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KHSAA Form GE30
Rev. 10/99

Information about Nominee

Name:	Rev. Rudy MOSER
Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
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<input checked="" type="radio"/> PLAYER	<input type="radio"/> COACH	<input checked="" type="radio"/> OFFICIAL	<input type="radio"/> CONTRIBUTOR
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If this person is being nominated as a Coach, please complete the following additional information-

Coached at which High School(s)	
Year of Retirement	
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	

If this person is being nominated as an Athlete, please complete the following additional information-

High School Attended	Dixon High School Dixon Ky
Graduation Year	1956
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	2nd

If this person is being nominated as an Official, please complete the following additional information-


Primary Officiating Accomplishments at the High School Level	High School OFFICIAL FROM 1956-1983 STATE TOURNAMENT ETC ?
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For persons being nominated in all categories, please complete the following additional information

Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.
Rudy Played AND OFFICIATED IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT.
PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED CLIPPINGS

Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Hall of Fame Committee to consider.
DURING HIS YEARS AS AN OFFICIAL, HE HAD A FULL TIME JOB AND FOR MANY YEARS PASTORED AT DIFFERENT Churches.

I certify that I have truthfully completed this information about the nominee with the permission of the nominee, that he/she will accept induction if selected, and I will cooperate with the KHSAA should additional information be needed for his/her consideration.


MARK MOSER
3/12/02
 Signature Name (print) (Date)

Attach any relevant press clippings and materials which would verify coaching win-loss records, or other statistical information. Also attach any other letters of recommendation of other information which may be helpful to the committee in making a final selection.

Forward to: Ken Tippett, KHSAA, 2280 Executive Drive, Lexington, KY, 40505.

Dixon Rides 20-Tilt Streak into Windup At Lexington

Dixon's five-headed Dragon headed toward Lexington Wednesday in a quest of 19 years in the making. Not since 1935 has the county seat school represented the Third Region in the final roundup.

The Dragons were to meet Oldham County, Eighth Region champ, late yesterday afternoon. Including last week's Third Regional at Owensboro's Sportscenter, they'd won 23 of 35 starts, including the last 20 in a row.

Most trouble about Dixon, foe-wise, is that its attack is five-pronged. Star forward Jerry Nall and the other forward, Rudy Moser, breaks loose. Or maybe it will be center Terry Villines. Could even be one of the guards, Jerry Keller or Curtis Harmon.

Bench Strength, Too

At one time or another this winter, every one of these starters has been high point-maker. And down through their sixth and seventh players, Mac Kuntz and Ronnie Bruce or Gerald McCully, the Dragons are tough, too. Ray McCully and Denny Bumpus are still others on Webster County's best team in several years.

General of this all-around attack is C. G. Sherrill, now in his fourth year as Dragon boss. A native of Glasgow, Ky., he played football and basketball there before moving on to Western Kentucky College. He didn't play intercollegiately at Western.

Great Sherrill Record

Coming to Dixon immediately after his graduation in 1950, Sherrill began a rapid build-up of the Dragon court fortune that had sagged low. From a 13-19 record that first year, he reversed the tide to 19-13 in 1951-52, then carved 29-4 success last year. Sebree upset Dixon in the Ninth District meet.

This winter, however, it has been Dixon all the way—on Litkenhous Ratings, record-wise and whatever method you cared to use. The only team

first round.

Calhoun scared the Dragons finally bowing, 50-46, in the regional opener last week at Owensboro. But Poole fell for the fourth time this season, 68-63 in the semi-finals before Henderson Barret furnished the ticket to Lexington in the Saturday night final.

Henderson's longest lead in the game was at 32-29, just before the end of the third quarter. Dixon had led throughout the first half, at 17-12 and 26-25 at the quarter stops, before the Flash rally to tie the tilt at 26-26 going into the final eight minutes. Then Moser hit two fielders and Nall one to give Dixon a lead it never lost, adding to it additionally by stall tactics.

3 Dragons Honored

Moser, Nall and Keller made the all-tourney team at Owensboro, along with three delegates from Henderson—Nibby King, Tom Lambert and Dave Eakin. Four other teams placed one member each—Hebbardsville's Jerry Goldsberry, Daviess County's Melvin Pagan, Owensboro Catholic's Marvin Adams and Calhoun's Bobby Dean Troutman. Poole and Sacramento failed to place one among the honorees.

Not too much was known down here about Oldham County, but Dixon figured to get

past the Eighth's champion and then past the Bardwell-Adair county victor. If the Dragons did thereby reach the semi-finals, they probably would find undefeated Central City waiting there.

