



The Flaget Museum

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Sudden Death Basketball?

Today we are recognizing the 1960 Flaget State Championship Basketball team. The state championship is most likely the highest achievement possible for a high school basketball team. However on the way to that state championship other accomplishments are achieved. Today I want to look at one of those accomplishments and how it was won. From the 1940s thru the early 1960s basketball had what may now be considered a rather quirky rule. The rule stated that when a basketball game was tied at the end of regulation play, a three-minute overtime period would be used to settle on a winner. If the game were still tied at the end of this overtime period a second overtime period would be used. This second overtime period however was not the same as the first. In the second overtime, the first team to score two points would be instantly declared the winner. On December 28th of 1959 Flaget played in the Pikeville Invitational Tournament. Playing were Pikeville, rated number one in the state along with Flaget, Manual, and Newport Public which were all far down in the Litkenhouse ratings. In the first game Pikeville easily defeated Manual. In the second game Flaget came away with an equally easy win with a big second half against Newport Public. This set up the championship game for the next evening with both teams having unblemished records. According to the Lit Ratings Flaget would be more than a thirty-point underdog to Pikeville. In the championship game Flaget jumped out to a big lead with great play during the first half. When the second half began Pikeville started cutting down that big lead so at the end of regulation play the score was tied at 70. During the overtime period both teams scored two points so the game was still tied at the end of overtime. Then came the SUDDEN DEATH overtime. Flaget got the ball on the tip and fed it quickly to Ted Deeken who pushed it in for the win. Of course this big win over the number one team in the state was overshadowed by the later state championship, but it was one of the great moments of that 1959-1960 Flaget basketball team. The Pikeville Invitational trophy and the Seventh Region Championship trophy is on display in the front of the room along with the State Championship trophy.

The museum is always accepting vintage donations. School newspapers, athletic programs, trophies, jewelry and just about anything else from when the school was active is wanted. Currently the museum has many clothing items which cannot be displayed. We only have so much space. But if you have something special, we'll make room for it. Just bring your donation to any luncheon, drop it off at the museum, or if you need pick up service use the phone number above.