Owen Kitchen. Two of the past years regulars were injured in football, they were "Jadda" Gillaspy and Bob. Boken. Gillaspy was able to start the season but Boken was sidelined for the first few games.²³

²¹Ibid.

²²Ibid., p.58.

²³Collinsville Herald, December 2, 1927.

The season opened with two non-conference games. The first was a 31-16 loss to a good Greenville team who completely outplayed the Kahoks. In the second game, Collinsville defeated Mascoutah, 32-14, on the home court.

The first conference game was played against Jerseyville and won by the local team, 48-18. The only conference team to defeat Collinsville was Alton, 27-22. Collinsville's final conference record ended with thirteen victories and one defeat to gain for them, first place honors.²⁴

In the County Tournament, Collinsville was favored to walk away with the championship. Impressive victories came over Wood River, 27-18, Granite City, 38-15 and Bethalto, 43-7. Then came the championship game with Alton. Previously, Collinsville had lost to, and had also defeated, Alton. Alton showed power, as they won 28-22, to win the championship.²⁵

The District Tournament was played at Collinsville. The Kahoks displayed defensive play that was rated outstanding. They defeated Livingston, 36-9, Wood River, 20-8, Shipman, 26-8 and Madison, 17-8, to win the championship and win the right to play in the Sectional Tournament at Salem.²⁶

The first game of the Sectional Tournament paired Collinsville against Carlyle. Collinsville displayed offense as well as defense as they won 41-18. The second game played against Witt ended with a score similiar to the first game, but with Collinsville on the short end, as Witt won, 40-18.²⁷

Some honors won by Collinsville players were: "Jadda" Gillaspay and George Musso who made the first team, All-District team; Pete Klobuchar made the second team, All-District team. The final record for the season

²⁴Ibid., February 17, 1928.

²⁵Ibid.,

²⁶Ibid., March 16, 1928.

²⁷Ibid., March 23, 1928.

was twenty-two victories and six losses.²⁸

1928-1929

Collinsville was early in giving warning to the other teams in the area, as they won ten of the first eleven games played. Early non-conference victories came over Carlyle, Greenville, Alton and Webster Groves, Missouri. The first loss came at the hands of Mt. Vernon, a team that completely outplayed Collinsville. Only one other non-conference team was able to beat the Kahoks during the regular season. This was Greenville, 34-16.²⁹

Only Granite City was able to defeat the Kahoks during the Conference schedule. Collinsville defeated Granite City 32-20 but Granite City came back and won 34-22 in the second game. Impressive victories came over East St. Louis, 39-12, Edwardsville, 43-16 and 31-13, and Alton, 37-11. By winning the Conference, Collinsville became the first team to win it three years in succession.³⁰

In an inter-conference play-off at Belleville, Collinsville defeated Madison, 29-13.³¹

The District Tournament was played at Edwardsville. Collinsville defeated Alton by the overwhelming score of 45-21, in the first round. In the second game, Collinsville scored an easy 28-19 victory over Madison. The third game developed the greatest surprise of the tournament as Livingston defeated Collinsville, 14-13 to eliminate Collinsville from being able to continue for the State Championship. Granite City, the only Conference team able to defeat the Kahoks, won the tournament.³²

Those players playing their last game for the Kahoks were: Captain Klobuchar, Walter McWhirter, Kermit Eckart,

²⁸Ibid., March 16, 1928.

²⁹The Kahokian, December, 1929. p 88.

³⁰Ibid., p 89.

³¹Ibid.

³²Ibid.

George Musso and Theron Dieu. The final record for the season was 18 victories and 4 losses.³²

1929-1930

The 1929-1930 season started with Collinsville not listed as a contender for the Southwestern Conference crown, something of a new experience for them. Only Captain Edward Bailey could be listed as a regular from the championship team of the 1928-1929 season.

The opening game with Madison did not brighten their hopes, as the Trojans defeated the Kahoks, 20-9. In the next three games the Kahoks did come back, defeating Carlyle, 27-5, Mascoutah, 52-23 and Livingston, 32-10. With these victories and the conference race about to start, the Collinsville fans were again talking about the championship.

East St. Louis was to be the first conference opponent on the home floor. This team from the larger city, had never beaten Collinsville, in a Southwestern Conference basketball game to date.³³

This is the way the Collinsville Herald presented it:³⁴

Once upon a time, East St. Louis High School, defeated Collinsville in a basketball game. Kahok followers were astounded. So, the following day, the fathers of all the boys, in Collinsville, called their sons to them. And what they said to them and what ensued should go into history.

Son, said each and every father, to each and every son. A very regrettable occurrence took place last night. We were compelled, to bow down in defeat, to East St. Louis. When you boys grow up make it your life's ambition, to see that nothing like that ever happens again.

Collinsville had met East St. Louis in six conference games and in two tournament games and hadn't

³²Ibid.

³³Collinsville Herald, December 20, 1929.

³⁴Ibid.

lost to them.³⁵ The words of wisdom told by the fathers to their sons weren't quite enough, as East St. Louis defeated the Collinsville team, in an overtime, 23-21. It was said to be the most exciting game ever staged on the Collinsville floor. Collinsville led throughout, only to lose the lead in the last minute of play in regulation time.³⁶

Other conference teams to defeat the Kahoks were Edwardsville, Granite City and Belleville twice. This gave the Kahoks a seven win and five loss record and third place.

Collinsville was assigned to the District Tournament played at Edwardsville. The first opponent, Highland, brought little competition to the local team as they won easily, 46-18. The second game of the tournament brought a close to the season, as the Kahoks went down in defeat, 15-10. Owen Kitchen, regular guard, hurt earlier in the season, reinjured his leg in the Highland game and had to miss this game. Many felt that this was one of the main factors in the loss to this good Madison team.³⁷

The final record for the season was fifteen victories and eight losses.

1930-1931

As the football season came to a close, Coach Larson again called for basketball players to tryout for the team. The response was good, as many volunteers came forward. Some of them were: Robert Gauen, Captain for the season, David Jack, Thurman Parker, Howard Gillaspy, and Ralph Allen.

The season opened with non-conference victories over Litchfield, 26-19, and Lebanon, 25-19. The conference season opened with a victory over East St. Louis, 20-16. This was followed with victories over Edwardsville,

³⁵Ibid.

³⁶Ibid., December 27, 1929.

³⁷Ibid., March 14, 1930.

Madison, Alton, Belleville and Wood River. Collinsville and Granite City were tied for first place in the Conference with identical records of six wins and no losses. The stage was set for the game between the two teams on Collinsville's floor. The game was said to be "The game between the champions and one team had to lose." Collinsville lost in an overtime, 26-25. The second round in the Conference proved to be much different from the first. The Kahoks, after defeating all other teams in the first round by big scores, lost three games in the second round, to Madison, Alton and Granite City. Collinsville was not the only team to have this problem, as Granite city and Belleville could not better the record of ten victories and four losses and the Conference ended in a three-way tie for the Championship. During the regular season, Collinsville defeated all the non-conference schools on the schedule.³⁸

The District Tournament was played in Edwardsville. The Kahoks were at their peak, as they defeated Madison, 40-13, Edwardsville, 40-21, St. Jacob, 57-6 and Granite City, for the championship, 42-28.

The high light of this tournament was holding St. Jacob to not being able to score a field goal, just free throws. Also a high light was the victory over Granite City, the team which had defeated the Kahoks twice during the regular season.

In the Madison game, the scoring honors went to Parker and Allen. In the Edwardsville game, Parker and Jack were high men. In the St. Jacob game, freshman Jerry Knatat was able to score ten points, as the second team played much of the game. In the final game against Granite City, Dave Jack took scoring honors with nineteen points. Allen and Gillaspay were the stars of the defense, as they held the opponent's high scorers down to just a

³⁸The Kahokian, 1931, p.67.

few points.³⁹

By winning the District Tournament, the Kahoks qualified to play in the Sectional Tournament at East St. Louis.

The first opponet was Centralia, a strong team from Southern Illinois, whom the Kahoks rolled over, 46-27. Jack scored twenty points and Parker fourteen in this game. Witt provided the competition in the second game. In this game, Coach Larson had to revamp his line up, as Robert Gauen was still suffering from a sprained ankle received in the Centralia game. The new line up lacked the punch needed to outplay the determined Witt team. Coach Larson sent Gauen in to steady the team. This move seemed to be what was needed, as the Kahoks tied the score, then went on to win, 32-23. The championship game was played against East St. Louis. Collinsville gained an early lead and won the game, 32-24.⁴⁰

Collinsville played the Decatur team in the first game of the State Tournament in Urbana, Illinois. The fans predicted that the state champions would come from this game. The game was close throughout, with Decatur having the lead all the way and winning, 24-23. Robert Gauen played the best game of his career and scored eleven points. All the Kahoks, played well but the Decatur team played a little better.⁴¹

The final record for the season was twenty-one victories and five losses.

1931-1932

With the close of football season, a large number of promising players answered the call by Coach Larson to start another basketball season. Included in this group were four lettermen: Captain Howard Gillaspay,

³⁹Ibid., p. 68.

⁴⁰Ibid.

⁴¹Ibid., p. 69.

Captain Thurman Parker, Louis Basola and Jerry Knatat. Gillaspay and Parker were regulars on the 1930-1931 team that played in the State Tournament at Urbana.

Other players who answered the call were Albert Musso, Clarence Prigmore, Elmer Allan, Roy Bennett, Vernon Haisler, Lester Richter, Steve Booker and Don Allan.⁴²

The season opened with six consecutive losses. Johnson City scored a 30-4 victory over Collinsville, limiting them to only two field goals. Others defeating Collinsville were Dupo, Litchfield, Mt. Carmel, East St. Louis and a second defeat by Johnson City.⁴³

Coach Larson revamped his line up for the next game against Edwardsville. This proved to be enough to give the Kahoks a 37-12 victory and start a winning streak of seven games before losing for the second time to East St. Louis.

The regular season came to an end with Collinsville having a record of fourteen victories and seven losses and a conference record of twelve victories and two losses to tie East St. Louis for first place in conference play.

A post season inter-conference game was played against Dupo at Belleville with the Kahoks winning, 27-21. Dupo was one of the teams that had defeated Collinsville easily earlier in the season.⁴⁴

The District Tournament was played on the Edwardsville floor. Collinsville drew a bye in the first round of play. In the second round of play, Collinsville defeated Alton, 30-8. They followed up with victories over Panama and Granite City to win the title.⁴⁵

⁴²Collinsville Herald, December 4, 1931.

⁴³The Kahokian, 1932, p. 57.

⁴⁴Ibid.

⁴⁵Ibid.

By winning the District Championship, Collinsville gained the right to play in the Sectional Tournament at Salem. In a close ball game, Collinsville was able to defeat Effingham, 27-20. The semi-final game played against Vandalia brought out the ball-handling skills of Parker and Basolas as the Kahoks won, 18-17. On the next evening the Kahoks played what was said to be the hardest fought game all year against Lawrenceville. The game was close as Lawrenceville had a 9 to 8 lead at the end of the first quarter, a 12 to 8 lead at the half, and a final score of 26-20. Collinsville's defense was good, but the inability to hit the basket proved fatal.⁴⁶

Thurman Parker and Howard Gillaspy were named to the Conference All-Star team. The final record of the season was twenty victories and eight losses.⁴⁷

1932-1933

Collinsville fans were hopeful as the new season was about to open. Coach Larson had returning two lettermen and a strong lightweight group from the past season.

Lettermen were Captain Vernon "Nick" Haisler and Albert Musso. Along with the lettermen, players making up the team were: Jack McCasland, Roland Merrill, Steve Booker, Jack Spalding, Walter Gerding, LaVerne Pointer, Don Allan, Donald Stein, Horstman and Pacewic. Jerry Knatat and Clarence Prigmore, players due to return from the past year's championship team, were out indefinitely due to injuries received during the football season.⁴⁸

In the first game of the season, the Kahoks lost to Centralia, 29-18. Collinsville led at the half, 14-9 were then shut out in the third period and scored only four points in the fourth period to fall far behind as the game ended. After a loss to the Alumni, 47-26, the

⁴⁶Ibid., p.58.

⁴⁷Ibid.

⁴⁸Collinsville Herald, December 2, 1932.

Kahoks went on to defeat, DuQuoin, 28-23 and Dupo, 37-21. Al Musso led the scoring in both games for the Kahoks.

An added attraction for the home games was thought up by the local business people, as they gave away baskets of groceries to the crowd during the half time of the games.⁴⁹

In return games against Centralia and DuQuoin, Collinsville fell short, as they lost, 25-23 and 19-18 respectively. The showing against Centralia was better this second game but still was not enough to win and the showing against DuQuoin was not equal to the first game.

The Conference season opened in January with a victory over Granite City, 34-25. Al Musso was high scorer in the game with eighteen points. The first loss came in the second game, as East St. Louis defeated the Kahoks, 26-21. The only other Conference team to defeat the Kahoks was Alton, 21-14 on the winner's floor which at the time was a floor that was so slippery that both teams were hampered. This was due to a fire that occurred at the Alton school earlier in the week.⁵⁰

Collinsville posted double victories over Granite City, Edwardsville, Madison, Belleville and Wood River and single victories over both East St. Louis and Alton in the conference play. The Conference season ended with twelve victories and two defeats to place the Kahoks in a tie for first place with East St. Louis.⁵¹

In the District Tournament played at Edwardsville, the Kahoks were paired against Alton. Collinsville had no trouble as they defeated Alton, 25-13, Bethalto in the second game, 37-15 and Wood River, 28-22, in the third game. The championship fourth game placed the Kahoks against Granite City, a team they previously defeated 34-25 and 32-29. The final results were not to be denied,

⁴⁹ Ibid., December 23, 1932.

⁵⁰ Ibid., January 27, 1933.

⁵¹ Ibid., March 10, 1933.

as the Granite City Warriors surprised everyone and won the championship, 28-22.⁵²

A high light from the regular season, was the setting of a new conference scoring record by Albert Musso. The old record of 127 points gave way as Musso scored a total of 177 points.⁵³

A couple of new rules were put into use this year. One was the ten second rule and the other was the three second land rule.⁵⁴

The final record for the season was seventeen victories and seven losses.

1933-1934

With the return of Albert Musso, LaVerne Pointer, Donald Steins, Clarence Prigmore, Roland Merrell and a good lightweight team, the Kahoks were able to again win the Conference Championship and compile a record of nineteen wins and five losses.

Albert Musso, was selected as the Captain for the 1933-1934 season but was not able to start the season due to an elbow dislocation received during the football season.⁵⁵

The Kahoks were the tallest team in the conference and had one of the strongest reserve groups of all other teams. Only two losses were recorded by the Kahoks, one being a 17-7 upset to Madison and the other being a 31-26 loss to Granite City, whom the Kahoks had defeated earlier in the season, by the score of 38-20.⁵⁶

After the loss to Granite City, a sportswriter for the Collinsville Herald condemned the Kahoks. He

⁵²Ibid., March 17, 1933.

⁵³Ibid., March 10, 1933.

⁵⁴Ibid., November 18, 1932.

⁵⁵Ibid., November 30, 1933.

⁵⁶Ibid., March 9, 1934.

charged the Kahok players with the breaking of training rules, including in his charges loafing, too many parties, smoking and late hours.⁵⁷

In the final Conference game, played at Belleville, a near riot nearly occurred. During the game, LaVerne Pointer, Collinsville player, was knocked into some concrete steps, some ten feet away from the basket, by a Belleville player. This brought to the floor, some 600 fans. One fan did go a little farther, as stated in the Collinsville Herald:⁵⁸

George Musso, Chicago Bear Football player and brother of Albert Musso, Collinsville's Captain, went down the sideline to Coach Friedli, Belleville Coach, grabbed him by the collar, and according to bystanders, warned him very firmly to tell his team to play a meeker brand of basketball. About one third of the crowd gathered, expecting a fight but Musso stalked back to his seat and play was resumed.

Collinsville won the game, 21-14.

In the District Tournament, Collinsville defeated Worden, Alton and Edwardsville in order. They then lost to Granite City in the final game, in a triple overtime, 29-28. The loss did not eliminate Collinsville from Sectional Tournament play. The host school of Sectionals, if they made the District finals, were allowed to play. Collinsville was selected as the tournament site.

The first game of the Sectional Tournament for Collinsville was against Zeigler. Zeigler came to the tournament with a team that could not be beaten and they swept past Collinsville, 35-17.⁵⁹

Some high lights of the 1933-1934 season: Albert Musso and Donald Stein, were selected on the first team of the All-Conference team; Roland Merrill and Eddie Evers were selected to the second team; Eddie Evers,

⁵⁷Ibid., February 3, 1934.

⁵⁸Ibid., March 9, 1934.

⁵⁹Ibid., March 16, 1934.

a regular on the Collinsville team most of the season, was only a freshman.

The final record of the season was nineteen victories and five losses.

1934-1935

Three lettermen and a hundred hopefuls were on hand to help Coach Larson open the first practice session. The lettermen included Captains LaVerne Pointer and Roland "Tiger" Merrill and Eddie Evers, outstanding freshman of the past year. Absent from the group was Bill Allen, who dropped out of school.⁶⁰

The Kahoks were to compete in the newly organized Madison-St. Clair High School Athletic Conference. Edwardsville was the team not competing in the league.⁶¹

Five non-conference games were played to start the season off. Collinsville lost the first to Lebanon, 13-11, then came back to defeat Carlyle, Litchfield, Centralia and Beaumont of St. Louis. The Beaumont game was described as the roughest game ever witnessed on the local floor. The Beaumont players blocked, tripped, pushed and even tackled during the play of the game.⁶²

One Conference game was played in December before the Holiday Invitational Tournament at Collinsville. This was a 34-8 victory over Belleville. The tournament provided experience and confidence for the Kahok team as they defeated Jerseyville, Witt, East St. Louis and Granite City to place first.⁶³

Two Conference losses marred the Conference season record, as Granite City, a team the Kahoks had previously defeated, turned the situation around by

⁶⁰Ibid., November 23, 1934.

⁶¹Ibid.

⁶²Ibid., December 21, 1934.

⁶³Ibid., January 4, 1935.

defeating them twice, 29-26 and 30-28. Collinsville was able to defeat all the other Conference schools twice to gain a ten victory two defeat record and second place.⁶⁴

Springfield probably was the best team the Kahoks played, as they easily defeated them, 28-18. The famed Mark Peterman, Coach of the Springfield team, had the reputation of one of the greatest coaches ever to coach in Illinois. Another non-conference game was played against Centralia, Collinsville winning this game, 42-35.

The District Tournament was played at Wood River. Collinsville was one of the teams favored in the tournament, and was assigned to play Alton, a team the Kahoks had defeated twice in conference play. The small floor and a zone defense were more than Collinsville could cope with as they lost, 24-20. Evers fouled out in the third period to add to the downfall.⁶⁵

LaVerne Pointer placed third in the Conference scoring with 103 points, Eddie Evers placed fourth with ninety points and Roland Merrill placed fifth with eighty-six points.⁶⁶

The final record of the season was nineteen victories and five losses.

1935-1936

Coach Larson started the 1935-1936 season with only one letterman from the previous season. This was the captain, Eddie Evers.

With a young and inexperienced team, Coach Larson was able to end the season with a record of thirteen wins and ten losses. The Conference record was six and six, placing the Kahoks in a tie for third place with Wood River.

Collinsville showed good form in winning its own

⁶⁴Ibid., March 8, 1935.

⁶⁵Ibid.,

⁶⁶Ibid.

Holiday Invitational Tournament by defeating Anna-Jonesboro, East St. Louis and Madison.⁶⁷

In conference play, Collinsville opened the season with a loss to Wood River. This victory for Wood River was the first by a Wood River team over Collinsville in the history of the Conference. East St. Louis came back to beat Collinsville by scoring fourteen points in the last quarter to win, 29-25. Madison defeated the Kahoks after the Collinsville quintet chose to stall with a one point lead. Collinsville lost the ball to a Madison player who shot a long shot and made it to win the game, 17-16.

Collinsvilles' young team played many close games during the season and even in losing were never out of any game. These players were all due back the next year to take advantage of this building year.

In the Regional Tournament at Highland, the Kahoks defeated Alton and Madison, then lost to Edwardsville in the final game. During this season, there were 862 high school teams playing in either the District or the Regional Tournament in the State of Illinois.⁶⁸

The Regional runner-up also went to a Sectional Tournament, so Collinsville was sent to the East St. Louis Tournament and played East St. Louis. The outcome of the game was 36-30 in favor of East St. Louis.⁶⁹

High lights of the Season were as follows: Eddie Evers was chosen for the All-State second team as a guard and was chosen for the first team in the Southwestern Conference, was rated as the greatest player ever to wear the purple and white uniform, and was the first Southwestern player to be selected on the list of top ten players in the state; Ray Zeisel was chosen as a

⁶⁷Ibid.

⁶⁸Ibid., February 13, 1936.

⁶⁹Ibid.

forward on the All-Conference team.⁷⁰

The final record for the season was thirteen victories and ten losses.

1936-1937

Eight lettermen returned for the 1936-1937 season. They included Walter Evers, Raymond Zeisel, Melvin Richter, Bobby Gray, Donald Ward, Artie Nichols and Albert Zukosky. With these boys back the Kahoks were rated as the team to beat in the Conference.

The Holiday Tournament was dropped in order to schedule more top teams in the regular schedule for the season. Some of these were Salem, Livingston, Springfield. They lost to Livingston, 17-12, as the visitors scored ten points in the third period to win easily. Springfield, coached by Mark Peterman, was able to defeat the Kahoks by a score of 20-19 on a basket in the last thirty seconds of the game. Collinsville held a 19-18 lead and stalled three minutes until a Springfield guard grabbed a rebound and dribbled the length of the floor to score and win the ball game.

In the Conference play, the Kahoks again captured the championship, with a record of eleven wins and one loss. The one loss came from the East St. Louis Flyers. The Flyers outplayed and outscored the Kahoks, 25-23.⁷¹

One of the most exciting of the conference wins was over Granite City, 27-25. With fifty-two seconds remaining in the game, Ray Zeisel went in for a set-up and was fouled. He then made both free throws to tie the game at 25-25. The final basket was a pass from Richter to Evers for the open shot. The score was 27-25 as the game ended.⁷²

⁷⁰Ibid., March 20, 1936.

⁷¹Ibid., January 3, 1936.

⁷²Ibid., February 12, 1937.

Collinsville romped through the Regional Tournament played at Wood River. Easy wins were recorded over Venice, Alton and Wood River.⁷³

The Sectional Tournament was played at Belleville with Collinsville winning after two close ball games. In the first game Greenville provided little opposition as the Kahoks won, 51-23. The second game was played against Hillsboro, and also was won by the Kahoks, 21-19. Collinsville trailed in this game until Richter came through and scored the final four points. With a lead, Collinsville chose to stall the last three minutes, but in the last few seconds a Hillsboro player stole the ball, dribbled down the floor, and took a long shot that was in then out as the buzzer sounded to end the game. The third game, played against Wood River for the championship, also was a thriller, as the Kahoks battled to win, 22-20. Collinsville led most of the way, but it took a bit of defensive play by Eddie Evers to block a last second lay up shot to enable Collinsville to keep the lead.⁷⁴

By winning the Sectional Tournament, Collinsville qualified for the State Finals played at the University of Illinois at Urbana. The Collinsville team played Carbon-dale in the first round, winning 34-23. The second game was played against the Chicago City champions, Wells, and was a thriller to the end, as the Kahoks came out on top, 20-18. The third game was against Joliet and ended with the Kahoks on the low end of a 28-26 score. The game was a see-saw affair and the Kahoks at one time of the game were ahead, 19-14, but could not hold the lead. That evening the third place trophy was captured by Collinsville in defeating Pekin, 31-18. This was the highest goal any Collinsville team had ever been able to achieve.⁷⁵

⁷³Ibid., March 12, 1937.

⁷⁴Ibid., March 19, 1937.

⁷⁵Ibid., March 26, 1937.

As the Kahokian stated it:

What did matter was that Collinsville had played four clean-fought battles; they never let up a minute, they gave everything they had; and they were only two points away from the State Championship. This is the highest goal ever attained by a Kahok basketball team, and Collinsville is justly proud of this year's wearers of the Purple and White.⁷⁶

Some special honors and awards were as follows: Captain Eddie Evers was chosen as forward in the All-State Tourney team and also on the All-Conference team; Melvin Richter was chosen as center on the All-Conference team and also made honorable mention on the All-State team; Donald Ward was chosen on the All-Conference team and made honorable mention on the All-State Tourney team; Walter Evers was chosen for the second team of the All-State team.⁷⁷

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER IV

Coach W. O. Larson coached the Collinsville High School team for a total of 13 years. During this time, the Collinsville teams had compiled a total of 250 wins and seventy-two losses, and a conference record of 139 wins and thirty losses.

A total of eight conference championships were won by Coach Larson's teams, of which five were undisputed. Three teams finished in second place and two finished in third place.

In addition to the success in Conference play, Coach Larsons' 1931 and 1937 teams played in the State Tournament. The 1937 team finished third, higher than any other Collinsville team.

During this era, the Collinsville Athletic teams were given a name. A name that was to "Instill fear in the hearts of their opponents." The name was to signify the area's early history of the Mound Builders. The official name given was the "KAHOKS".

⁷⁶The Kahokian, 1937, p. 62.

⁷⁷Ibid., p. 63.

CHAPTER V

THE ERA OF COACH ALLEN METTERNICH FROM 1937-1942

1937-1938

The 1937-1938 season opened with probably a bigger question mark than ever faced any previous Kahok team. Not only had the loss of several key players brought this question forward, but also the loss of W. O. Larson, coach of Collinsville's teams for the past thirteen years.

The people downtown did not expect too much for this season with a new coach, a new system and only two lettermen returning from the great team of 1937.¹

Coach Allen Metternich came to Collinsville from Carthage, Illinois, with full knowledge of the reputation Collinsville basketball teams had of being some of the best teams in the area. He took his job seriously and began to practice as soon as the boys were available.²

Lack of height was one of the new coach's first problems, with Hoot Evers at only six feet, one inch, the tallest and most experienced man on the team. The new rule eliminating the center jump after each score seemed to be the first break for this short, speedy team.

The season opened with the Kahoks losing 35-27 to a good Litchfield team. Evers in this game made only three of thirty-five shots taken from the field. The Kahoks went on to win two home games, Greenville, 37-28, and Hillsboro, 38-18. The Hillsboro game proved costly, as Evers suffered a cracked bone in his left hand.

¹Collinsville Herald, November 19, 1937.

²The Kahokian, the yearbook of the Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois 1937, p. 62.

The Kahoks won the first Conference game which was played at Alton, 34-23. Evers played with his hand in a cast, scored seventeen points, seven field goals and three free throws. The Kahoks put forth their best efforts, but still lost two close ball games to Wood River and one to Granite City for second place in the Southwestern Conference.³

The Regional Tournament was played at Highland. Collinsville defeated Livingston, 23-14, and Alton, 26-20. Wood River again proved that they were the team to beat, as they defeated the Kahoks, 25-23. Both the winning and the runner-up teams qualified to go to the Sectional Tournament.⁴

The Sectional Tournament was played at East St. Louis. Collinsville in the first game defeated East St. Louis in an overtime, 32-30. The second game was an easy victory over St. Elmo, 27-16. The final game again appeared to be the stumbling block, as Granite City defeated the Kahoks, 35-28.⁵

Captain Walter "Hoot Evers set a new conference scoring record of 178 points. This was one point better than the old record, also held by a past Collinsville great, Albert Musso. This record was broken in the final fifteen seconds of the game. Evers passed off to Bloomer who could have had an easy shot; instead he passed back to Evers. Evers shot and made it for the new record.

Individual honors went to Walter Evers for his outstanding play throughout the season. His remarkable shooting led him to the Conference scoring title selection on the All-Conference Team and to the All-State Team. His total number of points for the year was 344 in twenty-six games.⁶

³Collinsville Herald, March 4, 1938.

⁴The Kahokian, 1938, p.78.

⁵Ibid.

⁶Ibid.

The final season record was twenty-one victories and six losses.

1938-1939

Prospects for the season were excellent and the Collinsville followers were not to be disappointed. Captain Orville Heincke, Leo Dallape, Kenny Bloomer, Russell Giger, William Shea and Norman Paul were returning lettermen from the last year's successful team.⁷

During the early part of the season, Coach Metternich used twelve boys to find the right combination. In doing so, he found that some of the boys brought up from the junior varsity could play right along with the returning lettermen.

These first games proved to be anything but the smooth working machine which the Collinsville fans were accustomed to viewing. The opening game against Livingston proved to be very rough with a total of forty-four fouls being called. The second game was a thriller, and a disappointment, as Litchfield defeated Collinsville on a last second basket, 32-31.

Collinsville opened its Conference bid with a 26-18 win over Belleville. Only a double defeat by Edwardsville and single losses to Granite City and East St. Louis marred the Kahok conference slate. This was good enough to put them in second place with ten victories and four losses.⁸

In the State Regional Tournament at Belleville, Collinsville defeated Marissa, 31-20, Belleville, 43-21 and East St. Louis, 26-20, for the championship. By winning the Regional Tournament, Collinsville qualified for the Sectional Tournament which was held at Edwardsville.⁹

⁷Collinsville Herald, November 25, 1938.

⁸The Kahokian, 1939, p. 74.

⁹Collinsville Herald, March 10, 1939.

The first game placed Collinsville against Edwardsville, the only team they had not been able to beat in conference play during the year. The game was a "spirited one", and a close game, till the Kahoks caught hold in the second quarter and outscored the Edwardsville team thirteen to three. Then as if someone put lids on the baskets in the third quarter, neither team could come close to scoring. The reason given later by the coaches was that both teams hurried their shots to the point where they could not control the ball. To make matters worse, four free throws were also missed during this quarter, leaving the score the same as when the quarter started. In the second game, Collinsville defeated Witt by the close score of 23-21. The championship game placed highly rated Collinsville against Wood River, whom the Kahoks had beaten twice during conference play. This proved to be a thrilling game again but quite a disappointment for the Collinsville camp. A last minute field goal by Wood River Captain Maurice Stark, who dropped in a long one hand shot to break a 21-21 tie, sent the Wood River Oilers to Champaign. It was estimated that over 2500 people jammed the Edwardsville gymnasium to see this thrilling contest.¹⁰

Other points of interest that occurred during the season were: Captain Orville "Jug" Heincke and Leo Dallape were placed on the All-Conference team; Kenny Bloomer was listed as an Honorable Mention; Dallape scored 131 points and was second to the Granite City whiz, Andy Phillips; Bloomer was third in the scoring with 118 points;¹¹ During the season an electric scoreboard, which was later purchased, was given a free trial through the fine co-operation of Floyd "Dobber" Hohn, sporting goods salesman for Lowe and Campbell Company.¹²

¹⁰ Ibid., March 17, 1939.

¹¹ Ibid., March 10, 1939.

¹² Ibid., January 20, 1939.

Collinsville originally was to go to the same Regional Tournament with all the other Conference schools but a protest by these Conference schools to the State Association led to a change. Collinsville was sent to the Belleville tournament at which only two other Conference schools, East St. Louis and Belleville, were to play. Belleville, although not happy to have more powerful schools face their team, was to gain financially with the Collinsville team in the tournament.¹³

Collinsville being one of the smallest teams in the area were known as the "Mighty Midgets." Some of the comments made often this season were: "best team for its size in the country", "as courageous a team as I ever saw", "fastest team in the state." The fans praised Coach Metternich and his fine team for a job well done.¹⁴

The final record for the season was twenty-two victories and seven losses.

