

Richmond Grinds Out 77-59

Sectional Triumph Over Cambridge City; Middletown Next Foe

Team Balance Key To Win

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Destiny rode the shoulders of Richmond's Red Devils Saturday night at Civic hall as they won their biggest game of the year, the 1960 sectional championship.

It was the second fine team effort of the day for the determined cagers of Coach Charlie Dils, who climbed back into the sectional championship role after a one-year absence.

Cambridge City's Wampus Cats, coming out on the short end of the 77-59 score have no reason for shame

for they put out all they had but it wasn't enough to stop the tall and talented Red Devils.

Sophomore Sonny Sage and senior Dave Greene continued to sparkle as they pulled off 36 rebounds between them, almost as many as the entire Cambridge City club.

Greene led the Red Devil club in the scoring column, hitting for 21 points, with 15 of them coming in the second half after Cambridge City switched from a zone to man-to-man defense.



These Richmond Red Devils were a happy lot after winning the sectional title Saturday night at Civic hall.

Front row, left to right, are Carolyn Hill and Bonnie Godsey, cheerleaders; Stanley Erk, manager; Brian Haskins, Larry Hitchcock, Duane Peka, Tom Rossi, Larry Satterfield, Carl Tyree, manager; and Charlie Dils, coach.

Back row, left to right, are Pat Kanke and Winifred Meuser, cheerleaders; Dick Wright, assistant coach; Bill Fish, Jim Dintaman, Sonny Sage, Dave Jordan, Terry Jackson, manager; Dave Greene, Kenny Rupe and Pat Jenkins.

Face Middletown

The victory was the thirty-third in 45 sectional finals for Richmond and boosted the Red Devils into the regional next Saturday afternoon against Middletown, surprise winner of the New Castle sectional. They will collide at 2:15 p. m., following the Muncie Central-Parker tilt at 1 o'clock.

Richmond trailed the Wampus Cats only once in the game, at 2-0, as Jerry Thompson drew first blood for Cambridge City. But for the seventh time in the 11 sectional games, the losing team was headed for defeat.

Sage tied the game at 2-all and Greene put the Red Devils on top at 4-2. But Jim Raby tipped in a rebound to knot the tilt at 4-4 before Sage netted a pair of charity shots to send it to 6-4.

With Satterfield hitting a trio of longs and Dave Jordan whistling the nets on left-hand push shots, Richmond went on top at 16-8 and carried a 20-12 bulge into the second stanza.

Thompson continued to carry the brunt of the Cambridge scoring, while Richmond was coming up with a well-balanced attack. Satterfield added six points and Jordan and Greene four each in the second period to shoot the Devils to a 39-25 lead at the half.

Cambridge City switched to a zone the third period in an effort to stop the outside shooting of Jordan, Sage and Satterfield, but this let Greene loose under the basket. He stuffed in five fielders the third period as the Red Devils reached a 21-point bulge at 54-33 with about three minutes to go in the period.

Cats Rally

The Wampus Cats put on a strong finish in the period with Charles Carlson showing the way to cut the Red Devil margin to 11 points, 56-45 at the end of the stanza.

Coach Thurman Wright's charges made it 56-47 early in the final period but Larry Hitchcock and Sage hit from the corner to put the Red Devils back to a safe lead of 60-47 with about six minutes to play. Hitchcock pitched in three more goals a last-period flurry.

Cambridge City's loss of Larry Stanley, Jim Raby and Jerry Thompson kept the comeback chances of the Wampus Cats dim. Stanley was banished by the officials for intentionally fouling Dave Jordan on a driving lay-up midway the third quarter, while Raby fouled out with only eight seconds gone in the final quarter. Thompson suffered from leg cramps much of the final period and left the game with a couple minutes to play.

Record Set

All five of the Red Devils scored in double figures and helped set a new sectional record for the most

points scored by a winning team. The old mark was 65, set by the 1953 and 1957 Red Devil sectional champs.

Greene's 21 markers led the Red Devil scoring, with Satterfield hitting 16, Sage 14 and Jordan and Hitchcock 12 each.

Thompson made 17 points and Carlson 14 to lead Cambridge City.

