DEDICATION

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO ROZELLA YOUNG, CLIFF SIMMONS, AND DAVID HOSKINS

"Who taught me to play and love the game of basketball."

AND

TO THE YOUNG MEN THAT HAVE PROUDLY WORN THE COMET UNIFORM OVER THE FIRST 50 YEARS.

1957-58

HEAD COACH – TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON

FIRST DISTRICT TOURN.
1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 9-19

1957-58

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-05-57	St. Mary	**52-55**	A	
11-08-57	Lowes	**72-75**	A	
11-15-57	Anniston, MO.	73-46	A	
11-19-57	Ballard Co.	**47-64**	H	
11-22-57	Fulton Co.	**61-72**	A	
11-26-57	Fulton City.	**63-64**	H	
12-02-57	Clinton Central	**67-90**	A	
12-06-57	Fancy Farm.	**73-83**	A	
12-10-57	St. Mary	**56-68**	H	
12-17-57	Lone Oak	**44-65**	A	
12-20-57	Fulgham	76-54	H	
12-26-57	Crittenden Co.	**70-76**	A	- **LONE OAK TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-10-58	Ballard Co.	**47-55**	A	
01-14-58	Clinton Central	63-46	H	
01-17-58	Livingston Co.	**56-59**	A	
01-24-58	Fulton City	**51-55 ot**	A	
01-28-58	Fancy Farm.	55-54	H	
01-31-58	Fulton Co.	56-38	H	
02-01-58	Mayfield	51-46	A	
02-04-58	Anniston, MO.	59-37	H	
02-07-58	Heath	**50-76**	A	
02-14-58	Fulgham	96-85	A	
02-24-58	Lowes	**66-84**	H	- ***(FIRST GAME PLAYED IN NEW GYM)***
02-25-58	Livingston Co.	**72-76**	H	
02-28-58	Tilghman	**41-75**	A	
03-07-58	Fulton Co.	76-70	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-08-58	Fulton City	**51-61**	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-13-58	Symsonia	**55-65**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

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1958 Comets – District Runner-Up



Bill Byassee, Richard Meshew, Edward Crider, Nelson Watson, Bill Terry, Luke Brown, Gordon Brent, Ronnie Whilmouth, Charles Gholson, Gerald Vaughn, Jerry Todd, Keith Rowland, Sonny Pearson, Coach Tom Adkins

1957-58

HEAD COACH - TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 9-19

1957-58 COMET ROSTER:
Keith Rowland, Luke Brown, M.K. Turk, Nelson Watson, Richard Meshew, Sonny Pearson, Jerry Todd, Gerald Vaughn, Gordon Brent, Bill Terry, Ronnie Wilmouth, Fonda Rambo, Edward Crider, Charles Gholson, Jimmy Galloway, Flavious Burgess, Albert Norris, and manager Bill Byassee

Carlisle High School Comets
Start First Basketball Season.
Adkins Announces Schedule.

Coach Tom Adkins, who returned to Carlisle Co. to direct the new Carlisle Co. High School Comets, now in temporary quarters at Bardwell and Arlington, while awaiting completion of the gym at the new high school, has announced the schedule for the 1957-58 season. This being the first season of the new county high school Coach Adkins has players from Arlington, Bardwell, Cunningham and Milburn and the team is named the Comets.

The team is composed of Keith Rowland, Luke Brown, M.K. Turk, Nelson Watson, Richard Meshew, Sonny Pearson, Jerry Todd, Gerald Vaughn, Gordon Brent, Bill Terry, Ronnie Wilmouth, Fonda Rambo, Edward Crider, Charles Gholson, Jimmy Galloway, Flavious Burgess, Albert Norris, and manager Bill Byassee

No definite time has been announced for completion of the new high school building on the Bardwell-Milburn road and the home games will be at the Arlington and Bardwell gym until the new building is ready.

Knights Win!
Hart's Temper Almost
Costs St. Mary Victory

Carlisle Co. 52
St. Mary 55
11-05-57 - Away

St. Mary coach Jack McKinney admits his star center Jim Hart plays better basketball when he's just a little mad.

McKinney's job now it would seem is to develop an even temperament for the 6' 4" senior who may have a tendency to get a little too mad at the wrong time.

Take for example last night, when the knight's defeated Carlisle Co. 55-52 at the academy gym in the season opener for both schools.

During the first 28 minutes, Hart did everything but run the scoreboard and with help from teammate Marty Stamm, had his team leading by 10 big points 50-40, with 3:30 remaining.

Then big Jim's temper got the best of him momentarily and he was ejected from the game.

Since Hart himself had been handling the ball against Carlisle's pressing defense the loss was a big one. The visiting Comet's continued to press and almost pulled the game out of the fire.

Time ran out though, and St. Mary had a big victory under its belt. McKinney and Knight fans didn't think the ejection of Hart was justified because his foul wasn't a flagrant one. During a scramble in a tie-up Hart suddenly wrapped both arms around the ball and came storming out of the huddle. He was immediately ejected by referee Lynn Cole.

It was an extremely rough game throughout and both team had been warned frequently by the officials. Cole thought the action would prevent trouble and the players did calm down after the ejection. However, it almost cost St. Mary the game.

Hart led all scorers with 23 points, all but 2 of them in the first three quarters. The lanky center did most of his damage on follow-ups and jumps from either side of the basket.

Since Hart's performance was expected, Stamm proved to be the difference. This 5'11" forward came through with the finest game of his career scoring 17 points and performing like a demon on the boards.

Keith Rowland, clever forward, was the Comet's spark. He tabbed 19 points and rebounded well against the larger opponents.

The Comets, playing their first game under the colors of the new consolidated school, which included Arlington, Milburn, Cunningham and Bardwell High Schools, really made their move in the final seconds.

With 40 seconds to go St. Mary led 55-47. Then Carlisle's press began to pay off, cutting the margin to three in 25 seconds. But the Comets made too many mistakes of their own during the final 15 seconds.

The Knight's held quarter leads of 14-8, 28-21 and 39-34, and led by 7 to 11 points, throughout most of the second half.

A total of 49 personals (21 on Carlisle) were called in the rough contest and the Comets lost Nelson Watson and Jerry Todd on fouls in the fourth period.

St. Mary…..…..14 28 39 55
Carlisle Co……..8 21 34 52
St. Mary (55)
Stamm 17, Burch 1, Howell 10, Hart 23, Kettler 4, Kortz.
Carlisle (52)
Rowland 19, Watson 6, Brown 2, Vaughn 2, Todd, Meshew 5, Terry 9, Brent 8, Wilmouth 1.

Lowes 75
Carlisle Co. 72
11-08-57 - Away

Lowes continued on the undefeated path by edging Carlisle Co. 75-72, in a nip and tuck contest.

Leading Carlisle in scoring was Keith Rowland with 31 pts.

Lowes.....17 38 58 75
Carlisle.....12 32 50 72
Lowes (75)
Hughes 15, Summerville 2, Bone 17, Shelton, Courtney 18, Lowe, Perkins 12, Nicholson, Miller, Carter 9, Oliver 2, holt.
Carlisle (72)
Rowland 31, Brown 5, Turk 5, Meshew 4, Pearson, Todd 3, Vaughn 1, Brent 15, Terry 2, Wilmouth, Rambo 4, Watson 3.

Carlisle Co. 73
Anniston MO. 46
11-15-57 - Away

The Carlisle Co. Comets took an easy victory Friday night over Anniston, Mo., the final score being 73-46.

Gordon Brent led Carlisle in scoring with 21 points, followed by Keith Rowland with 17.

Carlisle.....19 39 54 73
Anniston Mo.....6 17 32 46
Carlisle (73)
Rowland 17, Vaughn 2, Burgess 5, Gholson 1, Meshew 2, Thomason, Todd 11, Crider, Turk 4, Brent 21, Watson 2, Wilmouth 4, Terry 4, Rambo, Pearson.
Anniston (46)
Sims 14, Harris 6, Willard 6, Parks, Parker 5, Geminhardt 15

Carlisle Co. 47
Ballard Co. 64
11-19-57 - Away

Carlisle was defeated by Ballard Co., 64-47, last night. The Comets record now stands at 1-3.

Leading scorers for Carlisle were Keith Rowland and Gordon Brent with 15.

Carlisle.....9 21 26 47
Ballard 4 7 44 64
Carlisle 47)
Rowland 15, Meshew 3, Gholson 4, Brown 1, Todd, Brent 15, Wilmouth, Watson 4, Terry 5, Rambo, Vaughn.
Ballard (64)
Lane 9, Turner 20, Vaughn 9, Adams 4, Romaine 8, Newton 14.

Carlisle Co. 61
Fulton Co. 72
11-22-57 - Away

The Fulton Co. Pilots downed the Carlisle Co. Comets, 72-61, Friday night. Carlisle led 30-29 at the half but the Pilots pulled ahead 52-46 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Don Coffey, Fulton Co. forward, scored 25 points.

Keith Rowland scored 29 for Carlisle.

Carlisle.....12 30 46 61
Fulton Co.....19 29 52 72
Carlisle (61)
Rowland 29, Gholson 3, Meshew, Todd 6, Brent 12, Wilmouth 2, Terry.
Fulton Co. (72)
Bequette 12, Coffey 25, Williams, Mosley 9, King 13, Terrett 4, Curlin 9

Carlisle Co. 63
Fulton City 64
11-26-57 - Home

The Comets lost a close game by one point to Fulton City last night, 64-63.

Carlisle led at every quarter stop but the last, finally losing to a good Bulldog team at the end.

Top scorer for Carlisle was Gordon Brent with 17 pts.

Carlisle.....20 35 50 63
Fulton City.....11 28 44 64
Carlisle (63)
Rowland 8, Meshew 10, Gholson 3, Burgess 1, Todd 14, Brent 17, Wilmouth 1, Watson, Terry 9.
Fulton City (64)
Pigue 18, Jones 14, Morrow, White 9, Davis, J. Forrest 23, Frazier, Cardwell.

Carlisle Comets In
Lone Oak Tourney Next Week

The Carlisle Co. Comets have accepted an invitation to participate in the Lone Oak High School basketball Tournament, which begins Dec. 26th, for a three game series.

The Comets will meet Crittenden Co. at 1:00 pm, Dec. 26th, in the opening game.

Other teams invited to the Christmas Tournament are Fulton Co., Lyon Co., Fredonia, Fulton City, Livingston Co. and host Lone Oak.

Afternoon and night games are scheduled for Thursday. Semi-finals will be played Friday night and the finals on Saturday night.

Carlisle Co. 67
Clinton Central 90
12-02-57 - Away

The Comets were blown out by Clinton 90-67, in a game played last night at Clinton. The game was never close as Clinton won going away.

Top scorer for Carlisle was Gordon Brent with 22 points.

Carlisle.....17 30 47 67
Clinton.....26 43 63 90
Carlisle (67)
Brown 8, Meshew, Todd 2, Brent 22, Wilmouth 10, Rowland 9, Rambo 6, Terry 10.
Clinton (90)
Williams 28, Kelly 2, Thompson 6, Wyatt 19, McClure 9, Riley 24, Hyatt 2.

Carlisle Co. 73
Fancy Farm 83
12-06-57 - Away

The Gophers of Fancy Farm defeated the Carlisle Comets 83-73, in the first meeting ever between the two schools.

Fancy Farm led at the first quarter and never relinquished the lead.

High point Comet was Gordon Brent with 21 points.

Carlisle.....13 35 48 73
Fancy Farm.....16 41 59 83
Carlisle (73)
Meshew 5, Rowland 10, Pearson, Vaughn 5, Todd 11, Gholson 5, Brent 21, Brown 2, Wilmouth 10, Terry 4.
Fancy Farm (83)
Dalton 40, Ballard, A. Cash, Suttherland 1, Hobbs 14, Ellegood, Hays 2, Kilcoyne 17, K. Cash 2, L. Cash 7.

Carlisle Co. 56
St. Mary 68
12-10-57 - Home

St. Mary, which has been running out of gas in the stretch, used a big fourth quarter for its win over Carlisle, which was ahead at the half. The Knight's took a 7-point advantage 47-40, in the third and won going away.

Jim Hart, Knight center, pumped in 21 points for game honors. The guard team of Don Holifield and Gary Kettler added 19 and 18, respectively. Keith Rowland hit 20 for the Comets.

It was the third in against as many defeats for St. Mary.

Carlisle.....14 31 40 56
St. Mary.....17 30 47 68
Carlisle (56)
Rowland 20, Gholson, Brown 1, Todd 13, Crider 2, Brent 16, Rambo, Wilmouth 4, Terry.
St. Mary (68)
Stamm 4, Stuart 4, Howell 2, Hart 21, Holifield 19, Kettler 18.

Carlisle Co. 44
Lone Oak 65
12-17-57 - Away

With Kenneth Edwards pouring in 27 points, Lone Oak built up an early lead and coasted to the win over Carlisle Co., which has won only one game this year.

Don Stephenson's Purple Flash held leads of 22-10, 36-25, and 52-33.

Keith Rowland paced the Comets with 13 points.

Carlisle.....10 25 33 44
Lone Oak.....22 36 52 65
Carlisle (44)
Rowland 13, Todd 9, Gholson 2, Meshew 2, Brown, Crider, Brent 12, Wilmouth 6, Watson, Rambo.
Lone Oak (65)
Edwards 27, Rushing 2, Tapscott 3, Powers, Smithson 8, Harper 12, Weatherspoon 13, Kinsey, Buchanan.

Carlisle Co. 76
Fulgham 54
12-20-57 - Away

Carlisle Co. beat Fulgham 76-54, for its second win of the season. Carlisle's record now stands at 2-9.

Top scorers for the Comets were Brent 28, Rowland 17 and Wilmouth with 10.

Carlisle.....17 38 59 76
Fulgham.....18 24 41 54
Carlisle (76)
Todd 8, Meshew 2, Gholson, Brown 6, Vaughn 2, Crider 2, Brent 28, Watson 1, Rowland 17, Wilmouth 10.
Fulgham (54)
L. Stewart 14, Lynch 8, Clark 9, Dean 8, Whitlock 9, J. Stewart 6, Kimbell.

Lone Oak Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. 70
Crittenden Co. 76
12-26-57 - Away

Carlisle, down by 18 points early in the fourth quarter, suddenly tore Crittenden apart with a reckless but effective all-court press and cut away all but 3 points of the margin, once trailing 71-68, with 1:50 left.

But rugged Lige Shadowen bulled through for a 3 pointer at 1:14 to up the lead to 6 points and preserve the win for Dean Akridge's Rockets. Carlisle stayed in the game until the final 15 seconds, however.

Crittenden, taking full advantage of its size, quickly wiped out a 4-0 deficit, moved ahead 11-10 with three minutes in the first period and never trailed again. The Rockets led 22-16 at the quarter, 47-32 at the half and 63-45 going into the last period.

Then Carlisle's press began to pay off: With Keith Rowland combing the defensive boards and Gordon Brent and Ronnie Wilmouth executing steals and hitting jump shots, Carlisle made it's comeback that was halted only by the final horn.

Carlisle also suffered when four men fouled out, including Rowland with four minutes left.

Crittenden won the game at the foul line, although it missed 18 of 52 shots, 11 of them in the fourth period, while Carlisle made only 6 of 16 free throws. Carlisle was charged with 33 personals and Crittenden with 12.

Brent led all scorers with 28 points, two more than Shadowen, who collected 18 of his in the first half.

Carlisle.....16 32 45 70
Crittenden.....22 47 63 76
Carlisle (70)
Rowland 14, Meshew 4, Brown, Rambo 4, Vaughn 2, Watson, Todd 4, Gholson, Brent 28, Wilmouth 14.
Crittenden (76)
Boyd 15, Shadowen 26, Thurman 7, Duvall 12, Litchfield 16.

Carlisle Co. 47
Ballard Co. 55
01-10-58 - Away

The Comets couldn't stop the outside game of the Bombers of Ballard Co. and were defeated 55-47.

Ballard County's guards scored from both sides of the basket and Carlisle could never quite catch up.

Leading scorers for the Comets were Brent 21 and Rowland 14.

Carlisle.....14 19 31 49
Ballard.....16 19 35 55
Carlisle (47)
Rowland 14, Brown, Gholson 1, Vaughn, Todd 8, Brent 21, Rambo 2, Terry 1, Norris.
Ballard (55)
Evans 7, Lane 14, Vaughn 6, Adams 13, Newton 15.

Carlisle Comets Top
Clinton Central Tuesday Night

Carlisle Co. 63
Clinton Central 46
01-14-58 - Home

The Carlisle High Comets led the Clinton High Red Devils all the way here Tuesday night to take a 63-46 victory.

Gordon Brent was high scorer with 25 points followed by Keith Rowland with 24 to pace the visitors. Riley led the scoring for Clinton with 22 points.

Carlisle.....20 30 40 63
Clinton.....11 17 31 46
Carlisle (63)
Rowland 24, Gholson 3, Pearson, Todd 10, Brent 25, Terry 1, Norris.
Clinton (46)
Williams 9, Myers, Kimble, Wyatt 13, Riley 22, McClure 2.

Carlisle Co. 56
Livingston Co. 59
01-17-58 - Away

Livingston Co., a mid-season consolidation of Livingston Co. and Salem, was a team making its season debut. The two Livingston schools were consolidated Friday morning and they wasted little time opening the basketball season as they bested Carlisle Co. 59-56, in undoubtedly the latest season opener in the state.

The two schools were scheduled to be consolidated at the beginning of the season. The new school building was not ready for use at that time, so both Salem and Livingston Co. remained as separate schools the first semester.

The KHSAA ordered the two schools to play separate schedules until the consolidation went into effect. Leading Comet scorer was Gordon Brent with 16.

Carlisle.....13 25 40 56
Livingston.....8 26 40 59
Carlisle (56)
Rowland 9, Colson, Meshew, Pearson, Todd 11, Crider, Brent 16, Rambo 3, Gholson 2, Terry 11, Wilmouth 4, Watson.

Livingston (59)
Ringstaff 27, Cooper 8, Moore, Ramer 10, Bennett 11, Jones 3.

Carlisle Co. 51
Fulton City 55
01-24-58 - Away

Carlisle Co. lost another close game to Fulton City, in overtime, as the Bulldogs had too much firepower for the Comets.

Top scorer for Carlisle was Keith Rowland with 19 points.

Carlisle.....15 30 42 51 51
Fulton City....10 23 41 51 55
Carlisle (51)
Rowland 19, Gholson 1, Meshew 4, Todd 11, Brent 5, Rambo 2, Terry 7, Wilson 3.
Fulton City (55)
C. Forrest 8, Pigue 12, Johnson 8, J. Forrest 20, Frazier 4, Bennett 3, Burnett.

Carlisle Co. 55
Fancy Farm 54
01-28-58 - Home

The boys of Carlisle Co. squeaked by the Golden Gophers of Fancy Farm to pull out the one point win at home, proving there's no place like home.

The first meeting between these two teams was at the Gopher Palace in Fancy Farm, with the host Gophers winning by 10 points.

Leading the Comets to victory was Keith Rowland with 17 points.

Carlisle..... 8 34 44 55
Fancy Farm.....12 26 42 54
Carlisle (55)
Rowland 17, Todd 4, Gholson 6, Crider 4, Brent 14, Terry 4, Wilmouth 6.
Fancy Farm (54)
Dalton 18, Sutherland, Hobbs 10, Cash 4, Kilcoyne 21.

Carlisle Co. 56
Fulton Co. 38
01-31-58 - Home

Carlisle Co. turned in a First District shocker last night. The Comets won their fifth game of the season by beating district leader Fulton Co., by a convincing 56-38 score.

The Comets defense held the Bulldogs to almost half their scoring output in their first meeting.

Leading Comet scorer was Gordon Brent with 24.

Carlisle.....15 25 40 56
Fulton Co.....3 13 26 38
Carlisle (56)
Rowland 13, Todd 9, Gholson 1, Meshew, Crider 1, Brent 24, Wilmouth 8, Terry, Brown, Watson.
Fulton Co. (38)
Bequette 13, Coffey 7, Brown 5, King 8, Mosley 5, Curlin.

Carlisle Co. 51
Mayfield 46
02-01-58 - Away

Coach Tom Atkins pitted his Comets against the Mayfield Cardinals Sat. night at Mayfield and the Carlisle Countians held a small margin at every quarter end. At the free throw line the Comets hit 27 of 38 tries to clinch the victory.

Rowland was high point man for the Comets with 21, while Cavender of the Cardinals had a total of 22.

Carlisle.....12 24 39 51
Mayfield.....5 19 31 46
Carlisle (51)
Gholson 3, Rowland 21, Todd 10, Brent 6, Wilmouth 11.
Mayfield (46)
Dowdy, Adams 2, Cavender 22, Daugherty 4, Conner 12, Ballard 6, Sims, Sparks, Richardson.

Carlisle Co. 59
Anniston MO. 37
02-04-58 - Home

The Kentucky boys of Carlisle Co. we're not a very good host to the Mo. boys of Anniston as they soundly defeated them by 22 points, 59-37.

Leading scorer for the Comets was Ronnie Wilmouth with 17 points.

Carlisle.....15 19 37 59
Anniston.....1 10 19 37
Carlisle (59)
Rowland 1, Gholson 2, Meshew, Brown, Todd 9, Crider 2, Pearson, Brent 11, Turk 3, Wilmouth 17, Terry 1.
Anniston (37)
Sims 18, Gemenhardt, Willard, Parks 1, Shafner, Harris 6, Parker 12.

Carlisle Co. 50
Heath 76
02-07-58 - Away

The Heath Pirates defeated the Comets convincingly in last night's game, by a score of 76-50. The Pirates increased their lead at every quarter to win by 26 points.

Topping the Comets in scoring was Ronnie Wilmouth with 15.

Carlisle.....8 20 31 50
Heath.....11 30 51 76
Carlisle (50)
Rowland 11, Terry 2, Brown, Gholson 2, Galloway 4, Wilmouth 15, Brent 5, Rambo 8, Norris, Watson.
Heath (76)
Dowdy 11, Vannerson 25, Fletcher 2, Jett 8, Crass, Byer 12, Simmons 8, Wallace, Scott 3, Hutcherson 2.

Carlisle Co. 96
Fulgham 85
02-14-58 - Away

The Comets lit up the Fulgham gym last night as they burned the nets for 96 points, defeating the host Black Cats 96 to 85. This was the high point total of the season for Carlisle.

Leading Carlisle in scoring was Keith Rowland with 27 pts.

Carlisle.....20 50 70 96
Fulgham.....19 50 69 85
Carlisle (96)
Rowland 27, Gholson 2, Todd 14, Brent 17, Wilmouth 17, Galloway 19.
Fulgham (85)
Clark 16, J. Stuart 3, L. Stuart 17, Lynch 13, Owen 2, Whitlock 15, Dean 19.

Comets Play First Game
In New Gymnasium,
But Lowes Ruins The Event

Carlisle Co. 66
Lowes 84
02-24-58 - Home

The Lowes Blue Devils spoiled the opening of the new Carlisle Co. gymnasium here last night with a 84 66 victory over the Comets.

It was the first game played in the new gymnasium, which has just been completed. The Comets have been playing their home games at Bardwell and Arlington.

Keith Rowland scored the first 2 point basket with 7:35 left in the first quarter.

This first basket, by Keith Rowland, was the start of the "Great History" of Comet basketball, for many years to come.

Carl Hughes, Lowes forward, rolled up 27 points to lead his team's scoring. Keith Rowland scored 26 for Carlisle.

Carlisle.....16 30 47 66
Lowes.....16 41 56 84
Carlisle (66)
Rowland 26, Galloway 10, Todd 11, Crider, Brent 10, Watson, Wilmouth 5, Terry 2.
Lowes (84)
Hughes 27, Bone 20, Pendleton 2, Courtney 19, Carter 7, Perkins 9.

Carlisle Co. 72
Livingston Co. 76
02-25-58 - Home

Livingston Co. outlasted a pressing defense in the last quarter to edge Carlisle Co. 76-72, here last night.

The Cardinals led 62-44 at the end of the third quarter when Carlisle started its press. During the final period, the Comets outscored Livingston 28-14.

Don Ringstaff was the big scoring gun for his team. He rolled up a total of 33 points, 21 of them on free throws. He missed only one gratis toss all night.

Gordon Brent scored 22 for Carlisle.

Carlisle.....10 28 44 72
Livingston.....17 37 62 76
Carlisle (72)
Rowland 18, Galloway 4, Todd 2, Crider 8, Brent 22, Watson 2, Wilmouth 12, Terry 4, Norris.
Livingston (76)
Ringstaff 33, Cooper 10, Brasher 2, Ramer 15, Bennett 9, Jones 7.

Carlisle Co. 41
Tilghman 75
02-28-58 - Away

Otis Dinning and his Tilghman Tornado had another 20-win season tucked away, following the 75-41 conquest of Carlisle Co., here Friday night.

Tilghman started slowly, picked up steam in the second period and continued to pour it on in the second half.

The Tornado had quarter leads of 12-7, 29-18 and 49-30, before turning the contest into a complete rout in the stretch.

Captain Paul Holland came through with his usual brilliant effort, pitching in 19 points to lead both teams in scoring. Mike Clark and John Mutcher each added 12 points to the balanced attack, which produced 10 scorers.

Carlisle was led in scoring by Ronnie Wilmouth with 10 pts.