1939-1940

A total of forty boys reported for the opening basketball practice. Included in this group were Captain Leo Dallape and lettermen Harry McFarlane and Tom Savage. Two other lettermen, Norman Whitchurch and Hubert "Posy" Thomas, reported after the close of the football season. There were several good prospects reporting from the junior varsity. They were Bill Garrett, Vernon Frost, Bob Bitzer, Larry Beard, George Millice and Lester Keller.¹⁵

Coach Metternich cut the schedule to twenty games for this season. The reason was that the longer schedules in the past caused staleness in the players toward the end of the season.

¹³Ibid., February 3, 1939.

¹⁴Ibid., March 17, 1939.

¹⁵Ibid., November 3, 1939.

In non-conference games during the season, the Kahoks piled up four victories and two losses. The opening game of the season was a 32-31 loss to Staunton. Staunton out-scored the Kahoks 10-5 in the fourth period to win. Victories came over Benld, Livingston and two times over Vandalia. The other loss was against a strong Salem team. Long shots by the Salem team were more than the Kahoks could cope with as they lost, 48-31.¹⁶

In conference play, Collinsville opened with a 44-15 victory over Madison and a 55-9 score over Belleville. As a writer for the Collinsville Herald stated, "It was almost embarrassing to see the futile effort of the Belleville players."¹⁷

The first conference loss came as Granite City came from behind to defeat the Kahoks, 37-31. Leading the scoring for Granite City were Andy Phillips and Parsghian. Andy Phillips later became an all-time All-American, as he was a member of the famed "Whiz Kids" at the University of Illinois and later became one of the all-time greats in professional basketball.¹⁸ Two other conference losses were to Wood River and one to Edwardsville. In the second round of conference play Collinsville was able to gain revenge over Granite City, 41-28, and Edwardsville, 43-19. Collinsville spoiled the coaching debut of East St. Louis' new coach, Pick Dehner, by beating them twice, 28-26 and 37-26. The final conference record was ten victories and four defeats to place the Kahoks in third place.¹⁹

Collinsville was assigned to the Belleville Regional Tournament. The first game was an easy 35-22 victory over Mascoutah. The Kahoks played a very poor game the first three quarters and were unable to pull far ahead until the

¹⁶ Ibid., November 17, 1939.

¹⁷ Ibid., December 22, 1939.

¹⁸ Noted from this writers experience.

¹⁹ Collinsville Herald, March 1, 1940.

final quarter. In the second game, the Kahoks defeated East St. Louis, 36-30. In the final game against O'Fallon, Collinsville missed a total of sixty-four shots, as they lost, 41-29.²⁰

The runner-up, as well as the winning team of the Regional Tournament, advanced to a Sectional Tournament. Collinsville was assigned to play in the Highland Sectional Tournament and to play Livingston, a team they had defeated easily, 35-24, earlier in the season. A very slow start allowed the Livingston team to jump into a lead and win from the Kahoks, 32-20, which ended their season.²¹

Leo Dallape and Norman Whitchurch were selected for the second team.²² Leo Dallape's shooting ability was classified as the best seen in the conference. Leo scored 682 points in his three years of varsity play. He also set a new conference scoring record as he scored a total of 215 points. The old record was held by Walter "Hoot" Evers with 178. Collinsville boys have held the record since 1933, when Albert Musso first captured the title.²³

Granite City, champions of the Southwestern Conference this year, went on to win the State Championship. This was the first time a conference team had ever won this title. Collinsville had the honor of handing Granite City the worst defeat of the year, as the Kahoks beat them, 41-28.²⁴

The final record for the season was seventeen victories and seven losses.

1940-1941

With Leo Dallape gone through graduation, the Kahoks appeared to find themselves in a real spot for the first

²⁰Ibid., March 8, 1940.

²¹Ibid., March 24, 1940.

²²Ibid., March 1, 1940.

²³Ibid., February 16, 1940.

²⁴Ibid., March 24, 1940.

time in several seasons. Although five lettermen who played with Dallape were returning, none was the scorer that Leo had been. These lettermen included: Captain Norman "Pesty" Whitchurch, Vernon Frost, Hubert Thomas, Robert Bitzer, and Carl Votik.²⁵

The season opened with wins over non-conference schools Stuanton and Benld. The first conference game played with Edwardsville gave the Kahoks their first defeat. Other conference losses went to Alton, East St. Louis, Wood River and Edwardsville for the second time. The conference record gave Collinsville nine victories and five defeats, giving them third place.²⁶

The loss of Alton proved to be one of the more thrilling games of the season. With the Kahoks leading by six points in the closing minute, Alton came through with a rally and a last second basket to win the game, 36-34. Other games that might be classified as thrillers were a double overtime victory over Belleville, in which the Kahoks rallied in the second half and out-scored them, 30-4 during this period, and a 44-30 revenge victory over East St. Louis.²⁷

This East St. Louis game as it ended had to be just this, for it was the last scheduled game to be played in the old high school gymnasium. This gymnasium was built in 1922-23 and was one of the finest in the area but now it was quite inadequate to handle the large crowds attending the athletic contests and was also inadequate for the physical education program carried on by the high school. During the nineteen years that this gym was in operation, the Collinsville Kahoks had won 178 games and lost thirty-eight,

The first game to be played in the new gym was a victory over Vandalia on February 27, 1941. The gym was

²⁵Collinsville Herald, November 22, 1940.

²⁶Ibid., February 28, 1941.

²⁷Ibid., January 10, 1941.

opened with a dedication ceremony which was completed with a 43-28 victory for the Kahoks. The crowd that attended the game saw a slow game till the Kahoks came to life in the second half and made a runaway of the score.²⁸

The night after the dedication of the new gym, the Kahoks were more relaxed, playing their normal game and easily defeating Southwest High School of St. Louis, 44-16. In this game, Bob Bitzer took scoring honors with eighteen points, while playing less than three quarters.

Collinsville was assigned to the Regional Tournament at Highland. Going into the tournament, the season's record stood at seventeen victories and five defeats. The first game was played against Highland. This proved to be no contest, for the Kahoks ran up their highest score of the season to date, 51-12. The second game against Worden also was won by the Kahoks, 41-27. The championship game proved to be tougher and the Kahoks came out second best as Edwardsville, for the third time in the season, defeated the Kahoks, 35-27.²⁹

The winner and runner-up of the Regional Tournaments both advanced to the Sectional Tournaments, so Collinsville's season was still to go on. The Sectional Tournament was assigned to Collinsville this year, to be played in the new gymnasium. The first game for the Kahoks was an overtime victory against Wood River, 38-36. Thomas was the hero, making a long twenty foot shot in the final seconds of the overtime period. The second game was a 66-28 victory over White Hall, and the championship game was won by the Kahoks over Carlinville, 35-22.³⁰

By winning the Sectional Tournament, Collinsville was one of the sixteen teams in the state still trying

²⁸Ibid., March 7, 1941.

²⁹Ibid., March 14, 1941.

³⁰Ibid., March 21, 1941.

for the State Championship. The fifteen Sectional winners and the Chicago winners were then assigned to four quarter-final tournaments throughout the State. Collinsville played a highly rated Urbana team. The game started with a 11-1 lead by Urbana. Collinsville came right back and tied the score, 11-11. The decisive difference in the game was the outstanding play of Fred Green, the six foot six inch center of Urbana, who scored twenty-five points and led his team to a 44-36 victory. Collinsville then played Feitshans of Springfield and easily defeated them, 44-28, for the third place trophy.³¹

The possible elimination of the "Sweet Sixteen" was talked of by the tournament officials. This was met by a lot of disapproval from coaches and the fans. On hand to witness the tournament this year, were over 300 Collinsville people.³²

Some other high points of the season were as follows: Thomas led the conference scoring with 118 points for the Kahoks; Captain Whitchurch and Bob Bitzer were chosen on the quarter-finals tournament All-Star team by the Springfield writers.³³

1941-1942

Coach Metternich opened his fifth season as the head of the Collinsville basketball team. In the past four seasons they had put together a record of seventy-six wins and twenty-three losses. Of these, there were forty-one conference wins and fifteen losses, and a seventeen win and six loss record in tournament play. Lacking in this collection of wins and losses is a Southwestern Conference championship.³⁴

The 1941-1942 season opened with several lettermen back from the team that played in the quarter-finals

³¹Ibid.

³²Ibid.

³³Ibid.

³⁴Ibid., November 13, 1941.

which were held at Springfield the last year. The Kahoks again were labeled as the team to beat.

The season opened with a victory over Staunton, 36-33. With this very close score and the weak playing of the Kahoks, it was evident to the Kahok fans and to Coach Metternich that all the lettermen and experience, the big punch, such as Musso's, Ever's or Dallape's was lacking.³⁵

Collinsville defeated five of the ten non-conference teams played. A few of the losses were close, such as the 32-21 loss to Vandalia, a 39-35 overtime loss to Springfield and a 31-30 loss to the Alumni. The most impressive win was a 34-13 victory over Roxana.

In the conference opener the Kahoks were defeated by Wood River by a score of 29-26. Other conference teams to defeat the locals were: East St. Louis, 32-24, Wood River for the second time, 25-24, Belleville, 31-28 and Alton, 32-31. The final conference standings placed Collinsville in second place with nine victories and five losses.³⁶

Mid-way through the season Captain Vernon Frost was placed on the disabled list with a broken toe which kept him out till almost the end of the season.

Other players missed important games due to illness. It was said that Collinsville had lost several games during the year in the sick bed.³⁷

The Regional Tournament was played at Highland with Highland being the Kahoks' first opponent and victim, the score being 35-17. The second game against Carlyle, who were no match for the Kahoks, brought about the second win for them, 46-28. The championship game was an easy victory over Linvingston, 53-28.

The Sectional Tournament was awarded to Collinsville.

³⁵ Ibid.,

³⁶ Ibid., February 26, 1942.

³⁷ Ibid., March 5, 1942.

In the first round, Collinsville drew Granite City, whom the Kahoks had already beaten twice in conference play. In this third contest, it took a long one handed shot from the side line by Captain Frost to down the Warriors.

In the semi-final game against Pinckneyville, the Kahoks could not quite overcome the play of six foot five inch Paul Unruh and lost 40-38. The Panther's center scored eighteen points.³⁸

Bob Richter, Kahok center, was chosen on the conference all opponent team. Captain Frost was placed on the second team.³⁹

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER V

Allen Metternich coached at Collinsville for five years before resigning to accept a job elsewhere. During the five years, his teams compiled a record of 100 wins and thirty-seven losses and a conference record of fifty wins and twenty losses. In the conference standings, the team finished second three times and third, two times.

Coach Metternich's 1940-1941 team won the right to play in the State Tournament. This was only the fourth Kahok team to have this honor.

³⁸Ibid., March 12, 1942.

³⁹Ibid.

CHAPTER VI

THE ERA OF COAH JAMES PLACEK FROM 1942-1944

Concern about the basketball season came about early in the fall of 1942, rather than at the customary beginning of winter. The reason was the resignation of Coach Metternich soon after school started in the fall. Coach Metternich asked for his release from his 1942-1943 contract to enable him to accept a position as superintendent of schools in Bluffs, Illinois.¹

James Placek was named the new coach of the Kahoks for the coming season, with Bruno Bierman to act as his assistant. Placek, before coming to Collinsville, served as a radio instructor at Scott Field Air Base and as a physical education instructor at Jefferson Barracks Army Camp in St. Louis.²

Prior to his work with the services, Mr. Placek taught and coached at Carrollton High School in Carrollton, Illinois. During the three years Mr. Placek coached there, the school enjoyed the best record in the school's history. Along with his basketball coaching, he also served as an assistant in football. Placek, was a graduate of the University of Illinois in 1939, and also completed two summers of graduate work at the University of Iowa. In addition to his coaching job, Mr. Placek also taught physical education, mathematics and physics at Collinsville Township High School.

1942-1943

A veteran squad returning and a new coach was the story of the season. The lettermen included Pete Perucca,

¹Collinsville Herald, October 15, 1942.

²Ibid.

Richard Hoffman, Jake Simon, Gene Evers, Gene Burroughs, Rene Lochmann and Captain Robert Richter. Captain Richter was unable to play in the early part of the season due to a leg injury received in football.³

The season started with a 37-27 victory over Lebanon with Lochmann scoring eighteen points. The second victory came over Benld, 33-29, on the loser's floor. Some of the non-conference games included losses to Taylorville by the large score of 46-19, to the Alumni 31-30 on a last second basket by Kenny Bloomer, a stand-out player of the 1938 team, and a one point decision to Greenville, 29-28. Victories of the non-conference games came over Springfield, 35-20, Staunton, 32-28, Roxana, 39-17 and two victories over Vandalia, 40-35 and 31-13.

The conference season got underway with a rough and tumble game against East St. Louis. Collinsville finally won out 32-25 but only after thirty-six fouls were called in the game. The Kahoks lost their first conference game to Wood River, 45-31. The only other conference loss came at the hands of Belleville in a double overtime game, 33-31. Conference victories were over Madison, 44-15 and 58-19, Alton, 38-22 and 52-22, a second victory over East St. Louis, 53-23, a team that was rated fourteenth in the state and two over Granite City, 36-28 and a close 41-40 game. Collinsville also got revenge over Wood River, 37-26. Bob Richter played the game with his leg taped well below the knee, and scored six baskets the second half against All-State Center Harris, to give the Kahoks the win and a tie for first place.⁴

Other conference victories came over Edwardsville, 37-29 and 26-25. This second game was won with a last minute basket from the center of the floor, to enable the Kahoks to win an undisputed first place in the conference.

³Ibid., November 26, 1942.

⁴Ibid., February 25, 1943.

More than 1800 fans saw this victory for the Kahoks.⁵

The Regional Tournament was played at Wood River, with Collinsville, the Conference champions, the favorite. The first game saw Collinsville defeat Western Military of Alton, 52-21. The second game with Granite City was closer but the Kahoks won, 37-34. The championship game was won by Wood River, 42-38. The Kahoks trailed throughout and could not overcome the spirited Wood River team.⁶

Captain Robert Richter and guard Pete Perucca were selected on the Elmer Hazzard All-Star Team. Rene Lochmann, and Jake Simon were selected on the second team and Robert Keller received honorable mention. Captain Richter finished in fifth place in the conference scoring with a total of 136 points in fourteen games.⁷

The final record of the season was twenty-one victories and six losses.

1943-1944

Coach Placek started the new season with only one letterman, Captain Rene Lochmann, returning from the conference championship team of 1942-1943 season. In addition to Lochmann, several promising youngsters were on hand to fill the openings. They were: Frank Ungertott, Jim Cuff, John Radosevich, Bubby Bauer, Claude Schildknecht, Al Schiller and Toby Ray.⁸

Gene Burroughs, Joe Wedesky and Bob Keller, three boys who were due to return, had a change of plans. Burroughs finished his high school work in three years by going to summer school and was going to college. Joe Wedesky, promising ball player, enlisted in the service, Bob Keller dropped out of school to work on his father's farm.⁹

⁶Ibid., March 11, 1943.

⁷Ibid.

⁸Ibid., November 18, 1943.

⁹Ibid., November 25, 1943.

The season opened with impressive victories over three non-conference schools, O'Fallon, 36-17, Roxana, 32-25 and Greenville, 39-22. In the Greenville game, Roy Jenkins, a former Collinsville basketball player and then a basketball official, had to be called from the stands to officiate the game. The regular official, a soldier stationed at Scott Field, was unable to get away to work the game.¹⁰

The first conference game was a 23-15 victory over Granite City. The second game, played against East St. Louis, ended with a thirty-foot, one handed shot, by Captain Rene Lochmann, to give the Kahoks a 30-28 victory and a lead in the conference. Victories followed over Wood River, Madison, Alton, East St. Louis, Granite City and Belleville.

The second Belleville game played on Belleville's floor, proved to be the thriller, both during the game and after. Collinsville won, 34-33, on a free throw by Caption Lochmann with thirty-eight seconds remaining in the game. The lead in the game changed nineteen times before Collinsville finally won.¹¹ The excitement continued after the game was over. As the Collinsville Herald described it:¹²

Collinsville Kahoks for the first time in the history of the game, had to be escorted to their machines by the police. Frank Ungerott held his own with Kenny Brauer, in the basement, while waiting for the police, clipping the Belleville agitator on the chin and knocking him to the floor, only to have it broken up by members of the Collinsville team.

Edwardsville proved to be the only team in the conference able to defeat the Kahoks. They did this twice, 38-32, and 28-26. Even with these two defeats, Collinsville was able to win the championship with a twelve

¹⁰Ibid., December 23, 1943.

¹¹Ibid., February 24, 1944.

¹²Ibid.

victory and two loss record.¹³

Collinsville's record for non-conference games played was six victories and five defeats. Taylorville, a team that went on to win the State Championship without a defeat, defeated the Kahoks by the score of 44-16. Collinsville actually had a 7-5 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Regional Tournament was played at Highland. Collinsville defeated Pocahontas, 60-26, Livingston, 63-20 and Greenville, 48-23, to win the championship and the right to play in the Sectional Tournament.¹⁴

The Sectional Tournament was played in the Collinsville gymnasium. Collinsville's first opponent was Gillespie. Collinsville played good basketball as they defeated them, 46-35. The second game, played against East St. Louis, a team Collinsville had defeated twice during the season, ended with the Flyers ahead, 27-22. Collinsville led at the half, 17-10 and appeared to be on their way to the State Tournament. During the third quarter, Rene Lochmann, Collinsville's captain, was knocked to the floor hitting his head. He continued to play but the effects were there and the entire team suffered a lapse, as East St. Louis outscored them 17-5 in the second half to win, 27-22, ending the season for the Kahoks.¹⁵

Some honors by Collinsville players were as follows: Rene Lochmann was selected on Hassard's All-Star team; Toby Ray was selected on Hazzard's second All-Star team; John Radosevich and Claude Schildknecht were selected to Hazzard's third All-Star team; The new foul rule went into effect during the season. A player was permitted five personal fouls instead of four, as the rule had previously stated.¹⁷

¹³Ibid.,

¹⁴Ibid., March 9, 1944.

¹⁵Ibid., March 16, 1944.

¹⁶Ibid., March 2, 1944.

¹⁷Ibid., November 18, 1943.

The final record of the season was twenty-two victories and eight losses.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER VI

Coach James Placek resigned his coaching job at the end of the 1944 season, after holding the job two years. During this time, his teams compiled a record of forty-three wins and fourteen losses, including a conference record of twenty-four wins and four losses, winning first place two years.

By winning two undisputed Conference championships, Coach Placek's teams, equalled a feat done only by the 1927-1928 and the 1928-1929 Collinsville teams.

CHAPTER VII

THE ERA OF D. K. DARLING, 1944-1945

With the resignation of Coach James Placek, the Board of Education of the Collinsville High School found itself without the services of a basketball coach. To complicate the situation, no coaches were available due to the war.

The Board found the only solution would be to give still another job to their principal, D. K. Darling—that of coaching the basketball team.

Darling graduated from Illinois State Normal University, where he had excelled in athletics. His coaching experience came about as he coached the Webster Grade School team for seven years prior to taking over the job as principal of the High School. Coach Darling was recognized as a good leader and had a splendid manner in handling boys.¹

1944-1945

Collinsville was rated as the team to beat before the season actually started. This was based on the fact that seven lettermen were returning from the past year's conference championship team. They included: Captain John Radosevich, Jim Cuff, Buddy Bauer, Toby Ray, Claude Schildknecht, Frank Ungerott and Rufus Woodring.²

The season opened with five non-conference games and five victories for the Kahoks; only the last game, with Central Catholic of East St. Louis was a close ball game. The Kahoks did not fair so well in the next four

¹Collinsville Herald, November 23, 1944.

²Ibid.

games as they lost all of them. Two of the losses were to conference teams, Alton and Granite City. Losing four games in a row was the longest losing streak in eight years for a Collinsville team.³

Collinsville received an invitation to play in the Mt. Vernon Holiday Tournament during the Christmas holidays, which they accepted. Coach Darling said he favored all tournaments, as the boys gained a great deal by playing against keener competition and whether they won or lost, they could chalk it up as good experience.⁴

The Kahoks' first game in the tournament was played against Carbondale, which they won, 41-30, to end their losing streak. Herrin proved too much for the Kahoks as they defeated them, 65-41.⁵

The start of the new year brought good news for the Collinsville rooters as the Kahoks won the next six games and a twelfth place rating in the United Press ratings.

One of the six victories was an overtime 48-46 win over Edwardsville. With only twelve seconds to go in the regulation time, Frank Ungerott, Collinsville guard, made the game tying basket to send the game into an overtime. As the ball went through the basket, the horn sounded, ending the game. At this point, one of the referees called a personal foul on Frank Ungerott. After considerable arguing, Coach Darling was able to convince the referees that a personal foul could not be called after the game was over. The game then went into an overtime, with Collinsville winning, 48-46.⁶

Only one more conference loss was recorded by the Kahoks as they lost to Alton, 34-31. The final conference record was eleven wins and three losses, placing Collinsville in second place behind first place Alton.

³Ibid., December 28, 1944.

⁴Ibid., January 4, 1945.

⁵Ibid.

⁶Ibid., January 12, 1945.

Alton won its first conference title in twenty years.⁷

One of the best games played this season was against Decatur, the number one rated team in the state. Collinsville lost the game, 61-54. Big John Radosevich, captain of the Kahoks, sparked Collinsville by scoring eighteen points and playing a "terrific" game against six foot eight George Riley, the Decatur center. Midway in the fourth quarter, Frank Ungerott, of Collinsville, and Ralph Rutherford, a Decatur guard, were banished from the game because of a fight that occurred on the floor.⁸

In the final conference game of the season played against Belleville, Collinsville finally won, 46-44, in a double overtime. Buddy Bauer, Kahok forward, made the game winning basket in the sudden death period.⁹

The Regional Tournament was played at Wood River with Collinsville selected as the "dark horse." Victories over Madison, Edwardsville and Wood River gave Collinsville the championship and the right to continue in the Sectional Tournament.¹⁰

The Sectional Tournament was played at Collinsville with Staunton as the first opponent. Staunton was able to beat Collinsville twice during the regular season by the scores of 29-24 and 37-21, but the third time was not to be, as the Kahoks were able to score a 49-48 victory. Buddy Bauer, high scoring forward, was the star of the game, scoring twenty-two points. In the second game, Collinsville easily defeated Belleville in a slow type game, 32-20 to win the championship and the trip to the State Tournament.¹¹

This 1944-1945 team was the fifth Collinsville team to gain the right to play in the State Tournament. The first opponent for the Kahoks was the "Big Red" of

⁷Ibid., February 24, 1945.

⁸Ibid., February 9, 1945.

⁹Ibid., February 24, 1945.

¹⁰Ibid., March 9, 1945.

¹¹Ibid., March 16, 1945.

Decatur, a team who earlier beat them, 61-54, and also the team rated the best team in the state and most likely to win the championship. The Decatur team played as champions as they set several records in defeating Collinsville, 77-45, and three other opponents to become the new State Champions.¹²

The following are some honors received by Collinsville players: Captain John Radosevich and Bubby Bauer were voted to the Conference All-Star team; Toby Ray and Claude Schildknecht were voted to the second team;¹³ Buddy Bauer was the winner of the Free Throw Trophy presented by the Lions Club of Collinsville.¹⁴

The final record of the season was twenty-six victories and nine losses.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER VII

Coach D. K. Darling had coached the Kahoks only one year, 1944-1945. During this year, the team won a total of twenty-six games and lost nine. In the conference, the team compiled a total of eleven victories and three losses, to place third.

Coach Darlings' team was the fifth Collinsville team to play in the State Tournament.

¹²Ibid., March 23, 1945.

¹³Ibid.

¹⁴Ibid., April 20, 1945.

CHAPTER VIII

THE ERA OF COACH JACK FABRI 1945-1946

Jack Fabri came to Collinsville during the 1944-1945 basketball season but did not assume the coaching job until the 1945-1946 season.

Coach Fabri was born in Riverton, Illinois, and attended high school at Taylorville. While in high school, he took part in football, basketball, baseball and track. Following his graduation, Fabri attended and graduated from North Carolina State College. While there, he excelled in football, boxing and baseball. In his junior and senior years, he was captain of the boxing team and was the Southern Conference champion in his weight division,

Coach Fabri coached the basketball team of Cathedral High School of Springfield before going into the service. His Cathedral team was the first Catholic high school to ever take part in the "Sweet Sixteen" the state finals.

Coach Fabri served in the Navy during World War II. He was a gunnery officer in the amphibious Naval Air Fleet and spent several months in combat.

After leaving Collinsville, Fabri coached at McBride High School in St. Louis for one year. The following year he coached at LaSalle Peru High School. Again he had the honor of taking a team to the State Tournament. Un-officially, this could be a record for a coach-to have taken three different high school teams to the State Tournament.

1945-1946

Coach Fabri, the new coach for the 1945-1946 season, found only two experienced players to start the season,

Frank Ungerott and Buddy Bauer. Lacking any size, Coach Fabri recruited all of the tallest boys in the school to come out for the team. Some of these boys were Jim Nichol, Richard Schiller, Carl Schultz, Frank Pitol, Ray Sonnenberg and, later, Joe Ossola.

This writer, being one of these boys, served as the team manager during the 1944-1945 season, and was told by Coach Fabri, "You're too big to be a manager. You either come out for basketball or else pay to get in."

Coach Fabri brought to Collinsville a completely new style of basketball from any played in the area. It was similar to the Taylorville system employed with great success by Dolph Stanley. Basically, it was an offense of rolling blocks and screening plays.¹

The season opened against Sparta, who soundly beat the Kahoks, 45-26. In this game, the Kahoks made only ten per cent of their shots, while Sparta made forty-one per cent.²

Much improvement was shown in the next few games as the Kahoks began to play as a unit, beating such teams as Benld, Livingston, Central Catholic and Normandy of St. Louis. The last two victories were very impressive ones.

The conference season opener was a victory over Belleville by the score of 40-26. With this victory, Collinsville was listed as the dark horse of the conference with a better than average chance to win. Victories followed over Edwardsville, Granite City, Madison and Wood River. The first conference loss came at the hands of a strong East St. Louis team, 36-29. In this game, the Kahoks forgot all the basketball which they had learned and displayed so well during the past. This left the Kahoks still in first place with six victories and one defeat as the halfway point of the conference

¹Collinsville Herald, November 23, 1945.

²Ibid., November 30, 1945.

season was reached.³

The second half of the conference season opened with a loss to Belleville, a team the Kahoks had had no trouble with earlier in the season. In this game, Dwane Wolf, one of the Belleville players, hit the west wall of the gymnasium head first, receiving a serious injury. The extent of the injury was not known till long after the game. Unaware of the seriousness, Wolf in the final 45 seconds of the game scored the winning basket, leaving the score 28-27. Collinsville followed with victories over the remaining conference schools to gain the conference championship with a twelve and two record.⁴

Collinsville received the honor of being invited to participate in the Mt. Vernon holiday tournament which was played during the Christmas holidays. Much interest by the Collinsville fans was displayed as the Kahok team accepted this invitation to play. Many felt this would help prepare the team for tournament play later in the season.⁵

Collinsville's first game was a victory over McLeansboro, 55-36. This was followed by a victory over University High of Carbondale. The third game, played against Mt. Vernon, rated one of the best teams in the state, saw the Kahoks fall short as they lost, 41-28. In the consolation game, played against Sparta, the Kahoks again fell, 49-48. In this game, Buddy Bauer scored 33 points.⁶

All was not lost in the tournament, as individual honors went to Collinsville's Buddy Bauer. Bauer was voted the outstanding player in the tournament by the tournament committee. Bauer's 33 points in the final game and his 91 points in four games were new records set in this ten year old tournament.⁷

³Ibid., January 25, 1946.

⁴Ibid., February 8, 1946.

⁵Ibid., December 14, 1945.

⁶Ibid., January 4, 1945.

⁷Ibid.

Other games played during the season were victories over Staunton, Taylorville, Roxana and Vandalia in an overtime; losses were to Pinckneyville, a team rated in the top ten in the state, Staunton, without the services of Collinsville's top scorer, Buddy Bauer, who was out with flu, and Gillespie, a team which outplayed the Kahoks.

The Regional Tournament was played at Edwardsville. Collinsville scored easy victories over Granite City, Alton and Edwardsville.⁸

The Sectional Tournament was played at Collinsville. Geenville, an easy victim during the regular season, forced Collinsville into a double overtime. With the score 36 to 36 and less than 30 seconds to go, Frank Pitol, Kahok center, grabbed a rebound, shot as he was falling to the floor, and made the tie-breaking basket.⁹

The championship game was played against East St. Louis. East St. Louis chose to stall in the early part of the game, but the Kahoks were able to score enough to stay ahead and win 25-20, to earn the right to play in the State Tournament. Joe Ossola was the outstanding player in the tournament.¹⁰

Collinsville's first opponent in the State Tournament was Springfield Cathedral. This was the second time a Catholic high school made the State finals; the first time was this same Springfield Cathedral coached by Collinsville's present coach, Jack Fabri. Collinsville won this game, 50-28. The second game, played against East Rockford, ended in a 43-37 victory for East Rockford and brought the season to a close.¹¹

The following honors were won by Collinsville players during the year: Buddy Bauer ended second in the conference scoring; Buddy Bauer was selected by the players on the All-Conference first team; Joe Ossola and

⁸Ibid., March 1, 1946.

⁹Ibid., March 15, 1946.

¹⁰Ibid.

¹¹Ibid.

and Don Ungerott were selected on the All-Conference second team.¹²

Coach Fabri, following the close of the basketball season, announced his resignation, effective at the close of the school year. Coach Fabri accepted a coaching position with the McBride High School in St. Louis.¹³

The final record for the season was thirty victories and ten losses.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER VIII

Coach Jack Fabri coached only one year, 1944-1945, at Collinsville before he resigned to accept another job as head coach of McBride High School in St. Louis. Coach Fabri's team compiled a record of thirty wins and ten losses, and a Conference record of twelve wins and two losses to win first place.

Coach Fabri's team also had the honor of playing in the State Tournament, this being the sixth Kahok team to achieve this height.

Coach Fabri brought to the Collinsville area a new type of offense known as the screen and roll. This type of offense was used by the sensational 1944 Taylorville team.

¹²Ibid., March 1, 1946.

¹³Ibid., March 29, 1946.

CHAPTER IX

THE ERA OF COACH VIRGIL FLETCHER, 1946-1961

Coach Fletcher came to Collinsville in 1946 to assume the coaching job vacated by the resignation of Jack Fabri. This job included being head coach of football, basketball and track. Fletchers' background and experience overshadowed all previous coaches who had coached at Collinsville.

Virgil Fletcher was born on a farm near Pond Creek, which was near the community of Johnson City, Illinois. He attended the Johnson City school, where he first started his athletic career. His first basketball started as a fifth grade student.

Fletchers' high school years dated from 1931 to 1934, during which he played under one of Southern Illinois' great coaches, Larue Van Meter. The 1931 Johnson City team won the State Championship.

Coach Fletcher graduated from Illinois College of Jacksonville. While attending Illinois College, Fletcher played basketball all four seasons and was elected captain his senior year. Also, during his senior year, Fletcher was the conferences' leading scorer, compiling an average of sixteen points a game in the twenty-one game played. Fletcher was also named to the Little Ninetten All-Conference team this ame year.

Following his college career, Virgil Fletcher continued his basketball playing as a member of the professional Detroit Eagles basketball team. He played for one year.

For the next two years Fletcher served as an assistant coach in his home town of Johnson City. In the fall of 1941, Coach Fletcher assumed the job of head coach of Mount Pulaski High School; this job he held for one year. Leaving a winning team behind him, Coach Fletcher moved to Pana, Illinois the following year. After three years at Pana, Fletcher had established himself as a sound coach. His 1944 Pana team won the Central Conference basketball title and the football team ended their season with eight victories against one defeat.

Coach Fletcher left Pana by orders of Uncle Sam. He served in the Medical Corp at Fort Lewis, Washington where he was made athletic director and coach of the base football and basketball team. Under his coaching, his football team won the Northland Service Championship, winning seven games without a defeat. His basketball team was not to be outdone as they, too, won the Northland Service Championship.

After his discharge in the Fall of 1946, Fletcher assumed his duties at the Collinsville High School. Fletcher's family consists of a wife, who was also his high school sweetheart, and six children-four girls and two boys. Much of Coach Fletcher's success must be credited to the family support and understanding he has received. Mrs. Fletcher is noted by all who know her as Collinsville's number one basketball fan, win or lose.

1946-1947

Starting a season with a new coach was not a new adventure for the Kahoks, for Coach Fletcher, the new coach of the Kahok team, was the fourth coach in the past four years. Also, the starting of a season with only a few lettermen was not new for Collinsville. Coach Fletcher had just Don Ungerott and Frank Pitol returning from the 1945-1946 State Tournament team, although one of

the best junior varsity teams in the school's history was on hand to fill in the openings made by the boys who graduated.¹

Collinsville opened the season with a victory over Sparta, 42-34, and a loss to Normandy of St. Louis, 51-43. An unusual situation occurred in the Normandy game, as Don Ungerott, the Kahok captain, scored a basket after he had fouled out. The official scorekeeper did not count the number of fouls until after Ungerott had made the basket. The basket was counted.²

In conference play, the Kahoks started their drive with a 50-48 victory over Wood River. With Ron Northway, an ex-serviceman back, Wood River was considered a very strong contender for the conference championship. With a 49-46 lead, Collinsville refused four free throws in the final minutes, to hold onto the ball and the game.³

Collinsville went on to defeat all other teams in the conference to win the championship, with fourteen victories and no losses, to become the second team in the history of the Southwestern Conference to go undefeated for an entire season.⁴

A few of the big games in the conference play were: a 71-48 victory over Belleville, a 60-39 win over Edwardsville, a 64-36 win over East St. Louis and a record 87-28 win over Madison. This 87 points was the highest scored by a conference team against another conference team.⁵

The non-conference season provided the Collinsville fans with some interesting basketball, as the Kahoks defeated some of the best teams in the state. Victories were recorded over Salem, Taylorville, Pinckneyville and Anna Jonesboro. The Pinckneyville game was recorded as

¹Collinsville Herald, November 29, 1946.

²Ibid., December 13, 1946.

³Ibid., December 20, 1946.

⁴Scorebook of 1946-1947, in the Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

⁵Collinsville Herald, February 21, 1947.

the most interesting game of the season and the greatest come back finish of any game ever played by a Kahok team. Trailing by several points in the final part of the game, the Kahoks, with the great shooting of Sam Miranda, were able to win, 42-41. Miranda made three long shots to place the Kahoks within one point with less than a minute to play. Pitol fouled out at this point. Pinckneyville refused to take the free throw, but did attempt an open shot a few seconds later and lost the ball. With less than ten seconds to go, Miranda missed a long shot but followed up on the rebound and scored the winning basket as the buzzer sounded to end the game.⁶

Other non-conference losses were recorded against a strong Mt. Vernon team, 39-36 and 46-41 to Salem in their "cracker-box" gymnasium.

In tournament play, the Kahoks came out second best in the East St. Louis Holiday Tournament, after scoring an impressive 62-42 victory over Galesburg. The next game, played against Lawrenceville for the championship, fell short for the Kahoks as Summers, the Lawrenceville guard, scored the winning basket to beat Collinsville, 46-45.⁷

The Regional Tournament was played in the Collinsville gymnasium. Collinsville easily defeated Alton and Wood River to place them in the championship game against a good Granite City team. In this game, Granite City was ahead, 26-20 at the end of three quarters. The Kahoks then caught fire as they outscored Granite City, 12-3, in the fourth quarter to win the championship, 32-29.⁸

The Sectional Tournament was played at East St. Louis. Collinsville scored an overwhelming 60-33 win over Roodhouse. The second game placed a strong Dupo

⁶Ibid., January 24, 1947.

⁷Ibid., January 3, 1947.

⁸Ibid., March 14, 1947.

team against the Kahoks for the championship and the right to go to the State Tournament. The game started very slowly offensively for both teams and it was not until the final quarter that the outcome became evident. Collinsville in this fourth period outscored Dupo, 17-2. The game was rough as a total of forty-two fouls were called. The final score was Collinsville 36 and Dupo 19.⁹

The first game in the State Tournament play was a victory over Flora, 48-37. Collinsville showed balanced scoring as Miranda scored fifteen points, Ungerott thirteen and Pitol eleven.

The second game was played against Pekin. The Kahoks outplayed, outclassed, but failed to outscore, Pekin, as the final score was 42-41 in favor of Pekin. With a minute and a half to go, Collinsville led 41 to 39. Pekin managed to score a free throw to bring the score to 41-40 with Collinsville in possession of the ball. Sam Miranda put on a dribbling exhibition unseen by state tournament fans and stalled the clock to 20 seconds. At this point, he passed to Captain Don Ungerott near the basket, who shot and missed an easy drive-in shot. A jump ball resulted on the rebound. A Pekin player gained control, dribbled past the midway line and shot a desperation shot that found its way through the basket to end the game with Pekin winning, 42-41.¹⁰

Some honors received by Collinsville players were: Don Ungerott and Sam Miranda were selected on the Conference All-Star team; Frank Pitol was selected as the 6th man on the Conference All-Star team;¹¹ Don Ungerott and Frank Pitol were selected to take part on the South's All-Star team against the North, Ungerott as a regular and Pitol as an alternate;¹² and Sam Miranda was elected

⁹Ibid., March 21, 1947.

¹⁰Ibid., March 28, 1947.

¹¹Ibid., April 4, 1947.

¹²Ibid., June 6, 1947.

Prep Player of the Week in a poll by the St. Louis Star Times newspaper. Sam was selected as the outstanding player over eighteen other boys competing for this honor.¹³

The final record for the season was twenty-nine victories and five losses.

1947-1948

Sonnenberg, Anderson and Miranda were the names the people of Collinsville talked about well before the new season started. These were the names of three of the regulars returning from the State Tournament team of the past year. In all, Coach Fletcher had a total of seven lettermen returning including: Norman Schaulat, Jim Ray, Bert Weber and John Rossio.¹⁴

Collinsville lost no time in showing their strength as they defeated Sparta, East St. Louis, Tilden Tech of Chicago, Wood River and Belleville before Christmas.

Even with the five victories and no loss record, Collinsville was not the favored team in the East St. Louis Holiday Tournament. Lawrenceville, the defending champions and the team that had defeated the Kahoks by one point the past year, were rated as the team to beat.¹⁵

Collinsville opened the tournament with a close game coming from behind victory over strong Kankakee, 52-50. In the second game, Collinsville defeated another of the state's better teams, Champaign, 50-42. Miranda continued to lead the Kahoks scoring as he totaled twenty points in this game. The championship game placed the same two teams together as did the tournament in 1946, champions, Lawrenceville, and runner-up, Collinsville. The outcome was not to be questioned, as the Kahoks showed great superiority, winning, 44-35.¹⁶

¹³Ibid., March 28, 1947.

¹⁴Ibid., November 21, 1947.

¹⁵Ibid., December 26, 1947.

¹⁶Ibid., January 2, 1948.

Following the holidays, Collinsville displayed championship form as they romped over non-conference Herrin, 51-32, and a conference team, Alton, 80-39. With these victories, Collinsville's record stood at ten victories and no defeats. Five of these victories were over conference teams. Coach Fletcher's boys were not to go unnoticed, as the United Press Poll rated the Kahoks the best team in the state.¹⁷

Collinsville continued to defeat all the teams they played, both non-conference and conference. Victories followed over Granite City, Madison, Wood River, Mt. Vernon, Belleville, Taylorville, Alton and twice over Edwardsville. The Kahoks, still ranked number one in the state, now had a record of twenty victories against no defeats.

East St. Louis tried to play a different type of game against Collinsville, as they chose to hold the ball in a stalling game. With a minute and forty-five seconds of playing time gone, the score stood at 1-0, Collinsville leading. East St. Louis went six and a half minutes before they scored their first basket. The score at the end of the first quarter had Collinsville ahead, 12-3. In the fourth quarter, with the score 34-26 and Collinsville leading, Collinsville's J. D. Anderson reversed the tactics as he received the ball at the mid-line and stalled away the remaining time.¹⁸

Granite City was the team to do what all the others tried and failed to do. They ended Collinsville's winning streak at twenty games as they won from the Kahoks, 49-47. With this loss also went Collinsville's consecutive conference winning streak which stood at thirty games.

¹⁷Ibid., January 17, 1948.

¹⁸Ibid., January 30, 1948.

Collinsville ended the season with thirteen conference victories and one loss, to give them their third consecutive conference championship.¹⁹

With the season's record at twenty-two victories and one defeat, the Kahoks entered the Regional Tournament as the team to beat. The tournament, played at Wood River, proved to be very easy for the rolling Kahoks, as they defeated Madison, 65-26, Wood River, 57-48, and Edwardsville, 69-43, for Collinsville's fifth straight Regional title.²⁰

The Sectional Tournament, played at Collinsville, proved to be no more difficult than the Regional Tournament, as the Kahoks lived up to their number one rating. They defeated Livingston, 53-26, and Belleville, 61-46, to win the championship and the trip to the State Tournament.²¹

Collinsville's opponent for the first game was Marion, another Southern Illinois team, which was rated far below the Kahoks. Both teams were "red hot" in their shooting as the game was tied sixteen times and the lead changed hands ten times, before Marion eased ahead, 65-60, to win. Collinsville appeared to be on their way as they built up an early ten point lead but the hot shooting by Marion and the lack of rebounding of the Kahoks told the story.²²

The individual honors were many for the Kahoks.²³ Ray Sonnenberg, J. D. Anderson and Sam Miranda were named to the Collinsville Herald All-Star first team; Norman Schaulat was named to the second team and Jim Ray received honorable mention; Sam Miranda was named to the Coaches and Sportswriters All-State team; Ray Sonnenberg received honorable mention. Sam Miranda and Ray Sonnenberg were named as Prep Players of the week by the St. Louis Star Times newspaper; Sam Miranda won the

¹⁹Ibid., March 5, 1948.

²⁰Ibid., March 12, 1948.

²¹Ibid., March 19, 1948.

²²Ibid.,

²³Ibid., March 26, 1948.

Fletcher free throw trophy for the second year by having a free throw percentage of 74; Sam Miranda led the Southwestern Conference in scoring with 351 points, a sixteen point nine per game average; Ray Sonnenberg ranked fourth in the scoring; Sam Miranda led the Kahoks in scoring with 492; special defensive honors went to J. D. Anderson, who by Coach Fletcher was rated as the greatest.

The final record of the season was twenty-seven victories and two losses.

1948-1949

Three lettermen and a lot of "ifs" faced Coach Fletcher at the start of the new season. Only Norman Schaulat, Jack Leskera and Chuck Thompson returned from the conference champions of the past year.

The "ifs" consisted of Jerry Lee, a big sophomore who had not played much basketball, Warren Canull, a boy who did not play the past season due to a broken leg, and several boys hoping to make the team. The boys were: Mose Harrison, Jack Renfro, Bob Murphy, Reese Haskins, Elwood Sapp, Jerry Campbell, Rich Fedder, Don Fedder, LeRoy Benvenuto and Don Romanat, a boy who had not come out until his senior year.²⁴

The season opened with a 63-42 victory over Sparta. Chuck Thompson scored seventeen points to take scoring honors. The game was ragged as Collinsville committed thirty-one fouls.

Before the second game of the season got under way Coach Fletcher encountered a problem he had not had to face before—the scholastic eligibility of players. Don Romanat, although called a senior, with only ten to eleven credits was not justly in that class and was ruled ineligible. At the same time, Jerry Lee, a promising sophomore, was ruled eligible to play. Much

²⁴Ibid., November 19, 1948.

confusion and criticism came about because of the method by which the school handled this.²⁵

The second game opened the conference season for the Kahoks as they defeated East St. Louis, 52-36. Collinsville continued domination of the conference as they rolled over all the teams in order. Only Belleville proved to be a contest, as Collinsville held on to a 40-39 lead to win and give the Kahoks six victories and no defeats in the first round of play. The second half of the race continued in the same manner, as Collinsville held on to a 40-39 lead to win and give the Kahoks six victories and no defeats in the first round of play. The second half of the race continued in the same manner, as Collinsville defeated all the teams in order until they played Belleville. Again a close game was played but this time Belleville won by one point, 45-44. Collinsville was crowned champions of the conference with a record of eleven victories and one defeat.²⁶

After all this, it was discovered that Belleville had used an ineligible player and were forced to forfeit the game to Collinsville, giving them a clean slate in the conference of twelve victories and no defeats.

Collinsville entered the holiday tournament played at East St. Louis. The first opponent for Collinsville was highly rated South Shore of Chicago. It was a closely played game till the end. With less than a minute to play, Collinsville led 35-34 and refused four free throws to maintain possession of the ball. With seconds to go, one of the Collinsville players in throwing the ball inbounds three too hard over the hands of a team mate and out of bounds. According to

²⁵Ibid., December 17, 1948.

²⁶Ibid., February 25, 1949.

the rules, the ball should have been taken out, not where the ball went out of bounds, but where the Collinsville player threw it in. The referee did not enforce this and allowed the ball to be thrown in closer to the opponent's basket before the Kahoks could recover on defense, South Shore scored the winning basket as the game ended.²⁷

Collinsville entered the consolation round of the tournament and promptly defeated East St. Louis and Wood River to take consolation honors.

Non-conference games played during the season gave Collinsville a record of seven victories and one defeat. Victories came over Cleveland of St. Louis, one of Missouri's top rated teams, West Frankfort, Herrin by one point, Moline, Taylorville and Anna Jonesboro. The only loss was to Mt. Vernon, one of the top rated teams in Illinois.

Norman Schaulat, Collinsville's big center, carried the scoring load during the season as he consistently scored twenty points or more in most games. Some of his high scores were thirty points against East St. Louis, twenty-five against Edwardsville and twenty-two against Granite City. Norman was rated as one of the best scoring centers in the southern part of Illinois.²⁸

Collinsville entered the Regional Tournament played at Edwardsville with a record of twenty-one victories and two defeats. The Kahoks first opponent was Alton, whom Collinsville defeated, 59-39, Edwardsville and Western Military also fell as Collinsville moved on to the Sectional Tournament played at East St. Louis.²⁹

Collinsville defeated Jerseyville in the first round of the Sectional Tournament, 61-30. High scoring

²⁷Ibid., December 31, 1948.

²⁸Ibid., March 4, 1949.

²⁹Ibid., March 11, 1949.

Norman Schaulat had to leave the game early due to a reinjured sprained ankle. The next evening in a practice session, Coach Fletcher had Schaulat walk through a play, favoring the sprained ankle, as he moved this caused undue pressure on the other ankle and he severely sprained it.

The final game of the Sectional Tournament placed Collinsville against a good Nashville team. Norman Schaulat played the entire game with two sprained ankles, scoring thirteen of his team's twenty-five points. But the inability to rebound and the lack of production by the remaining players on the team caused the Kahoks to fall short, 27-25. Therefore, they lost the opportunity to advance to the "Sweet Sixteen" in Urbana.³⁰

Highlights of the season were: Norman Schaulat was picked by the coaches on the All-Conference team; Charles Thompson and Jack Leskera were placed on the second team; Jerry Lee was listed as honorable mention; Norman Schaulat and Charles Thompson were picked on the Collinsville Herald All-Star team; Norman Schaulat led all conference scores with 212 points; during the season, the Kahoks were rated as high as ninth in the state.³¹

The final record for the season was twenty-five victories and three losses.

1949-1950

Over sixty boys, including three lettermen, were on hand for the opening practice session. The lettermen included Charles Kraak, Jim Belobradic and Mose Harrison. Absent from the first practice were two other lettermen, Captain Jack Renfro, sidelined because of a football injury, and Jerry Lee, who dropped out of

³⁰Ibid., March 18, 1949.

³¹Ibid.

school. According to Coach Fletcher, it was the best ball handling group, as well as the fastest group he had ever had.³²

The schedule was made up of some of the strongest teams in the state. Other than conference schools, these included: Moline, Herrin, West Frankfort, Galesburg, Robinson, Mt. Vernon, Salem, Taylorville, Anna Jonesboro and a Missouri contender, Cleveland of St. Louis.³³ Only three of these teams, Moline, Mt. Vernon and Anna Jonesboro, were able to defeat the Kahoks. Moline won in a close game, 50-47, after a poor third quarter for the Kahoks. Mt. Vernon, the team rated number one in the state, had no easy time winning, 37-30. Mt. Vernon did go on to win the State Championship. Collinsville played a slowed down game and was in the game all the way until Mt. Vernon pulled ahead by seven points.³⁴

The conference race again proved that Collinsville was the team to beat as they compiled a record of ten victories and two defeats to end in a tie for first place with Wood River. Only Edwardsville and Wood River were able to defeat the Kahoks. The Wood River loss occurred on the Collinsville floor. This loss stopped a home floor winning streak of forty games. Edwardsville defeated the Kahoks by a score of 50-39.³⁵

There were several close games played before the Kahoks were able to win. After playing a close first half against Alton, the Kahoks won the game, 75-34. The first Belleville game proved to be a thriller, as Collinsville won, 37-35. The Kahoks were trailing, 23-15 at the half.

It took a pressing defense to defeat the Flyers of East St. Louis, 54-40, in what started out to be a close

³²Ibid., November, 1949.

³³Scorebook of 1949-1950, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

³⁴Collinsville Herald, February 3, 1950.

³⁵Ibid., January 13, 1950.

game. The second game played against Edwardsville proved to be one of the best games played by the Kahoks and especially for Charles Kraak, who scored thirty-one points. The Kahoks won, 62-57.³⁶

The Kahoks easily won the Regional Tournament as they defeated Alton, 65-38, Roxana, 54-46 and Wood River, 53-42. By winning the Regional Tournament, Collinsville made it the eighth time in the past ten years.³⁷

The Sectional Tournament, played at East St. Louis, paired Collinsville with Dunbar of Madison, who were defeated by the Kahoks, 42-34. Collinsville's shooting from the field was off form as it took better than average free throw shooting to achieve victory. The second game played against Dupoulet saw the Kahoks playing a better game, as they won, 56-47. Chuck Kraak led the scoring with twenty-three points. By winning, the Kahoks earned the right to play in the State Tournament, in Urbana.³⁸

The first game in the State Tournament was played against Kewanee, which the Kahoks won, 69-52. The second victory came over Quincy, 54-46. With this victory the Kahoks could place no lower than fourth place. The third game was played against a good Danville team. Collinsville led most of the game but fell short at the close, as they lost, 62-60. Danville trailed the Kahoks up to within fifty seconds of the end of the game, and with only eight seconds to play, a rolling block by one of the Danville players into a Kahok guard gave Danville the ball and the winning basket. Observers claimed that the block by the Danville boy would have been a foul in football, but none was called in this basketball game.³⁹

³⁶Ibid., March 3, 1950.

³⁷Ibid., March 10, 1950

³⁸Ibid., March 24, 1950.

³⁹Ibid.

The consolation game played to decide third and fourth place was no battle, as Elgin won, 81-65.

Chuck Kraak led the Kahok scoring for the season as well as the rebounding. Coach Fletcher stated that Kraak was the best boy he had coached. Chuck was also named to the All-District team and to the All-State first team.⁴⁰

A few other points of interest were: Captain Jack Renfro followed in his father's footsteps, as it was Jack Renfro Senior who played on the first Collinsville team to go to the State Tournament; Chuck Kraak, Jack Renfro, Elwood Sapp and Mose Harrison were on the grade school lightweight state championship team.

The final record for the season was twenty-five victories and seven losses.⁴¹

1950-1951

With only three players returning who might be considered veteran players, Coach Fletcher was to experience the first losing season in the history of Collinsville basketball. Misfortune struck early, as Captain Klobucher, a regular on the 1950 state tournament team, broke his leg playing football and was unable to continue in school during the year. Rex Thompson, a bright prospect, also had to drop out of school due to family illness and a third prospect for the team, Howard Wright, was not able to start the season due to an injured hip.⁴²

Coach Fletcher juggled a total of twenty-two boys into the line throughout the season in order to build up this young, inexperienced team for the future.

The season started off with six straight losses. In only one game were the Kahoks completely out of the

⁴⁰Ibid.

⁴¹Ibid., March 17, 1950.

⁴²Ibid., November 9, 1950.

game, however, this was the 62-46 loss to Springfield, one of the top-rated teams in the state. All other games were close and within the range of the Kahoks. These six losses, along with two losses in the final games of the preceding year, went into the record book as the longest losing streak in Collinsville history.⁴³

In conference play, Collinsville won only four of the twelve games played, and ended in the fifth position, thi, too, being a first, as a Collinsville team had never ended a season lower than third in conference play.⁴⁴

The Regional Tournament was played at Wood River. Collinsville defeated Roxana, 65-62, in the first round. The second game brought the close of the 1950-1951 season as the Kahoks simply could not get started and lost to Wood River, 54-51.⁴⁵

The record of eight victories, 17 defeats and a fifth place in the conference was quite different from anything a Collinsville team had ever experienced in the past but as Elmer Hazzard, sportswriter for the Collinsville Herald, said, "These boys fought hard, gained much experience and learned more basketball this year than most teams."⁴⁶

Richard Maack led the scoring with 307 points in the twenty-five games played. Close behind Maack was Donald Deterding with 302 points. Deterding ended the season with the highest free throw average, a seventy-four per cent.⁴⁷

Only Don Leone of this year's team would leave through graduation. All the other boys would return to make the 1951-1952 season a brighter one.

The final record of the season was eight victories and seventeen losses.

⁴³Ibid., January 5, 1951.

⁴⁴Ibid., March 9, 1951.

⁴⁵Ibid.

⁴⁶Ibid.

⁴⁷Ibid., March 16, 1951.

1951-1952

The 1951-1952 squad was labeled as the most experienced squad since 1937. Only Don Leone graduated from the past years squad. In addition to the returning squad were Curt Klobucher, a junior back in school after a year's absence to recover from a football injury, Rex Thompson another prospect who dropped out of school for a year to work, and Kenny Ritz, a transfer student from Chaminade High School of Clayton, Missouri.⁴⁸

Even though the past season was on record as the worst season in Collinsville history, this group of boys returning was picked by the newspapers of the area as the team to beat.⁴⁹

Boys not mentioned above who returned were: Don Deterding, last year's high scorer, Jim Ossola, Jack Hanvey, Richard Maack, Mike Berta, Dick Renfro, Virgil Faranzena, Parker Harris, Johnny Bozzello, Bill Lisch, Ken Buel, Ed Eckart, Max Malwitz, Bob Pellin, Bruno Capecki, Jim Parkinson and Jim Perry.⁵⁰

Coach Fletcher made the following request of the fans downtown:⁵¹ "People downtown can be a big help to these kids if they'll just leave them alone and quit expecting too much from them."

Collinsville started the season with victories over Sparta, 49-44 and Dupo, 58-43. Both games were good but not to the high expectation of the fans. The first loss came in the third game, as Springfield dominated the game throughout and won, 73-59. Collinsville was never in the game, trailing early. Defensive play was bad and Curt Klobucher's leg not working too well, limiting his movements.

⁴⁸Ibid., November 20, 1951.

⁴⁹Ibid.

⁵⁰Ibid.

⁵¹Ibid., November 30, 1951.

The conference season opened with a 62-46 victory over Alton and rolled on until the Kahoks defeated every team in the conference twice, building up a record of twelve victories and no defeats. This gave the Kahoks undisputed first place and for the fourth time in the history of the conference a team went through undefeated. Collinsville, the only team able to do it, also, accomplished it in 1927, 1947 and 1949.⁵²

East St. Louis provided probably the most opposition and the largest score of any conference team. In the first game, the Kahoks won, 47-40, but trailed well into the third quarter of play. The inability of the Kahoks to hit from the outside and the close play of the Flyers enabled them to lead at the half and the third quarter. The second East St. Louis game followed about the same pattern, for the Kahoks had to work hard to gain a 49-43 victory. The last conference game of the season, played against Wood River, proved to be the closest and the most thrilling, as the Kahoks won in the last quarter, 57-56. Bill Lisch came off the bench to make several shots to win this one.⁵³

After the early season loss to Springfield, the Kahoks went on to win six of the next eight non-conference games.

In the victory over Murphysboro, 71-60, Collinsville got away the amazing number of eighty-five shots. According to Coach Fletcher, this was the most any team of his had ever had. Deterding collected twenty-four points in this game.⁵⁴

A 77-55 victory over Pekin gave the Kahoks a lot to cheer about as Captain Don Deterding scored thirty-five points and had scored over twenty points in six straight games. After this victory, the Kahoks moved up to the

⁵²Ibid., February 29, 1952.

⁵³Ibid., February 22, 1952.

⁵⁴Ibid., December 21, 1951.

number nine team in the state ratings.⁵⁵

Mt. Vernon, the team rated number two in the state, fell short as the ninth rated Kahoks won, 72-62. The combination of good rebounding and good long shots by the Kahoks were too much for the losers. Another victory came over non-conference East Peoria, 85-43. Twelve players took part in this game, with Deterding taking scoring honors with thirty-three points. Deterding continued to lead the team's scoring as the Kahoks defeated a strong St. Louis University High team, 58-42. Don scored thirty-four points in this game. (This team went on to win the Missouri State Championship.)

The Kahoks winning streak was halted at eighteen games as a hot-shooting Gillespie team defeated them, 68-65. Gillespie outscored the Kahoks, 27-18, in the final quarter to gain the victory. This loss was quickly followed by another as Quincy won over the flu-ridden Kahoks, 53-42.⁵⁶

Collinsville entered the Edwardsville Regional Tournament favored to win. They first defeated Alton, 61-36. The next game they squeezed by Wood River, 62-58. The boys were just recovering from the flu and looked good in this game but were off on their shooting.⁵⁷

The final game played against Madison provided everything except a victory, as the Madison team outshot and out ran the Kahoks, 71-70. In losing, Coach Fletcher said that he found no fault with the boys, that their attitude was good and they had tried hard. As Coach Fletcher summed it up, "Lack of speed probably had hurt the Kahoks."⁵⁸

Don Deterding established several records during the season: he set a new conference scoring record of 246 points in twelve games, the old record being held by

⁵⁵Ibid., January 4, 1952.

⁵⁶Ibid., February 29, 1952.

⁵⁷Ibid., March 7, 1952.

⁵⁸Ibid., March 14, 1952.

Gil Kuntz of East St. Louis at 207 points; he set a new school record for a season of 479 points in twenty-two games, an average of twenty-one point eight, the old record being held by Chuch Kraak at 400 in twenty-three games, an average of seventeen point four. Jack Hanvey ended up sixth in the conference scoring with 150 points and Jim Ossola ninth with 133 points.⁵⁹

The final record of the season was twenty-two victories and four losses.

1952-1953

The five lettermen returning from the conference championship team of 1951-52 were: Captain Jack Hanvey Curt Klobucher, Edward Eckart, Parker Harris, and Dick Renfro. Along with these lettermen, a good group of young prosepects were coming up from the junior varsity. This squad was rated as the largest in years. They did not have the experience the past year's squad had had, but there were more two-year varsity men.⁶⁰

Jim Berry, a member of the 1951-1952 squad due to return for this season, was killed in a motorcycle accident.⁶¹

The season opened with victories over three non-conference teams: Dupou, Salem and Springfield. Other non-conference victories came over Murphysboro, Pekin, Pinckneyville, East Peoria, Rushville, Gillespie, St. Louis University High of St. Louis and Quincy.

In regular conference play, the Kahoks were not able to do quite so well, as they lost to Alton, 49-48, to Edwardsville, 62-49 and to East St. Louis, 65-55. These three losses left the Kahoks with nine wins and three losses, which put them in third place.⁶²

The Southwestern Illinois Conference voted to

⁵⁹Ibid., February 29, 1952.

⁶⁰Ibid., November 21, 1952.

⁶¹Ibid., November 28, 1952.

⁶²Scorebook of 1952-1953, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

disband at the close of this school year. This came about because of a motion submitted by one of the schools that failed to pass the majority of the conference schools. The motion dealt with the placing of a boy who transfers within a school district from one school to another on the ineligibility list for one year. With this motion failing to pass, the schools voted ten yes and four no to disband the conference in all sports. Collinsville was one of the schools which voted to keep the conference going.⁶³

The Regional Tournament was played at Collinsville. The Kahoks were able to romp over all opponents, beating Wood River, 53-42, Madison, 74-61 and Edwardsville for the championship, 78-57.

Highlights of the tournament were the revenge win over Madison, the team which had edged the Kahoks the past year in the regional finals, 71-70, and the good shooting by the Kahoks, especially by Hanvey, Klobucher and Eckart.⁶⁴

Collinsville's first opponent in the Sectional Tournament was a good Valmeyer team. Only after a scare and a very thrilling game were the Kahoks able to win out, 66-63. Valmeyer used a zone defense that almost stopped the Kahok machine in the second half.

The second game for the championship and the right to go to the State Tournament was won by Highland. Highland, rated as a team which did not have a chance against Collinsville, completely outplayed, out-rebounded and finally outscored them to pull the biggest upset in the state's Sectional Tournaments. "Highland played a good ball game and did not panic under the pressure" was the way the game was summed up.⁶⁵

⁶³Collinsville Herald, December 5, 1952.

⁶⁴Ibid., March 13, 1953.

⁶⁵Ibid., March 20, 1953.

Coach Fletcher said after the loss to Highland, "I could second guess myself and figure out some things we could have done differently, but they might not have worked as well as what we did. They are all saying we had bad luck and I guess we did--but look at some of the good teams we beat. These boys, without a whole lot of natural ability outside of height, did pretty well."⁶⁶

In the final state rating by the United Press and the Associated Press, Collinsville was rated fifth and sixth respectively.⁶⁷

The final record of the team was twenty-four victories and four losses.

1953-1954

Coach Fletcher opened the new season with the return of five lettermen. They included: Harvey Maack, Junior Cappecchi, Richard Hicks and sophomore, Bob Schaulat. Not one of these boys was considered as a star performer, although a couple did have the potential.⁶⁸

With the disbanding of the Southwestern Conference, the schedule consisted of twenty-three, non-conference games, including most of the former conference teams, plus others who had not been in the conference.

The 1953-1954 period was to be a building year, but the boys started the season like veterans as they won the first six games played. Victories came over Dupo, Salem, Springfield Cathedral, Murphysboro, St. Louis University High and Alton.⁶⁹

In the first game against Dupo, the Kahoks enjoyed a fifteen point lead late in the game, but were satisfied with a victory of only four points. The Salem game

⁶⁶Ibid.

⁶⁷Ibid., February 13, 1953.

⁶⁸Ibid., November 20, 1952.

⁶⁹Scorebook of 1953-1954, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

proved to be one of the thrillers of the season, as Collinsville won in an overtime, 70-69. Trailing by nine points in the last half, the Kahoks fought back and went ahead by four points with thirty seconds remaining in the game. Salem then came back and tied the score as the buzzer sounded, ending the regulation playing time and sending the game into an overtime. By defeating St. Louis University High, the Kahoks posted their fourth straight victory in as many years against the highly rated team from Missouri. In this game, the lead changed sides thirteen times before the Kahoks won, 58-54.⁷⁰

In the game with Murphysboro, an experiment by the Illinois High School Association was conducted. Three officials were used during the game. Little difference was observed by the people in attendance. Twenty-two fouls were called against Collinsville and twenty-one against Murphysboro.⁷¹

The first loss of the season was dealt by Edwardsville, 59-38. Edwardsville displayed a good defensive as well as offensive ability. The following game, played against Mt. Olive, brought one of the most outstanding scoring performances by an individual ever witnessed in the Collinsville gymnasium, as Bob Schaulat scored forty-one points, to set a new school and gym record. The previous high by a Kahok player was Irwin Brede with forty points, in 1916.⁷²

In the last fifteen games of the regular schedule, Collinsville was only able to win five, although several losses were by a few points. In one of the defeats to Vandalia, Collinsville committed thirty-seven personal fouls to hack they way out of contention. In the Gillespie game the Kahoks gave away the lead in the fourth quarter and lost, 57-46. Terry Bethel, tall

⁷⁰Collinsville Herald, December 18, 1953.