Richmond hit almost 50 per cent of its shots the first half and ended the night with a .471 average. Cambridge City hit only 10 of 36 the first half, but picked up the pace to end with a .316 average.

The Red Devils had entered the sectional tourney with a 5-15 mark and were considered an underdog in their own meet. Cambridge City (15-5) and Fountain City (17-2) were the top choices of many.

But Coach Dils and the Red Devils showed their critics and returned the sectional title to Civic hall in a championship manner.

Summary:

Richmond	(77)	Fg	Fga	Ft	Fta	Pf	Tp
Sage, forward		5	11	4	6	4	14
Jordan, forward		5	11	2	3	3	12
Fish, forward		0	1	2	2	1	2
Peka, forward		0	1	0	0	0	0
Green, center		10	21	1	2	4	21
Dintaman, center		0	0	0	0	0	0
Satterfield, guard		7	12	2	7	4	16
Hitchcock, guard		5	9	2	2	0	12
Haskins, guard		0	1	0	0	0	0
Rossi, guard		0	1	0	1	0	0
Totals		32	68	13	23	16	77

Cambridge City	(59)	Fg	Fga	Ft	Fta	Pf	Tp
Stanley, forward		1	10	2	4	1	4
Thompson, forward		7	17	3	5	4	17
Golliher, forward		0	0	1	2	0	0
Raby, center		2	4	2	3	5	6
Swigart, center		3	7	1	2	0	7
Carroll, center		0	3	0	0	1	0
Carlson, guard		7	17	0	1	3	14
Close, guard		3	12	2	3	2	8
Newhouse, guard		0	2	0	0	1	0
Bundy, guard		1	4	0	0	0	2
Totals		24	76	11	20	17	59

Score by quarters:

Richmond	20	39	56	77
Cambridge City	12	25	45	59

Officials: James Boswell and John Thomas

Balanced Attack Steadiness Pays Sectional Triumph Over Cambridge City; Red Devils' Winning Of Sectional Hinged On These Two Factors

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By Jim Thompson (Second Article about the same game)

An excellent balanced scoring attack and refusal to be rattled were the keys to the Richmond Red Devils' easy sectional triumph Saturday night over a determined Cambridge City team.

the Red Devils came up with two of their finest team efforts of the season in moving past Milton, 50-46, in the afternoon game and rolling up the 18-point win over the Wampus Cats at night.

Dave Greene, who scored . 15 points in the second half Saturday night thanks "feeding" of his teammates when Cambridge City tried to use a pressing defense, led the team in scoring for the sectional with 61 points.

Larry Hitchcock netted 58, Larry Satterfield 51 and Sonny Sage 42, with Dave Jordan collecting 28 and reserve Tom Rossi 10.

Hitchcock and Satterfield proved to be two of the smarter guards of the tourney as they easily moved the ball against a Cambridge City "press" that had wrecked Fountain City's title chances in their afternoon meeting.

Overcame Mistakes

Also both Hitchcock and Satterfield overcame some errors that had plagued them in the afternoon win over Milton.

The Red Devils long-range shooting the first half forced Cambridge City to switch defenses as Richmond hit almost 50 per cent of its shots over the top of the Cambridge City zone.

But Greene found the man-to-man defense more to his liking as he rattled the nets for 15 points the second half, 11 of them coming in the third quarter when the Red Devils built up a 21-point bulge.

In missing the all-tourney team, Satterfield had the misfortune to be playing against some of the finest guards seen hereabouts in recent years.

There was no chance, for exclusion of Milton's Jerry Bohlander, Hitchcock or Ron Lewis of Fountain City. Bohlander and Lewis had almost single-handedly put their teams into the semifinals. Charles Carlson of Cambridge City was picked for his consistency, finishing a shade ahead of Satterfield in this department for the tourney.

Also, Satterfield is a junior and will have another crack at the elite team next season.

No Easy Way

There is no easy course ahead for Coach Charlie Dils' cagers. They face a Middletown team that is on the rebound after starting the season strong and then hitting a slump.