Outside of Central City Dixon took the best record of West Kentucky entrants. And many Webster Cornians went along to watch Sherrill's Shooters chartered busses carrying them up yesterday in time for the first-round tilt.

Wednesday Night Start

The "Sweet Sixteen" began their battling for Kentucky schoolboy crown Wednesday night, with Fredonia meeting Clay County and Ashland playing Danville. Yesterday morning's second half of the upper bracket eliminations included Allen County against Bourbon County, then Newport against tourney-favorite Lafayette.

The lower-bracket dueling began yesterday afternoon with the Bardwell-Adair County tilt, followed by Dixon vs Oldham County. Last night it was Dilce Combs against Louisville Male and Central City against Inez.

Quarter-finals are carded this evening and tonight with the

HENDERSON (49)		fg	ft
J. King		2	2
Lambert		5	5
Gish		1	0
Pinson		2	1
Childress		2	2
N. King		0	2
Benson		0	0
Eakins		5	3
Totals		17	15
DIXON (56)		fg	ft
Nall		4	3
Moser		7	7
Villines		0	0
Keller		4	8
Kuntz		0	1
Harmon		1	5
Bruce		0	0
Totals		16	24
Score by quarters:			
Henderson		13	27

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Dixon's Rudy Moser Scores 83 Points in Team's Last 2 Games

By BAXTER MELTON

Press Sports Correspondent

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It was only Slaughters' fourth win against nine losses. The Dixon loss was the Dragons' seventh in 11 games, but they're faced with rougher opposition.

Wednesday night Dixon rebounded with a 76-64 conquest of Charleston, Moser meshing 38 points in this contest for a two-night total of 82. Charleston led only at the end of the first period, 16-15, before Moser and his mates began their successful bombardment.

The Courier-Journal
THE LOUISVILLE TIMES
LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

March 28, 1955

Mr. Rudy Moser
c/o Dixon High School
Dixon, Kentucky

Dear Rudy:

Congratulations on having been chosen for Honorable Mention on The Courier-Journal All-State Basketball Team as announced in The Courier-Journal yesterday.

Within five days we plan to mail a certificate which you may wish to keep as a lasting memento of your athletic prowess.

If there is any error in the spelling of your name or school as it appears at the top of this letter, would you please make the correction and return this letter to me at once.

Sincerely yours,

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Moser was followed on Dixon by Bennett with 17 points.

Moser Scores 44 As Dixon Wins

DIXON, Ky. (Special) — Rudy Moser, Dixon's 6-2 center, went on another scoring rampage Friday night as the Dragons came from behind to whip Hanson, 74-61.

Moser scored 15 field goals and 14 free throws for 44 points and was the force behind Dixon's second half rally that wiped out a 33-32 halftime deficit. Moser now is averaging 35 points per game this season.

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fg	ft	pt	fg	ft	pt
Ligon f	2	1	3	0	2
Winstead f	1	0	1	0	0
Friday f	3	1	5	1	0
Brown f	0	0	0	0	0
Austin c	4	0	4	15	14
James c	6	4	1	0	0
Shelton g	3	3	4	3	7
Dickerson g	0	0	0	5	3
Jewell g	7	0	1	0	0
Burden g	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	9	21	24	26

Officials—Wilder and Newman.
 Hanson 52, Dixon 33.

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DIXON'S RUDY MOSER SCORES 67 POINTS

Rudy Moser, Dixon's standout for three seasons scored 67 points for at least three records Tuesday night as the Dragons walloped Slaughters, 105-65, on the Dixon floor.

The total set Webster County, Dixon floor and school records. Billy Higdon was Slaughters' best with 21 points. The losing Panthers trailed by just 31-28 at the end of the first period before Moser's hot hoop work pushed the Dragons way out in front.

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Clay Tumbles Dixon, 53-49

PROVIDENCE, Ky., March 5—(Special)—Little Clay, the dark horse of the Ninth District, dumped favored Dixon, 53-49, tonight to take the district crown from the defending Third Region champion Dragons.

Dixon's Rudy Moser was the big gun of the game with 24 points, and the impact of his fire gave the Dragons a 16-5 first-quarter lead, indicating a Dixon runaway. But Clay, led by big Garvin Hendricks, who scored 23 points himself, started a slow comeback in the second period.

They gained three points in each the second and third period, but it was the final quarter, in which they outscored the Dragons 19-10 that they were really hot.

