

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1960

Hartford Gorillas And Adams Central Winners In Sectional Openers

By Pete Reynolds

The Hartford Gorillas and Adams Central Greyhounds emerged victorious in opening games of the Adams Central sectional tourney Wednesday night before a near capacity house.

The Gorillas eliminated the Decatur Catholic Commodores, 55-53, in the tourney opener, and the Greyhounds ousted the Geneva Cardinals, 62-45, in the nightcap.

First round play will be concluded with a pair of contests tonight. In the opener at 7 o'clock, the Pleasant Mills Spartans will tangle with the Decatur Yellow Jackets, defending sectional champions. The second game will send the Monmouth Eagles against the heavily favored Berne Bears.

There will be no tickets for sale at the gym tonight, as all duecats for the session were sold out Wednesday.

No games will be played Friday, under the two-bracket setup, with tomorrow devoted to the sale of tickets for the Saturday sessions to the four schools still in the running.

Hartford and Adams Central will meet in the first semi-final at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, followed by the winners of tonight's two contests.

The championship game will be played at 8:15 p.m. Saturday between the Saturday afternoon winners.

Commodores Ousted
The Commodores never held the lead as they bowed to the Gorillas in the tourney lid-lifter. Tom Moser hit the first basket of the game, and Jim Heimann collected his only two-pointer of the night for a 2-2 tie after two minutes of play. The Commodores were only two points in arrears at 10-8 with 50 seconds to go in the first quarter, but a three-point play by Phil Hoover gave the Gorillas a 14-9 advantage at the end of the period.

The Decatur lads twice pulled within three points in the second quarter but could get no closer and Hartford walked off the floor at the half with a 26-18 bulge.

The Gorillas beat back every Commodore challenge throughout the rest of the game. Hartford's lead was cut to five points at the end of the third period, 37-32, and the Commodores moved to within four at 47-43 with 3:50 of the game to play, but the Gorillas stayed ahead from four to as many as nine points, with the Commodores cutting it to the final two-point margin just before the final buzzer.

The game developed into a two-man scoring duel, with Phil Hoover taking the honors with 29 points, while Don Baker closed out a great high school career with 28 markers for the losing Commodores. Hartford won the game at the foul line as the Commodores outscored their opponents from the field, 19-17. Hartford converted 21 of 34 free throws, the Commodores 15 of 28. There were 24 personals and two technicals called on the Commodores, 20 personals on the Gorillas. Hartford lost Gene Grogg on fouls, the Commodores Steve Omlor and Jim Heimann.

Greyhounds Advance
The Adams Central Greyhounds, after trailing until late in the second quarter, bounced back after the half-time intermission to eliminate the Geneva Cardinals, 62-45.

After an early 2-2 tie, the Cardinals went ahead and built up a 16-11 lead at the end of the first

quarter. Larry Foreman's field goal at 2:35 of the second quarter put Adams Central ahead for the first time, 25-24, and the Greyhounds had a 26-24 advantage at the half.

The Cardinals were limited to only eight points in the third quarter, while the Greyhounds scored 13 to take a 41-32 advantage into the final eight minutes of play.

The Greyhounds continued to increase their margin throughout the final quarter to take the victory by the 17-point bulge.

Larry Foreman copped scoring honors as the big Greyhound center poured in 23 points, 14 in the second half. He was given fine scoring assistance by Jerry Hirsch, who wound up with 17 markers. Larry Baumer topped Geneva with 17, followed by Sheldon Dynes with 13 and Larry Lauer with 10.

	FG	FT	TP
Hoover	8	13-15	29
Wittner	2	3-5	7
Moser	4	3-8	11
P. Habegger	1	2-5	4
Grogg	1	0-1	2
Runkel	1	0-0	2
Totals	17	21-34	55

	FG	FT	TP
Jim Heimann	1	1-3	3
S. Omlor	5	4-10	14
Gross	2	1-2	5
Baker	10	8-8	28
J. Omlor	0	0-0	0
Kohne	1	1-4	3
Blythe	0	0-0	0
Jerry Heimann	0	0-0	0
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Score by quarters: Hartford 14, 26, 37, 55; Commodores 9, 18, 32, 53. Officials: Butts, Farrar.

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Brown	2	1-2	5
Hirsch	6	5-8	17
Foreman	11	1-4	23
Striker	2	0-3	4
Steiner	3	5-8	11
J. Funk	1	0-0	2
L. Funk	0	0-0	0
Knittle	0	0-0	0
Stricker	0	0-0	0
Schwartz	0	0-0	0
Totals	25	12-25	62

Score by quarters: Adams Central 1, 28, 41, 62; Geneva 16, 24, 32, 45. Officials: Farrar, Butts.

Two Of Bloomfield's Players Have Measles

BLOOMFIELD, Ind. (UPI) —

Bloomfield, the winningest team in the Indiana prep tourney sectionals with a 24-1 record, prepared for its state tourney opener Friday night with its two big players in bed with the measles.

Officials said it was doubtful

whether 6-4 Jack Spinks and 6-3 Dan Roach would be able to play in their team's opener.

Tourney Notes

By Bob Wall

To open the sixth sectional basketball tourney at Adams Central last night, most of the fans were wondering if Berne could be stopped, and if Decatur's Yellow Jackets were the team to stop them.

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Adams Central and Hartford fans were pretty insistent that they might have a word or two to say in matter, as well.

