

LONGEST WINNING STREAKS

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Palmer's 103 game winning streak, 1986-89, is still **an Iowa prep record and ranks as the fifth longest in the United States.**

All the games were coached by Hall of Fame Coach Alden Skinner, who had a career record of 380 wins against 108 losses for a winning percentage of 77.9%.

The streak included State Championships in 1986 (26-0), 1987 (26-0), and 1988 (27-0). It started with the beginning of 1985-86 season and ended in the State semifinals in 1989 with a 60-56 loss to eventual State Champion Keota. Palmer came back to win the consolation game.

Two members of that team: Troy Skinner and Brian Pearson, both 1988 graduates, are members of the IHSAA Basketball Players Hall of Fame.

Other winning streaks in excess of 40 games by Iowa prep teams follow:

- 2 88 – Paullina, 1968-1970
- 3 74*- Aplington; Aplington-Parkersburg, 1991-93 (see Aplington below)
- 4 64 – Pomeroy-Palmer, 2000-2003
- 5 62 – Regina, Iowa City, 1978-80
- 6' 60 – Davenport Central, 1951-53 (vs. Iowa teams)
- 6 (tie) 58 – Iowa City, St. Mary's, 1956-59
- 6 (tie) 58 – Johnston, Nov. 1993-Jan. 1996
- 8 (tie) 52 – Aplington, 1991-92
- 8 (tie) 52 – Iowa Falls, 1998-99
- 8 (tie) 52 – Harlan, 2006-07
- 11 49 – Newell-Fonda, 1996-1998
- 12 42 – Linn-Mar, 1983-84

* denotes school involved in consolidation

' games vs. Iowa teams – lost to only Illinois teams in that stretch

GAMES INVOLVING THE MOST OVERTIMES

The most overtimes played in an Iowa high school basketball is **nine**.

Lytton and Crestland of Early waged nine extra periods before Lytton prevailed 96-94 at Early on Feb. 1, 1982. The teams had also played an overtime game earlier in the year.

According to the National Federation Record Book, the game ties three others as the second longest in the nation. On Feb. 29, 1964, Boone Trail of Marners, NC topped Angier, 56-54 in 13 overtimes, the most extra periods played.

Lytton led Crestland at half 35-29, but the two teams were tied at 63-all at the end of regulation. The first eight overtimes ended with ties at 67, 73, 73, 75, 79, 81, 85, and 92.

Coaches of the two teams were: Tom Gates, Crestland and Larry DeRocher, Lytton.

Thanks to Randy Galvin, the IHSAA has a photo copy of the score sheet, and newspaper articles from the Sioux City Journal (Steven Allspach), Storm Lake Times, Des Moines Register (Rick Brown), and the Early News.

St. Ansgar and Greene went through **eight extra periods**, December 10, 1982 with St. Ansgar winning 67-65. That tied the eight extra periods Central Webster and Prairie, Gowrie played in a Feb. 28, 1962 sectional game at Fort Dodge won by Central Webster 54-53.

On Jan. 25, 1957, Ames and Marshalltown went **seven overtimes** (in the sudden death format) in a game won by Ames, 53-51. St. Edmond, Fort Dodge and Bishop Garrigan, Algona also locked up in seven extra periods, December 3, 1999. Garrigan prevailed 123-122.

The most overtimes played in a **State Tournament game is six** on March 18, 1985, when Maple Valley outlasted Northwood-Kensett, 87-81.

MOST POINTS BY ONE TEAM IS A GAME

- 190 – Grand Junction vs. Slater (6), Nov. 22, 1948
- 172 – Ottumwa Walsh vs. Blakesburg (12), Feb. 17, 1969 (Sectional first round)
- 141 – Palmer vs. Central Webster, Burnside (70), Dec. 4, 1987
- 140 – St. Marys vs. Woodburn (39), Feb. 1, 1957

The most 100-point plus games in a season is 15 by Palmer during the 1987-88 season. The team also had eight 100-point or more games in seasons ending in 1986 and 1987.

HIGHEST SCORING AVERAGE BY ONE TEAM IN A SEASON (minimum 23 games)

2,806 in 27 games – 103.9 ppga by Palmer, 1987-88

FORMER IOWA PREPS WHO WERE ON TWO OR MORE NCAA FINAL FOUR TEAMS

Bill Logan	Keokuk	University of Iowa	1956, 1957
Frank Sebolt	Davenport	University of Iowa	1956, 1957
Carter Crookham	Oskaloosa	University of Iowa	1956, 1957
Justin Wessel	Prairie, Cedar Rapids	University of Arizona	1997, 2001
Nick Collison	Iowa Falls	Kansas University	2002, 2003
Kirk Hinrich	Sioux City West	Kansas University	2002, 2003

FORMER IOWA PREPS WHO WERE IN TWO OR MORE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Justin Wessel	Prairie, Cedar Rapids	University of Arizona	1997 (1), 2001 (2)
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THE STATE TOURNAMENT – ODDS OF MAKING IT

Making the Boys' State Basketball Tournament in any given year is an accomplishment that merits the highest accolades. Consider the following facts:

* In Iowa there are approximately 120,000 students in grades 10 through 12. Of that total, nearly 60,000 are males.

* The maximum number of players in the State Tournament for any given year is 480 or approximately one of every 125 boys.

* Over 12,000 boys play high school basketball, meaning that only four percent actually make it to the state tournament.

* 32 teams qualify for the tournament and usually over 380 start tournament play. That is slightly over 8% of the state's teams making the elite field.

* By class, eight of 48 Class 4A schools (16.7%) make the tournament; eight of 64 Class 3A schools (12.5%) make the field; eight of 129 Class 2A teams (6.2%) make the trip to Des Moines; and eight of 151 Class 1A teams (5.3%) get to play in "The Championships."

* Given the numbers and demographics – in any given year the members of the championship teams in each class will represent less than 1% of all the boys that played and earned the label "State Champion."