⁷¹Ibid.

⁷²Advertiser Press, March 4, 1916.

freshman boy, was tried in this game for the first time.⁷³

Centralia, a team ranked tenth in the state ratings, had to go all out to defeat Collinsville, 71-68. Collinsville lost four regular players through fouls or the outcome might have been different.⁷⁴

Coach Fletcher's green boys played good basketball in most of their games, much better than the won and loss record showed. In most all of the games played, the Kahoks made the other team battle down to the end. It was also noted that six of Collinsville's eleven losses came from teams rated in the state's top fifteen.⁷⁵

During the regular season, Coach Fletcher continued to develop his youth program as more and more of the younger boys saw action. A couple of senior boys, Gary Capececki and Richard Hicks, were quite aware of this and turned in their uniforms.⁷⁶

The Regional Tournament was played at Alton with the Kahoks playing Roxana for their first game. Roxana showed rebounding power and it was not until the last quarter that the Kahoks went ahead to win, 63-61. The second game, played against Madison, brought to a close the 1953-1954 season, as the Kahoks lost, 59-56.⁷⁷

The team that ended the season consisted of all underclassmen except one, Harvey Maack. With this group returning the following year, Coach Fletcher had a lot to look forward to.

Coach Fletcher was quite impressed with the scoring ability of his big sophomore center, Bob Schaulat. Bob, in twenty-five games, scored 517 points for an average of twenty point six. This according to Coach Fletcher, was the best shooting for a center he had ever had.

Harvey Maack was the other scoring threat on the Kahok team as he and Bob lead the scoring all year.

⁷³Collinsville Herald, January 29, 1954.

⁷⁴Ibid., February 12, 1954.

⁷⁵Ibid., March 5, 1954.

⁷⁶Ibid., January 29, 1954.

⁷⁷Ibid., March 12, 1954.

Harvey also captured the free throw honors by making 108 out of 150 for a seventy-two per-cent average.⁷⁸

The final record of the season was thirteen victories and twelve losses.

1954-1955

With the close of the football season, eighty boys reported for the opening of basketball practice for the new season. Included in this group were several lettermen with a lot of experience.

Again this year the Southwestern Conference was not in operation, so there was no race of the area teams. Although, during the season, the members of the disbanded conference did have a meeting and agreed to reorganize the conference in the 1955-1956 season. Therefore, without a conference for the present season the Kahoks played a non-league schedule of twenty games and two season tournaments, besides the regular tournaments.⁷⁹

The season opened with a string of five victories before Alton shaded the Kahoks, 53-51. The Kahoks were ahead at one time by thirteen points. Victories came over Dupo, Mt. Olive, Springfield Cathedral, Belleville and Murphysboro.

The Kahoks won the Belleville game, 75-66, scoring thirty-five field goals, a record by a Fletcher team.⁸⁰ The 88-65, victory over Murphysboro gave the highest number of points scored by a Kahok team during the modern era of basketball, dating back to 1920.⁸¹

After a victory over Salem, 77-46, the Kahoks took part in the Centralia Holiday Invitational Tournament. Victories came over Mt. Carmel, Belleville and Centralia. The championship game, played against top-rated Pinckneyville, fell short for the Kahoks as they lost in a

⁷⁸Ibid., March 17, 1954.

⁷⁹Ibid., January 12, 1955.

⁸⁰Ibid., December 15, 1954.

⁸¹Records compiled by Frank Pitol.

slowed down game, 45-36, to give them second place.

Following the first of the new year, the Kahoks picked up their winning ways as they defeated Edwardsville, Vandalia, Wood River, Granite City and Gillespie, giving them a record of fourteen victories and two defeats.

The Collinsville Invitational Tournament followed on the schedule, with the Kahoks defeating Metropolis and Lakeview of Decatur to win the championship. The Lakeview team was coached by Jack Fabri, former Kahok coach.

Following the tournament, the Kahoks romped over Belleville, 78-59, Bethel, Kahok forward, scored twenty-four points. Collinsville's defense was terrific as the Kahoks quickly rolled to a twenty point lead.

With a record of seventeen victories and two defeats the Kahoks established themselves in the top five rating of the state. Much of this success had been attributed to the high scoring of Bob Schaulat, Terry Bethel and Jack McWhirter.⁸²

In a game where the Kahoks were outplayed, the St. Louis University High School defeated the Kahoks in the last minute, 55-53. This was the first victory for the St. Louis team in the five times the teams had played.

The Kahoks lost the following game, played at Centralia, 61-60. This was a game that was replayed later by the fans and coaches who said it could not have happened. With two seconds remaining in the ball game, the Kahoks were leading, 60-59. A jump ball occurred in the center circle of the floor. The Centralia player controlled the tip to the Centralia sensation Bobby Joe Mason. Bobby dribbled the ball across the center line and several feet on the other side of the floor right in the path of Kahok forward, Jim Flagg. Flagg, unable to avoid the speedy Mason, fouled him as the buzzer sounded. After time ran out, Mason made both free throws to tie and to win the

⁸²Ibid., February 2, 1955.

ball game, 61-60. What the fans and coaches could not figure was how Mason could do so much in only two seconds. The slow reaction of the timer was a factor that doubled the actual time Mason had to perform, causing the Kahoks to lose a game when it seemed to be an impossibility.⁸³

A revenge victory over Alton, 80-47, they had defeated the Kahoks earlier in the season. Bob Schaulat scored twenty-seven points in this game. Bob Schaulat scored thirty points in the following game, as the Kahoks defeated Edwardsville, 66-61, on Edwardsville's small floor.

Influenza had hit the Kahoks during the final month of the regular season and Coach Fletcher had to switch his line-up several times when boys were not able to play. Even with the handicap, the Kahoks kept winning, as they defeated Wood River and Granite City. In this game with Granite City, Fletcher used fourteen boys in a 79-50 victory. Due to illness, Terry Bethel did not dress for this game.

In the final game of the regular season, played against Quincy, Coach Fletcher said before the game that his starting line up would be any five boys who were well enough to play. The Kahoks lost this game, 70-64.

In the Regional Tournament, played at Collinsville, Madison was placed against Collinsville in the opening game. Collinsville won, 67-54, but were not as sharp as they had been earlier in the season. The second game, played against a red hot Edwardsville team, proved more than the Kahoks could overcome as they lost, 75-71. The fans and Coach Fletcher were proud of the teams efforts, even if they did lose.⁸⁴

⁸³Ibid., February 9, 1955.

⁸⁴Ibid., March 9, 1955.

Captain Bob Schaulat received All-District Honors, All-State honors and was the leading scorer of the Kahok teams. Also, during the season he was picked on the first All-Star team in the Centralia Holiday Tournament. Captain Schaulat was also selected as the Prep Player of the Year by the Post Dispatch.⁸⁵

Schaulat scored a total of 602 points during the season for an average of twenty-one point five. His shooting percentage was forty-nine per cent.

The Kahoks of 1954-1955, were the highest scoring Collinsville team in their history with an average of sixty-seven point four per game, and an opponent average of fifty-five point 2.

The final record for the season was twenty-two victories and six losses.

1955-1956

Coach Fletcher started the new season with six lettermen returning. They were Terry Bethel, Tom Jackson, Sherman Whitlow, Al Sonnenberg, Harland Schiebal and Robert Catalpa. In addition, Earl Fischer, a transfer student from Troy, Illinois, was on hand to help Coach Fletcher.⁸⁶

In the opening game of the season, played against Mt. Olive, Coach Fletcher used a total of fifteen boys to win the game, 57-49. Terry Bethel, six foot six inch center, scored thirty-one points in the victory over Dupo. The victory against Madison marked 200 victories for Coach Fletcher since coming to Collinsville.

During the evening of the Springfield game, the other coaches and the principal of the school presented Coach Fletcher with a huge cake honoring him for the

⁸⁵Ibid., March 16, 1955.

⁸⁶Ibid.; November 16, 1955.

200th victory. The boys followed by presenting him with his 201st victory, by defeating the Springfield team, 58-40.⁸⁷

Edwardsville held the favored role in the Southwestern Conference as the conference play began. Collinsville opened the conference season with a 67-65 victory over Belleville. The winning points came on two free throws by Harland Scheibel in the final five seconds of play. Collinsville trailed at the start of the fourth quarter, 49-38. Terry Bethel scored thirty-five points.

The second conference victory, over East St. Louis, was about as close as the first. Trailing in the fourth quarter, Jim Serre came into the game and made five shots in five attempts, to tie the game at the end of the regulation time. In the overtime period, Tom Jackson's two free throws gave Collinsville the winning points as they won, 62-60. Playing without Terry Bethel, Collinsville defeated Alton and Granite City. Al Sonnenberg and Tracy Wilhoit provided the spark in these two games. Sonnenberg had just recovered from an infected leg muscle which had caused him to miss eight games. Terry Bethel was out of action due to a bad cold and chest and throat complications.⁸⁸

Bethel returned to action against Edwardsville and scored thirty-four points. Even with this tremendous showing, the Kahoks lost to the hot shooting team, 83-74. The following game, played against Wood River, provided another overtime thriller. The Kahoks, trailing by two points with two seconds to go, were not to be beaten as Jim Serre, the Kahok game saver, shot and scored as the horn sounded with the ball in the air. The question came up as to whether or not the ball was shot before the horn sounded. Official timer, Melvin Richter, said

⁸⁷Ibid., December 21, 1955.

⁸⁸Ibid., January 4, 1956.

it was and the Kahoks tied the game at, 82-82. The final score after the overtime was Collinsville 86, Wood River 82.

The second conference loss came in a sudden death overtime, as East St. Louis won, 45-43. A victory followed over Granite City in the last game a Collinsville team would ever have to play on the old stage gymnasium used at Granite City.⁸⁹

The remaining conference games, played against Alton, Edwardsville and Wood River, ended in defeat for the Kahoks. In the Alton game, the loss was blamed to too close officiating. Alton received forty-one free throws and made twenty-seven of them to give them the victory. The final conference record was seven victories and five defeats, to place the team in third place.⁹⁰

The holiday tournament played at Centralia provided an opportunity for the Kahoks to play some of the better teams in the State. In the first game, played against Marion, the Kahoks won, 58-43. A victory followed over Litchfield, 78-63. The semi-final game paired Collinsville against Pinckneyville, the team rated number one in the state. Pinckneyville slowed the game down and played the deliberate game they were known for and won, 52-40. Collinsville defeated Belleville in the game to decide third place.⁹¹

Collinsville again were host to their own tournament. In the first game, Collinsville defeated Madison, 75-53, and followed with a victory over Lakeview of Decatur, 72-50 for the championship.⁹²

Coach Fletcher continued his build up for the future as he inserted the underclassmen into the line-up as the opportunities presented themselves. During

⁸⁹Ibid., February 1, 1956.

⁹⁰Ibid., February 8, 1956.

⁹¹Ibid., January 4, 1956.

⁹²Ibid., January 18, 1956.

the course of the season, Coach Fletcher used as many as fifteen boys in one game and finishing many games with all underclassmen.

The Regional Tournament was played at Alton. The Kahok's first opponent was Granite City; Collinsville won, 62-39. Terry Bethel scored thirty points. After coming from behind, the Kahoks defeated Wood River, 71-66. Trailing by as many as seventeen points, the Kahoks, with Bethel scoring twenty-nine points, caught and passed this good Wood River team. The final game of the season was the loss to Edwardsville in the Regional finals by a score of 73-69.

Three senior boys were ruled ineligible due to their playing a game with a church team. They were Sherman Whitlow, Harland Scheibal and Ralph Sackett. According to the rules of the State High School Association a player during the school year cannot take part in play outside of regular school play.⁹³

The final record of the season gave the Kahoks twenty-two victories and seven losses. This was a very good record for a team that was being built for the coming year. The statistics for the year, according to Coach Fletcher, showed the team lost the ball too often and missed too many free throws. Another statistic that surely must have been a record was the fact that center Terry Bethel never made a bad pass during the entire season.⁹⁴

Terry Bethel was named to the All-Southern team by the Chicago American. Terry averaged fifty-one point six per cent in his shooting and in free throws averaged seventy-eight per cent. Terry scored 596 points in the twenty-four games he played for a twenty-four point nine per game average.⁹⁵

⁹³ Illinois High School Association, Official Handbook. Chicago: 1961-1962. Section 18, p. 20.

⁹⁴ Collinsville Herald, March 14, 1956.

⁹⁵ Ibid.

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1956-1957

Coach Fletcher started the 1956-1957 season with one of the most promising teams ever to represent the school. Seven lettermen were on hand. They were: Terry Bethel, Tom Jackson, Tracy Wilhoit, Harold Hankins, Ernie Wilhoit, Jim Soehlke and Ervin Dellamano.⁹⁶

Bert Weber, former Kahok athlete, was hired as an assistant coach for the new year. Coach Weber had been assisting former Collinsville coach, Jack Fabri, at Lakeview of Decatur. Coach Weber was given the honor of breaking in the new girls' gymnasium as a second practice area, something which had been badly needed.⁹⁷

Jim Soelke, Kahok guard, was out of the first practice sessions due to a collar bone injury received in football. Upon his resuming practice, he collided with another player and slightly reinjured the tender shoulder.

The season opened with an impressive 60-40 victory over Dupo. The defensive play was outstanding for an opening game. Mt. Olive was the second team to lose to the Kahoks, 74-38. Bethel scored thirty-three points in this game. Following these two victories, the Kahoks obtained the number two rating in the state poll.⁹⁸

The Kahoks were rated as the team to beat in the Southwestern Conference. The first game for the Kahoks was played against Granite City in their new gymnasium. Collinsville won, 72-54. East St. Louis tried to stop the Kahoks by using a tight zone; the score after a few minutes was Collinsville, 10, East St. Louis, 0. At the half, the Kahoks led, 35-8, and ended the game ahead, 54-20. A victory over Belleville followed, 72-58, after

⁹⁶Ibid., November 14, 1956.

⁹⁷Ibid.

⁹⁸Ibid., December 12, 1956.

Belleville led at the end of the first quarter, 24-21. Six foot seven Terry Bethel scored thirty-one points in this game.

Victories followed over Alton, Edwardsville and Wood River to give the Kahoks a record of six victories and no defeats at the half way point of the conference race. The Edwardsville game proved to be a thriller as the Kahoks had to come from behind in the small Edwardsville gym to win, 64-61. Terry Bethel scored fifteen points in the fourth quarter to pace the Kahoks. Wood River also gave the Kahoks all they could handle as the game was tied twenty-four times before Collinsville won, 63-60.

During the second half of the conference season, Collinsville defeated all the teams they had in the first round to win the conference with a record of fourteen victories and no defeats.

Impressive victories came over Granite City, 97-49, Edwardsville, 99-77, Belleville, 63-38 and Wood River, 78-55. The scoring in the Edwardsville game ended with Bethel having thirty-five points and Jackson thirty.

Collinsville, by winning the conference championship, had now won or tied for first place seventeen times of the thirty-two years the conference had been in operation.⁹⁹

Collinsville took part in the Central Holiday Tournament again this season. They opened with a victory over Benton, 74-46. The second victory came over Herrin, 65-64. In this game, Bethel was held to eighteen points, one of his lowest totals of the year. With Bethel slowed down the others on the team picked up the slack and, with a final game winning bucket by Tracy Wilhoit, the Kahoks moved on to the semi-finals.

Following the victory over Herrin, Coach Fletcher and Terry Bethel went back to the gym and Terry took

⁹⁹Ibid., February 27, 1957.

extra shooting practice to try and regain the touch that was absent a few hours earlier.¹⁰⁰

The extra shooting practice for Terry paid off as he scored an amazing forty-nine points the following afternoon as the Kahoks defeated Allerman of Rock Island, 95-72. These forty-nine points established a new tournament record, the old record being forty-eight points held by Bobby Jo Mason of Centralia. In this game, Terry also tied the game free throw record by making ninetee. He tied Darrell Penney of Sparta. These forty-nine points also established a new school record at Collinsville High School. The old record was held by Bob Schaulat who made forty-six.¹⁰¹

By defeating Allerman, Collinsville won the right to play in the finals. Their opponent, Pinckneyville, had defeated the Kahoks the two previous years in this tournament. Pinckneyville, as usual, played their famed slowed down game and led 34-29 at one point of the game. The game remained close throughout with the Kahoks ahead as the buzzer sounded, 56-54 to win the championship. Tom Jackson and Terry Bethel were placed on the tournament's All-Star team for the second year.¹⁰²

Following the Centralia tournament, Collinsvilled conducted a tournament of their own. The Kahoks had no trouble winning, as they defeated Carlinville, 81-44 and Madison, 76-49 to win the title.¹⁰³

In a non-conference game played against Litchfield at the Collinsville gymnasium, Collinsville scored a total of 108 points to win, 108-72. This was the first time any team had scored over a hundred points in the gymnasium. The 108 was also a new school record. Collinsville, in running up this total, scored thirty-

¹⁰⁰Ibid., January 2, 1957.

¹⁰¹Ibid.

¹⁰²Ibid.

¹⁰³Ibid., January 9, 1957.

nine field goals and made thirty of thirty-four free throws.¹⁰⁴

Collinsville entered the Regional Tournament, played at Granite City, with a record of twenty-six victories and no defeats. This was a school record for consecutive victories, the old record being 20 by the 1920-1921 and the 1947-1948 teams.

The Kahoks defeated Roxana, 74-47, in the opener. Alton provided the competition in the second game, as they lost to the Kahoks, 50-34. Alton played a slowed down game to keep the score close. The score at the half was Collinsville 23, Alton 19. At the close of the third quarter, the score was Collinsville 23, Alton 21. Collinsville failed to score in this quarter. In fact, Collinsville failed to get a shot at the basket. This writer could not find when this had ever happened before. In the fourth quarter, Alton had to speed up to get the ball, but this proved to be their downfall, as the Kahoks outscored them, 27-13, to win, 50-34. In the final game, Collinsville defeated Edwardsville, 87-74, for the championship. During the tournament, Collinsville set what was believed to be an accuracy record, they made sixty-six shots out of 111 attempts.¹⁰⁵

The Sectional Tournament was played at Vandalia. Collinsville defeated Greenville, 94-66, in the first game. The final game was a victory over Centralia, 100-80. In this game, a total of sixty-five fouls were called, thirty-eight against Centralia and twenty-seven against Collinsville. Both teams lost four regular players through the foul route. Collinsville established a new school record by making fifty-two of sixty-five free throws.¹⁰⁶

¹⁰⁴Ibid., January 16, 1957.

¹⁰⁵Ibid., March 13, 1957.

¹⁰⁶Ibid., March 20, 1957.

Early in the first quarter of play, Collinsville jumped ahead, 10-2. Centralia's Coach Evers removed the entire first team and took them to the dressing room. A few minutes later they reappeared and entered the game. Only the players and Coach Evers knew what took place. Bart Basola, Collinsville substitute had the honor of making point number 100.¹⁰⁷

By winning the Sectional Tournament, the Kahoks advanced to the Super-Sectional played at Salem. Collinsville played Charleston and won, 76-57. Terry Bethel scored forty points. This was counted as a game of the State Tournament so the forty points were actually a new record. The old record was held by Ted Caizza of La-Grange who made thirty-eight in 1953.¹⁰⁸

The first game played in Urbana was against Galesburg. In this game, everything took place except basketball as Galesburg trailing 9-0, began to play football against the Collinsville players. With Collinsville ahead, 61-59, and Jim Soehlke dribbling the ball, Kimbrough, a Galesburg All-State football player, actually threw a rolling block into him causing a severe ankle injury.

Howard Millard sportswriter for the Decatur Herald described it as the worst officiated, roughest and wildest game he had ever seen in a State Tournament.¹⁰⁹

Following the game, a near riot occurred, as the entire stands emptied on to the floor. During the confusion, as Coach Fletcher was trying to protect his ball players from harm, he received a cut that was believed by all to be from the knife of a Galesburg fan. State Officials refused to comment on this. Galesburg fans carried on their animal like tactics outside as they

¹⁰⁷Ibid.

¹⁰⁸Ibid.

¹⁰⁹Ibid., March 27, 1957.

stoned and kicked parked cars.¹¹⁰

In the next game, played against Ottawa, the Kahoks were way off form as they won, 69-61. The championship game paired Collinsville against Herrin, a team they had defeated by one point earlier in the season. Terry Bethel received three fouls early in the game causing him to leave the game in the second period. The game was close all the way with good defensive plays by both teams. The final score was Herrin, 45, Collinsville, 42. Collinsville showed physical exhaustion, during the last two games after the beating they had taken in the Galesburg game, and could not take advantage of opportunities that came their way.¹¹¹

Coach Fletcher said that this was the best team that he had had since coming to Collinsville. The Collinsville fans honored the team and Coach Fletcher with a parade and a homecoming celebration at the school gymnasium.

Terry Bethel was rated as the best boy in the state by all selectors. He was selected on the All-Tournament team, The United Press, the Associated Press and the Daily News All-State Teams. He also had the honor of being selected on the All-American High School Team. Terry also set a State Tournament free throw record by making forty-three free throws in four games, the old record was thirty-seven by Jim Hagerty of Pinckneyville in 1955.¹¹²

Terry Bethel also set a new conference scoring record of 304 points. The old record was held by Cliff Tally of Wood River with 293 in 1956. Tom Jackson was second in scoring with 243 points, and Tracy Wilhoit was eleventh with 152.¹¹³ Tom Jackson, rated by Coach Fletcher as the best all-around athlete he had ever had at Collinsville, was selected on the United Press All-Star team, the Associated Press second team and the

¹¹⁰Ibid.

¹¹¹Ibid.

¹¹²Ibid.

¹¹³Ibid., February 27, 1957.

Daily News second team; Ernie Wilhoit was selected on the All-Tournament second team.¹¹⁴

The final record of the season was thirty-four victories and one loss.

1957-1958

With only Captain Ernie Wilhoit returning from the number two team in the state the past year, Coach Fletcher had to start at the beginning to build a new team. Several fine prospects were on hand to help Fletcher with this task. They were: Bart Basola, Terry Sinskey, Dennis Bethel, Terry Dearden, Gary Dolzadelli and Don Keel. Ernie Wilhoit, injured in football, was hampered in his work outs prior to the opening game against Springfield Cathedral.¹¹⁵

Springfield defeated Collinsville in this opening game 48-43. This had been the first time in seven years a Kahok team lost the opening game. Since Coach Fletcher had come to Collinsville, only the 1950-1951 team had lost an opener. In this loss to Springfield, the Collinsville team took more shots than the great Kahok team of the past year did in any one game. Fletcher stated, "To be a good team, they will have to take only the good shot and make it count."¹¹⁶

Belleville was picked as the team to win the conference as the conference season began. Collinsville opened with a 53-38 victory over Granite City and followed with a 54-52 victory over East St. Louis. With two victories and no defeats, Collinsville defeated Belleville in an overtime and laid a claim to first place. Collinsville continued to win as they defeated Alton, Edwardsville and Wood River to build up a record of six victories

¹¹⁴Ibid., March 27, 1957.

¹¹⁵Ibid., December 4, 1957.

¹¹⁶Ibid., December 11, 1957.

against no defeats at the halfway point in conference play.

The second round of play was not too much different as the Kahoks, ranked number ten in the state poll, continued winning. They defeated Granite City, 77-49, East St. Louis, 71-49, Belleville, 75-72, Alton, 76-56, Edwardsville, 65-58 and Wood River, 60-60, building up a final record of fourteen victories against no defeats to win the conference for the second year in a row without a defeat.¹¹⁷

The Belleville game proved to be the closest the Kahoks came to defeat. Trailing by as much as sixteen points during the game, the Kahoks came back strong to win.¹¹⁸

Collinsville again entered the Holiday Tournament played at Centralia, this time as the defending champions. Their first opponent was Lincoln, a team who was not rated as high as the Kahoks, but a team who played a better game to win, 54-50. Collinsville in this game, fumbled the ball or lost it through other violations so many times that most any team could have defeated them that day. By losing the first game of the tournament, Collinsville qualified to play in the consolation side of the tournament. In doing so, the Kahoks defeated Quincy, 70-63, Benton, 73-60 and Carmi, 66-59, to win the consolation trophy. After the tournament, Coach Fletcher stated that in four years, they had won every trophy offered—first, second, third and consolation. Captain Ernie Wilhoit was named to the first five All-Star team of the tournament.¹¹⁹

Following the Centralia tournament, Collinsville was host to their own tournament. Collinsville was favored to win and they did. They defeated Madison in

¹¹⁷Ibid., February 26, 1958.

¹¹⁸Ibid., February 12, 1958.

¹¹⁹Ibid., January 8, 1958.

an overtime, 61-59, and Litchfield for the championship, 74-70.¹²⁰

The non-conference season proved to be just as successful as the conference season, as the Kahoks defeated Gillespie, Litchfield, Centralia, Robinson and Quincy.

The regular season ended with a record of twenty-four victories and two defeats. The Kahoks in the final state rating, prior to the opening of the Regional Tournament, was rated number three. The success of this team can be pinpointed to the balance of the team scoring and their ability to improve throughout the season. As many of the fans stated, this had been a much more interesting team to watch play than some others in the past. They were more versatile in scoring and in team play.¹²¹

The Regional Tournament was played at Alton with the Kahoks picked to win. Their first opponent was Granite City, who were defeated by the Kahoks, 85-46. They displayed terrific scoring to run up their highest total of the season. The second game was played against Alton, a team Collinsville had defeated twice earlier in the season. They were not giving up as they won, 57-55. Alton, although having a poor season record and placing fifth in the conference, played a game that was superior to any they had had during the regular season. With the score tied and forty-five seconds remaining, the Alton players calmly stalled the time down to fifteen seconds, took one shot, and won the game.¹²²

Coach Fletcher commented after the season was over, "This was a great year and the boys gave 100 per cent effort. The pressure was just too great with the winning of each game. The boys just were not able to relax and play their game."¹²³

¹²⁰Ibid.

¹²¹Ibid., January 22, 1958.

¹²²Ibid., March 12, 1958.

¹²³Ibid.

The team compiled a record of twenty-five victories and three defeats. They won first place in the Southwestern Conference by winning fourteen games and losing none. They were also rated number three in the final state poll.

Individual honors went to Ernie Wilhoit, as he made the All-State first team of the Chicago Daily News. In addition, Ernie was placed on the All-District first team, the All-Conference first team and was also selected as the Prep Player of the Year by Radio Station KMOX of St. Louis.¹²⁴

Bart Basola was second in the conference scoring race behind Williams of Granite City. Williams scored 262 points and Basola, scored 244 points. Ernie Wilhoit placed eighth with 168 points and Terry Dearden placed tenth with 148 points.

In All-Conference team selection by the Collinsville Herald's sportswriter, Wilhoit, Dearden and Basola were all placed on the first team and Lonnie Wilson and Jim Nishwitz were given honorable mention.¹²⁵

The final record of the season was twenty-five victories and three losses.

1958-1959

Only five of the seven lettermen reported for the opening of basketball practice. They were: Lon Wilson, Jim Nishwitz, Don Keel, Terry Sinskey and Bogie Redmon. Two boys who received letters the past season were not on hand. They were Gary Dolzadelli and Terry Dearden. Dolzadelli dropped out of football practice and did not report for basketball practice. Terry Dearden was out due to what doctors described as a heart condition.

¹²⁴Ibid., March 26, 1958.

¹²⁵Ibid., March 12, 1958.

Dearden, elected earlier as a co-captain with Lon Wilson, opened the season as the manager.¹²⁶

The season opener, played against Dupo, brought an overtime loss to the Kahoks, 35-32. The following game against Granite City was the opening of the new conference season; the Kahoks won, 50-45. Terry Dearden, co-captain, was given an okay by the doctors after a complete examination and appeared briefly in this game. Collinsville defeated East St. Louis and Belleville before losing their first conference game to Alton. Collinsville lost another, as they were outclassed by a strong Edwardsville team. The Kahoks tried to play the running offense with Edwardsville and were outscored, 22-6 at one period of the game. Than Byrkit, a freshman guard, played his first varsity game.¹²⁷

Two more conference losses followed, as Wood River and Granite City defeated the Kahoks. A few of these defeats probably could be blamed on the fact that a few of the boys were not giving Coach Fletcher their full co-operation and effort.¹²⁸

Don Keel, senior letterman, turned in his uniform as Coach Fletcher worked more and more with underclassmen. The Kahoks seemed to be back on the right track as they again defeated East St. Louis, but this was not to last, as they lost to Belleville, 57-54. They had defeated Belleville earlier by fourteen points. The next conference game was a well played game against second rated Alton. The Kahoks led most of the game into the fourth quarter before Alton passed them to win, 65-63. A victory over Edwardsville followed, as the Kahoks played a good game to come from behind to win, 56-54. The final conference game, played against Wood River, resulted in a 66-56 loss.

¹²⁶Ibid., November 19, 1958.

¹²⁷Ibid., January 14, 1959.

¹²⁸Ibid., January 28, 1959.

The Kahoks' final standing in the conference was fourth, with five victories and seven defeats.¹²⁹

Collinsville again played in the Holiday Tournament at Centralia. Collinsville's opening game against Benton was a bad one, as the Kahoks were off form and lost, 49-41. In losing to Benton, Collinsville then moved into the consolation finals, despite the thirty-six points by Bogie Redmon, Collinsville lost to Marion, 79-77.¹³⁰

Collinsville won it's fifth straight Invitational Tournament, played at Collinsville, in five years. They defeated Madison, 63-51, in the first game, and Roxana in the championship, 75-68. Kankakee was the fourth team in the tournament. They were coached by Sam Miranda, one of the greatest players to come out of Collinsville High School.¹³¹

During the season, the Kahoks won six of eight games played against non-conference teams. They defeated McArthur of Decatur, 50-41, Gillespie, 65-62 in an over-time, Litchfield, 61-47, Jerseyville, 66-56, Madison, 83-67 and Quincy, 65-58. In the Madison game, Fred Riddle, sophomore of Madison, scored twenty-six points. (This same Fred Riddle was to move to Collinsville to spark the Kahoks to a State Championship.) One of the defeats came from highly rated Centralia, 63-60.

The Regional Tournament was played at Wood River. Collinsville was paired against Lincoln of Venice in the first game. The Kahoks won, 69-64, as Bogie Redmon scored twenty-four points. The second game was played against Wood River. Terry Dearden played at his peak as he scored twenty-nine points. Even with Terry's efforts, Wood River won, 73-72. Coach Fletcher stated after the game that he felt bad in losing, but that he

¹²⁹Scorebook of 1958-1959, in the Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

¹³⁰Ibid., January 7, 1959.

¹³¹Ibid.

was proud of the effort of the whole team in this last game.¹³²

Only two seniors ended the season; they were co-captains Terry Dearden and Lon Wilson. Seven other boys who earned letters and would be back next year were: Bogie Redmon, Jerry Helmich, Pat Darling, Gary Dolzadelli, Tom Adamitis, Terry Sinskey and Al Lauth.

The final record of the season was sixteen victories and twelve losses.

1959-1960

With seven lettermen returning from Collinsville's past basketball season and two lettermen returning from Madison's state tournament team, the Collinsville basketball fan was standing tall and expecting a lot.

They were not to be disappointed throughout the season, as this team compiled a record of twenty-five wins and three losses, only to be upset by Granite City, a team that they previously defeated twice, once by nineteen points and once by ten points.