Carlisle.....7 18 30 41
Tilghman.....12 29 49 75
Carlisle (41)
Rowland 8, Meshew, Galloway 5, Brown, Turk, Todd, Crider 2, Pearson 2, Brent 7, Watson 7, Wilmouth 10, Terry 4.
Tilghman (75)
Clark 12, Mutcher 12, Hooper 4, Hardy 4, Stamper 6, Timmons 4, Holland 18, Stubblefield 8, Dinning 4, Throgmorton 2, Anderson

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First District Basketball Tournament
At Fulton City Beginning March 6th

The First District Basketball Tournament will be staged at the Fulton City auditorium beginning Thursday night March 6, for a 3-day contest, ending with the finals Saturday night.

Consolidation of high schools in the three participating counties during recent years has reduced the number of teams to be entered. This year's Tourney will see only five teams in action. They are Fulton City, Fulton Co., Carlisle Co., Clinton and Fulgham.

The Carlisle Co. Comets drew a bye in the first round of play. The schedule will begin with only one game on the opening night as follows;

Fulton Co. vs. Fulgham at 8:00pm., Thursday night, March 6th;

Friday March 7th at 7:30pm., Fulton City vs. Clinton and Carlisle Co. vs. the winner of Fulton Co.- Fulgham game on Thursday night, at 9:20pm.

The championship game will be played Sat. night, beginning at 8:00pm.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Four Teams Returning
To Regional Tournament

Carlisle Co. 76
Fulton Co. 70
03-07-58 - Away

Four teams, one from each district, are making return trips to the First Regional Tournament this year. Fulton City, the defending regional champion, is the only district king returning.

The other repeaters, Lowes, North Marshall and Ballard Co, qualified for the regional last year as runner-up.

The newcomers are Carlisle Co., in its first year as a consolidated school, Lone Oak, Symsonia and Benton.

Cunningham, one of four schools involved in the Carlisle consolidation, was runner-up in the first district last year.

The Comets upset Fulton Co. 76-70. Carlisle led by 1 pt. after the first quarter and never lost the lead to advance to the regional tournament in its first year of consolidation.

Top scorer for Carlisle was Gordon Brent with 28 pts.

Carlisle.....20 40 56 76
Fulton Co.....19 31 50 70

Carlisle (76)
Rowland 24, Meshew, Galloway 5, Todd 7, Brent 28, Watson, Wilmouth 10, Terry 2.

Fulton Co. (70)
Terrett 8, Bequette 13, Brown, Coffey 24, King 16, Williams, Mosley 4, Curlin 5.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Fulton City Beats Carlisle
In District Championship

Carlisle Co. 51
Fulton City 61
03-08-58 - Away

Defending regional champion Fulton City won its second straight First District Tournament title here tonight.

The Bulldogs led all the way in defeating Carlisle Co. 61-51, in the tournament finals.

Three Fulton cagers; Roger Pigue, Charlie Forrest and Jackie Forrest, hit for 18 points as the Bulldogs clinched their second district championship trophy.

Fulton romped into a 27-12 first period lead and held a 12 point margin 38-26, at the halftime intermission.

Carlisle Co., which upended Fulton Co. in the semi-finals Friday night, pulled to within 5 points 47-42, at the end of the third period. The Comets trimmed the gap to three early in the 4th period but Fulton pulled away to a 10 point victory.

Keith Rowland led the way for Carlisle Co. with 18 points. Gordon Brent added 15.

Carlisle.....12 26 42 51
Fulton City.....27 38 47 61

Carlisle (51)
Rowland 18, Meshew, Galloway 2, Brown, Crider 1, Brent 15, Watson, Wilmouth 8, Terry 6.

Fulton City (61)
Pigue 18, C. Forrest 18, Burnette, J. Johnson 4, Frazier 3, Cardwell, J. Forrest 18.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Comets Lose To
Symsonia In Regional Tourney

Carlisle Co. 55
Symsonia 65
03-13-58 - Away

The Carlisle Comets, in their first season as a county-wide basketball team, entered the First Regional Tourn. last week as runners-up in the District.

Coach Tom Atkins had the problem of building a team from the four former high school teams of the county, and he did a good job of it.

In their first ever Regional meet, they face Symsonia Thursday night. Symsonia took the lead in the first quarter but the Comets rallied to cut the lead to 1 point at halftime.

The third frame was fast but the Comets forged ahead 1 point during the period, then Symsonia regained the lead and went on for a 10 point victory.

Carlisle.....9 30 41 55
Symsonia.....19 31 44 65

Carlisle (55)
Rowland 19, Galloway, Terry 9, Todd 1, Brown, Brent 18, Wilmouth 8, Vaughn.

Symsonia (65)
Butler 12, Gardner 2, Lyles 1, Cole 6, Rhew, McClure 22, Smit

1957-58

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HEAD COACH – TOM ADKINS

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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
10-28-58	Lynn Grove	64-46	H	
11-04-58	St. Mary	58-42	H	
11-07-58	Lowes	**61-73**	H	
11-14-58	Fancy Farm	78-74	H	
11-18-58	Ballard Co.	**53-58**	A	
11-26-58	Fulton Co	83-52	H	
11-28-58	Fulgham	66-59	A	
12-02-58	Clinton Central	71-68	A	
12-05-58	Heath	57-53	A	
12-09-58	St. Mary	53-52 **ot**	H	
12-12-58	Wingo	55-51	A	
12-16-58	Lone Oak	81-68	H	
12-19-58	Fulton City	53-43	A	
12-29-58	Sedalia	**55-67**	H	**- CARLISLE CO. TOURN. 1ST RD**
01-02-59	South Marshall	**54-58**	A	
01-09-59	Ballard Co.	**62-71**	H	
01-13-59	Clinton Central	63-62	A	
01-16-59	South Marshall	52-76	H	
01-23-59	Fulton City	61-55	H	
01-30-59	Fulton Co	77-49	A	
02-03-59	Mayfield	**49-58**	H	
02-06-59	Heath	51-46	H	
02-13-59	Fulgham	73-72	H	
02-10-59	Fancy Farm	**60-72**	H	
02-14-59	Wingo	78-77	H	
02-17-59	Lowes	**58-59**	A	
02-27-59	Tilghman	74-67	H	
03-04-59	Fulton Co	46-40	H	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD**
03-06-59	Fulton City	50-41	H	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 2ND RD.**
03-07-59	Clinton Central	62-49	H	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-11-59	Tilghman	**58-73**	A	**- 1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD**

FINAL RECORD - 21-10

1959 Comets – District Champion



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FINAL RECORD - 21-10

1958-59 Comet Roster:
Fonda Rambo, Bill Holman, Gerald Vaughn, MK Turk, Sonny Pearson, Charles Redden, Charles Blackwell, Jerry Todd, Harry Owens, Ronnie Wilmouth, Lawrence Smithmire, Albert Norris, Sonny Rials (Manager) Crady Adams (Manager)

Carlisle Co. 64
Lynn Grove 46
10-28-58 - Home

Carlisle Co. won their first game of the season last night, against Lynn Grove. The host Comets jumped out to a early 10 pt. lead in the first quarter and increased that lead at every quarter stop. Leading Carlisle in scoring was M.K. Turk with 12.

Carlisle……..17 32 49 64
Lynn Grove……..7 19 32 46

Carlisle (64)
Redden 10, Vaughn 7, Holman 4, Pearson 7, Owens, Todd 6, Blackwell 2, Wilmouth 7, Smithmier 6, Norris 3, Turk 12.

Lynn Grove (44)
Adams 10, Terry 4, G: McCallon 4, Butterworth 26, J. McCallon 2.

Carlisle Downs
Knights To Go 2-0
On Young Season

Carlisle Co. 58
St. Mary 42
11-04-58 - Home

Carlisle County used rebound power and a well-balanced attack to roll over St. Mary 58-42, here tonight.

The smaller Knights fell behind 15-7 at the close of the opening period and never were able to get back within striking distance.

Charles Kortz copped game honors and led the losers with 21 points.

Ronnie Wilmouth flipped in 20 markers to pace the winners.

Carlisle……..15 29 41 58
St. Mary……..7 18 29 42

Carlisle (58)
Redden, Vaughn 12, Pearson 6, Todd 14, Blackwell 3, Wilmouth 20, Smithmier, Rambo 3, Norris, Holman.

St. Mary (42)
Sanders 2, Yopp 2, Chandler 5, Kortz 21, Gallangher 12, McKeown.

Carlisle Co. 61
Lowes 73
11-07-58 - Home

Carlisle County fought back from an 18-point deficit tonight, narrowing it six points at one time, but couldn't quite overcome the Lowes Blue Devils, who won 73-61.

Joe Courtney scored 10 of his 14 points in the third quarter to pace a Lowes spurt but it was Carl Hughes with 27 points for Lowes, who took high point honors.

Vaughn led the Comets with 13 markers.

Carlisle……..8 22 44 61
Lowes……..9 30 54 73

Carlisle (61)
Redden 4, Vaughn 13, Pearson 6, Blackwell 4, Todd 10, Smithmier 2, Rambo 10, Wilmouth 12, Norris.

Lowes (73)
Courtney 14, Townsend 14, Hughes 27, Gourley 3, Miller 13, Holt 3.

Carlisle Co. 78
Fancy Farm 74
11-14-58 - Home

Carlisle County had four players in double figures in notching a 78-74 win over a highly-regarded Fancy Farm team, here tonight.

Carlisle County led at every quarter stop in racking up its third win of the season.

Jerry Todd, 6-4 center, set the point pace for the Comets with 21 tallies. Ronnie Wilmouth added 18 and M.K. Turk tabbed 16.

Kenny Dalton poured in 33 points to lead the way for Fancy Farm.

Carlisle jumped out front 26-13 at the end of the first period and held a 42-38 halftime margin. Carlisle led by nine 61-52 at the end of three and held on in the final quarter.

Carlisle……..26 42 61 78
Fancy Farm……13 38 52 74

Carlisle (78)
Pearson 12, Vaughn 6, Redden 2, Todd 21, Blackwell 2, Turk 16, Wilmouth 18, Norris 1.

Fancy Farm (74)
Dalton 33, Hobbs 16, Ballard 2, Sutherland 1, Kilcoyne 18, Cash 4.

Ballard Co. 58
Carlisle Co. 53
11-18-58 - Away

Ballard Co. unleashed a potent fast break midway in the last quarter to pull away from the Carlisle County Comets 58-53, here tonight.

The two clubs had battled to a 37-37 tie at the end of three periods, before the Bombers began to click.

George Lane with 22 points, was the top scorer for Ballard. Jerry Newton added 14 for the Bombers.

Jerry Todd and Ronnie Wilmouth were high for the Comets with 12 each.

Carlisle……..12 20 37 53
Ballard……..11 21 37 58

Carlisle (53)
Todd 12, Vaughn, Pearson 6, Redden 9, Blackwell, Turk 4, Rambo 4, Wilmouth 12, Norris 6.

Ballard (58)
Lane 22, Lainer 4, Evans 10, Dexter 8, Newton 14.

Carlisle Co. 83
Fulton Co. 52
11-25-58 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets rolled over the Fulton County Pirates 83-52, here tonight.

The Comets led at every quarter and were up 38-27 at the halfway point.

M.K. Turk, Carlisle guard, and Donald Coffey, Fulton County center, ran a dead heat for scoring honors with 23 points each.

Carlisle……..16 38 62 83
Fulton Co……..11 27 42 52

Carlisle (83)
Vaughn 6, Todd 14, Pearson 15, Redden 13, Blackwell 4, Rambo 4, Turk 23, Norris 2, Wilmouth 2.

Fulton Co. (52)
Tipton 6, J. Bobbitt 7, Coffey 23, Caldwell 5, Harris 8, McMullin 3, Taylor.

Carlisle Co. 66
Fulgham 59
11-30-58 - Away

The Comets pulled out a close game at Fulgham to win by 6 points.

The game was close until the very end. Comet leading scorers were Ronnie Wilmouth with 29, followed by M.K. Turk with 15.

Carlisle……..15 31 46 66
Fulgham……..16 30 44 59

Carlisle (66)
Norris 2, Pearson 5, Rambo 6, Redden 9, Todd, Turk 15, Wilmouth 29.

Carlisle Co. 71
Clinton Central 68
12-02-58 - Away

Carlisle Co. jumped out to a 12 pt. lead in the first quarter, but Clinton kept inching closer as the game went on closing to within 5 pts. after three quarters.

The Comets withstood the rally to win by 3 pts. Leading Carlisle in scoring was Wilmouth with 27 and Turk with 22.

Carlisle ……..25 48 55 71
Clinton ……..13 31 50 68

Carlisle (71)
Todd 12, Vaughn 11, Pearson 8, Redden 1, Turk 22, Wilmouth 27, Rambo, Norris 1.

Clinton (68)
Harper 24, Kimball 2, Myers 19, Wyatt 11, C. .Myers 8, Martin 2, Hiett 2.

Carlisle Co. 57
Heath 53
12-05-58 - Away

Heath used an all court press to pull within striking distance of Carlisle Co., but the Comets held on to win by 4 pts.

Carlisle led 19-12 at the first period and 35-24 at halftime. The Comets upped the gap to 49-37 at the end of the third quarter, before Heath started it's all-court guarding.

Jerry Todd led the Carlisle scoring with 18 pts. David Wallace tabbed 17 for the losing Pirates.

Carlisle……..19 35 49 57
Heath……..12 24 37 53

Carlisle (57)
Todd 18, Vaughn 11, Pearson 8, Redden 2, Turk 3, Rambo 4, Wilmouth 11.

Heath (53)
Grass 10, Duren 1, Wray 10,
King 5, Wallace 17, Hutcherson 4.

Carlisle Co. 53
St. Mary 52
12-09-58 - Away

Carlisle County used a last second overtime basket by Ronnie Wilmouth to beat St. Mary.

The Knights were leading 52-51 with 20 seconds left in the extra period. Carlisle gained possession of the ball in the waning seconds and Ronnie Wilmouth fired up a shot that bounded against the rim, rolled around three times, before falling through.

Charlie Kortz of St. Mary hit a basket that tied the score at 49-all at the end of the regulation playing time. His fielder with 10 seconds showing on the clock forced the two teams into the extra three minute period.

Carlisle County led at the end of the first and third periods. The Knights were ahead by four points 28-24 at the halftime intermission and 32-31 at the end of three periods.

Wilmouth finished with scoring honors for Carlisle with 19 points. James Gallagher tabbed 16 to lead the way for St. Mary. Two other Knights, Dalton Chandler and Kortz, hit in double figures. Chandler got 14, Kortz 13.

Carlisle……..12 24 32 49 53
St. Mary…....10 28 31 49 52

Carlisle (53)
Todd 10, Vaughn 6, Pearson, Redden 10, Blackwell 1, Turk 3, Rambo 2, Smithmier 2, Wilmouth 19.

St. Mary 52)
Gallagher 16, Yopp 8, Toy, Sanders 1, Chandler 14, Kortz 13.

Carlisle Co. 55
Wingo 51
12-12-58 - Away

To close out the pre-holiday season, Carlisle County's Comets defeated Wingo Friday night, 55-51.

Trailing the first quarter against Wingo, the Comets went ahead 10 points at the half and held on to the finish.

Stephenson of Wingo was high-scorer with 16, while Wilmouth had 15 for the Comets.

Carlisle……..9 30 41 55
Wingo……..12 20 36 51

Carlisle (55)
Todd 6, Vaughn 10, Pearson 3, Redden 6, Turk 11, Rambo 2, Wilmouth 15, Norris.

Wingo (51)
Perry 6, Neale 5, Stephenson 16, Boyd 8, Bynum 2, Taylor 2, Clapp 12.

Carlisle Co. 81
Lone Oak 68
12-16-58 - Home

Carlisle Co. rolled over Lone Oak Tuesday night by a score of 81-68.

Lone Oak commanded a 7 pt. halftime lead, but fell behind in the second half, in losing to Carlisle Co. by 7 pts.

Leading Comet scorer was Ronnie Wilmouth with 28 pts.

Carlisle……....18 29 61 81
Lone Oak……..9 36 57 68

Carlisle (81)
Redden 5, Vaughn 7, Todd 19, Turk 4, Norris 4, Wilmouth 28, Rambo 10, Smithmier 4.

Lone Oak (68)
Clark 14, Powers 22, Davis 7, Tapscott 16, Brown 9.

Carlisle Co. 53
Fulton City 43
12-19-58 - Away

The Carlisle High School basketball team added another victory to their record Friday night, when they defeated Fulton City, 53-43. The Comets had no trouble and swept through every quarter with a nice margin.

Fulton City put forth a desperate attempt in the third to come within four points of the Comets, but Carlisle power soon rolled away again.

Ronnie Wilmouth and Redden led the attack with 14 points each, but Roger Pique of Fulton City had high-scoring honors in the game with 23 points.

Carlisle……....14 28 37 53
Fulton City…….....6 15 30 43

Carlisle (53)
Todd 6, Pearson 4, Vaughn 2, Redden 14, Turk 3, Rambo 4, Wilmouth 14, Norris 6.

Fulton City (43)
Pigue 23, D. Burnett 2, W. Burnett, Morrow, Johnson 3, Davis, Forrest 7, Cardwell 8.

Carlisle Co. Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. 55
Sedalia 67
12-29-58 - Home

South Marshall held the favorite's role today as the Carlisle County Invitational Tournament moved into the semi-final round of play.

The Rebels, along with Clinton, Sedalia and Kirksey, were in the tournament semi-finals tonight, after notching opening round wins last night.

Carlisle County was the only surprise victim for the day-night first round play.

The Comets bowed to a small but fast Sedalia team 67-55 in the afternoon session.

Sedalia used its foul shot accuracy to beat host Carlisle Co. The Lions bagged 32 of 39 foul shots.

Sedalia led 19-10 at the first stop and 27-24 at halftime. The Comets pulled into a 41-39 lead with 3:10 left in the third period, but Sedalia came back on the work of Richard Page and Jim Clark to grab a 5 pt. margin, after three quarters.

The Comets battled gamely in the last stanza, but never could get within striking distance of the Lions. Carlisle cut the lead to seven, 58-51, with 1:46 remaining in the game.

Jerry Todd poured in 21 markers to pace the attack for Carlisle.

Sedalia……..19 27 46 67
Carlisle……....10 24 41 55

Sedalia (67)
Page 22, D. Coltharp 4, Hendon 13, Dobson 11, Clark 17.

Carlisle (55)
Todd 21, Pearson 1, Vaughn 7, Redford, Blackwell 10, Redden 2, Wilmouth 9, Rambo 11, Norris 5.

Carlisle Co. 54
South Marshall 58
01-02-59 - Away

South Marshall, which owns the second best record in the Purchase, used the work of substitute Glen Darnell to record its 12th win of the season, Friday night.

Darnell, for the second straight game, came on in relief to spark the Rebels to victory.

The 6-0 forward hit three set shots to spur the Rebels to a come-from-behind 58-54 win over Carlisle County. The win gives South a 12-1 season mark.

Carlisle County led South Marshall at each of the first three quarter stops. The Comets were on top 46-40 at the end of the third period.

Darnell came on to hit his first fielder late in the final quarter to shove the Rebs ahead 53-52. Carlisle came back for a goal to own a 54-53 lead, its last of the game. Darnell pumped in two rapid-fire baskets late in the contest to wrap up the victory for Coach Mason Cope's charges.

Joe Mathis got 18 points to lead the South Marshall attack. Larry Shroader added 16. Ronnie Wilmouth and Fonda Rambo had 13 each for Carlisle County.

S. Marshall……..6 24 40 58
Carlisle…..…..…14 32 46 54

S. Marshall (58)
Bohannon 2, Mohler 8, Mathis 18, Schroader 16, Darnell 8, Wilkins 6, Morgan.

Carlisle (54)
Turk 10, Pearson 6, Vaughn 7, Todd 5, Wilmouth 13, Rambo 13, Norris.

Ballard Defeats
Carlisle Again

Carlisle Co. 62
Ballard Co. 71
01-09-59 - Home

Ballard Co. proved its early season win over Carlisle County was no fluke by beating the Comets for the second time, Friday night.

The Bombers snapped a five-game losing streak and sent the Comets down to their third straight defeat in scoring a 71-62 victory at the Carlisle County gym.

Ballard, which knocked Carlisle County from the undefeated ranks with a 58-53 defeat earlier this year, used a fourth period splurge to record its second win over the Comets.

Carlisle County was enjoying a 10-point lead 38-28 at half-time. Ballard cut the gap to two points 49-47 at the three quarters mark and moved ahead to stay early in the final period.

Jerry Newton pumped in 23 points to lead the way for Ballard. Jerry Todd paced the Carlisle attack with 16 points and snared 17 rebounds.

Ballard……13 28 47 71
Carlisle…...22 38 49 62

Ballard (71)
Lane 4, Edwards 3, Lainer 17, Sullivan 9, Dexter 15, Newton 23.

Carlisle (62)
Turk 9, Pearson 9, Redden 3, Todd 16, Vaughn 8, Wilmouth 13, Rambo 4, Norris.

Carlisle Co. 63
Clinton Central 62
01-13-58 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets edged the Clinton Central Red Devils 63-62, Friday night at Clinton.

The game was close from the start to finish with both teams leading at intervals. The Comets held a 2-point margin at the half but Clinton was out front by 2 points at the end of the third period. The Red Devils had a 1 point lead with only seconds left in the fourth frame, when Wilmouth dropped in a field goal to put Carlisle 1 point ahead at the final whistle.

Harper led the scoring with 26 points for Clinton. Wilmouth was high for Carlisle with 20.

Carlisle……....12 38 52 63
Clinton……..14 36 54 52

Carlisle (63)
Vaughn, Smithmier 2, Redden 6, Pearson 2, Todd 15, Blackwell 2, Wilmouth 20, Norris 1, Turk 7, Rambo 8.

Clinton (62)
Harper 26, G. Myers 9, Wyatt 13, Heitt 8, Martin, C. Myers 6.

South Marshall 76
Carlisle Co. 52
01-16-59 – Home

South Marshall snapped out of its shooting lethargy in beating Carlisle County. The Rebels

jumped into a 15-5 first period lead and commanded a 37-18 halftime margin.

The Rebs ran the gap to 43-35 at the end of three periods. Joe Mathis fired in 21 points to lead the way for South. Johnny Bohannon added 15.

Sonny Pearson scored 15 pts. for the Comets.

Carlisle……..5 18 35 52
S. Marshall……..15 37 54 76

S. Marshall (76)
Bohannon 15, Mohler 8, J. Lovett 2, Morgan 8, Mathis 21, Shroader 10, Wilkins 6, Weaver 2, Darnell 4.

Carlisle (52)
Pearson 15, Vaughn 1, Redden, Todd 10, Blackwell 4, Owens 2, Wilmouth 2, Rambo 4, Turk 4, Smithmier 2, Norris 8, Holman.

Carlisle Co. 61
Fulton City 55
01-23-59 - Home

The Carlisle High Comets added another victory to their list Friday night at the high school building, when they defeated Fulton City by a score of 61-55, leading all the way by a small margin.

M.K Turk led the Comets in scoring with 18 points. Roger Pique of the Bulldogs was top-scorer in the game with 30 points.

Carlisle……..17 28 42 61
Fulton City……13 27 39 55

Carlisle (61)
Todd 8, Vaughn 7, Pearson 3, Smithmier, Blackwell 10, Turk 18, Wilmouth 15, Rambo.

Fulton City (55)
Pique 30, Burnett 4, J. Johnson 9, Morrow 10, R. Cardwell 2.

Comets Win Easily
Over Fulton County

Carlisle Co. 77
Fulton Co. 49
01-30-59 - Away

The Carlisle County High School Comets had little trouble in winning over Fulton County, last Friday night. The final score was 77 to 49.

Wilmouth led the Comets to victory with 16 points, followed by Turk and Todd with 15 points each and Vaughn with 12.

Tipton with 10 points, was Fulton County's only man with a double figure score.

Carlisle……..15 36 52 77
Fulton Co……13 23 38 49

Carlisle (77)
Pearson 4, Vaughn 12, Todd 15, Smithmier 2, Blackwell 3, Turk 15, Norris 4, Wilmouth 18, Rambo 4.

Fulton Co. (49)
Tipton 10, Bequette 1, Bobbitt 9, Parnell 2, Anderson 6, Garrison 4, Harris 5, James 4, Major 6, McMullen 2.

Mayfield 58
Carlisle Co. 49
02-03-59 - Home

Carlisle County lost to Mayfield last night by 9 points.

Leading Carlisle in points was Blackwell with 15 and Wilmouth with 13.

Carlisle……..13 26 40 49
Mayfield……..13 28 46 58

Carlisle (49)
Blackwell 15, Norris, Pearson 4, Rambo, Smithmier 2, Todd 4, Turk 6, Vaughn 5, Wilmouth 13

Carlisle Co. 51
Heath 46
02-06-59 - Away

Carlisle County overcame a halftime deficit to win a 51-46 verdict over the Heath Pirates, here tonight.

The Comets jumped to a 12-9 first quarter margin, but Heath claimed a 31-27 halftime advantage. Carlisle came roaring back to gain the upper hand 41-36 at the third stop.

Jerry Todd and M.K. Turk were high scorers for the winners with 10 points each.

Charles Crass, Heath pivoter, took game honors with 17 points, followed by Terry Hutcherson with 13.

Carlisle……..12 27 41 51
Heath……..9 31 36 46

Carlisle (51)
Pearson 7, Vaughn 1, Todd 10, Smithmier 3, Blackwell 4, Turk 10, Norris 3, Wilmouth 9, Rambo 4.

Heath (46)
Wray 7, Duren, Harris 6, Fletcher, Crass 17, King 3, Warford, Hutcherson 13.

