

Local Area Sports – Basketball

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J. Wilbert Welch was the coach of this basketball team in 1921. Sitting, left to right, Eleanor Mitchell, Ruth McClain, Mary Walker, Thelma

Stewart, Libby Cook and Alberta Ivery. Standing, Isabel Carmichael, Bertha Dickson, Nina Core, Elizabeth Pyle, Lucy Bland and Mr. Welch.

1921 Girls Basketball Team
Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981



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1967 Burgettstown School Junior High Basketball

Row 1: D. Donati, George Mendak, Frank Dellaria,
P. Brancazio, Dave Barto, Dave Sciamanna,
Mgr. D. Zalaznik

Row 2: Tim Nicksick, Pete McMahon, Francis Shannon,
Dennis Ozimek, J. Edwards, Bill Prata

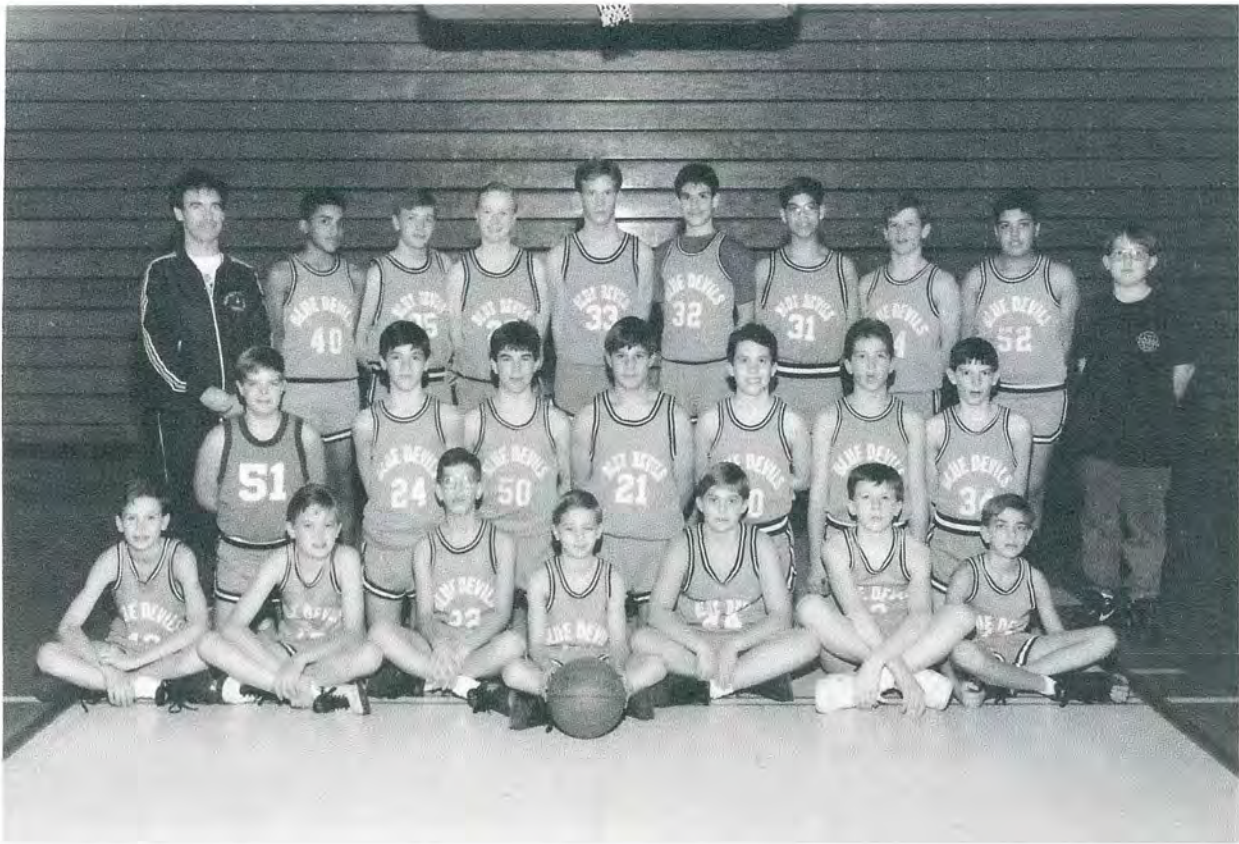
Not Pictured: E. Roberts



1990 Burgettstown School Varsity Girls Basketball

Row 1: Heather Kuhn, Heather Kucera, Liz Bebo, Meredith Grabski, Maria Matalik, Kelly Gaitens, Tia Smitsky

Row 2: Coach Matalik, Gretchen Struth, Tiffany Cooper, Melanie Dana, Carrie Zickefoose, Stephanie Kladakis, Michelle Ozimek, Susan Jancart, Keith Kiger, Tammy Wright, Coach Carson



1993 Burgettstown School 7th and 8th Grade Basketball

Row 1: John Pastene, Mike Aivolitis, Robbie Slopek, Brian Cline,
Jason Krivak, Chris Speer, Jonathan Lachman

Row 2: Derek Ivanac, Anthony Schifano, Jim Donohue, Jim McNabb,
Phil Kidd, Justin Lowd, Matt Dodds

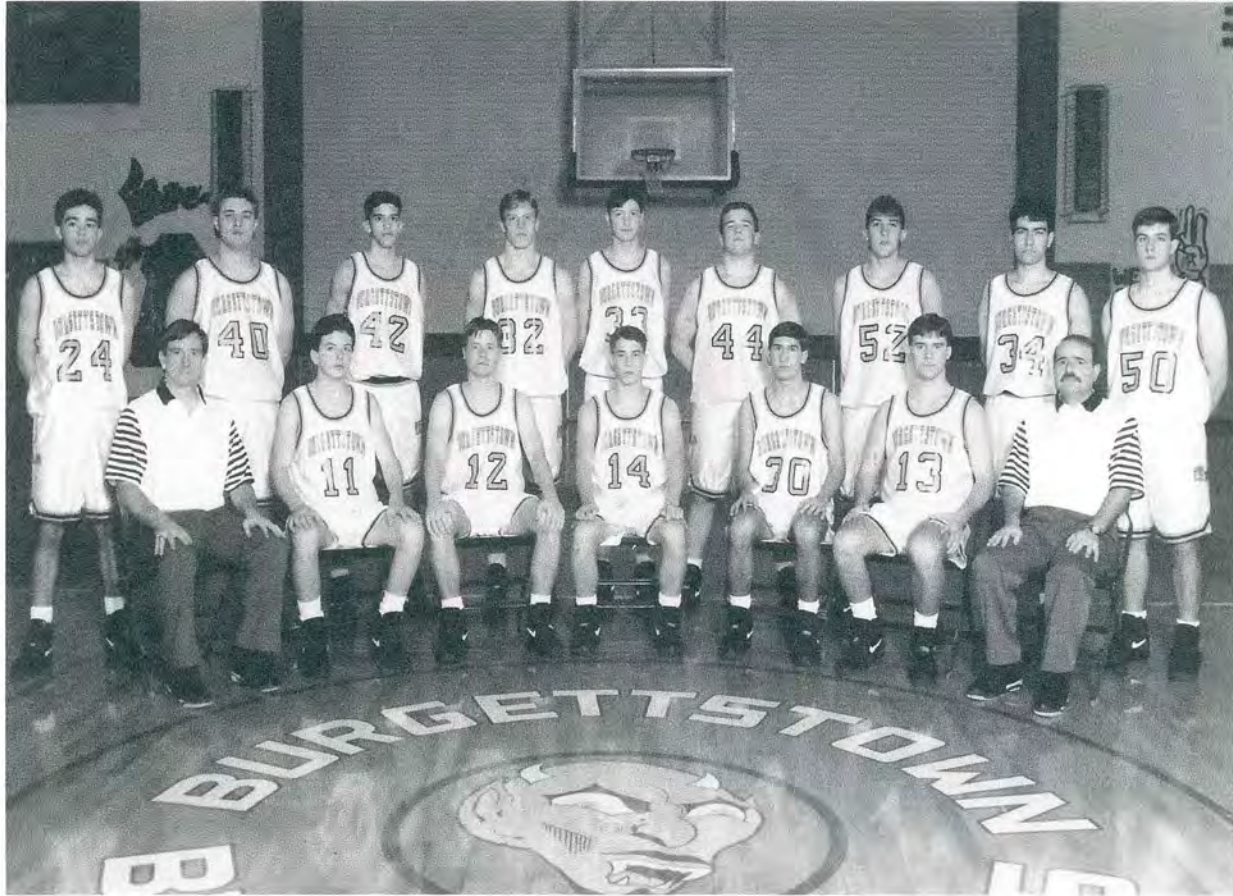
Row 3: Coach-Ken Howard, James Moss, Dan Bentrem, Josh Lynn,
Todd Matijevich, Stan Elich, Craig Tershel, Chris Havelka, Joel Keller,
Chris Jeram,



1993 Burgettstown School Ninth Grade Basketball

Row 1: Joe Gaitens, Donnie Riggins, Barry Barto, Bill Markivich,
John Dobi

Row 2: Mike Pittman, Jeremy Galish, Jerry Ivanac, Kris Butcher,
Kevin Russell, Nathan Thomas, Coach Mike Maltony

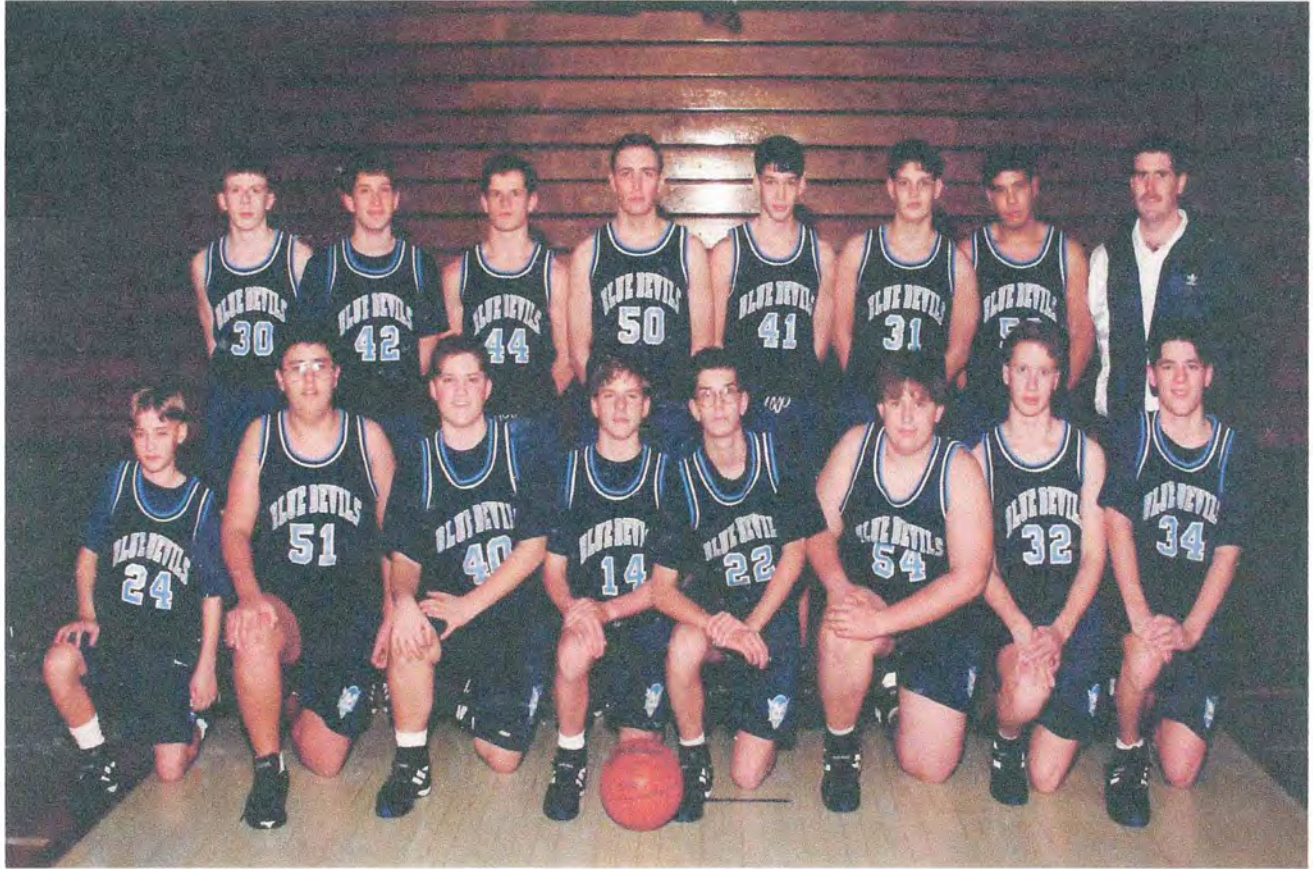


1993 Burgettstown School Varsity Basketball

Row 1: Coach Lyford, Chris Speer, Bryan Barto, Jeremy Minich,
Chris Cooke, Kevin Kuzior, Coach Frank Ferro

Row 2: Derrick Huey, Derek Serish, Rich Casagranda,
Bryan Matijevich, Scott Russell, Joshua Dobi, Paul Bianchini,
Troy Elich, Drew Bohn

Not pictured: Eric Haines, Soren Nielson, Doug Frazier,
Derrick Moore, Will Jones



1995 Burgettstown School Ninth Grade Basketball

Row 1: B. Cline, J. Budash, R. Frantz, S. Pauchnik, R. Slopek, J. Wiley, K. Steiminger, A. Schifano

Row 2: M. Speer, J. Lowd, C. Havelka, D. Bentrem, S. Moore, T. Moore, J. Kellar, Coach Mike Maltony



1995 Burgettstown Varsity Basketball

Row 1: M. Bianchi, C. Cooke, C. Tershel. **Row 2:** Coach L. Lynch, J. Galish, K. Frantz, B. Barto, J. Donahue, Coach F. Ferraro.

Row 3: S. Russell, T. Matijevich, J. Ivanac, K. Russell, S. Elich.

ALUMNI TO PLAY UNION CAGERS ON DEC. SIXTH

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Coach Canning held a ridding-out session of basketball candidates on Monday evening and reduced the list of applicants from 80 boys who reported to about 20. Of this number he has chosen the following men to make up Union's basketball squad for the winter schedule: Seniors: Nicksick, Secco and Dowler.

Juniors: Millovich, Lipnicky and Savage.

Sophomores: M. Yaksic, Gonzalez, Willhoyte, Harmon, Tepsic, Yolton, Brown, Lutz and N. Yaksic.

Freshmen: Savage, Clark Plance, Gonzalez, Marcus, Sybisty, Sherockman, Gunn and Pescho.

The schedule has been arranged by Business Manager Welch and first game will be the annual tilt between the Alumni and the Union cagers on December 6.

Date	Home	Away
Dec. 6	Alumni	Official—Don Hall
Dec. 9		Conemaugh
Dec. 13		Canonsburg
Dec. 16		
Dec. 20		Midway"‡
Dec. 23	Conemaugh	Official—Walter Ketchell
Dec. 27	Canonsburg	Official—Harold Allison
Dec. 30	Trinity †	Official—S. W. Hazin
Jan. 3	North Fayette"	Official—John Simon
Jan. 6		Oakdale"‡
Jan. 10	Washington	Official—Howard Lindell
Jan. 13	Midway"‡	Official—Steve Naimit
Jan. 17		Findley"‡
Jan. 20		Cecil"‡
Jan. 24		McDonald"
Jan. 27		Trinity‡
Jan. 31		North Fayette"
Feb. 3	Oakdale"‡	Official—Angelo
Feb. 7		Washington
Feb. 10		
Feb. 14	Findley"‡	Official—Ketchell
Feb. 17		
Feb. 21	McDonald"	Official—A. P. Wildman
		" W. P. I. A. L. GAMES
		‡ Girls' Preliminary

Alumni to Play Union Cagers on Dec. 6
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 24, 1938 Edition



Atlasburg School-Basketball

First Row, L-R: Joe Pace, Chris Rose, Brian McNabb-Mascot, Jason Simon, Jeramie Stevens, and Jared Carnes.
Second Row, L-R: Tim Newman, Tanya Mendez, Justin Budash, John Wasik, Frank Pleskavich, Chris Havelka, and Greg Martin. **Not Pictured:** Andy Cecchini, Brandon Pennington and Hilary Quader.
Coaches: Ed Newman and Rudy Vajentic.

Brownson House winners



Avella, 7th-8th-grade champion of the Brownson House Youth Summer Basketball League, includes front row, left to right, Amy Horr, Coleen Kinney, Breanna Jenkins and Paige Lawrence. Second row: coach Jack Conn, Bess Lengauer, Carly Dowiak, Jordan Rush, Breanna Lloyd, Nadia Bongiommi and coach Mark Kinney.

**Avella 7th-8th Champion of the Brownson House Youth Summer Basketball League
Observer-Reporter-June 24, 2016 Edition**

AVELLA WINS OVER MADONNA FOR FIRST

Avella won their first basketball game of the year, 57-55, at Weirton Tuesday, Dec. 10, over Madonna high. Avella held an eight point margin going into the fourth quarter. Gary Tranquill led the Eagles in scoring with 31 points, nine of which were on foul shots. Lou DiBacco hit double figures for the winners with 11 points. Runari and Sessi led Madonna with 15 and 12 points, respectively. The line-ups:

Avella—57	FG	F	TP
Tranquill, f	11	9	31
Lis, f	1	1	3
Dobroski, c	0	0	0
DiBacco, g	3	5	11
Deco, g	3	0	6
Milantoni, f	2	0	4
Krieg, g	1	0	2
Totals	21	15	57
Madonna—55	FG	F	TP
Tarowsky, f	0	5	5
Sessi, f	5	2	12
Karovanich, c	3	0	6
Castelli, g	1	3	5
Runari, g	5	5	15
Dendetta, f	1	0	2
Tisch, g	1	1	3
Talcic, g	3	1	7
Totals	19	17	55

SCORE BY PERIODS

Avella	16	17	13	11--57
Madonna	8	18	13	16--55

Officials-Suarelli, Roter

Avella Wins Over Madonna for First
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 26, 1957 Edition

Avella Girls Win Over Mapletown High

After spotting the visitors a 21-15 halftime lead, the Avella girls' basketball team held Mapletown to just ten points in the second half to pull out a 37-31, non-league victory at Avella Thursday night.

The Lady Eagles tallied 22 points in the second half to win their fourth game in 11 outings this season.

Denise Doaks led Avella in scoring with 14 points, while Monica Reikai added 11.

The line-ups:

MAPLETOWN—31

McTighe 4-0-8, Sowden 1-1-3, Dusenberry 0-3-3, Beck 3-8-14, Wiley 1-0-2, Wilson 0-1-1, totals 9-13-31.

AVELLA—37

Kelley 1-1-3, Reikai 5-1-11, Kebert 2-1-5, Ondrick 2-0-4, Doaks 4-6-14, Hanlin 0-0-0, Gilmer 0-0-0, Tranquill 0-0-0, totals 14-9-37.

Avella Girls Win over Mapletown
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 30, 1985 Edition

BASKET BALL NETS
\$52.07 PROFIT

Manager Wilbur Welch made a report on the recent Basketball season at Union high school to members of the Athletic Council at a recent meeting, showing a net profit of \$52.07.

Summary of Mr. Welch's report is as follows:

Receipts	
Varsity and Reserve Games	\$482.55
Faculty Games	119.75
Grade School tournament	6.25
Total Receipts	\$608.55
Expenditures	
Equipment	\$194.31
Officials	142.00
Transportation	
Gradison Auto Bus Co.	117.00
Faculty Game Expenses	27.00
Scouting—J. R. Canning	9.00
Medical Expenses	29.35
Guarantee	12.50
Window Cards	7.82
Letters	9.00
Contract Blanks	2.13
Grade School Cup	6.37
Total Expenditures	\$556.48
Receipts	\$608.55
Expenditures	\$556.48
Net Profit	\$ 52.07

Basketball Nets \$52.07 Profit
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 25, 1940 Edition

BASKETBALL PRACTICE STARTS

With the football season over, the attention of the local sport fans will soon be focused upon the basketball season.

Last season, Union won its Sectional Championship and was eliminated by Coraopolis in the play-offs at the Pitt Stadium. Three regulars from last year's team will be on hand to thrill the fans again this season. They are Pete Maropis, Joe Gratchen, and Saturo Prendes, all seniors.

Around this nucleus, Coach Canning will build his team from the following list of candidates: Senior, Tom Elias. Juniors: Bill Diamond, Attilio Stura and Jack Crilley. Sophomores: Melton, A. Garcia, Martinez, Rommes, G. Maropis, Fernandez and Reed.

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CAGERS PLAY TOURNEY AT UNION SATURDAY

Plans have been completed for the holding of a Basket Ball Tournament in Union high school gymnasium on Saturday, March 20th. The tournament is designed primarily for the purpose of giving the coaches an opportunity to see next year's team in action, and also to provide valuable experience for the boys. Only those boys who will be eligible for next season will participate.

The Union high team will be composed of Diamond, Stura, and Crilley as Juniors; Garcia, Melton, G. Maropis, Rommes, A. Gratchen Martinez, and Reed as Sophomores; and Friday and Dowler as Freshmen.

The drawings have been completed and Union and East Washington will meet in the opener at 9:00 A.M. Hickory vs. Trinity at 10:00 A.M. Washington vs. Findlay at 11:00 A.M. McDonald vs. Avella at 12:00 noon.

Both the consolation and championship second round games will be played in the afternoon with the two final games to be played Saturday evening. The consolation game will begin at 7:00 P.M. and 8:15 P.M. The public is invited and a small admission fee will be charged.

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Nicksick Makes Second Honors

Chal Mahoney was the leading scorer for the Union high school basketball team during the 1967-68 season, statistics revealed today.

The sharp-shooting junior averaged 19.1 points for the 21 games played during the season, and posted a 19.8 average in Section 11-B competition, good for third place in the league scoring race behind Fort Cherry's Gerry Thornton and South Fayette's Larry Piazzzi, each of whom averaged 23.68 with 283 points in 12 games.

Mahoney tallied 238 points in his 12 section tilts.

Sophomore Tim Nicksick wound up second to Mahoney on the U.H.S. team in scoring averaging 11.1 points per game both for the season and section play. Nicksick was the tenth leading point-maker in Section 11-B.

Larry Lis, of Avella, was the section's fourth best scorer with an average of 18.42 points per game.

The Union High season totals revealed Mahoney with a 36 per cent shooting average from the field and 53 per cent from the free throw line. Nicksick hit for 35 and 57 percent, respectively.

Al Wolfkill, another junior, hit on 40 per cent of his shots from the field over the season to pace the team in this department. Wolfkill's section average was 56 per cent.

Free throw honors belonged to Nicksick, with 57 per cent for the season and 63 per cent for the section.

Francis Shannon, a sophomore, and Paul Fuller, a senior, were the team's leading rebounders for the season with 162 and 147, respectively. Fuller's 128 rebounds were the best performance for the 12 section contests.

Mahoney and Nicksick also placed one-two in assists. Season totals were 56 and 48, respectively, while the section marks were 39 and 33.

Jim Matalik's Blue Devils, as a team, averaged 55.8 points per game to the opposition's 71.1. The locals were out-rebounded per game, 53.3 to 51.3; out-shot from the field, 37 per cent to 30 per cent; and out-pointed from the free throw line, 56 per cent to 44 per cent.

**Chal Mahoney Paces UHS in Scoring
Tim Nicksick Makes Second Honors
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 3, 1968 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

BASKETBALL — WRESTLING

PREVIEW

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 December 5—Follansbee There
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Head wrestling coach Steve Babyak, in his first year at that position after succeeding present athletic director, Nick Mervosh, has 13 matches scheduled, the first beginning on December 17 with Washington on the local mats. West View and Shaler are new additions to the schedule, which shows six home matches and seven away. Returning lettermen for the 1952-53 season include seniors Harold McElhaney and Ronnie LeCouvre, juniors Al Fay and Gerry Tenaglia, and sophomores Martin Laurich and Richard Bonjiorni. Also expected to see much action are Martin Kisla, Richard Jancart, Robert Hicks, John Staschiak, Richard Dellapina, and James Pulver, seniors; Lynn Lawson junior; and sophomore Joe Haba. The Blue Devils will attempt to better last year's record of twelve games won and two lost. The schedule:

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 January 6—Trinity Away
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February 24—Shaler	Away

**BENEFIT BASKET BALL
GAME FOR FINNS**

Members of the Burgettstown Athletic Association are sponsoring an all-star basketball game in Union Gym on Monday evening, February 26 at 8:30 o'clock between a Pick-Team of West Virginia and All-Stars of Washington County.

Proceeds will be for Finnish Relief. Inasmuch as this is the only benefit staged in the Community for Finnish Relief, the committee, headed by Jake Schneider is confident of a fine response from sport fans and townspeople. Because of the worthiness of the cause, members of the School Board voted to donate use of the gymnasium for the game.

Midway Girls Team and Findlay Girls will play a preliminary game, beginning at 7:30 sharp.

Blue Devil Quintet Raises Mark To 6-2 With Win Over Carmichaels

Mario Bongiorno and John Triebisch combined for 50 points as the Blue Devil basketball team extended its overall record to 6-2 this season with an easy 77-61 victory at Carmichaels Wednesday night.

Bongiorno poured in 30 points on 12 baskets and six free throws, while Triebisch garnered 20 points on eight buckets and four foul shots.

Todd Rankin also reached double figures for the locals with 12 points.

Coach Frank Ferraro's Devils grabbed an 20-14 first quarter lead and never looked back, holding margins of 34-30 at halftime and 57-44 at the end of three periods of play.

They dropped in 32 buckets to 24 for the Mikes. Each team successfully

converted 15 foul shots, Burgettstown getting 18 free tosses and Carmichaels 17.

Mark Meiter scored 18 points, Brian Blasinsky 17 and John Tekavec 12 for the Mikes, who fell to 2-6.

BLUE DEVILS—77

Triebisch 8-4-20, Rankin 5-2-12, Bongiorno 12-6-30, Eannace 3-0-6, Maltony 3-1-7, Gabrielli 1-0-2, totals 32-13-77.

CARMICHAELS—61

Blasinsky 4-9-17, Tekavec 5-2-12, Meiter 8-2-18, Voithofer 2-0-4, Rumancik 3-0-6, Hrobiak 1-0-2, Wilcox 1-0-2, totals 24-13-61.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Blue Devils	20	14	23	20—77
Carmichaels	14	16	14	17—61

Officials: Sealy & Sankovich



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Blue Devil varsity

Members of the Blue Devil varsity basketball team are, from left, first row, assistant coach Lynford Lynch, Chris Speer, Bryan Barto, Jeremy Minich, Chris Cooke, Kevin Kuzior and head coach Frank Ferraro; second row, Derrick Huey, Derek Serish, Rich Casagranda, Bryan Matijevich, Scott Russell, Josh Dobi, Paul Bianchini, Troy Elich and Drew Bohn. The Blue Devils are leading the Section 15-AA-A standings and have clinched a berth in the WPIAL playoffs.

Blue Devil Varsity
The Enterprise-February 17, 1993 Edition

Blue Devils clinch spot in playoffs

Sophomore Scott Russell scored 22 points and hauled in 14 rebounds as the Blue Devils rebounded from two consecutive losses to defeat Avella, 71-44, in the local gymnasium Friday night, clinching a berth in the WPIAL Class AA playoffs.

Junior guard Bryan Barto tallied 17 points for coach Frank Ferraro's team, who fell behind just twice in the Section 15-AA-A contest, and that early in the game.

Barto also turned in six assists.

Senior Paul Bianchini scored 11 points for the Blue Devils and senior Josh Dobi came through with nine rebounds as the locals raised their section record to 10-2 and clinched at least a tie for the section championship.

Bentworth, West Allegheny and Washington remained tied for second place, two games behind the leaders with two games to play and fighting for the section's other playoff berth.

For Avella, 6-6 in the conference and also in the playoffs in the Class A division, Steve Taczak was the top scorer with 11 points.

It is the ninth time in Ferraro's 11 years as basketball coach here that his Burgettstown team has made the playoffs, achieving a goal the team had set at the beginning of the year.

"We continue to play well," Ferraro said in post-game comments. "We gained confidence in the second half, and the guys

turned in a great defensive effort. We gave up some shots, but they were contested, and we did not give them second shots."

His counterpart on the other side of the gymnasium, Eagle coach Jack Conn, had his team still in the game at halftime, trailing by only six points at 35-29. However, the Blue Devils put together a 10-2 run in the third stanza to go ahead by 14, and they capped the decision with a 22-9 output in the final eight minutes of play.

"We can't play without rebounds," Conn lamented, "and they certainly took it to us in the second half. Every time I looked in the lane, there were five white shirts and no blue. We had to get more than one shot to stay in the ball game."

Ferraro agreed. "We were very aggressive in the second half," he said, "and we ran the wings real well. We methodically took control of the game."

Russell scored the game's first two points on a layup off a Barto pass, but Lowe tied it up for Avella. When Taczak swished the nets from three point range with 6:50 to play in the opening period, the Eagles had a 5-2 lead.

Barto followed with a jumper and later a steal and foul shot to put the Blue Devils in front by a 7-5 count. Taczak then knotted the score with a pair of free throws. Two minutes later, Avella's Jason Lowe sank a layup to again tie the

Avella 44	
Cecchini 2-2-7, Taczak 3-3-11, Dvorsak 0-3-3, Brown 1-2-4, Lowe 4-0-8, Lis 0-3-3, Naylor 1-0-2, Molnar 3-0-6, Kowcheck 0-0-0, Brownlee 0-0-0, Carl 0-0-0, Dellaria 0-0-0. Totals 14-13-44.	
Blue Devils 71	
Dobi 3-0-6, Bianchini 4-3-11, Barto 5-6-17, Matijevich 1-0-2, Russell 10-2-22, Bohn 0-4-4, Huey 0-1-1, Serish 3-2-8, Kuzior 0-0-0, Elich 0-0-0, Speer 0-0-0, Minich 0-0-0, Cook 0-0-0. Totals 26-18-71.	
Three point field goals	
Avella	Taczak 2, Cecchini
Blue Devils	Barto
Score by quarters	
Avella	17 12 6 9—44
Blue Devils	21 14 14 22—71

sophomore, Ferraro said, "We started him off slowly this year and gave him limited playing time so as to minimize pressure. He has now developed into a major contributor on this team."

The Blue Devils slowly lengthened their lead in the second stanza, going ahead by 11 points at 33-22. The visitors, however, proceeded to go on a 7-2 run as Lowe sank a rebound, Cecchini and Slater Brown each converted a pair of free throws and Jason Lis hit a foul shot. The intermission arrived with the Blue-and-White on the long end of a 35-29 score.

It didn't take long for the locals to take command in the third period. Russell started it off a layup and Barto slammed home a three pointer. Lowe sank a rebound for Avella, but Russell dittoed on the other side of the court. When Barto's steal and subsequent free throw upped the count to 45-31, the handwriting was on the wall.

"We're hoping to win our final two section games to carry some momentum into the playoffs," Ferraro said of his 15-4 Blue Devils.

Avella dropped to 10-10 with the loss, and Conn said he was searching for answers. "We still need a team leader, we need intensity and we sure do need a lot of help on the boards," he said.

score at 11-11.

Taczak's second three pointer of the period shot the visitors ahead, 14-13, at the two minute mark, but it was the last time Avella was to lead in the game. Russell's short jump shot regained the advantage for Burgettstown, Bryan Matijevich followed with another jumper and Russell converted a layup to put the locals up by five.

Recchio Cecchini sank a three point corner shot, but Russell answered with another bucket, his eighth point of the opening quarter, as the buzzer sounded with the Blue Devils holding a 21-17 lead.

Commenting on Russell, a 6-4

Blue Devil Clinch spot in Playoffs
The Enterprise-February 17, 1993 Edition



Contributed

MOVING AHEAD – Members of the Burgettstown eighth-grade basketball team are, front, from left: Christian McDonald, Jon Shoup, Bobby Mader, and Chris Skinner. Center, from left: Josh Huxley, Robby Zalaznik, Kyle Lukon, Chris Holmes, and Dante Boni. Back row: Coach John Bongiorno, Zane Toth, Derek Goetz, D.J. Smith, Brenden Bongiorno, and Josh Kubacki. Not pictured is D.J. Campa.

Blue Devils eighth grade basketball team in playoffs

From staff reports

The Burgettstown Blue Devils team ended its season with an overall record of 14 wins and 5 losses, making the Southwest Conference Playoffs.

The Blue Devils play in a conference that has 16 teams that consist of six triple A, five double A, and five single A teams. Only eight teams make the playoffs.

This is the third time the team has gone to the playoffs. The last time it went was in 1997.

"Anytime a small school competes at this level shows what heart and dedication can do for a team. These boys set a goal at the beginning of this season to make the playoffs and never looked back. Hard work, hustle, pride and determination pushed them to another level and they would not be denied. Hats off to every one of these boys," said Coach Bongiorno, "They never lost sight of this sport being a team effort."

The team was led by 6-foot point guard Brenden Bongiorno, 6-foot guard Derek Goetz, 5'10" guard Chris Skinner, 5'11" power forward Jon Shoup and 6'2" center D.J. Smith.