There was much unfair criticism toward Collinsville in acquiring Fred Riddle and Bob Simpson of Madison. Fred's father was hired by the Collinsville School Board as the principal of the high school, giving him just reason to move to Collinsville. Bob Simpson's father moved to Collinsville for reason of convenience to his employment.¹³³

The Madison team not only lost both Riddle and Simpson, regulars on their state tournament team, but two other starters who had been due to return. Bob Price moved to Granite City and Jake Young was declared ineligible due to a new age ruling.

¹³² Ibid., March 11, 1959.

¹³³ Ibid., November 30, 1959.

The conference season opened with a victory over Granite City, 74-55. This was a game played at Collinsville and was televised on a St. Louis station. This was a first time with the exception of the state tournament telecast, that a Collinsville team had been seen on television. Also, it was the first time from the Collinsville gymnasium. This Granite City game also had another rare occurrence. On the floor at one time were seven players who were formerly on the Madison Grade School team. Five had moved to Granite City and two to Collinsville.¹³⁴

Collinsville defeated East St. Louis, Belleville, Alton, Edwardsville and Wood River to have a record of six victories and no defeats at the halfway point. During the second half of the conference season, the Kahoks defeated Granite City, East St. Louis, Belleville, Alton and Wood River. The only conference defeat came as Edwardsville, in their small gymnasium, won 73-71. Collinsville trailed throughout the game. In losing this game, Collinsville lost their chance for an undefeated conference title. The final standing had Collinsville in first place with eleven wins and one loss.¹³⁵

By winning this championship, Coach Fletcher held claim to seven titles in the fourteen years he had coached in Collinsville. Two of the fourteen years, the conference was not in operation.¹³⁶

Collinsville played in the East St. Louis Holiday Tournament. Their first victory was over Danville, 73-61, followed by a victory over Litchfield, 75-58. In the championship game, Collinsville played and defeated the defending state champion Springfield team, 74-55, to win the tournament championship.

¹³⁴Ibid., December 7, 1959.

¹³⁵Scorebook of 1959-1960, in the Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

¹³⁶Ibid., February 25, 1960.

On the night of the Danville game, Coach Fletcher received an unexpected honor, as the members of the 1948 Kahok team presented him with a plaque honoring him for his 300th victory since coming to Collinsville.¹³⁷

Collinsville also won their own Invitational Tournament. They defeated Roxana, 67-41, and Litchfield, 75-58, for the championship. Redmon broke Terry Bethel's tournament scoring record of twenty-eight points as he scored thirty-four points.¹³⁸

In non-conference play, the Kahoks defeated Dupo, 70-44, Gillespie, 78-48, Madison, 68-52, Mater Dei of Breese, 72-48, Jerseyville, 75-40 and Lincoln of East St. Louis, 85-46. In this Lincoln game, Bogie Redmon scored his career high of thirty-seven points. He also had twenty-nine rebounds and made fifteen of twenty-three shots.¹³⁹

The only non-conference loss came as Litchfield defeated the Kahoks, 46-44, on a last second basket to break a fifteen game winning streak. Not to take credit away from this good Litchfield team, but Collinsville had played poor ball the two previous games and just could not overcome this determined Litchfield team.

The Regional Tournament was played at Collinsville with the Kahoks favored to win. This Regional Tournament was rated as the toughest in the state.¹⁴⁰

Collinsville defeated Roxana, 77-37, in their first game. In the second game, Collinsville was to play Edwardsville. Even a snow storm could not keep the people away as over two thousand were on hand to see this game. Then it happened. During the warm up period of the two teams prior to the start of the game, Tony Penelton, six foot one inch senior of Edwardsville,

¹³⁷Ibid., January 4, 1960.

¹³⁸Ibid., December 23, 1959.

¹³⁹Ibid., February 29, 1960.

¹⁴⁰Ibid., February 25, 1960.

grabbed hold of the basket and pulled the basket out of the glass backboard. Superintendent D. K. Darling and an East St. Louis official, attending the game, rushed to East St. Louis to get a spare backboard they had on hand. After an hour or more they returned, empty-handed, unable to get into the building where the boards were kept. The patient crowd was told to come back the following evening. The tournament final was moved ahead one day.¹⁴¹ The Edwardsville game was played the next evening and the delay did not seem to bother the Kahoks, as they defeated the Tigers, 76-58. Bogie Redmon scored his new high of thirty-nine points. This game marked the end of Joe Lucco's career as coach for Edwardsville, as he stepped up to a job as Athletic Director and Assistant Administrator.¹⁴²

Collinsville played Granite City in the finals, a team they had beaten earlier in the season, 74-55 and 69-59. The game started with Collinsville jumping out to a 20-10 lead in the first period. In the second period, Granite City came back and at one point tied the game, 31-31. Granite played a tight zone defense, and, although they were much smaller, defeated the Kahoks, 72-65.

The defensive record of this team was outstanding during the year. The opponent's average was fifty point six per game. The offense was equally impressive, as the Kahoks averaged sixty-nine point six per game, nineteen points better than the opponents. The free throw shooting was the worst record in the last ten years, sixty-five point eight per cent. Riddle led with an average of seventy point six per cent.

The scoring during the year was balanced, as several boys contributed to the total. Although Bogie Redmon and Fred Riddle cornered the load, Redmon ended

¹⁴¹Ibid., March 3, 1960.

¹⁴²Ibid., March 7, 1960.

up fourth in the conference scoring.¹⁴³ Bogie Redmon was selected to the All-Star team by the Collinsville Herald. Gary Dolzadelli and Fred Riddle were selected to the second team.¹⁴⁴

During the earlier part of the season the Kahoks were rated as high as second in the state rating. After winning several games in a row the Kahoks jumped to the number one spot, where they remained for the season until their loss to Granite City.¹⁴⁵

The final record for the season was twenty-five victories and three losses.

1960-1961

Excitement built up early in Collinsville, as a veteran squad was ready to open the new basketball season. Co-captains Bogie Redmon and Fred Riddle headed this group which also included Bob Simpson, Bob Basola, Ron Mottin, Than Byrkit, Bob Meadows and Marvin Meyer. In addition to this group, Al Temple, Joe Brennan, Harry Hildreth and Ronald Matikitis were on hand to fill in when needed.¹⁴⁶

The season opened with a very impressive 71-32 victory over Dupo. Bogie Redmon led the scoring with a total of twenty-nine points. The second game of the season brought about the start of the forty-fifth season for the Southwestern Illinois Conference. In this game, Collinsville defeated Granite City, 76-60. Collinsville led all the way with a balanced scoring attack. Collinsville lived up to pre-season predictions as they defeated East St. Louis, 66-47; Belleville, 78-67; Alton, 83-66; Edwardsville, 74-71, and Wood River, 90-50 to complete the first half of the campaign with a record of six victories and no losses.¹⁴⁷

¹⁴³Ibid.

¹⁴⁴Ibid., March 21, 1960.

¹⁴⁵Ibid., March 7, 1960.

¹⁴⁶Ibid., December 1, 1960.

¹⁴⁷Scorebook of 1960-1961, in the Athletic Office of the Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

Prior to the East St. Louis game tragedy struck the Collinsville camp as Bogie Redmon, Collinsville's six foot six center and leading scorer, broke a bone in his foot during a practice session. Bogie came down and landed on someone's foot while going after the ball. The first report placed him on the disabled list for four to six weeks.

The report was correct since Bogie did miss five weeks and nine games. What seemed to be a real disaster, however, proved to be, in this writer's thinking, the turning point of the season which enabled the Kahoks to go on to win the state championship. This could only be surmised, as no team would want to lose an All-State candidate like Bogie, but the boys playing without him did many things they probably would not have had to do if he had been in the line-up carrying the load. It also delayed this team from reaching their peak too early in the season, as they had to completely change their style of play after the season got under way.¹⁴⁸

The Edwardsville game proved to be the only close game in conference play during the first half of the season. The Kahoks, playing without Redmon and playing in Edwardsville's small gymnasium, won the game in the final minutes, 74-71. The Kahoks trailed at the start of the fourth quarter, 57-52, but outscored the Tigers, 22-14, in that period to win. This game was tied eleven times with the lead changing hands nine times. Fred Riddle, one of Collinsville's co-captains, missed two free throws in this game, breaking a streak of twenty-nine straight.¹⁴⁹

The second half of the conference season followed the same pattern as did the first half. The Kahoks defeated Granite City 75-61, East St. Louis 78-54,

¹⁴⁸This writer's opinion from observing the team in play.

¹⁴⁹Collinsville Herald, January 9, 1961.

Belleville 67-46, Alton 83-70, Edwardsville 89-53, and Wood River 93-68 for the season's high score and an undefeated conference season.

Redmon and Riddle led the Kahoks in the scoring during this second half of the conference season, although in several games the scoring was well divided among the members of the team. Riddle scored his season's high of thirty-eight points against Alton. This included ten baskets and eighteen free throws. In the Wood River game, all of the starting team scored in double figures with Redmon the high man with twenty-six points.

The Kahoks were rated first and second in the state early in the season and moved up to a solid first after only a few games, where they remained till it was all over.

Collinsville again was the winner of their own Invitational Tournament. In the first game, the Kahoks defeated Madison, 80-65. The second game proved to be a thriller as the Kahoks won over a very determined Litchfield team, 78-75, in an overtime. This was practically the same team that had upset the Kahoks the past year.¹⁵⁰

Following their own tournament victory, Collinsville entered the East St. Louis Holiday Tournament, of which they were the defending champions,

The opening game was played against Paris, coached by Richard Maack, former Kahok player under Coach Fletcher. Fletcher again gave his student a lesson as he defeated the Paris team, 71-42. Fred Riddle scored thirty-three points in this game, including nineteen free throws, to set a new school record.¹⁵¹

The championship game was played against Litchfield, as it had been a week before in the Collinsville

¹⁵⁰Ibid., December 23, 1960.

¹⁵¹Ibid., January 5, 1961.

Tournament. Litchfield jumped out to an early lead and and were ahead 25-18 at the end of the first period. Collinsville, with their pressing defense and thirty points by Fred Riddle, was too much in the last three quarters as they caught and passed Litchfield to win, 70-58, for the championship.¹⁵²

Other non-conference games played by the Kahoks were also victories as they defeated McArthur of Decatur, 77-47, Gillespie, 77-39, Litchfield (for the third time), 72-53, and Lincoln of East St. Louis, 81-50, to end the regular season with a record of twenty-three victories and no losses.¹⁵³

The Regional Tournament was played at Granite City. Collinsville first defeated Roxana, 81-58. In the second game the Kahoks defeated Madison, 84-75. The championship game paired the Kahoks against Granite City again had the same idea as they jumped out to an early lead in a slowed down game, but due to early foul trouble Granite City had to change their line-up and their play, which was enough to allow the Kahoks to regain their poise and a victory 55-45.¹⁵⁴

The Sectional Tournament, played at Wood River, proved to be easy as the Kahoks defeated Jerseyville, 87-49, and, for the fourth time this season, defeated Litchfield, 78-35. Collinsville played what was described as a near-perfect game in beating Litchfield. Litchfield had the misfortune of losing four games to the Kahoks during the year, the only four games they lost.¹⁵⁵

By winning the Sectional Tournament, the Kahoks advanced to the Super-Sectional Tournament played at Salem. The opponent of the Kahoks was Centralia, the

¹⁵²Ibid.

¹⁵³Scorebook of 1960-1961, in Athletic Office of the Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

¹⁵⁴Collinsville Herald, March 2, 1961.

¹⁵⁵Ibid., March 9, 1961.

team rated second in the state with a record of twenty-nine victories and one loss. Collinsville was rated first in the state with a record of twenty-nine victories and no losses. The game was exactly as predicted--it was tied eighteen times and the lead changed twenty-five times before Collinsville won, 66-64.

With two and a half minutes to go in the game, Collinsville led by one point. Centralia had possession of the ball and decided to stall the time away and play for one shot to win the game. With less than thirty seconds to go Bob Simpson, Kahok guard, intercepted a pass, dribbled the full length of the floor and scored to place the Kahoks ahead by three points. Bob was fouled while making this shot and received a free throw, which he made, to give the Kahoks a four point lead with thirteen seconds remaining. The Kahoks then allowed Centralia to go the full length of the floor to score. The time then ran out with the Kahoks ahead, 66-64.¹⁵⁶

The State Tournament was played at Urbana in the University of Illinois gymnasium. Collinsville played second and third ranked East Rockford. This game placed Bogie Redmon of the Kahoks and Skip Thoren of East Rockford against one another. Both were rated as the state's best centers. Redmon completely outplayed Thoren as the Kahoks defeated East Rockford, 71-48. The second game, played against Peoria Manual, provided very little excitement or competition for the Kahoks as they won, 76-39.

The championship game was played against Thornton of Harvey. The Kahoks played their usual steady game, never allowing Thornton to get close and defeated them 84-50. Bogie Redmon and Fred Riddle scored thirty-one and twenty-four points respectively as they led the team to the championship.¹⁵⁷

¹⁵⁶Ibid., March 16, 1961.

¹⁵⁷Ibid., March 20, 1961.

Some tournament highlights were as follows: Fred Riddle set a new free throw record for the state tournament as he made twenty-six out of twenty-nine for eighty-nine per cent; the winning margin in the 84-50 championship game was the greatest since 1911; Bogie Redmon and Fred Riddle were named to the tournament first team and Bob Meadows was named to the second team.

"Best team in the tournament without a doubt," said the Thornton coach. It's hard to compare with past great teams, although this would have to be one of the best."¹⁵⁸

The Collinsville fans had waited many years for this championship to come their way, so close had they been down through the years, but never able to win it. These fans, many who did not get to see the team in Urbana, were on hand to welcome the boys and their coaches home the day after the tournament.

A huge parade and escort were formed several miles outside the city to bring the team into town and an overflow crowd gathered in the high school gymnasium to pay tribute to this great team as they arrived.

Coach Fletcher told the crowd "that this was the greatest team to ever play in the state tournament." He went on to introduce each player to the group. The starting five consisted of Bob Basola and Fred Riddle, forwards, Bogie Redmon, center, Bob Simpson and Bob Meadows, guards. Ron Mottin, the sixth man, did the outstanding job of filling in when Redmon was injured.¹⁵⁹

Additional honors for the year were as follows: Bogie Redmon was selected for the All-American High School team by Scholastic Magazine; Bogie Redmon and Fred Riddle were placed on the Chicago Daily News All-State First team; Bob Simpson was given honorable mention; Bogie Redmon, Fred Riddle and Bob Simpson were

¹⁵⁸Ibid.

¹⁵⁹Ibid.

placed on the All-District team; Bob Meadows was placed on the second team; Bogie Redmon, Fred Riddle, Bob Simpson and Bob Meadows were placed on the All-Conference first team; Fred Riddle won the school free throw trophy with an all time high of .825 per cent; Fred Riddle was leading scorer in the conference, Bob Simpson was second and Bogie Redmon was thirteenth; 160 Collinsville was the fifth team in the history of Illinois basketball to go through a season undefeated--their final record was thirty-two victories and no losses.¹⁶¹

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER IX

Coach Virgil Fletcher has coached the Collinsville High School team since 1947. He is still serving in this capacity at the present time (1962).

During the era of Coach Fletcher (1947-1961), the Collinsville teams won 349 games and lost eighty-six for a percentage of .802, highest of any coach who coached the Collinsville teams.

Coach Fletcher's teams won nine conference championships, of which only one was a tie. Only Coach Larson, former coach of Collinsville, won more conference games than Fletcher. Coach Larson's teams won 138 games while losing thirty-two for a percentage of .811. Coach Fletcher's teams won 133 games and lost twenty-seven for a percentage of .862. Both coaches coached thirteen conference teams. The reason for Coach Fletcher's teams not playing as many games is due to the conference being shortened to only seven teams in 1948.

During Coach Fletcher's era the Kahoks won their own tournament all seven years of playing in it. They

¹⁶⁰Ibid., March 16, 1961.

¹⁶¹Ibid., March 20, 1961.

won the Holiday Tournament five times in ten years. They won the Regional Tournament seven times in fifteen years. They won the Sectional Tournament five times in the seven years of playing in them. They won the Super-Sectional Tournament two out of two years, and played in the State Tournament five times; winning the championship in 1961, second place in 1957 and fourth place in 1950.

CHAPTER X

SUMMARY

The history of Collinsville High School basketball covered in this paper included fifty-four years, from 1907 to 1961. During the earlier years of Collinsville's basketball history many problems had to be overcome. The first problem was getting enough boys interested in learning the game. This was followed by securing an adequate place to play the game, securing equipment and hiring a coach. Hiring coaches during the early years was quite a problem as no less than six different coaches were used in the first ten years of play. In one season, 1917-1918, John Willie Martin, the captain of the team served as coach since no adult coach was available.

Even with this struggle for existence during these earlier years, basketball became a very big part of the high school and the community. During this period, every team that records could be found on was a winning team, winning at least half of the games played. The 1912-1913 season ended with eighteen victories and five losses; the 1913-1914 season ended with eighteen victories and two losses; 1914-1915 season ended with twenty-one victories and seven losses and the 1915-1916 season ended with eighteen victories and six losses. The overall record from 1908 to 1919, included one hundred victories and thirty-two losses.

From 1920 to 1961, a total of seven coaches were hired to coach the Collinsville teams. Coach John Hawkins, hired in 1920, coached five years and compiled a record of sixty-eight victories and twenty one defeats. Coach W. O. Larson followed and coached for thirteen

years, compiling a record of 249 victories and seventy-four defeats. Coach Allen Metternich followed Larson and remained at Collinsville for five years. Metternich's teams won, 100 games and lost thirty-nine. James Placek was the next coach. He coached two years, compiling a record of forty-three victories and fourteen losses. D. K. Darling coached one year and recorded twenty-six victories and nine defeats. Coach Jack Fabri coached one year at Collinsville and compiled a record of thirty victories and ten losses. The seventh coach, Virgil Fletcher, has coached the Collinsville team for fourteen years and is the present head coach at Collinsville High School. During his fourteen years, his teams' have won 349 games and lost eighty-six.

Collinsville had been a member of two conferences. During the 1908-1910 season, they took part in the St. Clair-Madison County League. Collinsville ended that year in a tie for first place and lost to Lebanon in a play-off game. This was the only year that they took part in this conference, and then there wasn't any other conference till the 1923-1924 season.

In 1923-1924, Collinsville became a member of the newly organized Southwestern Illinois Conference and has continued in that conference to date, with exception of the 1953-1954 and the 1954-1955 seasons when the conference was disbanded.

Collinsville's record in the conference was never equalled by any other team as they won the conference championship twenty times of its thirty-six years of existence. Four of these, however, were ties. Collinsville finished in second place eight times, third place six times, fourth place one time, and fifth place one time. During the 1946, 1947 and 1948 seasons, Collinsville won thirty-three consecutive conference games for a conference record.

Collinsville's record in tournament competition was just average, as the teams through the years won only forty seven of the 107 tournaments they took part in.

Six district championships were won by Collinsville, those being in 1921, 1922, 1926, 1928, 1931 and 1932. Fourteen regional tournaments were won: 1937, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1957, and 1961. Ten sectional tournaments were won: 1931, 1937, 1941, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1957 and 1961. Two Super-Sectional tournaments were won, the 1957 and the 1961. Collinsville took part in eleven state tournaments and won the title just once, in 1961. They won second place in 1957, third in 1937 and fourth in 1950. They took part in the 1921, 1931, 1937, 1941, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1957 and 1961 tournaments. Collinsville's record in holiday invitational tournaments was five wins of the twelve tournaments in which they took part. In their own invitational tournaments, Collinsville won nine of the ten conducted.

Three of the most outstanding seasons in Collinsville basketball history were the 1920-1921, 1956-1957 and the 1960-1961 seasons. In 1921, the team won every game until their last game, which was played in the state tournament, and finished with a record of twenty victories and one loss. The 1957 team also won every game until its last of the season in the state tournament. The team won second place in the state tournament with a record of thirty-four victories and one defeat. The 1961 team, claimed to be one of the greatest teams ever to play in the state tournament and the greatest to play at Collinsville, won the state championship, with a record of thirty-two victories and no defeats.

Conclusion: This study covers fifty-four years of basketball at Collinsville High School. During this time, Collinsville has had thirteen known coaches who have guided the Collinsville team to 965 victories, while losing 285.

Collinsville's teams through the years have been winners as only one team in the fifty-four failed to win more games than they lost. During this time, they have played 139 different teams throughout the State of Illinois and in the St. Louis area of Missouri.

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX A
YEARLY RECORDS AND SCORE SUMMARIES
OF
THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAMS
1907-1961

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1907-1908^a

<u>DATE</u> ^b	<u>PLACE</u> ^b	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> ^b	<u>OPPONENT</u> ^b
<u>1907</u>			<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
		O'Fallon		
		O'Fallon		
		Belleville		
		Belleville		
		Lebanon		
		Lebanon		
		East St. Louis		
		East St. Louis		
		Upper Alton		
		Upper Alton		
		Granite City		
		Granite City		
		University City, Mo.		

Record for the season^b

Coach - Bliss Dee

Captain^b

Squad - Welch, Matt^c
 Harrison, Ulm
 Windsor, Gayle

Snadden, John
 Johnson, Roy
 Mabbs, Ralph

^aFirst Collinsville Boys Team.

^bRecords not available.

^cPersonal interview with Matt Welch, February 17, 1962.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1908-1909^a

<u>DATE</u> ^b	<u>PLACE</u> ^b	<u>TEAM</u> ^c	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> ^b <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> ^b <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1908</u>		O'Fallon		
		O'Fallon		
		Belleville		
		Belleville		
		Lebanon		
		Lebanon		
		East St. Louis		
		East St. Louis		
		Upper Alton		
		Upper Alton		
		Granite City		
		Granite City		
		Benld		
		University City, Mo.		

Record for the season^b

Coach - Bliss Dee

Captain^b

Squad - Welch, Matt ^d	Snadden, John	Lepp, Walter
Windsor, Gayle	Johnson, Roy	Harrison, Elmer
Harrison, Ulm	Quick, Will	Mabbs, Ralph

^aFirst Township High School Team.

^bRecords not available.

^cPersonal interview with Matt Welch, February 17, 1962.

^dFrom an article written by C. H. Dorris, concerning early athletics at Collinsville. This article was prepared for Coach Virgil Fletcher, 1959.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1909-1910^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1909</u>				
Dec. 18	Here	Belleville	won	
<u>1910</u>				
Jan. 8	Here	East St. Louis	won	
Jan. 15	There	O'Fallon	won	
Jan. 22	Here	Lebanon	lost	
Jan. 29	There	Belleville	16	5
Feb. 5	There	East St. Louis	won	
Feb. 12	Here	O'Fallon	won	
Feb. 19	There	Edwardsville	won	
	There	Lebanon	won	
	Here	Greenville		
	There	Greenville		
	There	Highland		

Play-off game - Louisiana Hall, St. Louis, Mo.

May Lebanon lost

Record for the season - Won 11 Lost 2

Coach - R. C. Sayre

Captain^b

Squad - Welch, Matt ^c	Lepp, Walter	Johnson, William
Johnson, Roy	Fields, Jules	Gaizat, Tony
Quick, Will	Colbert, Max	Dorris, Milburne
Harrison, Elmer	Francis, Earl	Cohn, Harry

^aDaily Advocate, Belleville, Illinois, December 15, 1909.

^bRecords not available.

^cTelephone conversation with, R. C. Sayre, February 27, 1962.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1910-1911^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1910</u> Dec.		Belleville	78	8
<u>1911</u> Jan. 28	There	Lebanon		

Record for the season^a

Coach^a

Captain^a

Squad - Johnson, Roy
 Gaizat, Tony
 Dorris, Milburne
 Fields, Jules

^aRecords were not available, due to a fire that occurred at the Collinsville Herald building which destroyed the files containing the earlier papers and records.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1911-1912^a

<u>DATE</u> <u>1911</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
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^aRecords were not available, due to a fire that occurred at the Collinsville Herald building which destroyed the files containing the earlier papers and records.

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

<u>DATE</u> <u>1912</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
	There	Troy	32	20
	Here	Granite City	48	24
	There	Greenville	18 ⁺	22
	There	Baraca	28	17
	Here	Troy	53	14
	Here	Highland	76	8
	Here	Belleville	44	23
	Here	Alton	38	20
	There	Granite City	90	24
	There	Alton	28 ⁺	32
	Here	East St. Louis	92	12
	There	Greenville	33	19
	Here	Shurtleff College	78	7
	There	Shurtleff College	25	24
Feb. 15	There	Edwardsville	26	20
Feb. 28	Here	Edwardsville	34	17
Mar. 7	There	Edwardsville	24	23
	Here	Baraca	35	17
	There	McKendree College	27 ⁺	52
District Tournament - Carbondale, Illinois.				
Feb. 20		Anna	40	25
Feb. 21		Alton	28 ⁺	35
Feb. 22		Nashville	41	27
Feb. 22		Benton	18 ⁺	38

Record for the season - Won 18 Lost 5

Coach - William M. Street

Captain - Tony Gaizat

Squad - Gaizat, Tony	Frazier, Joe	Fritz, William
Dillon, Homer	Brede, Lothar	Martin, John W.
Jenkins, Roy	Elz, Julius	

^aChantecler, School yearbook, 1912-1913.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1913-1914^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1913</u>		Collinsville, A.C.	35	7
		O'Fallon	56	15
Nov. 21		Granite City	29	23
Nov. 27		Alumni	47	14
Nov. 27		Northern YMCA	49	9
Dec. 5		Granite City	55	27
		O'Fallon	28	19
<u>1914</u>				
Jan. 16	There	Alton	43	18
Jan. 18	Here	Belleville	95	11
Jan. 22	There	Company H	41	15
Jan. 23	There	Edwardsville	40	10
		Compton Heights	68	12
	Here	Alton	62	20
		N. A Anna	51	19
		Trenton	58	21
	Here	Company H	47	15
Feb. 17	There	McKendree College	16 ⁺	33
	District Tournament - Carbondale, Illinois.			
		Ashley	45	17
		Mt. Vernon	23	16
		Centralia	15 ⁺	21

Record for the season - Won 18 Lost 2

Coach - William Graham

Captain - Tony Gaizat

Squad - Gaizat, Tony	Kneedler, Hubert	Frazier, Joe
Dillon, Homer	Martin, John W.	Dorris, Milburne
Brede, Irwin	Jenkins, Roy	

^aTaken from an article and picture in the possession of Miss Elfreda Brede; "Will O'the Wisp", School yearbook, 1913-1914.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1914-1915^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1914</u>				
Nov. 6	Here	Belleville		
Nov. 20	There	Granite City	37	29
Nov. 26		Lebanon A.C.	56	19
Nov. 27	Here	Compton Heights	30	17
Dec. 5	Here	Centralia	48	11
Dec. 18	Here	Rock Church YMCA	73	8
Dec.	Here	Alumni	99	14
Dec. 26		Co. K. M. State Malital	104	3
<u>1915</u>				
Jan. 1		St. Louis Cresent A.C.	41	23 ^b
Jan. 6	There	Greenville	30	27
Jan.	There	Compton Heights	21 ⁺	63
Jan. 22	Here	Granite City	47	27
Jan. 30	Here	Nashville	54	18
Feb. 5	Here	Hillsboro	66	12
Feb. 12	There	Centralia	16	13
Feb. 13	There	Nashville	25 ⁺	30
	District Tournament - Centralia, Illinois.			
Feb. 26		Mt. Carmel	17 ⁺	21
Feb. 26		Ashley	73	3
Feb. 27		Centralia		
Feb. 28		Nashville	18 ⁺	35
	Central States Tournament - Evanston, Illinois.			
Mar. 11		New Trier	20 ⁺	40
Mar. 12		Elgin	33	16
Mar. 13		Evanston	34	20
Mar. 14		Evanston	20 ⁺	71

Record for the season - Won 21 Lost 7

Coach - T. J. Beck

Captain - Tony Gaizat

Squad - Gaizat, Tony	Brede, Erwin	Dorris Milburne
Martin, John W.	Dillon, Homer	Fox, Harry
Kneedler, Hubert	Kaveny, Fred	Jenkins, Roy

^aAdvertiser Press, Collinsville, Illinois, 1914-1915.

^bOvertime.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1915-1916^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1915</u>				
Nov. 12	Here	Trenton	26	18
Nov. 19	Here	Belleville	56	15
Nov. 20	There	McKendree College	19 ⁺	37
Nov. 26	There	Vandalia	31	28
Nov. 27	There	St. Elmo	21	14
Dec. 3	There	Nashville	20 ⁺	22
Dec. 4	There	Centralia	23	16
Dec. 10	Here	Granite City	51	11
Dec. 17	Here	Highland		
Dec. 25	Here	Alumni	32 ⁺	40
	Here	Alumni	48	38
<u>1916</u>				
Jan. 7	Here	DuQuoin	29 ⁺	32
Jan. 11	There	Central, St. Louis	32	29
Jan. 14	There	Granite City	23	21
Jan. 22	Here	Nashville	28	20
Jan. 28	There	DuQuoin	29	19
Feb. 4	There	Edwardsville	79	11
Feb. 11	Here	Centralia	35	24
Feb. 12	Here	Edwardsville	38	19
Feb. 18	There	Leacocks-American	25 ⁺	34
Feb. 19	Here	East St. Louis	65	39
	District Tournament - Centralia, Illinois.			
Feb. 25		Edwardsville	2	0
Feb. 26		Nashville	18	35
Feb. 26		Salem	54	12

Record for the season - Won 18 Lost 6

Coach - T. J. Beck

Captain - Erwin Brede

Squad - Brede, Erwin	Fox, Harry	Dillon, Homer
Sauer, Earl	Needham, Albert	Nagel, Fremond
Lewis, Vernon	Dorris, Milburne	Kneedler, Hubert

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 12.

⁺Games lost.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1916</u>				
Dec. 9	Here	Greenville	35	12 ^b
Dec. 15	There	Edwardsville	19 ⁺	21 ^b
Dec. 22	Here	Nashville	29	16
Dec. 23	Here	Centralia	14 ⁺	22
<u>1917</u>				
Jan. 16	Here	O'Fallon	25	21
Jan. 26	Here	Edwardsville	28	27
	There	Centralia		
	There	DuQuoin	9 ⁺	49
		Jerseyville		
		East St. Louis		
		Granite City		
		District Tournament - Centralia, Illinois.		
Feb. 22		O'Fallon	+	

Record for the season - Won 4 Lost 4

Coach - M. A. Andreen

Captain^c

Squad - Brayford, Elton	Martin, Sam
Peltz, George	Despain, Charles
Nagel, Fremond	Metsger, Bill
	Hawk, William

^aAdvertiser Press, Vol. 6, 1916-1917.

^bOvertime.

^cRecords not available.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1917-1918^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1917</u>				
Nov. 23	Here	O'Fallon	35	13
Nov. 30	Here	Jerseyville	18 ⁺	38
Dec. 7	There	Benld	35	20
Dec. 8	Here	Edwardsville	27	15
Dec. 14	There	Vandalia	17 ⁺	26
Dec. 21	There	O'Fallon	19 ⁺	29
Dec. 28	Here	Alton	24	19
	Here	Centralia		
<u>1918</u>				
Jan. 4	There	Edwardsville	9 ⁺	27
Jan. 11	There	Greenville	20	17
Feb. 1	Here	Benld	40	13
Feb. 7	There	Jerseyville	26 ⁺	43
Feb. 8	Here	East St. Louis	25	19
Feb. 9	Here	Greenville	28	16
Mar. 2	Here	Commercial Club	17 ⁺	22

Record for the season - Won 9 Lost 6

Acting Coach - Sam Martin

Captain - Sam Martin

Squad - Despain, Charles	Martin, Sam	Parker, Bert
Peltz, George	Maurer, Irwin	Wilson, Roger
Nicol, Roy	Hawk, William	Beebe, Russel

^aAdvertiser Press, Vol. 7, 1917-1918.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1918-1919^a

<u>DATE</u> <u>1918</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
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^aNo team during this season.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1919-1920^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1919</u>				
	There	O'Fallon	+	
Dec. 19	Here	Edwardsville	21	12
<u>1920</u>				
Jan. 9	There	Highland	18	11
Jan. 16	Here	Highland	22	8
Jan. 20	There	Edwardsville		
Jan. 31	Here	McKendree College	35	16
Feb. 13	Here	O'Fallon		
Feb. 14	There	Edwardsville	13 ⁺	26
	Collinsville Tournament			
Feb. 20		Belleville	13	11
Feb. 21		East St. Louis	20 ⁺	28
	District Tournament - Centralia, Illinois.			
Mar. 5		Flora	+	

Record for the season - Won 6 Lost 4

Coach - Norman Pinkel

Squad - Jokerst, Leo	Finley, H. C.	Langham, Ed
Pinkel, Norman	Whittaker, Bill	Renfro, Jack
Louden, Robert	Siegel, John V.P.	Hadfield
Brayford, Kenneth	McAdoo, Orville	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 40.

⁺Games lost.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1920</u>				
Dec. 3	Here	Highland	17	13
Dec. 10	There	Highland	15	14
Dec. 17	There	Belleville	20	12
<u>1921</u>				
Jan. 7	There	Edwardsville	25	16
Jan. 14	There	Wood River	34	2
Jan. 21	Here	Belleville	40	11
Jan. 25	Here	Alton	30	23
Jan. 28	Here	Edwardsville	33	13
Feb. 4	Here	McKindree Academy	43	3
Feb. 12	There	East St. Louis	28	21
Feb. 17	There	Alton	24	14
Feb.	Here	Wood River	27	12
Feb.	Here	Nashville	22	11
Mar. 4	Here	East St. Louis	21	20
	State District Tournament - Alton, Illinois.			
Mar.		Jerseyville	26	12
Mar.		Mascoutah	31	5
Mar.		Mt. Olive	23	6
Mar.		Belleville	16	8
	State Tournament - Urbana, Illinois.			
Mar. 17		Fairbury	21	15
Mar. 18		Flora	19	17
Mar. 19		Batavia	9 ⁺	24

Record for the season - Won 20 Lost 1

Coach - John Hawkins

Captain

Squad - Siegel, John. V.P.	Renfro, Jack	Long, Warren
Skinner, Sydney	McAdoo, Orville	Molinar, Louis
Schiller, Paul	Paul, Earl	Bernhardt, Irwin
Finley, Clarence	Kneedler, Richard	Fletcher, Lawson
Jokerst, Leo	Meyer, Harry	Gaizat, Roy
Whittaker, Arthur	Listeman, Philip	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 41.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1921-1922^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1921</u>				
Dec. 16	There	Edwardsville	23	8
<u>1922</u>				
Jan. 6	Here	Wood River	36	7
Jan. 14	There	St. Louis U. High	18 ⁺	21
Jan. 20	Here	Belleville	27	18
Jan. 27	Here	Alton	28	18
Feb. 1	There	Alton	12 ⁺	14
Feb. 3	There	Wood River	16	10
Feb. 3	Here	Greenville	30	24
Feb. 17	There	Belleville	26	12
Feb. 18	Here	St. Louis U. High	9 ⁺	16
Feb. 21	Here	Cleveland-St. Louis	24	15
Feb. 24	Here	Edwardsville	34	7
Feb. 27	There	Greenville	25	15
State District Tournament - Alton, Illinois.				
Mar. 3		Jerseyville	21	11
Mar. 3		Wood River	27	11
Mar. 4		Belleville	23	13
Mar. 4		Mascoutah	32	9
State Sectional Tournament - Mt. Vernon, Illinois.				
Mar. 10		Olney	27	20
Mar. 11		Marion	21 ⁺	36

Record for the season - Won 15 Lost 4

Coach - John Hawkins

Captain - Leo Jokerst

Squad - Jokerst, Leo	Bernhardt, Irwin	Hohn, Lorraine
Renfro, Jack	Katilus	Meyer, Harry
Whittaker, Bill	Paul, Earl	
Adams, Clarence	Kurtz, Pete	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 42.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1922-1923^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1922</u>				
Dec. 27	There	Highland	22 ⁺	23
<u>1923</u>				
Jan. 5	There	Edwardsville	24	9
Jan. 10	Here	Highland	27	13
Jan. 17	Here	Wood River	14	9
Jan. 19	There	Alton	9 ⁺	11
Jan. 26	There	Greenville	16 ⁺	24
Jan. 30	Here	Belleville	17	14 ^b
Feb. 3	There	Wood River	19	18 ^b
Feb. 9	Here	Greenville	8 ⁺	18
Feb. 16	Here	Alton	16	11
Feb. 20	There	Belleville	15	7
Feb. 23	Here	Edwardsville	22	17
State District Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Mar. 2		Granite City	11 ⁺	13 ^b
Central Mississippi Valley Tournament-Washington Univ.				
Mar. 15		Sparta	12	9
Mar. 16		Central-St. Louis	17	14
Mar. 17		Farnia	16 ⁺	19
		Alumni	19	9

Record for the season - Won 13 Lost 6

Coach - John Hawkins

Captain^c - Pete Kurtz

Squad - Hohn, Floyd	Adams	Jokerst, Val
Renfro, Jack	Maurer, George	Needles,
Katilus,	Luner, Louis	Skinner
Bernhardt, Paul	Klobucher, Frank	Walker
Kurtz, Pete	Nichols	Hughes
Paul, Earl	Welle	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 43.

^bOvertime.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1923-1924^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1923</u>				
Dec. 28	Here	Pocahontas	26	10
<u>1924</u>				
Jan. 4	Here	Highland	20	14
Jan. 5	Here	*Granite City	18	7
Jan. 12	Here	*Alton	23	15
Jan. 18	Here	O'Fallon	14	5
Jan. 22	Here	Greenville	13	11
Jan. 25	There	*Granite City	28	18
Jan. 29	Here	*Madison	17 ⁺	22
Feb. 3	There	*Belleville	14 ⁺	15
Feb. 8	Here	*Alton	11	10
Feb. 12	Here	*Edwardsville	12	11
Feb. 15	Here	Mascoutah	11 ⁺	16
Feb. 16	There	*Wood River	26	9
Feb. 19	Here	*Belleville	11	8
Feb. 22	There	*Edwardsville	12 ⁺	14
Feb. 29	Here	*Wood River	13	8
State District Tournament - Granite City, Illinois.				
Mar. 6		East St. Louis	22	15 ^b
Mar. 7		Jerseyville	20 ⁺	22 ^b
Central Mississippi Valley Tournament-Washington Univ.				
Mar. 15		Soldan-St. Louis	12	11
Mar. 16		Sparta	8 ⁺	17

Record for the season - Won 14 Lost 6

Conference record - Won 8 Lost 2 Second Place

Coach - John Hawkins

Captain - Pete Kurtz

Squad - Jokerst, Val	Oliver, George
Maurer, George	Walker, Monte
Kurtz, Pete	Klobucher, Frank
Hohn, Floyd	Luner, Louis
	Gronan

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 44.

^bOvertime

* Conference game

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1924-1925^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1924</u>				
Dec. 12	There	Greenville	14 ⁺	19
Dec. 19	There	*Mascoutah	17 ⁺	20
<u>1925</u>				
Jan. 9	Here	*Granite City	47	6
Jan. 16	There	*Alton	26	13
Jan. 17	Here	Greenville	20	12
Jan. 23	There	*Edwardsville	38	6
Jan. 28	Here	*Belleville	23	15
Jan. 30	There	*Wood River	19	12
Jan. 31	There	Pocahontas	31	11 ^b
Feb. 3	Here	*Belleville	28	19 ^b
Feb. 7	There	*Granite City	29	14
Feb. 13	Here	*Mascoutah	25	13
Feb. 17	There	*Belleville	17	7
Feb. 20	Here	*Edwardsville	23	10
Feb. 24	Here	*Alton	12 ⁺	14
Feb. 27	Here	*Wood River	34	9
	State District Tournament - Belleville, Illinois.			
Mar. 5		Edwardsville	26	8
Mar. 6		Alton	18	9
Mar. 6		Brighton	31	6
Mar. 7		Belleville	12 ⁺	21

Record for the season - Won 16 Lost 4

Conference record - Won 10 Lost 2

Coach - W. O. Larson

Captain - Hohn, Floyd

Squad - Hohn, Floyd	Walker, Monte	Welle, Louis
Kurtz, Pete	Jokerst, Val	Woods, Ledru
Oliver, George	Klobucher, John	Gillaspy, Henry
Maurer, George	Nichols, Edward	Gauen, Francis
	Klobucher, Frank	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 46.

^bReplay game with Belleville.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1925-1926^a

<u>DATE</u>			<u>COLLINSVILLE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
<u>1925</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Dec. 3	Here	East St. Louis	25	22
Dec. 11	Here	*Belleville	8 ⁺	12
Dec. 15	There	*Granite City	25	14
Dec. 18	Here	*Jerseyville	32	15
Dec. 28	There	Central-St. Louis	21	13
<u>1926</u>				
Jan. 8	There	*Granite City	34	15
Jan. 12	Here	*Edwardsville	18	11
Jan. 15	Here	*Madison	32	13
Jan. 19	Here	Pocahontas	25	21
Jan. 22	There	*Edwardsville	13 ⁺	20
Jan. 27	There	East St. Louis	15 ⁺	21
Jan. 29	Here	*Mascoutah	31	12
Jan. 30	There	*Wood River	39	11
Feb. 5	Here	*Alton	42	12
Feb. 10	There	Greenville	30 ⁺	31
Feb. 16	Here	*Belleville	28	18
Feb. 26	There	*O'Fallon	29	13
Feb. 27	Here	Greenville	44	15
State District Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Mar. 4		East St. Louis	33	24
Mar. 5		Granite City	28	17
Mar. 6		Brighton	33	14
Mar. 6		Edwardsville	24	19
State Sectional Tournament - Salem, Illinois.				
Mar. 12		Mt. Carmel	32	25
Mar. 12		Flora	12 ⁺	15

Record for the season - Won 19 Lost 5

Conference record - Won 10 Lost 2 Second place.

Coach - Willard O. Larson

Captain - Val Jokerst

Squad - Jokerst, Val	Adamitas, Victor
Nichols, Edward	Merrill, Stillwell
Gillaspy, "Jadda"	Esterlein, Earl
Bullick, George	Musso, George
	Bokan, Robert

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 47.

*Conference game.

+Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1926-1927^a

<u>DATE</u>			<u>COLLINSVILLE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
<u>1926</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Dec. 11	Here	Greenville	15	10
Dec. 14	Here	Viridon	19	11
Dec. 17	There	*Wood River	28	11
Dec. 30	Here	Lebanon	23 ⁺	27
<u>1927</u>				
	Here	Alumni	29	20
Jan. 7	Here	*Granite City	26	12
Jan. 14	There	*East St. Louis	15	9
Jan. 18	There	*Jerseyville	20	10
Jan. 21	Here	*Edwardsville	21	11
Jan. 22	There	*Belleville	21	18
Jan. 29	Here	*Alton	25	11
Feb. 1	Here	*Wood River	24	16
Feb. 4	Here	*Granite City	62	13
Feb. 5	Here	Mound City	38	5
Feb. 8	Here	*Jerseyville	27	11
Feb. 11	Here	*East St. Louis	19	10
Madison County Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Feb. 17		Edwardsville	32	9
Feb. 18		Madison	34	18
Feb. 19		Wood River	20	13
Feb. 22	Here	Pocahontas	36	18
Feb. 25	There	*Edwardsville	21	7
Feb. 26	Here	*Belleville	22	18
Mar. 1	There	*Alton	44	17
Mar. 5	There	Greenville	29	8
Inter-Conference Play-Off - Belleville, Illinois.				
Mar. 6		Lebanon	22	20
State District Tournament - East St. Louis, Ill.				
Mar. 17		Lebanon	25 ⁺	32

Record for the season - Won 24 Lost 2

Conference record - Won 14 Lost 0 First place.

Coach - Willard O. Larson

Captain - Henry Gillaspy

Squad - Fletcher, Ridgeway	Bailey, Edward	Gillaspy, Henry
Adamitas, Victor	Clare, Walter	Musso, George
Kitchen, Bud	Poneleit, Gus	Klobucher, Paul
McWhirter, Walter	Merill, Stillwell	Boken, Robert
Walters, Charles	Judikinas, Wm.	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 48.

*Conference game.

+Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1927-1928^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1927</u>				
Dec. 3	Here	Greenville	16 ⁺	31
Dec. 10	Here	Mascoutah	32	14
Dec. 16	Here	*Jerseyville	48	14
Dec. 20	There	*Alton	22 ⁺	27
Dec. 29	Here	Marion	12 ⁺	23
<u>1928</u>				
Jan. 6	Here	*Granite City	33	12
Jan. 10	There	*Wood River	31	21
Jan. 13	Here	*Belleville	19	17
Jan. 17	There	*East St. Louis	33	26
Jan. 21	Here	*Edwardsville	32	22
Jan. 27	There	*Jerseyville	40	13
Jan. 31	Here	*Alton	22	17
Feb. 3	There	*Granite City	37	36
	Madison County Tournament -			
Feb. 9		Wood River	27	18
Feb. 10		Granite City	38	15
Feb. 11		Bethalto	43	7
Feb. 11		Alton	22 ⁺	28
Feb. 14	Here	*Wood River	28	17
Feb. 17	There	*Belleville	29	18
Feb. 21	Here	*East St. Louis	27	15
Feb. 23	There	*Edwardsville	21	17 ^b
Feb. 24	There	Greenville	31 ⁺	33 ^b
	State District Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.			
Mar. 9		Livingston	36	9
Mar. 9		Wood River	20	8
Mar. 10		Shipman	26	8
Mar. 10		Madison	17	8
	State Sectional Tournament - Salem, Illinois.			
Mar. 16		Carlyle	41	18
Mar. 17		Witt	18 ⁺	40

Record for the season - Won 22 Lost 6

Conference record - Won 13 Lost 1 First place.

Coach - Willard O. Larson

Captain - Henry Gillaspy

Squad - Boken, Robert	Byrkit,	McWhirter, Walt.
Gillaspy, Henry	Merrill, Stillwell	Bailey, Edward
Klobuchar, Paul	Clare, Walter	Kitchen, Bud

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 49.

^bOvertime.

*Conference game.

+Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1928-1929^a

<u>DATE</u>			<u>COLLINSVILLE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
<u>1928</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Dec. 8	There	Carlyle	27	11
Dec. 14	Here	Greenville	23	21
Dec. 18	Here	*Alton	26	17
Dec. 28	Here	Mt. Vernon	14 ⁺	21
<u>1929</u>				
Jan. 4	There	*Granite City	32	20
Jan. 8	Here	*Wood River	32	22
Jan. 11	There	*Belleville	18	12
Jan. 15	Here	*East St. Louis	39	12
Jan. 19	There	*Edwardsville	43	16
Jan. 25	There	Webster Groves, Mo.	38	25
Jan. 29	There	*Alton	37	11
Feb. 1	Here	*Granite City	22 ⁺	34
Feb. 12	There	*Wood River	22	14
Feb. 15	Here	*Belleville	30	15
Feb. 19	There	*East St. Louis	27	26
Feb. 23	Here	*Edwardsville	31	13
Feb. 25	There	Greenville	16 ⁺	34
	Inter-Conference - Belleville, Illinois.			
Mar. 2		Madison	29	13
	State District Tournament - Edwardsville, Illinois.			
Mar. 8		Alton	45	21
Mar. 8		Madison	28	19
Mar. 9		Livingston	13 ⁺	14
Mar. 9		Brighton	32	9

Record for the season - Won 18 Lost 4

Conference record - Won 11 Lost 1 First place.

Coach - Willard O. Larson

Captain - Paul Klobuchar

Squad - Bozzardi, Charles	Dieu, Theron	Klobuchar, Paul
Schillar, William	Beckman, Everett	Bailey, Edward
Gauen, Robert	McWhirter	Musso, George
Martin, Clyde	Eckard, Kermit	Kitchen, Owen

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 50.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1929-1930^a

<u>DATE</u>			<u>COLLINSVILLE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
<u>1929</u>				
Dec. 3	There	Madison	9 ⁺	20
Dec. 6	Here	Carlyle	27	5
Dec. 13	Here	Mascoutah	52	23
Dec. 17	Here	Livingston	32	10 ^b
Dec. 20	Here	*East St. Louis	21 ⁺	23 ^b
Dec. 27	Here	Webster Groves, Mo.	15	14
<u>1930</u>				
Jan. 3	Here	Central, St. Louis	27	12
Jan. 7	Here	*Edwardsville	16 ⁺	19
Jan. 10	There	*Alton	21	10
Jan. 14	There	*Granite City	14 ⁺	30
Jan. 21	There	*Belleville	7 ⁺	13
Jan. 24	Here	*Wood River	18	11
Jan. 25	There	Webster Groves, Mo.	11 ⁺	20
Jan. 28	There	Litchfield	19	13
Jan. 31	There	*East St. Louis	26	17
Feb. 4	There	*Edwardsville	24	13
Feb. 7	Here	*Alton	39	13
Feb. 11	Here	*Granite City	41	27
Feb. 18	Here	*Belleville	13 ⁺	16
Feb. 21	There	*Wood River	30	18
Feb. 25	There	Carlyle	19	16
	State District Tournament - Edwardsville, Illinois.			
Mar. 6		Highland	46	18
Mar. 7		Madison	10 ⁺	15

Record for the season - Won 15 Lost 8

Conference record - Won 7 Lost 5 Third place.

Coach - Willard O. Larson

Captain - Edward Bailey

Squad - Parker, Thurman	Gauen, Robert	Jack, Dave
Jokerst, Martin	Gray, James	Allen, Ralph
Bozzardi, Charles	Bailey, Edward	Gillaspy, Howard
Beckman, Everett	Kitchen, Owen	Borsch, Arthur

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 51.

^bOvertime.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1930-1931^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1930</u>				
Dec. 10	Here	Litchfield	26	19
Dec. 16	Here	Lebanon	25	19
Dec. 19	There	*East St. Louis	20	16
Dec. 26	Here	Carlyle	32	11
<u>1931</u>				
Jan. 2	Here	Central-St. Louis	36	7
Jan. 6	There	*Edwardsville	43	20
Jan. 9	Here	*Madison	30	18
Jan. 16	There	*Alton	42	17
Jan. 17	There	*Belleville	24	13
Jan. 20	There	*Wood River	24	11 ^b
Jan. 23	Here	*Granite City	25 ⁺	26 ^b
Jan. 30	Here	*East St. Louis	28	24
Feb. 3	Here	*Edwardsville	41	11
Feb. 6	There	*Madison	17 ⁺	18 ^b
Feb. 10	Here	*Alton	25 ⁺	26 ^b
Feb. 13	Here	*Belleville	30	5
Feb. 20	Here	*Wood River	23	10
Feb. 24	There	*Granite City	26 ⁺	32
State District Tournament - Edwardsville, Illinois.				
Mar. 4		Madison	40	13
Mar. 5		Edwardsville	40	21
Mar. 6		St. Jacob	57	6
Mar. 7		Granite City	42	28
State Sectional Tournament - East St. Louis, Ill.				
Mar. 12		Centralia	46	27
Mar. 13		Witt	32	23
Mar. 14		East St. Louis	32	24
State Tournament - Urbana, Illinois.				
Mar. 19		Decatur	23 ⁺	24

Record for the season - Won 21 Lost 5

Conference record - Won 10 Lost 4 Tied First place.

Coach - Willard O. Larson

Captain - Robert Gauen

Squad - Gauen, Robert	Allan, Ralph	Borsch, Arthur
Jack, David	Bosola, Louis	Moore, Frank
Parker, Thurman	Hildreth, Harry	
Gillaspy, Howard	Judikinas, Anthony	

^aCollinsville Herald,- Vol. 52.

^bOvertime.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1931-1932^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1931</u>				
Dec. 4	Here	Johnson City	4 ⁺	30
Dec. 8	Here	Dupo	16 ⁺	26
Dec. 15	There	Litchfield	14 ⁺	20
Dec. 18	Here	*East St. Louis	12 ⁺	25
Dec. 23	There	Johnson City	11 ⁺	25
<u>1932</u>				
Jan. 5	Here	*Edwardsville	37	12
Jan. 7	Here	Mt. Carmel	14 ⁺	16
Jan. 8	There	*Madison	21	12
Jan. 12	Here	*Alton	34	12
Jan. 15	There	*Belleville	29	17
Jan. 19	Here	*Wood River	22	17
Jan. 22	There	*Granite City	30	25
Jan. 25	Here	Centralia	29	25
Jan. 26	There	*East St. Louis	14 ⁺	19
Jan. 29	There	*Edwardsville	17	15
Feb. 2	Here	*Madison	18	12
Feb. 5	There	*Alton	24	10
Feb. 9	Here	*Belleville	26	10
Feb. 12	There	*Wood River	22	11
Feb. 19	Here	*Granite City	26	18
Inter-Conference - Play-off				
Feb. 26		Dupo	30	8
Mar. 6		Centralia	32	22
State District Tournament - Edwardsville, Illinois.				
Mar. 10		Alton	30	8
Mar. 11		Panama	19	15
Mar. 12		Granite City	36	24
State Sectional Tournament - Salem, Illinois.				
Mar. 16		Effingham	27	20
Mar. 18		Vandalia	18	17
Mar. 19		Lawrenceville	20 ⁺	26

Record for the season - Won 20 Lost 8

Conference record - Won 12 Lost 2 Tied First place.

Coach - W. O. Larson

Captains - Thurman Parker and Howard Gillaspy

Squad - Shea, Harold	Bosola, Louis	Richter, Les.
Prigmore, Clarence	Haislar, Vernon	Musso, Albert
Allan, Elmer	Parker, Thurman	Bennett, Roy
Knatat, Jerome	Gillaspy, Howard	Booker, Steve

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 53.

*Conference game.

+Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1932-1933^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1932</u>				
Dec. 3	Here	Centralia	18 ⁺	29
Dec. 7	Here	Alumni	26 ⁺	29
Dec. 9	There	DuQuoin	28	23
Dec. 17	Here	Dupo	37	21
Dec. 23	There	Centralia	23 ⁺	26
Dec. 30	Here	DuQuoin	18 ⁺	19
<u>1933</u>				
Jan. 3	Here	*Granite City	34	25
Jan. 6	There	*East St. Louis	21 ⁺	26
Jan. 13	There	*Edwardsville	32	18
Jan. 17	Here	*Madison	37	12
Jan. 21	There	*Alton	14 ⁺	21
Jan. 24	Here	*Belleville	35	15
Jan. 27	There	*Wood River	42	22
Feb. 3	There	*Granite City	32	29
Feb. 10	Here	*East St. Louis	22	15
Feb. 14	Here	*Edwardsville	28	24
Feb. 17	There	*Madison	30	17
Feb. 21	Here	*Alton	24	19
Feb. 24	There	*Belleville	41	11
Mar. 3	Here	*Wood River	35	17
	State District Tournament - Edwardsville, Illinois.			
Mar. 8		Alton	25	13
Mar. 9		Bethalto	37	15
Mar. 9		Wood River	28	22
Mar. 10		Granite City	22 ⁺	31

Record for the season - Won 17 Lost 7

Conference record - Won 12 Lost 2 Tied First place.

Coach - W. O. Larson

Captain - Vernon Haisler

Squad - Musso, Albert	Booker, Steve	Allen, Don
Prigmore, Clarence	Haislar, Vernon	Horstman, Wm.
Merrill, Roland	Steins, Donald	Pacewic
Spalding, Jack	McCasland, Jack	Gerding, Walter
Pointer, LaVern	Knatat, Jerry	Hagenbruck

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 54.

*Conference games.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1933-1934^a

<u>DATE</u>			<u>COLLINSVILLE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
<u>1933</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Dec. 2	Here	Beaumont-St. Louis	23	22
Dec. 8	Here	Carlyle	25	7
Dec. 16	Here	Dupo	23	20
Dec. 22	There	*Wood River	30	17
Dec. 26	Here	Springfield	16 ⁺	21
Dec. 29	Here	Witt	25	11
<u>1934</u>				
Jan. 5	Here	*Granite City	38	20
Jan. 6	Here	*East St. Louis	35	15
Jan. 12	There	*Edwardsville	24	18
Jan. 19	There	*Madison	7 ⁺	17
Jan. 20	Here	*Alton	33	17
Jan. 26	There	*Belleville	14	9
Feb. 2	Here	*Wood River	33	17
Feb. 3	There	*Granite City	26 ⁺	31
Feb. 9	There	*East St. Louis	24	12
Feb. 16	Here	*Edwardsville	26	13
Feb. 23	Here	*Madison	37	14
Feb. 24	There	*Alton	19	12
	Here	*Belleville	21	14
	State District Tournament - Edwardsville, Illinois.			
Mar. 7		Worden	49	11
Mar. 8		Alton	26	12
Mar. 9		Edwardsville	26	19 ^b
Mar. 9		Granite City	28 ⁺	29 ^b
	State Sectional Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.			
Mar. 14		Zeigler	17 ⁺	35

Record for the season - Won 19 Lost 5

Conference record - Won 12 Lost 2 First place.

Coach - W. O. Larson

Captain - Albert Musso

Squad - Musso, Albert	Freiburg, Milton	Merrill, Roland
Pointer, LaVerne	Prigmore, Clarence	Moore, Malcolm
Evers, Eddie	Allen, Bill	Sams, Howard
Stiens, Don	Condellone, Edward	Reed, Carl
Taylor, Paul	Gerding, Walter	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 55.

^bThree overtimes.

*Conference games.

+Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1934-1935^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1934</u>				
Dec. 1	Here	Lebanon	11 ⁺	13
Dec. 7	There	Carlyle	51	26
Dec. 8	Here	Litchfield	46	23
Dec. 14	There	Centralia	28	21
Dec. 15	There	Beaumont-St. Louis	26	10
Dec. 21	There	*Belleville	34	8
	Collinsville	Invitational Tournament		
Dec. 26		Jerseyville	36	16
Dec. 27		Witt	36	18
Dec. 28		East St. Louis	38	25
Dec. 29		Granite City	33	27
<u>1935</u>				
Jan. 4	Here	*Wood River	29	17
Jan. 11	There	*Granite City	26 ⁺	29
Jan. 18	There	*East St. Louis	29	14
Jan. 19	There	Springfield	18 ⁺	28
Jan. 25	There	*Madison	37	20
Feb. 1	There	*Alton	24	8
Feb. 2	Here	*Belleville	48	6 ^b
Feb. 8	There	*Wood River	30	26 ^b
Feb. 9	Here	*Granite City	28 ⁺	30
Feb. 15	Here	*East St. Louis	40	24
Feb. 22	Here	*Madison	35	22
Feb. 23	Here	Centralia	42	35
Mar. 1	Here	*Alton	20	17
	State District Tournament	- Wood River, Illinois.		
Mar. 5		Alton	20 ⁺	24

Record for the season - Won 19 Lost 5

Conference record - Won 10 Lost 2 Second place.

Coach - W. O. Larson

Captains - LaVerne Pointer, Roland Merrill

Squad - Pointer, LaVerne	Zeisel, Ray	Ward, Donald
Merrill, Roland	Reed, Carl	Richter, Melvin
Evers, Eddie	Moore, Malcolm	Gray, Bud
Freiberg, Milton	Zukosky, Albert	Nichols, Arthur
Gerding, Walter	Gauen, Louis	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 56.

^bDouble overtime.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1935-1936^a

<u>DATE</u>			<u>COLLINSVILLE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
<u>1935</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Dec. 3	There	Litchfield	22	20 ^b
Dec. 7	Here	Salem	33	26
Dec. 13	Here	Lebanon	24 ⁺	27
Dec. 20	Here	*Wood River	20 ⁺	30
Dec. 21	There	*Alton	22 ⁺	38
Collinsville Invitational Tournament				
Dec. 26		Anna-Jonesboro	34	30
Dec. 27		East St. Louis	39	23
Dec. 28		Madison	26	18
<u>1936</u>				
Jan. 10	Here	*Madison	26	19
Jan. 14	There	*Belleville	35	22
Jan. 21	Here	*East St. Louis	25 ⁺	29
Jan. 24	There	*Granite City	15 ⁺	28
Jan. 28	There	*Wood River	32	31
Jan. 30	Here	University High-Normal	18 ⁺	21
Feb. 7	Here	*Alton	32	27
Feb. 11	There	*Madison	16 ⁺	17
Feb. 14	There	*East St. Louis	27 ⁺	36
Feb. 21	Here	*Belleville	23	18
Feb. 29	Here	*Granite City	24	19
State Regional Tournament - Highland, Illinois.				
Mar. 4		Alton	34	26
Mar. 6		Madison	23	22
Mar. 7		Edwardsville	13 ⁺	14
State Sectional Tournament - East St. Louis, Ill.				
Mar. 11		East St. Louis	30 ⁺	36

Record for the season - Won 13 Lost 10

Conference record - Won 6 Lost 6 Third place.

Coach - W. O. Larson

Captain - Eddie Evers

Squad - Zeisel, Ray	Meyer, Billy	Wild, Arthur
Zukosky, Albert	Ward, Donald	Richter, Milton
Evers, Eddie	Hough, Howard	Richter, Melvin
Moore, Malcolm	Evers, Walter	Nichols, Arthur
	Gray, Walter	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 57.

^bOvertime.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1936-1937

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Squad - Richter, Melvin	Gray, Robert	Zukosky, Albert
Evers, Eddie	Zeisel, Ray	Heinecke, Orville
Evers, Walter	Meyer, Bill	Richter, Milton
Ward, Donald	Nichols, Artie	

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1936-1937^a

<u>DATE</u>			<u>COLLINSVILLE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
<u>1936</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Dec. 4	Here	Litchfield	38	14
Dec. 5	There	Salem	32	23
Dec. 11	Here	Livingston	12 ⁺	17
Dec. 18	There	Springfield	19 ⁺	20
Dec. 19	There	Vandalia	24	23
Dec. 23	Here	*Alton	38	22
Dec. 30	Here	Central-St. Louis	30	27
<u>1937</u>				
Jan. 8	There	*Belleville	31	15
Jan. 9	Here	*Wood River	40	27
Jan. 12	There	*East St. Louis	23 ⁺	25
Jan. 15	Here	*Granite City	37	21
Jan. 16	There	Edwardsville	36	16
Jan. 23	Here	*Madison	50	13
Jan. 29	There	*Alton	41	18
Jan. 30	Here	*Belleville	36	18
Feb. 5	There	*Wood River	33	19
Feb. 6	There	*Granite City	27	25
Feb. 12	Here	*East St. Louis	49	18
Feb. 16	There	*Madison	38	14
Feb. 20	Here	Edwardsville	31	18
Feb. 26	Here	Vandalia	43	27
State Regional Tournament - Wood River, Illinois.				
Mar. 4		Venice	60	22
Mar. 5		Alton	40	23
Mar. 6		Wood River	37	15
State Sectional Tournament - Belleville, Illinois.				
Mar. 11		Greenville	51	23
Mar. 12		Hillsboro	21	19
Mar. 13		Wood River	22	20
State Tournament - Urbana, Illinois.				
Mar. 19		Carbondale	34	23
Mar. 20		Wells-Chicago	20	18
Mar. 21		Joliet	26 ⁺	28
Mar. 21		Pekin	31	18

Record for the season - Won 27 Lost 4

Conference record - Won 11 Lost 1 First place.

