

# BASKETBALL

The Cambria County War Memorial Arena

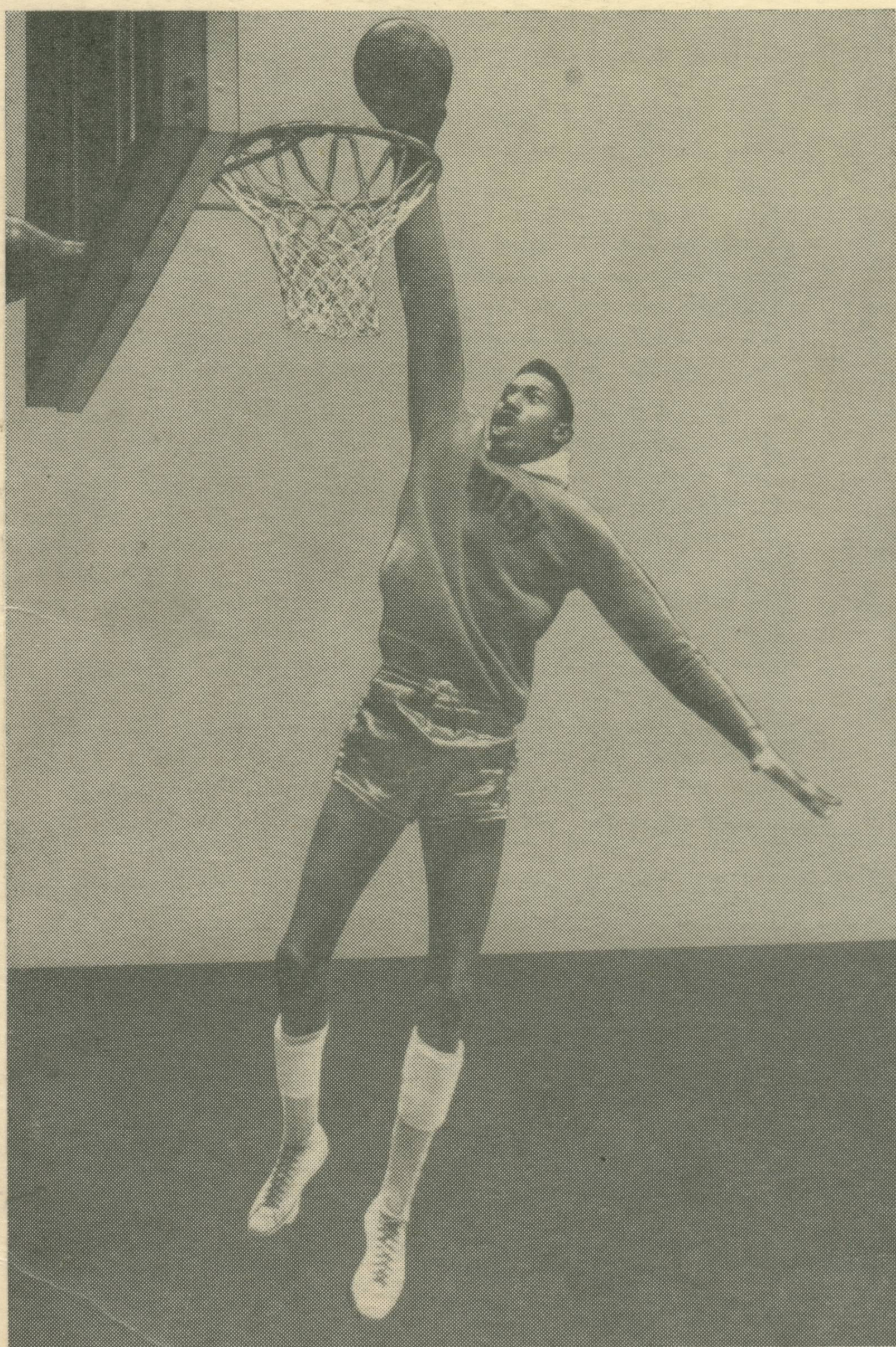
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PROUDLY PRESENTS

## The Seventh Annual Invitational Tournament

Wednesday and Thursday, December 28th and 29th, 1955



### WILTON "WILT THE STILT" CHAMBERLAIN

Voted as the outstanding player of the Sixth Annual Tournament, and the Invitational's top star ever, 7' 2" Wilt Chamberlain is most everyone's choice as the greatest basketball prospect alive. Now playing with the University of Kansas Frosh, "Wilt" is likely to eclipse the name of the fabled George Mikan.