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To begin with and to never say another word in this column again about the officiating, it would be best to say that the two fellows out there on opening day just had a bad night. For three quarters of the opening ball game, they called a pretty good game, a little heavy on the whistle, but fairly consistent. The pressure, however, took its toll in the last four minutes, and Butts and Farrar lost no composure but a little of the skill that they had shown earlier.

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Tourney-wise, rebounding took a prominent role in both contests as did foul shooting. Off the boards, big Larry Foreman, Greyhound center, grabbed 15 to lead in that department. His team captured a total of 32, which was second to date, to Decatur Catholic, which took 33 during its loss to Hartford Center.

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Foul-wise, we must approach that tender topic of technicals while Commodore coach Al Lindahl took two in that hectic fourth period, but was certainly not entitled to the first one. After Steve Omlor had fouled out, Lindahl was instructing a substitute on some strategy. The shorter of the two officials blew the technical while Lindahl was still issuing the last second instructions. It is the opinion of this column that a coach has that right. In a tight contest, he should have the right to give a new man a few seconds of directed talk. The official did not warn the coach, he did not walk over and tell him to hurry, he just blew the foul—and you can take that any way you like it.

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Gene Grogg, of Hartford, was the first player to sit out the sectional because of fouls, when he had his fifth blown at 6:32 of the fourth quarter against the Commodores. Besides Steve Omlor, the Commodores also lost Jim Heimann on fouls. Hartford had 18 fouls called, while DCHS had 22. And the Gorillas sewed up the game at the free throw stripe.

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Third-rated Madison, with top-ranking and tourney favorite Muncie Central the only unbeaten in the month-long grind, ran its winning streak to 19 at the expense of Austin at Scottsburg, 86-43. Harold (Buster) Briley canned 34 points for the Cubs, who won as they pleased.

New Castle, conqueror of highly-regarded Kokomo last Friday, showed its prowess by smashing Lewisville and state scoring champion Marion Pierce, 94-58. Johnny Lee pumped in 32 points for the Trojans, probably tops for the night, while Pierce was held to 30.

In all, seven defending sectional winners bowed out.

Martinsville, a three-time state champ but winner only twice during the season, was upended by Eminence in the tourney's first triple overtime, 60-58. A pair of freethrows by Dave Leonard put the skids under the Artics on their home floor.

Atica lost to Perrysville at Williamsport, 69-63; Williamsburg shaded Hagerstown at Richmond, 60-59, on Bob Hall's jump shot with eight seconds left; Gary Chesser's layup with four seconds to go gave Evansville Central a 64-62 thriller over city foe Bosse, whose Russ Grierer poured in 35 points; Dunkirk, which whipped Hartford City by 28 points during the season, lost to the Airedales at Portland, 62-59, and host Salem lost to Morgan Twp., 58-49.

Highland is 21-1.

In the annual Holthous Drug Co. sectional contest, Berne was the heavy favorite to capture the right to enter the Fort Wayne regional. Of the 1,200 entries, 55 per cent tabbed the Bears as the likely winner. Adams Central followed with 19 per cent and local fans backed the Jackets, 16 per cent. Hartford, still very much alive, had only 1 per cent backing as did Monmouth. The 6 per cent

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who backed Geneva and the 2 per cent, who chose the Commodores, have fallen by the wayside.

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The traffic count for the Decatur Daily Democrat-Citizens Telephone Co. score service totalled 1,738 calls for the first night.

State Champ Attacks Loses To Shortridge

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Crispus Attucks' seven-year monopoly of the Indianapolis high school basketball scene lay shattered today, but most of the other "name" teams were just warming up as sectional warfare in the state tourney spread to all 64 centers.

Although given only an outside chance to retain their state title, the Flying Tigers were shot down by fire-dipped Indianapolis Shortridge before nearly 15,000 Butler Fieldhouse fans Wednesday night, 69-56, setting the stage for the crowning of a new "King of the Hoosier Madness."

Attucks and 136 other hopefuls for 64 sectional titles to be awarded Saturday night were eliminated on the first day of the golden anniversary state tourney, and 149 others from an original field of 694 will call it quits by tonight.

West NIHSC champion East Chicago Washington, No. 4 in the state, had an afternoon date with Hammond Tech, the 1940 state champion. Tonight, games involving season-long powerhouses include Jasper-Ireland at Huntingburg, Indianapolis Manual-Greenfield at Southport, Roosevelt-Tolleston at Gary, and Bloomington-Mooresville at Martinsville.

Shortridge Never Trialed

Three-time state champ Attucks, 15-5 for the season and ninth in the final United Press International coaches' ratings, couldn't match inspired Shortridge, which raced to a 7-0 lead. The Blue Devils, 58-57 winners over Attucks during the season, led at all stops and refused to be demoralized when Attucks tied the score at 31-31 early in the third period.

Ray Satterfield, Paul Henry and Lou Williams were the sparkplugs who drove time and again through Attucks' defense. And when lined up for the final period with Shortridge leading, 50-36, the huge crowd sensed that Attucks, sectional titlist for seven consecutive years, was about to abdicate.

Henry had 16 points and Satterfield 15, while Don Swift of Attucks was high with 17.

Lack of defense and a slow start led to Attucks' downfall, thought coach Bill Garrett. Shortridge's jubilant coaches, Cleon Reynolds and Bob King, said it was a team effort, good rebounding and scouting that kept their team in the running.

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