Blue Devils Eighth Grade Basketball Team in Playoffs
PA Focus-February 7, 2004 Edition

Blue Devils Go To Extra Period To Win Second Straight Game, 73-68

Coach Frank Ferraro's Blue Devils of Burgettstown won their second exhibition game in as many starts by taking the measure of visiting McGuffey, 73-68, in overtime on Saturday, Dec. 16.

The Highlanders' L.R. Amos forced the game into overtime by converting both ends of a one-and-one with two seconds to play, tying the score at 62-62 at the end of regulation play.

But in the extra period, the Blue Devils outscored their opponents, 11-6, to notch the victory.

The locals had led at the end of the first three periods by scores of 18-10, 30-25 and 46-39, respectively, only to see McGuffey catch them with a 23-16 advantage in the final eight minutes.

Amos was his team's high scorer with 27 points. Included in his total

were four baskets from the three-point range.

Mike Phillips led the Burgettstown scoring, also with 27 points, including 12 buckets. Joe Gabrielli tallied 18 points for the Blue Devils and Jason Evers chipped in with 10.

Tim Clemens scored 13 points and Terry Srokose added 11 for the Highlanders.

McGUFFEY-68

Amos 8-7-27, Clemens 5-3-13, Campsey 1-4-6, Lassar 3-3-9, Daniels 1-0-2, Srokose 4-3-11, totals 22-20-68.

BLUE DEVILS-73

Phillips 12-3-27, Kladakis 1-5-7, Gabrielli 8-2-18, Colpo 0-4-4, Maltony 0-3-3, Evers 3-4-10, Schmidt 0-1-1, Orenchuk 1-0-3, 25-22-73.

Three-point field goals — McGuffey: Amos 4; **Blue Devils:** Orenchuk.

Score By Quarters

McGuffey10	15	14	23	6—68
Blue Devils18	12	16	16	11—73

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Blue Devils go to Extra Period to Win Second Straight Game, 73-68
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 27, 1989 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

McGuffey doubles its fun, wins tournament

Colin Chapman scored 17 points and Trent Bellville had his second double-double in as many nights as McGuffey won the championship of its own tournament for the second year in a row, defeating Charleroi 60-49 Saturday night.

Bellville, the tournament's most valuable player, scored 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. David Chapman also hit double figures for the Highlanders with 13 points and Sean Adlis finished with 11.

Charleroi received 18 points from Sam Miceli and 16 from Drey Everett.

Trinity 65, Eden Christian 38: Joey Koroly led a balanced Trinity attack with 19 points and the Hillers rolled over Eden Christian 65-38 in the consolation game of the Canon-McMillan tournament.

Trinity defense clamped down on Eden Christian in the first half as the Warriors were held to only eight points as Trinity forged a 26-point lead by intermission.

The Hillers had 11 different players crack the scoring column with only Koroly reaching double figures.

Drew Aiken led Eden Christian with 14 points and Chase Haring had 12.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Monessen 84, Bishop Canevin 70: Lyndon Henderson scored 27 points and Monessen overcame a halftime deficit to beat Bishop Canevin 84-70 in the consolation game of the Upper St. Clair tournament.

Bishop Canevin led 35-34 at halftime but Lyndon Henderson scored 21 second-half points as the Greyhounds pulled away in the third quarter when they outscored the Crusaders 27-8.

Monessen's Justice Rice scored 20 points, which included 13 of 15 from the free-throw line. Jaron Youngblood had 13 points and Cory Fleming 10.

Bishop Canevin's Mitchell King was the game's leading scorer with 31 points. Eugene Goodwine had 17. The Crusaders made 11 three-pointers.

Albert Gallatin 69, Waynesburg 48: Junior forward Nate Bricker scored 23 points to lead Albert Gallatin to a 69-48 victory over Waynesburg in the Fayette County Coaches Tournament at Penn State-Fayette.

Waynesburg (0-2) was un-

able to overcome a slow start as the Raiders fell behind 16-3 after one quarter. Richard Bortz was the leading scorer for Waynesburg with 13 points and Darton McIntire followed with 12.

Marques Moore had 17 points for AG (1-1).

Chartiers-Houston 63, Burgettstown 53: A.J. Myers scored a game-high 35 points to lead Chartiers-Houston to a 63-53 win over Burgettstown in the McGuffey Tournament.

Cam Hanley added 17 points for the Bucs. Reed Reitter paced Burgettstown with 21 and Ryan Louder added 11.

OLSH 64, Fort Cherry 50: Desmond Ross scored 25 points to lead a third quarter run that sent OLSH over Fort Cherry 64-50 in the finals of the Keystone Oaks Tournament.

Ethan Harrell added 14 for OLSH (2-0), which outscored FC 23-7 in that third quarter.

Chad Colussy led the Rangers (1-1) with 16 points.

Peters Township 62, Thomas Jefferson 55: Mike Cortese scored a game-high

27 points to help Peters Township stop Thomas Jefferson, 62-55, in the PT-Baldwin Tournament.

Conor Pederson tossed in 22 for the Indians (2-0).

Justin Farrell's 15 points led TJ (0-2).

California 62, Jefferson-Morgan 23: California held Jefferson-Morgan under 10 points in each quarter too seal a 62-23 win the Geibel Catholic Tournament.

Kass Taylor led Cal (2-0) with 20 points. Jalen Torres scored 15 for the Rockets (1-1).

Latrobe 93, Canon-McMillan 86: Austin Butler scored a career-high 48 points to send Latrobe to a 93-86 win over Canon-McMillan.

Marcus Dudzinski added 19, Jake Biss 12 and Jack Fenton 10 for the Wildcats (2-0).

Britton beachy led the Big Macs (1-1) with 26 points. Jake Davey, Carson Miller and Kenyan Lewis each scored 17 points.

Norwin 58, Ringgold 42: Anthony Dellefemine scored 20 points to lead Norwin past Ringgold 58-42 in the Mt. Pleasant Tournament.

Anthony Pampina scored 10 points to lead Ringgold.

Eighth Graders Win Over OLOL, 22-18

The eighth grade basketball team at Burgettstown Area High School won over Our Lady of Lourdes, 22 to 18, in a contest played Saturday, Jan. 19.

Allison led the winners in scoring with seven points, followed by Matijevich with five, Ohi with four, and Kladakis, Michalski and Trimarki with two each.

Colpo scored eight points for Our Lady of Lourdes, Krzeczowski tallied seven and Sartori had three.

The reserves of Burgettstown also triumphed, 41 to 4. John poured in 22 points to space the scoring. Allen accounted for eight points, Orison had six, Evers and Kladakis each scored two and Michalski chipped in with one. Phillips and Orenchuk each had two points for the losers.

Burgettstown Area Recreation Basketball

Regular season action in the Burgettstown Area Recreational Basketball league came to a close last Friday night when Burgettstown beat Atlasburg, 14-11, and Raccoon defeated Langeloth, 22-19.

Burgettstown, coached by Pat McGraw and Jack Shearson, ended the season undefeated by whipping second place Atlasburg, coached by Dom Astorina. Ted Mervosh and George Swanik led the winners in scoring with six and four points, respectively. Hanna and Yazevac chipped in with two each. Brown was high man for Atlasburg with eight points. Filipponi had two points and Sentipal one.

John Harris' Raccoon team wound up in third place by winning over Joe Pusateri's Langeloth team. Jim Ozimek and Chuck Scopel were high scorers in the winners' attack with ten and eight points, respectively. Bartoletti accounted for the other four points. Strope had eight to lead Langeloth, followed by Barry Alvarez with five. Young added four points and M. Alvarez two to the total.

FINAL STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Burgettstown	9	0	1.000
Atlasburg	6	3	.667
Raccoon	2	7	.222
Langeloth	1	8	.111

An all-star game will be played this Wednesday, April 2, at 6 p.m. in Union high school. All-stars from Raccoon and Atlasburg will compete against stars from Burgettstown and Langeloth. The following were selected to play:

Langeloth-Burgettstown, Strope, Young, B. Alvarez, M. Alvarez, Borio, Mervosh, Swanik, Hanna, Ray Louder, Bertoni.

Raccoon - Atlasburg, Delprato, Ozimek, Scopel, Hennequant, Bartoletti, McClements, Nedzealka, Sentipal, Filipponi, Vuksanovich.

Burgettstown 65, Carlynton 47: Sophomore Jarred John scored a season-high 21 points and Burgettstown gave a hit to Carlynton's play-off hopes with a 65-47 victory on the Cougars' home court.

Burgettstown (2-6, 5-11) had a fast start and a strong finish. The Blue Devils led 23-10 after one quarter, and after Carlynton (4-4, 8-6) pulled to within 41-31 after three quarters, Burgettstown scored 24 points over the final eight minutes.

Max Shaw scored 12 points and Brad McLaughlin had 11 for the Blue Devils.

Manny Burton led Carlynton with 18 points.

**BURGETTSTOWN LITTLE 5
WINS TOURNAMENT**

Revealing a versatile brand of basketball, and creating a tournament upset, Burgettstown Little Five Independents decisively defeated Bellevue Aces in the Imperial tournament at the Findley High School, last Friday night. First defeating McDonald Merchants and then eliminating Ambridge, playing over-time period, enabled them to enter the finals. The championship was won by the score of 47-34.

The Junior class was won by the Findley Hoosiers, the former high school team of Findley. They defeated McDonald stars, formerly this year's team, in the finals with a 36-26 victory.

Individual medals were given to the following Burgettstown players: Robert Canning, high school Coach, selected on the all tournament senior class team as best forward. Teddy Nicksick selected as the next all-tournament forward and Steve Vukas player having the best game foul shooting average.

Eight gold basketballs were awarded to the first place team, each player, manager, and coach receiving one.

The Burgettstown Little Five Independents were managed by Henry Vega and coached by Steve Vukas.

**Burgettstown Little Five Wins Tournament
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 14, 1940 Edition**



Burgettstown Ninth Grade Basketball Team
The Enterprise-February 5, 1992 Edition

From left to right: Doug Frazier, Chad Williams, Herbie Lloyd, Jeremy Minich, Shawn Wright, Brian Cipranic, Steve Pratt, Chris Cooke, Derek Moore, Duane Frazier, coach Mike Maltony. Not pictured, Scott Russell.

Ninth-grade team tops C-H

Burgettstown's ninth-grade basketball team spurred to a 17-7 first quarter lead and went on to defeat Chartiers-Houston, 64-41, on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Scott Russell's 24 points led the way as the Blue Devils raised their section record to four wins and two losses.

Jeremy Minich and Chris Cooke, with 12 and 11 points, respectively, also hit double figures for coach Mike Maltony's charges.

Duane Frazier tallied nine points for the locals, 7-5 overall. Rounding out the scoring were Derek Moore, four points; Brian Cipranic, three; and Doug Frazier, one.

Burgettstown Ninth-Grade Team Tops Chartiers-Houston
The Enterprise-January 22, 1992 Edition

Burgettstown snaps nearly 2-decade long playoff drought

Kacey Prasko and Darian Transue combined for 25 points as Burgettstown defeated Aliquippa, 44-33, in a Section 1-AA game. The win clinches a playoff berth for the first time since 1998.

Prasko led the way with 14 for the Blue Devils (8-5, 15-6), who outscored the Quips, 28-18, over the middle two quarters. Transue added 11 points.

Avonna Henry scored 12 points for Aliquippa (2-11, 3-16).

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Chartiers-Houston 68, New Brighton 23: Alexa Williamson and Jala Walker combined to score 54 points as Chartiers-Houston clinched the Section 1-AA title with a 68-23 win over New Brighton.

Williamson scored 29 and Walker 25 for the Bucs (13-0, 19-2), who also got 10 points from Jules Vulcano.

Libby Thomas scored 13 points for New Brighton (1-12, 2-18).

East Allegheny 74, McGuffey 18: Amani Johnson scored 29 points to help hand East Allegheny a 74-18 win over McGuffey in a Section 2-AAA game.

Cache Street had 20 points and Amiah Johnson 12 for EA (10-0, 20-0).

Dani Fisher scored 12 points for McGuffey (2-9, 3-16).

Greensburg CC 51, Beth-Center 34: Haley Moore scored 25 points to power Greensburg Central Catholic to a 51-34 win over Beth-Center in a Section 3-AA Game.

Brittany Stawovy added 12 points for GCC (13-0, 16-4). Kinlee Whited led Beth-Center (8-4, 11-6). The Bulldogs had their six-game winning streak snapped.

Keystone Oaks 64, Belle Vernon 41: Jaylen Hoffman scored 22 points to power Keystone Oaks to a 64-41 victory over Belle Vernon in a Section 3-AAAA game. Maleyah Agurs added 13 for KO (13-0, 18-2). Ashley Russell scored 15 for Belle Vernon (7-6, 12-9).

Jeannette 51, Carmichaels 46: Olivia Sirnac scored 33 points, including the 1,000th of her career, as Jeannette topped Carmichaels, 51-46, in a Section 3-AA game.

Sirnac is a senior forward for the Jayhawks (4-9, 7-14).

Kristina Aeschbacher had 13 points and Kaitlyn Wilson 10 for Carmichaels (3-10, 7-14).

In other games: South Allegheny dropped Waynesburg, 43-13, in Section 2-AAA; OLSH routed Fort Cherry 60-18 in Section 1-AA; Ringgold downed Uniontown, 45-26, in Section 3 of Class 5-A; and Chartiers Valley edged South Fayette, 50-49, in Section 1 of Class 5-A.

Burgettstown Snaps nearly 2-Decade Long Playoff Drought
Observer-Reporter-February 7, 2017 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance historical Society

Cherry Valley Basketball Co-Champions



1st row: left to right-J. Kortyna, Stanish, Guyo—2nd row: left to right-Scruppi, R. Kortyna, Wozniak, Wagner

Cherry Valley Basketball Co-Champions
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1950 Edition

Coach Nicksick's Flashy Union High Cagers Trip Trinity In Thrilling Contest, 46 To 44

Spearheaded by a terrific 24 point bombardment on the part of rangy Bob Gilson, the Union High Blue Devils produced a sensational example of team play in defeating the highly vaunted Trinity club on its own floor last Friday night, 46-44.

The gruelling tussle opened WPIAL Section 4 play for both teams and turned out to be a thrilling see-saw affair down to the final whistle. The locals, in racking up their seventh victory in nine starts, had a rough row to hoe all the way down the line. The officiating, (See The Sports Crier) as in most of the games thruout the country, was away below par and plagued Union to no end. But, the gallant Blue Devils, playing an inspired brand of team basketball, overcame this obstacle as well as throttling a very spirited and aggressive top-favored Trinity cage club to carve out a very deserving 46-44 victory.

The Nicksick-men, exploding down court from the opening gun, romped to a 16-9 first quarter lead before Trinity could get its bearings. The home team was behind, 13-3 in the early minutes. But, recover they did, and pumped away to deadlock the count at 21-21. And, at intermission, they enjoyed a 26-21 lead.

Coming out for the third frame, Union again caught fire. The Blue Devils ate up lost ground in a hurry, swishing the cords for eight points while holding Trinity scoreless. Grabbing the lead, 29-26, Union ran it to 46-38 with but three minutes to go. With a signal from the strategy bench, Union put on its deep-freeze to run out the clock. This they did in excellent fashion, halting the home team short to emerge with a brilliant 46-44 win.

The Blue Devils were away off their usual form at the free throw line in connecting on only six of seventeen attempts. But, the 20-19 edge in field goals was enough for the victory. Trinity racked up six of 10 charity tosses.

Bob Gilson's unerring accuracy from the outside gave him high point honors of the night with 11 field goals and two free throws for a 24 count in the scoring register.

The Union B squad had a rough time in the curtain raiser, bowing 28-23 after holding a 21-10 edge going into the final frame.

Varsity Lineup	FG	F	TP
Friday, f	0	2	2
Gilson, f	11	2	24
Majernik, c	6	1	13
Kortyna, g	1	1	3
Cowden, g	0	0	0
Clair, g	2	0	4
Totals	20	6	46

Visnich, Vuksanovich, Pappas and Mudre all broke into the lineup but were held scoreless.

was the sparkling performance of Danny Capozzoli who took down scoring honors of the night, this time with a 26 point barrage. Danny, who did just about everything in striving to get his mates on top, and who will be eligible for varsity play come Jan. 29, inspired his buddies to within inches of a clean sweep of the evening's hostilities.

Varsity lineup	FG	F	TP
Friday	2	6	10
Visnich	1	0	2
Gilson	1	2	4
Vuksanovich	1	0	2
Majernik	3	0	6
Mudre	0	1	1
Kortyna	6	3	15
Pappas	1	0	2
Cowden	0	1	1
Clair	5	1	11

The Nicksick-men grabbed an 8-7 first turn lead, extended it to 19-14 at intermission, whipped ahead at the three quarter pole, 35-22, and romped home a 54-35 winner. Union tallied on 20 field goals and 14 charity conversions to Chester's 12 two-pointers and 11 free throw conversions.

Ralph Kortyna was head man in the attack with a 15 point performance as the locals displayed exceptional spirit and determination despite overwhelming odds. Bob Gilson really was outstanding in Union's defense of its goal, holding his 6 foot-6 opponent down to a whisper. All in all, it was inspired teamwork, all the way, in bringing home the bacon.

The preliminary game result wasn't so successful as the Union B squad failed at the foul line to drop a 43-40 verdict. But, again it

COACH PETER FEE'S BASKET BALL TEAM IS COUNTY WINNER

Peter Fee Fans hereabouts will be interested to learn that Union's former Coach has "done it again". A clipping from the Johnstown Democrat of February 29 reports that Fee's Conemaugh Township Cagers rate top honors in the Somerset County Class A. League. Last fall the same school, under Fee's coaching wound up the football season with an enviable record that landed it the championship.

The Democrat, under a four column photo of Fee's team has the following to say: "Conemaugh township high school is kingpin of the Somerset County Class A League, the Indians gaining the honor in only the second year of the team's history. Coach Pete Fee's boys will compete with Boswell, which finished second in the county race; Everett, winner of the Tussey Mountain title, and either Bedford or Saxton, now battling it out for second place, in the district 5 P. I. A. A. eliminations.

Picture of Fee's Indians is on display in the Enterprise window.

**Coach Peter Fee's Basket Ball Team is County Winner
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 7, 1940 Edition**

Devils' one quarter enough for victory

By Jim Dallara
Editor

Burgettstown's Section 15-AA-A leaders played just one good quarter at home Tuesday night, Jan. 14, in a conference game with South Side Beaver, but it was enough to sneak the Blue Devils to a scary 61-57 victory for their sixth straight league win.

"It certainly wasn't a piece of art," a distressed Frank Ferraro said in the locker room after addressing his team. "We looked good in the third quarter — we were aggressive, went after the ball and made things happen. But for the rest of the game we just stood around. And in the fourth quarter we had a real letdown — we almost quit."

The see-saw contest saw the Devils hold a slim 19-18 lead at the end of the first quarter, only to see the visiting Rams, 1-5 in section competition, take a 35-30 lead at halftime.

Once the teams took the floor in the third quarter, the tide changed. Burgettstown ran off 15 unanswered points enroute to a 17-3 period that left the locals with what appeared to be a safe lead at 47-38.

It barely held up. South Side thundered back in the final stanza to go ahead with 3:09 to play and the lead changed hands on six occasions in the time remaining. Jason Smith's three free throws put Ferraro's charges in front by a 59-57 count, and Bryan Barto's brace of foul shots with two

seconds left finally put the win on ice.

Smith paced the local scoring with 20 points, while Josh Dobi, who ignited the third quarter charge, was close behind with 16.

In addition, the two Blue Devils each pulled in 10 rebounds as the locals, raising their overall record this year to 10-2, posted a 30-17 edge on the boards.

Dave Ashcroft scored 21 points and Calub Courtwright tallied 16 for the Rams, 5-8 overall.

High-scoring Adam Orison got into foul trouble for the Devils, scoring his five points in the first quarter of play.

The Blue Devils jumped out to an early lead with Smith tossing in six points, but a Courtwright bucket sent the visitors in front for the first time, 16-15. Kip Kuzior's layup field goal ended the first quarter scoring with Burgettstown ahead by a 19-18 score.

The second period saw the two teams exchange leads on five occasions. After South Side's Mike Courtwright ran off five points on a corner shot and a three-pointer, Paul Bianchini's drive to the hoop brought the Blue Devils to within two points at 29-31. But Dobi's foul shot was the only point the locals were to score for the final minute of play. The Rams, however, cashed a pair of free throws by Ashcroft and a bucket by Calub Courtwright at the buzzer to leave the home fans in shock with a 35-30 lead at halftime.

Dobi started the Burgettstown

South Side Beaver 57

Ashcroft 5-11-21; J.B. Courtwright 1-0-2; Maffei 2-0-4; C. Courtwright 7-2-16; Campbell 1-1-4; Woodling 1-0-2; Marchi 1-1-3; M. Courtwright 2-0-5. Totals 20-15-57.

Blue Devils 61

Smith 8-4-20; Orison 2-0-5; Dobi 6-4-16; Bianchini 2-2-6; Barto 3-2-8; Matijevich 0-2-2; Kuzior 1-2-4. Totals 22-16-61.

Three-point field goals

South Side Beaver
Campbell, M. Courtwright

Score by quarters

So. Side Beaver	18	17	3	19	—57
Blue Devils	19	11	17	14	—61

blitz in the opening seconds of the third period by scoring five consecutive points on a pair of rebounds and a free throw, tying the score at 35-all. Barto drove the key at the 5:47 mark and banked in a layup to regain the lead for the Blue Devils. Before the run was over, Smith sank a bucket off a rebound, and Bianchini, Bryan Matijevich and Kuzior each converted a pair of free throws.

Ashcroft's turn-around layup with 2:43 to play in the third quarter ended South Side's long drought. The period ended with Burgettstown ahead by nine points, 47-38.

Smith's drive to the hoop and subsequent free throw continued the Blue Devil advantage at 51-43, but the visiting Rams would not go

away. Ashcroft's left-handed hook shot and three foul shots sandwiched Calub Courtwright's two free throws, so the lead quickly evaporated at 51-50 with 5:11 left on the scoreboard clock.

About a minute and a half later, Calub Courtwright swished the nets from a close-up shot to give South Side a 52-51 lead. Dobi grabbed a rebound and scored, was fouled and sank the free throw to regain the lead for Burgettstown, 54-52, but Ashcroft answered with a drive through the lane and a free throw to make it 55-54.

Back came Dobi with a layup, only to see Brian Marchi's outside shot regain the lead for the Rams, 57-56, with 2:34 remaining. They were the last points the visitors would score.

Ashcroft fouled out of the game 26 seconds later, and Smith took advantage of an opportunity by converting a pair of free throws for a 58-57 Burgettstown edge. With 1:19 left, Smith sank another foul shot. South Side attempted to win the game with a three-point try from the corner, but the ball glanced away and the Blue Devils rebounded. Barto's two foul shots at the 0:02 mark wound up the scoring for the night.

"We're certainly not satisfied with the way we played tonight," Ferraro said.

The preliminary contest went to South Side, 41-38. Kuzior scored 14 points and Matijevich had 11.

Devils' one Quarter enough for Victory
The Enterprise-January 22, 1992 Edition



THE SPORTS DESK

Devils won at Wash High before

Thanks to our good friends Dante Filipponi and Angelo Spanogians, the record of Burgettstown's ever winning a basketball game at Washington prior to this season has been cleared.

The Blue Devils did, in fact, win there before, and the date was Jan. 16, 1945.

This was the team that had John Melton, Albert Garcia, Bill Morris, Andy Gratchen, Jim Lee, Chris Maropis, Charles Dowler, George Maropis, Manuel Martinez and Reed Fernandez.

The Blue Devils that season, coached by Ed McCluskey, posted a 22-5 record. They tied for the section title but lost to Washington in a playoff game, 26-24, in overtime.

But back to the date of Jan. 16, 1945. According to the files of this newspaper, the game account was as follows.

"Union High School took over undisputed possession of first place in WPIAL Section 2 by defeating Washington, 41-24, Tuesday night in Washington.

"John Melton sparked the UHS

team with 23 points, 18 of which came in the second half.

"Union took an 8-3 lead in the first quarter and lagged during the second period but managed to grab a 14-10 lead at halftime.

"At the outset of the second half, the Union team found itself and ran away with the ball game.

"In the preliminary, the Union B-squad defeated Washington's B-squad, 26-20."

So there, it was just 48 years since the Blue Devils last beat the Little Presidents at Washington! That is not to diminish the great victory that coach Frank Ferraro and his blue-and-white clad charges brought back to Burgettstown last month.

There's hardly any change in the latest Keystone Wrestling Rankings from those issued the week before.

None of the WPIAL's Class AA teams appear in the top ten team rankings, but Canon-McMillan is third, Mount Pleasant seventh, Greensburg-Salem eighth and Con-

nellsville tenth in Class AAA.

Class AA individual rankings have Tim Glass of Chartiers-Houston fourth at 103 pounds, Chad Kime of Beth-Center first and Chris Tarr of Washington fourth at 119, Tio Paci of Beth-Center first at 130, and Corey Walker of Chartiers-Houston third in the heavyweight division.

In case you missed it last week, the WPIAL Section 5-AA Wrestling Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25 and 26, right here at Burgettstown Area High School.

Devils Won Before at Wash High Before
The Enterprise-February 17, 1993 Edition



The Dynamic Devil

Bryan Matijevich is this week's Dynamic Devil. A 6-2 sophomore, Bryan began his basketball career playing for Atlasburg. He continued through the seventh, eighth and freshman teams, showing steady improvement.

"Bryan experienced some 'growing pains' through the first month of the season but he has come on recently," head coach Frank Ferraro said. "He has been a little tentative, but he is beginning to realize that when he plays with intensity he becomes a tremendous asset to this team. If Bryan continues to work at his game, he will be an outstanding player for this program."

Eagle Cagers Raise Record To Perfect 3-0

Coach Jack Conn's Eagles of Avella High School raised their exhibition game record to a perfect 3-0 by taking the measure of Carmichaels, 74-68, at Avella Tuesday, Dec. 20.

The combination of Jack Conn and Dave Wallace poured in 52 points for the Eagles, with Conn accounting for 27 points and Wallace contributing 25.

The locals grabbed a 23-17 lead at the end of the first quarter and remained in front by six points, 41-35, at halftime. A 22-16 bulge in the next eight minutes increased Avella's edge to 63-51.

Carmichaels outscored the Eagles, 17-11, in the fourth stanza.

The visitors outshot Avella from the foul-line, 14-12, having 29 changes to the Eagles' 17. But the locals' 27-25 superiority from the field, including an 8-4 advantage in three-point buckets, paid off. Conn had three baskets from three-point range and Wallace had two.

CARMICHAELS-68

Waters 9-1-19, Stofcheck 7-10-26, Warren 1-1-3, Swift 0-0-0, Davidson 6-1-15, Siebart 2-1-5, Sokal 0-0-0, totals 25-14-68.

AVELLA-74

J. Conn 8-6-27, B. Conn 1-0-2, Wallace 9-5-25, Takah 3-1-7, Danna 3-0-6, Lowe 2-0-4, Noe 1-0-3, totals 27-12-74.

Three-point field goals — Carmichaels: Stofcheck 2, Davidson 2; **Avella:** J. Conn 5, Wallace 2, Noe.

Score By Quarters

Carmichaels.....	17	18	16	17—68
Avella	23	18	22	11—74

Officials: Garrett & Natili Jr.

Eagle Cagers Raise Record to Perfect 3-0
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 27, 1989 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Eagles' Fourth Quarter Rally Enough To Beat Devils, 61-56

Avella's Golden Eagles, who trailed throughout most of the contest, overcame a 15-point first quarter deficit with a fourth period rally that resulted in a 61-56 victory at Burgettstown Friday night.

It was the first game of the Section 15-AA-A schedule for both teams.

After coach Frank Ferraro's Blue Devils jumped out to a 23-8 lead after the opening eight minutes, the second period was a 15-15 draw, leaving the home team with a 38-23 advantage at the intermission.

The second half, however, belonged to coach Jack Conn's Eagles. They outscored Burgettstown, 15-7, in the third quarter to slash their deficit to seven points at 45-38, and then pulled the game out of the fire with a 23-11 margin in the final stanza.

The Eagles, undefeated in their first four starts of the 1989-90 campaign, outshot the Blue Devils from the field, 24-22. They sank four baskets from the three-point range and

their opponents hit on one.

From the free throw line, the locals converted 11 of 20 shots. Avella was 9-for-12 from the charity stripe.

Jack Conn and Dave Wallace were 1-2 for the Eagles in scoring with 20 and 19 points, respectively. Dan Takah chipped in with 10 points for the winners.

The Blue Devils, who saw their overall record even at 2-2 with their second straight defeat, had Mike Phillips with 20 points, Joe Gabrielli with 13 and Ross Kladakis with 11.

AVELLA-61

J. Conn 7-4-20, B. Conn 2-1-5, Wallace 9-0-19, Takah 3-3-10, Danna 2-1-5, Lowe 1-0-2, totals 24-9-61.

BLUE DEVILS-56

Phillips 8-4-20, Kladakis 2-6-11, Gabrielli 6-1-13, Colpo 2-0-4, Maltony 2-0-4, Evers 2-0-4, totals 22-11-56.

Three-point field goals — Avella: J. Conn 2, Wallace, Takah; **Blue Devils:** Kladakis.

Score By Quarters

Avella	8	15	15	23—61
Blue Devils	23	15	7	11—56

Officials: Christy & Henderson

Eagles' Fourth Quarter Rally Enough to Beat Devils, 61-56
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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Farm Team Wins Washington Tournament



A team of local youth, coached by Mike Schooles of the Farm Restaurant, walked away with the championship in a Gold Medal Basketball Tournament last week at Immaculate Conception high school in Washington.

The team, pictured in the above Enterprise photo are: 1st

row, left to right-J. Tidball, mgr. , Don Neil, Carl Yanek, Howard Young, George Swanik, Tom Cunningham and mgr. Ray Simpson. 2nd row, left to right-Richard Ward, Ted Mervosh, Bob Delamontagne, Jim Muscaro, Bob Bednarzik, Al Sella, Coach Richard Zelenko and Coach Mike Schooles.

The Farm won three games to take the championship. In the first game they beat Patsch Brothers team 38-21. They then beat the Avella Merchants 48 to 25 and in the final game dropped the Bulldogs 39-38.

Jim Muscaro was honored as the tourney's outstanding player.

**Farm Team Walked away with Gold Medal Basketball Tournament
Burgettstown Enterprise-Unknown 1961 Edition**

SPORTS

The Waynesburg basketball team will visit the local gym for a pair of games this Friday evening, Feb. 11.

Union lost an overtime game at the Greene County school and will be out to avenge that set back. Without McClure in the Waynesburg line, this return game should be a toss-up affair

UNION DEFEATS MORGANZA

The Union High School basketball team repeated an earlier victory over the Pennsylvania Training School last Tuesday night by a score of 39-16.

After a slow start in which Union lead by only 2 points in the first quarter 6-4, Melton and Gratchen sparked a second period attack that put Union out in front 14-5 at the half time. From there on the outcome was never in doubt. Gratchen and Melton scored 12 and 8 points respectively to register more than half of their team's 39 points.

In the final period, Coach McCluskey used all his reserves and they continued with the scoring punch. In all, eleven boys took an active part in the scoring for the McCluskey team.

For Morganza, Tepovich was easily the outstanding player. He got 10 of his team's 16 points.

In the preliminary, the B-squad made in two in a row over the HI Y team by severely trouncing them 24-8. Joe Fernandez and Jim Lee were the big guns for the Junior Varsity with 8 and 7 points respectively.

UNION LOSES TO TRINITY

For the fourth time this season, the Union High basketball team has had to play an overtime period to decide the final outcome, and last Friday it dropped the third of the extra session games. Trinity repeated an earlier win over the Union team by taking a 29-27 decision.

Oliver and Polosky registered field goals in the first period to give Trinity a 4-3 edge. They held this one point lead at half time 11-10, and maintained the edge at the end of the third quarter 17-16. Union picked up an extra point in the fourth quarter to gain a 25-25 tie as the gun sounded. In the overtime period Oliver again put Trinity out in front with a 2 pointer. Andy Gratchen retaliated to tie the game. However Polosky tossed in a left hander to give Coach Decker and his team their second league victory.

'Iggy' Garcia was the game's high scorer with 11 points. Johnny Melton and Oliver were runner ups with 9 points each.

Rangers cool off Blue Devil quintet

By Chris Dugan
For The Enterprise

The Fort Cherry High School boys basketball team that lost five of its first seven games seems like a distant memory to head coach John Cunning.

The young Rangers, who experienced a series of December growing pains, have suddenly found the confidence to win big games and developed into the hottest team in Section 15-AA-A.

Fort Cherry extended its winning streak to five games Friday night at The Fort by building a 16-point lead and then holding off a furious fourth-quarter rally by Burgettstown for a 67-66 victory.

The upset created a three-way tie for first place in the section. Burgettstown, Fort Cherry and Washington share the lead with 6-1 records.

"These young kids keep getting better every game," Cunning said of his players, of which only one (Jason Pisarcik) was a starter last season.

"I didn't think we'd jell this early. I knew we'd get thumped in the exhibition season, but by the section games we'd be ready to play basketball. And the kids believed

that, too."