Fancy Farm 72
Carlisle Co. 62
02-10-59 - Away

The Fancy Farm Golden Gophers staved off a last quarter surge to defeat the Carlisle County Comets 72-60, here tonight.

Fancy Farm led at every quarter, but with three minutes left in the game, the Gophers had only a two-point lead by 10 points 52-42 at the end of the third quarter.

Ken Dalton, Fancy Farm forward, plunked in 29 points for top honors, barely shading Ronnie Wilmouth of Carlisle, who hit 28.

Fancy Farm……17 33 52 72
Carlisle……..7 21 42 60

Fancy Farm (72)
Dalton 29, Sutherland, Hobbs 10, Ballard 9, A. Cash 1, Kilcoyne 21, Hays 2, K. Cash.

Carlisle (60)
Pearson 2, Vaughn 10, Smithmier 2, Blackwell 5, Redden 4, Turk 5, Wilmouth 28, Rambo 4.

Carlisle Co. 73
Fulgham 72
02-13-59 - Home

Carlisle County and Fulgham engaged in a nip-and-tuck basketball game here tonight, before the Comets could gain the upper hand at the finish, 73-72.

Carlisle threatened to make a rout of it in the first stanza and ran up a 22-13 margin. Fulgham narrowed the gap to 42-39 at intermission and deadlocked the count 55-55 at the third quarter stop.

Fonda Rambo connected twice from the charity line with 33 seconds left in the game to give the Comets a 73-70 advantage. Fulgham scored one more basket in the closing seconds, but time ran out on the Black Cats.

Gerald Vaughn and M.K. Turk each tailed 17 points to lead the way for Carlisle.

Preston Overstreet topped scorers for the Black Cats with 17.

Carlisle……..22 42 55 73
Fulgham……..13 39 55 72

Carlisle (73)
Pearson 3, Vaughn 17, Smithmier, Blackwell 9, Redden 6, Turk 17, Norris 2, Wilmouth 12, Rambo 7.

Fulgham (72)
Overstreet 17, Bowen 11, L. Stewart 13, Mullins 6, Dean 13, Evans, J. Stewart 12.

Carlisle Co. 78
Wingo 77
02-14-59 - Home

On Saturday night the Comets came through with another thrilling 1-point finish, this time over Wingo. The lead changed hands several times but neither team held a safe lead throughout the game.

Wilmouth hit a total of 26 points to lead the Comets. Boyd was high for Wingo with 20.

Carlisle……23 43 63 78
Wingo……..22 44 64 77

Carlisle (78)
Pearson 8, Vaughn 16, Blackwell 8, Redden 4, Turk 10, Norris 6, Wilmouth 26.

Wingo (77)
Terry 14, Stephenson 18, Boyd 20, Neale 5, Taylor 1, Clapp.

Lowes 59
Carlisle Co. 56
02-17-59 – Away

A free throw in the last three seconds gave the Lowes Blue Devils a 59-58 edge over the Carlisle County Comets, here tonight.

The lead alternated all through the game with Lowes on top 33-29 at the half and behind 41-44 at the end of the third quarter.

Hughes, with 13 points, and Don Nicholson, who scored 12, led the way for the Blue Devils.

Ronnie Wilmouth, Carlisle guard, was top scorer in the game with 29.

Lowes……..16 33 41 59
Carlisle……..15 29 44 58

Lowes (59)
Lynch 6, Townsend 4, Shelton 4, Summerville, Hughes 13, Sledd 6, Nicholson 12, Oliver, Glisson 2, Gourley 5, Holt 5, Miller 2.

Carlisle (56)
Pearson, Vaughn 5, Redden, Blackwell 15, Rambo 4, Turk 5, Norris, Wilmouth 29.

Carlisle
Nips Tilghman

Carlisle Co. 74
Tilghman 67
02-27-59 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets surprised the Tilghman Tornado 74-67, here tonight.

Tilghman led only once during the game on a 2-1 score in the opening minutes. The Comets breezed to a 10-point margin 24-14 at the end of the first period and held a 40-29 lead at the half.

In the fourth period Tilghman pulled to within five points at one time, but Carlisle County quickly widened the gap.

Ronnie Wilmouth, Carlisle County guard, led the scoring with 25 points. John Mutchler was the leading scorer for Tilghman with 20.

Carlisle County hit a blistering 53 per cent of its shots in the first half and then came through with a 50 per cent performance in the last half.

Carlisle ended its regular season with a 19-8 record. Tilghman has won 20 and lost 6.

Carlisle……24 40 58 74
Tilghman……14 29 44 67

Carlisle (74)
Pearson 10, Vaughn 9, Blackwell 6, Redden 6, Turk 16, Wilmouth 25.

Tilghman (67)
Mutchler 20, Panstiel, Ragland 2, Austin 10, Denton 16, House, Stubblefield 15, Cooper 2, Sellers 2, Ray, English.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Triumphs 46-40
In First District Tourn.

Carlisle Co. 46
Fulton Co. 40
03-04-59 - Home

Carlisle County used a determined pressing defense to overcome Fulton County's stalling offense and take a 46-40 decision over the Pilots in First District play, here tonight.

Carlisle's Albert Norris and Fonda Rambo, reserve guards for the speedy Carlisle crew, sparked the tight defense that spelled defeat for the stubborn Fulton County five.

The Pilots had a 6-5 lead at the first stop in the slow moving game, but the Comets got the upper hand 18-15 at the halftime intermission. Carlisle opened up a 27-20 margin, after three quarters and held the lead the rest of the way.

Jim Tipton, sophomore forward for the Pilots, led all scorers for the game with an 18 point performance.

Albert Norris and Ronnie Wilmouth, sharp shooting Comet guards, topped Carlisle's offense with 14 markers each.

Carlisle……..5 18 27 46
Fulton Co……..6 15 20 40

Carlisle (46)
Pearson, Todd 2, Vaughn 3, Redding, Blackwell, Norris 14, Wilmouth 14, Rambo 11, Turk.

Fulton Co. (40)
Tipton 18, Anderson 6, Johnson 4, Garrison 5, Harris 5, McMullin 2, James.

1st District Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle, Clinton
In Finals Tonight

Carlisle Co. 50
Fulton City 41
03-06-59 - Home

Carlisle County joined Clinton in the finals of the first District basketball tournament tonight by defeating Fulton City 50-41. The victory puts Carlisle in the regional tourney along with Clinton. The district championship game between Carlisle and Clinton is scheduled for 7:45 pm, Saturday.

Fulton led at the first three quarter stops in tonight's hard-fought contest. Fonda Rambo, a substitute, took scoring honors for the winners with 13 points, 11 of them gained in a spirited rally put on by Carlisle to overtake it's opponent.

Roger Pique, outstanding forward for Fulton, was top scorer of the evening with 23 points, but was held to an output of only six in the second half.

Vaughn added 11 points to Carlisle's effort and Caldwell tallied seven for the losers. Fulton led by 9-6 at the first quarter, 22-21 at the half and 33-29 at the third turn.

Carlisle……..6 21 29 50
Fulton City……..9 22 33 41

Carlisle (50)
Todd 1, Redden 2, Vaughn 11, Blackwell, Smithmier 2, Turk 8, Norris 3, Wilmouth 10, Rambo 13.

Fulton City (41)
Tipton 18, Anderson 6, Johnson 4, Morrow 3, Cardwell 7.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle Comets Take
District Honors Defeating
Clinton In Saturday Finals

Carlisle Co. 62
Clinton Central 49
03-07-59 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets took top honors in the First District tournament Saturday night by a 62-49 victory over the Clinton Central Red Devils in the finals, played at the Carlisle County High School.

Each game of the five-night schedule was staged before capacity crowds. The Comets won their first game against Fulton Co. and their second against Fulton City to advance to the Finals against Clinton Central.

The score in the finals was tied at 11 all at the first quarter, but the Comets led at half-time 30 to 25 and went on to widen the margin to 9 points at the third whistle and closed with a 13 pt. victory.

Jerry Todd paced the Comets with 18 points and Ronnie Wilmouth followed closely with 14. Myers was top scorer for Clinton with a total of 12 points.

Carlisle……..11 30 50 62
Clinton……..11 25 41 49

Carlisle (62)
Pearson, Vaughn 9, Redden 4, Todd 18, Blackwell 2, Smithmier 2, Turk 7, Norris, Wilmouth 14, Rambo 6.

Clinton (49)
Harper 3, Kimball 6, Wyatt 7, Martin 9, G. Myers 12, Heitt 1, C. Myers 8.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Tilghman Stops Carlisle
73-58 In Regional Tourn.

Carlisle Co. 58
Tilghman 73
03-11-59 - Away

Tilghman used a powerful rebound attack to stop Carlisle County in first round play of the Second Regional Tournament before a packed house at the Murray State College gym, here tonight.

Carlisle led 2-0 and 3-2, before the Blue Tornado caught fire to take the lead.

Dick Denton tallied a free toss to knot the score at 3-3, before Craig Stubblefield pushed in a follow up to give the Bluemen an advantage, which they never relinquished.

The Tornado scored eight straight points to start the second canto and took a 27-11 advantage. Coach Tom Adkins called on his all-court press to cut the gap to 36-28 with 2:18 left in the first half.

Ronnie Wilmouth connected on four consecutive 30-foot push shots to spark the Carlisle comeback. The Tornado came to life again and led 41-30 at half time.

The Comets, battling gamely, kept whittling at the margin until they pulled within four at 48-44 late in the third period. Again the Tornado turned back the threat to hold the upper hand 57-44 at the three quarter stop. It was the last time the Carlisle five ever made a serious challenge.

The Tornado led by 21, 73-52, with 2:05 left to play, for its widest margin. Coach Otis Dinning flooded the floor with reserves as time ran out.

Stubblefield hit the nets for 26 points to walk off with game scoring honors. Big John Mutchler and Denton ruled the backboards for Tilghman. Mutchler contributed 18 points to the Blue offense. Wilmouth finished the game with 20 markers to set the scoring pace for Carlisle County.

Tilghman……19 41 57 73
Carlisle……..11 30 44 58

Carlisle (58)
Vaughn 8, Todd 6, Redden, Pearson 1, Blackwell 11, Wilmouth 20, Turk 2, Norris 6, Smithmier, Rambo.

Tilghman (73)
Mutchler 18, Ragland 7, Austin 2, Wright 2, Denton 11, House, Stubblefield 26, Stamper 2, English, Ray, Sellars, Cooper

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1958-59

	Lynn Grove	St. Mary	Lowes	Fancy Farm	Ballard Co.	Fulton Co.	Fulgham	Clinton Central	Heath	St. Mary	Wingo	Long Oak	Fulton City	Sedalia	South Marshall
Charles Redden	10	0	4	2	9	13	9	1	2	10	6	5	14	2	
Gerald Vaughn	7	12	13	6	0	6			11	6	10	7	2	7	7
Bill Holman	4	0													
Sonny Pearson	7	6	6	12	6	15	5	8	8	0	3		4	1	6
Harry Owens	0														
Jerry Todd	6	14	10	21	12	14	0	12	18	10	6	19	6	21	5
Charlie Blackwell	2	3	4	2	0	4				1				1	
Ronnie Wilmouth	7	20	12	18	12	2	29	27	11	19	15	28	14	9	13
Lawernce Smithmire	6	0	2							2		4			
Albert Norris	3	0	0	1	6	2	2	1			0	4	6	5	0
M.K. Turk	12			16	4	23	15	22	3	3	11	4	3		10
Fondo Rambo		3	10		4	4	6	0	4	2	2	10	4	11	13
Larry Redford														0	

1958-59

	Ballard Co.	Clinton Central	South Marshall	Fulton City	Fulton Co.	Mayfield	Heath	Fulgham	Fancy Farm	Wingo	Lowes	Tilghman	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Clinton Central	Tilghman	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Charles Redden	3	6	0				4	6	4	0	6	0	2	4	0		26	122	4.69
Gerald Vaughn	8	0	1	7	12	5	1	10	17	16	5	9	3	11	9	8	29	209	7.46
Bill Holman			0														3	4	1.33
Sonny Pearson	9	2	15	3	4	4	7	2	3	8	0	10	0		0	1	29	149	5.14
Harry Owens			2														2	2	1
Jerry Todd	16	15	10	8	15	4	10						2	1	18	6	26	274	11
Charlie Blackwell		2	4	10	3	15	4	5	9	8	15	6	0	0	2	11	23	111	4.83
Ronnie Wilmouth	13	20	2	15	18	13	9	28	12	26	29	25	14	10	14	20	31	491	16.4
Lawernce Smithmire		2	2	0	2	2	3	2	0					2	2	0	16	31	1.94
Albert Norris	0	1	8		4	0	3		2	6	0		14	3	0	6	26	77	3.08
M.K. Turk	9	7	4	18	15	6	10	5	17	10	5	16	0	8	7	2	28	255	9.44
Fondo Rambo	4	8	4	0	4	0	4	4	7		4		11	13	6	4	27	133	5.12
Larry Redford																	1	0	0
																		1858	

Team Record - 21-10 Per Game Avg. - 59.93

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Sonny Pearson	36			2	149	151	4.19
Charles Redden	26				122	122	4.69
Jerry Todd	52			188	274	462	8.88
Lawernce Smithmire	16				31	31	1.93
Fonda Rambo	38			29	133	162	4.26

1959-60

HEAD COACH – TOM ADKINS

<u>TROPHIES WON</u>

TILGHMAN TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

MADISONVILLE TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FIRST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 29-5

1959-1960

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-06-59	Lowes	74-54	A	
11-10-59	St. Mary	83-66	A	
11-13-59	Fancy Farm	85-57	A	
11-17-59	Ballard Co.	81-61	H	
11-20-59	Heath	71-61	H	
11-24-59	Fulton Co	83-61	A	
12-01-59	Hickman Co	63-61 **ot**	H	
12-08-59	St. Mary	68-49	H	
12-11-59	Hickman Riverview	81-43	H	
12-15-59	Lone Oak	56-52 **ot**	A	
12-17-59	Fulton City	68-46	A	
12-19-59	Sedalia	73-54	A	
12-26-59	Tilghman	64-42	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-28-59	Benton	73-58	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-28-59	Lone Oak	55-53 **2ot**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-08-60	Ballard Co.	66-62	A	
01-12-60	Hickman Co.	75-71	A	
01-15-60	South Marshall	52-50	A	
01-21-60	Louisville Atherton	**60-68**	A	- **LIT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-26-60	Mayfield	**71-73**	A	
01-29-60	Sacramento	52-49	A	- **MADISONVILLE TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-30-60	Beaver Dam	80-70	A	- **MADISONVILLE TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-30-60	Madisonville	**58-71**	A	- **MADISONVILLE TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
02-05-60	Heath	61-48	A	
02-06-60	Fulton City	71-54	H	
02-09-60	Murray	93-55	H	
02-12-60	Fancy Farm	90-54	A	
02-16-60	Lowes	84-74	H	
02-19-60	Fulton Co	65-56	H	
02-20-60	South Marshall	65-58	H	
02-26-60	Tilghman	**49-56**	A	
03-03-60	Fulton City	68-45	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-05-60	Hickman Co.	50-43	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-10-60	Symsonia	**62-64**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 29-5

1960 Comets – District Champion



Sonny Rials (Manager), Ronnie Wilmouth, David Wells, LH Tyler, Charlie Blackwell, Harry Owens, MK Turk, Crady Adams (Manager) Albert Lee Norris, Bill Holman, Gerald Vaughn, Larry Redford, Jackie Vaughn, Jerry Gibson, Johnny Terry (Manager).

1959-1960

HEAD COACH - TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON
TILGHMAN TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
MADISONVILLE TOURN. - 2ND PLACE
FIRST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 29-5

1959-60 COMET ROSTER:
Ronnie Wilmouth, L.H Tyler, Charlie Blackwell, Harry Owens, M.K. Turk, Albert Lee Norris, Bill Holman, Gerald Vaughn, Larry Redford, Jackie Vaughn, Jerry Gibson, Jonny Sams, Dwight Petrie, Bill Blanks, Bourke Mantle, (Managers Johnny Terry, Crady Adams, Sonny Rials.

Comets Win First Game
Of Season over Lowes

Carlisle Co. 74
Lowes 54
11-06-59 - Away

Gerald Vaughn conquered Lowe's zone defense for 27 points to spark Carlisle County to a 75-54 victory.

Lowes took a 16-15 first quarter lead, but Vaughn, a 6-2 forward, worked loose consistently in the second stanza to spark the Comets to a 35-28 halftime advantage. Carlisle pushed the margin to 54-44, after three periods and pulled away gradually in the closing minutes.

Don Nicholson and Dennis Gourley led the way for the Blue Devils with 20 and 14 points, respectively.

Carlisle……..15 35 54 74
Lowes…….16 28 44 54

Carlisle (74)
Vaughn 27, Turk 13, Blackwell 13, Tyler 2, Wilmouth 10, Norris 9.

Lowes (54)
Glisson, Wilkerson 1, Shelton 2, Sledd 6, Nicholson 20, Gourley 14, Owens 1.

Carlisle Comets Notches
Impressive Win Over St. Mary Vikings

Carlisle Co. 83
St. Mary 66
11-10-59 - Away

Carlisle County used a potent break and a balanced scoring attack to roll over St. Mary 83-66, at the academy gym here last night.

St. Mary stayed in contention with Carlisle until late in the final period, when the whirl-wind Comets used a quick scoring outburst to wrap up the contest.

The Knights trailed by only six points, 70-64, with 1:28 showing on the gym clock. But during the next minute and 22 seconds, the Comets zoomed in 12 points, while holding St. Mary scoreless to wrap up the contest.

All five Carlisle County players hit in double figures with forward Gerald Vaughn leading the way with 20 markers. Albert Norris was close behind with 18. Sharp-shooting Ronnie Wilmouth added 17.

The Knights outrebounded the smaller Comets 47-35 but the Comets fast-break and all-around experience meant the difference in the contest.

Carlisle led throughout the game. The Comets were not particularly hot during the first period, though, and led only five points, 14-9, at the end of the quarter.

The Knights were trailing 26-20 when the Comets got their fast break warmed up. During the next minute and 33 seconds the Comets outscored the home club 10-1 to command a 36-21 margin. The Comets were on top 40-25 at the halftime intermission.

Carlisle continued to lead from 12 to 15 points during the third period, holding a 56-44 margin at the end of the quarter.

St. Mary, though, still had one more bid left. The rallying Knights cut the gap to nine points, 68-59, with 2:43 left. The Knights narrowed the margin to 70-64 at the 1:38 mark, but couldn't get any closer as the Comets started breaking through the Knights' all-court press.

Carlisle……..14 40 56 33
St. Mary……..9 25 44 66

Carlisle (83)
Vaughn 20, Turk 14, Owens, Blackwell 13, Wilmouth 17, Norris 18.

St. Mary (66)
Sanders 8, Yopp 21, Wilson 9, Gallagher 12, Carroll 12, McKeown 4.

Carlisle Co. 85
Fancy Farm 57
11-13-59 - Away

Carlisle County defeated Fancy Farm in a game that was never close.

Leading Carlisle in scoring was Wilmouth with 22 points.

Carlisle……..20 43 63 85
Fancy Farm…..11 22 39 57

Carlisle (85)
Vaughn 17, Turk 6, Blackwell 15, Tyler 6, Wilmouth 22, Norris 12, Petrie 2.

Fancy Farm (57)
Goatley 9, Sutherland 13, A. Cash 5, E. Elder 5, Hayes 13, R. Elder 5, Pendel 6, Carrico 5, Cash.

Carlisle 20-Point Winner
Over Ballard Tuesday Night

Carlisle Co. 81
Ballard Co. 61
11-17-59 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets won their fourth straight game of the season here tonight with an 81-61 victory over the Ballard Co. Bombers.

Carlisle held a 34-27 lead at the half, after trailing 13-17 at the end of the first period.

Charles Blackwell, Carlisle's center, scored 23 points and also grabbed off 23 rebounds to lead his team. Mac Jennings led the attack for Ballard with 18 points.

Carlisle……..13 34 52 81
Ballard……..17 27 38 61

Carlisle (81)
Vaughn 21, Turk 8, Blackwell 23, Wilmouth 17, Norris 10, Gibson 2.

Ballard (61)
Jennings 18, Culver 13, Cooper 11, Sullivan 10, Hodges 4, Crowe 4, Trice 1.

Carlisle Co. 71
Heath 61
11-20-59 - Home

Unbeaten Carlisle County defeated the Bucs 71-61, but the Comets had their toughest time of the early outings.

Carlisle jumped into the lead in the initial quarter and held the upper hand throughout the game in beating the pesky Pirates.

The Comets led 18-13 at the first stop, 42-26 at halftime and 55-46 at the end of the three periods.

Gerald Vaughn was the big gun for the Comets with 26 points. Three other Carlisle players hit in double figures. Vaughn got 20 of his points at the free throw line. The stellar Carlisle forward had a consecutive skein of 28 straight gratis tosses, before finally missing.

Junior Gene Wray popped in 20 points to lead the way for Heath.

Carlisle……..18 42 55 71
Heath……..13 26 46 61

Carlisle (71)
Vaughn 26, Turk 13, Blackwell 12, Wilmouth 13, Norris 7.

Heath (61)
Wray 12, Horner 8, King 17, Crass 6, Warford 6, Cain 4.

Carlisle Co. 83
Fulton Co. 61
11-24-59 - Away

Carlisle racked up its sixth straight win, by downing district rival Fulton County, 83-61.

Carlisle was led in scoring by Vaughn with 33 pts.

Carlisle……..18 41 58 83
Fulton Co……..15 30 49 61

Carlisle (83)
Vaughn 33, Turk 13, Blackwell 13, Wilmouth 13, Gibson 2, Norris 9.

Fulton Co. (61)
Caldwell 8, Tipton 10, Anderson 16, Johnson 2, J. Adams, Bobbit 13, T. Adams 4., McMullin 8.

Carlisle Co. 63
Hickman Co. 61
12-01-59 - Home

Two free-throws by Charles Blackwell in an overtime, gave the Comets a 63-61 victory over the Falcons last night.

The Comets had led at every quarter until a jump shot by Harry Lee Waterfield Jr. tied the score at 61, with two seconds left in the 4th period.

Blackwell's free throws represented the only scoring in the overtime period.

Carlisle County led by six points, 37-31, at the half, but held only a three-point edge, 49-46, going into the final canto.

Gerald Vaughn, with 18 points led the scoring for Carlisle County. Vaughn has hit 48 of the last 52 attempts from the free throw line.

Sam Harper, Hickman County forward, was high scorer for the game with 19 points.

Carlisle…..21 37 49 61 63
Hickman…14 31 46 61 61

Carlisle (63)
Vaughn 18, Turk 11, Blackwell 17, Wilmouth 8, Norris 9.

Hickman (61)
Overstreet 4, Padgett 11, Harper 19, Waterfield 9, Martin 9.

Comets Remain Unbeaten
With Victory Tuesday Night

Carlisle Co. 68
St. Mary 49

12-08-59 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets rallied in the last half to down the St. Mary Knights, 68-49.

St. Mary led by one point at the end of the first period, and Carlisle was ahead by only two points, 26-24, at the halfway point.

Ronnie Wilmouth, Comet guard, tossed in 21 points to lead the scoring. Jess Yopp and James Gallagher tied for top scoring honors for St. Mary with 16 points each.

It was the eighth win of the season for the undefeated Carlisle County team.

Carlisle…..……..9 26 43 68
St. Mary……..…10 24 32 49

Carlisle (68)
Vaughn 9, Turk 11, Blackwell 15, Wilmouth 21, Norris 11.

St. Mary (49)
Yopp 16, Gallagher 16, Cashon 8, Wilson 2, Sanders 2, Pace 5.

Carlisle Co. 81
Hickman Riverview 43
12-11-59 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets won their ninth consecutive game of the season with an 81-43 victory over the Hickman Riverview Cobras here tonight.

Carlisle was on top all the way and held a 20-point margin 39-19, at the half.

Ronnie Wilmouth led the scoring for Carlisle with 17 points. June Rice scored 16 for Riverview.

Carlisle……..20 39 58 81
Hickman R. …...6 19 28 43

Carlisle (81)
G. Vaughn 14. Redford 2, J. Vaughn 2, Turk 10, Blackwell 14, Owens 3, Tyler 5, Wilmouth 17, Holman 2, Norris 7, Gibson 3.

Hickman R. (43)
Gholson 6, Rice 16, Beard 5, Harvey 2, Weatherspoon 11.

Unbeaten Carlisle Tops
Lone Oak In Overtime

Carlisle Co. 56
Lone Oak 52
12-15-59 - Away

Big Ernie Owen, who turned in another standout game for Lone Oak, added a fielder with 43 seconds left and Carlisle missed two straight one plus one foul attempts, before Lone Oak got the ball again. Substitute Johnny Overton of Lone Oak, who replaced Benny Brown after the latter fouled out in the waning minutes of the 4th period, was called for charging with two seconds left and Vaughn hit both tries to write the end to the tension-packed battle.

The speedy Comets led most of the way but were plagued with foul and field shooting troubles, which prevented them from pulling away.

Coach Tom Adkin's team finished with 32 per cent from the field, 20 of 62. The Comets, who normally are deadly from the gratis line, hit only 16 of 28.

Lone Oak hit 26 per cent from the field, 19 of 70.

The Oakers led only once in the first period, as Owen hit to open the game.

The Comets started connecting against the Lone Oak zone and led 14-10 at the end of the period.