ALL-TOURNAMENT

Rudy Moser, Gerald McCulley, Ronnie Bruce and Ray McCulley, Dixon; R. Melbon, Sebree; Danny Clark, Gardner and G. Young, Clay; Zachary, Slaughters and Bill Parrish, Providence.

The sportsmanship award went to Sebree.

(1954-55)

DIXON BASKET

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Tues., Nov. 22—L
Thanksgiving
Wed., Nov. 30—L
Fri., Dec. 2—Dal
Tues., Dec. 6—L
Fri., Dec. 9—Set
Tues., Dec. 13—L
Thurs., Dec. 15—L
Dec. 21, 22, 23—L
Christmas Holi
Fri., Jan. 6—Liv
Tues., Jan. 10—L
Wed., Jan. 11—C
Fri., Jan. 13—Ha
Thurs., Jan. 19—L
Sat., Jan. 21—Pr
Tues., Jan. 24—L
Fri., Jan. 27—Dal
Mon., Jan. 30—St
Tues., Feb. 7—Un
Fri., Feb. 10—Ch
Tues., Feb. 14—H
Thurs., Feb. 16—C
Fri., Feb. 17—Pr
Tues., Feb. 21—St
Fri., Feb. 24—Call

Moser Scores 67 In Dixon Finale

DIXON, Ky. (Special) — Rudy Moser put on a fabulous scoring exhibition here Tuesday night as he scored 67 points to lead Dixon over Slaughters, 103-65.

Moser canned 25 of 31 field goal attempts and missed only four of 21 free throws in raising his single game average to 34.1 in 24 games. The magnificent performance also set the floor record here.

Dixon finished with an 11-1 record.

Player	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Field Goals	Free Throws
Rudy Moser	67	17	1	0	0	25/31	17/21
Stinnett	17	1	0	0	0	7/11	3/3
Clark	2	0	0	0	0	1/2	0/0
Todd	2	0	0	0	0	1/2	0/0
Harmon	1	0	0	0	0	1/2	0/0
Brooks	2	0	0	0	0	1/2	0/0
Zachary	4	0	0	0	0	2/4	4/4
Timmons	4	0	0	0	0	2/4	4/4
Totals	103	28	1	0	0	44/57	24/29

WESTERN KENTUCKY ROUNDUP

Dixon Dragons Look Great With Moser Scoring 67 Points

By BAXTER MELTON
Press Sports Correspondent

HENDERSON, Ky. — Just when Clay (19-7) appeared ready to hog all the hoop honors in Ninth District Tournament play next week, Dixon and Providence

to put in stronger voices in the debate. Now Dixon, with a 10-13 record, and Providence, with 9-14, don't figure to cause much trouble on the basis of those backgrounds, but it's both teams' play in their last few outings that has stamped them as genuine contenders. For instance, there's Dixon's 105-65 manhandling of Slaughters

Tuesday night, not so impressive. In the light of Slaughters' 4-16 mark, but ominously awesome in view of Dragon Rudy Moser's 67-point production. The three-year Dixon standout and a holdover of those Dragon Third Region kings of two years ago set Webster County, Dixon floor and school records in his unprecedented production of 25 field goals and 17 free throws.

Rudy Moser, only survivor from Dixon's Third Region championship and runner-up the past two years, meshed 24 for the losers to take honors for the game.

Moser Scores 67 As Dixon Downs Slaughters, 105-65

DIXON, Ky., Feb. 21. — (Special) Rudy Moser smashed records right and left here tonight as the Dixon center led his team to a 105-65 victory over Slaughters with 67 points.

The total was a new county, Dixon floor record and school record for one game.

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Earrington will entertain Dixon and Rudy Moser tomorrow night and Charleston on Friday night.

Moser Leads Dixon Over Slaughters

Rudy Moser, Dixon center, hit for 67 points Tuesday night, as the Dixon Dragons defeated the Slaughters Panthers 103-67.

Slaughters just couldn't stop Moser as he hit for 25 field goals on only 31 attempts and connected on 17 of 21 free throws.

Stinnett had 17 points for Dixon to finish behind Moser while Higdon was high for the losers with 21 followed by Zachary with 12.

A preliminary game was won by Dixon by a score of 48-31.

Dixon will end their regular season with a game at Calhoun on Friday, February 24.

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Bowling Green High School

DENVAL BARRIGER, PRINCIPAL

ROCKINGHAM LANE

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY 42101

March 14, 1978

Rudy,

I sure appreciate the way you and Robert handled the final game. Your experience made me confident that we would have a good game.