### AWARDS

Please remain seated after the Championship game Thursday night as individual and team trophies will be tendered immediately following.

### PARTICIPANTS' 1955-56 RECORDS TO DATE

#### ALTOONA HIGH SCHOOL

(5 wins — 0 losses)

Kittanning .....	68—57	Lock Haven .....	74—41
Windber .....	53—51	Chambersburg .....	93—56
Duquesne .....	65—59		

#### CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

(5 wins — 0 losses)

Interboro .....	73—29	Collingdale .....	63—47
Eddystone .....	67—45	Hanover .....	93—43
St. James .....	69—36		

#### NEW CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

(7 wins — 0 losses)

North Catholic .....	74—53	Meadeville .....	80—53
Struthers .....	54—52	Butler .....	65—57
St. Marys .....	105—28	Sharpsville .....	83—47
Ford City .....	66—61		

#### JOHNSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

(3 wins — 3 losses)

Monesson .....	60—64	Franklin .....	77—73
Lewistown .....	50—54	Westinghouse .....	66—49
Franklin .....	82—51	Aliquippa .....	48—55

### OFFICIALS

December 28th—7:30—KEN WOODRING  
CLYDE HORNER  
December 28th—9:00—JOHN SOLIC  
HUGH CONRAD  
December 29th—7:30—LOUIS BUCHAN  
TONY KLIM  
December 29th—9:00—ALEX RICH  
BILL BOSSI



# CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

Player	Class	Age	Height	Weight	Position	Jersey Numbers Jersey Colors		Race
						Orange	White	
Walker, Horace	Sr.	18	6' 3"	194	C	3	3	N
Gilbert, Gerald	Sr.	17	6' 1"	160	F	9	9	N
Reeves, George	Sr.	17	6' 5"	166	C	5	5	W
Wade, Louis	Jr.	17	6' 4"	168	C	15	15	N
Sutton, Warren	Jr.	16	6' 3"	167	C	10	10	N
Auerback, Dave	Sr.	17	6' 0"	164	F	12	12	W
Iacono, Joe	Sr.	17	6' 0"	175	F	16	16	W
Elliott, Jack	Sr.	17	5' 10"	130	G	4	4	W
Davidson, Charles	Jr.	17	5' 10"	150	G	6	6	W
Abrams, Ed	Jr.	16	6' 1"	150	G	7	7	W
Wilson, Billy	Soph.	17	6' 0"	167	F	17	17	N
Murry, Bradford	Jr.	16	5' 10"	152	G	11	11	N
May, Frank	Jr.	17	5' 8"	135	G	8	8	W

THE CLIPPERS

COACH—BOB FORWARD

DISTRICT 1 — PIAA

ORANGE AND BLACK

ONCE again powerful schoolboy quintettes gather to do battle in the Cambria County War Memorial Arena. As in years past the area holiday season is brightened by the sparkling play of talented teen-agers, well coached. On no occasion throughout the Pennsylvania scholastic basketball campaign does as fine a quartette of high school teams meet under one roof in a night's play than in the War Memorial's Annual Invitational Tournament.

The Seventh Annual Invitational Tournament presents once more the cream of the current scholastic basketball crop, almost before the lid is lifted on the 1955-1956 season. Harvested in March for this December's event were four veteran clubs loaded with towering, tried and rugged veterans of the type that produce District, Regional and State Championships.

If the four team field of the Seventh Tournament holds true to the averages of the six years past, patrons of the Tourney will be seeing: (1) two first team 1955-56 All-State performers, as well as a second or third team choice, or both; (2) four teams whose 1955-56 season's records will read twenty-two wins and three losses; and (3) at least the runner-up to the State Champion, but more likely—the State Champion. Such is the caliber of ball in the oldest and finest of independent scholastic Tournaments in the Tri-State area.

On December 30th of last year, in the championship game of the Sixth Tournament, one of the most spectacular high school basketball games ever played in Pennsylvania resulted

in a tingling 75-74 victory for Overbrook High School of Philadelphia. Pitted against each other in this high school classic were McKeesport's Gene Danko, Stu Heller, and Tom Markovich, first, second and third team All-State-to-be respectively and Overbrook's first team All-State-to-be Wilt Chamberlain, seven foot, two inch giant. McKeesport eventually won the State Championship and Overbrook the rough-tough Philadelphia City League Championship. Although scholastic classics of this quality are exceedingly rare this outstanding game is, never-the-less, an accurate measure of the stature and fierceness of the competition of the Arena's Annual Invitational Tournament. It is unlikely that Tourney stature will suffer on its seventh anniversary.