Coach - W. O. Larson

Captain - Eddie Evers

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 58.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1937-1938^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1937</u>				
Nov. 30	There	Litchfield	27 ⁺	35
Dec. 3	Here	Greenville	37	28
Dec. 10	Here	Hillsboro	33	18
Dec. 17	There	*Alton	34	23
Dec. 18	Here	Vandalia	29	21
Dec. 21	Here	*Belleville	38	27
Dec. 30	Here	Venice	34	16
<u>1938</u>				
Jan. 4	Here	*Granite City	40	23
Jan. 7	There	*Wood River	17 ⁺	21
Jan. 11	Here	*Edwardsville	23	21
Jan. 14	Here	*East St. Louis	37	30
Jan. 21	Here	*Madison	42	19
Jan. 28	Here	*Alton	29	19
Jan. 29	There	*Belleville	27	23
Feb. 1	There	*Granite City	37	46
Feb. 4	Here	*Wood River	28 ⁺	33
Feb. 8	There	*Edwardsville	29	21
Feb. 11	There	*East St. Louis	34	26
Feb. 15	There	Hillsboro	39	22
Feb. 18	There	*Madison	31	19
Feb. 25	There	Vandalia	42	27
State Regional Tournament - Highland, Illinois.				
Mar. 3		Livingston	23	14
Mar. 4		Alton	26	20
Mar. 5		Wood River	23 ⁺	25
State Sectional Tournament - East St. Louis, Ill. ^b				
Mar. 10		East St. Louis	32	30
Mar. 11		St. Elmo	27	16
Mar. 12		Granite City	28 ⁺	35

Record for the season - Won 21 Lost 6

Conference record - Won 11 Lost 3 Second place.

Coach - Allen Metternich

Captain - Walter Evers (Hoot)

Squad - Evers, Walter	Giger, Russell	Glant, Bill
Heinicke, Orville	Bloomer, Kenny	Paul, Norman
Dallape, Leo	Richter, Melvin	Smith, Tom
Shea, Bill	Blumberg, Bill	Ray, John
	Johnson, Tom	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 59.

^bOvertime.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1938-1939^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1938</u>				
Nov. 29	Here	Livingston	38	19
Dec. 2	Here	Litchfield	31 ⁺	32
Dec. 6	Here	Lebanon	41	22
Dec. 9	There	Greenville	39	30
Dec. 16	There	*Belleville	26	18
Dec. 17	Here	Vandalia	31	24
Dec. 21	There	Salem	23 ⁺	35
Dec. 23	There	*Alton	42	25
Dec. 30	Here	Marissa	27	25
<u>1939</u>				
Jan. 3	There	*East St. Louis	35	17
Jan. 6	Here	*Granite City	35	33 ^b
Jan. 10	There	*Edwardsville	19 ⁺	21 ^b
Jan. 13	Here	*Wood River	29	21
Jan. 20	Here	*Madison	51	11
Jan. 27	Here	*Belleville	23	21
Jan. 28	Here	Beaumont-St. Louis	42	37
Feb. 3	Here	*Alton	33	19
Feb. 7	Here	*East St. Louis	30 ⁺	32
Feb. 10	There	*Granite City	29 ⁺	31
Feb. 14	Here	*Edwardsville	14 ⁺	37
Feb. 17	There	*Wood River	40	34
Feb. 21	There	*Madison	48	14
Feb. 24	There	Vandalia	33	22
State Regional Tournament - Belleville, Illinois.				
Mar. 1		Marissa	31	20
Mar. 3		Belleville	22	19
Mar. 4		East St. Louis	26	20
State Sectional Tournament - Edwardsville, Illinois.				
Mar. 9		Edwardsville	23	19
Mar. 10		Witt	43	38
Mar. 11		Wood River	21 ⁺	23

Record for the season - Won 22 Lost 7

Conference record - Won 10 Lost 4 Second place.

Coach - Allen Metternich

Captain - Orville Heinicke

Squad - Heinicke, Orville	Geiger, Russell	Ray, John
Dallape, Leo	Whitchurch, Norman	Thomas, Hubert
Bloomer, Kenny	Shea, Bill	Smith, Tom
McFarland, Harry	Savage, Tom	Glant, Bill
	Paul, Norman	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 60.

^bOvertime.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1939-1940^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1939</u>				
Dec. 1	There	Staunton	31 ⁺	32
Dec. 5	Here	Benld	48	33
Dec. 9	There	Vandalia	37	26
Dec. 15	There	*Madison	44	15
Dec. 19	Here	Salem	31 ⁺	48
Dec. 22	Here	*Belleville	55	9
Dec. 29	Here	Livingston	35	24
<u>1940</u>				
Jan. 5	Here	*Alton	40	25
Jan. 6	There	*Granite City	31 ⁺	37
Jan. 12	Here	*East St. Louis	28	26
Jan. 13	There	*Wood River	20 ⁺	25
Jan. 19	Here	*Edwardsville	19 ⁺	21
Jan. 26	Here	*Madison	42	24
Feb. 2	There	*Belleville	35	18
Feb. 3	There	*Alton	51	22
Feb. 9	Here	*Granite City	41	28
Feb. 13	There	*East St. Louis	37	26
Feb. 16	Here	*Wood River	32 ⁺	36
Feb. 20	There	*Edwardsville	43	19
Feb. 23	Here	Vandalia	28	26
	State Regional Tournament - Belleville, Illinois.			
Feb. 28		Mascoutah	35	22
Mar. 1		East St. Louis	36	30
Mar. 2		O'Fallon	29 ⁺	41
	State Sectional Tournament - Highland, Illinois.			
Mar. 7		Livingston	30 ⁺	32

Record for the season - Won 16 Lost 8

Conference record - Won 10 Lost 4 Third place.

Coach - Allen Metternich

Captain - Leo Dallape

Squad - Dallape, Leo	Frost, Vernon	Garrett, Bill
Bitzer, Robert	Votik, Carl	Hicks, Jim
Whitchurch, Norman	McFarland, Harry	Landholt
Savage, Thomas	Richter, Robert	Johnson

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 61.

*Conference game.

+Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1940-1941^a

<u>DATE</u>			<u>COLLINSVILLE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
<u>1940</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Nov. 29	Here	Staunton	36	25
Dec. 7	There	Benld	29	22
Dec. 13	There	*Edwardsville	25 ⁺	32
Dec. 14	There	Vandalia	47	25
Dec. 20	Here	*Madison	36	22
<u>1941</u>				
Jan. 3	Here	Livingston	26	23
Jan. 7	There	*Alton	34 ⁺	36
Jan. 10	There	*Belleville	28	23
Jan. 14	There	*East St. Louis	23 ⁺	38
Jan. 17	Here	*Granite City	37	28
Jan. 18	There	Greenville	43	30
Jan. 21	Here	Bethalto	34	21 ^b
Jan. 24	Here	*Wood River	33	31 ^b
Jan. 31	Here	*Edwardsville	22 ⁺	26
Feb. 7	There	*Madison	30	25
Feb. 11	Here	*Alton	44	26
Feb. 14	Here	*Belleville	47	24
Feb. 18	Here	*East St. Louis	44	30
Feb. 21	There	*Granite City	34	27
Feb. 25	There	*Wood River	24 ⁺	28
Feb. 27	Here	Vandalia	43	28
Feb. 28	Here	Southwest-St. Louis	44	16
	State Regional Tournament - Highland, Illinois.			
Mar. 5		Highland	51	12
Mar. 6		Wordon	41	27
Mar. 7		Edwardsville	27 ⁺	35
	State Sectional Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.			
Mar. 11		Wood River	38	36 ^c
Mar. 13		White Hall	66	28
Mar. 14		Carlinville	35	22
	State Quarterfinals - Springfield, Illinois.			
Mar. 17		Urbana	36 ⁺	44
Mar. 18		Feitshans-Springfield	44	28

Record for the season - Won 23 Lost 7

Conference record - Won 9 Lost 5 Third place.

Coach - Allen Metternich

Captain - Norman Witchurch

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 62.

^bDouble overtime.

^cOvertime.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1940-1941

(continued)

Squad. - Frost, Vernon	Beard, Larry	Shelton, Joseph
Votik, Carl	Perucca, Pete	Lochmann, Rene
Bitzer, Robert	Thomas, Hubert	Gendrolius, Emil
Richter, Robert	Millice, George	Crooks, Harvey
Whitchurch, Norman	Burroughs, Gene	Keller, Lester

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1941-1942^a

<u>DATE</u>			<u>COLLINSVILLE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
<u>1941</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Nov. 28	Here	Staunton	36	33
Nov. 29	There	Taylorville	33 ⁺	40
Dec. 5	Here	Benld	32	24
Dec. 6	There	Lebanon	31	26
Dec. 12	There	*Wood River	26 ⁺	29
Dec. 13	Here	Vandalia	31 ⁺	32
Dec. 19	Here	*Edwardsville	35	20 ^b
Dec. 20	Here	Springfield	35 ⁺	39 ^b
<u>1942</u>		Alumni	30 ⁺	31
Jan. 6	Here	*Belleville	42	38
Jan. 9	There	*Madison	25	20
Jan. 13	There	*Granite City	35	27
Jan. 16	Here	*Alton	45	31
Jan. 23	Here	*East St. Louis	24 ⁺	32
Jan. 24	There	Roxana	34	13 ^b
Jan. 27	There	Greenville	41	38 ^b
Jan. 30	Here	*Wood River	24 ⁺	25
Feb. 6	There	*Edwardsville	27	25
Feb. 13	Here	*Madison	32	27
Feb. 14	There	*Belleville	28 ⁺	31
Feb. 17	Here	*Granite City	31	24
Feb. 20	There	*Alton	31 ⁺	32
Feb. 24	There	*East St. Louis	49	31
Feb. 27	There	Vandalia	22 ⁺	26
	State Regional Tournament - Highland, Illinois.			
Mar. 4		Highland	35	17
Mar. 5		Carlyle	46	27
Mar. 6		Livingston	53	28
	State Sectional Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois			
Mar. 10		Granite City	33	32
Mar. 11		Pinckneyville	38 ⁺	40

Record for the season - Won 18 Lost 11

Conference record - Won 9 Lost 5 Third place.

Coach - Allen Metternich

Captain - Vernon Frost

Squad - Frost, Vernon	Gendrolius, Emil	Hoffman, Dick
Perucca, Pete	Lochmann, Rene	Keller, Robert
Richter, Robert	Simon, Jake	Martin, Bill
Keller, Lester	Crooks, Harvey	Shelton, Joe
Evers, Eugene	Burroughs, Gene	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 63.

^bOvertime.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1942-1943^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1942</u>				
Dec. 1	Here	Lebanon	37	27
Dec. 4	There	Benld	33	29
Dec. 11	There	*East St. Louis	32	25
Dec. 12	Here	Taylorville	19 ⁺	46
Dec. 18	Here	*Wood River	31 ⁺	45
Dec. 19	There	Springfield	35	30
Dec. 22	Here	Staunton	32	28
		Alumni	30 ⁺	31
<u>1943</u>				
Jan. 5	Here	*Madison	44	15
Jan. 8	There	*Edwardsville	37	29
Jan. 12	There	*Alton	38	22
Jan. 15	There	*Belleville	31 ⁺	33 ^b
Jan. 19	There	Roxana	39	17
Jan. 22	Here	*Granite City	36	28
Jan. 29	Here	*East St. Louis	53	23
Jan. 30	There	Greenville	28 ⁺	29
Feb. 5	There	*Wood River	37	26
Feb. 6	Here	Vandalia	40	35
Feb. 9	There	*Madison	58	19
Feb. 12	Here	*Edwardsville	26	25
Feb. 16	Here	*Alton	52	22
Feb. 19	Here	*Belleville	32	22
Feb. 23	There	*Granite City	41	40
Feb. 26	There	Vandalia	31	13
	State Regional Tournament - Wood River, Illinois.			
Mar. 3		West. Military-Alton	52	21
Mar. 4		Granite City	37	34
Mar. 5		Wood River	38 ⁺	42

Record for the season - Won 21 Lost 6

Conference record - Won 12 Lost 2 First place.

Coach - James Placek

Captain - Robert Richter

Squad - Perucca, Pete	Keller, Robert	Wedesky, Joseph
Burroughs, Gene	Evers, Gene	Ray, Toby
Crooks, Harvey	Simon, Jake	Woodring, Rufus
Cuff, James	Mincke, Jennis	Radosevich, John
Lochmann, Rene	Richter, Robert	Hoffman, Richard
	Gendrolius, Emil	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 64.

^bDouble overtime.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1943-1944^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1943</u>				
Nov. 26	Here	O'Fallon	36	17
Nov. 30	There	Roxana	32	25
Dec. 3	Here	Greenville	39	22
Dec. 7	There	Staunton	22 ⁺	31
Dec. 14	Here	Benld	25 ⁺	29
Dec. 17	There	*Granite City	23	15
Dec. 18	There	Vandalia	21	19
Dec. 21	Here	*East St. Louis	30	28
Dec. 30	Here	Staunton	23	20
<u>1944</u>				
Jan. 4	Here	*Edwardsville	32 ⁺	38
Jan. 7	There	*Wood River	26	14
Jan. 11	Here	*Belleville	48	28
Jan. 14	There	*Madison	29	19
Jan. 21	Here	*Alton	29	27
Jan. 22	There	Taylorville	16 ⁺	44
Jan. 28	Here	*Granite City	25	18
Feb. 4	There	*East St. Louis	26	23
Feb. 5	Here	Vandalia	25 ⁺	26
Feb. 8	There	*Edwardsville	26 ⁺	28
Feb. 11	Here	*Wood River	28	22
Feb. 12	Here	Centralia	32	24
Feb. 18	Here	*Madison	54	23
Feb. 19	There	*Belleville	34	33
Feb. 22	There	*Alton	45	30
Feb. 26	Here	Decatur	31 ⁺	37
	State Regional Tournament - Highland, Illinois.			
Feb. 29		Pocahontas	60	26
Mar. 2		Livingston	63	20
Mar. 3		Greenville	48	23
	State Sectional Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.			
Mar. 9		Gillespie	46	35
Mar. 10		East St. Louis	22 ⁺	27

Record for the season - Won 22 Lost 8

Conference record - Won 12 Lost 2 First place.

Coach - James Placek

Captain - Rene Lochmann

Squad - Lochmann, Rene	Schildknedt, Claude	Ungerott, Frank
Ray, Toby	Cuff, James	Ungerott, Don.
Radosevich, John	Cox, Donald	Bauer, Buddy
Schiller, Alfred	Woodring, Rufus	

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 65.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1944-1945
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Record for the season - Won 26 Lost 9

Conference record - Won 11 Lost 3 Second place.

Coach - D. K. Darling

Captain - John Radosevich

Squad - Radosevich, John	Woodring, Rufus	Ray, Toby
Schildknecht, Claude	Petchulat, George	Cuff, James
Ungerott, Frank	Bauer, Buddy	Welle, Richard
Ungerott, Donald	Simon, Fred	Tucker, Ernie

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1944-1945^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1944</u>				
Nov. 24	There	O'Fallon	44	40
Nov. 25	Here	Sparta	40	27
Nov. 28	There	Greenville	39	26
Dec. 1	Here	Benld	26	21
Dec. 5	Here	Roxana	56	20
Dec. 8	Here	Central Catholic	25	21
Dec. 15	There	*Alton	36 ⁺	39
Dec. 16	There	Vandalia	37 ⁺	47
Dec. 19	Here	Staunton	24 ⁺	29
Dec. 22	Here	*Granite City	25 ⁺	27
Holiday Tournament - Mt. Vernon, Illinois.				
Dec. 27		U. High-Carbondale	42	30
Dec. 28		Herrin	41 ⁺	65
<u>1945</u>				
Jan. 5	There	*East St. Louis	34	33
Jan. 6	Here	*Wood River	43	30
Jan. 9	Here	*Madison	53	23 ^b
Jan. 12	There	*Edwardsville	48	46 ^b
Jan. 19	There	*Belleville	43	34
Jan. 20	Here	Taylorville	43	39
Jan. 23	There	Staunton	21 ⁺	37
Jan. 26	Here	*Alton	31 ⁺	34
Jan. 27	There	Centralia	53	51
Feb. 2	There	*Granite City	33	28
Feb. 3	There	Decatur	54 ⁺	61
Feb. 6	There	*Wood River	51	48
Feb. 9	Here	*East St. Louis	40	23
Feb. 13	There	*Madison	51	40
Feb. 16	Here	*Edwardsville	47	28
Feb. 20	Here	*Belleville	46	44 ^c
Feb. 23	Here	Vandalia	59	46
State Regional Tournament - Wood River, Illinois.				
Feb. 28		Madison	55	34
Mar. 1		Edwardsville	46	42
Mar. 2		Wood River	47	33
State Sectional Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Mar. 8		Staunton	49	48
Mar. 9		Belleville	32	20
State Tournament - Urbana, Illinois.				
Mar. 15		Decatur	45 ⁺	77

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 66.

^bOvertime.

^cDouble overtime.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1945-1946^a

<u>DATE</u>			<u>COLLINSVILLE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
<u>1945</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Nov. 24	There	Sparta	26 ⁺	45
Nov. 30	Here	Benld	48	30
Dec. 1	There	Vandalia	28 ⁺	36
Dec. 6	Here	Livingston	29	23
Dec. 8	Here	Central Catholic	55	29
Dec. 11	Here	Normandy-St. Louis	49	32
Dec. 14	There	*Belleville	40	26
Dec. 18	There	Central Catholic	49	32
Dec. 21	Here	*Alton	42	35
Holiday Tournament - Mt. Vernon, Illinois.				
Dec. 26		McLeansboro	55	36
Dec. 27		Carbondale	58	46
Dec. 28		Mt. Vernon	28 ⁺	41
Dec. 28		Sparta	48 ⁺	49
<u>1946</u>				
Jan. 4	There	*Edwardsville	44	37
Jan. 8	Here	Staunton	43	23
Jan. 11	Here	*Granite City	53	48
Jan. 12	There	Taylorville	44	39
Jan. 15	Here	*Madison	60	33
Jan. 18	There	*East St. Louis	29 ⁺	36
Jan. 19	There	Pinckneyville	30 ⁺	47
Jan. 22	There	Staunton	32 ⁺	33
Jan. 25	Here	*Wood River	40	38
Jan. 29	Here	Greenville	43	22
Feb. 1	Here	*Belleville	27 ⁺	28
Feb. 2	There	*Alton	43	29
Feb. 5	There	Roxana	58	40
Feb. 8	Here	*Edwardsville	59	49
Feb. 9	There	*Granite City	57	25
Feb. 12	Here	*East St. Louis	43	35
Feb. 15	There	*Madison	47	37 ^b
Feb. 19	Here	Vandalia	55	48 ^b
Feb. 22	There	*Wood River	48	36
Feb. 23	Here	Gillespie	51 ⁺	55
State Regional Tournament - Edwardsville, Illinois.				
Feb. 26		Granite City	63	35
Feb. 28		Alton	50	36
Mar. 1		Edwardsville	63	43
State Sectional Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois ^c				
Mar. 7		Greenville	40	38 ^c
Mar. 8		East St. Louis	25	20
State Tournament - Urbana, Illinois.				
Mar. 14		Springfield, Cathedral	50	28
Mar. 15		East Rockford	37 ⁺	43

^aCollinsville Herald, Vol. 67.

^bOvertime.

^cDouble overtime.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1945-1946
(continued)

Record for the season - Won 30 Lost 10

Conference record - Won 12 Lost 2 First place.

Coach - Jack Fabri

Captain - Buddy Bauer

Squad -	Bauer, Buddy	Richter, Alvin	Schultz, Carl
	Ungerott, Donald	Welle, Richard	Miranda, Sam
	Pitol, Frank	Williams, Orville	Nicol, James
	Ungerott, Frank	Sonnenberg, Ray	Ray, James
	Ossola, Joe	Anderson, James	Weber, Bert
	Simon, Fred	Grimm, Donald	Evers, Bernard

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1946-1947^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1946</u>				
Dec. 7	Here	Sparta	42	34
Dec. 10	There	Normandy-St. Louis	43 ⁺	51
Dec. 13	There	*Wood River	50	48
Dec. 20	Here	*Belleville	71	48
Dec. 21	There	*Alton	59	36
Holiday Tournament - East St. Louis, Illinois.				
Dec. 26		Galesburg	62	43
Dec. 27		Lawrenceville	45 ⁺	46
<u>1947</u>				
Jan. 7	There	Salem	41 ⁺	46
Jan. 8	There	*Granite City	62	56
Jan. 10	Here	*Edwardsville	60	39
Jan. 11	Here	Taylorville	73	43
Jan. 14	Here	*East St. Louis	46	29
Jan. 17	There	*Madison	60	27
Jan. 18	Here	Pinckneyville	42	41
Jan. 21	Here	Salem	42	40
Jan. 24	Here	*Wood River	58	40
Jan. 28	There	Greenville	81	42
Jan. 31	There	*Belleville	54	39
Feb. 1	There	Mt. Vernon	36 ⁺	39
Feb. 4	Here	Roxana	43	33
Feb. 7	Here	*Alton	59	28
Feb. 8	There	*Edwardsville	53	39
Feb. 14	Here	*Granite City	54	44
Feb. 15	There	*Madison	87	28
Feb. 20	There	*East St. Louis	64	36
Feb. 22	There	Gillespie	54	44
Mar. 1	Here	Anna Jonesboro	43	39
State Regional Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Mar. 4		Alton	58	32
Mar. 6		Wood River	47	38
Mar. 8		Granite City	32	29
State Sectional Tournament - East St. Louis, Ill.				
Mar. 13		Rood House	60	33
Mar. 15		Dupo	36	19
State Tournament - Urbana, Illinois.				
Mar. 20		Flora	48	37
Mar. 21		Pekin	41 ⁺	42

Record for the season - Won 29 Lost 5

Conference record - Won 14 Lost 0 First place.

^aScorebook of 1946-47, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1946-1947
(continued)

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain - Donald Ungerott

Squad - Ungerott, Donald	Ray, James	Rossio, John
Pitol, Frank	Weber, Bert	Canull, Warren
Miranda, Sam	Schaulat, Norman	Adams, Ray
Sonnenberg, Ray	Thompson, Charles	Swaby, Bill
Anderson, James	Grimm, Donald	

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1947-1948^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1947</u>				
Dec. 5	There	Sparta	55	24
Dec. 12	There	*East St. Louis	60	41
Dec. 13	Here	Tilden Tech, Chicago	56	36
Dec. 19	Here	*Wood River	53	28
Dec. 20	There	*Belleville	54	36
Holiday Tournament - East St. Louis, Illinois.				
Dec. 29		Kankakee	52	50
Dec. 30		Champaign	50	42
Dec. 31		Lawrenceville	44	35
<u>1948</u>				
Jan. 2	Here	Herrin	51	32
Jan. 9	Here	*Alton	80	39
Jan. 10	There	*Edwardsville	42	33
Jan. 16	Here	*Granite City	55	31
Jan. 17	Here	*Madison	63	43
Jan. 23	Here	*East St. Louis	34	26
Jan. 30	There	*Wood River	67	52
Jan. 31	Here	Mt. Vernon	50	36
Feb. 6	Here	*Belleville	56	43
Feb. 14	There	Taylorville	49	45
Feb. 17	There	*Alton	56	43
Feb. 20	Here	*Edwardsville	49	46
Feb. 21	There	*Granite City	47 ⁺	49
Feb. 27	There	*Madison	74	54
Feb. 28	There	Anna-Jonesboro	48	37
State Regional Tournament - Wood River, Illinois.				
Mar. 2		Madison	65	26
Mar. 4		Wood River	57	48
Mar. 5		Edwardsville	69	43
State Sectional Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Mar. 11		Livingston	53	26
Mar. 12		Belleville	61	46
State Tournament - Urbana, Illinois.				
Mar. 18		Marion	60 ⁺	65

Record for the season - Won 27 Lost 2

Conference record - Won 13 Lost 1 First place.

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain - Sam Miranda

Squad -	Miranda, Sam	Ray, James	Weber, Bert
	Sonnenberg, Ray	Thompson, Charles	Swaby, Bill
	Schaulat, Norman	Leskera, Jack	Adams, Ray
	Anderson, James	Canull, Warren	Rossio, John
		Fedder, Richard	

^aScorebook of 1947-48, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1948-1949^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1948</u>				
Dec. 4	There	Sparta	63	42
Dec. 17	Here	*East St. Louis	52	36
Dec. 18	There	*Wood River	61	43
Dec. 21	Here	Cleveland-St. Louis	43	33
Holiday Tournament - East St. Louis, Illinois.				
Dec. 27		South Shore-Chicago	35 ⁺	36
Dec. 28		East St. Louis	55	35
Dec. 29		Wood River	50	33
<u>1949</u>				
Jan. 7	Here	*Belleville	40	39
Jan. 8	Here	West Frankfort	59	35
Jan. 14	There	*Alton	58	50
Jan. 15	Here	*Edwardsville	58	40
Jan. 21	There	*Granite City	59	55
Jan. 28	There	Herrin	53	52
Jan. 29	There	Mt. Vernon	40 ⁺	49
Feb. 4	There	*East St. Louis	71	38
Feb. 5	Here	Moline	61	51 ^b
Feb. 88	There	*Belleville	44	45 ^b
Feb. 11	Here	*Wood River	46	31
Feb. 12	Here	Taylorville	52	37
Feb. 18	Here	*Alton	83	47
Feb. 19	There	*Edwardsville	43	33
Feb. 25	Here	*Granite City	54	40
Feb. 26	Here	Anna Jonesboro	52	41
State Regional Tournament - Edwardsville, Illinois.				
Feb. 28		Alton	59	39
Mar. 2		Edwardsville	52	38
Mar. 4		Western Military	75	27
State Sectional Tournament - East St. Louis, Ill.				
Mar. 9		Jerseyville	61	30
Mar. 11		Nashville	25 ⁺	27

Record for the season - Won 25 Lost 3

Conference record - Won 12 Lost 0 First place.

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain - Norman Schaulat

Squad - Leskera, Jack	Schaulat, Norman	Canull, Warren
Kraak, Charles	Belabradic, James	Renfro, Jack
Benvenuto, LeRoy	Thompson, Charles	Sapp, Elwood
Harrison, Mose	Fedder, Richard	Lee, Jerry
	Romanot, Donald	

^aScorebook of 1948-49, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

^bForfeit victory for Collinsville.

*Conference game.

+Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1949-1950^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1949</u>				
Dec. 2	Here	Sparta	45	40
Dec. 9	Here	*Granite City	56	40
Dec. 10	Here	Moline	47 ⁺	50
Dec. 15	There	*East St. Louis	50	45
Dec. 16	There	Herrin	49	37
Dec. 22	Here	Galesburg	59	45
Dec. 23	Here	*Wood River	42 ⁺	53
<u>1950</u>				
Jan. 7	Here	West Frankfort	52	36
Jan. 13	There	*Belleville	37	35
Jan. 14	There	*Alton	75	34
Jan. 17	Here	Cleveland, St. Louis	48	41
Jan. 20	There	*Edwardsville	39 ⁺	50
Jan. 21	Here	Robinson	58	50
Jan. 28	Here	Mt. Vernon	30 ⁺	37
Jan. 31	There	*Granite City	39	33
Feb. 3	Here	Salem	58	32
Feb. 4	There	Taylorville	62	53
Feb. 10	Here	*East St. Louis	54	40
Feb. 11	There	*Wood River	46	34
Feb. 17	Here	*Belleville	49	36
Feb. 18	Here	*Alton	51	44
Feb. 24	Here	*Edwardsville	62	57
Feb. 25	There	Anna Jonesboro	53 ⁺	54
	State Regional Tournament			
Mar. 1		Alton	65	38
Mar. 2		Roxana	54	46
Mar. 3		Wood River	53	42
	State Sectional Tournament - East St. Louis, Ill.			
Mar. 8		Dunbar-Madison	42	34
Mar. 10		Dupo	56	47
	State Tournament - Urbana, Illinois.			
Mar. 16		Kewanee	69	52
Mar. 17		Quincy	54	46
Mar. 18		Danville	60 ⁺	62
Mar. 18		Elgin	65 ⁺	81

Record for the season - Won 25 Lost 7

Conference record - Won 10 Lost 2 First place tie.

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain - Jack Renfro

^aScorebook of 1949-1950, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1949-1950
(Continued)

Squad - Renfro, Jack	Leone, Don	Ossola, Jim
Sapp, Elwood	Campell, Jerry	Thompson, Charles
Belobradic, James	Harrison, Mose	Niebrugge,
Kraak, Charles	Benvenuto, LeRoy	Maack, Richard
Klobuchar, Curt	Deterding, Don	

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1950-1951^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1950</u>				
Dec. 1	There	Sparta	38 ⁺	40
Dec. 9	Here	Springfield	46 ⁺	62
Dec. 15	Here	*Edwardsville	52 ⁺	54
Dec. 22	There	*Granite City	33 ⁺	38
Dec. 28	There	East Rockford	42 ⁺	53
Dec. 29	There	West Rockford	39 ⁺	49
<u>1951</u>				
Jan. 3	Here	Lakeview Chicago	53	43
Jan. 6	There	Herrin	46 ⁺	60
Jan. 12	There	*Wood River	41 ⁺	51
Jan. 13	Here	*Belleville	55	45
Jan. 19	Here	*Alton	45 ⁺	57
Jan. 20	There	Robinson	30 ⁺	34
Jan. 23	Here	*East St. Louis	29 ⁺	40
Jan. 26	There	*Edwardsville	35 ⁺	44
Jan. 27	There	Mt. Vernon	26 ⁺	46
Feb. 2	Here	*Granite City	53	39
Feb. 3	Here	Taylorville	58	48
Feb. 8	There	*East St. Louis	62 ⁺	65
Feb. 10	There	Salem	53 ⁺	55
Feb. 13	There	*Belleville	77	33
Feb. 16	Here	*Wood River	64	56
Feb. 17	Here	St. Louis U. High	58	47
Feb. 23	There	*Alton	59 ⁺	68
State Regional Tournament - Wood River, Illinois				
Feb. 28		Roxana	65	63
Mar. 1		Wood River	51 ⁺	54

Record for the season - Won 8 Lost 17

Conference record - Won 4 Lost 8 Fifth place.

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain - None

Squad -	Ossola, James	Albertina, Hiram	Pellin, Bob
	Deterding, Donald	Capeccki, Gary	Harris, Parker
	Hanvey, Jack	Bozzelo, John	Faranzena, Virgil
	Maack, Richard	Cunningham, Bob	Kaiser, Kent
	Leone, Donald	Eckert, Edward	Berry, Jim
	Berta, Mike	Lisch, Bill	Malwitz, Max
	Sahre, Jim	Kwedras, Richard	Wright, Howard

^aScorebook of 1950-1951, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

*Conference game.

+Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1951-1952^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1951</u>				
Nov. 30	Here	Sparta	49	44
Dec. 1	There	Dupo	58	43
Dec. 8	There	Springfield	59 ⁺	73
Dec. 14	Here	*Alton	62	46
Dec. 15	There	Murphysboro	71	60
Dec. 21	There	*Edwardsville	61	46
Dec. 22	Here	*Granite City	66	57
Dec. 28	Here	Pekin	77	55
<u>1952</u>				
Jan. 5	Here	Mt. Vernon	72	62
Jan. 10	There	*East St. Louis	47	40
Jan. 12	Here	*Wood River	59	48
Jan. 18	There	*Belleville	69	41
Jan. 19	Here	East Peoria	85	43
Jan. 25	There	St. Louis U. High	58	42
Jan. 26	There	*Alton	55	43
Feb. 1	Here	*Edwardsville	57	43
Feb. 8	There	*Granite City	80	44
Feb. 9	Here	Salem	57	39
Feb. 15	Here	*East St. Louis	49	43
Feb. 16	There	*Wood River	57	56
Feb. 22	Here	*Belleville	79	45
Feb. 23	Here	Gillespie	65 ⁺	68
Feb. 29	Here	Quincy	42 ⁺	53
State Regional Tournament - Edwardsville, Illinois.				
Mar. 3		Alton	61	36
Mar. 5		Wood River	62	58
Mar. 7		Madison	70 ⁺	71

Record for the season - Won 22 Lost 4

Conference record - Won 12 Lost 1 First place.