I have told many people here that you are one of the best in the state and you proved it Saturday night.

Again Rudy, thanks for a job well done, I wish I could have you every game.

Sincerely,
Bob

Tri-Stater Refs Finals

By JIM KOHLMAYER

Sunday Staff Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — There were as many favorites as there were teams entered in this 52nd Kentucky High School Basketball Tournament when the firing began Wednesday afternoon.

Not included on anyone's list of favorites were the eight men running up and down the floor. They wear black and white striped shirts and blow a whistle.

They're the officials. They've got a job to do which is probably the roughest one here. On almost every call made, there's somebody in the stands who doesn't like the judgment of the official.

But that's basketball.

The officials are always the bad guys instead of the good guys. There's always a winner and a loser, but the fans just don't seem to realize this . . . maybe, someday they will.

One of the officials in action this year is Rudy Clay Moser of Providence. Moser is calling his second state tournament action. He was here in 1967 when Earlington grabbed all the marbles and took them back to Western Kentucky.

Moser, who is employed at Evansville's Whirlpool Corporation during the week and serves the Corydon General Baptist Church as its pastor on Sunday mornings, has been tooting a whistle for the past 13 years.

He explained that things were easier for him this year than two years ago. Officials, just like players, have the jitters too.

"Two years ago I could feel the pressure . . . but this year the pressure from the fans and coaches doesn't worry me. It's just about like calling any other high school or college game," added Moser.

Moser testified that officials didn't have too many admirers.

"When a referee walks on the floor, he doesn't have any friends. . . even his best friend will probably get up and boo his calls. Everyone just wants his team to win and this just can't happen," explained Moser.

Moser was quite a basketball player during his day. In 1954, Moser played in the annual Schoolboy Classic for defunct Dixon, Adair County sidelined Dixon in quarterfinal action, but Moser still recalls the action and calls it "his greatest thrill."

In addition to Moser, other members of Dixon's starting five in '54 were Jerry Keller, Terry Villines, Curtis Harmon and Jerry Nalls. The club was coached by J. G. Sherrell, now deceased.

Moser didn't attend college following high school, but now wishes that he would have taken one of the many offers which came his way.

He turned to officiating basketball because he wanted to stay close to the sport which he loves. He usually calls four or five games a week during the regular season.

Moser explained that working a lot of games was the best way to stay in shape. He pointed out that officials had to always be in top physical condition.

Moser and his wife, Mary, have a ten-year old daughter, Cathy. It's strictly a basketball family, but sometimes mom and daughter don't agree with dad's calls either.

Officials aren't overpaid for their duties. During the regular campaign Moser said that he's usually paid \$17.50 a game. But here, at the state classic, officials are paid \$35 a tilt.

Moser's just like the other eight officials. They're all in the same boat with the fans. The fans are all against them.

But the officials are in charge they're the boss.

KHSAA
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

ATT: Ken Tippett

Sir;

Enclosed is an application for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I am submitting the name of Rev. Rudy Moser for nomination. Rudy was born and raised in the Dixon area of Webster County Ky and has always lived in the Webster County area. Rudy is a fitting person for this nomination. Attached are copies of some of the several clippings of his accomplishments during his time as a player and Kentucky High School Official.

During his years as a High School Official he and his wife, Mary raised a family and Rudy worked full time up until his retirement at Whirlpool in Evansville, IN. In his later years as a veteran official he also called college basketball in the Great Lakes, Ohio Valley and Trans Atlantic conferences. Along with being an official and working he also was called by God into the ministry and pastored at various Churches. This I am sure Rudy would tell you is by far his greatest calling in serving his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I proudly submit this information on Rev. Rudy C. Moser for nomination to the KHSAA Hall of Fame. If I can be of any help please feel free to give me a call, Rudy is my uncle.

