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Ashland and Carr Creek Go to National Tournament



In 1928, both Ashland's Paul Blazer and Carr Creek received invitations to the 10th Annual National High School Tournament in Chicago.

The national tournament typically invited the KHSAA tournament winner, but gave Carr Creek the nod for several reasons:

- Its championship tournament performance
- In 18 straight games, the team never used a substitute, called a time out or had a player foul out of the game.

Carr Creek lost its quarterfinals game and Ashland won the

tournament. But Carr Creek gained a national following that even included political humorist Will Rogers, who wrote: "That's a great kick to a country school any place anywhere, to know that they can go out do the principal sport just as good as any other school in America. Viva Carr Creek!"



1928 State Champion Tomcats of Paul Blazer High School. (Photo courtesy of the Herald-Leader, KYphotoArchive.com.)