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain - Donald Deterding

Squad -	Ossola, James	Harris, Parker	Bozzello, John
	Deterding, Donald	Lisch, Bill	Berry, Jim
	Hanvey, Jack	Berta, Mike	Ritz, Kenny
	Maack, Richard	Eckart, Edward	Malwitz
	Klobuchar, Curt	Sonnenberg, Dan	Capeccki, Gary
		Renfro, Dick	

^aScorebook of 1951-52, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

*Conference games.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1952-1953^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1952</u>				
Nov. 29	Here	Dupo	47	36
Dec. 5	There.	Salem	63	59
Dec. 6	Here	Springfield	60	53
Dec. 12	There	*Alton	48 ⁺	49
Dec. 13	Here	Murphysboro	66	38 ^b
Dec. 19	Here	*Edwardsville	63	60 ^b
Dec. 20	There	*Wood River	45	40 ^b
Dec. 26	There	Pekin	62	46
<u>1953</u>				
Jan. 3	Here	Pinckneyville	59	57 ^b
Jan. 9	There	*Granite City	49	42
Jan. 10	There	East Peoria	61	59
Jan. 11	Here	*East St. Louis	56	45
Jan. 17	Here	*Belleville	45	44
Jan. 23	Here	Rushville	65	47
Jan. 24	There	Gillespie	64	56
Jan. 30	Here	*Alton	82	62
Feb. 6	There	*Edwardsville	49 ⁺	62
Feb. 7	Here	*Wood River	52	47
Feb. 13	Here	*Granite City	58	33
Feb. 14	Here	St. Louis U.	63	49
Feb. 19	There	*East St. Louis	55 ⁺	65
Feb. 21	There	*Belleville	63	53
Feb. 27	There	Quincy	61	52
State Regional Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Mar. 3		Wood River	53	42
Mar. 4		Madison	74	61
Mar. 6		Edwardsville	78	57
State Sectional Tournament - East St. Louis, Ill.				
Mar. 11		Valmeyer	66	63
Mar. 13		Highland	62 ⁺	69

Record for the season - Won 24 Lost 4

Conference record - Won 9 Lost 3 Third place.

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain - Jack Hanvey

Squad - Hanvey, Jack	Sonnenberg, Dan	Schaulat, Robert
Klobucher, Curt	Renfro, Richard	Pellin, Robert
Eckart, Edward	Maack, Harvey	Giacolletto, Dom
Harris, Parker	Buel, Kenneth	Hicks, Richard
Flagg, James	Bozzello, John	Kwedras, Richard
	Capeccki, Gary	

^aScorebook of 1952-53, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

^bOvertime.

*Conference game.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1953-1954^a

<u>DATE</u>		<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1953</u>					
Nov. 8		There	Dupo	54	50
Dec. 4		Here	Salem	70	69 ^b
Dec. 5		Here	Springfield C.	65	52
Dec. 12		There	Murphysboro	65	55
Dec. 14		There	St. Louis U.	58	54
Dec. 18		Here	Alton	72	62
Dec. 19		There	Edwardsville	39 ⁺	59
Dec. 26		Here	Mt. Olive	75	34
<u>1954</u>					
Jan. 2		There	Pinckneyville	43 ⁺	69
Jan. 8		Here	Wood River	51 ⁺	52
Jan. 9		There	Vandalia	59 ⁺	79
Jan. 15		Here	Granite City	61	46
Jan. 16		There	Rushville	69	60
Jan. 22		There	Belleville	62 ⁺	70
Jan. 23		Here	Gillespie	46 ⁺	57
Jan. 29		Here	Jacksonville	41	37
Feb. 5		There	Alton	55	53
Feb. 6		Here	Centralia	68 ⁺	71
Feb. 12		Here	Edwardsville	36 ⁺	44
Feb. 13		There	Wood River	39 ⁺	59
Feb. 16		There	Granite City	83	46
Feb. 20		Here	Belleville	60 ⁺	62
Feb. 26		Here	Quincy	46 ⁺	48
		State Regional Tournament - Alton, Illinois.			
Mar. 3			Roxana	63	61
Mar. 4			Madison	56 ⁺	59

Record for the season - Won 13 Lost 12

Conference record - No conference this year.

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain - Jack McWhirter

Squad - Schaulat, Robert	Whitlow, Sherman	Schiebal, Harland
Maack, Harvey	Flomer, Donald	Catalpa, Robert
Flagg, James	Giacolletto, Dom	Hicks, Richard
McWhirter, Jack	Bethel, Terry	Rapp, Lee
Sonnenberg, Al	Cooper, Donald	Redmon, Gant
	Sackett, Ralph	

^aScorebook of 1953-54, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

^bOvertime.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1954--1955^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1954</u>				
Nov. 27	Here	Dupo	66	62
Dec. 3	There	Mt. Olive	57	44
Dec. 4	There	Springfield	75	52
Dec. 10	Here	Belleville	75	66
Dec. 11	Here	Murphysboro	88	65
Dec. 18	There	Alton	51 ⁺	53
Dec. 23	There	Salem	77	46
Holiday Tournament - Centralia, Illinois.				
Dec. 28		Mt. Carmel	46	36
Dec. 29		Belleville	56	52
Dec. 30		Centralia	77	73
Dec. 30		Pinckneyville	36 ⁺	45
<u>1955</u>				
Jan. 7	Here	Edwardsville	55	54
Jan. 8	Here	Vandalia	85	43
Jan. 14	There	Wood River	68	61
Jan. 15	There	Granite City	82	38
Jan. 18	There	Gillespie	63	57
Invitational Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Jan. 21		Metropolis	73	44
Jan. 22		Lakeview	77	65
Jan. 28	There	Belleville	78	59
Feb. 4	Here	St. Louis U.	53 ⁺	55
Feb. 5	There	Centralia	60 ⁺	61
Feb. 11	Here	Alton	80	47
Feb. 12	There	Edwardsville	66	61
Feb. 18	Here	Wood River	62	60
Feb. 19	Here	Granite City	79	50
Feb. 25	There	Quincy	64 ⁺	70
State Regional Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Mar. 1		Madison	67	54
Mar. 3		Edwardsville	71 ⁺	75

Record for the season - Won 22 Lost 6

Conference record - no conference this year.

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain - Robert Schaulat

Squad - Schaulat, Robert	Flagg, James	Schiebal, Harland
Bethel, Terry	Sonnenberg, Al	Cockran, Harold
McWhirter, Jack	Whitlow, Sherman	Wilhoit, Tracy
Cooper, Don	Jackson, Tom	Serre, James
Folmer, Don	Catalpa, Robert	Sackett, Ralph

^aScorebook of 1954-55, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1955-1956^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1955</u>				
Dec. 2	Here	Mt. Olive	57	49
Dec. 3	There	Dupo	66	59
Dec. 9	There	Madison	85	65
Dec. 10	Here	Springfield C.	58	40
Dec. 16	There	*Belleville	67	65
Dec. 17	Here	Gillespie	63	62 ^b
Dec. 22	There	*East St. Louis	62	60 ^b
Holiday Tournament - Centralia, Illinois.				
Dec. 28		Marion	58	43
Dec. 29		Litchfield	78	63
Dec. 30		Pinckneyville	40 ⁺	52
Dec. 30		Belleville	84	56
<u>1956</u>				
Jan. 6	Here	*Alton	69	65
Jan. 7	Here	*Granite City	66	51
Jan. 13	There	*Edwardsville	74 ⁺	83 ^b
Jan. 14	Here	*Wood River	86	82 ^b
Invitational Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Jan. 20		Madison	75	53
Jan. 21		Lakeview Decatur	72	50
Jan. 27	There	Jacksonville	32	31 ^b
Jan. 28	Here	*East St. Louis	43 ⁺	45 ^b
Feb. 3	Here	*Belleville	71	59
Feb. 4	There	Centralia	68	55
Feb. 7	There	*Granite City	59	52
Feb. 11	There	*Alton	71 ⁺	73
Feb. 17	Here	*Edwardsville	47 ⁺	52
Feb. 18	There	*Wood River	71 ⁺	77
Feb. 24	Here	Quincy	64	57
State Regional Tournament - Alton, Illinois.				
Feb. 27		Granite City	62	39
Feb. 29		Wood River	71	66
Mar. 2		Edwardsville	69 ⁺	73

Record for the season - Won 22 Lost 7

Conference record - Won 7 Lost 5 Third place.

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain -.None

Squad - Bethel, Terry Jackson, Thomas Serre, James
 Sonnenberg, Al Wilhoit, Tracy Hankins, Harold
 Dellamano, Erwin Wilhoit, Ernie Catalpa, Robert
 Soehlke, James

^aScorebook of 1955-56, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

^bOvertime.

*Conference game.

+Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1956-1957^a

<u>DATE</u>			<u>COLLINSVILLE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
<u>1956</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Dec. 1	Here	Dupo	60	40
Dec. 7	There	Mt. Olive	74	38
Dec. 14	There	*Granite City	72	54
Dec. 15	There	Gillespie	72	67
Dec. 21	Here	*East St. Louis	54	20
Dec. 22	Here	*Belleville	72	58
Holiday Tournament - Centralia, Illinois				
Dec. 27		Benton	74	46
Dec. 28		Herrin	65	64
Dec. 29		Allerman, Rock Is.	95	72
Dec. 29		Pinckneyville	56	54
<u>1957</u>	Invitational Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.			
Jan. 4		Carlinville	81	44
Jan. 5		Madison	76	49
Jan. 11	Here	*Alton	83	55
Jan. 12	There	*Edwardsville	64	61
Jan. 18	There	*Wood River	63	60
Jan. 19	Here	Litchfield	108	72
Jan. 25	Here	*Granite City	97	49
Feb. 1	There	*East St. Louis	64	49
Feb. 2	There	Centralia	63	59
Feb. 8	There	*Belleville	63	38
Feb. 9	Here	Madison	72	57
Feb. 15	There	*Alton	68	55
Feb. 16	Here	*Edwardsville	99	77
Feb. 22	Here	*Wood River	78	55
Feb. 23	There	Robinson	79	54
Mar. 1	There	Quincy	68	37
State Regional Tournament - Granite City, Illinois.				
Mar. 4		Roxana	74	47
Mar. 6		Alton	50	34
Mar. 8		Edwardsville	87	74
State Sectional Tournament - Vandalia, Illinois.				
Mar. 14		Greenville	94	66
Mar. 15		Centralia	100	80
State Super Sectional - Salem, Illinois.				
Mar. 19		Charleston	76	57

^aScorebook of 1956-57, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

*Conference games.

+Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1956-1957

(continued)

<u>DATE</u>			<u>COLLINSVILLE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
<u>1957</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Mar. 22		Galesburg	61	59
Mar. 23		Ottawa	69 ⁺	61
Mar. 23		Herrin	42	45

Record for the season - Won 34 Lost 1

Conference record - Won 12 Lost 0 First place.

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain - None

Squad - Bethel, Terry	DuHadway, Bob	Phillips, Don
Jackson, Thomas	Sinskey, Terry	Vetter, Robert
Wilhoit, Tracy	Nishwitz, James	Keel, Don
Wilhoit, Ernie	Machinsky, Bob	Buehrer, Gary
Soehlke, James	Dearden, Terry	Bethel, Dennis
Biggins, Bill	Basola, Bart	

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1957-1958^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1957</u>				
Dec. 7	There	Springfield C.	43 ⁺	48
Dec. 13	Here	*Granite City	53	38
Dec. 14	Here	Decatur-McArthur	59	55
Dec. 19	There	*East St. Louis	54	52 ^b
Dec. 21	There	*Belleville	45	44 ^b
Holiday Tournament - Centralia, Illinois.				
Dec. 26		Lincoln	50 ⁺	54
Dec. 27		Quincy	70	63
Dec. 28		Benton	73	70
Dec. 28		Carmi	66	59
<u>1958</u>				
Invitational Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Jan. 3		Madison	61	59 ^b
Jan. 4		Litchfield	74	70
Jan. 10	There	*Alton	56	39
Jan. 11	Here	*Edwardsville	70	59
Jan. 17	Here	*Wood River	76	54
Jan. 18	Here	Gillespie	78	39
Jan. 24	There	*Granite City	77	49
Jan. 25	There	Litchfield	76	70
Jan. 31	Here	*East St. Louis	71	49
Feb. 1	Here	Centralia	71	54
Feb. 7	Here	*Belleville	75	72
Feb. 8	There	Madison	81	64
Feb. 14	Here	*Alton	76	56
Feb. 15	There	*Edwardsville	65	58
Feb. 21	There	*Wood River	69	60
Feb. 22	There	Robinson	72	59
Feb. 28	Here	Quincy	63	61
State Regional Tournament - Alton, Illinois.				
Mar. 3		Granite City	85	46
Mar. 5		Alton	55 ⁺	57

Record of the season - Won 25 Lost 3

Conference record - Won 12 Lost 0 First place.

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain - Ernie Wilhoit

Squad - Basola, Bart	Nishwitz, James	Sinskey, Terry
Wilhoit, Ernie	Dolzadelli, Gary	Adamitis, Tom
Wilson, Lonnie	Redman, Bogie	Buehrer, Gary
Dearden, Terry	Keel, Don	Helmick, Jerry
Jameson, Gary	DuHadway, Bob	Bethel, Dennis
Wilson, John	Machinsky, Bob	Phillips, Don

^aScorebook of 1957-58, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

^bOvertime.

*Conference game.

+Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1958-1959^a

DATE	PLACE	TEAM	COLLINSVILLE	OPPONENT
			SCORE	SCORE
<u>1958</u>				
Dec. 5	Here	Dupo	32 ⁺	32 ^b
Dec. 12	There	*Granite City	50	45
Dec. 13	There	Decatur, McArthur	50	41
Dec. 19	Here	*East St. Louis	50	39
Dec. 20	Here	*Belleville	65	51
Holiday Tournament - Centralia, Illinois.				
Dec. 29		Benton	41 ⁺	49
Dec. 30		Paris	56	48
Dec. 31		Mattoon	69	63
Dec. 31		Marion	77 ⁺	79
<u>1959</u>				
Invitational Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Jan. 2		Madison	63	51
Jan. 3		Roxana	75	68
Jan. 9	Here	*Alton	64 ⁺	67
Jan. 10	There	*Edwardsville	54 ⁺	64
Jan. 16	There	*Wood River	49 ⁺	73 ^b
Jan. 17	There	Gillespie	65	62 ^b
Jan. 23	Here	*Granite City	53 ⁺	57
Jan. 24	Here	Litchfield	61	47
Jan. 30	There	*East St. Louis	62	58
Jan. 31	There	Centralia	60 ⁺	63
Feb. 6	There	*Belleville	54 ⁺	57
Feb. 7	Here	Madison	83	67
Feb. 13	There	*Alton	63 ⁺	65
Feb. 14	Here	*Edwardsville	56	54
Feb. 20	Here	*Wood River	58 ⁺	63
Feb. 21	Here	Jerseyville	66	56
Feb. 27	Here	Quincy	65	58
State Regional Tournament - Wood River, Illinois.				
Mar. 3		Lincoln-Venice	69	64
Mar. 5		Wood River	72 ⁺	73

Record for the season - Won 16 Lost 12

Conference record - Won 5 Lost 7 Tied Fourth place.

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain -

Squad - Redmon, Bogie	Adamitis, Thomas	Hurt, Mike
Deardon, Terry	Lauth, Al	Meadows, Bob
Wilson, Lonnie	Wilson, James	Byrkit, Than
Dolzadelli, Gary	Sinskey, Terry	Magnetti, Bob
Darling, Pat	Bub, Terry	Nishwitz, James
Helmick, Jerry	Wilson, John	

^aScorebook of 1958-59, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

^bOvertime.

*Conference game.

+Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1959-1960^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1959</u>				
Dec. 4	There	Dupo	70	44
Dec. 11	Here	*Granite City	74	55
Dec. 12	Here	Decatur-McArthur	71	44
Dec. 18	There	*East St. Louis	69	36
Dec. 19	There	*Belleville	67	55
Invitational Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Dec. 21		Roxana	67	41
Dec. 22		Litchfield	73	45
Holiday Tournament - East St. Louis, Illinois.				
Dec. 28		Danville	73	61
Dec. 30		Litchfield	75	58
Dec. 31		Springfield	74	55
<u>1960</u>				
Jan. 8	There	*Alton	82	50
Jan. 9	Here	*Edwardsville	72	59
Jan. 15	Here	*Wood River	50	36
Jan. 16	Here	Gillespie	78	48
Jan. 22	There	*Granite City	69	59
Jan. 23	There	Litchfield	44 ⁺	46
Jan. 29	Here	*East St. Louis	72	52
Jan. 30	Here	Mater Dei	72	48
Feb. 5	Here	*Belleville	73	59
Feb. 6	There	Madison	68	52
Feb. 12	Here	*Alton	57	51
Feb. 13	There	*Edwardsville	71 ⁺	73
Feb. 19	There	*Wood River	52	40
Feb. 20	There	Jerseyville	75	40
Feb. 26	Here	Lincoln-East St. Louis	85	46
State Regional Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.				
Feb. 29		Roxana	77	37
Mar. 3		Edwardsville	76	58
Mar. 5		Granite City	65 ⁺	72

Record for the season - Won 25 Lost 3

Conference record - Won 11 Lost 1 First place.

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain - None

Squad - Redmon, Bogie	Hildreth, Harry	Lauth, Al
Riddle, Fred	Matakitis, Ronald	Basola, Robert
Dolzadelli, Gary	Meadows, Bobby	Mottin, Ronald
Darling, Pat	Helmich, Jerry	Willie, Robert
Simpson, Robert	Brennan, Joseph	Byrkit, Than
Adamitis, Thomas	Birger, Richard	Bub, Terry

^aScorebook of 1959-60, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

*Conference games.

⁺Games lost.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1960-1961^a

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COLLINSVILLE</u> <u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u> <u>SCORE</u>
<u>1960</u>				
Dec. 2	Here	Dupo	71	32
Dec. 9	There	*Granite City	76	60
Dec. 10	There	Decatur-McArthur	77	47
Dec. 16	Here	*East St. Louis	66	47
Dec. 17	Here	*Belleville	78	67
	Invitational Tournament - Collinsville, Illinois.			
Dec. 19		Madison	80	65
Dec. 20		Litchfield	78	75
	Holiday Tournament - East St. Louis, Illinois.			
Dec. 26		Paris	71	42
Dec. 27		Madison	71	57
Dec. 28		Litchfield	70	58
<u>1961</u>				
Jan. 6	Here	*Alton	83	66
Jan. 7	There	*Edwardsville	74	71
Jan. 13	There	*Wood River	90	50
Jan. 14	There	Gillespie	77	39
Jan. 20	Here	*Granite City	75	61
Jan. 21	Here	Litchfield	72	53
Jan. 27	There	*East St. Louis	78	54
Feb. 3	There	*Belleville	67	46
Feb. 4	Here	Madison	80	67
Feb. 10	There	*Alton	83	70
Feb. 11	Here	*Edwardsville	89	53
Feb. 17	Here	*Wood River	93	68
Feb. 24	There	Lincoln	81	50
	State Regional Tournament - Granite City, Illinois.			
Feb. 27		Roxana	81	58
Mar. 1		Madison	84	75
Mar. 3		Granite City	55	45
	State Sectional Tournament - Wood River, Illinois.			
Mar. 8		Jerseyville	87	49
Mar. 10		Litchfield	78	35
	State Super Sectional - Salem, Illinois.			
Mar. 14		Centralia	66	64
	State Tournament - Urbana, Illinois.			
Mar. 16		East Rockford	71	48
Mar. 17		Peoria Manual	76	39
Mar. 17		Thornton-Harvey	84	50

^a Scorebook of 1960-61, in Athletic Office of Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois.

*Conference game.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--1960-1961
(continued)

Record for the season - Won 32 Lost 0

Conference record - Won 12 Lost 0 First place

Coach - Virgil Fletcher

Captain - none

Squad - Riddle, Fred	Basola, Bob	Brykit, Than
Redmon, Bogie	Mottin, Ron	Brennan, Joe
Simpson, Bob	Hildreth, Harry	Meyer, Marvin
Meadows, Bob	Matikitis, Ron	Temple, Al

APPENDIX B

NUMBER OF GAMES WON AND LOST

BY

THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAMS

1908-1961

NUMBER OF GAMES WON AND LOST
1908-1961

YEARS	WON	LOST
1907-1908	No Records Available	
1908-1909	No Records Available	
1909-1910 ^a	11	2
1910-1911 ^a	1	0
1911-1912	No Records Available	
1912-1913	18	5
1913-1914	18	2
1914-1915	21	7
1915-1916	18	6
1916-1917 ^a	4	4
1917-1918 ^a	9	6
1918-1919	No Team	
1919-1920 ^a	6	4
1920-1921	20	1
1921-1922	15	4
1922-1923	13	6
1923-1924	14	6
1924-1925	15	4
1925-1926	19	6
1926-1927	24	2
1927-1928	22	6
1928-1929	18	4
1929-1930	15	8
1930-1931	21	5
1931-1932	20	8
1932-1933	17	7

^aComplete records not available.

NUMBER OF GAMES WON AND LOST

1908-1961
(continued)

YEARS	WON	LOST
1933-1934	19	5
1934-1935	19	5
1935-1936	13	10
1936-1937	27	4
1937-1938	21	6
1938-1939	22	7
1939-1940	16	8
1940-1941	23	7
1941-1942	18	11
1942-1943	21	6
1943-1944	22	8
1944-1945	26	9
1945-1946	30	10
1946-1947	29	5
1947-1948	27	2
1948-1949	25	3
1949-1950	25	7
1950-1951	8	17
1951-1952	22	4
1952-1953	24	4
1953-1954	13	12
1954-1955	22	6
1955-1956	22	7
1956-1957	34	1
1957-1958	25	3
1958-1959	16	12
1959-1960	25	3
1960-1961	32	0
TOTALS	965	285

NUMBER OF GAMES WON AND LOST
1908-1961
(continued)

RECAPITULATION

Total Games Played.	1250
Collinsville Won.	965
Collinsville Lost	285

APPENDIX C

THE CONFERENCE STANDINGS

WITH

THE NUMBER OF GAMES WON AND LOST

BY

THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAMS

1924-1961

THE CONFERENCE STANDINGS
AND
THE NUMBER OF GAMES WON AND LOST
1923-1961

YEAR	WON	LOST	PLACE
1923-1924 ^a	8	3	2
1924-1925	10	2	2
1925-1926	10	2	2
1926-1927	14	0	1
1927-1928	13	1	1
1928-1929	11	1	1
1929-1930	7	5	3
1930-1931	10	4	1 ^b
1931-1932	12	2	1 ^c
1932-1933	12	2	1 ^d
1933-1934	12	2	1
1934-1935	10	2	2
1935-1936	6	6	3
1936-1937	11	1	1
1937-1938	11	3	2
1938-1939	10	4	2
1939-1940	10	4	3
1940-1941	9	5	3
1941-1942	9	5	2
1942-1943	12	2	1
1943-1944	12	2	1
1944-1945	11	3	2
1945-1946	12	2	1
1946-1947	14	0	1

^aFirst year conference was organized.

^bTied with Belleville and Granite City.

^cTied with East St. Louis.

^dTied with Wood River.

THE CONFERENCE STANDINGS
AND
THE NUMBER OF GAMES WON AND LOST
(continued)

YEAR	WON	LOST	PLACE
1947-1948	13	1	1
1948-1949	12	0	1
1949-1950	10	2	1 ^a
1950-1951	4	8	5
1951-1952	12	0	1
1952-1953	9	3	3
1953-1954	No Conference		
1954-1955	No Conference		
1955-1956	7	5	3
1956-1957	12	0	1
1957-1958	12	0	1
1958-1959	5	7	4
1959-1960	11	1	1
1960-1961	12	0	1
TOTALS	375	90	

RECAPITULATION

Total Games Played	465
Collinsville Won	375
Collinsville Lost	90
1st. Place Undisputed	16
1st. Place Tied	4
2nd Place	8
3rd Place	6
4th Place	1
5th Place	1

^aTied with Wood River.

APPENDIX D

THE TOTAL GAMES WON AND LOST

AND

PERCENTAGE UNDER EACH OF THE

COLLINSVILLE COACHES FROM

1907-1961

WON AND LOST RECORDS OF THE BASKETBALL COACHES
OF COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
1908-1961

COACH	YEARS	WON	LOST	PERCENTAGE
Bliss Dee	1907-1909 ^a	Not Known		
R.C. Sayre	1909-1910	11	2	84.6
Coach unknown	1910-1911	1	0	
William Green	1912-1913	18	5	78.2
William Graham	1913-1914	18	2	90.0
William Beck	1914-1915	39	13	75.0
M.A. Andreen	1916-1917 ^a	4	4	50.0
J.W. Martin	1917-1918 ^b	9	6	60.0
John Hawkins	1919-1924 ^a	68	21	76.4
Willard O. Larson	1924-1937	249	74	77.1
Allen Metternick	1937-1942	100	39	71.9
James Placek	1942-1944	43	14	75.4
D. K. Darling	1944-1945	26	9	74.2
Jack Fabri	1945-1946	30	10	75.0
Virgil Fletcher	1946-1961	349	86	80.2
TOTALS		965	285	78.5

^aSeasons record not available.

^bMartin was a student at the time.

APPENDIX E

TOTAL POINTS SCORED EACH SEASON

BY

COLLINSVILLE AND OPPONENTS

1907-1961

TOTAL POINTS SCORED EACH SEASON

YEARS	COLLINSVILLE	OPPONENT
1907-1908	No Records Available	
1908-1909	No Records Available	
1909-1910	16	5
1910-1911	78	8
1911-1912	No Records Available	
1912-1913	956	520
1913-1914	903	342
1914-1915	1028	536
1915-1916	784	534
1916-1917	159	168
1917-1918	340	317
1918-1919	No Team	
1919-1920	142	112
1920-1921	542	272
1921-1922	459	285
1922-1923	284	238
1923-1924	331	258
1924-1925	490	244
1925-1926	671	441
1926-1927	697	365
1927-1928	801	532
1928-1929	624	381
1929-1930	537	376
1930-1931	829	469
1931-1932	634	505
1932-1933	689	516
1933-1934	625	413
1934-1935	765	463
1935-1936	570	577
1936-1937	1050	629

TOTAL POINTS SCORED EACH SEASON
(continued)

YEARS	COLLINSVILLE	OPPONENT
1937-1938	845	658
1938-1939	925	719
1939-1940	860	643
1940-1941	1101	818
1941-1942	905	808
1942-1943	999	756
1943-1944	970	771
1944-1945	1459	1291
1945-1946	1789	1441
1946-1947	1825	1296
1947-1948	1611	1155
1948-1949	1504	1102
1949-1950	1679	1424
1950-1951	1210	1244
1951-1952	1627	1299
1952-1953	1669	1446
1953-1954	1436	1408
1954-1955	1887	1507
1955-1956	1888	1677
1956-1957	2573	1907
1957-1958	1864	1548
1958-1959	1682	1619
1959-1960	1951	1419
1960-1961	2462	1761
TOTALS	51,706	39,164

APPENDIX F

TOTAL WON AND LOST RECORD

AGAINST ALL OPPONENTS

OF

THE COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAMS

1907-1961

WON AND LOST RECORD FOR EACH OPPONENT
1908-1961

OPPONENT	COLLINSVILLE WON	OPPONENT WON
Alumni	5	4
Alton	81	23
Alton - Western Military	2	0
Anna	2	0
Anna-Jonesboro	4	1
Ashley	2	0
Baraca	2	0
Batavia	0	1
Belleville	87	11
Benld	8	1
Benton	2	2
Bethalto	3	0
Brighton	3	0
Carbondale	2	0
Carbondale University High	1	0
Carlinville	2	0
Carlyle	8	0
Carmi	1	0
Centralia	18	7
Champaign	1	0
Charleston	1	0
Chicago-Lakeview	1	0
Chicago-South Shore	0	1
Chicago-Tilden Tech.	1	0
Chicago-Wells	1	0
Collinsville-A.C.	1	1
Company K-Mo. State Malitia	2	0
Company H-Mo. State Malitia	2	0
Compton Heights	2	1

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OPPONENT	COLLINSVILLE WON	OPPONENT WON
Danville	1	1
Decatur	0	4
Decatur-Lakeview	2	0
Decatur-McArthur	4	0
Dupo	13	2
DuQuoin	2	3
East Peoria	2	0
East Rockford	1	2
East St. Louis	69	19
East St. Louis-Central Catholic	3	0
East St. Louis-Lincoln	2	0
Edwardsville	83	28
Effingham	1	0
Elgin	1	1
Evanston	1	1
Fairbury	1	0
Farnia	0	1
Flora	2	2
Galesburg	3	0
Gillespie	10	3
Granite City	82	19
Greenville	25	9
Herrin	4	3
Highland	12	2
Hillsboro	4	0
Jacksonville	2	0
Jerseyville	12	3
Johnson City	0	2
Joilet	0	1

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OPPONENT	COLLINSVILLE WON	OPPONENT WON
Kankakee	1	0
Kewanee	1	0
Lawrenceville	1	2
Leacocks American	0	1
Lebanon	7	6
Lebanon A. C.	1	0
Lincoln	0	1
Litchfield	16	4
Livingston	10	3
Madison	57	8
Madison-Dunbar	1	0
Marion	1	5
Marissa	2	0
Mascoutah	7	2
Mater Dei	1	0
Mattoon	1	0
McLeansboro	1	0
McKendree College	2	3
Metropolis	1	0
Moline	1	1
Mound City	1	0
Mt. Carmel	2	2
Mt. Olive	5	0
Mt. Vernon	3	5
Murphysboro	4	0
Nashville	5	5
New Trier	0	1
Normal-University High	0	1
O'Fallon	10	4

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OPPONENT	COLLINSVILLE WON	OPPONENT WON
Olney	1	0
Ottawa	1	0
Panama	1	0
Paris	2	0
Pekin	3	1
Peoria-Manual	1	0
Pinckneyville	3	5
Pocahontas	4	0
Quincy	6	3
Robinson	3	1
Rock Island-Allerman	1	0
Rood House	1	0
Roxana	14	0
Rushville	2	0
Salem	9	4
Shipman	1	0
Shurtleff College	1	0
Sparta	7	4
Springfield	3	6
Springfield-Cathedral	4	1
Springfield-Feitshams	1	0
St. Elmo	2	0
St. Jacob	1	0
St. Louis-Beaumont	3	0
St. Louis-Central	6	0
St. Louis-Celeveland	3	0
St. Louis-Crescent A.C.	1	0
St. Louis-Normandy	1	1
St. Louis-Soldan	1	0
St. Louis-Southwest	1	0

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OPPONENT	COLLINSVILLE WON	OPPONENT WON
St. Louis-University High	4	3
Staunton	6	5
Taylorville	7	3
Thornton-Harvey	1	0
Trenton	2	0
Troy	2	0
Urbana	0	1
Valmeyer	1	0
Vandalia	18	7
Venice	2	0
Venice-Lincoln	1	0
Virdon	1	0
Webster Groves, Missouri	2	1
West Frankfort	2	0
West Rockford	0	1
White Hall	1	0
Witt	4	1
Wood River	82	20
Worden	2	0
YMCA-Northern-St. Louis	1	0
YMCA-Rock Church-St. Louis	1	0
Zeigler	0	1
TOTALS	957	282