Chester High School returns to the field, after a year's lapse, with muscles bulging. Chester is looking for an important victory inasmuch as the Clippers lost to Johnstown in the Fifth Tournament championship 48-46 and went on to drop heart-breaking six point decisions in the State Championship finals in March of 1954 and 1955. Winners in 26 of 28 games last year the clipper ship boasts the return of Pennsylvania's greatest scholastic cager of the current season, the tremendous 6' 3" forward Horace Walker. A fine student and polished gentleman, Horace was unanimously chosen first team All-State in 1954-55 and to the first team All-American for 1955-56, to date his crowning achievement. As a sophomore in 1953-54 he was named second team All-State. Walker, who dunks the ball into the net with ease, dunked his 1000th point into Hanover's basket on Decem-

# NEW CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

Player	Class	Age	Height	Weight	Position	Jersey Numbers Jersey Colors		Race
						Red	White	
Bigley, Richard	Sr.	18	5' 10"	160	G	39	52	W
Boak, Robert	Sr.	18	6' 2"	185	F	37	53	W
Bongivengo, Frank	Sr.	17	5' 8"	170	G	35	43	W
Farone, Louis	Sr.	18	6' 0"	155	G	12	44	W
Fitzpatrick, Jerry	Jr.	16	5' 11"	163	F	36	47	N
Georges, John	Sr.	18	6' 1"	195	F	38	48	W
Jenkins, Don	Sr.	18	5' 9"	151	G	30	50	W
Leitera, John	Jr.	16	5' 9"	165	G	40	55	W
Manvine, Joe	Jr.	16	5' 10"	163	G	23	7	W
Mangham, Walter	Sr.	17	6' 3"	188	C	11	46	N
Singer, Carl	Jr.	16	6' 3"	192	F	31	54	W
Vago, Richard	Jr.	16	6' 3"	164	C	32	49	W

THE HURRICANES

COACH—JOHN MILANOVICH

DISTRICT 7 — PIAA

RED AND BLACK



# ALTOONA HIGH SCHOOL

Players	Class	Age	Height	Weight	Position	Jersey Numbers Jersey Colors		Race
						Black	White	
Clouser, Earl	Sr.	17	5' 9"	155	G	21	21	W
White, Chester	Sr.	17	5' 10"	157	G	23	23	N
Ray, Jack	Sr.	17	6' 3"	172	F	34	34	W
Swanner, Jim	Jr.	17	5' 11½"	173	G	24	24	W
Ingram, Bill	Jr.	16	6' 5"	192	C	31	31	W
Boening, Bob	Jr.	16	6' 4"	180	F	25	25	W
Nail, Wayne	Jr.	16	5' 11"	180	G	35	35	W
Craig, Dick	Jr.	16	5' 11"	160	G	12	12	W
Simpson, Tom	Jr.	16	5' 9"	150	G	11	11	W
Ammer, Frank	Jr.	17	6' 0"	160	F	33	33	W
Frasca, Mike	Jr.	16	5' 10"	155	G	32	32	W
Hansard, Henry	Sr.	16	6' 0"	170	C	15	15	N

THE MOUNTAIN LIONS

COACH—JAMES O'DONNELL

DISTRICT 6 — PIAA

MAROON AND WHITE

ber 20th. Complimenting Walker's great play is 6' 1" Gerry Gilbert, named eighth among schoolboy cagers the state over by Dell, and displaying great speed on the fast break, unerring eye. Center George Reeves rounds out the returning veterans at 6' 5", giving Chester great strength off the boards.