Five of the Rangers' seven losses have come against teams from higher classifications. But Fort Cherry played a cut above Burgettstown for three quarters.

Fort Cherry (7-7 overall) led 24-11 after eight minutes as the Rangers' guards forced Burgettstown into 10 first-quarter turnovers that were converted into nine points.

An unlikely hero for the Rangers, 6-4 sophomore forward Steve Weidner, made his presence felt early, scoring nine of his team-high 27 points in the first quarter. Weidner, who scored most of his points from within 10 feet of the basket, was playing his first game since suffering a slightly separated shoulder a week before against Bentworth.

"We didn't do a real good job of covering up the inside," said Burgettstown coach Frank Ferraro.

Fort Cherry led 37-28 at halftime as Ferraro decided to protect forwards Paul Bianchini and Joshua Dobi — both of whom had two fouls — by keeping them on the bench in the second quarter.

The Blue Devils started the second half with a flurry, outscoring Fort Cherry 11-5 to pull to within

Burgettstown 66
Bianchini 4-3-11; Dobi 0-3-3; Smith 14-5-31; Barto 0-3-3; Orison 5-0-11; Matijevich 2-1-5; Kuzior 0-0-0; Huey 0-0-0. Totals 25-15-66.

Fort Cherry 67
Pisarcik 3-0-7; Weidner 12-3-27; Samarin 4-1-9; Brown 4-3-11; Elder 0-2-2; Kemp 3-0-7; King 1-2-4. Totals 27-11-67.

Three-point field goals
Burgettstown Orison
Fort Cherry Pisarcik, Kemp

Score by quarters
Burgettstown 11 17 15 23—66
Fort Cherry 24 13 22 8—67

42-39 on Adam Orison's steal and layup. But then Burgettstown point guard Bryan Barto was called for three quick fouls and went to the bench with four personals.

With their playmaker on the bench, the Blue Devils' offense began to unravel. Fort Cherry's guards started forcing turnovers once again and the Rangers went on a 13-0 run to open up a 55-39 advantage. Weidner had five points in the spurt.

"That makes a difference when you have your starters on the

bench," Ferraro said. "We didn't do a good job of executing our offense early. We did a better job as the game went along."

The Burgettstown offense received a much-needed lift from center Jason Smith in the fourth quarter. Smith scored 13 of his game-high 33 points in the quarter, including six straight that pulled the Blue Devils to within 63-59 with more than four minutes remaining.

Following two free throws by F.C.'s Paul Brown, Smith drove the lane for a basket, Dobi made two free throws and Smith one as the Fort Cherry lead was suddenly cut to 65-64 with 2:25 remaining.

But when given the chance to take the lead the Blue Devils committed two costly turnovers and F.C.'s Frank Samarin blocked a shot by Smith. The Rangers' Lathon Elder then made two free throws to give F.C. a 67-64 advantage before Bianchini's basket off an offensive rebound pulled Burgettstown to within one point with four seconds left.

Brown finished with 11 points for F.C., while Bianchini had 12 and Orison 11 for Burgettstown.

Fort Cherry Rangers Cool off Blue Devil Quintet
The Enterprise-January 22, 1992 Edition

**FREE BASKETBALL GAME
SET FOR FRIDAY NIGHT**

**Boys and Girls of Union High to
Meet Alumni in Games That
Will be Free to Adults**

Union high school opens her 22 game schedule Friday night with the Alumni. Both the girls and the boys will furnish the attraction. Children are not to be admitted so as to provide room for adults, who will be admitted free of charge.

The boys' team suffered the loss of last year's center and other members of the squad. While the center post is not adequately filled, the other positions are stronger and the present indications are that the Union team will present some lively basketball.

The girls team lost a few "first-stringers" but the "on-comers" are filling the vacancies in good form.

The girls' squad consists of R. Baker, Gonzalez, Monasterio, Garcia, D. Prendes, Martin, B. Baker, A. Prendes, Rash, Prado, Scott, Will-hoyte.

The boys squad composes Smiley, Burns, Navage, Kaezyk, Rotta, Vukas, Kopacz, McFarland, Martinez, Don-nick, Klimenko, Pensak, and Orrick.

There will be 12 of the 22 games played at home as indicated by the following schedule.

Date	Home	Away
Dec. 7	Alumni (Free to Adults).	
Dec. 11	Claysville	
Dec. 14		Follansbee
Dec. 20	Mingo Jct.	
Dec. 28		Bentleville
Jan. 4	Open	
Jan. 8	Oakdale*	
Jan. 11		Cecil*
Jan. 15		Findlay*
Jan. 18	Hickory*	
Jan. 22	Midway	
Jan. 25		McDonald*
Jan. 29		Claysville
Feb. 1	Prosperity	
Feb. 5		Oakdale*
Feb. 8	Cecil	
Feb. 12	Findlay*	
Feb. 15		Hickory*
Feb. 19		Midway*
Feb. 22	McDonald	
Feb. 26	Open	
Mar. 1	Trinity	
Mar. 5	Bentleyville	
Mar. 8		Trinity

* W. P. I. A. L. Games.

Beth-Center, Burgettstown win titles

Kinlee Whited scored 16 points, leading three Beth-Center players in double figures, as the Bulldogs won the Freedom tournament by defeating the host team 49-44.

Whited was named the most valuable player in the tournament and Beth-center's Olivia Greco, who scored 11 points in the title game, was chosen to the all-tournament squad. Kennedy Kuhns scored 10 points for Beth-Center, which used a strong start to win the game. The Bulldogs led 17-4 after one quarter before holding off a late charge by Freedom.

Bailey Prell scored a game-high 18 points for Freedom.

Burgettstown 51, Avella 38: Alle Havelka scored 15 points and Burgettstown overcame a 10-point deficit to defeat Avella 51-38 and win the Eagles' tipoff tournament.

Emily Prasko scored 13 points for Burgettstown, which won the game at the free-throw line by making 20 of 29 attempts. Avella was 7 of 15 at the free-throw line. Both teams made 15 field goals.

Brayden Tarolli scored 12 points for Avella, which led 24-22 at halftime.

South Fayette 56, Upper St. Clair 40: Jordyn Caputo scored 12 of her game-high 20 points in the fourth quarter as South Fayette pulled away down the stretch to defeat Upper St. Clair in the championship game of the South Fayette tournament.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

South Fayette led 12-2 after one quarter but USC pulled even at 34-34 after three quarters. The Lions, however, won the pivotal fourth quarter 22-6 behind the play of Caputo.

Maura Castelluci scored 14 points and Sam Kosmacki contributed 12 for South Fayette. Samantha Smith paced USC with 16 points.

Mapletown 38, Bentworth 36: Sophomore Abby Antill made a driving layup with eight seconds remaining to give Mapletown a 38-36 victory over Bentworth in the consolation game of the Avella tournament.

Antill took an inbounds pass with 12 seconds to play and the score tied before making her game-winning shot. Bentworth had a chance to tie or win with a three-pointer but the Bearcats missed their final shot.

Antill led Mapletown with 13 points. The Maples forged a 22-11 halftime lead.

Bentworth's Grace Marchezak scored a game-high 18 points.

Jefferson-Morgan 43, Eden Christian 23: Erin Confortini scored 12 points and Jefferson-Morgan dominated the middle quarters to cruise to a 43-23 victory over Eden Christian in the consolation game of the Freedom tournament.

Eden Christian led 9-8 after one quarter but Jefferson-Morgan outscored the War-

riors 26-10 over the next 16 minutes.

McKenzie King scored a game-high 14 points for Eden Christian.

Ambridge 61, Belle Vernon 53: Belle Vernon could overcome one bad shooting quarter (the second) and lost to Ambridge 61-53 in the championship game of the Bridgers' tournament.

Anita Walker and Sarah Fischer each scored 14 points and Dasha Jackson had 13 for Ambridge, who led 34-17 at halftime.

The Bridgers outscored Belle Vernon 17-7 in the second quarter.

Kelsey Green led three Belle Vernon players in double figures with a game-high 18 points. Caitlyn Trombley followed with 11 points and Taylor Kovatch had 10.

Geibel Catholic 29, McGuffey 28: Gabby Yourish made the front end of a one-and-one with two seconds remaining to break a tie and give Geibel Catholic a 29-28 victory over McGuffey in the consolation game of the Brownsville tournament.

Geibel (1-1) trailed 12-6 after the first quarter but outscored McGuffey (0-2) 16-5 in the second quarter and held the Highlanders to 11 second-half points.

Danielle Fischer led McGuffey with nine points.

Carmichaels 53, Charleroi

38: Kristina Aeschbacher led three Carmichaels players in double figures with 14 points and the Mikes defeated Monessen 53-38 in the consolation game of the Charleroi tournament.

Megan Walker and Jadyn barnish each contributed 10 points for Carmichaels, which led 23-17 at ahlftime and pulled away over the final 16 minutes despite making only four of 21 free throws.

Natalia Holmes tallied a game-high 20 points for Monessen.

Fort Cherry 42, Clairton 25: Shannon Relihan tossed in 15 points to lead fort Cherry to a 42-25 win over Clairton in the consolation game of the Storox Tipoff Tournament. Mckenzie Saure added 14 points.

Peters Township 59, North Hills 32: Makenna Marisa scored 13 points to propel Peters Township to a 59-32 win over North Hills in the PT-Baldwin Tournament.

Lillian Young chipped in 12 for the Indians (2-0). Jess Bowen led North Hills (1-1) with 13 points.

Charleroi 69, Washington 41: Three players scored in double figures to power Charleroi to a 69-41 win over Washington in the finals of the Charleroi Tipoff Tournament.

Kaitlyn Riley led the way with 18 points and Maria Claybaugh and Sierra Short each scored 15 for the Cougars 2-0.

Carly Allen's 17 points led Washington (1-1).

Grade School Cage Results

Following are the results of grade school basketball action Saturday morning:

Hanover 1-18, Eldersville-3; Burgettstown 18, Raccoon 5; Langeloth 8, Our Lady of Lourdes and Atlasburg 7; Hanover 2-6, Hanover 3-3.

Grade School Cage Results
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 10, 1968 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Louder rallies Burgettstown to OT victory

Ryan Louder scored 20 of his 22 points in the second half and Burgettstown outscored South Side Beaver, 15-8, in overtime for an 81-74 victory in a Section 4-AAA game in Hookstown Tuesday night.

Burgettstown (5-1, 10-3) took hold of second place in the section by rallying from a 33-22 deficit at halftime. SS Beaver (4-2, 5-8) shot near 80 percent in that half.

South Side Beaver had a chance to win the game at the end of regulation but missed a shot before the buzzer. In the overtime, the Blue Devils got balanced scoring and pulled away. Burgettstown head coach Tim Murray was ejected with 18 seconds to play for protesting a call.

Garrett Dhans scored 12 points and Scott Ferris and Cole Shergi each added 10 points for Burgettstown, which made 18 of 23 free throw attempts.

SS Beaver was keyed by Jake McDougal's 18 points and 17 by Logan English.

Canon-McMillan 61, Peters Township 41: Jason Fowlkes scored 20 points and Canon-McMillan held Peters Township to five points in the third quarter to take a 61-41 victory in a Section 2 game in Class 6A in McMurray.

Elliot Waller had 17 points for the Big Macs (5-1, 11-1), which trails first-place Mt. Lebanon by one-half game

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

in the section.

Colin Cote led last-place Peters Township (0-6, 4-9) with 14 points.

Trinity 67, Ringgold 35: A 50-point first half propelled Trinity to a 67-35 victory over Ringgold in a Section 1 game in Class 5A at Hiller Hall.

Dylan Kern hit five three-point field goals and scored 19 points for the Hillers (5-1, 10-3). Zach Ecker had a double-double for Trinity, 12 points and 10 rebounds. Joey Koroly score 10 points.

Ringgold, which fell to 0-5 in the section and 2-11 overall, was led by Jalen Taylor's eight points.

West Greene 48, Avella 38: Nathan Brudnock and Gavin Scott combined for 25 points as West Greene knocked off Avella, 48-38, in a Section 2-A game.

Brudnock led the way for the Pioneers (2-1, 4-7) with 15 points and Scott added 10 points.

Zach Cannon scored 12 points on four three-point field goals for Avella (0-3, 0-9).

California 53, Frazier 51: Derrick Hammitt tossed in a basket right before the buzzer to give California a 53-52 victory over Frazier in Perryopolis.

Cochise Ryan contributed 13 points and Ben Wilson 10 for the Trojans (3-2, 8-4),

who have won four straight.

Luke Santo and Justin Novak each scored 13 points for Frazier (2-3, 4-7), which lost its third straight. Novak pulled down 14 rebounds.

Belle Vernon 74, Elizabeth Forward 58: Belle Vernon struck one for balanced scoring and depth as the Leopards defeated host Elizabeth Forward 74-58 in Section 3-AAAA.

The win keeps Belle Vernon 5-1, 9-3) tied for first place in the section, a half-game ahead of South Fayette, which defeated Keystone Oaks.

The Leopards put four players into double figures, which offset the scoring of EF's Will Greijack and Gavin Martik, who combined for 47 points.

Joe Sabolek led Belle Vernon with 14 points, Bruce Washington had 12, and Christian Murphy and Cam Nusser had 11 each. The Leopards led 36-23 at halftime.

Greijack scored a game-high 27 points and Martik had 20, but the rest of the Warriors combined for 11 points. EF is 2-5 in section and 5-8 overall.

South Fayette 68, Keystone Oaks 53: Tim Locher scored 17 points and South Fayette remained on the heels of first-place Belle Vernon in Section 3-AAAA by defeat-

ing visiting Keystone Oaks 68-53.

The game was tied 27-27 at halftime before South Fayette (4-1, 7-4) outscored KO by a 15-2 margin in the pivotal third quarter. The Lions secured the win with a 26-point fourth quarter.

Conner Mislán had 14 points for South Fayette and Drew Franklin scored 13.

Keystone Oaks dropped to 3-4 in section and 6-8 overall.

Southmoreland 78, Charleroi 62: Southmoreland kept visiting Charleroi winless in Section 4-AAA by defeating the Cougars 78-62.

Southmoreland moved to .500 in the section at 3-3 and 4-8 overall. Charleroi slipped to 0-4, 4-9.

Girls results

Trinity 58, Ringgold 39: Riley DeRubbo scored a game-high 22 points and Trinity took control of first place in Class 5A Section 3 with a 58-39 victory over Ringgold at Hiller Hall.

The game was a show-down of the top two teams in the section. Trinity moves to 6-0 in the league and 11-3 overall. The Hillers have not lost to a WPIAL opponent in more than a month. Ringgold slipped one game behind Trinity in the standings at 5-1 and 9-5 overall. The Rams had their three-game winning streak end.

Trinity was in charge of the game throughout, lead-

ing 15-7 after one quarter and 31-14 at halftime.

DeRubbo's point total included four three-point field goals. Senior guard Allie Scarfo came through in the big game by scoring a career-high 15 points for the Hillers.

Johnna Mayer was the lone Ringgold player to score in double figures with 12 points.

"This was an example of a team win," Trinity coach Bob Miles said. "We didn't turn the ball over too much, we only had seven, and we had 10 assists. Those little things add up."

West Greene 66, Avella 30: Undefeated West Greene scored 45 first-half points and cruised to a 66-30 victory over visiting Avella in Section 2-A.

The win improves the Pioneers to 12-0 overall and 5-0 in the section. Avella fell to the .500 mark at 2-2 in section and 6-6 overall.

Kaitlyn Rizor led West Greene with a game-high 18 points and was followed in the scoring column by McKenna Lampe with 16 points and Madison Lampe with 13.

Bailey Lis was Avella's leading scorer with nine points.

West Greene led 45-19 at halftime and 66-24 after three quarters. The Pioneers did not score in the fourth quarter.

High School Basketball Roundup-Louder rallies Burgettstown to victory
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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Maltony gets first victory at Avella

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

A 20-7 run in the second quarter sent Avella to a 63-50 non-section victory over Bentworth, the first for Eagles new head coach Mike Maltony at the school.

Tyler Cerciello had a double-double, 22 points and 10 rebounds, for the Eagles (1-2). Donovan Avolio scored 15 points and Owen English chipped in with 10 points.

Shawn Dziak paced Bentworth (1-1) with 23 points. Jacob Burke scored 10.

Frazier 75, Chartiers-Houston 54: Luke Santo led the way with 29 points and Frazier ran away from Chartiers-Houston, 75-54, in a non-section game.

Frazier (1-2) got 13 points from Elijah Santoro and 10 from Justin Novak.

Chartiers-Houston (102) had four players in double figures: Anthony Tomassetti with 14 points, Austin Arnold with 12 points, and Evan Simpson and Christian Berry with 11 points each.

Carmichaels 70, Jefferson-Morgan 44: Dylan Wilson had a game-high 23 points to power Carmichaels to a 70-44 victory over Jefferson-Morgan in a non-section game.

Al Cree scored 19 points and Matt Barrish contributed 16 points for the 3-0 Mikes.

Jefferson-Morgan (0-3) was led by Tahj Jacobs' 16 points.

Bethel Park 71, Trinity 66: Ryan Meis scored 25 points to help Bethel Park

drop Trinity, 71-66, in a non-section game.

Alex Mullen added 19 points and Tom Dirinzio chipped in with 18 points for BP (3-0).

Trinity (0-3) was led by Michael Koroly's 26 points.

California 81, Mapletown 41: Malik Ramsey scored a game-high 35 points to lead California to an 81-41 win over Mapletown in a non-section game.

Jaeden Zuzek scored 11 points and Nate O'Savage and Kwandre Porter each scored 10 apiece for the Trojans.

Chuck Lash led Mapletown with 11 points.

Burgettstown 71, Fort Cherry 48: Scott Ferris scored a game-high 22 points as Burgettstown pulled away in the second and third quarters to down neighboring Fort Cherry, 71-48, in a non-section game.

The Blue Devils outscored visiting Fort Cherry (0-3) 51-18 in the middle quarters to convincingly win its second straight game.

Dante Gianfrancesco and Jackson LaRocka also reached double figures for Burgettstown (2-1) with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Zach Vincenti scored 14 points and Maddox Truschel finished with 10 for the Rangers.

Ringgold 62, Connellsville 52: A big second quarter and 28 points from Chris Pec-

con helped Ringgold defeat Connellsville, 62-52, in a non-section game.

Peccon's 28 points were a game high as the Rams outscored Connellsville 19-9 in the second quarter to take a 30-18 lead into halftime.

Demetrius Butler and Luke Wyvratt each scored 10 points for Ringgold (2-1). Wyvratt collected eight rebounds.

Connellsville (2-1) was paced by Dylan Bubarth and Jaylyn Rogers, both with 13 points.

South Fayette 57, Beaver 54: Playing even throughout most of the game, South Fayette used a six-point advantage in the second quarter to edge Beaver, 57-54, in a non-section game to remain undefeated.

The Lions, who trailed 12-11 after the first, answered with an 18-point second to lead 29-24 at the half.

Connor Mislán had 10 points for South Fayette (3-0).

Mike Champ and Peter Kazas each finished with 13 points for Beaver (0-3).

Waynesburg 59, Southmoreland 39: Locking down defensively, Waynesburg dominated play early and defeated Southmoreland, 59-39, in a non-section game.

The Raiders, who improve to 2-1, only allowed 23 points in the opening three quarters.

In the meantime,

Waynesburg took a sizable lead with early offense by scoring 31 first-half points to take a 14-point lead.

Lucas Garber scored a game-high 19 points. Caleb Shriver finished with 10 points.

Cade Richter led Southmoreland (1-2) with 15 points.

North Catholic 62, Canon-McMillan 58: Isaac Degregorio and Nick Kosciński each made four three-pointers as North Catholic downed Canon-McMillan, 62-58, in a non-section game.

The pair helped North Catholic (3-0) build an early lead after 20 points in the opening eight minutes. Degregorio finished the night with a team-high 16 points. Kosciński scored 14.

Canon-McMillan (1-2) lost its second game in a row by less than five points despite the efforts of Ethan Beachy and Elliot Waller. The two each had 20 points to lead the Big Macs.

Girls Results

Jefferson-Morgan 45, Hundred 26: Savannah Clark and Brynn Boyd combined for 23 points as Jefferson-Morgan downed Hundred 45-26, in a non-section game.

Clark led the way with 12 points and Boyd added 11 for the Rockets (1-2), who outscored Hundred, 14-1 in the third quarter.

Katherine Henderson scored 12 for Hundred (1-4).

Carlynton 54, Chartiers-Houston 21: Jada Lee scored a

game-high 17 points as Carlynton played solid defense to shut down Chartiers-Houston and defeat the Bucs, 54-21, in a non-section game.

Carlynton (3-0) won its third game by at least 20 points, limiting the Bucs to no more than six points in any of the four quarters.

Lauren Wilder led Chartiers-Houston (1-2) with eight points.

Brentwood 71, Belle Vernon 59: Facing a four-point deficit at halftime, Brentwood responded with a solid second half to defeat Belle Vernon, 71-59, in a non-section game.

The Leopards took a 39-35 lead into the break after a 26-point second quarter.

The game changed immediately after the intermission as Brentwood (3-0) scored 21 points in the third quarter and 15 in the fourth to dominate the final 16 minutes.

Four players scored in double figures for the Spartans, including a game-high 20 points from Anna Betz.

Belle Vernon (0-3) was led by a 22-point night by Lindsay Steeber. Grace Henderson scored 14 points for the Leopards.

Yough 40, Bentworth 32: Kaylin O'Delli scored a game-high 15 points as Yough defeated Bentworth in a non-section game, 40-32.

Carton Parquette also reached double-digits with 12 points for Yough (1-3).

Caroline Rice led Bentworth (1-2) with 11 points.

High School Roundup-Maltony gets first victory at Avella

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Wash High gives Faust 600th victory

Washington High School's boys basketball team picked up a much-needed victory Friday and veteran Prexies head coach Ron Faust reached another milestone.

Dan Ethridge scored a game-high 20 points and Washington snapped a two-game slide with a 56-40 victory over visiting Beth-Center in a Class 3A Section 4 game.

The victory gave Washington a 4-1 record in the section, a 5-6 mark overall and was Faust's 600th career win.

Washington bounced back from its first section loss on Tuesday at Southmoreland by taking charge early against Beth-Center (0-5, 4-7), using a 17-4 scoring edge in the second quarter to forge a 29-14 halftime lead.

Other than Ethridge's big performance, Washington had balanced scoring. Ian Bredniak, with 11 points, was the only other Prexies player to reach double figures.

Easton McDaniel led B-C with 17 points and J.J. Green followed with 11.

Ringgold 56, Belle Vernon 44: Ringgold held Belle Vernon to only 16 points in the second half and stormed back to beat the visiting Leopards 56-44 in a Class 4A Section 3 game.

Belle Vernon (0-4, 2-12), which has lost six in a row, led 28-24 at halftime. Ringgold (3-1, 10-3), however, outscored Belle Vernon 16-9 in the third quarter to take the lead and then pulled away in the fourth quarter when the Leopards were limited to just seven points.

It is Ringgold's first double-digit win season since 2010-11.

Luke Wyvrat's 16 points led three Ringgold players in double figures as the Rams snapped a two-game losing skid. Demetrius Butler followed with 15 points and Chris Peccon had 14. Ringgold had a big edge at the free-throw line, where the Rams made 16 of 20 attempts. Belle Vernon was 8-for-10.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

The Leopards' Mitchell Pohlott had 15 points.

Monessen 76, West Greene 26: Elijahwa Payne scored 24 points, Devin Whitlock had 19 and Monessen remained undefeated in Section 2-A with a 76-26 victory over host West Greene.

The Greyhounds (5-0, 6-4) won their third in a row. They led 32-12 after one quarter and 53-18 at halftime.

Dishon Howell's 13 points gave Monessen three players in double figures.

Nathan Brudnock and Austin Crouse each scored eight points for West Greene (2-3, 4-7).

Jefferson-Morgan 63, Avella 50: Tahj Jacobs and Devin Stoneking combined for 35 points and Jefferson-Morgan pulled away in the second half for a 63-50 victory at Avella in Section 2-A.

Jacobs scored 19 points and Stoneking followed with 16 for the Rockets (2-3, 3-10), who snapped a three-game losing streak. Jefferson-Morgan led by only 22-19 at halftime but outscored Avella 22-15 in the pivotal third quarter.

Tyler Cerciello scored a game-high 20 points for Avella (2-3, 3-9).

Canon-McMillan 77, Baldwin 53: Tommy Samosky made five three-pointers and scored 18 of his 21 points in the second half to help lead Canon-McMillan to a 77-53 victory over Class 6A Section 2 opponent Baldwin.

Leading 32-27 at halftime, the Big Macs blew the game open in the third and fourth quarters by outscoring Baldwin 45-26.

Luke Palma led Canon-McMillan (2-2, 8-5) with 23 points. Ethan Beachy added 12 and Elliott Waller scored 11.

Dorian Ford and Troy Lanier led Baldwin (0-4, 4-8) with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Mt. Lebanon 61, Peters Township 43: Jake Hoffman scored 20 points and Mt. Leba-

non pulled away down the stretch to defeat visiting Peters Township 61-49 in Class 6A Section 2.

The loss snapped a seven-game winning streak by Peters Township (2-2, 9-3). Mt. Lebanon (4-0, 12-2) has won five in a row.

The Blue Devils led 20-12 after one quarter but PT chipped away at the deficit and closed to within 33-27 at halftime and 43-40 after three quarters. The Indians took the lead early in the fourth but Mt. Lebanon quickly regained the upper hand and pulled away in the closing minutes by making free throws.

Dax Plosinka led PT with 16 points and Colin Cote scored 15.

West Allegheny 55, Trinity 47: Trinity cut its deficit to six points after a sluggish start but couldn't complete the comeback as the Hillers fell to Class 5A Section 2 foe West Allegheny, 55-47.

Trinity (3-2, 6-6) dug itself an early hole, trailing at halftime 31-20. Michael Koroly, who scored a game-high 20 points, helped trim the deficit to six points but that would be as close as the Hillers would get. Noah Johnson also scored 16 points.

Jackson Faulk paced West Allegheny (3-3, 6-8) with 15 points. Tre Jones had 16 for the Indians.

Shenango 53, Burgettstown 50: Colin McQuiston scored five of Shenango's seven fourth-quarter points as it held on to defeat visiting Burgettstown, 53-50, in a Class 2A Section 3 game.

McQuiston led Shenango (2-3, 4-8) with 15 points to help end its four-game losing streak. Chase Butchelle scored 13 points and Ryan Perretti finished with 10 for the Wildcats, who led 36-34 at halftime.

Dante Gianfrancesco led all scorers with 16 points. Bobby Kozares also chipped in 13 points for Burgettstown (1-4, 6-7).

Chartiers-Houston 85, Bentworth 44: Four different players scored in double figures as Chartiers-Houston controlled play from the start to defeat Bentworth, 85-44, in Class 2A Section 2.

Christian Berry tied for a game high with 18 points. Evan Simpson had 16, Noah Lochran 14 and Austin Arnold 13 as C-H (2-3, 7-7) led 50-27 at the half.

Shawn Dziaik made four three-pointers and scored 18 points for Bentworth (0-5, 0-12). Jacob Burke finished with 13 points.

Carmichaels 70, Mapletown 25: Dylan Wilson and Al Cree combined to score 42 points as Carmichaels cruised to a 70-25 win over Mapletown in a non-section game.

Dylan Wilson scored a game-high 22 points as Carmichaels (8-5) raced out to a 52-16 halftime lead after scoring 26 in the first and second quarters. Cree finished with 22 points.

Mapletown (0-12) was led by Ryan Tuttle's eight points.

South Park 64, Waynesburg 41: Waynesburg was slow out of the gate in each half and it allowed South Park to cruise to a 64-41 road victory in Class 4A Section 3.

South Park (3-1, 5-6) outscored Waynesburg 13-4 in the first quarter en route to a 25-18 edge at halftime. The Raiders (1-3, 6-6) were outscored 23-9 in the third quarter.

Santino Tutich led three South park players in double figures with 17 points.

Lucas Garber led Waynesburg with 13 points, including 10 in the first half, and Collin Rose had 11.

In other games: California's boys team dealt Jeannette its first loss in Class 2A Section 2 play, 75-70, on the Jayhawks' home court. South Fayette was a 60-46 winner at West Mifflin in Class 5A Section 2. In girls action, Freedom slipped past Burgettstown 39-30 in a nonsection game and Clairton was a 52-22 winner over California.

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Shot by PT's Young beats buzzer, SF

Lillian Young grabbed an offensive rebound and put it in the basket as time expired to give Peters Township a wild 50-49 victory over visiting South Fayette in a nonsection girls basketball game Monday night.

The win keep Peters Township undefeated 6-0 but the Indians had to come from behind remain perfect.

South Fayette (1-3), which led for much of the game, received a big boost from the return of Sam Kosmacki to the lineup. Kosmacki scored 15 of her game-high 19 points in the first half as South Fayette forged a 20-15 lead. The Lions led 31-29 after three quarters and were ahead 49-48 when Peters Township inbounded the basketball from the side with only 2.7 seconds remaining.

A shot by PT's McKenna Marisa rimmed out and fell off to Young, who snatched the rebound and got off the game-winning shot as time expired.

Marisa scored 15 points to lead PT and Young finished with 10.

Maddie Gutierrez scored 13 for South Fayette.

West Greene 65, Clairton 23: West Greene had no trouble remaining undefeated as sisters McKenna and Madison Lampe combined for 32 points in the Pioneers' 65-23 thumping of Clairton in a nonsection game.

West Greene (5-0) rolled in the first half, scoring 46 points and taking a 37-point lead into halftime.

McKenna Lampe led the Pioneers with 17 points, including three baskets from three-point range. Madison Lampe had 15 points and Kaitlyn Rizer also hit double figures with 10.

Ionna Chapman scored 11 points for Clairton (2-3).

Trinity 68, Albert Gallatin 16: Trinity has played some and highly competitive games already this season but its Class 5A Section 3 game against Albert Gallatin was not one of them.

Trinity held Albert Gallatin to six second-half points and rolled to an easy 68-16 victory over the over-matched Colonials.

Julia Chakos led the of-

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fense for Trinity (2-0, 5-1) with 14 points, helping the Hillers forge a 31-10 halftime lead. Riley DeRubbo followed with 12 points and Alayna Cappelli finished with 11 in Trinity's balanced attack.

Abby King led AG (1-1, 3-2) with seven points. The Colonials had won three in a row.

Canon-McMillan 77, Montour 44: Izzy Allen had her sixth consecutive double-double and Canon-McMillan scored 44 points over the middle two quarters en route to a 77-44 victory over host Montour in nonsection action.

The win was the fourth in a row for Canon-McMillan (5-1).

Allen led the way with a game-high 24 points to go with 11 rebounds and seven steals.

Tamara Mathis scored 23 points and had six assists, and Abby Daniels gave the Big Macs three players in double figures as she finished with 10 points.

Courtney Thomas had a big game with 20 points for Montour (1-4) but the Spartans were outscored 44-28 over the second and third quarters.

South Allegheny 46, McGuffey 42: One bad quarter - the third - proved costly to McGuffey in a 46-42 loss to visiting South Allegheny in the Highlanders' Section 2-AAA opener.

South Allegheny (1-1, 4-1), which was coming off its lone loss of the season, led 27-26 at halftime, then held McGuffey to only four third-quarter points as the Galdiators opened a 38-30 advantage. McGuffey (0-1, 1-4) battled back and had chances to make it a one-possession game but eventually fell short.

Abby Donnelly led McGuffey's balanced offense with 13 points and Mikalah Maxwell had 12.

Beth-Center 67, Carmichaels 32: Beth-Center got its offense in high gear in the second half and ran away from host Carmichaels for a 67-32 victory in Section 3-AA.

The Bulldogs (2-0, 4-1) extended their winning streak to four games. B-C led 24-13

at halftime and then scored 43 second-half points.

Kinlee Whited and Olivia Greco each scored 15 points to lead the Bulldogs. Mary Gustovich (12 points) and Elizabeth Trump (10) gave B-C four players in double figures.

Megan Walker, with nine points, was the leading scorer for Carmichaels (0-2, 2-4).

Belle Vernon 66, Southmoreland 45: Keira Boff scored a career-high 27 points and Belle Vernon scored 30 first-quarter points en route to a 66-45 victory over host Southmoreland in Section 3-AAAA.

Belle Vernon (2-0, 4-1) led 30-6 after one quarter as the Leopards won their fourth in a row. Caitlyn Trombley scored 12 points and Kelsey Green had 10.

The Leopards were able to hold high-scoring guard Cali Konek to only 25 points as Southmoreland (0-2, 3-2) lost its second straight.

California 50, Jeannette 37: Bailey Vig scored a career-high 27 points and California evened its Section 3-AA record with a 50-37 victory at Jeannette.

Vig made six field goals, including a three-pointer, and was 12-for-12 at the free-throw line as the Trojans improved to 1-1 in section and 3-2 overall. She was the only California player in double figures. The Trojans helped their cause by making 21 of 26 free throws.

Dymond Crawford scored 12 points for Jeannette (1-1, 1-3). The Jayhawks trailed by only three points at halftime and again after three quarters, but California scored 20 points in the fourth quarter.

