

Tigers Outlast Jeffries and Alton, 58-54

By DON PLASKI
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WOOD RIVER — "He deserves to be seen. Now people around the state won't get to see him play. He's something to see." — Ralph Sterrett, Alton High School coach.

ville, the tourney favorite, rated seventh in the state and now owner of a 24-3 record, won the big game, staving off Alton, 58-54, in a thriller that left all of the 3600 people who crammed into Memorial Gymnasium limp or hoarse.

ville's tenacious defense and deliberate offense.

four minutes left. Alton was back in contention and had the momentum.

second and, yep, Jeffries got the rebound. Hardimon, who was far off shooting form after hitting 27 and 26 in two previous tourney games, missed a long one handed. Harris got the rebound.

ville. The Tigers stalled until Schwear was fouled by Hardimon, his fifth foul.

things. You can't blame him. He did what he was told. It's just unfortunate the pass got away."

rebounded, 28-17, the Tigers had a better shooting night than Alton — 21 baskets in 40 tries for 53 per cent to the Redbirds' 23 of 49 for 47 per cent.

Sterrett, "but we got the fouls and they didn't."

Basketball Results

- HIGH SCHOOL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
At Wood River
Edwardsville 58, Alton 54
Belleville East 65, Belleville Alt-hoff 58



THE END FOR JEFFRIES—Mike Jeffries, who played superhuman basketball in the last quarter to nearly pull it out for Alton, buries his face in his hands to hide the tears and disappointment just after he had fouled out with a minute to play. His coach, Ralph Sterrett, consoles the disheartened Jeffries. (Tourney photos by Hayes brothers, Don and Jon)

East Lancers Win Cahokia Regional, Face Edwardsville

By BOB HERTZ
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CAHOKIA — The Belleville East Lancers won the IHSA Regional Tournament held here Friday night as they whipped the Crusaders of Belleville Alt-hoff, 69-56, before a packed house.

The Lancers, who finished the regular season of play with a 17-8 record, won three games in the eight-team regional. In the first round they beat Venice and in the second round beat favored Assumption.

The Lancers now progress to the Sectional to be held in Edwardsville.

Althoff gained its seat in the finals last night by beating East St. Louis in the first round and Belleville West in the second round. It went into tournament play posting a respectable 15-10 ledger for the season.

The Crusaders went down honorably, though, and gave East a run for its money in the contest. Although the spread of the final score was -13 points, Althoff really didn't play up to par.

Sectional Pairings

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Sectional pairings and records in the Illinois State High School Basketball Tournament:

At Arlington Heights
Maine South (18-5) vs. Wheeling (19-5)

At Aurora East
Elgin (22-4) vs. St. Charles (20-6)

At Carbondale
Carbondale (23-3) vs. Meridian (26-2)

At Decatur
Taylorville (19-8) vs. Lincoln (21-5)

Prep Powers Make It Look Easy

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Lured by the state's top-ranked 16 teams, a horde of 60 Illinois high school basketball teams Friday night clutched regional championship credentials in quest of the coveted state cage championship.

Indeed, San Jose, with a 72-65 victory over Peoria Limestone, recorded its 28th victory to remain the only undefeated team in the state. Timothy Christian downed Luther North 66-53.

12th-ranked Elgin buried Barrington 72-37. Bloom, No. 13, humbled Homewood 66-38 and 14th-ranked Normal edged Bloomington Catholic Central 62-60.

Eastern Leads
NORMAL, Ill. (AP) — Eastern Illinois took a half-point lead over host Illinois State after 8 events in the Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference swimming championships Friday.

- College Basketball
East
Army 73, Colgate 49
Oregon 71, Oregon State 66
Washington 69, Washington 61