Sincerely,

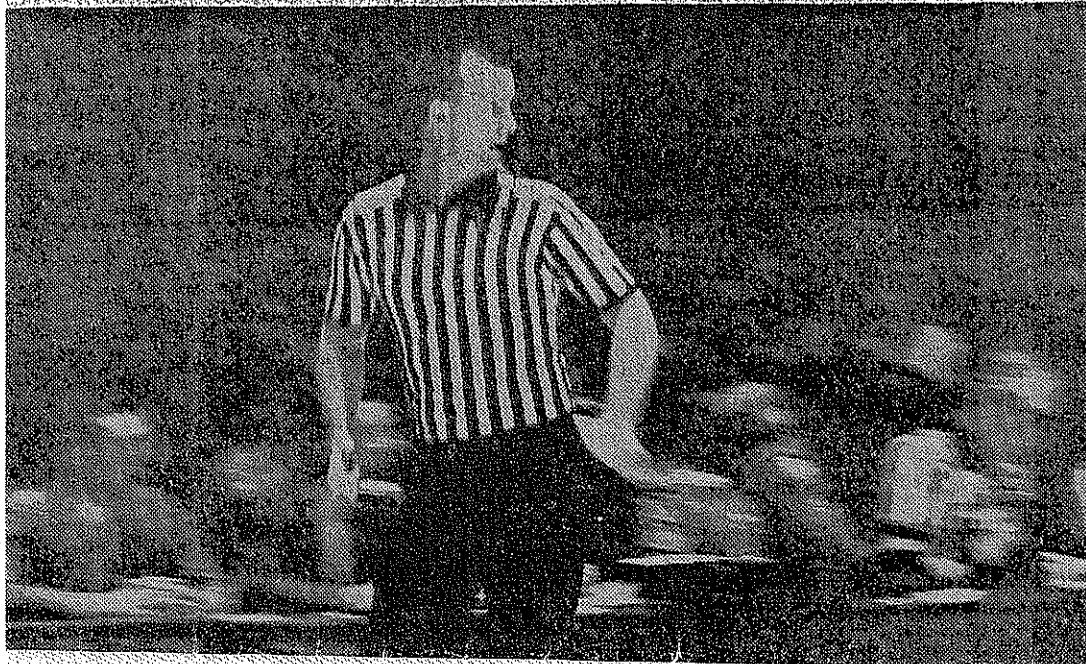
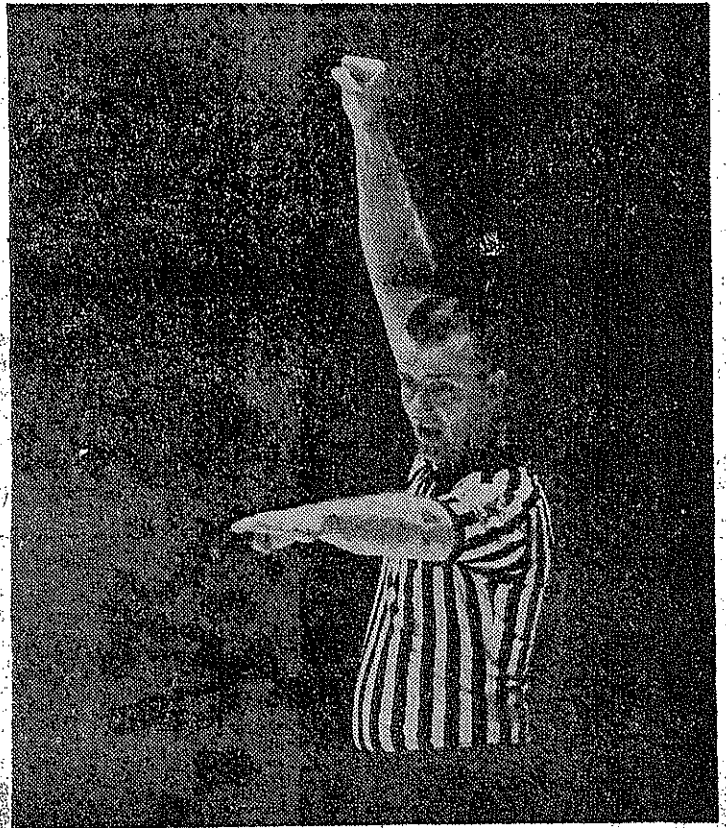


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Moser's Whistle The Gospel



Rudy Moser, former Dixon High School basketball star who played in the 1954 Kentucky State Tournament, was back in Louisville this week to call his third Sweet Sixteen. Moser's pace is swift (left) and his calls emphatic (top), as illustrated in these scenes captured last week by Sunday Courier Photographer Ford Reid. The pressure of calling Kentucky's biggest basketball extravaganza shows on Moser (bottom) as he wipes his brow during a timeout. Now that it's over, Moser can return to Corydon, where he serves as pastor of the Corydon General

By JIM KOHLMAYER
Sunday Staff Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — This year's State Basketball Tournament is the fourth for 32-year-old Rudy Moser of Corydon.

Moser's first journey to the State Basketball Finals came back in 1954 when he led the title Divon High Dragons to a 2-44 victory over Oldham County in first-round action and then on to Adair County 64-63 on a first-second bucket.

Thirteen years later he returned to the State Tournament as an official. He also tooted the last year's Freedom Hall classic and he's back wearing his striped shirt this year.

Moser, who sports a cropped crew cut and looks like he could go out and play the sport-like he did when he played on that 1954 Dixon club which ended 33-2 for the season, said that he took up officiating because he wanted to stay close to the sport which he loves.

"It was the only way for me to stay close to the game since I didn't go to college," Moser explained.

Moser, who speaks the gospel on Sunday mornings at the Corydon General Baptist Church, has been officiating basketball for the past 14 years. He also works daily at Whirlpool in Evansville. His duty as a preacher is a recent profession . . . only two years old.

"I set a goal when I started officiating to make it to the State Tournament, just like all the teams, coaches and players do each year. The only way to improve yourself is to set goals and do your best," Moser said.

Since Moser's goal of calling the State Tournament has become a reality, he's hoping to join the college ranks.

"I'd like to get into college officiating, but I just haven't had any help. I'd like to get into a conference and call conference games . . . that's my next goal I guess," he said.

What would Moser like to see done to improve officiating?

"We don't have a strong officials' association in the Henderson area like they do down at Hopkinsville. We need one, a strong one, one which would hold meetings regularly and help improve the officials," he added.

Moser, who's being paid \$35 a game for the State Tournament, feels that officials' pay should also be raised.

"It should be a lot more. Look at the crowd here . . . they're taking in a lot of money, so the officials should be paid more," he said.

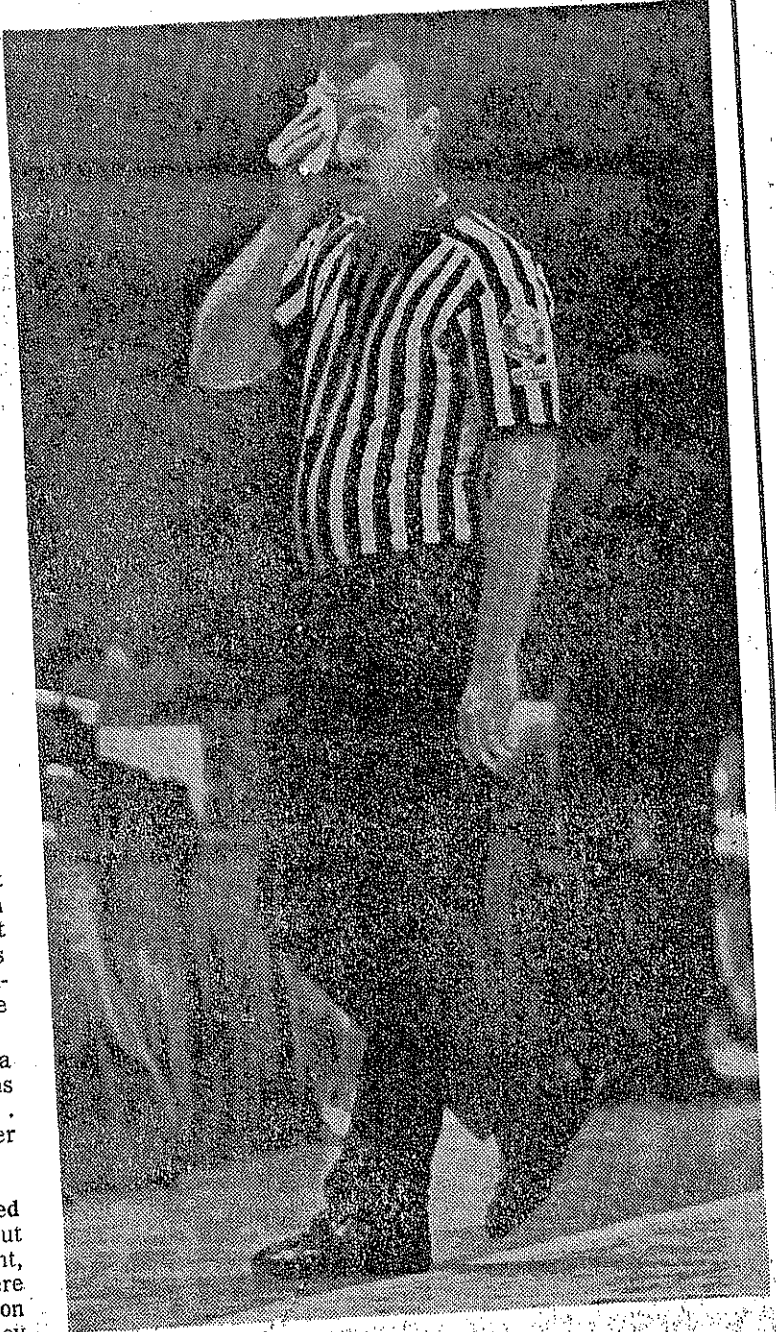
Are there any rules Moser would like to see changed?