New Castle (15-4), likewise, competed in the 1953 Tournament. A scintillating sophomore in the 1953 event blossomed into a steel spring-legged veteran last year to win first team All-State honors, the only other returnee beside Horace Walker, to scholastic basketball from the first team All-Pennsylvania of 1955. Holder of Pennsylvania's scholastic high jump record at 6' 5¾" New Castle's 6' 3" 190 pound center outjumps 6' 6" opponents effortlessly. Walter Mangham is, without reservation, New Castle's greatest cager in history, holding most of the school's marks and standing squarely behind Horace Walker as Pennsylvania's second ranking schoolboy hoopster. Mangham averaged an unbelievable thirty rebounds per game last year to rank nationally off the boards and averaged well over twenty points per game in Pennsylvania's roughest high school conference. Supporting Mangham in New Castle's bid for a State Championship are last year's starters: John Georges, 6' 1", 195 pounder, who rates the other half of the Hurricane one-two punch. A top shot, Georges sank 40% of his attempts in last year's campaign. Frank Bongivengo and Louis Farone, New Castle High School ballhawks, round out the returnees.

Entering its first Invitational Tournament Altoona High School (17-5) boasts the return of four of last year's first six veterans. Last season's three top scorers tread Altoona's hardwoods again. They are 5' 9" Earl Clouser, high scoring, left-handed floor leader; 5' 10" Chet White, hustling ball-hawk, who placed honorable mention on last year's All-State squad; and 6' 3" Jack Ray, top driver and rebounder. Behind these point-producers stands 6' Jim Swanner and 6' 5" Bill Ingram to consolidate Altoona gains.

Host Johnstown High School puts forth its fifth bid for the Tourney cup. Successful in half of the four previous bids, J. H. S. once again has great potential, both from its top J. V. squad of last year (21-1) and from last year's varsity (23-3) to mold a champion from. Returning regulars from the varsity include: the hero of the Fifth Tournament, 6' George Hanna, who dumped in last minute goals on both nights of the 1953 event to gain thin Trojan victory margins and the Tournament Championship. George is ranked among the top seven schoolboy cagers in Pennsylvania. Personal duels between Hanna, Mangham and Walker will bear great interest. Also returning is 6' 3" Dick Molchany, rugged veteran rebounder and goal-getter who, with 6' 5" Ben Haselrig returning, will give Johnstown enviable authority on the backboards. Spelling J. H. S.'s first five are 5' 9" hustling floormen Bob Hunter and Ken Rager.

# JOHNSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Player	Class	Age	Height	Weight	Position	Jersey Numbers Jersey Colors		Race
						Blue	White	
Hanna, George	Sr.	17	6'	175	F	53	75	W
Molchany, Dick	Sr.	17	6' 3"	180	G	55	83	W
Rager, Ken	Sr.	17	5' 9"	160	F	43	82	W
Hunter, Bob	Jr.	18	5' 9"	155	F	35	74	N
Hasselrig, Ben	Sr.	18	6' 5"	170	C	24	73	N
Muffie, Pete	Jr.	17	5' 9"	150	F	23	72	W
Vargo, Ray	Sr.	16	6' 3"	175	C	50	78	W
Killen, Dave	Jr.	17	6' 1"	180	G	33	77	W
Kramer, Bill	Jr.	17	6' 0"	165	G	25	70	W
Heading, Jack	Jr.	17	6' 3½"	170	C	40	79	W
Eck, Ed	Jr.	17	5' 11"	145	F	30	84	W
Roman, Larry	Jr.	17	6' 0"	165	G	34	76	W
Washington, George	Jr.	16	6' 1"	165	G	54	80	N

