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Gainesville School officials said that the Saturday night crowd of the tournament was the biggest ever at the local gymnasium. The gym seats some 2,185 and there were many standing for the final night.

Coach Stone Cooper will be leading his third team into the State AA meet at Fitzgerald. He took the NCHS team to Macon in 1958 and 1959.

Newton's "B" team cheerleaders were on hand in uniform for the semi-finals and the final games of the tournament. Saturday night they had to sit on the floor but they really helped the varsity crew "whoop it up."

Two of Newton's three wins of the tourney were by identical scores—50-39. The Rams win over Forsyth County was on Thursday evening and then the final game on Saturday evening over Hart County.

Many cars and station wagons were loaded to capacity in Newton County for the trip to Gainesville. Particularly, on Friday night Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hays of Mansfield had 11 persons crowded into their station wagon. This number included seven younger folks.

A lot of new faces from Covington were seen at the finals Saturday night at Gainesville. Among those were Dr. Guy Robinson and James Haney.

Coach Bradley said that sometimes a straight "A" stu-

dent forgets an important detail when going to the tournament. Bobby Travis, one of the Ram players forgot his basketball shoes. He borrowed a pair from Gainesville Coach Bobby Gruhn for the Saturday night game.

Hart, Newton Get Top Seeds

Special to The Constitution
GAINESVILLE — Hart County and Newton County took No. 1 and No. 2 seeds for both boys and girls Wednesday at drawings for the region 4-AA tournament, which begins here Tuesday.

Hart County's boys are 21-2, Newton County's 23-3 on the year; the Hartwell girls are 23-0, and Newton County's are 25-1.

4AA Tourney Notes

Coach Ronald Bradley and Hart County mentor Bill Ensley were teammates on the Georgia Bulldog basketball team and roomed together while performing under Coach Red Lawson. Ensley told Bradley Saturday night after the final tilt that "if we had to lose I'm glad it was to you." Briarcliff Coach Ray Hambrick also said the same thing after the Rams' semi-final victory Friday night.

While mentioning Hambrick's team, you can bet that they will be heard from in the State meet. His boys have shown tremendous improvement in recent weeks and in that 67-57 victory over Baldwin County they looked every bit like a

Newtons, Harts Tops In 4-AA

Boys and girls teams from Newton County and Hart County will share co-favorites roles in the Region 4AA tournament at Gainesville, Tuesday through Saturday, Feb. 20-24.

Newton's boys went through the 1961 campaign with one defeat, while the Hart boys fell only twice. The Newton girls won 25 and lost once, while the Hart girls also lost but once.

In Tuesday's opening round, the Gainesville girls meet Briarcliff at 7:30 and the Chamblee and Gainesville boys get together at 9.

Hart County's top-seeded girls face the Gainesville-Briarcliff winner on Wednesday at 7:30, while the top-seeded Hart boys meet the Chamblee-Gainesville winner on Thursday at 7:30.

The Newton girls take the floor against Madison County at 6:15 Wednesday, and the Newton boys face-off against Forsyth County on Thursday at 6:15.

Baldwin County, a strong team all season, and late-coming Briarcliff share the darkhorse role in the boys bracket.

GAINESVILLE
TUESDAY, FEB. 20 — Gainesville Girls, 7:30; Chamblee-Gainesville Boys, 9.
WEDNESDAY — Elbert County-Chamblee Girls, 6; Madison Co.-Newton Co. Girls, 6; Hart Co.-Gainesville-Briarcliff Girls, winner, 7:30; Forsyth Co.-Baldwin Girls, 8:45.
THURSDAY — Elbert Co.-Madison Co. Boys, 5; Forsyth Co.-Newton Co. Boys, 6:15; Hart Co.-Chamblee-Gainesville Boys, winner, 7:30; Baldwin-Briarcliff Boys, 8:45.