Charleroi 55, Brownsville 19: Maria Claybaugh scored 18 points and Charleroi shut out visiting Brownsville in the second quarter on the way to a 55-19 win in Section 2-AAA action.

Bella Skobel scored 13 points and Kaitlyn Riley 12 for the Cougars (2-0, 4-1), who outscored Brownsville, 21-0, in that second quarter. Sierra Short pulled down 8 rebounds and Aislyn Lee handed out 9 assists.

Brownsville (0-2, 2-4) was led by Alexas Carson's 6 points.

Avella 40, Waynesburg 20: Avella held Waynesburg to six second-half points in a 40-20 victory in a non-section game.

Bess Lengauer scored 11 points for Avella (3-2), which outscored Waynesburg, 18-6, over the final two quarters.

Waynesburg (1-4) was paced by Emma Mankey's 5 points.

Frazier 67, Bentworth 31: Brooke Poling tossed in 28 points to propel Frazier past Bentworth, 67-31, in a Section 3-AA game in Perryopolis.

Jovanna Isaac chipped in with 17 points and Sierra Twigg added 12 points for the Commodores (2-3).

Hailey Kellerman and Jenna Vito each scored 10 points for Bentworth (1-4).

Fort Cherry 54, New Brighton 5: Fort Cherry did not allow a point in the second half on the way to a 54-5 win over New Brighton in a Section 1-A game in McDonald.

Abby Cooper scored 18 points and Bri Shaffer handed out 12 assists for Fort Cherry (2-0, 4-1).

New Brighton fell to 0-2, 1-4.

Boys Result

Western Beaver 73, Avella 37: Five players scored in double figures to carry Western Beaver to a 73-37 in a non-section game.

Lou Hapach and Grant Martin each scored 14 points, Noah Gray 12, Jeddy Young 11 and Ty Hawkins 10 for Western Beaver (3-1), which sank 8 three-point field goals.

Dylan Markle had a double-double for Avella (0-3) with 14 points and 13 assists. The Eagles went 3-for-13 at the free throw line.

In other games: Ringgold overcame a four-point half-time deficit and beat Connellsville 51-42 in a Class 5A Section 3 girls game. Our Lady of Sacred Heart defeated Burgettstown 68-16 in Section 1-AA and St. Joseph was a 60-16 winner over Jefferson-Morgan in nonsection play. In a non-section boys game, Jefferson-Morgan defeated Mapletown 57-35. No game details were made available to the *Observer-Reporter*.

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Peters Twp. girls rally for victory over Norwin

Makenna Marisa scored 7 of her game-high 23 in the fourth quarter to power Peters Township to a 56-55 win over Norwin in a non-section game.

Peters Township outscored Norwin, 12-5, in that final quarter. The win raised PT's record to 19-3, which reverses the 3-19 record Bert Kendall had in his first season as head coach.

Isabella Mills had an unconventional triple-double for the visiting Indians with 11 points, 10 assists and 10 blocks. Lillian Young poured in 12 points.

Megan Tolczynski tossed in 14 points, Danielle Russo 13 and Olivia Gribble 11 for the Knights (11-9).

Chartiers-Houston 58, Browns-ville 24: Alexa Williamson finished the regular season with another strong effort for Chartiers-Houston in a 58-24 win over Brownsville in a non-section game.

Williamson scored 34 points, pulled down 10 rebounds, and had 7 blocks for the Bucs (17-5). Macy Mazutis scored a career-high 13 points.

Alexis Carson tossed in 15 points for visiting Brownsville (5-17).

Washington 72, McGuffey 31: Carley Allen fired in a game-high 19 points to power Washington to a 72-31 victory over McGuffey in a non-section game.

Torri Finley and Randy Thomas each scored 12 points for Washington (15-6).

McGuffey (4-18) was led by Emily Durila, who scored 8 points.

Canon-McMillan 66, Seneca Valley 44: Lacey Russell scored a career-high 25 points to help Canon-McMillan to a 66-44 victory over Seneca Valley in a non-section

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game in Canonsburg.

Tamara Mathis contributed 16 points and Erica Haught added 10 rebounds for Canon-McMillan (12-9), who led 35-626 at halftime.

Seneca Valley (11-10) was led by McKenna Gross' 26 points.

California 55, Albert Gallatin 46: Bailey Vig made two three-pointers and led California with 24 points as the Trojans defeated Albert Gallatin 55-46 in a non-section game.

Vig paced a balanced scoring effort for California (14-7), which also featured Love Porter and Grace Roberts in double figures with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

The Trojans put together two solid quarters to begin the game to take a 34-27 lead into halftime. They then outscored Albert Gallatin (7-15) by seven points, 11-4, in the third quarter to take command.

Abby King also finished with 24 points for the Colonials. Kylee Myers also scored 12 points.

Bishop Canevin 60, South Fayette 41: A slow start doomed South Fayette as the Lions dropped their fourth consecutive game with a 60-41 loss to Bishop Canevin.

Limiting South Fayette to nine points in the first half, the Crusaders found their offensive rhythm early with 20 points in the first quarter followed by 19 in the second to lead 39-9 at the half.

Bri Allen led Bishop Canevin (17-4) with 17 points to rebound from a weekend loss against Chartiers Valley.

Sam Kosmacki also finished with a team-high 17 points for South Fayette

(12-8).

Avella 41, Springdale 11: Limiting Springdale to only three points through the first three quarters, Avella defeated the Dynamos in a non-section game, 41-11.

The Eagles limited Springdale (1-19) to one point in the first half, taking a 20-1 lead into halftime.

Anna Holman scored seven points for the Dynamos.

Avella (13-8) was led by Brianna Jenkins' eight points.

Boys Results

South Fayette 61, Chartiers Valley 55: Connor Mislan's game-high 26 points helped push South Fayette to a 61-55 victory over Chartiers Valley in a non-section game in McDonald.

Tim Locher contributed 18 points and Drew Franklin added 11 points for the Lions (15-7), who trailed 30-27 at halftime.

Joe Pipilo paced Chartiers Valley (8-14) with 12 points.

Trinity 83, Waynesburg 49: Five players scored in double figures as Trinity glided past a short-handed Waynesburg team, 83-49, in a non-section game.

Jeff Ecker led the way for the Hillers (18-4) with 15 points. Dylan Kern scored 14 points, Joey Koroly 12, Zach Ecker 11 and Steven Schultz 10.

Aaron Yorio scored 25 points, 18 of them on 6 three-pointers for the visiting Raiders (4-18), who were reportedly without three starters because of flu-like symptoms.

Springdale 64, Avella 37: Three players hit double figures in Springdale's 64-37 victory over host Avella in a

non-section game.

Demitri Fritch scored 15 points, Mike Zolnierczyk 14 and Nick Talion 10 for Springdale (12-8).

Avella was keyed by Owen English, who had 11 points, and Matt Craig, who had 10 points.

North Catholic 60, Monessen 55, OT: North Catholic held Monessen to one free throw in overtime for a 60-55 non-section victory.

Mike Drendel poured in 18 points, Ryan Felczko added 13, Zach Rocco 10 and John Fukon 11 for North Catholic (11-11), which led 44-40 after three quarters. Regulation ended in a 54-54 tie.

Monessen (14-8) was sparked by Lyndon Henderson's 26 points and Elijahwa Payne's 13.

Ringgold 51, Elizabeth Forward 41: Chris Peccon finished off a second-half comeback as Ringgold defeated Elizabeth Forward, 51-41.

Trailing 24-17 at halftime, the Rams outscored EF 15-9 in the third quarter before Peccon scored 10 points in the final eight minutes as Ringgold stormed to take a lead.

Peccon finished with 15 points. Jayden Taylor scored 13 points and Demetrius Butler chipped in 11 as Ringgold (3-18) earned its first win in 2018.

Will Greijack led Elizabeth Forward (8-14) with 22 points, the only player to score in double figures for the Warriors.

Chartiers-Houston 62, Beth-Center 36: A big second quarter led Chartiers-Houston over Beth-Center, 62-36.

After a stagnant first quarter with the teams combining for 15 points - C-H had an 8-7 lead - the Bucs

outscored Beth-Center 24-3 in the second quarter to take control of the game and a 32-10 lead into halftime.

Senior guard Cam Hanley led C-H (17-5) with 19 points, while Andrew Clark finished with 14 points.

Andrew Whited scored eight points for Beth-Center (5-16).

New Castle 73, Peters Township 50: Ohio State University football recruit Marcus Hooker scored a game-high 20 points to lead New Castle to a 73-50 win versus visiting Peters Township.

Hooker scored nine points in the second quarter as New Castle (18-4) scored 19 points to take a 36-22 half-time lead.

The Red Hurricane didn't let up in the second half, outscoring Peters Township (5-17) in the third and fourth quarters.

Cahil Dorman also scored 11 points for New Castle.

Peters Township had three players in double figures led by Conor Peder-son's team-high 18 points. Grant Macharko scored 11 points and Vincent Cortese finished with 10.

Brownsville 62, California 50: Shandon Marshall scored a game-high 30 points as Brownsville defeated California, 62-50.

Marshall led the offensive attack for Brownsville (11-11) that outscored the Trojans 16-4 in the second quarter to take a 24-13 lead into halftime.

Nick Seto added 11 points for the Falcons, while Phil Pace chipped in 10 points.

California (13-8) attempted a second-half rally with 20 points in the fourth quarter, but Brownsville answered with 25 points in the final eight minutes.

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

California remains in logjam for 3-AA lead

Bailey Vig scored a game-high 21 points as California remained tied for first place in Section 3-AA with a 64-43 victory over host Bentworth Monday night.

California (10-3, 13-5) is locked in a three-way tie for the section lead with Greensburg Central Catholic and Serra Catholic. The Trojans can assure themselves of at least a share of the section title by defeating Frazier at home Thursday.

The Trojans used a big first half to beat Bentworth (0-13, 3-17). The Trojans led 18-12 after one quarter and 35-16 at halftime. The Bearcats were outscored by only one point in the second half.

Grace Roberts scored 18 points for California and Lové Porter had 12 to give the Trojans three players in double figures.

Jenna Vito scored 19 points to lead Bentworth and Savannah Adams followed with 10.

West Greene 78, Avella 39: West Greene polished off a perfect record in Section 2-A with a 78-39 victory at Avella.

Kaitlyn Rizor scored a career-high 23 points and McKenna Lampe was good for 14 points for the Pioneers (10-0, 18-1), who have won 21 consecutive section games.

Avella (6-4, 11-8) was sparked by Bailey Lis, who had 12 points.

Chartiers Valley 57, South Fayette 40: Megan McConnell and Mackenzie Wagner com-

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bined for 33 points to propel Chartiers Valley to a 57-40 victory over South Fayette in a Section 1 game in Class 5A.

McConnell led the way with 18 points and Wagner tossed in 15 points for CV (8-2, 14-6), which finished in second place in the section. South Fayette is third.

Sam Kosmacki poured in 13 points for the Lions (7-3, 12-6), who trailed 31-22 at halftime and scored just 18 second half points.

Chartiers-Houston 64, New Brighton 18: Alexa Williamson scored 33 points and Section 1-AA co-leader Chartiers-Houston won its final road game of the season, defeating New Brighton, 61-18.

Jules Valcano also scored in double figures for Chartiers-Houston. She finished with 15 points. The Bucs dominated the first three quarters, leading 24-5 after eight minutes and 43-10 at halftime.

Sydney Cook of New Brighton had a rarity for a basketball game as she scored all of her team's 18 points. The Lions are 1-11 in section and 2-16 overall.

Greensburg CC 55, Beth-Center 30: Greensburg Central Catholic kept pace with California and Serra Catholic in Section 3-AA by defeating Beth-Center 55-30 in a game played in axillary gym at GCC.

The Centurions (10-3, 11-8) won their sixth consecu-

tive home game by holding Beth-center to nine first-half points and building a 16-point halftime lead.

Bella Skatell and Melina Maietta led four GCC players in double figures with 14 points each. Anna Eisaman and Heaven Hester each had 10.

Kinlee Whited scored 10 points for Beth-Center as the Bulldogs slipped to 7-6 in section and 12-8 overall.

East Allegheny 64, McGuffey 11: Amani Johnson scored 28 points and undefeated East Allegheny clinched the outright Section 2-AAA championship with a 64-11 victory over visiting McGuffey.

Abby Henderson and Amaia Johnson scored 11 points each as East Allegheny improved to 11-0 in section and 20-0 overall.

Emily Durilla scored more than half of the points for McGuffey (1-10, 4-16), finishing with seven.

South Allegheny 29, Waynesburg 26: Madison Kirkwood scored 11 points and South Allegheny held host Waynesburg to four points in the fourth quarter to rally and defeat the Raiders 29-26 in Section 2-AAA.

South Allegheny (6-5, 12-7), which has clinched a playoff berth, trailed 14-13 at halftime and 22-20 after three quarters.

Shay Echegaray led Waynesburg (2-9, 5-15) in

scoring with eight points.

Keystone Oaks 72, Belle Vernon 49: Gillian Piccolino and Jaylen Hoffman combined for 33 points as Keystone Oaks won the outright Section 3-AAAA title with a 72-49 victory over visiting Belle Vernon.

Piccolino scored a team-high 17 points and Hoffman was right behind with 16 as KO won its ninth in a row and remained undefeated in section at 13-0 (17-3 overall). The Golden Eagles scored 25 first-quarter points and forged a 42-26 halftime lead.

Belle Vernon (11-2, 16-5) had its eight-game winning streak snapped. The Leopards were led in scoring by Kelsey Green's 14 points. Lindsay Steeber had 12 points.

Burgettstown 66, Aliquippa 22: Burgettstown used a flurry of three-point field goals to drive Aliquippa to a 66-22 defeat in a Section 2-A game.

Burgettstown (5-8, 9-12) was led by Emily Prasko's 16 points and Hannah Abbott added 14 points on four three-point field goals. The Blue Devils had nine total. Malia Castellino contributed 11 points.

Avonna Henry scored 7 points Aliquippa (0-13, 0-18).

Mapletown 55, Jefferson-Morgan 47: Taylor Vanata's double-double helped Mapletown take a 55-47 victory from Jefferson-Morgan in a Section 2-A game.

Vanata had 10 points and

10 rebounds for the Maples (5-5, 9-13), who led 22-16 at halftime and 37-34 after three quarters. Abby Antill scored 20 points and Kelsi Smith chipped in with 16 points for the Maples.

Bryn Boyd 19 points led Jefferson-Morgan (1-9, 2-18) with 19 points.

OLSH 64, Fort Cherry 22: Ashlee Norling scored 19 points to power OLSH to a 64-22 victory over Fort Cherry in a Section 1-AA game.

OLSH (12-1, 18-2) led 25-6 after one and 46-10 at halftime.

Fort Cherry (7-6, 12-8) was led by Bri Shaffer, who had 6 points.

In other games: Ringgold was a 49-30 winner at Uniontown in Class 5A Section 3. That means Ringgold (10-1, 16-5) will host Trinity Thursday night with a chance to win a share of the section title. A Trinity victory assures the Hillers of the outright section championship. A win by Ringgold will give the Rams a share of the title.

Boys results

Carlynton 64, Avella 34: Ian Gallagher scored 18 points to lead Carlynton to a 64-34 victory over Avella in a non-section game.

DuQuay Canton added 15 points and Chauncey Mickens 14 points for the Cougars (5-14).

Avella (2-16) was paced by Zack Cannon's 12 points.

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Allen's putback is game-winner for C-M girls

Izzy Allen scored off a missed free throw attempt by teammate Tamara Mathis with 20 seconds to play to seal a 49-47 victory by Canon-McMillan over West Allegheny in a non-section game in Canonsburg.

Allen's basket capped a 19-12 run by the Big Macs (9-5) in the fourth quarter. Mathis finished with a game-high 16 points.

Hannah Lindemuth, who led West Allegheny (11-4) with 15 points, missed a three-point field goal attempt in the final seconds.

OLSH 41, Chartiers-Houston 34: Kennede Mickle scored a game-high 21 points and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart upended Chartiers-Houston, 41-34, in a Section 1-AA game.

OLSH (6-1, 11-2) held Alex Williamson of Chartiers-Houston (7-1, 10-4) to 15 points. OLSH outscored C-H 12-7 in the fourth quarter.

Shenango 51, Burgettstown 47: Shenango withstood a second-half rally to grab a 51-47 victory in a Section 1-AA game.

Madison Harden scored 24 points, and Abby George 13 points for Shenango (3-4, 5-9), which led 29-14 at halftime. Burgettstown dominated the second half, 33-22.

Burgettstown (3-5, 5-9) was sparked by Emily Prasko's 21 points, Hannah Abbott's 11 points and Malia Castellino's 10 points.

West Greene 56, Hundred 13: West Greene held Hundred scoreless at the half during a 56-13 non-section win in Rogersville.

Madison Lampe and Kaitlyn Rizor each scored 11 points and Elizabeth Brudnock 10 points for West Greene, now 13-0. The Pioneers led 45-0 at halftime.

Hundred was led by Mahalay Britton's 5 points.

Trinity 64, Connellsville 33: Riley DeRubbo scored 18 points and Trinity played arguably its most efficient game of the season in routing Connellsville, 64-33, in a section 1 game in Class 5A game at Hiller Hall.

Trinity had 16 assists on its 20 baskets and had only 5 turnovers. Both teams entered the game with four-game winning streaks by double figures.

Alayna Cappelli scored 13 points and had 6 assists for Trinity (7-0, 12-3). Jayme Britton chipped in with 12 points.

Three players - Zoey

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Yoedell, J'Taya Pirl and Sara Aurner - each scored 6 points for the Falcons (4-3, 6-8).

Mapletown 46, Avella 40: Mapletown sank 12 of its 19 free throw attempts in the fourth quarter to rally for a 46-40 win against Avella in a Section 2-A game.

Avella (2-3, 6-7) led 32-22 after three quarter but Mapletown outscored the Eagles, 24-8, in the final quarter.

Mapletown (3-2, 6-9) was paced by Taylor Vanata and Abby Antill, who each scored 12 points. Kelsi Smith added 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Avella was led by Bailey Lis' 10 points.

Washington 67, New Brighton 15: Carley Allen scored a game-high 22 points as Washington defeated New Brighton 67-15 in a Section 1-AA game.

It was the first time this season the Prexies have held an opponent under 20 points as they took a 36-7 lead into halftime.

Tamia Russell recorded a double-double for Washington (5-1, 8-3) with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Kyla Wood and Jahilea Oakley had nine and eight points, respectively.

The only offense New Brighton (1-7, 2-12) found throughout the night came from Sydney Cook, who had 14 of the team's 15 points.

McGuffey 42, Jefferson-Morgan 19: Mikalah Maxwell and Cassie Darrall each scored eight points and McGuffey snapped a five-game losing streak as the Highlanders defeated Jefferson-Morgan 42-19 in a non-section game.

McGuffey (1-5, 4-11) outscored the Rockets 24-7 in the second and third quarters to build a comfortable lead.

Jefferson-Morgan (1-4, 2-12) was led by Autumn Gustovich's seven points.

South Side Beaver 80, Waynesburg 28: Four players scored in double figures for South Side Beaver to defeat Waynesburg 80-28 in a Section 2-AAA game.

Jess Barber led all scorers with 18 points for the Rams. Rachel Pietro and Sydney Payne each finished with 13 points, while Alexis Chiccarello scored 12 points for South Side Beaver (5-2, 10-4).

South Side, which led 36-

14 at halftime, continued to find its scoring touch in the second half with 22 points in the third and fourth quarters.

Emma Mankey led Waynesburg (1-6, 2-11) with 11 points.

Belle Vernon 50, Yough 19: Lindsay Steeber helped Belle Vernon jump out to an early lead as the Leopards defeated Yough 50-19 in a Section 3-4A game.

The Leopards outscored winless Yough (0-7, 0-14) 18-3 in the first quarter, helping them take a 31-9 lead into halftime.

Steeber finished with a game-high 16 points for Belle Vernon (7-1, 11-4), which remains in second place behind Keystone Oaks.

Caitlyn Trombley also finished with 10 points for the Leopards.

Yough was led by Becca Mlinek's 12 points, all coming behind the three-point arc.

Fort Cherry 31, Aliquippa 30: Fort Cherry rallied from 12 points down in the final quarter to defeat Aliquippa 31-30 in a Section 1-AA game.

The Rangers, who had a 17-14 halftime lead, were outscored 15-1 in the third quarter by Aliquippa (0-8, 0-13).

Leading the Fort Cherry (5-3, 9-5) comeback was Abby Cooper, who scored a team-high 14 points to help snap a three-game losing streak.

Aliquippa's Izea Lay led all scorers with 20 points.

Frazier 57, Beth-Center 49: Frazier went 9-of-10 from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter to fend off a Beth-Center comeback and defeat the Bulldogs 57-49 in a Section 3-AA game.

Cutting the deficit to one point after trailing 45-34 at the end of the third quarter, Beth-Center (4-3, 7-5) couldn't keep up with the hot-shooting Commodores.

Brook Poling led Frazier (4-4, 7-6) with a game-high 23 points. Ashley Moger also made four three-pointers for 12 points.

The lone Bulldog to score in double figures was Kinlee Whited, who had 11 points.

Jeannette 73, Bentworth 41: Jeannette caught fire in the final three quarters to defeat Bentworth 73-41 in a

Section 3-AA game.

Scoring 19 points in the second, 21 in the third and another 23 in the fourth, Jeannette (3-5, 5-10) was led by dynamic guard Dymond Crawford, who scored 36 points.

Patyn Detar had 15 points and Jada Bass finished with 11 points for the Jayhawks.

Jenna Vito scored a team-high 12 points for Bentworth (0-7, 3-10). Caroline Rice also had 10 points for the Bearcats.

Boys Results

Washington 39, Beth-Center 26: Washington relied on its shutdown defense as it limited Beth-Center to five points in three of the four quarters to defeat the Bulldogs 39-26 in a Section 4-AAA game.

The Prexies, who jumped out to a 19-5 lead after the first quarter, led 29-10 at halftime.

Isaiah Walton scored 12 points for Washington (5-0, 9-3), while Joe Mercer scored 11 as the Prexies won their fourth consecutive game.

Beth-Center (1-5, 4-9) was led by J.J. Green's game-high 18 points. The Bulldogs have lost five straight.

Chartiers-Houston 79, Jefferson-Morgan 50: Noah Minney scored a career-high 15 points as Chartiers-Houston stayed undefeated in Section 2-AA play with a 79-50 victory over Jefferson-Morgan.

Minney was one of three players for Chartiers-Houston (5-0, 10-2) to reach double figures after racing out to a 47-23 halftime lead.

Andrew Clark led the Bucs with 22 points, while Cam Hanley matched Minney's 15-point night.

Jefferson-Morgan (0-5, 6-8) also had three players in double-digits paced by D.L. Garrett's 17 points. Devin Stoneking and Jalen Torres had 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Waynesburg 66, West Greene 28: Waynesburg blew open a five-point lead it had in the second quarter to defeat West Greene 66-28 in a non-section game.

Led by Darton McIntire's 20 points, Waynesburg (0-5, 3-9) outscored the Pioneers 21-6 in the third quarter after taking a 33-18 lead into halftime.

Gavin Scott scored a team-high 14 points for West Greene (2-2, 4-8).

Bentworth, Jordan end C-H's 22-game streak

Levi Jordan ignited the second-half rally as Bentworth won its fourth consecutive game as the Bearcats defeated Chartiers-Houston 59-57 and move to third place in Section 2-AA.

Trailing by 14 points at halftime, 33-19, Jordan scored 15 of his game-high 23 points in the final two quarters and blocked a final shot by the Bucs to seal the victory.

Bentworth narrowed the deficit by outscoring C-H in the third quarter, 24-12, to trail by only two points entering the final eight minutes.

The win for Bentworth (6-4, 10-6) also ends Chartiers-Houston's 22 straight wins in section play.

Jordan also finished with 20 rebounds for the Bearcats. Steven Harner scored 14 points.

Chartiers-Houston (8-1, 13-5) had four players in double figures, led by 14 points from Zach Southern. Andrew Clark finished with 12 points, Cam Hanley had 11 and Noah Minney chipped in 10.

Burgettstown 64, Beth-Center 40: Three players reached double figures as Burgettstown won its fifth consecutive game in a row as the Blue Devils defeated Beth-Center 64-40 in a Section 4-AAA contest.

Full-court pressure defense created early opportunities for Burgettstown (8-1, 14-3) to jump out to an early 13-point lead, 20-7, after the first quarter.

Ryan Louder led the Blue Devils with 16 points. Jarred John and Garrett Dhans also reached double

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digits with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Beth-Center (2-7, 5-12) was outscored in every quarter, taking a 33-18 deficit into halftime.

J.J. Green led the Bulldogs with 17 points.

Washington 56, Charleroi 34: The lockdown defense for Washington came up big once again as the Prexies stayed undefeated in Section 4-AAA play with a 56-34 victory over Charleroi.

Using a balanced offense, Washington (10-0, 14-3) was paced by a game-high 16 points from Dan Ethridge. Isaiah Walton scored 15 for the Prexies, who took a 24-18 lead into halftime. Wash High then added to that lead by outscoring the Cougars by six points in the third quarter, 16-10, and added on with a 10-point advantage in the fourth.

Charleroi (1-8, 5-13) was led by Cam Carter's six points.

California 57, Carmichaels 33: Cochise Ryan scored a game-high 18 points as California ran away from Carmichaels after a close first quarter to defeat the Mikes 57-33 in a Section 2-AA game.

Losing three of their last four entering Tuesday night, the Trojans broke a 13-13 in the first eight minutes and dominated the second quarter to take a 28-18 halftime lead.

California (5-5, 10-7) remained in playoff contention with the victory. Jaedan Zuzak also had 10 points on five field goals for the Trojans.

Nick Mundell scored 13 points for Carmichaels (1-8, 8-9).

Clairton 81, West Greene 34: Clairton dictated the pace from the start as the Bears defeated West Greene 81-34 to remain in second place in Section 2-A.

Scoring 34 points in the first half, Clairton didn't let off the gas pedal in the second half as it outscored the Pioneers 49-18 in the final two quarters.

Khori Fusco and Keishawn Wright helped lead the Bears' fast-paced offense with 18 and 17 points, respectively.

It's the sixth straight win for Clairton (7-1, 14-3).

The lone scorer in double figures for West Greene (4-3, 6-11) was Nathan Brudnock with 13 points.

Monessen 98, Mapletown 22: Five players for Monessen scored in double figures as the Greyhounds raced away with their second-highest point total of the season as they defeated Mapletown in Section 2-A.

Led by Lyndon Henderson's 22 points, Monessen (7-0, 9-7) won its fifth consecutive game. Vaughn Taylor scored 17 points, Cory Fleming finished with 14 while Taylor Lowe and Isaiah Alums chipped in with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Ryan Tuttle had eight points for Mapletown (0-8, 0-18).

Fort Cherry 46, Frazier 37: Nate Highman scored 25 points to lead Fort Cherry to a 46-36 victory over Frazier in a Section 2-AA game.

Fort Cherry (7-3, 9-8) led

24-18 at halftime and 36-26 after three quarters.

Frazier fell to 7-9 overall and 5-4 in the section.

Trinity 71, Peters Township 42: A balanced scoring attack powered Trinity past Peters Township, 71-42, in a non-section game.

Joey Koroly led Trinity (14-4) with 16 points. Jeff Ecker tossed in 12 points and Dylan Kern and Zach Ecker, each with 10 points.

Peters Township (5-12) was paced by Colin Cote's 13 points.

Belle Vernon 67, Keystone Oaks 65 0T: Logan Pfronger hit the game-winning shot in the waning moments of overtime of Belle Vernon's 67-65 victory over Keystone Oaks in Section 3 of Class 4A.

Griffin LaCarte led Belle Vernon (9-2, 14-4) with 16 points. Joe Sabolek added 13 points.

Josh Snell scored a game-high 25 points and Vonte Mitchell contributed 17 points for KO (5-6, 8-10).

McGuffey 77, Waynesburg 74 0T: McGuffey made up for two missed free throws at the end of regulation by making 4 of 6 in overtime to seal a 77-74 victory over visiting Waynesburg in a Section 3 game in Class 4A.

Lucas Garber hit a runner at the buzzer for Waynesburg to tie the game, 68-68, in regulation. Garber finished with 17 points. Darton McIntire scored 21 points and Richard Bortz added 16 points for the Raiders (1-10, 4-14).

C.J. Cole had a double-double, 24 points and 10 rebounds, for McGuffey (4-7, 11-8). Colin Walters

had a career-high 11 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter. David Chatman scored 15 points and Trent Belleville chipped in 10 points.

McGuffey finished by hitting 15 of 18 free throws in the second half.

Albert Gallatin 63, Ringgold 33: James Paggues scored 16 points and Albert Gallatin held Ringgold to 13 points in the half on the way to a 63-33 victory in a Section 1 game in Class 5A.

Colby Uphold scored 11 points for Albert Gallatin (6-3, 11-6). Ringgold (0-9, 2-16) was keyed by Demetrius Butler's 9 points.

Girls results

Burgettstown 61, Bentworth 16: Burgettstown used its defense to interrupt a recent losing streak as the Blue Devils defeated Bentworth 61-16 in a non-section match-up.

Limiting Bentworth (3-15) to under six points in each quarter, the Blue Devils took a 40-9 lead into halftime.

Burgettstown (7-12) ended a streak of five losses in its last six games. Elle Havelka led all scorers with 10 points.

Avella 50, Mapletown 36: Bailey Lis scored 13 points to help Avella defeat Mapletown, 50-36, in a Section 2-A game.

Avella (5-3, 10-7) led 30-21 at halftime and outscored the Maples (4-4, 8-12) by a 20-15 score over final two quarters.

Kayla Smith had another double-double for Mapletown: 11 points and 13 rebounds. Abby Antill scored 10 points.

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Balanced scoring sparks Trinity's win

Trailing by two points at halftime, Trinity used a big third and fourth quarter to defeat Upper St. Clair 63-46 in a non-section girls basketball game Saturday afternoon at Hiller Hall.

Upper St. Clair (3-2, 6-6) raced out to a lead after a 19-point first quarter led by Kate Groninger. The senior forward scored all of her team-high 12 points in the opening eight minutes.

But the balance of Trinity (7-0, 13-3) became too much to handle for the Panthers.

Riley DeRubbo had 16 points and eight assists, while Alayna Cappelli and Allie Scarfo each finished with 15 points for the Hillers.

It's the sixth consecutive win for Trinity.

Washington 59, Shenango 28: Washington used a balanced scoring attack to defeat Shenango 59-28 in a Section 1-AA game.

Carley Allen scored a game-high 22 points for the Prexies, who out-scored Shenango in each

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of the four quarters.

Washington (6-1, 9-3) built a 31-16 halftime lead then cruised with another 28 points in the second half behind Torri Finley's 14 points and 13 from Randi Thomas.

Shenango (3-5, 5-10) was paced by Madison Harden, who scored 15 points.

Waynesburg 33, Geibel 29: Rachel Elsenheimer and Shay Echegaray each scored nine points as Waynesburg rallied from a halftime deficit to defeat Geibel 33-29 in a non-section game.

Trailing 13-12 at halftime, Waynesburg (1-6, 3-11) scored 12 points in the third quarter to lead 24-17. The Raiders then held off a late comeback from Geibel.

Geibel (4-1, 6-6) was led by Gillian and Gabby Yourish who scored 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Boy's Results

Chartiers-Houston 60, Bentworth 41: Team defense

and balanced scoring led Chartiers-Houston to a 60-41 victory in a Section 2-AA rescheduled game.

Finding a balanced offense led by Cam Hanley's 21 points, the Bucs limited Bentworth (3-4, 6-6) to six third-quarter to extend their lead to 41-31.

Chartiers-Houston (6-0, 11-2) found secondary scoring from Andrew Clark, who finished with 16 points, and Zach Southern's 10 points.

The Bearcats were paced by Levi Jordon's team-high 14 points.

Uniontown 62, Waynesburg 56: Darton McIntire led all scorers with 31 points but Waynesburg couldn't keep up in the second half as the Raiders fell to Uniontown, 62-56, in a Section 3-4A game.

McIntire, who went perfect from the free-throw line (10-of-10), helped Waynesburg (1-6, 4-10) to a

32-30 halftime lead.

But the balanced scoring from Uniontown's Kamron Fitzgerald and William Deshields were too much for the Raiders.

Fitzgerald finished with a team-high 21 points, while Deshields had 17 as Uniontown (5-2, 9-5) won its fifth consecutive game.

Fort Cherry 73, Carmichaels 55: Ryhan Culberson recorded a triple-double as Fort Cherry defeated Carmichaels 73-55 in a Section 2-2A game.

Culberson finished with a game-high 32 points, collected 10 rebounds and had 10 steals to lead the Rangers.

Zach Vincenti also had a career-high 21 points for Fort Cherry (6-1, 8-6), which doubled Carmichaels in the second quarter to lead 33-22 at halftime.

Carmichaels (0-5, 6-6) was paced by sophomore Al Cree, who finished with 26 points. Nick Mundell scored 10 points.

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

West Greene's Rizor nets 1,000th point

Kaitlyn Rizor surpassed the 1,000-point mark in her career during West Greene's 63-17 victory over Jefferson-Morgan in a Section 2-A girls basketball game Thursday night.