THE TROJANS

COACH—PAUL ABELE

DISTRICT 6 — PIAA

BLUE AND BLACK



# TOURNAMENT HISTORY

Field	Tourney Record	Season's Record	All-State Selections
<b>FIRST ANNUAL TOURNAMENT</b>			
<b>1949</b> READING CONEMAUGH HOMESTEAD McKEESPORT	<b>1949</b> 2-0 1-1 1-1 0-2	<b>1949-50</b> 13-9 20-7 20-4 17-3	<b>1950</b> TOM YEWCIC, Conemaugh (First) TOM GOSSMAN, McKeesport (Third)
<b>SECOND ANNUAL TOURNAMENT</b>			
<b>1950</b> JOHNSTOWN CATHOLIC FARRELL JOHNSTOWN WILLIAMSPORT	<b>1950</b> 2-0 1-1 1-1 0-2	<b>1950-51</b> 25-0 27-2 21-4 16-8	<b>1951</b> JULIUS McCOY, Farrell (First) RON NATHANIC, Johnstown Catholic (Second)
<b>THIRD ANNUAL TOURNAMENT</b>			
<b>1951</b> FARRELL FORD CITY SWOYERSVILLE WESTMONT	<b>1951</b> 2-0 1-1 1-1 0-2	<b>1951-52</b> 27-1 20-2 30-3 22-2	<b>1952</b> JULIUS McCOY, Farrell (First) JOE HOLUP, Swoyersville (First) BOB SHARKEY, Westmont (Second) RAY ZELEK, Ford City (Fourth) BOB HOFFMAN, Farrell (Fourth)
<b>FOURTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT</b>			
<b>1952</b> JOHNSTOWN GREENSBURG SHARON OLD FORGE	<b>1952</b> 2-0 1-1 1-1 0-2	<b>1952-53</b> 25-2 24-2 22-3 29-3	<b>1953</b> JACK KALBFUS, Greensburg (First) BOB ATTERHOLT, Sharon (First) MARTIN FARRELL, Old Forge (First)
<b>FIFTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT</b>			
<b>1953</b> JOHNSTOWN CHESTER NEW KENSINGTON NEW CASTLE	<b>1953</b> 2-0 1-1 1-1 0-2	<b>1953-54</b> 24-1 24-2 18-4 9-9	<b>1954</b> PAUL SCHMIDT, Johnstown (First) JIM LONG, Chester (Second)
<b>SIXTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT</b>			
<b>1954</b> OVERBROOK McKEESPORT JOHNSTOWN MEADVILLE	<b>1954</b> 1-0 1-1 0-1 Unable to compete	<b>1954-55</b> 22-1 26-2 23-3	<b>1955</b> WILT CHAMBERLAIN, Overbrook (First) GENE DANKO, McKeesport (First) STU HELLER, McKeesport (Second) TOM MARKOVICH, McKeesport (Third) BOB REESE, Johnstown (Fourth)

## THE OUTSTANDING PLAYERS 1949-54

FIRST ANNUAL TOURNAMENT	1949	LEON MILLER	READING HIGH SCHOOL
SECOND ANNUAL TOURNAMENT	1950	JULIUS McCOY	FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL
THIRD ANNUAL TOURNAMENT	1951	JULIUS McCOY	FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL
FOURTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT	1952	JACK KALBFUS	GREENSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
FIFTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT	1953	PAUL SCHMIDT	JOHNSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
SIXTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT	1954	WILT CHAMBERLAIN	OVERBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

## STATE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP

1950	HOMESTEAD	STATE CHAMPIONS-PIAA
1951	JOHNSTOWN CATHOLIC	STATE CHAMPIONS-PCIAA
1951	FARRELL	STATE RUNNERS-UP-PIAA
1952	FARRELL	STATE CHAMPIONS-PIAA
1953	SHARON	STATE RUNNERS-UP-PIAA
1954	CHESTER	STATE RUNNERS-UP-PIAA
1955	McKEESPORT	STATE CHAMPIONS-PIAA

## STANDING INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Most Points Scored in One Game	WILT CHAMBERLAIN, Overbrook High School, 1954	46
Most Points Scored in Two Games	JULIUS McCOY, Farrell High School, 1951	67
Most Field Goals in One Game	WILT CHAMBERLAIN, Overbrook High School, 1954	17
Most Field Goals in Two Games	JULIUS McCOY, Farrell High School, 1951	25
Best Scrimmage Percentage, One Game—17 of 28	WILT CHAMBERLAIN, Overbrook High School, 1954	61%
Best Scrimmage Percentage, Two Games—10 of 18	RON NATHANIC, Johnstown Catholic High School, 1950	56%
Best Foul Shooting Percentage, One Game—11 of 11	TOM YEWCIC, Conemaugh High School, 1949	100%
Best Foul Shooting Percentage, Two Games—13 of 15	TOM YEWCIC, Conemaugh High School, 1949	87%
Most Rebounds, One Game	JULIUS McCOY, Farrell High School, 1951	30
	WILT CHAMBERLAIN, Overbrook High School, 1954	30

## STANDING TEAM TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Most Points, One Game	FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL, 1951	76
Most Points, Two Games	McKEESPORT HIGH SCHOOL, 1954	145
Most Points, One Quarter	FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL, 1951	32
Best Scrimmage Percentage, One Game—27 of 61	McKEESPORT HIGH SCHOOL, 1954	44%
Best Scrimmage Percentage, Two Games—37 of 94	OLD FORGE HIGH SCHOOL, 1952	39%
Least Points, One Game	JOHNSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, 1950	24
Least Points, One Quarter	JOHNSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, 1950	2