"The dunking rule should be changed . . . dunking pleases the crowd and when they get up there around the rim it's hard to tell what's going on."

Moser also feels that the first four fouls shouldn't result in shooting free throws, but wait until the fifth foul (the bonus shot) and then shoot a one-and-one instead of the single free throw.

"Shooting free throws takes a lot out of the game and the fans just don't like to watch it . . . they want to see action," Moser continued.

Moser said he hadn't received any special instructions about calling the State Tournament, but he said the officials were trying to keep the coaches on the bench because when they get up it gets the crowd excited.



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Flashback

Moser was great player, now

By DON COLLINS
Sports Editor

"Dixon's defending Third Regional champions are still a team to contend with despite the loss of four of their regular starters last season.

"And one of the big reasons is the leftover member, junior Rudy Moser.

"Playing in the pivot spot this season under Coach Dudley Brandenburg, Moser is clipping the drapes with astounding regularity, registering 25 points in the game with Clay Tuesday night."

—newspaper clipping
Moser is regarded by most coaches as being one of the top officials in the state. In My Opinion, he is.

—Jim Walker in the
Madisonville Messenger

Those accolades belong to Rudy Moser, who played on the 1954 Dixon team which reached the State Tournament, winning one game before bowing to Adair County.

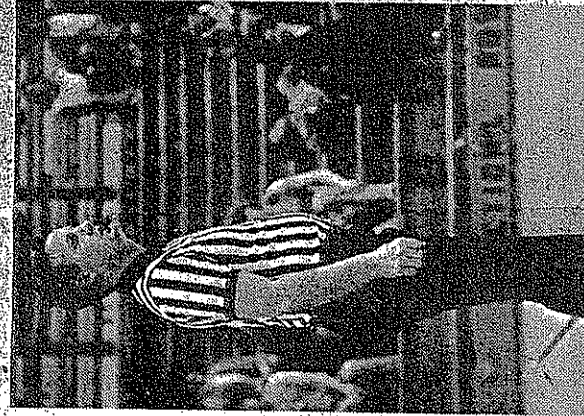
Moser is now one of the most respected officials in the state and has worked four State Tournaments. He's also pastor of the Tilden General Baptist Church.

As a pastor, one might think Moser would encounter some amusing incidents on the basketball court.

"I think the coaches respect me for it (being a pastor)," Moser said. "I haven't ever had any problems because of it. In fact, it's really helped me in my officiating."

Moser entered the ministry about 10 years ago. He also has pastored at Corydon and Mount Lebanon before assuming his duties at Tilden.

"The Lord had been calling me into the



Rudy Moser was a star player on the Dixon team that reached the State Tournament in 1954. Moser is a high school and college official

ministry for quite awhile but I ran from it and made excuses for a long time before finally accepting it.

"I've been happy ever since."
Moser says he runs into time problems frequently. Besides officiating approximately 50 high school games and 15 college games this season and pastoring the church, he works as a lift truck operator at Whirlpool in Evansville.

"I couldn't do it without my wife," he said. "A lot of nights I'll come in and she'll have my suitcase packed and supper ready because I have to go and officiate a game somewhere."
"And the people in my church and at

Whirlpool have been really kind about everything. They understand when I have to go officiate somewhere."

As a sophomore on Dixon's State Tournament team, Moser scored 345 points as a 6-2 forward-center. The next season, Dixon, minus four starters from the State Tournament team, had a 26-7 record but lost to Henderson-Barret in the regional finals.

Moser, however, scored 819 points that season and 824 in his senior season, including 67 in one game, although Dixon lost to Clay in the first game of the district tournament.

He had college offers from Mississippi and Kentucky Wesleyan but passed them

up, a decision he now regrets.

"I guess I just wanted to get out and make money," Moser says.

He started officiating basketball games in 1956, right after he got out of high school.

"It was the only way I could stay close to basketball. I love the game," Moser says. "I had a desire to coach but I missed out on that opportunity."