Rizor needed 12 points to reach the milestone and scored 16. Her total is at 1,004. She's the 18th person in school history to reach the scoring milestone.

Madison Lampe scored 14 points for West Greene (9-0, 15-1), which has won 14 games in a row, 20 straight section games and 19 consecutive home games. This senior class has won a school-best 72 games.

Savannah Clark led Jefferson-Morgan (1-7, 4-12) with 8 points.

Peters Twp. 61, Upper St. Clair 25: An even offensive effort powered Peters Township to a 61-25 victory over Upper St. Clair in a Section 2 game in Class 6A.

Mackenzie Lehman had 9 points, 12 rebounds, 7 assists and 4 blocks for the Indians (10-0, 15-0), who clinched a playoff berth. Morgan Marisa scored 9 points on three three-point field goals.

Makenna Marisa and Journey Thompson each scored 12 points and Jordan Bisignani added 11 points for PT, which led 31-17 at halftime. This was the second straight game the Peters Township defense held an opponent to 8 points in the second half.

Sarah Price and Marly McLintock each scored 6 points for Upper St. Clair.

Canon-McMillan 36, Hempfield 35: Tamara Mathis scored 14 points and led a second-half comeback by Canon-McMillan as the Big Macs edged visiting Hempfield 36-35 in a Class 6A Section 2 game.

Canon-McMillan (4-6, 7-9) trailed 21-16 at halftime but held Hempfield (1-9, 6-9) to only four points in the third quarter and cut the Spartans' lead to 25-24.

The Big Macs took the lead in the fourth quarter and led 30-29 with one minute remaining. Abby Daniels then took a pass from Mathis that led to a layup, and Mathis stole a crosscourt pass by Hempfield and went in for a layup that gave C-M a 34-29 lead.

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Hempfield made a three-pointer that cut the gap to 34-32 with 16 seconds remaining, and pulled to within one point with one second left but could get no closer.

Jessica Persin led Hempfield in scoring with a game-high 15 points. Sara Libertore had 13.

Nya Williams grabbed 10 rebounds for Canon-McMillan.

Burgettstown 45, Bentworth 19: Burgettstown ran its record in Section 3-AA to 4-4 with a 45-19 victory over Bentworth.

Emily Prasko had a double-double, 12 points and 10 rebounds, for the Blue Devils (7-9), who have won two of three.

Bentworth (0-9, 1-16) was paced by Caroline Rice's 8 points.

McGuffey 51, Brownsville 42: Keira Nicoletta scored 17 points to help McGuffey put away Brownsville, 51-42, in a Section 2 game in Class 3A.

Abby Nicoletta tossed in 10 points for McGuffey (3-6, 6-10), which lead 28-23 at halftime.

Alexas Carson scored a game-high 20 points for Brownsville (3-7, 9-8).

Seton-La Salle 58, Waynesburg 30: Three players scored in double figures to help Seton-La Salle get past Waynesburg, 58-30, in a Section 2 game in Class 3A.

Chloe Lestition and Sarah Merlina each scored 11 points for Seton-La Salle (8-2, 9-7). Vanessa Hudson chipped in with 10 points.

CP Miller led Waynesburg (1-9, 5-12) with 9 points. The Raiders have lost three straight.

Trinity 49, Montour 33: Ashley Durig's strong all-around game propelled Trinity to a 49-33 victory over Montour in a Section 1 game in Class 5A.

During scored 11 points, grabbed 8 rebounds, dealt out 6 assists and had 4 steals for the Hillers (7-3, 9-7), who led 27-16 at halftime.

Kaylin Venick and Courtney Dalquist each had 11 points for Trinity.

Courtney Tomas scored a game-high 16 points for

Montour (1-9, 5-11), which trailed 17-5 after one quarter.

Mapletown 53, Hundred 29: Abby Antill scored a career-high 26 points to lead Mapletown past Hundred, 53-29, in a non-section game.

Mapletown (9-7) outscored Hundred, 24-16, at halftime and led, 36-22, after three quarters.

Makalah Brittner contributed 12 points for Hundred.

Avella 48, Monessen 28: Bess Lengauer scored 7 of Avella's 19 points in the first quarter and the Eagles held Monessen scoreless in that quarter on the way to a 48-28 victory in Section 2-A.

Brianna Lloyd and Amy Lorr each scored 10 points for Avella (6-2, 12-4).

Monessen (3-5, 4-12) was keyed by Kendelle Weston's 8 points.

South Park 70, Charleroi 28: South Park remained in sole possession of first place in Class 3A Section 2 with a 70-28 victory at Charleroi.

The Eagles (9-1, 10-6) pushed their winning streak to six games. They took control early against Charleroi by building leads of 19-6 after one quarter and 44-12 at halftime.

Maura Huwalt led South Park with a game-high 20 points. Cassidy Zandier followed with 15 points.

Charleroi's Bella Skobel scored more than half of her team's points, tossing in 18. The Cougars' record fell to 1-8 in section and 4-12 overall.

Fort Cherry 37, Carmichaels 28: Fort Cherry helped its playoff chances with a 37-28 victory over visiting Carmichaels in Class 2A Section 3.

The win moves the Rangers above the .500 mark in the section at 5-4 and to 7-9 overall. Fort Cherry began the night in a three-way tie for third place in the section with Burgettstown and Chartiers-Houston.

Abby Cooper scored a game-high 15 points to lead the Fort Cherry offense. Kylie Sinn had 12 points for Carmichaels (1-7, 5-13).

California 69, Geibel Catholic 27: California stymied Geibel Catholic's offense in the second half en route to a 69-27

Section 2-A victory.

The Trojans (6-3, 8-7) outscored the Gators 14-3 in the third quarter and 20-4 in the fourth.

California's Makayla Boda led all scorers with 17 points. Teammate Camari Walden had 12 and Sydney Smichnick 11.

Rebecca Perkins led Geibel Catholic (0-8, 1-14) in scoring with 10 points.

Belle Vernon 41, Mt. Pleasant 36: Belle Vernon moved closer to a playoff berth in Class 4A with a 41-36 victory over visiting Mt. Pleasant in Section 3.

Lindsay Steeber and Rachel Wobrack carried the offensive load for the leopards with 41 and 13 points, respectively. Steeber made three three-point field goals.

Belle Vernon (7-3, 11-6), which has won four in a row, took charge of the game early, building leads of 12-7 after one quarter and 21-14 at halftime.

Chloe Jaworski tried to rally Mt. Pleasant (3-7, 5-12) by scoring 13 points.

South Fayette 64, Lincoln Park 24: Clare Relihan and Karyssa Larson combined for 39 points as South Fayette won its second in a row, rolling over visiting Lincoln Park 64-24 in Class 5A Section 1.

Relihan led the Lions (6-4, 12-6) with a game-high 21 points and Larson netted 18. South Fayette held Lincoln Park (1-9, 5-11) to only two points in the first quarter and led 33-9 at halftime.

Riley Arrigo scored 16 points for Lincoln Park.

In other games: West Mifflin was a 57-46 winner at Ringgold in Class 4A Section 3. No game details were reported.

Boys result

Freedom 84, Fort Cherry 63: All five Freedom starters scored in double figures as the Bulldogs defeated visiting Fort Cherry 84-63 in Class 3A Section 2.

Steven Leasure had a career-high 21 points to lead Freedom (3-6, 4-11). Tyler Borgman followed with 17, Reiner Welling had 16, Cole Beck 12 and Tyler Mohrbacher 10.

Maddox Truschel led Fort Cherry (1-8, 4-12) in scoring with 17 points.

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Peters Twp. comeback trips C-M; Charleroi's Claybaugh scores 1,000th

Isabella Mills made a two-point basket and three free throws in the final minute to give Peters Township a 53-50 come-from-behind victory over visiting Canon-McMillan in a key Section 3 game in Class 6A Monday night.

Makenna Marisa poured in 33 points for the Indians (4-1, 11-2), who entered halftime tied, 22-22. Lillian Young finished with 10 points.

"She's a special player," said PT head coach Bert Kendall of Marisa. "She got off to a good start. Their defense was giving her shots she likes to shoot. She was almost all of our offense in the first half. We're glad she's on our team."

Canon-McMillan (1-4, 8-5) was sparked by double-doubles from Tamara Mathis, 14 points and 12 rebounds, and Izzy Allen, 14 points and 10 rebounds. Erica Haught added 12 points.

"A lot of teams want to come in here and beat us because of where we are in the rankings," said Kendall. "We're happy to get their best effort. We're going to learn a lot from this game."

Canon-McMillan led 50-46 when Mills was fouled while

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shooting a three-pointer and made each ensuing free throw to pull the Indians within one point with 30 seconds remaining. Following a C-M turnover, Mills made the go-ahead basket with 14 seconds to play. Marisa secured the win for PT with two free throws with six seconds remaining.

Charleroi 73, McGuffey 33: Kaitlyn Riley scored a game-high 26 points, Maria Claybaugh added 21, including her 1,000th career point and Charleroi remained undefeated at home with a 73-33 victory over McGuffey in Section 2-AAA.

Claybaugh, a senior guard, scored her 1,000th points on a shot from the side of the lane during the second quarter and now has 1,011 career points.

Riley scored 17 of her points in the first half, when Charleroi (5-1, 11-2) raced to a 43-21 lead.

Sierra Short had 13 points and nine rebounds, and Aislyn Lee had 12 assists.

Mikayla Maxwell led McGuffey (1-5, 3-11) with 10 points. The Highlanders trailed 22-14 after one quar-

ter but ran out of steam on offense and were held to 19 points over the final three quarters.

South Fayette 55, Chartiers Valley 45: Sam Kosmacki scored 19 points and almost had a triple-double, leading South Fayette to a 55-45 victory over defending WPIAL champion Chartiers Valley in Class 5A Section 1.

The win moves South Fayette (3-1, 7-4) into sole possession of second place in the section.

Kosmacki, in addition to her 19 points, had 10 rebounds and blocked eight shots. Jordyn Caputo was the only South Fayette player to score in double figures. She had 14 points.

The Lions dominated from the beginning, leading 30-23 at halftime and 43-29 after three quarters.

Mackenzie Wagner paced Chartiers Valley (2-2, 7-5) with 19 points and Megan McConnell followed with 17. The rest of the Colts combined for nine points.

Washington 59, Burgettstown 34: Washington's high-scoring duo of Carley Allen and Torri Finley combined for 38

points and Washington continued its recent surge with a 59-34 win at Burgettstown in Section 1-AA.

Allen scored a game-high 27 points and Finley also hit double figures with 11 as the Prexies (4-1, 7-3) ran their winning streak to four games.

Wash High forged a 20-8 lead after one quarter before Burgettstown (3-4, 5-8) pulled to within 26-19 at halftime. The Prexies won the game by holding the Blue Devils to 15 second-half points.

Emily Prasko was Burgettstown's leading scorer with nine points. The Blue Devils had their two-game winning streak end.

Brownsville 36, Waynesburg 29: Alexis Carson scored half of her team's total and Brownsville rallied in the fourth quarter for a 36-29 come-from-behind win at Waynesburg.

Carsons scored 18 points and helped Brownsville (1-5, 3-10) gets its first Section 2-AAA win and overcome a 25-20 deficit after the third quarter.

Waynesburg (1-5, 2-10) trailed 18-9 after one quarter before outscoring the Fal-

cons 16-2 in the third quarter. Emma Mankey was Waynesburg's leading scorer with 10 points.

Belle Vernon 65, Elizabeth Forward 60: Kelsey Green scored 20 points and Belle Vernon withstood a furious fourth-quarter rally by Elizabeth Forward to defeat the host Warriors 65-60 in 3-AAAA.

Belle Vernon (6-1, 9-4) remained one game behind first-place Keystone Oaks in the section. The Leopards trailed 18-10 after one quarter, then took control of the game by scoring 47 points over the next two quarters to build a 57-37 lead.

Elizabeth Forward (5-2, 9-4) then outscored Belle Vernon 28-11 in the fourth quarter but the Warriors simply had fallen too far behind.

Caitlyn Trombley scored 14 points for the Leopards.

EF's Brianna Spirnak scored a game-high 27 points.

Chartiers-Houston 56, Fort Cherry 15: Chartiers-Houston moved to 7-0 in Section 1-AA with a 56-15 rout of Fort Cherry in McDonald.

Alexa Williamson scored 32 points for the Bucs (10-3), who led 36-9 at halftime.

Fort Cherry (4-3, 8-5) was keyed by Alexas Guerra's five points.

Serra Catholic 68, Carmichaels 31: Rain Andrew scored 24 points to power Serra Catholic past host Carmichaels in a Section 3-AA game.

Rylan German tossed in 11 points for Serra Catholic, which held the Mikes to three points in the first quarter.

Kylie Sinn contributed 11 points and Megan Walker had 10 points for the Mikes (1-6, 4-9).

Boys result

Washington 62, East Allegheny 58, OT: A 9-5 run in overtime produced a 62-58 victory for Washington over East Allegheny in a non-section game.

Regulation ended with the game tied, 53-53.

Three players hit double figures for Wash High (8-3), which led 28-27 at halftime. Dan Ethridge led the way with 24 points, Joe Mercer chipped in with 15 points and Zhamere Robinson added 11 points.

East Allegheny (5-9) was led by Cedric Blackman's 24 points, Malik Stewart's 13 points and TJ Banks' 12 points.

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Wash High gets back on winning track

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Washington used balanced scoring to snap a two-game girls basketball losing skid with a 46-38 victory over host McGuffey in Class 3A Section 2 Monday night.

Washington (6-1, 11-3), which began the night in a three-way tie for first place in the section, led by only 24-20 at halftime but outscored the Highlanders in both the third and fourth quarters.

Randi Thomas led three Praxies in double figures with 12 points. Carly Allen and Torri Finley each followed with 10 points.

McGuffey's Keira Nicolella was the game's leading scorer. She had 19 points as the Highlanders dipped to 2-5 in the section and 5-9 overall.

California 52, Jefferson-Morgan 32: California remained in second place in Section 2-A with a 52-32 road victory over Jefferson-Morgan.

The Trojans (5-1, 7-5) have won four of their last five. California outscored J-M by 10 points in each half.

Camari Walden and Makayla Boda each scored 10 points for California. Brynn Boyd of Jefferson-Morgan (1-5, 4-10) had a game-high 12 points.

Beth-Center 58, Charleroi 24: Elizabeth Trump had a double-double to lead Beth-Center over Charleroi, 58-24, in

a Section 2 game in Class 3A.

Trump tossed in 16 points and pulled down 11 rebounds for B-C (5-2, 9-4), which led 30-11 at halftime. Anna Sloan scored 15 points and Olivia Greco handed out 9 assists.

Charleroi (0-7, 3-11) was paced by Bella Skobel's 17 points.

West Greene 63, Avella 33: Madison Lampe scored 23 points to power West Greene to a 63-33 win over Avella in Section 2-A action.

Elizabeth Brudnock chipped in with 11 points for West Greene (6-0, 11-1), which led 42-16 at halftime. Three of Brudnock's baskets were from three-point range.

Amy Horr led Avella (4-2, 9-4) seven points.

Chartiers-Houston 42, Bentworth 18: Dominique Mortimer poured in 17 points and Chartiers-Houston won back-to-back games for the first time this season after a 42-18 victory over Bentworth in a Section 3 game in Class 2A.

Mortimer scored 12 of her points in the second half. Zamierah Edwards scored 15 points on the strength of four three-point field goals for the Bucs (3-3, 5-8).

Jocelyn Timlin paced Bentworth (0-6, 1-12) with

seven points.

Frazier 47, Carmichaels 33: Sierra Twigg scored a game-high 22 points to propel Frazier to a 47-33 victory over Carmichaels in a Section 3 game in Class 2A.

Frazier (5-1, 8-5) built a 20-10 halftime lead and outscored Carmichaels, 27-23, over the final two quarters.

Kylie Sinn had 14 points for the Mikes (1-8, 5-10).

Monessen 44, Mapletown 38: Monessen outscored Mapletown in all four quarters, but by no more than three points, during a 44-38 victory in Section 2-A action.

Kendelle Weston led the Greyhounds (2-4, 2-11) with 12 points and Zykavia Hairston contributed 10 points.

Kelsi Smith scored 13 points for Mapletown (2-4, 5-7), which trailed 21-17 at halftime and 30-25 after three quarters.

Thomas Jefferson 65, Trinity 57: Trinity's second-half rally fell short in a 65-57 loss to Thomas Jefferson in a Section 1 game in Class 5A.

The Hillers (5-2, 7-6) trailed 32-25 at halftime and 54-36 after three quarters. But Trinity battled back and got to within three points with 1:32 to go before it slipped away.

Ashley Durig scored a career-high 19 points and Courtney Dahlquist had a

career-high 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Hillers. Durig had four three-point field goals.

Jenna Clark led Thomas Jefferson, which is 5-1 in the section, with 20 points. Alyssa DeAngelo tossed in 13 points and Dalaney Ranallo added 12 points.

Elizabeth Forward 64, Belle Vernon 60: Elizabeth Forward roared back in the fourth quarter and overcame some stellar long-range shooting by Belle Vernon to beat the host Leopards 64-60 in Class 4A Section 3.

The Warriors (6-1, 8-5) trailed 32-31 at halftime and 49-46 after three quarters but outscored Belle Vernon 64-60 in the pivotal fourth quarter.

EF had a balanced scoring attack led by Bailie Brinson's 14 points. Brianna Spirmak had 12 and Juria Flournoy 11.

Belle Vernon (4-3, 7-6) made 11 three-pointers in the game. The Leopards were led by Rachel Woback and Lindsay Steeber, each scoring 21 points. Woback made five three-pointers and Steeber had four.

Chartiers Valley 61, South Fayette 40: MacKenzie Wagner scored 25 points and undefeated Chartiers Valley used a big first half to overpower South Fayette 61-40 in Class 5A Section 1.

The Colts (6-0, 14-0)

forged a 36-16 lead by halftime. Wagner led four CV players in double figures. Megan McConnell and Aislin Malcolm each had 11 points and Gabby Legister scored 10.

Mia Weber's 11 points was tops for South Fayette (4-3, 9-5).

Ringgold 54, Yough 11: Ringgold scored all the points it needed in the first eight minutes as the Rams won a Class 4A Section 3 game at Yough, 54-11.

Ringgold (1-6, 3-10) led 21-2 after the first quarter and 39-3 at halftime.

Faith Martin scored 15 to lead Ringgold. Jada Cathers and Martina Costa both contributed 11 points to the win.

Brownsville 43, Waynesburg 35: Alexis Carson scored 12 points and Brownsville held off visiting Waynesburg 43-35 in Class 3A Section 2.

Brownsville (3-4, 7-5) has won three of its last four games. Waynesburg slipped to 1-6 in section and 4-9 overall.

Clara Paige Miller scored a game-high 14 points to go with eight rebounds for the Raiders. Bree Echegaray had seven rebounds.

In other games: Burgettstown was a 49-28 winner over host Fort Cherry in Class 2A Section 3. No game details were provided by press time.

High School Basketball
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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Mapletown puts end to 79-game losing streak

It had been a long time since the boys basketball team at Mapletown High School won a game.

To be exact, it was 1,451 days.

Or almost four years.

But the members of this year's Mapletown team finally got to experience victory Friday night.

Ryan Tuttle and Chuck Lash combined for 31 points and Mapletown ended a 79-game losing streak with a 53-49 victory over host Jefferson-Morgan in Section 2-A.

It was Mapletown's first victory since it defeated Carmichaels, 50-42, on Jan. 28, 2015. The last time Mapletown won a road game was Jan. 15, 2015, a 42-39 victory at Avella.

Mapletown (1-6, 1-14) led Jefferson-Morgan 11-7 after one quarter and maintained an advantage throughout. The Maples, under first-year head coach Chad Stevenson, led 23-18 at halftime, 36-30 after three quarters and were still ahead by eight points with less than two minutes remaining.

Tuttle led the way for Mapletown with 16 points and also had a strong game on the boards. Lash followed in scoring with 15 points.

Devon Stoneking scored a game-high 17 points for Jefferson-Morgan (2-5, 3-12). Jacob Broadwater had 12 points and Elijah Saeson 10.

McGuffey 57, Brownsville 45: Colin Walters scored a career-high 21 points, C.J. Cole had another double-double and McGuffey pulled away in the second half to beat visiting Brownsville 57-45 in Class 3A Section 4.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The win keeps McGuffey (5-2, 10-6) one game out of first place in the section. The Highlanders led by only 22-19 at halftime but Walters helped fuel McGuffey's big second half.

Walters scored all of his 21 points after halftime. He had all but 14 of the Highlanders' points after the break.

Cole finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds. McGuffey was 17 of 22 from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter.

Brownsville's Phil Pace matched Walters for game scoring honors with 21 points. Nick Seto had 11. The Falcons fell to 0-7 in section and 3-11 overall.

Chartiers Valley 90, Trinity 63: Chartiers Valley overwhelmed Trinity in the first half and cruised to a 90-63 victory in Class 5A Section 2.

The loss prevented Trinity (4-3, 7-7) from moving ahead of Chartiers Valley (6-2, 10-3) in the standings. The Colts took charge early, forging leads of 22-5 after one quarter and 50-19 at halftime.

The Hillers recovered in the second half and outscored CV 44-40 over the final 16 minutes but it was too little and too late.

Jared Goldtrom led the Colts with a game-high 22 points. Joe Pipilo followed with 15 points, Sean Banas had 11 and Marcello Legister 10.

Michael Koroly led Trinity in scoring with 16 points. Jake Hancher and Michael Dunn also were in double

figures, each with 10 points.

Peters Township 47, Hempfield 33: Dax Ploskina, Colin Cote and Sam Petrarca all scored in double figures as Peters Township ended its two-game losing skid by defeating Hempfield, 47-33, in a non-section game.

The Indians found their offense early, outscoring Hempfield (7-8) in the first quarter, 16-8. They led 27-15 at halftime.

Ploskina scored a game-high 13 points for Peters Township (10-4). Cote finished with 11 and Petrarca scored 10.

Reed Hips and Mike Hosni each scored seven points for Hempfield, which only scored 21 points in the opening three quarters.

Thomas Jefferson 33, South Fayette 32: Consistency in the final two quarters helped Thomas Jefferson edge South Fayette, 33-32, in a defensive battle between teams fighting to remain in the thick of the play-off hunt in Class 5A Section 2.

Thomas Jefferson (3-5, 8-7) scored 10 points in both the third and fourth quarters for the win. Noah Pierce led that effort for the Jaguars, who led 13-11 at the half, with 11 points.

Kade St. Ledger scored 12 points for South Fayette (3-5, 7-7).

California 74, Carmichaels 46: Malik Ramsey and Jaeden Zuzak each scored 21 points as California cruised to another victory, 74-46 over Class 2A Section 2 foe Carmichaels.

Cochise Ryan also scored in double figures for California (5-2, 10-3) with 15 points.

The Trojans, who have won five consecutive games, led 23-7 after the first quarter.

Al Cree scored 25 points for Carmichaels (2-5, 8-7).

Burgettstown 63, Carlynton 53: A balanced overtime for Burgettstown helped the Blue Devils end a four-game losing streak and defeat Carlynton, 63-53, in a non-section game.

Tied 49-49 after regulation, Burgettstown (7-8) outscored the the Cougars 14-4 in overtime.

Bobby Kozares and Dante Gianfrancesco led the Blue Devils with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

Chauncie Mickens led all scorers with 20 points for Carlynton (5-9). Pierce Greiner also scored 10 points.

Bishop Canevin 48, West Greene 28: A strong defensive effort lifted Bishop Canevin to a 48-26 win over West Greene in Class A Section 2.

The Crusaders limited West Greene (3-4, 5-8) to single-digit points in all four quarters. The Pioneers biggest totals were seven points in the second and third quarters.

Nathan Brudnock led West Greene with eight points.

Bishop Canevin's Kevaughn Price led all scorers with 17 points, including nine points from behind the arc. Aidan Logan also scored 10 for the Crusaders, who improve to 6-1 in the section and 10-5 overall.

Beth-Center 56, Frazier 53: J.J. Green scored five of his 19 points in overtime as Beth-Center outlasted Frazier, 56-53, in a Class 3A Sec-

tion 4 game.

Tied 47-47 at the end of regulation, the Bulldogs outscored Frazier in overtime 9-6.

Beth-Center (2-5, 6-8) took a slim lead into halftime, 29-25, behind Andrew Bower's 18 first-half points. Bower scored a career-high 30 points. Green also grabbed 12 rebounds for a double-double.

Justin Novak led Frazier (2-5, 4-11) with 22 points. Luke Santo had 12.

Serra 102, Bentworth 24: Jimmy Moon scored a game-high 36 points to lead Serra Catholic to a 102-24 Section 2-AA victory over visiting Bentworth.

The Eagles (7-0, 11-2) led 30-12 after the first quarter and 62-17 at halftime.

Jacob Burke led the Bearcats (0-7, 0-14) with 10 points.

Alex Glumac and Jayden Bristol both scored 15 for Serra Catholic. Khalil Smith added 12.

Girls results

West Greene 75, Ellis School 57: Madison and McKenna Lampe combined to score 44 points as West Greene pulled away from Ellis School in the second half for a 75-57 non-section victory.

Leading 32-26 at halftime, the Pioneers outscored Ellis School (11-4), which is in Class AA, 43-31.

Madison Lampe scored a game-high 24 points for West Greene (13-1). McKenna Lampe had 20 points and Kaitlyn Rizor added 11.

Ellis School was led by Katarine Ference's 22 points. Natalie Jasper finished with 18.

Garber rallies Waynesburg over Ringgold in OT

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Lucas Garber scored a game-high 27 points, including six of Waynesburg's eight points in overtime, as the Raiders gave their playoff hopes a boost with a 53-50 victory over visiting Ringgold in a Class 4A Section 3 boys basketball game Friday night.

Ringgold (5-2, 12-4) led 23-18 at halftime but Garber led the Waynesburg comeback, scoring 10 points, including a pair of clutch three-pointers, in the fourth quarter as the Raiders sent the game to overtime tied at 45-45.

A field goal by Richard Bortz, who finished with 11 points, and Garber's six points were all the Raiders (2-5, 8-9) needed in overtime.

Demetrius Butler led Ringgold in scoring with 18 points and Chris Peccon followed with 16.

Washington 73, Brownsville 31: Washington remained in sole possession of first place in Class 3A Section 4 with a 73-31 thumping of visiting Brownsville.

The Prexies (7-1, 8-7), who moved above the .500 mark for the season, jumped out to a 17-5 lead in opening period and never looked back.

Ian Bredniak led the Prexies with 15 points. Dan Ethridge followed with 14 points and Zahmere Robinson had 13.

Hunter Assad paced Brownsville (0-9, 3-13) with 11 points.

West Mifflin 77, Trinity 76, OT: Host West Mifflin made a free throw in the closing seconds of regulation to force overtime, then made 10 more free throws in the extra session to edge Trinity 77-76 in a Class 5A Section 2 game.

The win snapped an 11-game losing streak for West Mifflin (1-9, 3-13). Trinity dropped to 4-5 in the section

and 7-9 overall.

The Hillers led by eight points at halftime but West Mifflin closed to within one point with less than 20 seconds remaining. The Titans then missed a potential game-winning shot but Trinity was called for a controversial two-shot foul on the rebound. The Titans missed the first free throw but made the second to force overtime tied at 60-60.

Deodis Powell led West Mifflin scoring with 25 points.

Trinity's Dylan King had a tremendous game, scoring a career-high 33 points. Michael Koroly followed with 15 points and freshman Connor Roberts had 12 points.

OLSH 83, Burgettstown 47: Jake DiMichele scored a game-high 17 points to lead OLSH to an 83-47 victory over Burgettstown in a Section 3 game in Class 2A.

Daren DiMichele added 13 points for OLSH (9-0, 15-1), which led 39-20 at halftime.

Dante Gianfrancesco's 14 points led Burgettstown (1-7, 7-10).

Brentwood 61, Carmichaels 48: A fast start propelled Brentwood to a 61-48 victory over Carmichaels in a Section 2 game in Class 2A.

C.J. Ziegler paced Brentwood (5-4, 9-7) with 24 points, thanks in part to 5 three-point field goals. Brentwood led 16-7 after one quarter and 28-16 at halftime.

Christopher Barrish scored 15 points and Al Cree chipped in with 10 points for the Mikes (2-7, 8-9).

McGuffey 55, Southmoreland 47: C.J. Cole had a double-double to pace McGuffey to a 55-47 victory over Southmoreland in a Section 4 game in Class 3A.

Cole had 20 points and 15 rebounds for the Highlanders (7-2, 12-6). Colin Walters, Nate Witkowksy and Dylan Summers each scored nine points.

Cody Richter tossed in 20 points and Riley Comforti chipped in 18 points for the Scotties (5-3, 10-7), who had a six-game winning streak snapped.

Avella 57, West Greene 47: Avella broke open a tight game with an 8-point run in the fourth quarter to take a 57-47 victory from West Greene in a Section 2-A game.

Avella (3-5, 5-11) outscored Avella (3-6, 5-10) in the fourth quarter, 23-17. The Eagles led 34-30 after three quarters.

Owen English poured in a game-high 23 points and Gabe Lis scored 12 points for Avella.

West Greene was paced by Nathan Brudnock's 19 points.

Beth-Center 60, Jeff-Morgan 40: Andrew Bower scored a team-high 19 points to lead Beth-Center to a 60-40 victory over Jefferson-Morgan in a non-section game.

Nick Martin contributed 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds for B-C (8-9), which led 28-19 at halftime.

Taj Jacobs also scored a team-high 19 points for the Rockets (4-14).

Serra Catholic 78, Chartiers-Houston 34: Class 2A Section 2 leader Serra Catholic remained undefeated in league play with a 78-34 victory over visiting Chartiers-Houston.

Serra (9-0, 13-2), which has clinched a playoff berth, broke open a close game by outscoring the Bucs 46-13 over the middle two quarters. Jimmy Moon paced the Eagles with 33 points. Khalil

Smith and Jayden Bristol each had 16 points.

Christian Berry was the only player in double figures for Chartiers-Houston (3-5, 8-9). He had 11 points.

Uniontown 95, Belle Vernon 52: Powerful Uniontown moved closer to clinching the Class 4A Section 3 title by defeating Belle Vernon, 95-52, ending the Leopards' three-game winning streak.

Uniontown (7-0, 12-3) led 17-12 after the first quarter, then scored 53 points over the next two quarters. Billy Deshields led four Uniontown players in double figures with 25 points. Isiah Melvin had 20 points, Andre Ash had 15 and Ray Robinson 10.

Larry Callaway had 19 points to lead Belle Vernon's scoring and Mitchell Pohlot had 15. The Leopards fell to 2-5 in the section and 5-13 overall.

Geibel Catholic 84, Mapletown 44: Cole Kendell scored 19 points and Geibel erupted for a 30-point second quarter en route to an 84-44 victory over visiting Mapletown in Section 2-A.

The Gators (6-3, 9-7) put five players in double figures. Kaeleb Lehman had 16 points, Isaiah Krizner 12, Anthony Carbonara 11 and Enzo Fetko 10.

Chuck Lash had 11 points to lead Mapletown (1-8, 1-17) in scoring. Matt Atwood scored 10.

Jeannette 90, Bentworth 35: Jeannette scored 58 first-half points and cruised to a 90-35 victory over visiting Bentworth.

A.J. Sharp scored 32 points for the Jayhawks. He made eight three-point field goals.

Bentworth's Shawn Dziak had all but 10 of his team's total, scoring 25 points.

In other games: In Class 6A Section 2, host Mt. Lebanon

outscored Canon-McMillan 27-7 in the fourth quarter to beat the Big Macs, 70-50. The score was tied 43-43 after three quarters. Peters Township picked up a key road win, beating Bethel Park, 79-71. Moon defeated South Fayette 44-33 in Class 5A Section 2. Charleroi remained on the heels of first-place Washington in Class 3A Section 4 by holding off Frazier 53-49. Monessen won its 61st consecutive section game by winning at Bishop Canevin 62-52 in Section 2-A. The Greyhounds trailed by eight points in the third quarter before mounting a comeback.

Girls results

West Greene 69, Burgettstown 35: West Greene put four players in double figures and rolled to a 69-35 victory over host Beth-Center in a nonsection game.

West Greene (16-1) led by only 12-9 after one quarter before scoring 43 points over the next two quarters to open a 55-24 lead.

McKenna Lampe led the Pioneers' scoring attack with 14 points. Kaitlyn Rizer was right behind with 13 points, Jersey Wise had 12 and Madison Lampe 11. The Pioneers had 10 players crack the scoring column.

Beth-Center (10-7) was led in scoring by Julia Ograwski's nine points.

Avonworth 62, Chartiers-Houston 33: Three players scored in double figures to catapult Avonworth over Chartiers-Houston in a non-section game.

Hayden Robinson led the way with 17 points for Avonworth (8-2, 11-5). Kat Getz had 15 and Harris Robinson scored 11 points.

Zamierah Edwards scored 12 and Dominique Mortimer 10 for C-H (4-4, 6-11).

Shot by C-H's Edwards beats buzzer, Fort Cherry

Zamierah Edwards took a pass from Dominique Mortimer in the left corner and let fly with a game-winning three-pointer as time expired to give Chartiers-Houston a 32-30 victory over visiting Fort Cherry and give the Bucs' playoff hopes a huge boost.

The win moves Chartiers-Houston to 5-4 in Class 2A Section 3 and 7-11 overall. Fort Cherry fell to 5-5, 7-10. The Bucs, Rangers and Burgettstown began the night battling for the final two playoff spots from the section.

Fort Cherry led 11-4 after one quarter and 14-9 at halftime. The Rangers still led, 21-17, after three quarters before Edwards led the Bucs' charge over the finale eight minutes. Edwards scored 10 of her game-high 14 points in the fourth quarter.

Abby Cooper led Fort Cherry in scoring with nine points.

Avella 50, California 44: Avella strengthened its hold on second place in Section 2-A with a 50-44 victory at California.

Avella (7-2, 13-4), which won its fourth in a row, did so with balanced scoring a strong first half. The Eagles forged a 23-14 halftime lead and put three players in double figures.

Bess Lengauer's 13 points led all Avella scorers. Brianna Jenkins followed with 12 and Jordyn Rush had 11. The Eagles made 16 of 28 free throws to protect their lead.

California's Sydney Smichnick scored a game-high 21 points and Makayla Boda also hit double figures with 11 points.

Seton-La Salle 50, McGuffey 47: Seton-La Salle kept the pressure on Class 3A Section 2 leader South Park but not before getting a mighty scare from McGuffey.

Seton-La Salle forged a 10-point lead at the end of one quarter, then watched as McGuffey rallied and took a fourth-quarter lead before the Rebels scored their final five points of the game from the free-throw line to trip the host Highlanders, 50-47.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The win moves Seton-La Salle to 9-2 in the section and 10-7 overall. McGuffey slipped to 3-7, 6-11.

The Highlanders' Keira Nicoletta sparked the McGuffey comeback by scoring a game-high 18 points. Rachel Shingle followed in the scoring column with 10 points. The Highlanders scored 20 second-quarter points to close to within 33-28 at halftime, then pulled to within 41-39 after three quarters.

Vanessa Hudson led Seton-La Salle in scoring with 16 points.

South Fayette 50, Moon 43: South Fayette took an important step at clinching a playoff berth as a big second quarter led to a balanced finish in a 50-43 victory over Moon in Class 5A Section 1.

The Lions, who were being chased by Moon (5-6, 9-8) for fourth place and the final playoff spot in the section standings, trailed 12-9 after the first quarter but scored 19 points in the second to lead 28-21 at halftime.

Maura Castellucci led South Fayette (7-4, 13-6) with 15 points. Karyssa Larson and Clare Relihan each added 13.

Moon tried rallying in the fourth quarter but that effort came up short. Reilly Sunday led all scorers with 24 points.

Beth-Center 40, Brownsville 36: Elizabeth Trump, Madi Hunyady and Frankie Pryor each scored 11 points as Beth-Center held off Brownsville, 40-36, in a Class 3A Section 2 game.

Beth-Center (7-4, 11-7), which ended its two-game losing skid, took the four-point lead in the opening quarter. The Bulldogs led 16-12 at halftime.

Trump grabbed eight rebounds and Hunyady had six boards. Pryor finished with five assists and five rebounds.

Alexis Carson kept Brownsville (3-8, 9-9) in the game in the second half. She scored 19 of her 21 points in

the third and fourth quarters, including five three-pointers.

Washington 57, Charleroi 14: Riding its leading scorers once again, Washington put together an all-around performance to defeat Class 3A Section 2 foe Charleroi, 57-14.

Carley Allen led the Prexies with 15 points, while Torri Finley scored 13 and Randi Thomas add 10.

Washington (9-2, 14-4) limited the Cougars to four first-half points to lead 30-4 at halftime.

Bella Skobel scored six points for Charleroi (1-9, 4-13).

Jefferson-Morgan 37, Geibel Catholic 23: Outscoring Geibel Catholic 15-2 in the fourth quarter, Jefferson-Morgan ended its five-game losing streak with a 37-23 win over the Gators in Class A Section 2.

Jefferson-Morgan (2-7, 5-12) held a one-point lead entering fourth.

Brynn Boyd led the Rockets with 18 points. Autumn Gustovich scored 15.

Sarah Ehrhardt had 10 points for Geibel (0-9, 1-15).

West Greene 68, Mapletown 35: West Greene dominated the second and third quarters en route to a 68-35 victory over Mapletown in a Class A Section 2 game.

Outscoring the Maples 37-11 in the middle quarters, West Greene (10-0, 17-1) was led by Kaitlyn Rizer's 16 points. Jersey Wise finished with 11 points for the Pioneers.

Kelsi Smith was the only player in double figures for Mapletown (4-5, 9-8) with 10 points.

Belle Vernon 59, Yough 17: Jumping out to a 19-0 lead in the first quarter, Belle Vernon cruised to a 59-17 victory over Class 4A Section 3 foe Yough.

Lindsay Steeber led the Leopards with 15 points. Rachel Wobrak and Taylor Rodriguez, who each had three three-pointers for Belle Vernon (8-3, 12-6), scored 14 and

11 points, respectively.

Cara Rosetti scored six points for Yough (0-11, 3-15), which trailed 30-8 at halftime.

Chartiers Valley 67, Trinity 55: Undefeated Chartiers Valley used a big first half and balanced scoring to defeat host Trinity 67-55 in a Class 5A Section 1 game.

Chartiers Valley improved to 11-0 in section and 19-0 overall. The Colts, behind the high-scoring combination of Mackenzie Wagner (21 points) and Megan McConnell (16 points), built a 34-16 lead at halftime. But Trinity (7-4, 9-7), which started four sophomores and a freshman, outscored Chartiers Valley 39-33 in the second half.

Kaylin Venick and Ashley Durig paced Trinity's attack, each scoring 18 points. Courtney Dahlquist 11 points.

Aislin Malcolm scored 14 points for Chartiers valley and Gabby Legister had 13.

Bishop Canevin 78, Carmichaels 18: Class 2A Section 3 leader Bishop Canevin put four players in double figures and ran its winning streak to nine games with a 78-18 victory over host Carmichaels.

Shamyjha Price led the Crusaders with 22 points. Diajha Allen followed with 16 points, Emma Theodorsen had 15 and Alyssa Price 12. The Crusaders scored 33 points in the first quarter.

Gina Ranieri, Mia Ranieri and Kylie Sinn each scored five points for Carmichaels (1-8, 5-14).

South Park 71, Waynesburg 31: Maura Huwalt and Daneille DeProspro combined for 45 points and Class 3A Section 2 frontrunner South Park won its seventh in a row, 71-31, over host Waynesburg.

Huwalt led the way for South Park with 23 points and DeProspro contributed 22, including four of the Eagles' seven three-pointers. Cassidy Zandier also scored in double figures, contributing 12 points.

Clara Paige Miller had 10 points to lead Waynesburg (1-10, 5-13).

In other games: Canon-McMillan picked up a key Class

6A Section 2 win at Connellsville, 59-48; Southmoreland stopped Ringgold 47-35 in Class 4A Section 3; and Frazier defeated visiting Burgettstown 56-35 in a Class 2A Section 3 contest.

Boys results

Carmichaels 58, Avella 34: Carmichaels had four players score in double figures and the Mikes took advantage of a big second quarter to defeat host Avella 58-34 in a non-section game.

Carmichaels (9-9), which snapped a four-game losing streak, outscored Avella 22-6 in the second quarter to build a 33-15 lead at halftime. The Mikes then used their balanced scoring attack to remain in the lead.

Matt Barrish and Al Cree each topped the Mikes in scoring, tossing in 12 points. Dylan Wilson was right behind with 11 points and Garrett Ponick had 10.

Avella (5-12), which had a two-game winning streak end, received nine points each from Tanner Terensky and Owen English.

Brownsville 56, West Greene 32: Extending its lead by only allowing three points in the second quarter, Brownsville used balance to defeat West Greene, 56-32, in a non-section game.

After the Falcons took a 17-11 lead in the first quarter, they outscored West Greene 13-3 in the second quarter to lead 30-14 at the half.

Nick Seto led Brownsville (4-13) with 14 points. Aiden Tector and Phil Pace each had 10.

Ben Jackson led the Pioneers, who fall to 5-11 overall, with nine points.

Yough 79, Bentworth 37: Jarrett Bach scored a game-high 27 points as Yough rolled to a 79-37 victory over Bentworth in a non-section game.

Gamal Marballie scored 17 points and CJ Waldier added 16 for Yough (6-12), which led 20-4 after the first quarter.

Jacob Burke led Bentworth (0-18) with 11 points. Cameron Bell also scored 10 for the Bearcats.

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Trump leads B-C; Big Macs' Mathis has triple-double

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Elizabeth Trump scored a game-high 20 points to power Beth-Center to a 51-40 victory over Brownsville in a Section 2 girls basketball game in Class 3A Thursday night.

Beth-Center (2-1, 6-3) outscored Brownsville 13-3 in the second quarter to take a 28-19 lead at halftime.

Alexas Carson scored 17 points and Sai Waquivalu added 12 points for Brownsville (1-3, 4-4).

Connellsville 58, Canon-McMillan 54: Bailey Bishop and Sara Aumer combined for 35 points as Connellsville downed Canon-McMillan, 58-54, in a Section 2 game in Class 6A.

Bishop had 19 points and Aumer 16 for the Falcons (1-3, 3-6).

Canon-McMillan (2-2, 5-5) got a superb effort from Tamara Mathis, who had a triple-double: 18 points, 10 rebounds, 10 steals. Lacy Russell scored 11 points.

California 40, Avella 32: An 18-6 run in the fourth quarter allowed California to rally for a 40-32 victory over Avella in a Section 2-A game.

Makayla Boda scored 12 points to pace California (3-1, 5-4), trailed 26-22 after three quarters. Beth-Center was sparked by Colleen Kinney's 10 points.

Washington 69, Charleroi 26: Three players hit double figures to power Washington to a 69-26 rout of Charleroi in a Section 2 game in Class 3A.

Carly Allen scored 21 points, Randy Thomas 17 points and Tania Russell 11

points for Washington (4-0, 9-0), which led 33-15 at halftime.

Sierra Gazi had 13 points for Charleroi (0-4, 3-8).

Seton-La Salle 48, McGuffey 40: Seton-La Salle outscored McGuffey 23-16 in the second quarter to seal a 48-40 victory in a Section 2 game in Class 3A.

Chloe Lestitian led the way for the Rebels (3-0, 4-5) with 15 points. Vanessa Hudson scored 14 points and Emma Walsh added 10 points.

Keira Nicolella scored 12 points and Abby Donnelly poured in 11 points for McGuffey (1-3, 4-6).

Bishop Canevin 71, Carmichaels 20: Four players scored in double figures to help Bishop Canevin overwhelm Carmichaels, 71-20, in a Section 3-AA game.

Shamyja Price led the way with 20 points, Diajha Allen chipped in with 16 points, Emma Theodorsson contributed 14 points and Dillian Gustine added 13 points for the Crusaders (4-0, 8-2).

Carmichaels (0-3, 3-8) was led by Emma Hyatt's 10 points.

Fort Cherry 36, Chartiers-Houston 24: An 11-4 run in the third quarter provided the cushion for Fort Cherry's 36-24 victory over Chartiers-Houston in a Section 3-AA game.

Abby Cooper scored 16 points and McKenzie Faure chipped in with 10 points for Fort Cherry (3-1, 5-5), which

led 17-14 at halftime.

Chartiers-Houston was paced by Zamiera Edwards' 10 points. C-H is 1-2 and 3-6.

Frazier 55, Burgettstown 38: Brooke Poling scored 29 points to propel Frazier to a 55-38 victory over Burgettstown in a Section 3-AA game.

Sierra Twigg contributed 17 points for Frazier (2-1 in the section). The Commodores outscored Burgettstown, 22-8, in the second quarter.

Burgettstown was keyed by Emily Prasko's 19 points.

West Greene 60, Mapletown 19: West Greene scored 50 first-half points and went on to a 60-19 victory over Mapletown in Class A Section 2.

West Greene, at 4-0 in the league and 8-1 overall, is the only team unbeaten in section play. The Pioneers have won seven in a row. Mapletown slipped to 1-2, 3-5.

The host Pioneers led 26-3 after one quarter and 50-11 at halftime. Kaitlyn Rizor led West Greene with 16 points and McKenna Lampe had 15. It was the Pioneers' 15th consecutive home victory.

Mapletown was led in scoring by Kayla Smith's 8 points.

Jefferson-Morgan 41, Geibel Catholic 21: Jefferson-Morgan's Brynn Boyd and Autumn Gustovich combined for 30 points, and the Rockets held host Geibel Catholic scoreless in the first quarter en route to a 41-21 victory over the Gators in a

Class A Section 2 game.

It was the second win for Jefferson-Morgan (1-2, 3-7) over Geibel in six days. The first was in the Carmichaels tournament and was a much-closer game than this one. J-M raced to a 10-0 lead after one quarter, increased the advantage to 21-7 at halftime and never let Geibel back within striking distance.

Boyd led the Rockets with a game-high 16 points and Gustovich was close behind with 14.

Geibel (0-4, 0-10) was led by Hannah Geary's seven points.

Chartiers Valley 72, Trinity 46: Mackenzie Wagner led five Chartiers Valley players in double figures with 19 points and the Colts used a big third quarter to pull away from visiting Trinity and defeat the Hillers 72-46 in Class 5A Section 1.

Chartiers Valley remains undefeated at 3-0 in the section and 9-0 overall. It was the first loss in section play for Trinity (3-1, 4-5).

The Colts led 32-27 at halftime but outscored Trinity 19-5 in the third quarter.

Kaylin Venick paced Trinity with 18 points. Julia Chakos and Marlaina Bozek each tallied 10 points.

Gabi Legister had 17 points and Megan McConnell 16 for Chartiers Valley. Aislin Malcolm and Perry Page each scored 10 points.

Yough 55, Yough 24: Lindsay Steeber scored 24 points and

Yough upped its winning streak to seven games with a 55-24 victory over host Yough in Class 4A Section 3.

The Leopards (4-0, 7-3) remain tied with Elizabeth Forward for first place in the section. Belle Vernon started fast against Yough (0-4, 3-8), scoring 20 first-quarter points and building a 36-16 halftime lead.

Steeber made four of Belle Vernon's seven three-point field goals. Rachel Wobrak also scored in double figures for the Leps with 11 points.

South Park 62, Waynesburg 15: Maura Huwalt scored 25 points and South Park snapped a two-game losing streak by cruising to a 62-15 victory over visiting Waynesburg in Class 3A Section 2.

South park (3-1, 4-5) held Waynesburg to no more than four points in each each quarter.

Nina Sarra was the leading scorer for the Raiders (1-3, 4-5) with five points.

Boys results

Brownsville 62, Waynesburg 51: Brownsville snapped a seven-game losing streak with a 62-51 non-section win over Waynesburg.

The Falcons (2-7) held a 14-11 lead after the first quarter and increased it to 28-20 at halftime.

Nick Seto led Brownsville in scoring with 22 points. Phil Pace dropped 15 and Hunter Assad added 13.

Waynesburg's Lucas Garber led all scorers with 27 points. Richard Bortz had 10 points for the Raiders (6-3).

High School Basketball

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Trinity wins again; PT rallies to beat Baldwin

Michael Koroly scored a game-high 25 points and surging Trinity rolled to a 69-49 victory over host Thomas Jefferson.

The win was the third straight for Trinity (3-1, 6-5) and the Hillers' sixth in its last seven games. Trinity moved into a tie for second place in the section with Chartiers Valley, a half-game behind leader Moon.

Trinity took control in the first half, building leads of 16-9 after one quarter and 34-16 at halftime. Koroly scored 14 of his points in the first half.

The Hillers got everyone involved in the scoring in the second half. Dylan King was the only other player in double figures with 10 points.

Isaac McNeil scored eight points for TJ (1-4, 5-6).

Peters Township 51, Baldwin 42: Colin Cote scored 10 of his game-high 18 points in the pivotal fourth quarter as Peters Township had to come from behind to defeat upset-minded Baldwin 51-42 in Class 6A Section 2.

Peters Township (2-1, 9-2), which ran its winning streak to seven games, was locked in a close one against Baldwin (0-3, 4-7) until the closing minutes. Baldwin held PT to only two points in the first quarter and held leads of 21-20 at halftime and 35-33 after three quarters.

Cote, however, got the Indians going offensively in the second half when he scored 15 of his points. PT outscored Baldwin 18-7 in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

Thomas Melonja had 10 points for the Indians.

Shane Gilbert and Dorian Ford each had 12 points for Baldwin.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Upper St. Clair 57, Canon-McMillan 55: Chris Pantelis hit a shot jump shot with eight seconds to play to give Upper St. Clair a 57-55 victory over Canon-McMillan in a Section 2 game in Class 6A.

USC (3-0, 13-0) scored the final four points of the game. Canon-McMillan (1-2, 7-5) led 33-27 at halftime but a 15-8 run in the fourth quarter by Upper St. Clair spelled defeats for the Big Macs.

Ethan Beachy scored 17 points, Andrew Engel 13 and Tom Samosky 11 for C-M.

Upper St. Clair: Chris Pantelis 17 points, Luke Gensler 11 points.

Charleroi 49, Beth-Center 39: Joey Caruso scored eight of his game-high 15 points in the fourth quarter as Charleroi rallied for a 49-39 road win over Beth-Center in Class 3A Section 4.

Beth-Center (0-4, 4-6) led 21-18 at halftime and 30-28 entering the fourth quarter. Caruso made two key three-pointers in the fourth quarter that sparked Charleroi's comeback.

Zack Usher scored 13 points and Legend Davis had 12 for Charleroi (4-1, 6-5).

J.J. Green had a double-double of 14 points and 12 rebounds for B-C and Nick Martin grabbed 10 rebounds.

Southmoreland 47, Washington 43: Washington saw a tie game at halftime turn into a 47-43 loss to Southmoreland in a Section 4 game in Class 3A.

Southmoreland (2-2, 5-6) outscored the Prexies (3-1, 4-6) 27-23 over the final two quarters.

Riley Conforti scored 23 points and Cade Richter 13

points for the Scotties.

Washington was led by Joe Mercer's 14 points and Zahmere Robinson's 13 points.

Carmichaels 82, Bentworth 48: Al Cree scored a career-high 31 points to power Carmichaels to an 82-48 victory over Bentworth in a Section 2 game in Class 2A.

Matt Barrish and Garrett Ponick each scored 11 points for the Mikes (2-3, 7-4), who led 48-22 at halftime. Cree scored 15 points in the first quarter.

Shawn Dziak and Mason Gurewicz each scored 12 points for Bentworth (0-4, 1-10).

Sewickley Academy 81, Burgettstown 48: Three players scored in double figures to send Sewickley Academy to an 81-45 victory over Burgettstown in a Section 3 game in Class 2A.

Don Belt led the way with 20 points and Isiah Warfield and Nate Ridgway each tossed in 19 points Sewickley Academy (4-0, 6-3), which led 35-16 at halftime.

Bobby Kozares' 13 points paced Burgettstown (1-3, 6-6), which was 2-for-14 from the line through three quarters.

West Greene 63, Mapletown 43: Nate Brudnock scored 23 points to lead West Greene to a 63-43 victory over Mapletown in a Section 2 game in Class A.

Austin Crouse tossed in 15 points and Gavin Scott 10 points for the Pioneers (2-2, 4-6), who lead 34-24 at halftime.

Mapletown (0-5, 0-10) was paced by Lance Stevenson's 12 points. Austin Tuttle and Matt Atwood each scored 11 points.

Jeannette 53, Chartiers-Houston 45: Marcus Barnes led three scorers in double figures as Jeannette downed Chartiers-Houston in a Section 2 game in Class 2A.

Zach Crutchman scored 12 points and Jackson Pruitt chipped in 11 for Jeannette (4-0, 8-0).

Chartiers-Houston (1-3, 6-7) was led by Austin Arnold's 14 points. Seth Dunn poured in 12 points and Ewan Simpson chipped in with 10 points.

Seton-La Salle 74, Fort Cherry 47: Seton-La Salle remained undefeated in Class 3A Section 2 with a 74-47 victory at Fort Cherry.

Michael Bigley scored 18 points, Jacob Verner had 16 and Trevor O'Donnell scored 10 for the Rebels, who improved to 4-0 in the section and 9-1 overall.

Fort Cherry (0-5, 2-9) was led in scoring by freshman Maddox Trushel, who had a game-high 20 points. Brenden Anderson also hit for double figures as he scored 12 points.

Elizabeth Forward 51, Waynesburg 50: Patrick Filson scored 17 points and Elizabeth Forward edged host Waynesburg 51-50 in a Class 4A Section 3 game.

Waynesburg (1-2, 6-5) took a 50-49 lead on a basket by Richard Bortz with 15 seconds remaining but EF (1-2, 5-7) was bale to score the game-winning points on its final possession.

Lucas Garber had a game-high 19 for Waynesburg and Bortz finished with 10.

South Park 70, Belle Vernon 55: Santino Tutich scored 19 points and South park cruised to a 70-55 victory over visiting Belle Vernon in Class 4A Section 3.

The Eagles (2-1, 4-6) out-

scored Belle Vernon in each of the first three quarters in building a 49-34 advantage. Hunter Lindsay scored 17 points and Aidan Rongaus gave South Park three players in double figures as he scored 14 points.

Belle Vernon's Larry Callaway scored a game-high 25 points and had a double-double as he grabbed 10 rebounds. Cam Nusser had 11 points for the Leopards (0-3, 2-10).

Monessen 84, Avella 23: Monessen, the first-place team in Class A Section 1, was an 84-23 winner over visiting Avella.

The Greyhounds (4-0, 5-4) put four players in double figures led by Darnel Howell with 23 points. Elijahwa Payne had 12 points, Dishon Howell 11 and Devon Whitlock 10 for Monessen, which led 50-13 at halftime.

Avella's record slipped to 2-2 in the section and 3-8 overall.

Girls results

Trinity 55, Pine-Richland 29: Trinity got used strong defense and balanced scoring to defeat visiting Pine-Richland 55-29 in a nonsection game.

The win was the second in as many nights for Trinity and pushed the Hillers' record above the .500 mark at 6-5.

Trinity held Pine-Richland (2-10) to 11 first-half points and built a 14-point halftime lead.

Marlaina Bozek led the Trinity attack with 14 points and Kaylin Venick also was in double figures with 10 points.

"Our M.O. is to play good defense and grind it out," Trinity coach Bob Miles said. "I liked the consistency in our scoring. There

was no dropoff in any one quarter."

Christian Yarbrough led Pine-Richland with eight points.

Mapletown 44, Fort Cherry 25: Mapletown won its second game in as many nights, both by double digits, as the Maples defeated visiting Fort Cherry 44-25 in a nonsection game.

The win evened Mapletown's record at 5-5 but the Maples have won five of their last six games.

Taylor Dusenberry led the Mapletown offense with 13 points and helped the home team pull away in the second half after leading 17-9 at halftime. Kelsi Smith had 10 rebounds for the Maples.

Abby Cooper, with 13 points, had more than half of Fort Cherry's offensive production. The Rangers slipped to 5-6 overall.

Beth-Center 46, Seton-La Salle 34: Beth-Center held Seton-La Salle to 12 first-half points, then the host Bulldogs blew open the game with a 22-point third quarter en route to a 46-34 victory in Class 3A Section 2.

Beth-Center (4-1, 8-3) ran its winning streak to five game. The Bulldogs led 16-12 at halftime and then outscored Seton-La Salle (4-1, 5-6) 22-8 in the pivotal third quarter. Both B-C and Seton-La Salle are part of a three-way tie for second place in the section, one game behind first-place Washington.

Olivia Greco scored six of her team-high 12 points in the third quarter, making a pair of three-pointers. Maddie Hunyadi scored six of her nine points in the third quarter. Elizabeth Trump had a team-high nine rebounds.

Trinity girls get back on winning track

Julia Chakos led a balanced scoring attack with 13 points and Trinity dominated the middle two quarters en route to a 56-47 victory over visiting Moon in a foul-filled Class 5A Section 1 girls basketball game Monday night.

Trinity (4-1, 5-5) snapped a three-game winning streak and did so with some good work during the second and third quarter. After trailing 8-6 after the first quarter, the Hillers outscored Moon (2-3, 6-5) by a 36-23 margin over the next 16 minutes.

There were 43 fouls called in the game.

"It was a hard game to coach. It was a hard game to watch," Trinity coach Bob Miles said, "because the flow was interrupted so many times."

In addition to Chakos' 13 points, Ashley Durig scored in double figures for Trinity, netting 12.

Reilly Sunday had a game-high 20 points for Moon and Aubree Evans had 10.

McKeesport 72, Belle Vernon 53: Belle Vernon had four players score in double figures but visiting McKeesport had a 26-point third quarter and pulled away for a 72-53 victory over the Leopards in Class 4A Section 3.

The loss snapped a seven-game winning streak by Belle Vernon (4-1, 7-4) and knocked the Leopards one game behind first-place Elizabeth Forward in the section. McKeesport (3-2, 5-5) has won two in a row.

McKeesport led 31-30 at halftime, then outscored Belle Vernon 26-12 in the pivotal third quarter.

Nevaeh Stepanik led the Tigers with a game-high 18 points. Jhayla Bray followed with 16 points and Brianna Evans had 15.

Belle Vernon, which made seven three-pointers, was led in scoring by Lindsay Steeber's 17 points. Rachel Wobrak had 14 points, Taylor Rodriguez 12 and Grace Henderson 10.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Washington 76, Waynesburg 44: After suffering its first loss of the season Saturday, Washington bounced back in a big way as four players scored in double figures to defeat Waynesburg, 76-44, in a Class 3A Section 2 game.

The Prexies lowest-scoring quarter was 15 points in the first, which still have them a 15-10 lead after eight minutes. They led 32-23 at the half but pulled away by outscoring Waynesburg 25-5 in the third quarter.

Carley Allen scored a game-high 20 points for Washington (5-0, 10-1). Jahlea Oakley scored 13 points, Kyla Woods had 12 and Tamia Russell finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

C.P. Miller led Waynesburg (1-4, 4-6) with 13 points. Julianna Fowler scored 11 points.

Mapletown 58, Geibel Catholic 13: Taylor Dusenberry had 18 points and 11 steals and teammate Kayla Smith almost had a triple-double as surging Mapletown thumped visiting Geibel Catholic 58-13 in Section 2-A.

Mapletown, which has won four of its last five games, improved to 2-2 in the section and 4-5 overall. The Maples dominated winless Geibel (0-5, 0-11) in the first half, building a commanding 28-4 lead. Mapletown held Geibel scoreless in the fourth quarter.

Smith came up one blocked shot shy of a triple-double as she finished with 11 points, 10 rebounds and nine blocks.

Avella 37, Jefferson-Morgan 27: Colleen Kinney scored a game-high 12 points and Brianna Jenkins led a fourth-quarter surge as Avella pulled away late and defeated a depleted Jefferson-Morgan team, 37-27, in Section 2-A.

The loss snapped a three-game winning streak by Jefferson-Morgan (1-3, 4-8), which was down to only five

players. Though shorthanded, the Rockets trailed by only 18-16 at halftime and 26-25 after three quarters.

Avella (3-1, 8-3) finally wore down J-M in the fourth quarter and outscored the Rockets 11-2 over the final eight minutes. Jenkins scored five points in the final quarter.

Autumn Gustovich was J-M's leading scorer with eight points.

Frazier 63, Bentworth 22: Brooke Poling, Ashley Moger and Sierra Twigg were all in double figures to lead Frazier to a 63-22 Section 3-AA victory over visiting Bentworth.

Poling scored a game-high 19 points, Moger had 17, which included five 3-pointers, and Twigg had 10.

Ali Petrisek led the Bearcats (0-4, 1-9) in scoring with eight.

Seton La-Salle 58, Charleroi 37: Emma Walsh scored a game-high 21 points as Seton-La Salle avoided an early scare to cruise past Class 3A Section 2 foe Charleroi, 58-37.

In search of their first section victory, the Cougars led 18-14 after the first quarter. However, Seton La-Salle (4-0, 5-5) outscored them 44-19 the final three quarters to stay undefeated in the section.

Sarah Meroina also reached double-digits for the Rebels with 12 points.

Charleroi (0-5, 3-9) was paced by Belle Skobel and Cierra Gazi, who had 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Beth-Center 47, McGuffey 40: Olivia Greco made four three-pointers as Beth-Center won its fourth consecutive game by defeating McGuffey, 47-40, in Class 3A Section 2.

Greco finished with a game-high 13 points as Beth-Center (3-1, 7-3) pulled away in the second and third quarters. The Bulldogs outscored McGuffey by five points in

both the second and third.

Keira Nicolella and Rachel Shingle both scored in double-digits for McGuffey (1-4, 4-8). Nicolella had 11 points and Shingle finished with 10.

Bishop Canevin 72, Chartiers-Houston 24: Four different players scored in double figures as Bishop Canevin rolled to a 72-24 victory over Chartiers-Houston in a Class 2A Section 3 game.

Shamyjha Price led all scorers with 28 points. Emma Theodorsson scored 16, Dijha Allen had 11 and Gillan Gustine finished with 10 for Bishop Canevin (5-0, 9-2), which led 36-6 at halftime.

Dominique Mortimer led Chartiers-Houston (1-3, 3-8) with 12 points.

Mt. Lebanon 55, Canon-McMillan 37: Using a stifling defense, Mt. Lebanon prevented Canon-McMillan from reaching double-digit points in three of the four quarters to down the Big Macs 55-37 in a Class 6A Section 2 game.

Mt. Lebanon (4-1, 5-6) had a 19-7 lead after the first quarter and led 32-16 at the half.

Morgan Palmer paced the Blue Devils with 18 points. Patrice Smith scored 15 and Ashley Connor chipped in with 10 points.

The only player for Canon-McMillan (2-3, 5-6) to score in double figures was Tamara Mathis, who finished with 15 points.

California 42, Monessen 34: Makayla Boda scored 14 points to lead a second-half comeback as California fought off Monessen, 42-34, in a Class A Section 2 game.

Trailing 22-19 at halftime, the Trojans outscored Monessen 23-12 in the final two quarters for their third straight victory.

Sydney Smichnick scored 10 points and Ca'mari Walden added nine in the come-from-behind win for California (4-1, 6-4).

Qitarah Hardison tied with a game-high 14 points for Monessen (1-3, 1-9).

Burgettstown 45, Carmichaels 20: Trailing by seven points following the first quarter, Burgettstown dominated on offense and defense the rest of the way to defeat Class 2A Section 3 foe Carmichaels, 45-20.

The Blue Devils trailed 12-5 after the first eight minutes but then outscored Carmichaels (0-4, 3-9) 40-8 in the final three quarters, including holding the Mikes scoreless in the second quarter.

Celeste Dircchia scored 15 points for Burgettstown (2-2, 5-6).

Gina Ranieri had 10 points for the Mikes.

Thomas Jefferson 59, South Fayette 51: The third-quarter proved to be the undoing of South Fayette in a 59-51 loss to Thomas Jefferson in a Class 5A Section 1 game.

Thomas Jefferson (4-0, 8-3) remained undefeated in the section when it extended its three-point halftime lead to eight after outscoring the Lions 11-6 in the third quarter.

Alyssa DeAngelo scored 15 points for the Jaguars. Jenna Clark had 13 and Dalaney Ranallo finished with 12 points.

Clare Relihan, the lone scorer in double-digits for South Fayette (3-2, 8-4), scored a game-high 19 points.

Boys result

Brownsville 67, Bentworth 59: Nick Seto and Phil Pace combined to score 51 points as Brownsville held off a fourth-quarter rally from Bentworth to defeat the Bearcats, 67-59, in a non-section game.

Seto scored 26 points and Pace finished with 25 as Brownsville (3-7) took a 34-24 lead into halftime.

Bentworth (0-10) scored 24 points in the fourth quarter to cut the deficit back to single digits but not enough to complete a comeback.

Shawn Dziak made seven three-pointers en route to his game-high 29 points. Jacob Burke scored 18 points for the Bearcats.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Trinity played solid defense and executed at the free-throw line to knock off previously undefeated West Allegheny, 45-41, in a Class 5A Section 1 girls basketball opener Thursday night at Hiller Hall.

Even at halftime, 17-17, Trinity outscored the visiting Indians 12-6 in the third quarter then hung onto its lead with clutch free throws down the stretch. The Hillers, who are 1-0 in the section and 2-2 overall, went 19-for-22 from the line. Marlaina Bozek went 9 of 10, including six free throws in the fourth quarter.

Kaylin Venick tied for a game-high with 16 points. Courtney Dahlquist finished with 10 points for Trinity.

Hannah Lindermuth also scored 16 points for West Allegheny, which dropped its first game of the year to fall to 0-1 in the section and 3-1 overall.

Peters Township 60, Baldwin 30: For the third time in its first four games, Peters Township doubled up its opponents' final score as the Indians easily defeated Baldwin, 60-30, in a Class 6A Section 2 game.

Both teams entered the game undefeated.

Makenna Marisa scored a game-high 22 points as Peters Township (1-0, 4-0) raced out to a 34-17 halftime lead.

Isabella Mills scored 18 and Journey Thompson had 11 points for the Indians.

Baldwin (0-1, 2-1) was led by Abby Marzina, Lexi Bernotas and Megan Dayburgh, all with seven points.

Waynesburg 46, Charleroi 45, OT: Julianna Fowler's layup with three seconds remaining in overtime gave Waynesburg

a 46-45 victory over host Charleroi in the Class 3A Section 2 opener.

Waynesburg (1-0, 3-1), which has won three in a row, survived a fourth-quarter comeback by Charleroi (0-1, 2-3). Waynesburg led 20-15 at halftime and 34-26 after three quarters before the Cougars rallied and sent the game to overtime tied at 42-42. Only seven points were scored in the overtime, none bigger than Fowler's basket.

Claire Paige Miller also scored 10 points for Waynesburg. Both Miller and Bree Echegaray had 13 rebounds.

Bella Skobel had a big performance for Charleroi with a game-high 26 points. Sierra Gazi had 10 points for the Cougars.

South Fayette 56, Montour 41: South Fayette continued its hot start to the season and used some stellar long-range shooting by Clare Relihan to defeat and deal Montour its first loss of the season, 56-41, in the Class 5A Section 1 opener.

Relihan made five three-point field goals en route to a 19-point performance as South Fayette remained undefeated at 4-0. The Lions took control in the second quarter and opened up a 30-21 lead.

Maura Castelluci finished with 15 points for South Fayette.

Montour's leading scorer was Courtney Tomas with 17 points.

West Greene 70, Monessen 23: Madison Lampe made four three-pointers and scored a game-high 16 points as West Greene cruised over Monessen,

70-23, in Class A Section 2 game.

Kaitlyn Rizor and Elizabeth Brudnock scored in double figures for the Pioneers, who led 56-13 at halftime. Rizor finished with 14 points, while Brudnock made a trio of three-pointers en route to 11 points for West Greene (1-0, 4-1).

Sydney Caterino, Marqula Green and Qitarah Hardison each had six points for Monessen (0-1, 0-5).

Washington 54, Brownsville 39: Carley Allen scored a game-high 19 points as Washington kept Ron Moore undefeated in his first season as the Prexies' coach, defeating host Brownsville, 54-39, in a Class 3A Section 2 game.

Randi Thomas scored 11 points for Washington (1-0, 4-0), which extended its seven-point halftime lead by outscoring Brownsville 19-9 in the third quarter.

Tamia Russell had 12 rebounds for the Prexies.

Brownsville falls to 0-1 in the section and 3-2 overall.

Fort Cherry 70, Bentworth 27: Fort Cherry had its best offensive performance of the season as it scored at least 14 points in each quarter to defeat Bentworth in a Class 2A Section 3 game, 70-27.

McKenzie Faure led the offensive effort with a game-high 21 points. Abby Cooper scored 16 for the Rangers, who had a 39-9 halftime lead and improved to 3-1 overall.

Katie Babirad scored nine points for Bentworth (0-1, 1-3).

South Park 66, McGuffey 29: A productive first quarter allowed South Park to easily

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defeat McGuffey, 66-29 in the Class 3A Section 2 opener.

The Eagles jumped out to a 19-5 lead after the first eight minutes, a 30-15 advantage at the half.

Maura Huwalt scored a game-high 22 points for South Park (1-0, 2-2). Julianna Briggs had 12 points. Cassidy Zandier finished with 10.

McGuffey (0-1, 1-3) was paced by Abby Donnelly, who scored 10 points.

Upper St. Clair 45, Canon-McMillan 34: Lindsay Meyer and Sarah Price each scored in double-digits as Upper St. Clair defeated Canon-McMillan, 45-34, in a Class 6A Section 2 game.

Meyer scored 17 points, while Price finished with 16 to pace the Panthers, who win their section opener and improve to 3-1 overall.

Canon-McMillan (1-1, 2-2) was led by guard Tamara Mathis. The Ursuline recruit scored 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Big Macs.

The Big Macs, who held an advantage in the second and third quarters, were outscored by 12 combined in the first and fourth.

California 49, Mapletown 40: California used a big second half to erase a narrow half-time deficit and defeat Mapletown, 49-40, in a Class A Section 2 game.

Trailing 17-16 at the break, the Trojans scored 33 second-half points to earn a victory in their section opener.

Ca'Mari Walden scored 14 points and Makayla Boda finished with 10 for California (1-0, 2-2).

Mapletown (0-1, 0-4) was led by Abby Antill's 13

points. Taylor Dusenberry had 10 points for the Maples.

Belle Vernon 54, Ringgold 17: Belle Vernon picked up its first win of the season and did it in impressive fashion, cruising to a 54-17 victory over Ringgold in Class 4A Section 3 action on the Rams' home court.

Belle Vernon (1-0, 1-3) bolted to a 21-8 lead after one quarter and then held Ringgold (0-1, 1-3) scoreless in the second quarter.

Lindsay Steeber was Belle Vernon's leading scorer with 17 points. Grace Henderson followed with 13 points.

Frazier 69, Chartiers-Houston 36: Frazier had too much offensive firepower for visiting Chartiers-Houston as the Commodores cruised to a 69-36 victory in the Class 2A Section opener.

Brooke Poling and Sierra Twigg each scored 18 points to lead the scoring for Frazier (1-0, 2-2), which forged a 38-19 lead by halftime. Kaelyn Shaporka gave Frazier a third player in double figures as she scored 10 points.

Dominique Mortimer of Chartiers-Houston (0-1, 1-3) was the leading scorer in the game with 19 points.

Clairton 55, Jefferson-Morgan 20: Taylor Jackson scored 15 points as Clairton was a 55-20 winner at Jefferson-Morgan in a nonsection contest.

Clairton (2-1) also received 14 points from Iyanna Chapman. The Bears outscored J-M 18-1 in the third quarter.

Jefferson-Morgan (1-3) was led by Maddie Vandivner's seven points.

Boys results

Burgettstown 65, Chartiers-Houston 60: Seniors Dante Gianfrancesco and Scott

Ferris combined for 37 points as Burgettstown held off a late charge by host Chartiers-Houston and edged the Bucs 65-60 in a nonsection matchup.

It was the third win for Burgettstown (3-1) in six days. The key to this victory was the second quarter, when the Blue Devils outscored C-H 19-8 to open a 37-19 lead.

Chartiers-Houston (1-3) made it close at the end by outscoring Burgettstown in the second half, including 23-13 in the fourth quarter, but the Bucs never drew closer than five points.

Gianfrancesco led Burgettstown with 19 points and Ferris followed with 18. Dylan Poirier scored 11 points to give the Blue Devils three players in double figures.

Christian Berry had a game-high 20 points for Chartiers-Houston and Austin Arnold tossed in 19.

Carrick 65, Belle Vernon 55: Aronde Camp scored a game-high 26 points and visiting Carrick stormed back from a 10-point deficit at the end of the first quarter to rally and beat Belle Vernon 69-55 in a nonsection game.

Belle Vernon (0-4) led 25-15 after one quarter, but Carrick (3-2) battled back and took a 53-50 lead into the fourth quarter. The leopards' offense disappeared over the final eight minutes as Carrick pulled away with a 16-5 margin.

Mitch Poholt had a double-double for Belle Vernon, scoring 11 points and grabbing a team-high 12 rebounds. Thomas Hepple had 11 points.

Trinity stuns previously undefeated West Allegheny (Pg. 2)
Observer-Reporter-December 14, 2018 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Watson wins 100th, West Greene thumps Wheeling C.C.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

McKenna and Madison Lampe combined to score 35 points as West Greene scored 45 points in the second half to defeat defending West Virginia state champion Wheeling Central Catholic, 74-55, Saturday afternoon in Rogersville.

It was the 100th win for West Greene head coach Jordan Watson.

Trailing 30-29 at the half, the Pioneers took a five-point lead after the third quarter and then outscored Wheeling Central Catholic 22-8 in the final eight minutes.

McKenna Lampe finished with 18 points for West Greene (7-1). Madison Lampe followed with 17 points. Elizabeth Brudnock and Kaitlyn Rizor also reached double figures for the Pioneers with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Kaylee Reinbeau scored a game-high 25 points for Wheeling Central Catholic.

California 47, Geibel Catholic 14: California rode a strong first-half performance to an easy victory over visiting Geibel

Catholic, 47-14, in a Class A Section 2 game.

With a smothering defense, the Trojans jumped on Geibel early and led 31-2 at halftime.

California's Makayla Boda led all scorers with 16 points. Dajah Gudel finished with 11 points for the Trojans, who improve to 2-1 in the section and 3-3 overall.

Rebecca Perkins scored six points for Geibel (0-3, 0-7).

In other games: The Can-

on-McMillan girls basketball team lost to WPIAL-foe Oakland Catholic, 55-39, in the finals at the KSA Disney Classic in Orlando, Fla. No other information was made available to the *Observer-Reporter* by press time.

Boys results

Peters Township 63, Jackson Christian (Tenn.) 46: Colin Cote made four three-pointers and finished with a team-high 14 points as Peters Township downed Jackson Christian, Tenn., 63-46, in a KSA Disney Classic bracket championship game in Orlando, Fla.

Cote led the Indians for the second straight game in the tournament. He had five threes Friday to score a game-high 23 points in a victory over Salem, Mass.

Peters Township (5-2) extended its four-point halftime lead in the third quarter by outscoring Jackson Christian 22-11. Thomas Melonja, who continues to work his way back from an ankle injury, scored 12 points. Sean Werner also had 10 for the Indians.

Seth Snider scored 19 points for Jackson Christian.

Canon-McMillan 46, Palos Verdes Peninsula, (Calif.) 31: Making seven three-pointers as a team, Canon-McMillan locked down on defense to defeat Palos Verdes Peninsula, 46-31, in a consolation game at the KSA Disney Classic.

The Big Macs only surrendered 10 points in the second and third quarters, outscoring Palos Verdes Peninsula 32-10 during that span.

Tommy Samosky led Canon-McMillan (4-3) with 13 points. Luke Palma finished with 12.

High School Basketball
Observer-Reporter-December 23, 2018 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Rick Couch photo

Reaches 1,000 Point Career Mark

Jamie O'Donnell of the Lady Devil basketball team became the first female player in the history of Burgettstown Area High School basketball to score 1,000 points in a career, turning the trick in a game against McGuffey last week. Only a junior, O'Donnell has a shot to break the all-time scoring record here, 1,448 points, held by Mario Bongiorno. With the high-scoring Lady Devil whiz above are coaches Jim Matalik, left, and Dave Carson.

Jamie O'Donnell
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 6, 1988 Edition

Basketeers Win and Lose.

The Union high school girls and boys basket ball teams journeyed to Findlay high school at Imperial Friday night. The girls were successful in defeating their Finley opponents 16-13. The boys put up a good fast game and had a lead of one point with less than a minute to play when a foul was called on John Gelester and Finley made good to the score of 18. In the extra period Kopacz went out on fouls and again Finley made good their opportunity to break the tie and advance the score to 24-18. Local fans will have an opportunity to see Union in their first home league game with Oakdale Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Basketball

Burgettstown Enterprise -January 8, 1936 Edition

Joe Kubachka Is Rated As Cage Star

Avella's gift to collegite basketball, Joe Kubachka was given high praise for his brilliant and outstanding basketball performances all season long for the Springfield, Mass., college team. One of the honors came from none other than the former Stanford coach and producer of the famed Hank Luisetti, Johnny Bunn, who is now coaching Springfield.

The big 6'-4" Joe Kubachka played center for his club, and led his mates in the scoring parade. Taking the brunt of under-the-basket play all season, the former Avella athlete amazed the Easterners with his basketball wizardly. He dumped in 16 points in each game against Yale and Harvard, and sparkled his much traveled team, from coast to coast.

Majoring in physical education Kubachka has another year left at Springfield, and already coaching staffs are predicting a brilliant season for him in the next cage campaign.

Joe graduated from Avella High after playing basketball, baseball, and football for three years.

Joe Kubachka is Rated as Cage Star
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 18, 1948 Edition

Junior High Tops Ft. Cherry

Bruce DalCanton's junior high basketball team chalked up a 34-27 victory at Fort Cherry last night after overcoming an early deficit.

The Little Blue Devils fell behind by the score of 8-2 at the end of the first quarter, and they were behind by 16-14 at half-time. Union, however, came back in the third

Junior High tops Ft. Cherry
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 10, 1968 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



KAREN MARKIVICH

Foul shooting champion

Karen Markivich of Our Lady of Lourdes' girls basketball team sank 16 of 20 chances at the free throw lined to win the foul shooting championship of the Weirton Parochial League.

The competition was held during the league playoffs and included one eighth-grade girl from each of six schools.

Nicole Davis of St. Joseph's and Katie Vargo of Sacred Heart tied for second place, each converting 12 of 20 shots.

Tied for third, each with 10 of 20 foul shots, were Malina Colalella of St. Anthony's, Nicole Magee of St. John's and Kelly Ross of St. Paul's.

Karen received a trophy for winning the contest.

Karen Markivich-Foul Shooting Champion
The Enterprise-November 24, 1993 Edition



THE ENTERPRISE / RICK COUCH

Lady Devil basketball team

Kneeling, from left, Michelle Eannace, Christy Ransom, Carla Dunn, Nikki Minich, Maria Matalik, Lisa Conklin; standing, coach Jim Matalik, Tricia Nice, Kelly Gaitens, Carrie Zickefoose, Stephanie Kladakis, Liz Bebo, Heather Kucera, coach Bob Gaitens.

Lady Devils singe cords, burn South Side, 70-39

Coach Jim Matalik's Lady Devil basketball team put on a sizzling exhibition from the floor and burned visiting South Side Beaver, 70-39, last Monday night for its fifth straight WPIAL Section 15-AA-A victory without a loss.

Paced by Kelly Gaitens with four, the Lady Devils connected on nine three-point buckets. Michelle Eannace added two, while Nikki Minich, Maria Matalik and Liz Bebo each hit one.

Senior Stephanie Kladakis led the local scoring machine with 17 points, pulling in 10 rebounds during the game also.

Gaitens added 12 points on her four three-pointers, and Eannace also hit double figures with 12.

Carrie Zickefoose made an auspicious return after missing three games with a finger injury. Playing just one half, the high scoring junior tallied eight points and hauled down nine rebounds.

The Lady Devils, raising their overall record to 10-4 this season while winning nine of their last 10 games, jumped out to a 26-10 first quarter lead and held a command-

South Side Beaver 39
Ashcroft 6-1-13; Boone 5-3-13;
Sciulli 4-0-8; Lewandowski 0-1-1;
Kotun 0-2-2; Gillin 1-0-2. Totals
16-7-39.

Lady Devils 70
Gaitens 4-0-12; Kladakis 6-5-17;
Eannace 4-2-12; Zickefoose 4-0-8;
Minich 3-1-7; Matalik 1-0-3; Bebo
2-0-5; Dunn 3-0-6; Conklin 0-0-0;
Nice 0-0-0; McGaughey 0-0-0. Totals
27-7-70.

Three-point field goals

Lady Devils
Gaitens 4, Eannace 2, Minich,
Matalik, Bebo

Score by quarters

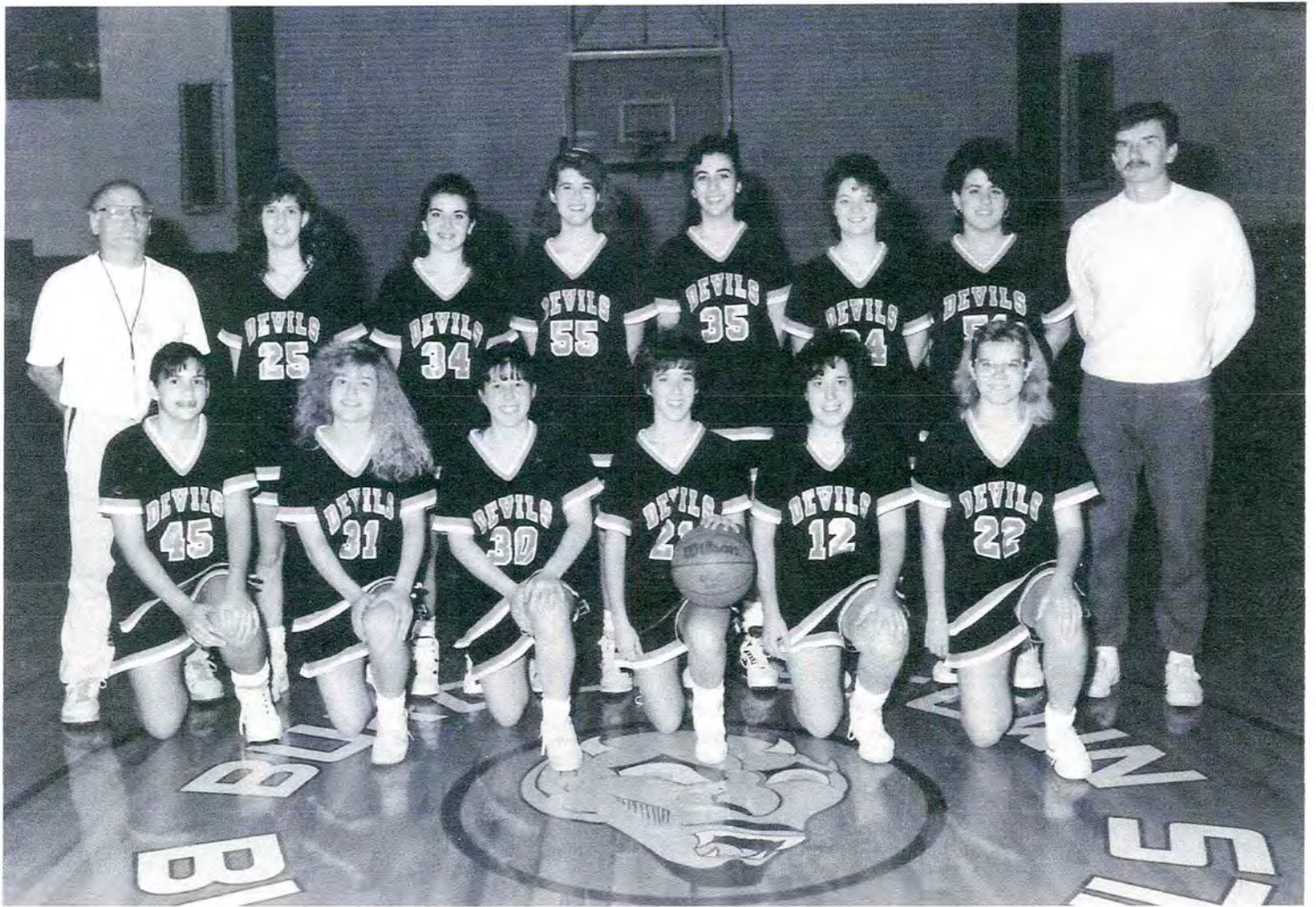
So. Side Beaver	10	12	7	10-39
Lady Devils	26	20	11	13-70

ing 46-22 advantage at halftime.

They wound up with a total of 27 field goals to the visitors' 16. Each team sank seven foul shots.

Suzanne Ashcroft and Joanne Boone each scored 13 points for South Side Beaver, 2-3 in the section standings and 4-7 overall.

South Side won the preliminary contest, 25-20. Bebo led the local scoring with eight points.



Lady Devil Basketball Team-1992

Kneeling, from left, Michelle Eannace, Christy Ransom, Carla Dunn, Nikki Minich, Maria Matalik, Lisa Conklin; standing, Coach Jim Matalik, Tricia Nice, Kelly Gaitens, Carrie Zickefoose, Stephanie Kladakis, Liz Bebo, Heather Kucera, Coach Bob Gaitens.

The Enterprise-January 22, 1992 Edition

Lady Devil Jayvees Win Over Center

The Burgettstown junior varsity girls basketball team raised its season record to two wins and one loss by defeating Center, 34-20, in the local gymnasium Tuesday, Dec. 19.

An 18-4 advantage in the final eight minutes gave the win to the Lady Devils after the teams were tied, 16-16, at the end of three quarters.

The locals were successful on eight of 10 shots from the foul line.

Kelly Gaitens and Carrie Zickefoose led the Lady Devils' scoring with 12 and 10 points, respectively. Liz Bebo tallied four points, and Meredith Grabski, Heather Kucera, Maria Matalik and Michelle Ozimek each added two.

For Center, Klimchak and Morrison each garnered eight points, and Colodonato and O'Neill each had two.

Lady Devil Jayvees Win over Center
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 27, 1989 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Members of Lady Devil Junior Varsity basketball team are, from left, first row: Jessica Fender, Kristen Petrucci, Katie Stevenson, Amanda Boris, Lori Brown, and Melissa Gavazzi; second row: Carleen Tabone, Christian McGillen, Karen Markivich, Jessica Manni, Amanda Lonick, Tina Gavazzi, and Vanessa Worley.

Lady Devil Junior Varsity
The Enterprise-February 1, 1995 Edition

Lady Devils in playoffs

With Serra Catholic's 59-42 win over Geibel in the Class AA title game, the Lady Devils have automatically qualified for the PIAA playoffs.

They were knocked out of the WPIAL tournament by Serra, 64-59, but qualified for the PIAA playoffs as the fifth-place in the WPIAL after Serra won Saturday afternoon.

The locals will face Marion Center, the District 6 champion, Friday night at a time and site to be determined.

"I talked to (Serra's) coach after the game and I thanked him for getting us into the state playoffs," Lady Devil coach Jim Matalik said.

"He said we deserved it because we played them the toughest during the tournament."

The Lady Devils were indeed the Eagles' toughest competition. Serra had a first round bye before facing Burgettstown in the quarterfinals. The game went down to the closing moments before Tracy Zamborsky's free throws with 28 seconds left sealed the win.

Lady Devils in Playoffs
The Enterprise-March 11, 1992 Edition

Lady Devils Win Section Opener Over Avella High By 42-37 Score

Burgettstown's girls basketball team opened its WPIAL Section 15-AA-A campaign with a 42-37 victory over Avella Friday night on the local boards.

After an 11-11 stalemate in the first period of play, the Lady Devils held a one-point lead, 19-18, at halftime and remained in front, 29-25, after three quarters.

A 13-11 scoring advantage in the final eight minutes added to their margin.

The Lady Eagles were superior from the foul line, sinking 13 of 28 chances to their opponents 9-for-15.

But victory for Burgettstown came from the field, where the Lady Devils outgunned Avella, 16-12, including a three-point bucket by Kelly Gaitens.

Gaitens led her team in scoring with 11 points. Stephanie Kladakis added 10 for the locals, 3-4 overall this season.

Heather Cecchini led the Lady Eagles, 1-3 overall, with 11 points. Kris Lycett also hit double figures in the scoring column with 10 points.

AVELLA-37

Lycett 3-4-10, Danna 1-1-3, Cecchini 5-1-11, Kowcheck 2-1-5, Lowe 1-4-6, Crites 0-2-2, totals 12-13-37.

LADY DEVILS-42

Kladakis 4-2-10, Cooper 0-0-0, Kiger 3-1-7, Danna 2-2-6, Gaitens 4-2-11, Zickefoose 3-2-8, totals 16-9-42.

Three-point field goal — Lady Devils: Gaitens.

Score By Quarters

Avella	11	7	8	11	—37
Lady Devils	11	8	10	13	—42

Officials: Osborn & Sroka

Lady Devils Win Section Opener over Avella High by 42-37 Score
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 27, 1989 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Lady Knights win sixth straight

Our Lady of Lourdes basketball team extended its winning streak to six games with a 39-32 victory over Sacred Heart on Friday, Oct. 23.

Karen Markivich and Michelle Cline led the Lady Knights with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Alissa Gilbert and Amanda Lonick, with four points each, and Christina McGillen with two rounded out the local scoring.

Magnone tallied 16 points and Prochaska scored 10 for Sacred Heart. Fiedorczyk added four points and Turner chipped in with two.

In overtime, Sacred Heart won an 18-15 preliminary game verdict. Markivich scored six points for Our Lady, Cline tallied five, and Amanda Boris and Molly Held each had two. For Sacred Heart, Magnone hooped six points; Fiedorczyk and Vargo each scored four; Pachuta had two; and Fulton and Gajtka each had one.

**Our Lady of Lourdes-Lady Knights win Sixth Straight
The Enterprise-November 4, 1992 Edition**



First Row, Left to Right: Brunner, A. Yazavec, Harrell, J. Clair
Second Row: Ross, Campa, Kladakis, R. Clair

**Langeloth Basketball Junior Champs and Senior Co-Champions
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1950 Edition**

LANGELOTH BASKETBALL JUNIOR CHAMPS AND SENIOR CO-CHAMPIONS



1st row: left to right-Brunner, A. Yazavec, Harrell, J. Clair
2nd row: left to right-Ross, Campa, Kladakis, R. Clair

**Langeloth Basketball Junior Champs and Senior Co-Champions
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1950 Edition**

Blue Knights Lose To Chartiers Five

Chartiers used a big second quarter to pull away from Midway and win a basketball game on the former's floor Tuesday, Dec. 10.

The first quarter ended in a 15-15 tie, but the Buccanneers tallied 22 points in the second frame to the Blue Knights' 12 to maintain a lead over Midway. The loss was Midway's second of the exhibition season. The Blue Knights outshot Chartiers from the free throw line, 16 to 13, but were behind in field goals, 35-26, to make the difference.

Norwood Young tallied 32 points on 16 baskets to lead the winners. Bob Grassi chipped in with 23 points. Merwin Holland garnered 30 points to pace Midway. The line-ups:

Chartiers—83	FG	F	TP
Young, f	16	0	32
Grassi, f	9	5	23
Meddings, c	0	0	0
McCullough, g	3	5	11
Sherrow, g	6	1	13
Cushman, f	1	0	2
Wylie, f	0	2	2
Totals	35	13	83
Midway—68	FG	F	TP
Baldigowski, f	5	2	12
Thomas, f	0	0	0
Holland, c	12	6	30
Moore, g	2	6	10
Washington, g	1	1	3
Mastic, g	3	0	6
Gedman, g	3	1	7
Totals	26	16	68

SCORE BY PERIODS

Midway	15	12	20	21	—68
Chartiers	15	22	17	29	—83

Officials—Babish, Greshich

Midway Lose to Chartiers Five
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 26, 1957 Edition

CLOSE GAMES IN

GRADE SCHOOL LOOP

The newly-formed Grade School Basketball League featuring teams from the grade schools in Burgettstown, Langeloth, Atlasburg and Raccoon, has been engaging in a round-robin schedule for the past three weeks. Atlasburg currently leads the league with a perfect 3-0 mark, but Langeloth is not far behind with a 2-1 record. Burgettstown and Raccoon trail with 1-2 and 0-3 records, respectively. Coaches for the teams are: Jack Shearson, Atlasburg; Paul Deliere, Langeloth; John Harris, Raccoon; and Bodie Nicksick, Burgettstown.

Shearson is Director of the league. The Union high basketball coach has been watching the teams for future basketball material, and by the closeness of some of the games, talent must be available. For instance, Burgettstown and Raccoon went into overtime before the former won, 27-25; and Atlasburg eked out a 25-24 win over Langeloth in a battle for first place.

This week, Atlasburg plays at Raccoon Friday afternoon in the Raccoon gym, and Langeloth takes on Burgettstown Saturday morning in the Union high school gym.

**Newly Formed Grade School Basketball League
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 7, 1957 Edition**

Teddy Nicksick Is Presented With Top Athletic Award

Slovan's Teddy Nicksick, rated as the hottest basketball player of the Southwest, was recently awarded the Texas Wesleyan College's Jack Dempsey trophy for being chosen the "Most Outstanding Athlete" of the campus. The trophy, sponsored by the Adam Hat Company, is presented annually to the athlete winning in a secret poll of all students on the campus.

Touted by all that have seen him perform on the hardwoods, as one of the better ball hawks of modern times, Teddy was chosen for the award over about the best group of athletes to come out of TWC. Possessing amazing basketball artistry, Nicksick was a true sportsman, as was proven by his willingness to be content with feeding his teammates and letting them rack up the points. An excellent representative of the type of athlete that TWC produces, Nicksick highlighted many a game with his dart-like movement and accurate bullet passes to propel his club towards victory over the stiffest competition in the Southwest. It was Teddy's play that spearheaded TWC to one of their finest basketball seasons on record.

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Burgettstown Enterprise-June 5, 1947 Edition

Official Blue Devil basketball statistics listed

Junior Scott Russell and senior Bryan Barto dominated the final statistics for the 1993-94 Blue Devil basketball season.

Russell led the team in average points per game, 22.0, after scoring 485 points during the past campaign.

Russell also was the team leader in shots taken, 333; field goals, 201; offensive rebounds, 97; and defensive rebounds, 143.

Bryan Barto had the most steals, 88; assists, 152; free throws attempted, 134; free throws made, 108; and free throw percentage, 81.

Barto averaged 18.9 points per game.

He was tied with Kip Kuzior for the most turnovers, 57.

The statistics follow.

Shots. Scott Russell 333, Bryan Barto 287, Bryan Matijevich 168, Kip Kuzior 163, Derek Serish 97, Chris Cooke 65, Rich Casagranda 19, Jeremy Galish 12, Kevin Frantz 9, Chris Speer 8, Barry Barto 4, Jeremy Minich 3, Derik Moore 3, Kris Butcher 2, Doug Frazier 0.

Made. Russell 201, Bryan Barto

131, Matijevich 87, Kuzior 65, Serish 51, Cooke 22, Frantz 8, Galish 7, Casagranda 4, Barry Barto 3, Speer 2, Moore 1.

Offensive rebounds. Russell 97, Matijevich 45, Kuzior 26, Serish 25, Bryan Barto 23, Casagranda 4, Cooke 4, Barry Barto 2, Frantz 2, Galish 2, Frazier 1.

Defensive rebounds. Russell 143, Matijevich 88, Serish 43, Bryan Barto 42, Kuzior 35, Casagranda 17, Cooke 17, Frantz 7, Galish 7, Frazier 2, Minich 1, Speer 1.

Steals. Bryan Barto 84, Russell 48, Matijevich 44, Kuzior 37, Serish 23, Cooke 12, Galish 6, Casagranda 4, Frantz 2, Speer 2, Barry Barto 1, Butcher 1.

Turnovers. Bryan Barto 57, Kuzior 57, Russell 40, Matijevich 37, Serish 31, Cooke 20, Casagranda 8, Frantz 3, Galish 3, Butcher 1, Minich 1, Moore 1, Speer 1.

Assists. Bryan Barto 152, Matijevich 64, Serish 46, Kuzior 36, Russell 29, Cooke 14, Frantz 8, Galish 8, Casagranda 6, Barry Barto 3, Butcher 1, Frazier 1,

Minich 1, Moore 1.

Field goals. Russell 201, Bryan Barto 131, Matijevich 87, Kuzior 65, Serish 51, Cooke 22, Frantz 8, Galish 7, Casagranda 4, Barry Barto 3, Speer 2, Moore 1.

Three point field goals. Bryan Barto 45, Kuzior 16, Cooke 5, Matijevich 4, Barry Barto 1, Moore 1.

Free throws/made, percentage. Moore 2-2, 100; Bryan Barto 134-108, 81; Cooke 21-16, 76; Frantz 8-6, 75; Kuzior 38-28, 74; Casagranda 19-14, 74; Russell 120-83, 69; Speer 5-3, 60; Matijevich 37-18, 49; Serish 45-21, 47; Galish 7-3, 43; Minich 4-1, 25; Butcher 1-0, 0; Barry Barto 0-0, 0; Frazier 0-0, 0.

Points. Russell 485, Bryan Barto 415, Matijevich 196, Kuzior 174, Serish 123, Cooke 65, Casagranda 22, Frantz 22, Galish 17, Barry Barto 7, Frantz 7, Moore 5, Minich 1, Butcher 0, Frazier 0.

Average. Russell 22.0, Bryan Barto 18.9, Matijevich 8.9, Kuzior 7.9, Serish 5.6, Cooke 2.9, Frantz 1.2, Casagranda 1.0, Galish 1.0, Barry Barto 0.7, Moore 0.7, Speer

0.6, Minich 0.1, Butcher 0.0, Frazier 0.0.

School records

Games. 88, Bryan Barto.

Points, game. 43, Mario Bongiorno

Points, season. 583, John Knisley.

Points, career. 1,448, Mario Bongiorno.

Points, team. 109, vs. Immaculate Conception.

Assists, game. 18, Bryan Barto.

Assists, season. 192, Bryan Barto.

Assists, career. 592, Bryan Barto.

Three point field goals, game. 6, Bryan Robertson.

Three point field goals, season. 47, Adam Orison.

Three point field goals, career. 111, Bryan Barto.

Rebounds, game. 23, Ned Riddile.

Rebounds, season. 290, Ned Riddile.

Rebounds, career. 746, Ned Riddile.

Knights win over Wellsburg

Our Lady of Lourdes basketball team traveled to Wellsburg St. John Tuesday, Jan. 14, and returned home with a 44-32 victory.

Corey Kranak led the local scoring with 10 points. Brian Cline had eight points; Paul Bianchini, Tony Manion and Craig Tershel each tallied seven; Andy Allison and Cam Kramer each chipped in with two; and Derek Ivanac added one.

Our Lady's Weirton Parochial League record stood at 2-1 following the win.