Lone Oak regained the lead at 16-15 and led briefly before the First District club put on a late flurry, that netted a 25-20 halftime margin.

The Comets got a banner effort from the 6-5, 220-pound Blackwell in the 3rd period, and commanded an early 10 point lead.

Carlisle…...14 25 39 48 56
Lone Oak....10 20 35 48 52

Carlisle (56)
Vaughn 17, Turk 11, Blackwell 10, Tyler, Wilmouth 8, Norris 10.

Lone Oak (52)
Powers 9, Clark 8, Owen 18, Brown 11, Gilbert 6, Rushing, Overton, Huff.

Carlisle Co. 68
Fulton City 45
12-17-59 - Away

Carlisle County led at every quarter stop in downing Fulton City 68-46, for its 11th straight win.

Carlisle used the sharp-shooting Ronnie Wilmouth and the rebounding of Charlie Blackwell to beat the rival Fulton City five.

Wilmouth finished with 23 points and scoring honors for the Comet.

The Comets led 18-12 at the first period, 34-22 at halftime and 45-28 at the end of three quarters.

Carlisle…….18 34 46 68
Fulton City…...12 22 28 46

Carlisle (68)
Vaughn 10, Turk 4, Redford 4., Blanks 2, Blackwell 13, Tyler 1, Wilmouth 23, Norris 8, Gibson 3.

Fulton City (46)
Lacewell 18, Patton 8, Davis, D. Burnett 2, Morrow 5, Winston, B. Burnett 3, Bradley 9.

Carlisle Co. 73
Sedalia 54
12-19-59 - Home

Carlisle County caught fire in the second half and went ahead to down Sedalia, 73-54, in notching their 12th straight win of the campaign, without a loss.

The Comets, leading 20-12 after the first eight minutes, saw their lead cut to 30-26 at the intermission. Carlisle upped their margin to 49-37, after three periods of play.

Gerald Vaughn paced the Comets with 19 points. Charlie Blackwell chipped in with 14 for the winners.

Ned Boaz captured scoring honors for the game as he poured in 22 markers for the Sedalia quintet.

Carlisle……..20 30 49 73
Sedalia……...12 26 37 54

Carlisle (73)
Vaughn 19, Turk 14, Blackwell 14, Tyler 4, Owens 2, Wilmouth 10, Holman 2, Norris 2, Gibson 2.

Sedalia (54)
Farris 7, Dodson 12, Cochran 2, Anderson 4, Hender 2, Boaz 22, Coltharp 6, Martin 3.

Carlisle Co. Favored
In Paducah Tourn.
Comets Meet Host Tilghman Saturday

Unbeaten Carlisle County, the No. 1 team in the Purchase, holds the favorite's role in the 15th annual Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament, opening here Saturday.

The Comets, boasting a 12-0 record, are a slight choice in the power-packed eight-team field competing for the coveted championship trophy.

The two day firing gets underway Saturday afternoon and will be concluded Monday night in the first split-week tournament ever held there.

North Marshall and Lone Oak, two rivals who attracted a capacity crowd in a regular season meeting, open the historic tournament Saturday. The two teams clash at 1:30 p.m.

Symsonia and Heath follow the 3 p.m. game.

Reidland and Benton will inaugurate the night session at 7 p.m., followed by the windup clash, between the unbeaten Carlisle County five and Tilghman, the only other remaining unbeaten team in the region.

The first round winners meet Monday at 12:30 and 2 p.m., with the finals Monday night at 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Defending tournament champion North Marshall, with R.M. Spiceland scheduled to return to the lineup, faces a Lone Oak team that beat the Jets by seven points (56-49) in an earlier meeting.

Spiceland, who has been side-lined with a knee injury, saw limited action last week and could return to the starting pivot spot against the Flash.

Lone Oak, with defeats to Benton and Carlisle to blot its record, will be trying to get back in the thick for the regional picture, with a first round win over the Jets.

The Flash's two injured performers – Bennie Brown and Larry Powers – have recovered from ankle injuries, that hampered their play earlier in the season.

The second game of the afternoon session matches a Heath team that has made good use of a cone defense and a lot of scrap against a big Symsonia team that will have an added big man for the game.

1959 Paducah Tilghman
Christmas Tournament
Saturday
1:30 - North Marshall vs. Lone Oak
3:00 - Symsonia vs. Heath
7:00 - Benton vs. Reidland
8:30 - Carlisle vs. Tilghman
Monday
12:30 - North Lone Oak winner vs. Symsonia-Heath winner
2:00 - Benton vs. Reidland winner vs. Carlisle-Tilghman winner
7:00 - Consolation game
8:00 - Championship game.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
Unbeaten Comets "Wallop"
Tilghman 64-42, For 13th Win Of Season

Carlisle Co. 64
Tilghman 42
12-26-59 - Away

All four first round favorites-Carlisle County, Benton, Symsonia, and Lone Oak- notched victories here Saturday afternoon and night to move into the semi-finals of the 15th annual Paducah Christmas Tournament.

Unbeaten Carlisle County knocked Tilghman from the undefeated ranks with a 64-42 thrashing in the only lopsided contest of the day to provide the wrap-up for the first round firing.

Carlisle County toyed with Tilghman for one period before the "Get-It-And-Go Comets" unleashed their fast break in the second period. The consolidated First District School was never pressed the rest of the way in recording its 13th straight win.

The loss snapped Tilghman's six game win streak.

Carlisle used a quick 8-0 scoring edge in the final two minutes of the second to wrap-up its win over Tilghman.

The Bluemen had led 6-2 and 9-4 in the first period before the Comets used a drive shot by Ronnie Wilmouth to move ahead 11-9, at the end of the quarter.

The Comets were leading by two, 19-17, when they started their whirlwind fast break that sent them to the dressing room enjoying a 29-17 halftime lead.

Carlisle ran the lead to 18 points, 39-21, with 3:10 left in the third period and led by 17, 44-27, at the end of three quarters.

Coach Tom Adkins' team led 50-29 early in the fourth quarter and toyed with the outclassed Bluemen the rest of the night.

Carlisle's biggest lead was the final score, 22 points.

Guard Ronnie Wilmouth bombed in 9 of 12 shots on the fast break to lead the Carlisle attack with 21 points. M.K. Turk added 12 points and pulled down 19 rebounds for the game.

The Comets connected on 55 per cent for the night, banging in 25 of 45 from the field.

Bill Ragland paced the Tilghman attack with 11 points.

Carlisle……..11 29 44 64
Tilghman…….....9 17 27 42

Carlisle (64)
Vaughn 12, Redford, Turk 14, Blackwell 6. Tyler, Wilmouth 21, Norris 9, Gibson 2, Mantle.

Tilghman (42)
Ragland 11, Holland, Overton 2, Austin 4, Rose 4, House 3, Grubbs, Cooper 6, Ray 1, Carr 1, English 10, Stubblefield.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets Hit 67% Clip To Notch
Win Against Benton In Semi-Finals

Carlisle Co. 73
Benton 58
12-28-59 - Away

Carlisle County hit a phenomenal 67 per cent of its field shots to erase any hopes that Benton might have had of knocking the Comets from the top-ranked spot in the Purchase, in the semi-finals of the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament here yesterday afternoon.

The Comets used their uncanny shooting to bury the challenging Indians 73-58, before a slim crown in the semi-final wrap-up.

Carlisle County didn't give Benton much of a chance to play its deliberate game. The Comets bombed the nets with monotonous ease to grab an early lead and coasted home the last half.

Ronnie Wilmouth and M. K. Turk were the big guns for the Comets. The 6-1 Wilmouth banged in 24 points for the game, hitting eight straight shots in the second half. Wilmouth finished with 12 of 15 from the field, most of them long one-handed shots from the side against the Benton defense, which was concentrated on the center area.

Turk was the hot shooter for the Comets in the first half. The 6-0 forward banged in 7 of the 8 shots in the initial two periods, and finished with 9 of 13 for the game, and a total of 23 points. Turk also did a yeoman's job on the boards, getting 17 rebounds and was credited with four tip-ins.

The Comets hit an amazing 76 per cent the first half, connecting on 16 of 21. The First District club slacked off the second half, managing 58 per cent, 14 of 24.

Benton led only once in the contest. The Indians managed an 8-7 margin late in the first period, but the Comets quickly regained the lead and held a 13-10 margin at the end of the period.

Carlisle started pulling away midway of the second period and used a 32-17 lead with 1:57 left in the half. The Comets were on top by 13 points, 36-23 as the two clubs trooped to the dressing rooms.

The Comets came out just as hot in the third period, upping the gap to 22 points, 55-22, late in the third period and leading by a fat twenty, 55-35, at the end of the quarter.

Benton cut the deficit to 13 points, 61-48, midway of the final period but couldn't get any closer against the deadeye Comets.

Carlisle……..13 36 55 73
Benton……..10 23 35 58

Carlisle (73)
G. Vaughn 12, Turk 23, J. Vaughn., Holman, Blackwell 7, Owens, Wilmouth 24, Norris 7, Gibson, Mantle.

Benton (58)
Jones 4, M. Morgan 7, Woolfolk, Coots, Peek 18, Riley, Darnall 21, Powell 8.

Tilghman Tourn.
Championship
Wilmouth Gives Unbeaten
Comets Tense 55-53 Win

Carlisle Co. 55
Lone Oak 53 ot
12-28-59 - Away

Ronnie Wilmouth, Carlisle County's gum-chewing floor general, fired in a clutch sudden death overtime basket to give the unbeaten Comets a pulsating 55-53 win over Lone Oak, in the finals of the 15th annual Tilghman Christmas Tournament here last night.

The heady Wilmouth shed the goat's role with a twisting five-foot shot that banked through the hoop to give the Comets their 15th straight win and send the capacity throng that watched the heart-throbbing battle, home with moist hands from the tension-packed thriller.

Wilmouth, who had missed two free throws in the waning seconds of the regulation time, that enabled the Oakers to send the game into the first overtime, cleverly directed the Comets' attack in the extra period, that paid off with the big championship trophy.

The 6-1 guard, who was the key performer in the Comets' regular season overtime victory over the Flash, controlled the ball until he hit the game-winning shot with 12 seconds remaining in the second overtime period. Wilmouth started a drive to the left of the foul line, did a beautiful change of pace and swiveled through to throw up the shot that fused a near-bedlam barrage of fans to surge on to the floor.

The happy Carlisle County team cut down both nets as the fruits of victory before the presentation of trophies by Bill Black, chairman of the Paducah Board of Education.

Wilmouth's do-or-die effort spoiled a tremendous clutch shooting performance by Lone Oak's Larry Powers.

The angular Powers fired three clutch baskets that brought the Oakers back from the depths of defeat three times in the thrill-a-minute contest.

Powers hit two of his fielders in the waning seconds of the regulation game. The last was a 20-foot jumper, which came with only 12 seconds showing on the clock. Carlisle missed a last-second shot to send the two teams into an overtime period tied at 49-all.

M.K. Turk hit two free tosses for Carlisle in the early minutes of the overtime, but the 6-4 Powers bombed in a 10-foot jumper to tie the score again at 51-51.

Charlie Blackwell, Carlisle's underrated 6-6 center, got what looked like a game-decider for the Comets, pushing in a rebound shot with 22 seconds left.

Lone Oak called time out with 5 seconds left and Powers fired up a shot on the out-of-bounds play. He missed, but Ernie Owen rebounded the ball 5 feet of the basket, and jumped in a fielder just one second ahead of the horn to leave the crowd roaring with excitement as the game went into the sudden death.

On the center jump, the ball was batted around a couple of times before Gerald Vaughn and Powers tied the ball up. On the jump Powers got the tip, but big Blackwell stepped in to grab the ball and the Comets turned the spheroid over to Wilmouth who climaxed the contest with his tournament-winning two points.

The First Region club held a slim 32-30 edge in rebounds.

Turk finished with scoring honors for Carlisle with 13 points. Blackwell and Wilmouth added 12 each.

Powers led all scorers with 16 points.

This gold-plated battle between the class of the Purchase blended sharp-shooting spurts, with sparkling defensive play in one of the most exciting games ever played in the new Tilghman gym.

Both teams hit sensationally from the field in the first period. Lone Oak got off the most shots in the quarter and led 18-14 at the horn.

Carlisle trailed throughout the second canto as the Oakers' tight zone defense plagued the "Get-It-And-Go Comets."

Lone Oak built up a five-point lead, 24-19, late in the second period and held a five-point gap, 28-23, at the halftime intermission.

The Comets, with their unbeaten record and the No. 1 ranking in the Purchase at stake, went to work at the start of the third period. Coach Tom Adkins had his boys pressing the Lone Oak guards at mid-court and the strategy started to pay off. The tournament champs moved ahead at 38-37 and led by three, 42-39, at the end of the period.

Carlisle was holding a four point lead, 44-40, when the Comets started to slow the game down, working the ball around in an effort to pull the Oakers out of the zone.

Lone Oak remained in the zone and managed to move to within two, 47-45, with 3:38 glowing on the two gym clocks.

Turk shoved in two free throws to give Carlisle a 49-45 lead, before Powers hit his two shots, that tied the score. Wilmouth missed free shots both times before Lone Oak rebounded to set the stage for Power's shots. He caged two fielders in the span of 28 seconds to send the game into overtime.

Carlisle…..14 23 42 49 53 55
Lone Oak...18 28 39 49 53 53

Carlisle (55)
Vaughn 8, Turk 13, Blackwell 12, Wilmouth 12, Norris 8, Gibson. 2

Lone Oak (53)
Powers 16, Clark 10, Owen 4, McIntosh 2, Gilbert 10, Brown 11, Rushing 7.

Carlisle Co. Pressed
In Beating Ballard Co.

Carlisle Co. 66
Ballard Co. 62

01-08-60 - Away

Unbeaten Carlisle County was probably breathing with a sigh of relief today after getting by a Ballard Memorial team Friday night, that has always been a jinx for the Comets.

The Comets emerged with their first away victory over the Bombers and 16th of the season, but only after a fourth period rally pulled the game out of the fire for the top-ranked Carlisle five.

Carlisle won the down-to-the-wire contest 66-62 after the keyed-up Bombers had forged into a 59-58 lead, with 3:18 showing on the clock.

The score see-sawed back and forth until the final minute, when the Comets put on a scoring splurge, that left them ahead against the stubborn Bombers.

Big Charlie Blackwell led the way for Carlisle with 21 points. Ronnie Wilmouth added 19.

William Sullivan paced the Bombers with 20 points and turned in a standout board performance against the Comets.

Carlisle led 19-11 at the first period, 37-31 at halftime, and 52-45, before the Bombers rallied in the final period to move ahead briefly.

Carlisle……..19 37 52 66
Ballard……...11 31 45 62

Carlisle (66)
Vaughn 6, Turk 17, Blackwell 21, Tyler Wilmouth 19, Owens 1, Norris 2.

Ballard (62)
Soper 6, Cooper 7, Ryan 2, Sullivan 20, Jennings 12, Culver 6, Hall 9.

Big Blackwell Leads
Carlisle To 17th Win

Carlisle Co. 75
Hickman Co. 71
01-12-60 - Away

Unbeaten Carlisle County earned its 17th straight win today and a big portion of the Comets' surprising success this season must go to 6-6 Charlie Blackwell, one of the most underrated performers in the Purchase.

The easy-going Blackwell was a 'Demon' on the boards and 'Goliath' in the scoring column as Carlisle turned back the challenging threats of Hickman County 75-71, before a jammed packed capacity crowd of 2500 fans, at the new Hickman County gym last night.

The husky Blackwell pitched in 25 points and controlled 18 rebounds to provide the impetus for the Comets in retaining their top ranked position in both the district and regional.

Carlisle zoomed into a nine-point halftime lead and held from a three to 10 point margin throughout the last half in notching the victory.

Sharp-shooting Carlisle bombed in 58 per cent of its field attempts-28 of 48, and hit 19 of 29 from the free line to win the keyed-up battle from their district rivals.

Hickman County also turned in a credible shooting performance, hitting 30 of 58 attempts for 52 percent. The Falcons, though, managed only 13 of 22 from the foul line.

Big Blackwell, who turned in his best point performance of the season, hit 12 of 17 shots from the field in amassing his 25 points. He bagged 18 of his points in the first half and had a whopping total of 12 in the second period, when Carlisle decided the game.

Hickman was trailing by only one point, 20-19 after a sharp shooting first period and was behind by one again at 31-30, with 2:18 left in the second quarter when the Comets used a whirlwind 10-2 scoring flurry to command a 41-32 lead as the two teams trooped to the dressing room.

The Falcons cut the lead to five 54-49, at the end of the third period and whittled the margin to three 54-51, early in the final quarter.

But Carlisle came back with and outburst of its own and led by 10, 64-54 with 5:06 left. Hickman managed to cut the deficit to four, 73-69, with 39 seconds left, but Gerald Vaughn canned two free throws in the waning seconds to ice the decision for the Comets.

Ronnie Wilmouth, clever Carlisle guard, aided Blackwell in the scoring column with 18 points.

Sam Harper led the Hickman County scoring with 22 points.

Carlisle……..20 41 54 75
Hickman……...19 32 49 71

Carlisle (75)
Vaughn 13, Turk 13, Blackwell 25, Wilmouth 18, Norris 6.

Hickman (71)
Stewart 10, Harper 22, Padgett 6, Overstreet 12, Martin 5, Waterfield 14, Hiett 2.

Carlisle Co. Nips
South Marshall For 18th Win

Carlisle Co. 52
South Marshall 50
01-15-60 - Away

Carlisle County had another close call Friday night, but thanks to the cool-headed foul-shot shooting of Ronnie Wilmouth, the Comets are still unbeaten.

Coach Tom Adkins' Comets edged past South Marshall 52-50, for victory No. 18 as the heady Wilmouth hit two game-deciding foul shots with 23 seconds left to decide the hard-fought contest.

Carlisle and South were all tied at 39-all, going into the final period. M. K. Turk, who led the Comets in scoring for the night with 15 points, tabbed 10 of his points in the last quarter to keep the unbeaten First District club in contention. Wilmouth settled matters with his clutch free throws.

South played a possession game and made few mistakes in the hard-fought battle.

Carlisle……...8 27 39 52
South Marshall...6 25 39 50

Carlisle (52)
Vaughn 11, Turk 15, Blackwell 11, Tyler, Wilmouth 11, Norris 3, Gibson 1.

S. Marshall (50)
Mohler 6, Wilkins 15, Jesse 7, D. Lovett 3, Weever 26.

Louisville Invitational Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. Falls To
Atherton In LIT Opener

Carlisle Co. 60
Louisville Atherton 68
01-21-60 - Away

Lowly-rated Louisville Atherton destroyed Carlisle County's hope for an impressive showing in the 13th annual Louisville Invitational Tournament, with a surprising victory in first round play at Freedom Hall, yesterday.

The fired-up Rebels, with big Jim Bersot leading the way, took an overwhelming advantage early, and held on all the way to take a 68-60 verdict, and snapped the Comets' 18 game winning streak, before a slim crowd of 1,000.

It was a matter of percentage against Carlisle as Coach Tom Adkins's scrappers fought back to a 44-41 deficit, after three periods, but couldn't close the gap in the closing stanza. The Comets, top-ranked in the First Region, have proved their clutch play since Christmas, with two four-point decisions and a two-point win, but it just wasn't in the cards against Atherton.

It was the second straight time in the LIT, that unheralded Atherton has thrown the skids under an unbeaten entry in the big Louisville show. The Rebels upended Breathitt County in the 1959 tourney.

Atherton, sporting a very unimpressive 2-6 record, looked like world-beaters in the first quarter. Bersot tallied five quick field goals and the Rebs threatened to turn the game into a rout with a 22-12 lead, at the first stop.

Carlisle regrouped its forces, however, and played the Louisville aggregation on even terms in the second period to trail 34-24 as the teams trooped to the dressing room.

Guard Jim Merrell took up where Bersot left off in the second period after the big man got into trouble with four fouls.

But Carlisle wasn't through. The speedy Comets came roaring back like a lion in the third canto, with big Charlie Blackwell, heady Ronnie Wilmouth, and sharp-shooting M.K. Turk leading the way.

The First Region power narrowed the gap to two 43-41, in the fading seconds of the third period, but it was as close as the Comets ever got. Stuart Yoffe connected on a free throw for Atherton as the quarter ended to give the Rebels a 43-41 advantage.

Clutch-playing Ed Coleman provided the spark for the Rebels in the forth quarter that made the difference. He pumped in eight crucial points in the final period as Atherton gradually widened the gap again.

Merrell was the top scorer for the balanced Atherton five with 17, followed by Bersot with 15, Garner Petrie with 14 and Coleman with 13.

Wilmouth, Carlisle's floor general, took the game scoring honors with 18 markers. Turk and Blackwell each added 11.

Atherton connected on 23 of 56 attempts from the floor for 39 per cent and Carlisle hit 18 of 56 for 33 per cent.

Carlisle…..12 24 41 60
Atherton……...22 34 44 68

Carlisle (60)
Vaughn 7, Turk 11, Blackwell 11, Tyler 4, Wilmouth 18, Norris 9, Gibson.

Atherton (68)
Bersot 15, Petrie 14, Coleman 13, Merrell 17, Yoffe 6, Schwartz, Edge 2.

Cards Use Late
Rally for Victory

Carlisle Co. 71
Mayfield 73
01-26-60 - Away

Mayfield's vaunted all-court press, one of the region's most feared weapons a few years ago, asserted itself again last night.

The determined Cardinals made good use of the all-court guarding to upend Carlisle County 73-71, before a capacity crowd at the Mayfield gym.

The keyed-up Cardinals, down by 17 points in the third period, used the press to stage an unbelievable rally that saw the Redbirds command a seven point lead late in the game and hold on for the hard-fought victory.

Carlisle, in suffering its second defeat after 18 straight wins at the start of the season, saw its hopes dimmed when star guard Ronnie Wilmouth

fouled out in the fourth period. After that, the Cardinals were on their way to the upset victory.

Carlisle led by 17 points with 3:12 left in the third period and commanded a 13 point margin, 63-50, at the start of the final quarter.

Coach Jack Story's Redbirds started making good use of the press at this stage and led by seven points with two minutes left.

Carlisle fought back with a press of its own to score three baskets and M.K. Turk had a one-plus-one foul shot with three seconds showing on the clock, but missed the first shot and Mayfield rebounded to end the dramatic, spine-tingling contest.

Wilmouth finished with scoring honors for the night with 31 points, while David Hunt led the balanced Mayfield attack with 22 markers.

Carlisle out shot Mayfield from the field, hitting 39% to 37% for the winning Cardinals.

Mayfield……...12 34 50 73
Carlisle ……....17 41 63 71

Mayfield (73)
Hughes 14, Hunt 22, Seavers 13, Malone 7, Adams 6, Wadlington.

Carlisle (71)
Vaughn 12, Turk 2, Blackwell 10, Wilmouth 31, Gibson 2, Norris 10, Vaughn 4.

Madisonville Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Comets Defeats Sacramento
In Opener Of Madisonville Tourn.

Carlisle Co. 52
Sacramento 49
01-29-60 - Away

The Carlisle Comets managed a 3 point win over Sacramento, after holding the lead throughout the entire game, with 17 big points being rolled in by M.K. Turk to clinch the victory.

Ronnie Wilmouth added 10 pts. to the Comet cause.

Carlisle……..14 25 36 52
Sacramento…...10 21 31 49

Carlisle (52)
Vaughn 5, Turk 17, Tyler 7, Blackwell 7, Wilmouth 10, Gibson 5, Norris 1.

Sacramento (49)
Walls 2, Devine 3, Knight 17, Fairly 8, Lee.

Madisonville Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets Down
Beaver Dam To Reach Finals

Carlisle Co. 80
Beaver Dam 70
01-30-60 - Away

In the semi-finals of the Madisonville Invitational, the Comets defeated unbeaten Beaver Dam 80-70, with Gerald Vaughn in the stellar role, with 21 points to put the Comets in the Saturday night finals.

Three other Comets reached double figures. Blackwell with 18, Turk with 16 and Wilmouth with 15.

Carlisle……..30 34 55 80
Beaver Dam….12 39 52 70

Carlisle (80)
Vaughn 21, Turk 16, Blackwell 18, Tyler 2, Wilmouth 15, Gibson 2, Norris 6.

Beaver Dam (70)
Raymond 15, Cotton 10, Hill 18, Givens 2, LaMar 6, Tarrants 19.

Madisonville Tourn.
Championship
Comets Run Out Of Fire
Against Madisonville In Finals

Carlisle Co. 58
Madisonville 71
01-30-60 - Away

Once-beaten Madisonville used its big rebounding edge to power past Carlisle County 71-58, in the finals of the Madisonville Invitational Tournament here tonight.

Carlisle advanced to the finals by knocking Beaver Dam from the unbeaten ranks in the afternoon semi-final game by an 80-70 score.

The loss gives Carlisle a 20-3 record after winning 18 straight at the start of the season.

Carlisle stayed in contention with Madisonville for the first half, but the Maroons used their under-the-goal height to take command of the game in the last half.

The Maroons out-rebounded the smaller Comets, 50-20.

Carlisle County placed three players on the All-Tournament team. Named to the 12-man squad were Ronnie Wilmouth, M. K. Turk, and Gerald Vaughn.

Madisonville had four players in double figures against the Comets. Barry Teague, Doug Walsh, and John Thomas poured in 17 points each to pace the Maroons.

Wilmouth was high man for Carlisle with 25 points.

Carlisle led 14-12 at the end of the first period and clung to 27-26 halftime margin.

Madisonville geared its attack in the third period and held a 51-44 lead at the end of the quarter. The Maroons continued to up the margin in the last canto.

Carlisle jumped into a 20-12 first period lead, but trailed 39-34 at the halftime intermission. The Comets managed a 55-52 third quarter lead and upped the gap in the final period.

Carlisle…….14 27 44 56
Madisonville....12 26 51 71

Carlisle (56)
Vaughn 11, Turk 8, Blackwell 11, Tyler, Gibson 3, Norris 1, Wilmouth 35.

Madisonville (71)
Maddox 13, Walsh 17, McClure 4, Teague 17, Thomas 17.

Carlisle Co. 51
Heath 48
02-05-60 - Away

Carlisle led 9-8 at the end of the first period, but Heath forged into a 21-15 halftime margin and led 36-35 going into the final canto.

M. K. Turk led the balanced Carlisle attack with 12 points.

Phil Cain was the top offensive performer for the Pirates with 15 points.

Carlisle……...9 15 35 51
Heath ……..8 21 36 48

Carlisle (51)
Vaughn 11, Turk 12, Blackwell 11, Tyler 2, Wilmouth 9, Norris 6.

Heath (48)
Wray 10, King 9, Horner, Crass 4, Warford 10, Cain 15.

Carlisle Co. 71
Fulton City 54
02-06-60 - Home

The Comets met Fulton City in their first home game since the Christmas vacation and rolled to a decisive victory of 71-54.

Vaughn, with 17 points, led the pack, followed by Wilmouth and Turk with 15 each and Blackwell with 13. For the visitors, Patton had 12, Burnette 11, and Wilbourne 10.

Coasting in the first quarter, the Comets led 11-10, but jumped out front 32-22 at the half and 55-34 in the third frame. It was easy on to the end.

Carlisle……..11 32 55 71
Fulton City…...10 22 34 51

Carlisle (71)
Vaughn 17, Turk 15, Blackwell 13, Tyler 2, Wilmouth 15, Norris 9.

Fulton City (54)
Lacewell 7, Morrow 8, Patton 12, D. Burnette 6, B. Burnette 11, Wilbourne 10.

Carlisle Co. 93
Murray 55
02-09-60 - Home

Carlisle Co. placed six players in double figures in downing Murray High last night.

Albert Norris led the way with 21 pts.

Carlisle……..19 44 69 93
Murray……...11 23 33 55

Carlisle (93)
G. Vaughn 15, Redford 4, Turk 12, Holman 2, Blackwell 13, Tyler 10, Wilmouth 16, Norris 21, Sams, J. Vaughn.

Murray (55)
Williams 9, Lee 21, Workman 4, Hunt 9, Miller 2, Rose 1, Lampkins 9.

Carlisle Co. 90
Fancy Farm 54
02-12-60 - Away

Carlisle flashed some of its streaking early-season form in drubbing Fancy Farm, 90-54. The victory was the 24th against 3 defeats for the Comets.

Leading the Comet scoring was Vaughn with 17 pts.

Carlisle……..23 49 73 90
Fancy Farm…...14 36 50 75

Carlisle (90)
G. Vaughn 1, Redford 2, Turk 16, Holman, Blackwell 12, Tyler 10, Owens 7, Wilmouth 14, Norris 12, J. Vaughn.

Fancy Farm (54)
Stephens 6, Pendel, Goatley 2, A. Cash 26, Dossett 3, S. Cash 2, E. Hayes 11, Elder, 4, Fauklner.

Carlisle Co. 84
Lowes 74
02-16-60 - Home

Carlisle County came from behind to beat Lowes in the last quarter stop.

Leading scorer for the Comets was Blackwell with 28, followed by Wilmouth with 23.

Carlisle……..13 31 59 84
Lowes……...20 41 60 74

Carlisle (84)
Vaughn 16, Turk 14, Blackwell 28, Wilmouth 23, Norris 3.

Lowes (74)
Glisson 10, Gourley 18, Sledd 12, Nicholson 24, Page 10.

Seay Tops Season Mark With 52,
Wilmouth Gets Only 1

Carlisle Co. 65
Fulton Co. 56
02-19-60 - Away

Larry Seay of Cuba and Ronnie Wilmouth of Carlisle County were involved in the "extremes" in Friday's area basketball play.

Wilmouth, one of the top scorers in the Region, was held to a mere point in a superb

defensive effort by Fulton County, but the heady Wilmouth still used his floor generalship to guide the Comets to a 65-56 victory.

Seay's scoring outburst bettered the season mark of 47 points set by Denis Gourley of Lowes earlier in the year. His total was only two points shy of the Club's all-time single-game scoring record of 54 points held by Charles "Doodles" Floyd.

The 5-11 Seay connected on 21 of 43 field attempts and 10 of 10 from the free line to amass his record-setting total.

Wilmouth was held to his lowest point total in 81 consecutive games by the tight guarding of Bobby McMullin of Fulton County. The clever Wilmouth had not been that low since Nov. 26, 1957, when as a sophomore, he got only one point against Fulton City.

Wilmouth didn't really press the matter as he was content to feed his teammates. He only took three shots during the night, but turned in a outstanding floor game against the pressing bulldogs.

M. K. Turk and Albert Norris provided the scoring punch for Carlisle with 20 and 18 points respectively. The Comets hit 57 per cent from the field, caging 27 of 47 attempts.

Carlisle……..19 35 49 65
Fulton…..……..9 29 38 56

Tyler 4, Vaughn 10, Blackwell 8, Wilmouth 18, Holman, Gibson, Turk 9.

Tilghman (85)

Overton 10, Holland 4, Ragland 11, House, Rose 2, Cooper 22, English 1.

First District Tournament
At Fulton Co. High
School March 2nd-5th

The Fulton County High School, near Hickman, Ky., will be host to the 1960 First District High School Tournament to be held March 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, with five teams in the three counties vying for supremacy.

The district is composed of Carlisle Co., Hickman Co., Fulton Co., Fulton City, and Hickman Riverview. Carlisle will be represented by one team, Hickman County has one, and Fulton County has three teams entered: Fulton City, Fulton County, and Riverview of Hickman.

In drawing for positions in the tournament, Carlisle, Fulton City, and Riverview drew byes. The opening game Wednesday night, March 2nd, will be Fulton Co. and Hickman County. On Thursday night, March 3rd, the Carlisle Comets will meet the Fulton City Bulldogs. Friday night, March 4, Riverview will meet the winner of the Fulton Co.-Hickman Co. game.

The district finals will be played Saturday night, March 5th.

March 2nd

7:30—Hickman County vs. Fulton County (U).

March 3rd

7:30--Fulton City vs. Carlisle County (L).

March 4th

7:30—Hickman County - Fulton County winner vs. Hickman Riverview (U).

March 5th

7:30—Championship Game.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 68
Fulton City 45
03-03-60 - Away

Carlisle (65)

Vaughn 14, Turk 20, Blackwell 8, Tyler 4, Wilmouth 1, Norris 18.

Fulton Co. (56)

Cadwell 10, Anderson 4, Tipton 20, McMillan 17, Bobbitt 5.

Carlisle Co. 65
South Marshall 58
02-20-60 - Home

Carlisle County, spotting South Marshall an early lead, battled from behind to win 65-58, here tonight.

The Rebels led most of the way in the nip and tuck scramble before Carlisle County snapped a 50-50 deadlock at the start of the final period.

It was the 27th win of the season for the Comets, against three defeats.

Ronnie Wilmouth was top gun for the Comets with 20 points, but Jackie Weaver stole scoring honors for the game with 22 Rebel tallies.

Carlisle…….17 29 50 65
S. Marshall…..18 34 50 58

Carlisle (65)

Vaughn 8, Turk 10, Blackwell 10, Wilmouth 20, Norris 17.

S. Marshall (58)

Carlisle Co. moved into the finals of the 1st District tournament, beating Fulton City by 23 points.

Leading Carlisle was Blackwell and Wilmouth with 17 points each.

Carlisle…….11 31 48 68
Fulton City…..18 28 37 45

Carlisle (68)

G. Vaughn 11, Turk 9, Redford, Holman, Blackwell 17, Tyler 2, Wilmouth 17, Gibson 2, J. Vaughn, Norris 9, Owens 1.

Fulton City (45)

Lacewell 11, Allen 1, Stokes 1, Morrow 5, Hurst, Patton 6, D. Burnette 2, B. Burnette 2, Bradley, Wilborn 12, Warren.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Comets Win
With Late Rally

Carlisle Co. 50
Hickman Co. 43
03-05-60 - Away

Carlisle County used its foul-line accuracy to break a last-quarter deadlock in beating Hickman County 50-43, in the 1st District finals of the First District Tournament tonight.

The two teams were dead-locked at 43-all with 3:50 showing on the clock, when the Comets started working the ball and drawing fouls from the pressing Falcons.

The strategy paid off as Ronnie Wilmouth hit four straight foul shots and Albert Norris added three gratis tosses, while the Comets were holding Hickman scoreless from the field in their hurried attempts.

The victory marked the third time that Carlisle has defeated their district rivals this season.

Hickman outshot the Comets from the field but trailed in rebounds and at the foul line. The losing Falcons hit 44 per cent from the field to 37 per cent for Carlisle. Carlisle, though, outscored Hickman by six field goals as Hickman got only one fielder the last period.

Carlisle hit 18 of 28 free shots and Hickman caged 11 of 20. Carlisle led in rebounds 27-22 with Mohler 6, P. Jones 4, H. Jones 8, Weaver 22, Wilkins 14, D. Lovett 4.

Carlisle Co. 49
Tilghman 65
02-26-60 - Away

The Carlisle Comets were unable to cope with the Tilghman Blue Tornado Tuesday night in their last scheduled game of the season and lost a 65-49 decision.

One point behind at the first quarter the Comets managed to hold on, and at the half-time held a one-point margin.

The Comets, playing without regular Norris, and with height on the opposition accounting for a disadvantage on the rebounds, trailed 44-39 at the third rest period and the margin widened during the last minutes of play. The Comets had defeated Tilghman in the Christmas Invitational Tournament, 64-42.

Carlisle held a 7-1 lead in the first quarter and during the second stanza was outscored 27-16, but the lead was cut to 29-28 at the half.

Cooper, Tilghman center, was top scorer with 22, while Wilmouth pumped in 18 for the Comets.

Carlisle…..…….9 29 39 49
Tilghman……..10 28 44 65

Carlisle (49)

Charlie Blackwell leading the way for Carlisle with 10.

Hickman jumped out front at 14-9 at the end of the first period as the Comets were cold form the field. The Comets tied the score at 18-all and the game was deadlocked at 29 all before Hickman fired in seven straight points for a 36-29 lead.

That inspired Carlisle to score seven straight to tie the score again, and the clever Wilmouth hit a driving layup to give the Comets the lead, at 38-32.

The two teams were tied again at 43-all before Carlisle decided the issue.

Wilmouth finished with scoring honors for Carlisle with 15 points. M. K. Turk added 14.

Sam Harper fired in 16 points to lead Hickman's offensive attack.

Carlisle…..…….9 24 38 50
Hickman…..…..14 26 37 48

Carlisle (50)

Vaughn 10, Turk 14, Blackwell 8, Wilmouth 15, Norris 3.

Hickman (43)

Stewart 13, Harper 16, Overstreet 6, Waterfield 8, Heitt, Martin.

***1st* Region Tourn.**
1st Round
Riders Top Comets
In Regional 1st Round

Carlisle Co. 62
Symsonia 64
03-11-60 - Away

Surprises in the First Regional Tournament have been about as plentiful as the snow-something that we've had plenty of this week.

Both seasonal kingpins-Carlisle County and North Marshall - were missing from the tournament's semi-final lineup tonight.

M.K. Turk missed a 20-footer for Carlisle with 57 seconds left and rebounded the ball again, but his drive shot under the basket was blocked, with Symsonia getting the loose ball. Substitute Bill Holman of Carlisle fouled Green with 24 seconds left and the Symsonia guard hit the first of two shots for a 62- 60 margin.

The sharp-shooting Comets, who carried the best record into the tourney (29-4) were still in the game as they had the ball. Ronnie Wilmouth, normally a sharp-shooter, missed a 25 footer with 14 seconds left, but the Comets managed to gain a jump ball. Turk got a shot under the basket and missed before Wilmouth fouled Green with eight seconds left.

The 5-8 Symsonia guard zoomed the first shot through the basket and rolled the second one in to give the Riders a 64-60 lead.

The Rough Riders stepped aside on defense and allowed big Charlie Blackwell to hit unguarded in the final seconds. The horn sounded ending the game before Symsonia had to put the ball in play again.

Symsonia played a well-planned offensive game that worked the Riders' three big men in close to the basket for drives.

Ellington finished with scoring honors for the Riders with a big 30-points, hitting an uncanny 14 of 16 from the foul line. Don Butler was close behind, with 12.

Symsonia never trailed after taking the lead late in the second period against Carlisle. But the Rough Riders gave the Graves County partisans plenty of anxious moments in the final quarter.

Carlisle, trying desperately to salvage the contest, wiped out a 10-point deficit with an all-court press, but could never take the lead against the Riders.

The Comets tied the score at 60-all and tried a bold stall with over three minutes showing on the clock and the strategy backfired. Big Gerald Ellington, who played a standout game for the Rough Riders, blocked an attempted Carlisle shot and Wendell Green picked up the loose ball with 1:11 left in the contest.

Carlisle.....16 37 49 62
Symsonia…..…15 39 58 64

Symsonia (64)
Ellington 30, Butler 12, Rhew 10, Green 6, Farmer 4, Copeland 4,

Carlisle (62)
Turk 14, Vaughn 13, Tyler 1, Blackwell 18, Wilmouth 7, Norris 9, Gibson, Holman.

1959-60

	Lowes	St. Mary	Fancy Farm	Ballard Co.	Heath	Fulton Co.	Hickman Co.	St. Mary	Hickman Riverview	Lone Oak	Fulton City	Sedalia	Tilghman	Benton	Lone Oak	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.						
Gerald Vaughn	27	20	17	21	26	33	18	9	14	17	10	19	12	12	8	6	13						
M.K. Turk	13	14	11	8	13	13	11	11	10	11	4	14	14	23	13	17	13						
Charlie Blackwell	13	13	15	23	12	13	17	15	14	10	13	14	6	7	12	21	25						
L.H. Tyler	2		6						5	0	1	4	0			0							
Ronnie Wilmouth	10	17	22	17	13	13	8	21	17	8	23	10	21	24	12	19	18						
Albert Norris	10	18	12	10	7	9	9	11	7	10	8	2	9	7	8	2	6						
Harry Owens		0							3			2		0		1							
Dwight Petrie			2																				
Jerry Gibson				2		2			3		3	2	2	0	2								
Larry Redford									2		4		0										
Jackie Vaughn									2					0									
Bill Holman									2			2		0									
Bill Blanks											2												
Bourke Mantle													0	0									

1959-60

	South Marshall	Louisville Atherton	Mayfield	Sacramento	Beaver Dam	Madisonville	Heath	Fulton City	Murray	Fancy Farm	Lowes	Fulton Co.	South Marshall	Tilghman	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Symsonia				Games	Pts.	Avg.
Gerald Vaughn	11	7	12	5	21	11	11	17	15	17	16	14	8	10	11	10	13				34	491	14.44
M.K. Turk	15	11	2	17	16	8	12	15	12	16	14	20	10	9	9	14	14				34	427	12.56
Charlie Blackwell	11	11	10	7	18	11	11	13	13	12	28	8	10	8	17	8	18				34	457	13.44
L.H. Tyler	0	4		7	2	0	2	2	10	10		4		4	2		1				21	66	3.14
Ronnie Wilmouth	11	18	31	10	15	22	9	15	16	14	23	1	20	18	17	15	7				34	535	15.74
Albert Norris	3	9	10	1	6	1	6	9	21	12	3	18	17		9	2	9				33	281	8.51
Harry Owens										7					1						7	14	2
Dwight Petrie																					1	2	2
Jerry Gibson	1	0	2	5	2	3								0	2		0				17	31	1.82
Larry Redford									4	2					0						6	12	2
Jackie Vaughn			4						0	0					0						6	6	1
Bill Holman									2	0				0	0		0				8	6	0.75
Bill Blanks																					1	2	2
Bourke Mantle																					2	0	0
Johnny Sams									0												1	0	0
																						2330	
					Team Record - 29-5							Per Game Avg. - 68.52											

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Gerald Vaughn	72		14	209	491	714	9.92
M.K. Turk	66		11	255	427	693	10.5
Charlie Blackwell	57			111	457	568	9.96
Ronnie Wilmouth	90		193	491	535	1219	13.5
Albert Norris	64		2	77	281	360	5.53
Larry Redford	6				12	12	1.71
Bill Holman	11			4	6	10	0.91
Bill Blanks	1			2		2	2

1960-61

HEAD COACH – TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON

MOUNDS CITY TOURN. - 3RD PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

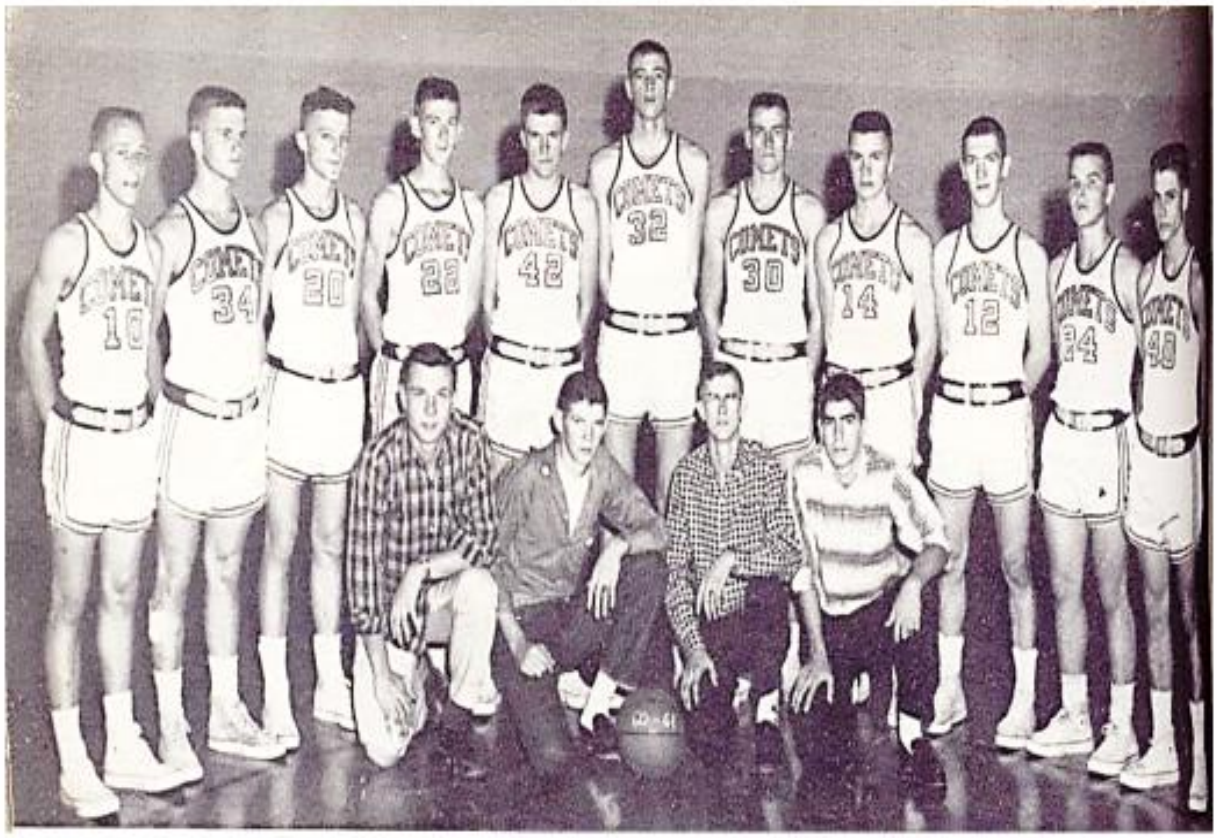
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1960-61

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP	SITE	
11-08-60	St Mary	53-41	H	
11-11-60	Lowes	**63-70**	H	
11-15-60	Ballard Co.	60-47	A	
11-18-60	Heath	48-46 **2ot**	A	
11-22-60	Fulton Co	66-62	H	
11-29-60	Hickman Co.	**39-48**	H	
12-02-60	Reidland	**55-59**	A	
12-06-60	South Marshall	**50-60**	H	
12-09-60	St. Mary	**37-41**	A	
12-13-60	Lone Oak	55-54	H	
12-16-60	Fulton City	**55-58 ot**	H	
12-21-60	Wingo	**59-66**	A	**- MAYFIELD TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-06-61	Ballard Co.	60-52	H	
01-07-61	Fancy Farm	48-40	H	
01-10-61	Hickman Co.	41-40 **ot**	A	
01-13-61	Mayfield	56-41	H	
01-17-61	Martin, TN.	64-51	H	
01-20-61	Fulton City	**41-78**	A	
01-24-61	South Marshall	62-55	A	
01-27-61	Grand Chain, ILL.	71-40	A	**- MOUNDS CITY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-28-61	Mounds City, ILL.	**41-49**	A	**- MOUNDS CITY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-28-61	Alto Pass, ILL.	46-44	A	**- MOUNDS CITY TOURN CONSOLATION**
01-31-61	Reidland	59-56	H	
02-07-61	Murray	57-53	A	
02-10-61	Lowes	**49-82**	A	
02-14-61	Fancy Farm	70-43	A	
02-15-61	Fulton Co	**43-54**	A	
02-17-61	Sedalia	74-58	A	
02-18-61	Heath	60-48	H	
02-24-61	Tilghman	**48-51**	H	
03-02-61	Hickman Riverview	50-38	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-04-61	Hickman Co.	**37-47**	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-09-61	North Marshall	**46-55**	A	**- 1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 19-14

1961 Comets – District Runner-Up



David Hightower, Jackie Vaughn, Bobby Terry, Morgan Stephenson, David Wells, LH Tyler, Harry Owens, Jerry Gibson, Johnny Sams, Tommy Grooms, Bourke Mantle, Dwight Petrie, Steve Moyers, Johnny Terry, Bill Stephens (Managers)

1960-61

HEAD COACH - TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON
MOUNDS CITY TOURN. - 3RD PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 19-14

1960-61 COMET ROSTER:
David Hightower, Jackie Vaughn, Bobby Terry, Morgan Stephenson, David Wells, L.H. Tyler, Harry Owens, Jerry Gibson, Johnny Sams, Tommy Grooms, Bourke Mantle, Dwight Petrie, Kenneth Watson, Frankie Bone, Robert Summers, (Managers) Johnny Terry, Bill Stephens

Carlisle Co. 53
St. Mary 41
11-08-60 - Home

St. Mary ran into foul trouble late in the game in bowing to Carlisle County.

The Knights, though, turned in a lack-luster performance in losing to the graduation-riddled Carlisle five.

Carlisle led at every quarter stop. The Comets were on top 9-7 at the end of the first quarter, 26-19 at halftime, 42-29 at the end of the third quarter and held the lead through the final period.

Jerry Gibson led the Carlisle County attack with 12 points while big L.H. Tyler chipped in with 11 and played a standout defensive game.

Little Pat Carroll paced the St. Mary attack with 13 points. Jesse Yopp added 12 points and gathered 10 rebounds.

Carlisle……..9 26 42 53
St. Mary…..…7 19 29 41

Carlisle (53)
Owens 9, Petrie 6, Tyler 11, Gibson 12, Vaughn 9, Hightower 6.

St. Mary (41)
Yopp 12, Williams 1, Wilson 3, Carroll 13, Pace 8, Wurth 2, Taylor 2.

Carlisle Co. 63
Lowes 70
11-11-60 - Home

Lowes had to rally in the final period to down a surprising Carlisle County team, 70-63.

Jerry Page, Lowes' high-scoring young sophomore guard, was held to four points, but teammates David Wynn and Billy Chumbler came through with 22 and 19, respectively, for the Blue Devils.

Jerry Gibson paced the Carlisle attack with 22 points.

Lowes……...11 28 42 70
Carlisle……..…14 30 44 63

Lowes (70)
Chumbler 19, Winn 22, Sledd 15, Leek 2, Page 4, Glisson 8.

Carlisle (63)
Owens 6, Petrie 1, Tyler 16, Gibson 22, Sams 6, Vaughn 7, Hightower 6.

Carlisle Co. 60
Ballard Co. 47
11-15-60 - Away

Fouls cost the Bombers the game last Tuesday night as the Comets cashed in 18 free throws to the Bombers 5, to give the Comets their 13 point winning margin.

Ballard got into trouble early into the game as they fouled time after time trying to double team big 6"8 Tyler, the Carlisle County pivot man. Tyler scored almost at will as he drove from a two man screen to shoot a short jump shot from about 10 foot out to give him 25 points for his evenings work.

Johnny Glisson turned in a good job for the Bombers, if there was such a thing. John was consistent in his shooting, and did a good job against Tyler on the boards. He also took scoring honors for the night tallying 11 points for a losing cause.

Carlisle…….13 29 42 60
Ballard……..8 20 30 47

Carlisle (60)
Owens 7, Watson, Tyler 24, Gibson 14, Sams, Vaughn 5, Hightower 3.

Ballard (47)
Culver 10, Reesor 3, Lawrence 4, Glisson 11, Whitis 2, Berry 4, Hodges 9, Wear 4.

Carlisle Co. 48
Heath 46
11-18-60 - Away

Surprising Carlisle Co. upended Heath in double overtime, 48-46, in a real thriller last night.

Heath jumped out to a 15-7 first quarter lead but the Comets came back strong in the second quarter to slice off the margin to 23-21 at the halfway mark.

Carlisle was on top 39-37 going into the fourth stanza but the two clubs were tied at 46-46 at the end of regulation time. Neither team managed to score in the first overtime before Grooms decided it in the sudden-death period.

L.H. Tyler, Carlisle's lanky 6-8 center, dumped in 24 markers to pace the Comets. Gene Wray topped the Buc scoring with 21.

Carlisle…..7 21 39 46 46 48
Heath…..15 23 37 46 46 46

Carlisle (48)
Owens 3, Watson 2, Tyler 24, Gibson 6, Vaughn 8, Grooms 5.

Heath (46)
Wray 21, Horner 5, Holland 4, Chambers 6, Warford 10, Vannerson.

Carlisle Co. 66
Fulton Co. 62
11-22-60 - Home

The big surprise last night was turned in by Carlisle County. The graduation riddled Comets knocked off Fulton County 66-62 to continue Coach Tom Adkins two year mastery over first district foes.

Adkins has not lost a game against First District teams since 1958.

Carlisle……..…18 29 41 66
Fulton Co……12 22 28 62

Carlisle (66)
Owens 9, Vaughn 3, Tyler 17, Gibson 29, Grooms 4, Hightower 4.

Fulton Co. (62)
Bequette 11, Caldwell 5, Tipton 15, McMullin 12, Bobbitt 12, Harrison 7.

Hickman Snaps
Carlisle's Win Streak

Hickman Co. 48
Carlisle Co. 39
11-29-60 - Home

Carlisle County saw its three-year 21 game victory streak over First District foes snapped by arch-rival Hickman County last night.

The Comets stayed in contention throughout the game, but couldn't overcome the early Hickman County lead in bowing 48-39.

Carlisle County had not tasted defeat at the hands of a rival First District club since the finals of the 1958 District Tournament.

The Comets fell behind 15-9 at the end of the first period and Hickman held the upper hand the rest of the way. The Falcons were on top 25-21 at halftime and 36-30 at the end of three periods.

Jerry Gibson led the way for Carlisle County with a 15-point effort.

Hickman…….15 25 36 48
Carlisle…….9 21 30 39

Hickman (48)
Harper 15, Weatherford 4, Overstreet 18, Waterfield 4, Padgett 7.

Carlisle (39)
Owens 7, Vaughn 7, Tyler 7, Gibson 15, Grooms 3, Hightower.

Reidland 59
Carlisle Co. 55
12-02-60 - Away

Reidland forged ahead of Carlisle at the start of the second period and led the rest of the way.

The Greyhounds were on top 28-25 at halftime, and held 45-34 lead going into the final period. Carlisle's press cut the gap in the final period, but couldn't close the deficit.

John Holdman and Jerry Cartee led the balanced Reidland scoring attack. Holdman had 14 and Cartee tabbed 13. Bob Brewer of Reidland held L.H Tyler, Carlisle's 6-8 center, to a mere three points.

Reidland…….10 28 45 59
Carlisle…….11 25 34 55

Reidland (59)
Brewer 6, Driskill 7, Hamm, Brown 11, Cartee 13, Holdman 14, Powers 8.

Carlisle (55)
Owens 21, Watson 2, Vaughn 6, Tyler 3, Gibson 19, Grooms 2.

South Shows Signs
Of Ending Lethargy

South Marshall 60
Carlisle Co. 50
12-06-60 – Away

South Marshall has been the big disappointment, in the First Region, in the early season play.

The Rebels, expected to be a challenger in the Fourth District after reaching the Regional Tournament last year, have been having their troubles in early games.

Coach Mason Cope's charges could be ready to snap out of their early lethargy. The Reb's knocked off the Comets 60-50 last night to even there record at 3-3 for the season.

The Marshall Countians led at every quarter stop in beating the Comets.

Substitute Bobby Henson fired the Rebels with a nine-point last quarter production to provide the spark for the Reb's. Paul Jones led the way for South, with 16 points, followed by Jackie Weaver with 14.

Jerry Gibson was the top scorer for Carlisle County with 22 points.

S. Marshall…..14 30 47 60

Carlisle……..10 26 40 50
S. Marshall 60)
H. Jones 8, Byers 3, Henson 11, P. Jones 16, Lovett 8, Weaver 14, Miller.
Carlisle (50)
Owens 1, Sams, Wells 2, Watson 2, Tyler 16, Grooms, Gibson 22, Hightower 7, Mantle.

St. Mary 41
Carlisle Co. 37
12-09-60 - Away

St Mary rallied in the final period to beat Carlisle Co.

The two teams were deadlocked at 32 all at the end of three periods before the Knights wrapped up the Comets in the last quarter. The game was close throughout. The two teams were deadlocked at 10-10 at the first period before St Mary managed a 23-21 halftime lead.

Jesse Yopp and Bill Pace led the way for the Knights with 12 points each. Jerry Gibson fired in 16 points for Carlisle's only double effort.
St. Mary……..10 23 33 41
Carlisle……..10 21 32 37
St. Mary (41)
Yopp 12, Peck 4, Williams 2, Wilson 6, Legeay 2, Carroll 3, Pace 12.
Carlisle (37)
Wells 3, Vaughn 3, Owens 5, Gibson 16, Grooms 8.

Carlisle Co. 55
Lone Oak 54
12-13-60 - Home

Jackie Vaughn tossed in two free throws with 25 seconds left to give Carlisle its win over Lone Oak.

The Purple Flash held the ball for a last-second shot after Vaughn's two free throws, but the attempt missed and the Oakers were saddled with their fifth loss in eight games. Three of the defeats have been by a combined total of four points.

Carlisle led 13-12 at the first period, 30-23 at halftime and 41-39 going into the final quarter.

Jerry Gibson set the scoring pace for the Comets.

Ron Alexander fired in 22 points to lead the way for Lone Oak.
Carlisle……..13 30 41 55
Lone Oak……..12 23 39 54
Carlisle (55)
Vaughn 13, Sams 2, Owens 9, Gibson 18, Grooms 8, Hightower 5.
Lone Oak (54)
Phelps 13, Johnson 2, Shields 1, Dallas 2. Overton 12, Hopwood 3, Alexander 22.

Fulton City 58
Carlisle Co. 55
12-16-60 - Home

In top games Friday night, Fulton City edged past Carlisle County 58-55 in an overtime.

Fulton City lost a big 12 point lead going into the fourth quarter and then rallied in the overtime to beat Carlisle County.

After a 10-10 first period deadlock, the Bulldogs managed a 24-20 edge at the halftime intermission. The winners had opened up a big 42-30 lead after three quarters of play, before seeing the stubborn Comets outscore them 20 to 8 in the final eight minutes to tie the score at 50-50 at the end of regulation time.

Don Burnette popped in four of the eight Fulton points in the overtime to spark the winners. He tallied 15 for the night.

Jerry Gibson fired in 19 points to lead the way for the losing Comets.
Fulton City….10 24 42 50 58
Carlisle……..10 20 30 50 55
Fulton City (58)
D. Burnette 15, Allen 7, B. Burnette 9, Patton 9, Lacewell 11, Bradley 7.
Carlisle (55)
Vaughn 15, Watson 2, Grooms 6, Owens 8, Gibson 19, Hightower 5.

Mayfield Tourn.
1st Round
Wingo 66
Carlisle Co. 59
12-27-60 - Away

Wingo refused to fold under Carlisle's all court press in the final minutes and used some sharp free throw shooting in notching its win over the Comets.

The Indians, after being on the short end of a 13-12 score at the end of the opening period, came back for a 32-29 lead at the halfway mark. The winners held on for a 48-44 edge after three quarters.

Harlon Parchman and David Carter popped in 20 and 19 points to pace the Wingo quintet, while L. H. Tyler topped Carlisle with an 18 point effort.

Carlisle played without the services of its high-scoring guard Jerry Gibson. The sharp-shooting guard suffered a broken foot in practice Monday.
Wingo……..12 32 48 64
Carlisle……..13 29 44 59
Wingo (64)
Waggoner 6, Carter 19, Jackson., G. Adams 5, Parchman 20, Gibson 5, J. Adams 4, Charlton 3, Mullins 2.
Carlisle (59)
Owens 11, Watson 2, Vaughn 13, Tyler 18, Grooms 4, Sams 7, Hightower 4.

Bombers Muffed
A Good Opportunity

Carlisle Co. 60
Ballard Co. 52
01-01-61 - Home

The Ballard Bombers missed a good opportunity to break their losing streak last Friday night at Carlisle County.

In this game, the zone defense seemed to be the waterloo for the Bombers as their outside shooting seemed to have fallen apart.

Carlisle was without one of their most prolific scorers and playmakers, Jerry Gibson, who will be out for several weeks with a broken ankle.
Carlisle……..11 26 38 60
Ballard……..10 21 34 52
Carlisle (60)
Owens 6, Vaughn 4, Tyler 25, Grooms 15, Hightower 2, Terry 8.
Ballard (52)
Culver 9, Cooper 13, Glisson 2, Reesor, Hodges 13, Tanner 2, Wear 9, Petty 4.

Carlisle Co. 48
Fancy Farm 40
01-07-61 - Home

With high-jumping Harry Owens sweeping the backboards and L. H. Tyler racking up the points, Carlisle County defeated Fancy Farm 48-40 here tonight.

Owens pulled down a phenomenal 30 rebounds and added 13 points while Tyler was popping in 20 points and getting 19 rebounds in leading the Carlisle Countians to victory.

Carlisle led at every quarter stop.

Fancy Farm whittled away at the margin in the third and fourth periods, but Carlisle managed to hang on for the win.

Fancy Farm's Eddie Pendel was the game's leading scorer with 25 points, and was the only player on the team to reach double figures.
Carlisle……..17 22 36 48
Fancy Farm…..11 17 26 40
Carlisle (48)
Owens 13, Vaughn 2, Tyler 20, Grooms 6, Terry 7, Mantle, Watson, Stevenson.
Fancy Farm (40)
Pendel 25, Faulkner 2, Goatley 6, Willett 1, Elder 2, Dossett 4.

Carlisle Co. Knocks
Off Hickman Co.

Carlisle Co. 41
Hickman Co. 40
01-10-61 - Away

Carlisle County, the team that inflicted three defeats on Hickman County last year, knocked off the highly regarded Falcons last night.

The Comets rallied in overtime to down the Falcon's 41-40 before a capacity crowd at the Falcon's home court.

Carlisle County, playing without its No. 1 scorer Jerry Gibson, who is out with an injury, came on strong in the final period to knot the score at 39 all at the end of regulation time and decided the issue in the extra period.

Tommy Grooms pushed through a fielder for Carlisle to put the Comets ahead 41-39, with 1:10 left in overtime.

The ball switched hands until Harry Lee Waterfield II of Hickman County was fouled, with seven seconds remaining in the extra period. Waterfield hit his first shot, but the second attempt bounced off the rim and Hickman was tagged with its second loss of the season.

Hickman County jumped out front at 9-5 and led 24-22 at the halftime intermission. The Falcons were ahead 33-29 before Coach Adkins' charges rallied in the final quarter to knot the score.

Top Comet scorer was Owens with 15.
Carlisle…….5 22 29 39 41
Hickman…..9 24 33 39 40
Carlisle (41)
Owens 15, Vaughn 6, Tyler 10, Grooms 6, Terry 4, Hightower.
Hickman (40)
Harper 16, Dodson 2, Overstreet 12, Waterfield 5, L. Padgett.

Carlisle Co. 56
Mayfield 41
01-13-61 - Home

Carlisle County, on the strength of impressive wins over Mayfield and Hickman County during the past week, has added its name to the list of First District and even Regional challengers.

The upstart Comets of Coach Tom Adkins completed an "eye-popping" week of play by knocking off Mayfield 56-41 in Friday's action, after upsetting Hickman 41-40 in an overtime Tuesday.

During the first two months of the cage season, Hickman County looked like the class of

the First District and a top contender for regional honors.

However, Fulton County and now Carlisle has challenged the Falcons' supremacy role in the District.

Fulton County captured the Mayfield Christmas Tournament and now boasts a six-game winning streak in its bid for the top rung in the District.

Now it's Carlisle that has made the noise and moved into the chase for honors by its impressive performances this past week.

The white-and-gold clad Comets caught fire in the opening minutes after intermission and held the upper hand the rest of the way, handing Mayfield its worst beating of the season.

The two clubs were knotted at 9-9 at the first quarter stop, with Carlisle managing a slim 21-19 halftime edge.

The Comets moved out to a 35-26 advantage after 24 minutes of play, before really turning on the steam in the final stanza.

Big 6-8 L.H. Tyler stuffed in 19 points to lead a three-man double figure scoring attack for the Comets. High-jumping Harry Owens was close behind with 16 and steady Jerry Gibson, who returned to the line-up after an ankle injury, got 12.

Carlisle……..9 21 35 56
Mayfield……..9 19 26 41

Carlisle (56)
Owens 16, Vaughn 2, Tyler 19, Grooms 4, Perry 3, Gibson 12.

Mayfield (41)
Hughes 7, Tibbs 15, Sharpe 13, Kiesy, Hawkins 6, Richardson.

Carlisle Co. 61
Martin, TN. 54
01-17-61 - Home

The Comets continued their winning ways Tuesday night as they slipped by the Martin, TN. Panthers, 61-54.

The Tennessee team came into the game sporting a glossy 17-3 record and rated as the 8th best team in the Volunteer state.

Carlisle took the lead at the quarter 14-13, and led 30-26 at halftime. The Panthers came back strong in the third quarter and the score changed hands several times as the Comets managed a 40-49 lead at the end of the quarter. They held on for a 61-54 verdict over the panthers.

L.H. Tyler paced the Comets with 23 points and Harry Owens gave him ample support with 17 points. Jerry Gibson was also in the double figures as he collected 10.

Martin was led by guards Bill Harris and Bobby Bell, who collected 15 and 14, respectively.

Martin…..13 26 40 54
Carlisle……..14 30 49 61

Carlisle (61)
Owens 17, Vaughn 9, Tyler 23, Gibson 10, Grooms, Terry 2.

Martin (54)
Earls 9, Hall 9, High 2, Hester 5, Harris 15, Bell 14.

Fulton City 78
Carlisle Co. 41
01-21-61 - Away

Fulton City used a tight zone defense and a balanced offense to take the one-sided verdict over Carlisle last night.

Kenneth Bradley and Jerry Lacewell paced the Bulldogs with 24 and 22 points, respectively.

Jerry Gibson was the only Comet to hit double figures with 10.

Carlisle……..11 16 28 41
Fulton City…..17 31 58 78

Fulton City (78)
Lacewell 22, D. Burnette 1, B. Burnette 5, Covington 2, Patton 17, Merryman, Allen 7, Bradley 24, Williams, Beadles.

Carlisle (41)
Terry, Sams 5, Watson, Owens 7, Tyler 4, Gibson 10, Grooms 8, Hightower 2, Bone 4.

Comets 62-55 Winner
Over South Marshall.
Enter Illinois Tourney This Week

Carlisle Co. 62
South Marshall 55
01-24-61 - Away

Carlisle County's raging Comets won as they avenged an earlier loss and triumphed over South Marshall, 62-55.

The Comets led 9-6 at the end of the first quarter, and increased their lead at halftime to 28-15. At the end of the third quarter the score stood at 49-32 in favor of Carlisle. However the last quarter was all Rebels as they outscored the Comets 23-13.

Despite the comeback of the Rebels the Comets managed to hold on and win 62-55.

Carlisle spoiled the coaching debut of Ray Solomon of South Marshall as the Comets led at every quarter.

Elongated L.H. Tyler led the way for the Comets with 24 points.

Carlisle……..9 28 49 62
S. Marshall…..6 15 32 55

Carlisle (62)
Owens 13, Vaughn 4, Tyler 24, Grooms 4, Gibson 17, Stevenson, Terry.

S. Marshall (55)
Byers 4, H. Jones 8, Osborne 2, J. Jones 2, Lovett 8, Miller 10, Weaver 14.

Mounds City Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Win
In Illinois Tourney

Carlisle Co. 71
Grand Chain, ILL. 40
01-27-61 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets trounced Grand Chain, ILL., 71-40, Wednesday night, in their first game of the Mound City Invitational Tournament.

The Comets led 15-9 at the end of the first period and increased their lead to 35-19 by halftime.

Carlisle continued their mastery over the Illinois team in the second half and led 54-32 at the end of the third frame. With reserves playing the larger part of the fourth period, the Comets increased their winning margin to 71-40.

The Comets were led in scoring by 6-8 L.H. Tyler and 6-3 Harry Owens. Tyler topped all scorers with 21 points and Owens added 16. Neither of the two played the last quarter.

Easter was high for Grand Chain with 13, and Heisner hit for 10.

Carlisle……..15 35 54 71
Grand Chain…..9 19 32 40

Carlisle (71)
Owens 16, Vaughn, Stephenson 2, Watson, Tyler 21, Wells 2, Gibson 8, Grooms 9, Terry 1, Hightower 6, Mantle 6, Summers.

Grand Chain (40)
Sauerbrunn 2, Copper 6, Easter 13, Heisner 10, Hubbard 9.

Mounds City Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets Whistled
To Third Place Bracket

Mounds City, ILL. 49
Carlisle Co. 41
01-28-61 - Away

Carlisle will be playing for third place honors Friday night, due to the defeat Thursday night by Mounds City, 49-41.

After seeing the game, I could say it was the poorest called game I have ever seen. It seemed that a foul was called every time a Comet player got near a Mounds player. On numerous occasions a Comet player would make a clean steal of the ball, only to have one of the whistle tooters call an infraction on a Comet.

During the second half of the game a total of 22 fouls were amassed against Carlisle while only one was called against the Mounds squad.

Carlisle led at halftime 23-20, but could not stay ahead of the 7 man team in the ill-fated second half. The Comets were outscored 29-18.

Harry Owens was top scorer for Carlisle with 16 points, while Freddie Allen and Harold Earnhart led Mounds with 16 and 13 respectively.

Mounds……..11 20 35 49
Carlisle……..9 23 30 41

Mounds (49)
Allen 16, Johnson 8, McBride 10, Earnhart 13, Dunn 2.

Carlisle (41)
Owens 16, Vaughn, Terry, Tyler 9, Stephenson 2, Gibson 8, Grooms 4, Hightower 2.

Mounds City Tourn.
Consolation

Carlisle Co. 46
Alto Pass, ILL. 44
01-28-61 - Away

Carlisle took home third place in the Mounds City Tournament as they tripped Alto Pass, ILL. 46-44, last Friday night.

Coach Tom Adkins indicated that his Comets were far superior to the ILL. teams and gave his reserves a chance to gain experience by playing them most of the game.

The Comets held a commanding 39-24 led at the end of the third quarter. Alto Pass rallied on the Comets and tied the score at 42-42, with about a minute left in the game.

Jerry Gibson entered the game for two quick baskets to win the game for the Comets.

Carlisle……..9 24 39 46
Alto Pass……..11 19 24 44

Carlisle (46)
Terry 10, Watson 5, Stephenson 9, Grooms 10, Vaughn 4, Gibson 4, Hightower 2, Mantle.

Alto Pass (44)
Johnson 11, Cavaness, Mesamore 6, Guthrie 8, Keith 13.

Carlisle Co. 59
Reidland 56
01-31-61 - Home

The Reidland Greyhounds were added to the list of surprised teams who have faced Carlisle County in the past weeks, in dropping a narrow 59-56 defeat to the oncoming Comets.

Leading Comet scorer was Tyler with 20 pts.

Carlisle……..20 30 48 59
Reidland……..17 31 42 56

Carlisle (59)
Owens 13, Vaughn 13, Tyler 20, Gibson 9, Grooms 4.

Reidland (56)

Brewer 10, Driskill 12, Brown 15, Cartee 17, Holdman 2.

Carlisle Co. 57
Murray 53
01-07-61 - Away

Carlisle County, a team that has fought back from a losing first half to a winning record in the second part of the season, strutted it's stuff again last night, overcoming a third period deficit to nip Murray, 57-53.

Leading Carlisle in scoring was Tyler with 22 pts.

Carlisle……..6 21 35 57
Murray……..6 27 39 53

Carlisle (57)
Owens 8, Vaughn 3, Tyler 22, Gibson 17, Hightower 7, Grooms.

Murray (53)
Lee 26, Robertson 5, Rose 5, Hurt 4, Barnette 5, Oakley 2, Lampkins 6, Workman.

Lowes Notches
Impressive Win Over Comets

Lowes 82
Carlisle Co. 49
02-10-61 - Away

Carlisle jumped into a quick 13-10 lead, during the first eight minutes of the game, before the Blue Devils bounced back for a slim 31-27 edge at the intermission horn.

Lowes stretched its lead to 55-35, during the game deciding the third stanza. Lowes flashed its familiar well balanced scoring attack with four players reaching double digits.

Jerry Page and David Winn paced the attack with 17 and 16, while Richard Glisson and Seldom Sledd added 15 and 14.

Harry Owens and Jerry Gibson led the losing Comets with 22 and 16 markers.

The impressive victory gives Lowes a fancy 19-6 seasonal mark, while Carlisle is now 14-10.

Lowes……..10 31 53 82
Carlisle……..13 27 35 49

Lowes (82)
Winn 16, Chumbler 9, Gourley, Puckett, Sledd 14, Leek 4, Page 17, Owen 4, Glisson 15, Shaffer 3, Bone, Lykins.

Carlisle (49)
Owens 22, Gibson 16, Terry, Tyler 2, Vaughn 7, Mantle, Sams, Grooms 1, Hightower 1.

Carlisle Co. 70
Fancy Farm 42
02-14-61 - Away

Carlisle County thoroughly trounced an outclassed Fancy Farm quintet 70-42, Tuesday night.

The Comets toyed with Fancy Farm in the 1st half but led only 29-24 at the stop. When the third quarter started, the Comets began to pull away and outscore the Gophers 41-18 in the final two stanzas.

L.H. Tyler led Carlisle's balance scoring with 15 points while four other Comets also hit double figures,

Leopold Pendel led Fancy Farm with 13 markers.

The Comets hit on 29 of 59 attempts from the field for 49.2%. From the charity stripe they hit 12 of 14 for 85.7%.

Carlisle……..20 29 50 70
Fancy Farm…..11 24 33 42

Carlisle (70)
Owens 12, Vaughn 11, Petrie 10, Wells, Tyler 15, Gibson 14, Mantle 2, Grooms 6, Sams.

Fancy Farm (42)
Pendel 13, Goatley 7, Willett 6, Dossett 8, Faulkner, Elder 8.

Fulton Co. 54
Carlisle Co. 43
02-15-61 - Away

Carlisle lost a District game at Fulton Co. last night.

They were led in scoring by Gibson with 12 points.

Carlisle (54)
Gibson 12, Grooms 7, Hightower, Mantle, Owens 8, Petrie, Sams, Terry, L.H. Tyler 9, Vaughn 7.

Carlisle Comets Are
Hot Shots At Sedalia

Carlisle Co. 74
Sedalia 58
02-17-61 - Away

The Comets regrouped their forces after the loss to Fulton Co. and on Friday night played one of their best games of the year, as they beat a capable Sedalia team, 74-58

Carlisle County shot to the front at the end of the first quarter 24-15 and never was threatened during the remainder of the game.

Jerry Gibson and L.H. Tyler were high for the Comets with 21 points each, while rugged Harry Owens gave them ample support with 18.

Ned Boaz of Sedalia was top scorer for the game with 22 markers.

Carlisle……..24 29 56 74
Sedalia……..15 24 42 58

Carlisle (74)
Owens 18, Gibson 23, Tyler 21, Vaughn 8, Grooms 2, Hightower 2.

Sedalia (58)
Crittenden 15, Page 5, Bruce 2, Anderson 8, Dick 1, Martin 5, Boaz 22.

Carlisle Co. 60
Heath 48
02-18-61 - Home

The Comets won their 18th victory of the season as they rolled by Heath Monday night by the score of 60-48.

Carlisle County took the lead at the beginning of the second quarter and led throughout.

Big Harry Owens paced the Comets attack as he pumped through 21 points. Jerry Gibson and L.H. Tyler also hit in double figures with 19 and 14, respectively.

Gene Wray was high for Heath with 14.

In winning Carlisle County hit 20 of 48 shots from the field for 41%.

Heath hit 17 of 50 for 34%.

Carlisle……..12 29 41 60
Heath……..12 24 36 48

Carlisle (60)
Owens 21, Gibson 19, Tyler 14, Petrie, Grooms 4, Vaughn, Hightower 2, Terry, Watson, Sams.

Heath (48)
Wray 14, Warford 2, Holland 6, Milner, Chambers 6, Vannerson 4, Horner 10, Page 6.

Tilghman 51
Carlisle Co. 48
02-24-61 - Home

Paducah Tilghman overcame a five point deficit in the third quarter and went on for a shaky 3-point win.

Tilghman led by three points at the first rest stop but Carlisle County outscored the Paducahans 16 to 8 in the second quarter to lead 27-22 at halftime.

The Comets led at the end of the third period but could not hold on for victory.

Harry Owens and L.H. Tyler led the Comets with 14 and 12, respectively.

Gary Overton led Tilghman with 16.

Carlisle……..11 27 37 48
Tilghman……..14 22 36 51

Carlisle (48)
Owens 14, Gibson 7, Terry 2, Watson, Tyler 12, Petrie, Grooms 7, Vaughn 6, Hightower.

Tilghman (51)
Overton 16, Rose 2, Gordon 12, Stublefield 10, Hunt 5, Hill 4, Mills 2.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Gets
Regional Berth

Carlisle Co. 50
Hickman Riverview 38
03-02-61 - Away

Carlisle County clinched a berth in the First Region Tournament last night by defeating Hickman Riverview 50-38 in the First District semi-finals at Clinton, Ky.

The victory sends the Comets into the finals against the winner of tonight's Hickman County-Fulton County game. The finals will be played on Saturday.

Riverview kept pace with Carlisle for 12 minutes, when three quick baskets on fast breaks put the Comets ahead, 24-17 at the half.

Carlisle's fast break then started working to perfection and the Comets ran to a 40-20 score at the end of the third quarter

Leading Carlisle in scoring was Tyler with 25 pts.

Carlisle……..7 24 40 50
Hickman R……6 17 20 38

Carlisle (50)
Owens 3, Gibson 14, Tyler 25, Vaughn, Grooms 7, Hightower 1.

Hickman R. (38)
Curtis 2, Hughes, Beard 15, Harvey, Weatherspoon 19, Fitzpatrick 2.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Hickman County Triumphs
In 1st District Championship

Hickman Co. 47
Carlisle Co. 37
03-04-61 - Away

Highly- regarded Hickman County walked off with the championship trophy in the First District Tournament here tonight after defeating Carlisle County 47-37, in a hard-fought battle, in the finals of the meet.

The determined Carlisle five stayed in contention of winning the game until midway of the final stanza when the Falcons pulled out to the final 10-point victory margin.

Harry Lee Waterfield II led the way for Hickman County with 15 points with Preston Overstreet rounding out double figure scoring, with 10 tallies.

L.H. Tyler was high for the losers with 12 markers.

The Falcons gained a 10-7 lead at the opening of the first period and hiked the margin to 11 in the second period before the Comets bounced

back to cut the gap to seven markers at end the stanza.

The two teams battled on practically even terms in the third canto, with Carlisle picking up one point on the bleeding Falcons.

Hickman……..10 23 33 47
Carlisle……..7 16 27 37

Hickman (47)
Harper 7, Dodson 5, Overstreet 10, Waterfield 15, Padgett 8, Weatherford.

Carlisle (37)
Owen 7, Gibson 11, Tyler 12, Vaughn 5, Grooms 2.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Jets Win 55-46 in
First Round of Regional

North Marshall 55
Carlisle Co. 46
03-09-61 - Away

North Marshall eased past Carlisle County before a standing-room only crowd of some 6,000 fans, in the windup of the opening round play in the First Regional Tournament, at Murray last night.

North had more trouble than expected in beating Carlisle, 55-46, in a game that was much closer than the final score indicated.

Carlisle County stayed in contention with North until midway of the final period when the Jets started to widen the gap.

The Comets made good use of the 6-8 L.H. Tyler, freeing him under the basket for numerous shots, which kept the First District runners-up in the game until the final round.

Carlisle had the score knotted at 33-all with 2:37 left in the third period, when three straight traveling violations hurt the chances of the Comets.

North capitalized on the mistakes and held a 39-35 lead at the end of the third period.

The lanky Tyler stuffed in a five-footer early in the fourth period to cut the gap to 40-39 and was fouled on the play, but missed his foul try.

Bennie Goheen and Gary Seay hit two foul shots each to up the gap to 44-39 and the Jets were never really threatened the rest of the way.

Carlisle cut the gap to three points, 48-45, with 1:58 left on a fast-break basket by Jackie Vaughn, but North called time out and started working the ball around for a good shot.

Sam Clark got a follow with 1:09 left and Seay added a free throw and Goheen got a fielder to give the Jets an eight-point lead.

Goheen finished with scoring honors for North with 16 points, followed by Clark with 15 and Seay with 14.

Tyler hit for 18 points and Jerry Gibson maneuvered his way for 15 to lead the way for Carlisle.

The Comets hit 53 percent with a well-planned offensive attack, connecting on 17 of 32 attempts.

North hit 22 of 54 attempts for 41 percent. The Jets cashed in on 12 of 17 from the free throw line to 12 of 21 for Carlisle.

The huge crowd hardly stopped talking about Tilghman's win when Carlisle showed early signs of giving North trouble.

The Comets jumped out front at 7-4 and led 15-14 at the end of the initial quarter.

North tied the score at 18 and went ahead to stay at 20-18 with 2:39 left in the second quarter. The Jets carried a second two-point, 27-25, lead into the dressing room at halftime.

In the second half the defensive mind of the Jets decided the issue to win the game.

N. Marshall…..14 27 39 55
Carlisle……..15 25 35 46

N. Marshall (55)
Goheen 16, King 6, Seay 14, Wilson, Clark 15, Darnall 4.

Carlisle (46)
Owens 2, Gibson 15, Tyler 18, Vaughn 6, Grooms 3, Hightower 2.

1960-61

	St. Mary	Lowes	Ballard Co.	Heath	Fulton Co.	Hickman Co.	Reidland	South Marshall	St. Mary	Lone Oak	Fulton City	Wingo	Ballard Co.	Fancy Farm	Hickman Co.	Mayfield							
Harry Owens	9	6	7	3	9	7	21	1	5	9	8	11	6	13	15	16							
Kenneth Watson			0	2			2	2			2	2		0									
Jackie Vaughn	9	7	5	8	3	7	6		3	13	15	13	4	2	6	2							
L.H. Tyler	11	16	24	24	17	7	3	16				18	25	20	10	19							
Tommy Grooms				8	4	3	2	0	8	8	6	4	15	6	6	4							
Johnny Sams		6	0					0		2		7											
David Hightower	6	6	3		4	0		7		5	5	4	2		0								
Dwight Petrie	6	1																					
Jerry Gibson	12	22	14	6	29	15	19	22	16	18	19					12							
David Wells								2	3														
Bourke Mantle								0						0									
Bobby Terry													8	7	4	3							
Morgan Stephenson														0									

1960-61

	Martin, TN	Fulton City	South Marshall	Grand Chain, ILL.	Mounds City, ILL.	Alto Pass, ILL.	Reidland	Murray	Lowes	Fancy Farm	Fulton Co.	Sedalia	Heath	Tilghman	Hickman River view	Hickman Co.	North Marshall				Games	Pts.	Avg.
Harry Owens	17	7	13	16	16		13	8	22	12	8	18	21	14	3	7	2				32	343	10.72
Kenneth Watson		0		0		5							0	0							12	15	1.25
Jackie Vaughn	9		4	0	0	4	13	3	7	11	7	8	0	6	0	5	6				31	186	6
L.H. Tyler	23	4	24	21	9		20	22	2	15	9	21	14	12	25	12	18				29	461	15.9
Tommy Grooms	0	8	4	9	4	10	4	0	1	6	7	2	4	7	7	2	3				30	152	5.06
Johnny Sams		5							0	0	0		0								10	20	2
David Hightower		2		6	2	2		7	1		0	2	2	0	1		2				23	69	3
Dwight Petrie										10	0		0	0							6	17	2.83
Jerry Gibson	10	10	17	8	8	4	9	17	16	14	12	23	19	7	14	11	15				29	418	14.41
David Wells				2						0											4	7	1.75
Bourke Mantle				6		0			0	2	0										7	8	1.14
Bobby Terry	2	0	0	1	0	10			0		0		0	2							14	37	2.64
Morgan Stephenson			0	2	2	9															5	13	2.6
Frankie Bone		4																			1	4	4
Robert Summers				0																	1	0	0
																						1750	
				Team Record - 19-14						Per Game Avg. - 53.03													

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Harry Owens	41		2	14	343	359	8.75
L.H. Tyler	50			66	461	527	10.5
Johnny Sams	11			0	20	20	1.81
David Hightower	23				69	69	2.73
Jerry Gibson	46			31	418	449	9.76
David Wells	4				7	7	1.75
Bourke Mantle	8			0	8	8	0.89
Morgan Stephenson	5				13	13	2.6

1961-62

HEAD COACH – TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON

CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 13 - 15

1961-62

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-08-61	St. Mary	63-60	A	
11-10-61	Lowes	**47-73**	A	
11-14-61	Ballard Co.	**46-54**	H	
11-17-61	Heath	**40-58**	H	
11-21-61	Fulton Co	**47-52**	A	
11-28-61	Hickman Co.	48-47	A	
11-30-61	Reidland	**69-94**	H	
12-05-61	South Marshall	62-53	H	
12-08-61	St. Mary	**35-49**	H	
12-12-61	Lone Oak	**58-70**	A	
12-15-61	Fulton City	**43-44**	A	
12-28-61	South Marshall	62-53	A	- **CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-29-61	Calloway Co.	51-46	A	- **CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-30-61	Wingo	**47-52**	A	- **CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-02-62	Fancy Farm	68-35	H	
01-05-62	Ballard Co.	53-50	A	
01-09-62	Hickman Co.	63-48	A	
01-12-62	Mayfield	**43-49**	A	
01-15-62	Fulton City	48-47	H	
01-23-62	South Marshall	55-40	A	
01-31-62	Reidland	**44-82**	A	
02-02-62	Heath	**44-52**	H	
02-09-62	Lowes	**45-78**	H	
02-13-62	Fulton Co	53-41	H	
02-16-62	Sedalia	66-50	H	
02-20-62	Tilghman	**39-72**	A	
02-23-62	Fancy Farm	68-56	A	
03-02-62	Fulton Co	**46-56**	A	-- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 13-15

1962 Comets



Tommy Grooms, Robert Summers, Mike King, Kenneth Watson, Frankie Bone, Bobby Dodge, Dwight Petrie, Bobby Terry, Lyndel Lee, David Crider, Jackie Vaughn, Charles Carter, Talmadge DeJarnett and Larry Copeland (Managers)

1961-1962

HEAD COACH - TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON
CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 13-15
1961-62 COMET ROSTER:
Tommy Grooms, Robert Summers, Mike King, Kenneth Watson, Frankie Bone, Bobby Dodge, Dwight Petrie, Bobby Terry, Lyndel Lee, David Crider, Jackie Vaughn, Charles Carter, Dwight Davis, (Managers) Talmadge DeJarnett, Larry Copeland.

Knights Bow To Carlisle In Season Opener For Both Teams

Carlisle Co. 63
St. Mary 60
11-08-61 - Away

St. Mary went down to defeat in their basketball opener last night, losing a 63-60 decision to a pressing Carlisle County team.

The Vikes led Carlisle for two periods, before the Comets forged ahead to stay at the end of the third quarter.

Carlisle capitalized on a good all-court press, forcing the Knights into numerous floor mistakes and bad passes.

The Knights led 13-8 and 33-25 before Carlisle edged into the 49-48 lead at the end of the third period.

Carlisle upped the gap to seven points with a little more than three minutes remaining before the Knights whittled the score to the final three-point margin.

St. Mary actually lost the game at the foul line where the Paducahans managed to hit only 12 of 32 shots. Carlisle hit 18 of 26 from the gratis line.

Tommy Grooms fired in 20 pts. and Dwight Petrie added 13.

Carlisle……..8 25 49 63
St. Mary……13 33 48 60
Carlisle (63)
Vaughn 9, Dodge 4, Watson 9, Petrie 13, King 2, Terry 6, Grooms 20.
St. Mary (60)
Peck 11, Bearden 2, Legeay 14, Wilson 14, Taylor 11, Wurth 5, Cissell 3.

Carlisle Co. 47
Lowes 73
11-10-61 - Away

Lowes led all the way in beating Carlisle, despite a slow-down offense, which the Comets tried to check the Blue Devils with.

Billy Chumbler fired in 17 for Lowes' top point effort. Grooms got 13 for Carlisle.

Lowes……..9 27 53 73
Carlisle……..4 15 33 47
Lowes (73)
Sledd, Glisson, Chumbler 17, Puckett 9, Stokes, VeuCasovic 12, Winn 10, Lykins 2, Page 9, Gourley 2, Shaffer 12.
Carlisle (47)
Dodge 1, Vaughn 9, King 3, Watson 7, Petrie 2, Grooms 13, Terry 12, Summers.

Ballard Co. 54
Carlisle Co. 46
11-14-61 - Home

Carlisle County lost its first game at home, of the young season, to Ballard County.

Leading scorer for the Comets was Vaughn with 17 points.

Ballard…..11 23 39 54
Carlisle…..10 21 34 46
Ballard (54)
Howle 6, Reesor 4, Lawrence, Tanner 21, Whitis, Wear 12, Curtis 3, Berry 8, Canada.
Carlisle (46)
Vaughn 17, Dodge, Watson 8, King, Petrie 6, Summers 2, Terry, Carter 1, Grooms 12.

Heath 58
Carlisle Co. 40
11-17-61 - Home

The Heath Pirates took advantage of a cold shooting first half by Carlisle County and rolled up a 58-40 victory here tonight.

Carlisle, held below double figures in the first two quarters, connected on a meager 3 of 31 field goal attempts, while the Pirates were banging out 20 percent for a comfortable 20-9 half time lead.

Heath took a 16-point advantage in the third period and finished the game with 40 percent from the field and 60 percent from the gratis line. The winners picked off 43 rebounds in the game.

Four Heath players hit in double figures with James Milner's 16 leading the parade. Tullus Chambers chimed in with 12 and Dale Warford and David Holland had 10 each.

Kenneth Watson led the losing Carlisle Countians with 11 markers, followed by Bub Petrie with 10.

The win was Heath's second in as many games. Carlisle is now 1-3.

Heath……10 20 40 58
Carlisle……..5 9 24 40
Heath (58)
Warford 10, Milner 16, Page, Holland 10, Chambers 12, Vannerson 9, Morehead 1.
Carlisle (40)
Vaughan 7, Dodge 4, Watson 11, Petrie 10, Terry 6, Grooms 2, Summers.

Fulton Co. 52
Carlisle Co. 47
11-21-61 - Away

The Comets lost a District game last night as there record now stands at 1-4.

Leading Comet scorer was Vaughn with 15 pts.

Fulton Co……10 27 34 52
Carlisle……..6 18 37 47
Fulton Co. (52)
Bradshaw 21, Tipton 2, Jennings 2, Parker, Sheehan 6, Watts 2, Mangold 3, Adams 16.
Carlisle (47)
Vaughn 15, Perry 14, Petrie 3, Grooms 3, Watson 8, Summers 4.

Carlisle Co. 48
Hickman Co. 47
11-28-61 – Away

Carlisle led all the way in beating Hickman Co. in a close game last night.

The score was tied many times before the Comets pulled out the win.

High scorer for Carlisle was Terry with 20 pts.

Hickman……..13 25 33 47
Carlisle……..13 27 36 48
Hickman (47)
Taylor 4, Copeland 10, Overstreet 23, Titsworth 2, Myers 8.
Carlisle (48)
Vaughn 18, Watson 4, Petrie 2, Terry 20, Grooms 4.

Reidland 94
Carlisle Co. 69
11-30-61 – Home

Reidland shot into a 25-5 lead at the first period and school was out for the undersized Carlisle five as the Greyhounds led 45-25 at halftime and 66-48 at the end of the third period.

Jackie Vaughn got 22 pts. for the Comets.

Reidland……..25 45 66 94
Carlisle……..5 27 48 69
Reidland (94)
Brewer 20, Cartee 22, Brown 20, Lambert 12, Harelson 10, Rudolph 8.
Carlisle Co. (69)
Dodge 3, Petrie 6, Terry 6, Watson 16, Grooms 12, Summers 4, Vaughn 22.

Carlisle Co. 64
South Marshall 53
12-05-61 – Home

The Comets opened an 18 pt. lead at the end of the third quarter and coasted home with the victory.

Petrie and Vaughn each had 18 pts. for Carlisle.

Carlisle……16 23 48 64
S. Marshall…..12 26 38 53
Carlisle (62)
Grooms 4, Terry 21, Vaughn 8, Petrie 4, Watson 18, Summers 7.
S. Marshall (53)
Mathis 7, Washam 8, Dunigan 4, Shepherd 4, Trimble 9, Miller 21.

St. Mary 49
Carlisle Co. 35
12-08-61 – Home

St. Mary had to rally in the final period to beat Carlisle Co.

The Knight's were down 29-26 at the end of the third quarter, but used a 13-6 scoring edge to avenge an early season lost to the Comet's.

Watson led Carlisle in scoring with 13 pts.

St. Mary……7 17 26 49
Carlisle……3 15 29 35
St. Mary (49)
Peck 9, Legeay 7, Wilson 12, Cashon 4, Clasell 1, Wurth 16.
Carlisle (35)
Petrie 5, Dodge 2, Terry 4, Watson 13, Grooms 5, Vaughn 6.

Lone Oak 70
Carlisle Co. 58
12-12-61 – Away

Lone oak used a 22 pt. fourth quarter to beat Carlisle Co.

The Flash was leading by a mere 3 pts., 48-45, going into the final period, but quickly pulled away.

Ron Alexander sparked the Lone Oak attack with 19 pts.

Jackie Vaughn got 18 for the losing Carlisle five.

Lone Oak……..7 32 48 70
Carlisle……..8 32 45 58

Lone Oak (70)
Howard 2, Hawley 11, Brown 14, Grief 4, Kaler, Burnette, Alexander 19, Rushing 6, Hopwood 8, Shelton 6.

Carlisle (58)
Vaughn 16, King 3, Watson 10, Petrie 13, Dodge, Grooms, Crider, Terry 12, Summers 4.

Carlisle Co. 43
Fulton City 44
12-15-61 – Away

Fulton City came out on top of a seesaw game that saw the lead change hands 8 times.

Comet top scorer was Terry with 16 pts.

Carlisle……..12 20 28 43
Fulton City…...13 19 30 44

Carlisle (43)
Terry 16, Summers 2, Dodge 2. Watson 10, Vaughn 13.

Fulton City (44)
Allen 23, Shepherd 4, Covington 7, McAlister 4, Beadles.

Calloway Co. Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. 62
South Marshall 53
12-28-61 – Away

Carlisle Co. was never without possession of the lead, but was given a rough way to go throughout the game by the fighting South Marshall Rebels, who never trailed by more than 4 pts. in the first half.

Carlisle started pulling away midway of the third stanza and finished the frame with a 46-38 advantage.

Bobby Terry led the offensive attack for the Comets, pouring in 21 pts. to beat out teammate Watson who had 18 markers.

Carlisle……..16 29 46 62
S. Marshall …..12 26 38 53

Carlisle (62)
Grooms 4, Terry 21, Vaughn 8, Petrie 4, Watson 18, Summers 7.

Calloway Co. Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle County
All Over Calloway
County In Semi-Final
Carlisle Co. 51
Calloway Co. 46
12-29-61 - Away

Carlisle County pulled into a 25-17 lead in the first half, but Calloway had a 32-28 lead near the end of the third period. Carlisle knotted the count, however, before the quarter ended.

The score was tied again with three minutes to go. Calloway, applying a press in the final minutes, got possession of the ball four times in the last minute but was unable to score.

The Carlisle team played a combination zone and man-to-man with four players setting up a zone and the fifth being responsible for Don Curd, the leading scorer for the Lakers.

Watson led the way for Carlisle with 18 points.

Don Curd, Jim Wilson and Sammy Housden scored 10 each for Calloway.

Carlisle hit 51 percent of its shots and Calloway shot 42 percent.

Carlisle……..16 23 22 51
Calloway……..12 17 22 46

Carlisle (51)
Vaughn 8, Watson 18, Petrie 6, Terry 10, Grooms 9.

Calloway (46)
Curd 10, Foster 8, Wilson 10, Pittman 1, Boggess 7, Housden 10.

Calloway Co. Tourn.
Championship
Wingo Tops
Carlisle In Finals
Carlisle Co. 47
Wingo 52
12-30-61 - Away

Wingo survived Carlisle County's pressing efforts to beat the Comets 52-47 in the finals of the first Calloway County Invitational Basketball Tournament, here tonight.

Wingo was leading by 16 points at the end of the third period, when the pint-sized Comets went to work with an all-court press that cut the deficit to a mere three points, with 1:04 showing on the scoreboard.

Big John Waggoner, who was a standout for Wingo all night, pushed in a lay-up to give the Indians a five point lead, only to see Bobby Terry match the basket. Roger Gibson and Jimmy Jackson added free tosses in the final seconds to provide the necessary insurance for the Graves Countians.

Waggoner and Gene Adams finished with scoring honors for Wingo, getting 13 points each. Waggoner was a real standout on defense and on the boards. Gibson and Charles Katzman added 10 each.

Jackie Vaughn bucketed 19 for Carlisle's top effort and Terry added 16.

Wingo jumped ahead 14-7 at the end of the first period and led 24-18 at the halftime horn. The Comets continued to fall behind in the third period and trailed 44-28 at the end.

Carlisle outscored Wingo 19-8 in the final period but the deficit was too much to make up.

Wingo……...14 24 44 52
Carlisle……...7 18 38 47

Wingo (52)
Gibson 10, Adams 13, Waggoner 13, Katzman 10, Jackson 6.

Carlisle (47)
Vaughn 19, Watson 5, Petrie 4, Terry 16, Summers 2, Grooms 1.

Carlisle Co. 68
Fancy Farm 35
01-02-62 – Home

Carlisle almost doubled the score on the visiting Gophers of Fancy Farm in a game where the Comets jumped out early and never looked back.

Watson led the Comets in scoring with 22.

Carlisle……..14 32 47 68
Fancy Farm.....5 19 24 35

Carlisle (68)
Vaughn 8, Watson 22, Petrie 8, Dodge 2, Terry 10, Summers 4, Grooms 12, Crider 2.

Fancy Farm (35)
T. Cash, J. Cash 4, T. Willett 1, Jolly 3, C. Willett 2, Dossett 14, Elder 11.

Carlisle Co. 53
Ballard Co. 50
01-05-62 – Away

The Comets got revenge for an earlier defeat at the hands of the Bomber's, with a 3 pt. victory at the "Big Green Crater."

Top scorer for Carlisle was Terry with 15.

Carlisle……6 21 39 53
Ballard.....5 20 38 50

Carlisle (53)
Vaughn 11, Watson 12, Petrie 5, Dodge 2, Terry 15, Summers 8.

Ballard (50)
Lindsey 7, Howle 8, Reasor 6, Tanner 4, Whitis 3, Ware 8, Curtis 6, Berry 5, Canada 3.

Carlisle Co. 63
Hickman Co. 48
01-09-62 - Home

Carlisle led by three after one quarter and steadily increased their lead, to win by 15 points.

Leading scorer for the Comets was Terry with 23 points.

Carlisle……..10 28 43 63
Hickman……..7 20 28 48

Carlisle (63)
Watson 11, Crider 6, Vaughn 6, Petrie 5, Dodge 3, Terry 23, Summers 9.

Hickman (48) Taylor 2, Myers 18, Davis 9, Overstreet 9, Titsworth 2, Wilson 2, Ward 4, Williams 2.

Mayfield 49
Carlisle Co. 43
01-12-62 – Away

Carlisle was defeated by Mayfield last night in the Cardinals gym before a packed house.

It was the first meeting this year between these two highly ranked teams.

The Comets were led in scoring by Terry with 14 pts.

Mayfield……..8 26 36 49
Carlisle……..7 20 35 43

Mayfield (49)
D. Wright 17, McGee, Arnett 4, Robbins 2, Sharp 2, K. Wright 11, Stone 6, Fields 7.

Carlisle (43)
Vaughn 10, King, Watson 9, Petrie, Dodge 2, Terry 14, Summers 8.

Carlisle Co. 48
Fulton City 47
01-15-62 – Home

The Comets defeated Fulton City last night in a district game that was decided by a single point.

Leading Carlisle in scoring was Vaughn with 34 pts.

Carlisle (48)
King, Terry 8, Vaughn 34, Petrie 7, Watson 10, Summers, Carter 3.

Carlisle Co. 55
South Marshall 40
01-23-62 - Away

The Comets defeated the Rebels for the third time this season and walked away with a 15 point win.

Carlisle leading scorer was Terry with 18 pts.

Carlisle……..9 25 39 55
S. Marshall……..8 24 33 40

Carlisle (55)
Watson 16, King 4, Vaughn 11, Petrie 4, Terry 18, Summers 2.

S. Marshall (40)
Henson 6, Mathis 1, Osborne 6, Jones 3, Trimble 15, Miller 9.

Reidland 82
Carlisle Co. 44
01-31-62 – Away

Reidland nearly doubled the score on Carlisle Co. as the Greyhounds jumped out to a 5 pt. lead at the 1st quarter, and piled it on the rest of the game.

Vaughn was the only double figure scorer for the Comets.

Reidland……...15 39 62 82
Carlisle……..10 22 39 44

Reidland (82)
Brewer 15, Wyatt, Bingham, K. Lambert 15, Freeman 2, Carter 10, Brown 20, J. Lambert, Duncan, Rudolph 4, Harleson 12, Davis.

Carlisle (44)
Vaughn 14, King 6, Watson 2, Bone 2, Petrie 4, Dodge 2, Terry 6, Summers 4, Grooms 4.

Heath 52
Carlisle Co. 44
02-02-62 - Away

Heath led Carlisle at every stop, but could never pull away from the pesky Comet's.

Six-four James Miller was the big gun for the Pirates with a 26 pt. effort. David Holland added 13 for the Bucs.

Terry Watson paced the Carlisle attack with 21 pts.

Heath……...12 25 37 52
Carlisle……...7 21 32 44

Heath (52)
Warford 5, Milner 26, Page 2, Holland 13, Vannerson 3, Crews 3, Chambers.

