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Profile: 'King' Kelly Coleman

"King" Kelly Coleman was a legend in his own time. The Wayland student had 4,337 career points from 1952 through 1956 and in the 1955-56 season had a scoring average of 46.8 points. Wayland came in third in the 1956 KSHAA tournament, but Coleman captured the crowd's and media's attention.

His tournament records still stand:

- 68 points in a game
- 185 points for the tournament
- 27 field goals in a game
- 14 field goals in one half
- 69 field goals in a tournament
- 47 free throws in a tournament
- 28 rebounds in a game



After he set an all-time four-game scoring record of 185 points in the 1956 Sweet Sixteen®, Kelly Coleman's teammates and others carried him off the floor. *(Photo courtesy of the Herald-Leader, KYphotoArchive.com.)*

Coleman was Kentucky's first Mr. Basketball in 1956 and is in the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame.