

LONGEST WIN STREAKS

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Palmer's 103 game win streak, 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 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 – Paullina, 1968-1970
- 3 75*- Aplington; Aplington-Parkersburg, 1991-93 (see Aplington below)
- 4 64 – Pomeroy-Palmer, 2000-2003
- 5 62 – Regina, Iowa City, 1978-80
- 6 (tie) 58 – Iowa City, St. Mary's, 1956-59
- 6 (tie) 58 – Johnston, Nov. 1993-Jan. 1996 (Class 3A)
- 8 54 – Ames, 2009 to December 3, 2011 (Class 4A)
- 9 53 – Aplington, 1991-92
- 10 (tie) 52 – Iowa City, West, 2011 to present (class 4A)
- 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 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

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 Mamers, 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.

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.

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 IN 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

MOST COMBINED POINTS BY TWO TEAMS IN A GAME

- 211 - Palmer (141) vs. Central Webster, Burnside (70), Dec. 4, 1987
- 203 - Central Elkader (108) vs. Mid-Prairie (95), 1972 State Tr. consolation
- 198 - Palmer (120) vs. Rolfe (78), 1987
- 196 - Grand Junction (190) vs. Slater (6), Nov. 22, 1948
- 194 - Central Elkader (105) vs. Regina, Iowa City (89), 1972 State Tr. quarterfinals
- 191 - Palmer (114) vs. Central Webster, Burnside (79), 1987
- 191 - Saint Ansgar (104) vs. Manly (87), Jan. 27, 1959
- 187 - Marshalltown (94) vs. Harlan Community (93) – 3 OT; 1972 (State Tr. quarterfinals)
- 184 - Palmer (115) vs. Northwest Webster, 1986
- 184 - Ottumwa Walsh (172) vs. Blakesburg (12), Feb. 17, 1969 (Sectional first round)

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

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

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| 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 |

IOWA PREPS WHO WERE IN TWO OR MORE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

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| 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, 60,000 approximately 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 365-370 start tournament play. That is 8.7% 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 (8.3%) make the trip to Des Moines; and eight of 159 Class 1A teams (5.0%) 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.”