Moser did have one more chance to attend college. Johnny Oldham, then head coach at Tennessee Tech and now Western's athletic director, contacted him about coming to Tech to play. But Moser was married and had a daughter. Tech didn't permit married men with

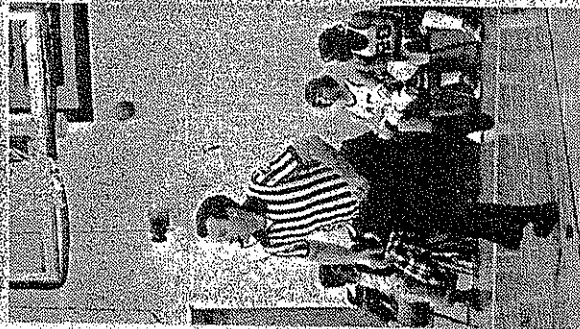
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loves. Moser is shown tending County game.

to play, according to Moser. He said it took him about five or six years to get used to the things one hears fans while officiating. "But I don't like to hear me at first," he said. "But I don't have near the view that I had then.

as a lot of courage and backbone as an official. You have to respect the coaches and teams. I try to realize an call a technical and when I

ably take a lot more from the than some other officials but I realize that coaching is their bread butter. They have a lot of

responsibility and pressure on them."

One of Moser's goals is to work the State Tournament championship game. He was already assigned to last year's final but when Christian County pulled an upset and landed in the championship game another official had to be assigned. A State Tournament rule prohibits an official from the same region as a state finalist from working that game. Moser is a Second Region official, the same region Christian County is from.

Over the years Moser has seen plenty of good games, teams and players. He has his favorites, however.

"I think Earlington (the 1967 state champion) had an awful good team," he says. "Christian County had a good team last year but I believe Earlington was better."

Former Allen County and Western star Jim McDaniels was probably the best player he ever called a foul on, Moser says, although current Union County standout Freddie Cowan rates a close second, he says.

The Ashland-Ohio County game in the 1970 state tournament semifinals was probably the best game I have officiated in," Moser said. "Ohio County finally ended winning by one point."

Moser, who lives in Sebree with his wife, Mary Katherine, daughter, Cathy Lynn, 18, and son, Jeffrey Lynn, 6, said he plans to taper off his officiating next season.

"I would like to call about 20 college games per season and about that many high school games and devote more time to the ministry," he said.

"After all, I wouldn't have been the type of official, minister or man I am today if it weren't for what the Lord has done for me.

"I have to give all credit to Him."

IN MY OPINION

**Rudy Moser,
The Reverend
And Referee**



By JIM WALKER

When Rudy Moser speaks it's usually the gospel, whether it be in church or on the basketball court.

Moser is a basketball official two or three nights a week. And come Sunday he's in the pulpit of the Corydon General Baptist Church where he is the church pastor. And in between those nights on the basketball court and Sunday's in the pulpit, he's also employed at Whirlpool in Evansville.

Being a Reverend is newer to the former Dixon High School great than officiating, but his goal is the same for both professions— being the best. He's been officiating for 14 years and has been pastor at the Corydon church for two years, although being involved in church work for some eight years.

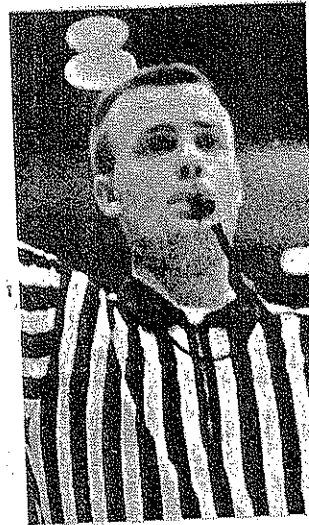
The 32-year-old Moser is regarded by most coaches as being one of the top officials in the state. In My Opinion, he is.

Moser led little Dixon to the state tournament in 1954 where the Dragons defeated Oldham County, 62-44 before losing to Adair County 64-63 after Dixon had posted a 33-2 season record.

And he returned to the state tournament in 1967 and 1969 as an official. He hopes to return again in 1970. It's the goal of all who call the game.

The crew-cut Moser, still looking as if he could go out and play the game as he did at Dixon, said he took up officiating to stay close to the game after his playing days were over.

"It was the only way for me to stay close to the game since I didn't go to college," Moser explained the other night while waiting for a preliminary game to finish as an official.



Rudy Moser

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Moser Has Found Satisfaction

In The Pulpit

And On The Basketball Court