Nathan White was St. John's top scorer with 16 points.

The preliminary game was also won by Our Lady of Lourdes, 31-27. Bianchini was high man with 15 points, followed by Cline, Hopper and Kranak with four each, and P. Kramer and Tershel with two each. Boyd led Wellsburg with 10.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Basketball win over Wellsburg
The Enterprise-January 22, 1992 Edition**

Pete McMahon Winner Of Basketball Award



Wins Foul Shot Title In Tourney

Pete McMahon, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. McMahon, of Shady ave., Burgettstown, poses with John J. Wright, Bishop of Pittsburgh, after winning a basketball foul-shooting title in a holiday tournament at Lawrenceville.

A member of Our Lady of Lourdes basketball team, Pete has been a star with the local quintet all

season.

In the 52-team St. Mary's Invitational tourney, Pete stepped to the free-throw ten times and swished the nets on nine occasions. He was then given five bonus throws, and hit on four of them.

McMahon, in the final round, hit on seven of ten free throws and three of five bonus shots to win his trophy.

The old gent in the middle of the picture just happened to be around when this photograph was taken.

PROFS VS. GIANTS

To lessen the athletic deficit at Union High School, members of the Faculty will engage in a basketball game on Friday evening, February 23 on the local gym floor with a team of "near-giants". Coach Canning announces that the Weirton Fleetwings who have won the upper tri-state championship for the past two years will meet the local Profs, in what promises to be one of the most interesting tussles of the season. The visitors include three players, 6 feet 5 inches tall and have won 26 games and lost but one this season. (Looks bad for the Profs).

The Fleetwings boast the following cagers:

Two Taylor Brothers of Waynesburg College, 6 ft. 5 in. tall.

Jim Parnum of McKeesport.

Zip Zapar, 6 ft. 4 in. of the Detroit Baseball team.

John Yacos, all-star forward of Weirton High.

Stanley Sudol of Weirton, former all state guard.

Beans Compton of McDonald, former High captain.

Lambert Evans of High Point Weirton Steel Industrial League.

Burgettstown Independents will play Follansbee after the Fleetwing Faculty game, Friday evening.

Profs VS. Giants

Burgettstown Enterprise-February 22, 1940 Edition

SCHEDULES ARE MADE FOR BASKETBALL TILTS

High Schools Entered in W. P. I. A. L.
Arrange Basketball Games for
Approaching Season

The high school basketball season will be inaugurated on January 4th, and will continue under schedule as now arranged up until February 1st.

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Burgettstown at Cecil.

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Avella at Hickory.
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Cecil at McDonald.

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Avella at McDonald.
Oakdale at Cecil.
Hickory at Burgettstown.

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Midway at Burgettstown.
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Rob Slopek, a Langeloth native and the associate head coach of the Stevenson University women's basketball team, has been named the NCAA Division III Assistant Coach of the Year by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). This is the inaugural year for the award.

The award is presented to the recipient who demonstrated commitment to the program, to their student-athletes and head coach, their impact coaching on court, mentorship and impact on other coaches, as well as their professional manner and attitude.

Slopek recently wrapped up his sixth season with at Stevenson. This past season, he helped guide the Mustangs to a 17-10 record and the program's first ECAC South Region championship. Stevenson defeated Washington & Jefferson in the title game.

Slopek also coached junior forward Sara Tolbert, a D3hoops.com and Women's D3 News Third Team All-America selection.

Prior to Stevenson, Slopek was the head girls basketball coach at Centennial High School from 2005-10. The 2010 Howard County Coach of the Year, he led the team to the state Final Four and won the 3A East Region championship. Slopek is a health teacher at Centennial.

A 2002 graduate of Slippery Rock with a degree in health and physical education, Slopek earned a master's degree in 2010 in sports management with an emphasis on coaching theory and strategy from American Public University.

Slopek is a graduate of Burgettstown High School.

**Rob Slopek-Named Division III Assistant Coach of the Year
Observer-Reporter-March 29, 2016 Edition**

Teddy Nicksick Rated One of Best Players In The Southwest

Slovan's Teddy Nicksick is the main cog in Texas Wesleyan College's basketball club. And according to Dub King, sports writer for the Fort Worth Star, if it wasn't for Nicksick, the club would be a mediocre team instead of the sensational club that they are. Ted has been very instrumental in pushing McNeeley, of his team, to the number one position of the nation's scorers. McNeeley has a total of 388 points with his closest rival at 312. Parham, another Wesleyan boy is 4th with 295. Tony Pappas has seen this McNeely in action, and according to him and all the reports, why, this guy is just the tops. But Nicksick is the driving power behind the team's success, using his basketball savvy to drive his club to win after win, and has earned them the distinction of being one of the top flight teams of the country. This is sure a great tribute paid to our Teddy Nicksick, who is one of the most popular and well liked boys in the Southwest league of Sportsdom. Our thanks to Tony Pappas, for sending us the Texas Wesleyan "Rambler".

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Burgettstown Enterprise-February 6, 1947 Edition**

By Jim Dallara, Sports Editor

The Record-Enterprise

"Guy Tornabene was one the fairest men I ever met. He earned my respect a long time ago _ respect that remains with me today," Merle Ayres of Bulger said of his former football coach.

Rick Chiff of McDonald echoed Ayres' comment.

"I could never get around to calling him 'coach' during my high school days or 'Guy' in the years that followed. To me he was and always will be 'Mr. Tornabene.'

"I knew him as a coach and a friend for 45 years," Chiff added. "He treated everyone the same way _ fairly. All he asked for in return was a 100 percent effort."

The legendary McDonald High School football and basketball coach died July 25 at the age of 82.

Ayres was the quarterback on back-to-back undefeated seasons for the McDonald Red Devils in 1952 and 1953. Chiff was a halfback in both campaigns and also the following year, 1954, when the team made it three in a row.

"We didn't have enough Gardner points to qualify for the title in my junior year, but when I was a senior we capped another 8-0 regular season with a Class B championship game with Sewickley Township at Clairton," Ayres recalls.

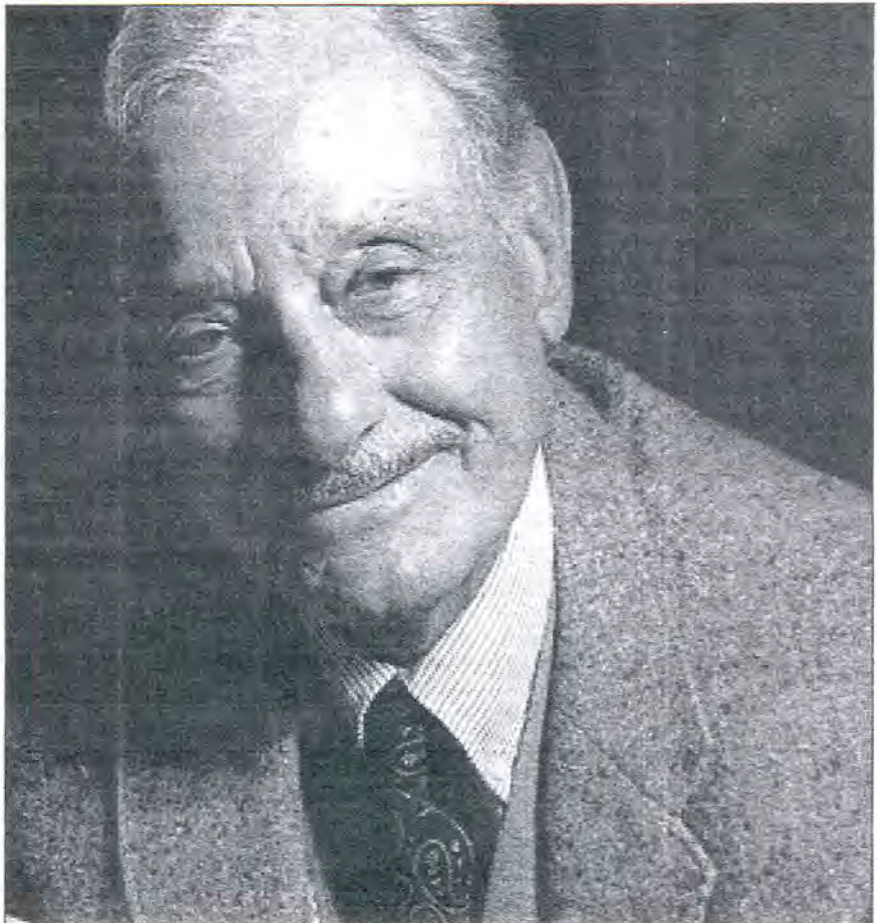
McDonald lost that contest, 13-7, but Ayres remembers vividly a penalty that may have deprived the team of victory.

"We were on a drive late in the game and were on our way to a winning score. However, a holding penalty at the 20-yard line pushed us back 15 yards and we couldn't make it up. Mr. Tornabene and the other coach graduated from college together and basically ran the same split-T offense.

Others claimed that McDonald's offensive scheme was similar to that employed at the University of Oklahoma, coached by Bud Wilkinson, a friend of Tornabene.

Chiff's senior year saw yet another perfect season, rewarded with a second shot at the Class B title. Again the Red Devils fell short, 20-13, at the hands of South Huntington in a game played at Wilkinsburg.

"Bob Klimas, who had converted from fullback to quarterback, separated his shoulder in the first series of downs,"



Guy Tornabene

Chiff recalled. "Bill Spaude did a good job of filling in, but we just never got into full sync."

Never was Tornabene more proud of his players.

"We came back to McDonald and there must have been 500 people at the high school cheering for us," Chiff said. "Mr. Tornabene told us at that time, before we left the bus, that we had fought a gallant battle and that we had lost to a very good team. 'But you're still my boys,' the coach said."

Ayres played for four years of football in McDonald under Tornabene.

"His practice sessions were long and hard," Ayres said. "I seldom got home before dark. On occasions, he would have everybody turn on their car lights so we could run extra wind sprints. And a water break in those days was unheard of _ we weren't allowed near water until our work was over."

Ayres said a typical practice day would begin immediately after dismissal of classes at the old high school atop the hill in McDonald. "We would put on our equipment and then had to

run down the hill to the football field on the west side of town," he said. "And the coaches would follow us in their cars to see that we got there quickly."

Ayres weighed 190 pounds in his senior year, big for players in that time on a Class B football team. Jack Kenneweg, who checked in at 200 pounds, was the biggest man on the squad, Ayres said.

The two undefeated McDonald teams then had the benefit of starters who played together as a unit both campaigns. Ayres, Chiff, Harvey Brookins and Klimas comprised the backfield. Brookins later played at Columbia University.

"Mr. Tornabene set the standard for all the coaches in McDonald," Ayres said. "He was a very strict disciplinarian, but also he treated everybody on the team in a fair manner. He never swore _ he didn't believe in it. He was an excellent tactician _ one of the best individual coaches, and people, I've ever had the honor of being associated with."

Chiff added, "His awareness of every

**Guy Tornabene-"You're still my boys' will be remembered (pg. 1)
The Record-Enterprise-August 9, 1995 Edition**

Fort Vance Historical Society

situation that came up on the football field was just amazing. He knew everything that was going on — both ways, on offense and on defense. He emphasized execution and knowing your assignments, and he believed faking was the key to a successful running game. One time an official blew a play dead where I had been tackled; the thing was, though, that Harvey (Brookins) was in the end-zone with the football.”

Chiff smiles, recalling another moment.

“The closest he ever came to swearing, and showing anger, was when he called one of his players a ‘monkey,’” he said. “You knew he was mad when he used that word.”

Ayres continued, “And he was good in getting a point across. I made a mistake one time of telling him what good speed I had. So he sent me back to return punts during a very hot practice session and sent the entire team to nail me. I was aching all week, but I never spoke of my speed again.”

Chiff told of a time when the team had a good lead and the coach sent him in to punt.

As he entered the huddle, Chiff said he was sent in to kick, but quarterback Terry Smith said it was only third down. “He called my play, and with good blocking I ran 72 yards for a touchdown,” Chiff said. “When I returned to the sidelines feeling happy, you guessed it — I became a monkey. I sat the rest of the game on the far end of the bench.”

Woe to the football players found on the streets of McDonald after 8:30 p.m. on a night before practice.

“He rode around looking for anyone who might be coming out of the Grand or Dreamland theaters,” Ayres said. “It was extra sprints for us the next day if he did find anyone.”

Chiff said, “Everyone in town knew about the ‘49 grey Plymouth that he drove. Even the merchants worked with the coach to make sure we were nowhere to be found when his car appeared. He would ride around about 8:15 — you could set your watch on it. He had a rule that you had to be home by 8:30, no matter what.”

Tornabene also coached both junior high and varsity basketball in McDonald until John Berdell took over the reins. Serving as assistant coaches during the memorable three-year era, in addition to Berdell, were Ed Hepe and Ed Blockowicz.

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out a pair of victories over neighboring rivals Hickory (14-13) and Midway (7-6) to clinch an undefeated year. Brookins ran the winning extra point in the win over the Midway Blue Knights.

“For some reason we got to Midway late that night, about five minutes before the kick-off,” Ayres recalls. “And we were down at halftime, 6-0. I had lime in my eyes and was attempting to get the stuff off my face in the locker room. Mr. Tornabene glared at me and shouted ‘pay attention,’ so the face washing ended right there! The whole team picked up after that, and we went back onto the field and won the game.”

Chiff said, when Tornabene spoke at halftime during a varsity contest, no one dared to say a word.

There was complete quiet,” Chiff said. “No one talked unless he was given permission. This was not due to fear; instead it was respect. He demanded it, and got it.”

At the Washington County Coach of the Year banquet in 1954, Tornabene was honored by his peers as the award’s first recipient.

“McDonald was proud of its football team, and so were the players,” Ayres said. “We thought we were the best in the WPIAL, and we came oh so close two years in a row to proving it. But Mr. Tornabene was the principle reason why the Red Devils had powerhouse football teams year after year. He was our coach, our leader and our inspiration.”

Tornabene taught biology and coached football at Midway, North Fayette and McDonald high schools.

It was at the latter school where he attained his greatest success, and where many of his proteges still reside.

The old coach never forgot them: “You’re still my boys,” was a message to be remembered forever.

**Guy Tornabene-“You’re still my boys’ will be remembered (pg. 2)
The Record-Enterprise-August 9, 1995 Edition**

Fort Vance Historical Society

"U" Club Formed at Union.

Lettermen, or those eligible for letters on the Union High football team and the girls' and boys' basketball teams, held a meeting in the school Thursday evening of last week. Coach Roy Mann presided at the meeting, presenting to the members a constitution which was accepted after the various sections were voted upon and some revision being made. Following this an election of officers took place, and those selected for the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer in order, were: James Zelenko, Michael Niksich, Jane Lee Evans, and George Yaksic. After the election Mr. Mann turned the meeting over to the new president who, after much deliberation decided that the next meeting would be Thursday evening, March 19 at 7:30 o'clock in the school.

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Burgettstown Enterprise-March 19, 1931 Edition

Basketeers Win and Lose.

The Union high school girls and boys basket ball teams journeyed to Findlay high school at Imperial Friday night. The girls were successful in defeating their Finley opponents 16-13. The boys put up a good fast game and had a lead of one point with less than a minute to play when a foul was called on John Gelester and Finley made good to the score of 18. In the extra period Kopacz went out on fouls and again Finley made good their opportunity to break the tie and advance the score to 24-18. Local fans will have an opportunity to see Union in their first home league game with Oakdale Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Basketball

Burgettstown Enterprise - January 8, 1936 Edition

SPORTS

Union High passers scored their fourth victory of the season Friday as they repeated an early-season win over Avella High, 37-14.

Burgettstown took command at the outset and was ahead, 22-6, at half-time. Lutz led the scoring with 10 points. In a preliminary, Burgettstown reserves won, 17-11.

Lineup:

Burgettstown—37	G	F.	Pts.
Harmon, F	1	1	3
Lutz, F	5	0	10
Strongosky, C	1	0	2
Maropis, G	1	2	4
Tepsic, G	1	1	3
Marcus, F	2	0	4
Navage, C	2	0	4
Yolton, G.	1	0	2
Gratchen, G	2	1	5
Totals	16	5	37

Non scoring sub—Gonzalez.

Avella—14	G.	F.	Pts.
Rosa, F.	2	2	6
Kubach, F.	1	0	2
Duch, C.	1	0	2
Mambu, G.	0	1	1
Scott, G.	0	2	2
Haverlack, C.	0	1	1
Totals	4	6	14

Non-scoring subs—Chuchiak, Peterson.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Burgettstown	11	11	6	9—37
Avella	3	3	2	6—14

Referee—Grimm.

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In the preliminary the Union B squad defeated Washington's B squad 26-20.

ALUMNI—MORGANZA

HERE—FRIDAY

Basket fans of the district will be treated to another double header game on Friday night, Jan. 19. Pennsylvania Training School will be on hand for the preliminary at 7:00 p. m. while the Old Timers will battle the Varsity at 8:00 P. M.

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CANONSBURG HERE TUESDAY

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TRINITY HERE ON FEB. 2

Coach Milton Decker will bring his varsity and B squad to the Union High gym on Friday evening, February 2nd. This will be the opening game of the second half of the league race. Union won the first half when they finished one game ahead of Washington, last year's Section 2 winner.

Only three games remain on the home schedule for the season: Feb. 2, Trinity; Feb. 6, North Catholic of Pittsburgh; and Feb. 13, Washington. This year's Union High team is one of the best teams produced in recent years. If you are a basketball fan and have not been able to see them play, remember there are just three more home games.

UNION SCORES 17th WIN

Union cagers braved snow-bound roads on Tuesday evening to chalk up their 17th win out of 20 games this season, when they topped Monaca on the latter floor with a score of 44-40. The small floor was confusing to the local boys, consequently they trailed until the last three minutes of the game, when they pulled ahead. Al Garcia scored 13 points and Johnny Melton piled up 11. In the preliminary, Burgettstown defeated Monaca B Squad, 30-27.

UNION DEFEATS MIDLAND

Last Friday night, the Union High school basketball team added Midland to its list of victims by defeating the Ohio river town 46-31.

Without the services of big George Maropis, who is on the injured list, Coach McCluskey's boys started off 'hot as ever' and had a 17-3 lead at the end of the first period. 'Tgey' Garcia carried the burden in this period by ringing up eight points. He went on to high score man for the evening with 15 points. Gratchen and Morris were tied for second honors with 9 points each.

The outcome of the game was never in doubt and Coach McCluskey used all ten of his boys during the contest, eight of which broke into the scoring column.

UHS Basketball

Burgettstown Enterprise-February 1, 1945 Edition

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Undergrad Tourney To Start Monday



Monday night will mark the beginning of the first annual undergraduate basketball tournament here for the benefit of the Community Park Fund.

Teams will be represented from the Union High, West Allegheny, Fort Cherry, Chartiers-Houston, Canon - McMillan and Immaculate Conception areas.

Based on a double elimination format, the tournament gets under way Monday at 6:30 p.m., when Fort Cherry team meets the West Allegheny area team.

The second game at 8:30 pits Immaculate Conception against Canon-McMillan.

Monday's losers play the first game on Wednesday, March 12. The nightcap of the March 12 doubleheader will show Union and Chartiers-Houston.

Games are also scheduled for March 18, 20 and 22, all in the Union High gym.

Jerry Martin, chairman of the committee for the Undergraduate Basketball Tournament, and Jim Dallara, editor of the Enterprise, conduct the first round drawings. Tournament starts next Monday at Union High School.

(Enterprise photo)

Undergrad Tourney to Start Monday
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 5, 1975 Edition



Union High School Blue Devils now in the midst of their '50 cage schedule are shown above as follows: 1 to r-E. Vuksanovich, L. Capozzoli, B. Cowden, and R. Kortyna; second row, Manager F. Senczyszyn, G. Pappas, B. Gilson, H. Strongosky and J. Friday; third row-Manager A. Zamberlain, P. Maropis, R. Majernik, R. Visnich, R. Clair and Coach Nicksick.

Union High Blue Devils
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 26, 1950 Edition

UNION CAGERS EYE SECTION X CHAMPIONSHIP



Top Row, left to right—Diamond, Gratchen, Prendes, Maropis, and Stura.

First Row, seated, left to right—Strongoski, Marcus, Capt. Navage, Gonzalez.

The basketball season is rapidly drawing to a close and the local team will wind up the home schedule Tuesday, with the Waynesburg Little Jackets as guests of honor. This will be the last chance to see several of the local boys play on the home court as students of Union High School. Captain Navage, Marcus, Strongosky, Gonzalez and Gunn are Seniors, so they will soon hang up their togs for keeps.

To date, Waynesburg and Union are tied for first place in Section 10. Barring any upsets, perhaps a better word would be set-backs, these two teams should come up to this game still dead-locked. To do this however, Union must beat Jefferson, and Waynesburg must beat California. At any rate the game on February 24 with the Little Jackets is certain to play a very significant part in determining the Section 10 championship.

Waynesburg previously defeated Union at Waynesburg in two overtime periods after Union had held the lead in all but the last few seconds of the regular playing time. However, that victory was no fluke. Waynesburg has a veteran team and is reputed to be one of the best teams to represent the school in many a season. The citizens of the Waynesburg Community are "basket ball crazy" and eager for a championship, consequently it is believed that they will bring a good sized following with them next Tuesday evening.

Union Cagers Eye Section X Championship
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 19, 1942 Edition

SPORTS

A looping field goal by Center Navage in the last 25 seconds of play gave Union High an 18-17 triumph over Centerville in their Section 10 clash at Centerville, Tuesday night. It was the third straight win for Union in the sectional fight.

The Wildcatst took the play away from the favored locals in the first half and gained an 11-5 lead. The rivals matched points in the third period, after which Burgettstown finished with a rally that pulled them up within one point with 25 seconds to go when Navage let fly for the winning basket. The preliminary was won by Centerville reserves, 18-17.

UNION DEFEATS CALIFORNIA

Union High took over sole possession of first place in the Section 10 race Friday night by defeating California High 33-15. The Cubs previously shared the leadership with Union.

Both teams played a cautious game

during the first half and wound up in an 8-8 draw at intermission. Union turned on the heat in the second half and rolled up 25 points. 14 of them in the final period.

The Cubs were limited to one foul goal in the third period. Navage scored 10 points and Gratchen got nine to spark the winners. Deutchki led California with five.

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Union Eliminated In Tournament

The Union High undergraduate cagers bowed out of the County Undergraduate Basketball Tourney by losing a first round 24-18 decision to Donora on the Washington Hi floor last Thursday night.

Playing an inspired brand of ball, the Blue Devil proteges gave Donora a very rough time before fading in the final 90 seconds. Although missing repeatedly with their field goal shots, Union kept in the ball game with its dead-eye-dick sharpshooting from the foul line, excellent ball handling, and tightly knit defense.

Union had a tough time in getting the range with their floor shots, and it was midway in the third frame before their first field goal dropped in. From the way Union was handling the ball all night, Donora would have been lost in the back stretch if only a slight percentage of the Blue Devil shots would have clicked. but, Lady Luck was no where around where Union was concerned.

Having to contend without the Dame's good fortune, Union made it a ball game with their foul line skill. Converting on 9 out of 10 attempts from the free throw line, gave Union a 8-7 then a 9-7 lead before Donora knotted the count at intermission, 9-9. With 90 seconds remaining of the contest, and Donora outfront 18-16, Union faded. Utilizing a quick break, Donora dropped in three quick ones from the field while permitting Union one bucket, to cop the decision, 24-18.

The winners counted for 11 field goals and 2 fouls to Union's 4 field goals and 10 fouls.

Beaumont paced the Blue Devils with 7 points including two field goals. Golubofsky was right on his heels with 6 points, Strongosky racked up a 3, Tomich and McConaughey each garnered a 1.

**Union Eliminated in Basketball Tournament
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 18, 1948 Edition**

Union Ends Fort Cherry's Win Streak

SECTION 15

Team	W	L	Pct.
Fort Cherry	13	1	.929
Peters Twp.	9	4	.692
Burgettstown	9	4	.692
Snowden	9	4	.692
McGuffey	5	8	.385
S. Fayette	5	9	.357
Avella	2	10	.167
South Side	0	12	.000

An unexpected turn of events Tuesday night caused a triple tie for second place in Section 15 standings among Burgettstown, Peters Township and Snowden.

The Blue Devils ended Fort Cherry's 13-game winning streak by a 52-46 margin in a game played on the local floor.

Union pulled away after a 12-12 first quarter tie to lead at intermission, 26-19. The Blue Devils took a 37-34 margin into the final period and outpointed the tourney-bound Rangers in the last eight minutes, 15-12.

Bob Delamontagne fired in 17 counters and Frank Lawrence, 13 for the winners. Terry Holder scored 11 and Martin Schottenheimer, 10 for the Rangers.

Union 20-12-52

Delamontagne 8-1-17, Muscaro 2-5-9, Bednarzik 4-0-8, Lawrence 4-5-13, Szczerba 0-1-1, Yanek 2-0-4.

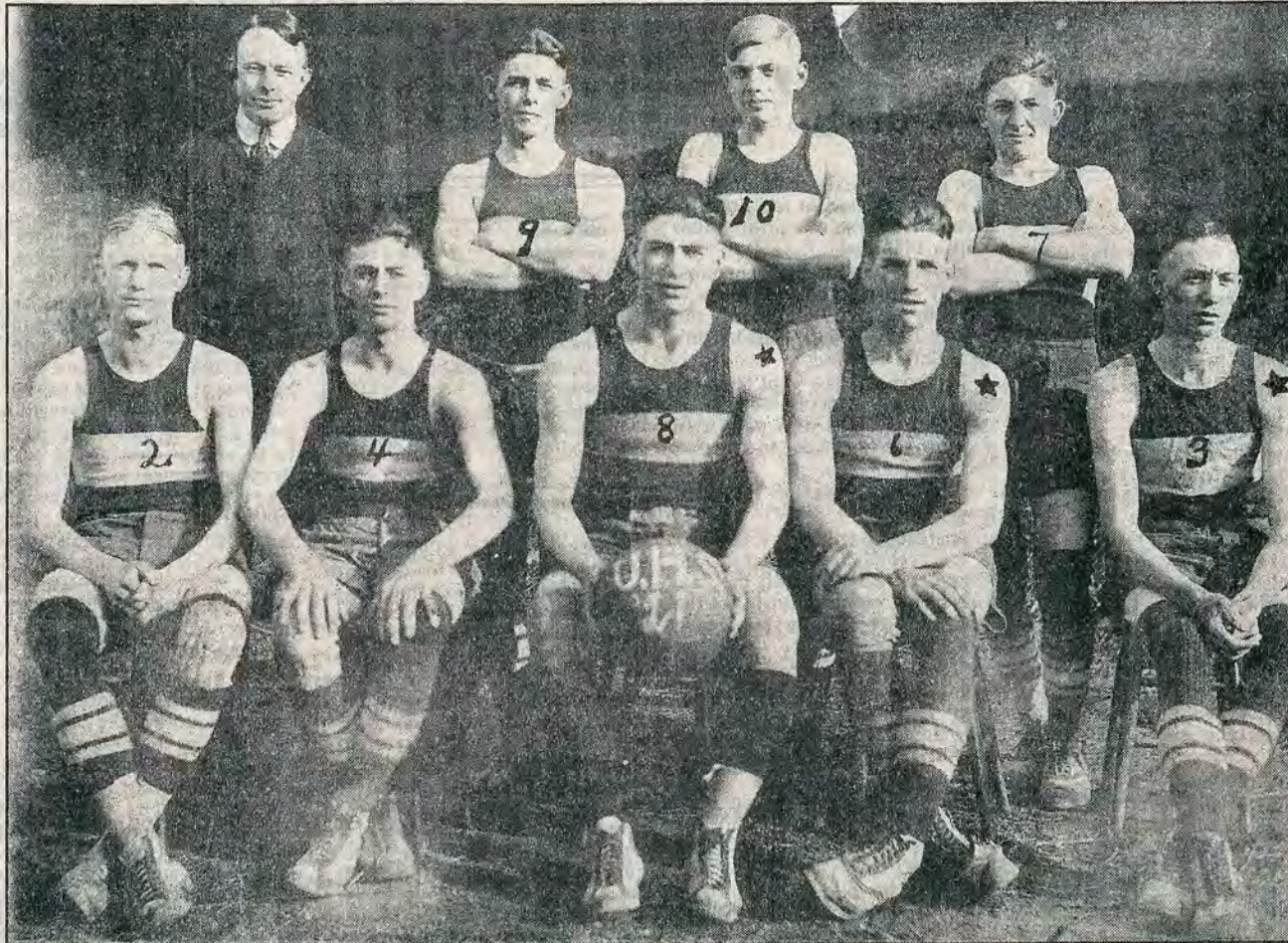
Fort Cherry 17-12-46

Holder 5-1-1 Schottenheimer 2-3-7, Rocher 5-0-10, Hallam 1-3-5, Brown 4-3-11, Shingledecker 0-2-2.

Score by periods:

Union	12	14	11	15-52
Ft. Cherry	12	7	15	12-46

Union Ends Fort Cherry's Basketball Winning Streak
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 2, 1961 Edition



Bethany champions

The Union High School basketball team captured a tournament championship at Bethany College in 1921. The starting team, sitting from left, included Alvy Martin, Robert Dennis, Edwin "Dutch" Hill, Milton Shirey and Delbert Malone. The three players in the second row with coach J. Wilbert Welch are unidentified.

Union High School Basketball Champions-1921
The Enterprise-September 16, 1992 Edition

UNION IS TIED
WITH WASHINGTON
FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Union defeated Canonsburg 43-17 last night on Canonsburg's floor. Union got off to a 15-3 lead in the first quarter and were never headed throughout the game. Morris and Melton lead the scoring with 13 and 12 points respectively. By virtue of this win and Washington's victory over Trinity the two teams are tied for first place in Section 2 WPIAL. A play off game was arranged Wednesday night at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, by the WPIAL basketball committee. The winner of that playoff game will enter the WPIAL Class A elimination series. Last night's victory over Canonsburg gave Union a season's record of 22 wins and 27 games.

**Union is Tied with Washington for Championship
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 22, 1945 Edition**

**UNION PLAYS 1st
W.P.I.A.L. CONTEST
HERE, FRIDAY EVE**

The Union high school basketball team will make its first local appearance in W.P.I.A.L. competition in the high school gym this Friday night at 8:00 p.m.

By defeating Trinity last Friday, Union is sharing the top position in the league with Waynesburg who also won last Friday, defeating a strong Washington high school team. This game Friday night promises to be close and hard fought with the outcome determining the Sectional winner for the first half. Coach Canning has been putting his proteges through some stiff work outs this week and with a few breaks his boys should give the Greene County team a real battle. The team spirit is running high and the local fans can rest assured that Pete Maropis and his teammates will make a determined effort to take advantage of this opportunity to climb into the driver's seat in the league race.

Waynesburg was the only Sectional team to defeat Union last season; that being a two point affair in one overtime period on their own floor. Coach Adamson has four regulars back this year (Debolt, McClure, Russo and Howard). These four along with George, (the substitute who scored the winning goal for them last year) form a fast, experienced out-fit that is undefeated to date. These facts definitely make Waynesburg the Section 2 favorite.

Following the game Friday night, all school patrons, both students and adults, will be invited to a dance to be held in the gymnasium. The Victrola and loud speaker placed in the balcony will provide the music. Only those who attend the game will be admitted to the dance which will last until 11:30.

Because of transportation difficulties, only one game will be played during the evening and therefore the doors will not be open until 7:30.

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**Union Plays 1st W.P.I.A.L. Contest here, Friday Eve
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 14, 1943 Edition**

SPORTS

WASHINGTON WINS TOURNAMENT

Washington High School, coached by William (Bill) Amos, defeated Union High in the finals by a score of 32-20 to annex the undergraduate tournament crown, Saturday, March 20.

The all day tournament started promptly at 9:00 A. M., and due to the cooperation of all competing teams the schedule was adhered to very closely.

Union and East Washington tangled in the opener. With Garcia, Melton and Maropis scoring 23 points, Union emerged the winner, 33-22.

First Round Scores

Union	33	East Washington	22
Hickory	29	Trinity	18
Washington	37	Findley	13
McDonald	27	Avella	21

The above winners moved into the semi-finals of the championship play with these results:

Union	36	Hickory	23
Washington	52	McDonald	19

Union and Washington then met at 8:15 P. M. for the championship with the County Seaters winning the laurels. Washington took a 7-4 first quarter lead and out scored the local team in every period to win easily 32-20. Amos' team had a distinct advantage in height which helped them in no uncertain terms.

The score:

Washington	32	Union	20
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The four losers of the first round games played for the consolation championship. This meant that each team participating in the tournament was guaranteed at least two games and the winners (championship and consolation) only had to play three games.

Consolation Semi-Finals

East Washington	37	Trinity	27
Avella	27	Findley	18

The consolation final was played at 7:00 P. M. between the above two winners with East Washington coached by Arlton Grover, emerging the winner by a score of 42-30. Avella took a first quarter lead of 8-6 but East Washington put on a 14 point scoring spree in the second period to take the lead which it never surrendered. Gregg, East Washington center, was the high score man of the tournament with 27 points for the three games.

Consolation Final

East Washington	42	Avella	30
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Sports

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