LONGEST WIN STREAKS; MOST OVERTIMES; MOST POINTS, 3-PT GOALS MADE BY A TEAM

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Palmer’s 103 game win streak from 1986-89 is still an Iowa prep record and ranks as the fifth longest in the United States.

All of 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 the 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  80 – Paulina, 1968-1970
3  74* - Aplington; Aplington-Parkersburg (22), 1990-93 (see Aplington below)
4  64 – Pomeroy-Palmer, 2000-2003
5  62 – Regina, Iowa City, 1978-80
6  60 – Iowa City, West, 2011 to Jan. 10, 2014 (class 4A)
7 (tie)  58 – Iowa City, St. Mary’s, 1956-59
7 (tie)  58 – Johnston, Nov. 1993-Jan. 1996 (Class 3A)
9  54 – Ames, 2009 to December 3, 2011 (Class 4A)
10 (tie)  52 – Aplington, 1991-92
10 (tie)  52 – Iowa Falls, 1998-99
10 (tie)  52 – Harlan, 2006-07
13  49 – Newell-Fonda, 1996-1998
14  47 – West Fork Sheffield, 2010-12
15  45 – St. Mary’s, Storm Lake, 2011-12
16  42 – Linn-Mar, 1983-84

* denotes school(s) involved in consolidation

From 1951-53 Davenport had a 60-game win streak against Iowa schools but it was sandwiched with losses to Illinois schools

Longest Home Win Streaks (reported to the IHSAA)

93 – Roland 1948-54. After a loss to Milford Twp. on Nov. 29, 1946, the Rockets were unbeaten at home until Jan. 22, 1954 when they lost to Nevada, 55-52.


79 - Palmer – after a Jan. 4, 1983 loss to Havelock-Plover they did not lose at home. School closed at the end of the 1990-91 school year.

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 Mammers, 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, 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.

Saint 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.

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 IN A GAME**

(3-point field goal started with 1982-83 season)

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

**MOST COMBINED POINTS BY TWO TEAMS IN A GAME**

(3-point field goal started with 1982-83 season)

246 - Earlham (126) vs. Woodward-Academy (121) – 4 OT’s; Jan. 30, 2015
245 - Bishop Garrigan, Algona (123) vs. St. Edmond, Fort Dodge (122) – 7 OTs; Dec. 3, 1999
219 - Central, Elkader (118) vs. Postville (101), Feb. 18, 1972
215 - Lineville-Clio (109) vs. Lenox (106), OT, Feb. 18, 1992
212 - Benton Community (108) vs. LaSalle, Cedar Rapids (104), Jan. 6, 1995
211 - Palmer (141) vs. Central Webster, Burnside (70), Dec. 4, 1987
210 - Little Rock (116) vs. Spalding Catholic, Granville (94), Jan. 1988
208 - GMG, Garwin (105) vs. SEMCO, Brooklyn (103), Feb. 8., 2019
208 - Albia (108) vs. Centerville (100), 3 OT, Jan. 20, 2015
207 - Marquette, West Point (125) vs. Cardinal Stritch, Keokuk (82), Dec. 1991
204 - IKM, Manilla (114) vs. Woodbine (90), Feb. 1991
203 - Central Elkader (108) vs. Mid-Prairie (95), 1972 State Tr. consolation
201 - Madrid (103), Ogden (98), Jan. 4, 2019
200 - Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont (103) vs. Centerville (97) 4 OT, Jan. 6, 2017
199 - Lineville-Clio (104) vs. Moulton-Udell, Jan. 24, 1989
198 - Palmer (120) vs. Rolfe (78), 1987
197 - Aplington (123) vs. LDF-SEMCO (74), January 1992
197 - HLV, Victor (123) vs. English Valleys (74), 1973
196 - Sioux City, East (104) vs. Sioux City, Central (92), Feb. 1973
194 - Ogden (107) vs. Woodward Academy (97), Feb. 132, 2019
194 - Central Elkader (105) vs. Regina, Iowa City (89), 1972 State Tr. quarterfinals
194 - Central, Elkader (122) vs. Valley Community, Elgin (72), January 1972
193 - Newell-Fonda (116) vs. South Clay (77), December 1990
192 - Maquoketa Valley, Delhi (119) vs. Edgewood-Colesburg (73), December 1992
192 - Newell-Fonda (125) vs. Ida Grove (67), District Semifinals, Feb. 1991
192 - Humboldt (114) vs. Eagle Grove (78), December 18, 1970
191 - Maquoketa Valley, Delhi (109) vs. North Linn, Coggon (82), Feb. 1992 (District semis)
191 - Palmer (114) vs. Central Webster, Burnside (79), 1987
191 - Saint Ansgar (104) vs. Manly (87), Jan. 27, 1959
190 - Marquette, West Point (108) vs. Cardinal Stritch, Keokuk (82), January 1992
190 - Cedar Rapids, Jefferson (104) vs. Cedar Rapids, Kennedy (86), January 1986
190 - Central, Elkader (100) vs. Notre Dame, Cresco (90), Feb. 1972 (first round of District Tr)
190 - Lytton (96) vs. Early (94), Feb. 1, 1982 (9 OTs)
189 - Pomeroy-Palmer (102) vs. Twin Rivers, Bode (87), Feb. 1992 (first game of District Tr)
188 - Aplington (105) vs. GMG, Garwin (83), January 1992
188 - Diagonal (104) vs. Hedrick (84), Dec. 1990
188 - Chariton (109) vs. Albia (79), Jan. 1972
188 - Central, Elkader (120), M-F-L, Monona (68), Dec. 1971
187 - New Hampton (100) vs. Columbus Catholic, Waterloo (87), February 1992
187 - Western Christian, Hull (102) vs. Norfolk, NE 85, December 1992
187 - Cedar Rapids, Kennedy (96) vs. Linn-Mar, Marion (91) 3 OT, Feb. 1991 (District Tr)
187 - Marshalltown (94) vs. Harlan Community (93), 3 OT; 1972 (State Tr. quarterfinals)
186 - Clayton Ridge, Guttenberg (98) vs. Edgewood-Colesburg (88) [OT], Jan. 30, 2012
186 - Albert City-Truesdale (94) vs. Pomeroy-Palmer (92), Feb. 1992

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

TEAMS WITH AT LEAST 300 MADE 3-POINT FIELD GOALS IN A SEASON

340 – Palmer, 1988

THE ODDS OF MAKING THE STATE TOURNAMENT

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

* In Iowa there are approximately 118,000 students in grades 10 through 12. Of that total, approximately 59,000 are males.

* The maximum number of players in the State Tournament for any given year is 480 or approximately one of every 125 boys. With nearly 11,000 boys playing high school basketball, that means meaning that approximately 4.5 percent actually make it to the State Tournament.

* 32 teams qualify for the tournament. In 2018-19, 356 teams started tournament play. That is 9% 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 96 Class 2A teams (8.2%) make the trip to Des Moines; and eight of 148 Class 1A teams (5.4%) get to play in “The Championships.”

* Given the numbers and demographics, in any given year the members of the championship team in each class collectively will represent less than 1% of all the boys that play the sport.