I And should the Red Devils get past the powerful Cossacks, they will undoubtedly be meeting the Muncie Central Bearcats; the state's No. 1 team, at night. And the Bearcats won here, 75-35, during the regular season.

seffrin says:

To say that Paul Seffrin was upset with the officiating would be an understatement. I also don't recall that he wrote his column before without a paragraph break but this one is reproduced in the same manner as it was written.

Proof that anything can happen in basketball - and usually does. Cambridge City defeated Middletown 71-60 on February 6 and on February 27 Richmond beat Cambridge City -77-59 and Middletown dumped New

Castle 81-74 who had whipped Richmond twice during the past season. Also, Cambridge defeated Milton in season play 70-63, lost to Richmond Saturday 77-59, yet Richmond had trouble winning from Milton 50-46

Saturday afternoon. It's conclusive that comparative scores against common opponents don't make sense. Each game has different 'angles' and too many factors must be considered. That's why many call Indiana basketball Hoosier Hysteria . . . We are proud of coach Thurman Wright and every one of his Wampus Cats and that's more than we can say for a certain radio sportscaster whose alleged unethical statements, and biased exaggerations of various incidents in the Richmond-Milton and Richmond-Cambridge City games smells. There are no finer gentlemen on the bench than coach Wright and coach Jim Howell, of Milton, and their players conduct themselves likewise. Sometimes, in the 'heat of the battle' players will become a bit irritated at officials whistles or the lack of them. The whistle officials of the Richmond sectional sure irritated a lot of people in the stands, too, and a sportscaster irritated the radio listeners with exaggerations. Most of you know whereof we speak. We have requested an apology from the guy who apparently 'lost his head' and misrepresented the incidents on the air. If he was irritated by fans at the game it was probably by those who heard it on their pocket transistors and protested (heckled) immediately. We had to wait till we got home to get the radio version of the games – and reports from the people at home sure was different than we saw it . . . To Larry Stanley: We know you committed a foul, so did you, so did about 4,500 people in the gym but we'll bet the official will regret his snap decision as long as he breathes. A good official would have undoubtedly warned you beside charging you the foul, and then watched you closely the remainder of the game - but this official had to watch the fans in the stands who had taken just about all they could bear. (Police dashed onto the floor for his escort after the Richmond-Milton game). The oaths directed at you by some parties on the nearby Richmond bench were galling to say the least. It was as your first-and last foul of the game

(including it, you committed only six in three tourney games) but a radio sportscaster made a 'wrestling match' out of it and when people at home learned the truth their angered letters of protest against such accusations should bring an apology. Several CC merchants who have sponsored games over WKBV previously, report they're through. Even an apology may be too late. In our eyes you were a victim of snap judgment and a bad call and we know many others of this community have told you the same since Saturday night . . . Western Wayne County (Milton – Cambridge) can be proud of the Richmond Pal-Item All-Tourney Team selections: Jerry Thompson (CC), Dave Parker (M), forwards; Jim Raby (CC), center; Jerry Bohlander (M), Chuck Carlson (CC), guards. Others honored on the 10 man squad were Sonny Sage, Richmond, and Ralph Barker, Williamsburg, forwards; Dave Greene, Richmond, center; Larry Hitchcock, Richmond, and Ron Lewis, Fountain City, guards . . . Our thanks to Roy Werking, Hagerstown statistician, who aided us with those chores during the Cats games at the sectional. Roy does the pencil work and Floyd Lacy gets the by-lines, in the Hagerstown Exponent . . . The Recreation club will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 10, American Legion hall, 7 :30 p. m. Outlining the summer recreation program will be discussed at this meeting . . . Six Wampus Cats seniors bounced the high school roundball for the last time in tourney play. They are Jim Raby, Larry Stanley, Steve Carroll, Chuck Carlson, Paul Close, Brent Bundy. Milton players receiving sheepskins this spring are: Jerry Bohlander, Stan Jenkins, Mark Richardson, Duane Rea, David Hessler, James Klein . . . We wish to graciously thank the powers-that-be of Lincoln H. S. for the courtesies extended us during the past season. Your accommodations made our reporting a pleasant one. Also a: tip of the hat to coaches Wright and Felton for their fine cooperation - and orchids to the fine athletes they tutored.