Carlisle (44)
Vaughn 2, Watson 21, Terry 15, Summers, Petrie 4, Grooms 2.

Lowes 78
Carlisle Co. 45
02-09-62 – Home

Lowes defeated Carlisle Co. in a lopsided win for the Blue Devils, 78-45.

Jerry Page fired in 26 pts. and Billy Chumbler got 24 for Lowes.

Vaughn led the Comet's With 10 pts.

Lowes……...20 36 55 78
Carlisle.....14 20 27 45

Lowes (78)
Puckett 1, Chumbler 24, Winn 10, Page 26, Shaffer 5, Gourley 2, Leo 8, Stokes 2, Sledd, VeuCasovic.

Carlisle (45)
King, Watson 9, Petrie 1, Terry 8, Vaughn 10, Davis 4, Summers 4, Grooms 9.

Carlisle Co. 53
Fulton Co. 41
02-13-62 - Home

Fulton County stayed even at the first quarter stop then fell steadily behind to lose by 12.

Carlisle's top scorer was Watson with 22 points.

Carlisle……...8 24 37 53
Fulton Co……...8 18 26 41

Carlisle (53)
Vaughn 11, Watson 22, Petrie 3, Grooms 7, Terry 10.

Fulton Co. (41)
Bradshaw 13, Watts, Sheehan 10, Adams 12, Mangold 1.

Adkins Warms Up
For Annual Regional Trip

Carlisle Co. 66
Sedalia 50
02-16-62 – Home

Tom Adkins, in his years at Bardwell and Carlisle Co, has never failed to have his team in the Regional Tournament.

Adkins appears to be getting his pint sized Comets ready for another regional trip, after the clubs impressive win over Sedalia Friday night.

Carlisle Co. rallied in the last half to beat the Lions, 66-55, to prove the Comets are capable of being troublesome for plenty of region foes. The Comets gave proof of that earlier in the season by beating Calloway Co.

Sedalia went into the game with one of the best records in the Third District at 17-8.

The Lions held a one pt. lead at the end of the first period before Carlisle edged ahead 34-32 at the half. The Comets continued to pull away in the second half, for the impressive victory.

Bobby Terry, with 20 pts, led the way for the Comets.

Eddie Page hit 20 for Sedalia.

Carlisle……..14 34 48 66
Sedalia……...16 32 37 50

Carlisle (66)
Vaughn 2, Watson 12, Petrie 16, Terry 20, Grooms 14, Summers 2, Davis.

Sedalia (50)
Wilson, Crittenden 6, Anderson 7, Page 17, Glisson 16, Dick 2, Camp 2.

Tilghman 72
Carlisle Co. 39
02-20-62 – Away

The Tornado, with James Gordon leading the way, led at every quarter stop. Gordon flashed in 29 pts. for the night to spark the Paducahans.

Tilghman hit 51% for the game, connecting on 32 of 62 attempts from the field.

The Tornado shot out front 13-6 at the end of the first period and upped the gap to 32-14 at the halftime intermission.

The Bluemen led by 20, just after intermission and held a 53-27 lead at the end of the third period. Tilghman's biggest lead of the night was the final margin - 33 pts.

Tommy Grooms and Jackie Vaughn had 12 pts. each for Carlisle. The Comets were missing regular Bob Terry, who was sidelined with a broken finger.

Tilghman……...13 32 83 72
Carlisle……...6 14 27 38

Tilghman (72)
Croom 6, Connor 12, Marshall 4, Gordon 29, Trautman, Wright 2, Humphrey 2.

Carlisle (39)
Vaughn 12, Watson 2, Goode 2, Petrie 5, Grooms 12, Summers, Davis.

Carlisle Co. 68
Fancy Farm 56
02-23-62 - Away

This second meeting between the Comets and Gophers was a lot closer this time around, but Carlisle still won by 13 points.

Leading the Comets was Vaughn with 21 points.

Carlisle…..……16 35 52 68
Fancy Farm…..11 21 36 56

Carlisle (68)
Vaughn 21, Petrie 9, King 8, Watson 17, Grooms 11, Summers 2.

Fancy Farm (56)
T. Willet 16, Elder 11, T. Cash 10, Mills 9, Jolly 8, C. Willet 2.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Fulton Co. Defeats Carlisle To
Deny Comets Regional Trip For
The First Time Since Consolidation

Fulton Co. 56
Carlisle Co. 46
03-02-62 – Away

Fulton Co. held a 20-18 edge at the half, but Carlisle moved ahead 34-31 at the end of the third stanza.

A Fulton Co. rally, led by James Adams, soon outdistanced the fighting Comets in the fourth period.

Pat Sheehan, who tallied 12 pts. for the Pilots, was the top rebounder with 24.

Tommy Grooms and Jackie Vaughn scored 11 each for Carlisle Co.

Fulton Co……...9 20 31 56
Carlisle……..5 18 34 46

Fulton Co. (56)
Adams 21, Bradshaw 12, Sheehan 12, Mangold 3, Parker 2, Watts 4, Bellew 2.

Carlisle (46)
Grooms 11, Vaughn 11, King 6, Terry 7, Watson 8, Petrie 3, Goode, Crider, Summers.

1961-62

	St. Mary	Lowes	Ballard Co.	Heath	Fulton Co.	Hickman Co.	Reidland	South Marshall	St. Mary	Lone Oak	Fulton City	South Marshall	Calloway Co.	Wingo									
Jackie Vaughn	9	9	17	7	15	18	22	18	6	16	13	8	8	19									
Bobby Dodge	4	1	0	4			3	2		0	2												
Kenneth Watson	9	7	8	11	8	4	16		13	10	10	18	18	5									
Dwight Petrie	13	2	6	10	3	2	6	18	5	13		4	6	4									
Mike King	2	3	0					0		3													
Bobby Terry	6	12	0	6	14	20	6	6	4	12	16	21	10	16									
Tommy Grooms	20	13	12	2	3	4	12	17	5	0		4	9	1									
Robert Summers		0	2	0	4		4			4	2	7		2									
Charles Carter			1					0															
David Crider								0		0													
Lyndel Lee								0															

1961-62

	Fancy Farm	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Mayfield	Fulton City	South Marshall	Reidland	Heath	Lowes	Fulton Co.	Sedalia	Tilghman	Fancy Farm	Fulton Co.						Games	Pts.	Avg.
Jackie Vaughn	8	11	6	10	34	11	14	2	10	11	2	12	21	11						28	348	10.11
Bobby Dodge	2	2	3	2			2							0						14	27	6.07
Kenneth Watson	22	12	11	9	10	16	2	21	9	22	12	2	17	8						27	310	10.05
Dwight Petrie	8	5	5	0	7	4	4	4	1	3	16	5	9	3						27	166	5.44
Mike King				0	0	4	6		0				8	6						12	32	6.96
Bobby Terry	10	15	23	14	8	18	6	15	8	10	20			7						26	303	10.38
Tommy Grooms	12						4	2	9	7	14	12	11	11						22	184	6.74
Robert Summers	4	8	9	8	0	2	4	0	4		2	0	2	0						22	68	2.88
Charles Carter					3															3	4	0.8
David Crider	2		6											0						5	8	1.33
Lyndel Lee																				1	0	0
Frankie Bone							2													1	2	2
Dwight Davis									4		0	0								3	4	1.33
																					1456	
				Team Record -13-15						Per Game Avg. - 52.00												

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Jackie Vaughn	65		6	186	348	540	8.3
Bobby Dodge	14				27	27	1.92
Dwight Petrie	34		2	17	166	185	5.28
Charles Carter	3				4	4	1.33
Tommy Grooms	52			152	184	336	6.46

1962-63

HEAD COACH – TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. – 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 13 - 15

1962-63

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-09-62	Lowes	**56-72**	H	
11-16-62	Fulton Co	60-52	H	
11-17-62	Ballard Co.	**52-55**	A	
11-27-62	Hickman Co.	50-49	H	
12-01-62	Fancy Farm	76-49	A	
12-07-62	St. Mary	**49-76**	A	
12-14-62	Fulton City	**34-65**	H	
12-15-62	Lone Oak	**57-72**	H	
12-21-62	Tilghman	**44-69**	H	
01-04-63	Ballard Co.	**47-58**	H	
01-08-63	Hickman Co.	**49-50**	A	
01-11-63	Mayfield	**36-48**	H	
01-18-63	Fulton City	**37-55**	A	
02-01-63	St. Mary	**41-42**	H	
02-02-63	Sedalia	**59-82**	A	
02-08-63	Lowes	**39-85**	A	
02-12-63	Heath	**56-77**	H	
02-15-63	Fulton Co	**41-45**	A	
02-19-63	Heath	**43-80**	A	
02-22-63	Fancy Farm	68-47	H	
02-28-63	Hickman Riverview	57-42	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-01-63	Fulton Co	50-44	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 2ND RD.**
03-02-63	Fulton City	**43-52**	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-06-63	St. Mary	**40-63**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 6-18

1963 Comets – District Runner-Up



Doyle Guhy, Robert Summers, Dwight Davis, David Crider, Carl Martin, Frankie Bone, Ernie Brown, Orville Mitchell Jr., Bill Kelly, Mike Thomason, Bobbie Terry, Kenny Watson

1962-1963

HEAD COACH - TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. – 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 6-18

1962-63 COMET ROSTER:
Carl Martin, Robert Summers, Dwight Davis, Bobbie Terry, Robert Watson, David Crider, Frankie Bone, Jerome Jenkins, Ernie Brown, Mike Thomason, Orville Mitchell, Doyle Guhy, Mike King.

Lowes Wins Cage Battle

Carlisle Co. 56
Lowes 72
11-10-62 - Home

The Lowes Blue Devils recorded their second victory of the season Friday night, beating the Carlisle County Comets, 72-56

The visitors managed only a 35-31 lead at the end of the first half. They trailed the Comets twice in the first period and once in the second period.

But the Lowes offense began to click in the third quarter and the Blue Devils went ahead by 51-42 at the end of the frame.

Jerry Page, guard, scored 22 points for Lowes and Billy Chumbler added 18, followed by David Winn with 15. Bobby Terry led the losers with 19 points while Kenneth Watson had 16.

Lowes hit 50 percent from the field and 69 percent at the foul line. Carlisle hit 62 percent from the field and 66 percent at the bonus line.

Carlisle lost both Watson and Davis through the foul route and Lowes lost Chumbler.

Carlisle……..17 31 42 56
Lowes……...18 35 51 72

Lowes (72)
Winn 15, Arnett 7, Page 22, Chumber 18, Strokes 5, Sledd 2, Lykins 3.

Carlisle (56)
Martin 5, Summers 8, Davis 4, Terry 19, Watson 16, Crider 4.

Carlisle Co. 60
Fulton Co. 52
11-16-62 - Home

Carlisle County defeated Fulton County, 60-52, in a see-saw battle which saw the lead change hands several times before the host quartet put the game on ice late in the fourth quarter.

After leading 10-6 at the end of the first quarter, Carlisle dropped back 29-24 at halftime and was leading by only one point, 39-38, going into the fourth quarter.

Kenneth Watson and Bobby Terry scored 23 and 21 points, respectively, for the winners, and Pat Sheehan and David Jennings scored 13 and 10 points for the losers.

Carlisle 10 24 39 60
Fulton Co……..6 29 38 52

Carlisle (60)
Watson 23, Terry 21, Davis 9, Summers 3, Crider 1, Martin 2, Bone 1.

Fulton Co. (52)
Watts 6, Tipuon 3, R. Jennings 4, Moss 1, Sheephan 13, D. Jennings 10, Bellew 6, Harrison 8, Shaw 1.

Ballard Co. 55
Carlisle Co. 52
11-17-62 - Away

Ballard Co. reversed what looked like a losing trend at the end of the third quarter to win over Carlisle by a score of 55-52.

At the end of the third period, Carlisle had taken a one point lead.

Actually, the lead was traded back and forth several times during the game. The biggest lead for either team at any point in the game was seven points.

Top scorer for Ballard was Bob Berry with 19 points.

Ballard……...15 30 40 55
Carlisle……..15 28 41 52

Ballard (55)
Howe 3, Rawlings 1, Lindsey 16, Reesor 10, Crowe 6, Berry 19.

Carlisle (52)
Martin, Terry 12, Crider, Watson 14, Bone 2, Davis 12, Summers 12.

Carlisle Co. 50
Hickman Co. 49
11-28-62 - Home

Carlisle County jumped out to a big first period margin, that proved to be the needed ingredient for victory as the team squeezed past Hickman County 50-49 in a thrill a minute cage contest here Tuesday night.

The Hickman County Falcons battled back to keep the Comets in hot water throughout the final three periods after falling to an 11 point deficit in the opening period.

The Comets' advantage was sliced to four points, 30-26, at the half and only one point, 39-38, at the end of the third canto. But that one point proved to be enough as the teams matched baskets in the fourth stanza.

Hickman County held the lead only once during the game. That came in the third period and was short lived.

Bobby Terry poured through 20 points in leading the Comet attack. He was given aid by Dwight Davis, who chimed in with 12.

Gary Myers paced the Falcon assault with 15 points, followed by Howard Copeland with 13.

Carlisle……...18 30 39 50
Hickman……..7 26 38 49

Carlisle (50)
Bone 3, Summers 8, Davis 12, Terry 20, Watson 5, Crider 2.

Hickman (49)
Copeland 13, Myers 15, Taylor 7, Titsworth 6, Ward 4, Wilson 2, Williams.

Carlisle Co. 76
Fancy Farm 49
12-01-62 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets defeated the Fancy Farm Golden Gophers 76-49, here tonight.

Carlisle broke on top early in the game and was never headed. The halftime score was 33-16.

Dwight Davis led the way for the Comets with 18 points.

Laddie Thomas hit 15 for Fancy Farm.

Carlisle……..14 33 57 36
Fancy Farm……7 16 27 49

Carlisle (76)
Bone 4, Terry 15, Crider 8, Watson 16, Martin 2, Davis 18, Summers 18, Jenkins 3.

Fancy Farm (49)
T. Cash 2, C. Willett 3, L. Thomas 15, T. Willett 14, Jolly 11, Carrico 4.

St. Mary 76
Carlisle Co. 49
12-07-62 - Away

St. Mary, looking good early this year, turned back Carlisle County 76-49 in Paducah.

Carlisle County played well against the Knights, but Coach Jack McKinney's troops were not to be denied as a second half scoring thrust broke up an otherwise close game.

Summers led Carlisle in scoring with 17 pts.

St. Mary……..15 32 46 76
Carlisle……..12 24 36 49

St. Mary (76)
Taylor 14, Bearden 1, Hollis 14, Pierce 6, Cissell 3.

Carlisle (49)
Watson 11, Terry 4, Bone 2, Martin 2, Davis 9, Summers 17, Guhy 4.

Carlisle Co. 34
Fulton City 65
12-14-62 –Home

Carlisle played host to Fulton City. The Comets were unable to gain the lead at any time during the game.

High point man for the local five was Davis, with 13 points and Terry who chipped in with 10.

For the winning team, Dan Burnette racked up 17 points and Kenneth Allen poured in 16.

Fulton County pulled ahead steadily to a 65-34 victory.

Fulton City……..9 18 43 65
Carlisle……...8 11 20 34

Fulton City (65)
Shepherd 14, Covington 6, Burnette 17, Allen 16, Beadles 10, McAlister 2.

Carlisle (34)
Watson 3, Davis 13, Martin, Summers 6, Terry 10, Bone, Crider 2.

Lone Oak 72
Carlisle Co. 57
12-15-62 - Home

Saturday night, Carlisle was up against Lone Oak, another winning team.

The Comets played hard and managed a one point lead at the end of the first quarter.

Trailing by one point at the half, Carlisle managed to hold a tight margin in the scores until the third quarter, when Davis and Watson fouled out. The Purple Flash then pulled away for the 72-57 win.

High scorers for the Comets were Davis and Terry with 17 and Summers with 12.

Howard pitched in with 17 and Hawley with 20 points to lead the Purple Flash to victory.

Lone Oak……...13 31 53 72
Carlisle……..14 30 46 57

Lone Oak (72)
Howard 17, Harris 4, Brown 6, Shepherd 9, Hawley 20, Rushing 16.

Carlisle (57)
Watson 7, Davis 17, Summers 12, Terry 17, Martin 4.

Tilghman 69
Carlisle Co. 44
12-22-62 - Home

The Paducah Tilghman Tornado went on a hot-shooting binge Friday night and decisively defeated Carlisle County, 69-44.

The Tornado connected on 52 percent of its field goal attempts in the first half, 42 percent for the whole game.

With this kind of shooting, Tilghman scored 17 points in the first quarter and 24 in the second to go out in front 41-19 at half-time.

It was the fourth victory of the season for Tilghman against two defeats. Carlisle now stands 3-6.

Tilghman……..17 41 53 69
Carlisle……..9 19 32 44

Tilghman (69)
Croom 4, Gordon 21, Troutman 8, Keller 13, Harris 9, Gourley 2, Tucker 4, Gourieux 2, Marshall 4.

Carlisle (44)
Watson 5, Davis 15 Summers 4, Terry 16, Mitchell 4.

Ballard Co. 58
Carlisle Co. 47
01-04-62 - Home

Carlisle County played the Bombers of Ballard Co. a good game, before losing.

The Bombers, fresh from taking third place in the Louisville Trinity Invitational Tournament, won 58-47 on, the strength of a strong 4th quarter.

Watson led the Comets in scoring with 14 pts. and Terry, Davis and Summers pitched in 10 each.

Ballard……..18 30 38 58
Carlisle……..11 23 34 47

Ballard (58)
Howle 9, Tanner 14, Reesor 9, Crowe 3, Berry 15, Rollins 8.

Carlisle- (47)
Watson 14, Mitchell 2, Terry 10, Davis 10, Summers 10, Martin 1.

Hickman Co. 50
Carlisle Co. 49
01-08-63 - Away

Howard Copeland connected on a set shot from the corner, with 20 seconds remaining to give Hickman County a 50-49 victory over Carlisle here Tuesday night.

Carlisle was leading 49-48, when Copeland's shot went through the basket to put the Falcons on top. Carlisle then failed to connect on their trip down court and the Falcons took the rebound and held on for the win.

Terry canned 22 pts. to take scoring honors for Carlisle.

Hickman……..10 27 42 50
Carlisle……15 25 38 49

Hickman (50)
Copeland 16, Myers 11, Taylor 7, Davie 5, Ward 3, Wilson 2, Titsworth 6.

Carlisle (49)
Watson 10, Martin, Mitchell, Terry 22, Summers 8, Davis 9.

Carlisle Co. 36
Mayfield 48
01-11-63 - Home

Friday night the Carlisle Comets were host to Mayfield and were defeated by the visitors by 12 points.

The home team led by 3 points at halftime and held a 4 point lead at the third quarter. Mayfield pulled ahead and managed to have a 48-36 point lead, when the final buzzer rang.

Leading the Comets in points was Watson with 9 followed by Mike King and Robert Summers, each with 8.

For Mayfield, Joe Smith and Rodger Fields were high pointers with 13 each.

Mayfield……..5 18 28 48
Carlisle……..12 21 32 36

Mayfield (48)
Malone 8, Morris 11, Smith 13, Fields 13, Norman 1, Winslow 2.

Carlisle (36)
King 8, Terry 6, Summers 8, Davis 5, Watson 9.

Fulton City 55
Carlisle Co. 37
01-18-63 - Away

Carlisle County lost to Fulton City 55 to 37 in a district game.

The 3rd quarter was a bad scoring period for Carlisle as they only scored 2 pts. in the entire canto, but it was even worse for Fulton City as they failed to score a pt..

Leading Carlisle was Terry with 16 points.

Fulton City…..18 32 32 56
Carlisle……..14 28 30 37

Fulton City (55)
Allen 14, Beadles 12, Covington 11, Burnette 8, Shephard 7, McAllister 3.

Carlisle (37)
Terry 16, King 8, Watson 7, Davis 6, Summers.

Comets Get Close To Victory, But Officials Decide For St. Mary

St. Mary 42
Carlisle Co. 41
02-01-63 - Away

After two weeks without a game, the Comets came back fighting Friday night against, St. Mary.

Carlisle took the lead at the very first and held it until the last quarter.

The Comets began to lose ground when three of their boys fouled out. This gave St. Mary the chance they needed to come through with a 42-41 victory.

It was rumored that the score was tied and that there might be a protest, but after rechecking, the score was found to be 42-41 in St. Mary's favor.

St. Mary……..4 14 30 42
Carlisle……..6 26 37 41

St. Mary (42)
Legeay 13, Bearden 1, Taylor 9, Peck 12, Hollis 4, Cissell 3.

Carlisle (41)
Watson 12, Terry 12, King 5, Summers 11, Davis 1, Thomason 1.

Sedalia 82
Carlisle Co. 59
02-02-63 - Away

Sedalia grabbed an early lead and went on to beat Carlisle County, 82-59, here Tuesday.

Sedalia's Hollis Crittenden scored 22 to claim scoring honors for the night.

Davis scored 16 for Carlisle.

Carlisle……..9 19 41 59
Sedalia……..24 47 66 82

Sedalia (82)
Wilson 13, Crittenden 22, Mullins 14, Glisson 21, Cook 2, Page 10.

Carlisle (59)
Watson 2, Terry 10, King 5, Martin 2, Summers 1, Thomason 14, Guhy 7, Davis 16.

Lowes 85
Carlisle Co. 39
02-08-63 - Away

Carlisle met Lowes on the Lowes floor, where the Comets were again defeated.

The score at the half was 32-21, with Lowes in the lead. Lowes continued to increase the margin and the game ended with an 85-39 score.

High scorers for the Comets were King with 8 and Summers and Davis with 6 each.

The top scorers for Lowes were Chumbler with 23 and Winn with 17.

Lowes……..14 32 56 85
Carlisle……..10 21 25 39

Lowes (85)
Chumbler 23, Stokes 13, Sledd 2, VeuCasovic 2, Arnett 15, Lykins 13, Wilkins, Winn 17.

Carlisle (39)
Guhy 1, King 8, Watson 4, Mitchell 5, Terry 4, Davis 6, Summers 6, Thomason 5.

Heath 77
Carlisle Co. 56
02-13-63 - Home

The Heath Pirates jumped out to an early lead and went on to defeat Carlisle County 77-56, here Tuesday.

The Pirates led all the way and were never challenged. The halftime score found Heath ahead, 36-20.

Robert Vannerson paced the winners with 17 points, but yielded game scoring honors to Carlisle's Dwight Davis, who bagged 22.

Heath……20 36 52 77
Carlisle ……..7 20 36 56

Heath (77
Crews 13, Davis 3, Morehead 10, Thomason 2, Holland 14, Chambers 13, Long 5, Vannerson 17.

Carlisle (56)
King 6, Mitchell 2, Watson 1, Davis 22, Summers 10, Terry 6, Thomason 6, Crider 3.

Carlisle Co. 41
Fulton Co. 45
02-15-63 - Away

Fulton Co. downed the Comets in a hard fought game, 45 to 41. Carlisle stayed close but never led to lose by 4 points.

Summers led Carlisle in scoring with 15.

Fulton Co……..13 24 33 45
Carlisle ……..6 20 31 41

Fulton Co. (45)
Moss 2, Bellew, R. Jennings 8, Sheehan 14, Harrison 9, D. Jennings 3, Brawner 9, Watts.

Carlisle (41)
Watson 12, Terry 8, King, Martin 2, Davis 4, Summers 15.

Heath 80
Carlisle 43
02-19-63 - Away

The Health Pirates outclassed Carlisle County's Comets, for an 80-43 victory at Heath Tuesday night.

The Pirates built a bulging 30 point halftime lead and the outcome was assured. Carlisle was unable to penetrate into the Heath margin.

Don Crews and Robert Vannerson were the big guns for the winners, each scoring 22 markers.

All Carlisle players were held below double figures.

Heath……19 46 59 80
Carlisle……..5 16 22 43

Heath (80)

Crews 22, Davis 6, Morehead 8, Phillips 5, Holland 4, Chambers 3, Long 4, Tilford 2, Vannerson 22, Jackson 4.

Carlisle (43)
Thomason 7, Brown 2, Watson 2, Crider 4, Martin 4, King 9, Davis 5, Guhy 3, Summers 7.

Carlisle Co. 68
Fancy Farm 47
02-22-63 - Home

Fancy Farm stayed close the first half of the game but Carlisle turned on in the third and fourth quarters and blew the game open.

The Comets were led by Watson with 17 points.

Carlisle……..7 23 44 68
Fancy Farm…...4 17 30 47

Carlisle (68)
Watson 17, King 9, Summers 16, Brown, Guhy 4, Davis 7, Bone 2, Crider, Martin, Jenkins, Thomason 13.

Fancy Farm (47)
T. Willett 18, Jolly 10, C. Willett 5, Stephens 7, N. Cash 1, J.R. Cash 6.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Hang Tough
To Defeat Riverside

Carlisle Co. 57
Hickman Riverview 42
02-28-63 - Home

Carlisle County moved into the semi-finals of the First District Basketball Tournament by scoring a first round victory over Hickman Riverside, here Wednesday night.

Carlisle County held the lead all the way but had to fight off a mild Riverside rally in the fourth quarter, before emerging with the win.

The Comets will take on Fulton County in semi-final play on Friday night. Tonight's action will find tournament-favorite Fulton City meeting Hickman County in a first round duel.

The Comets got off to a rather slow start and were unable to reach double figures, until early in the second quarter. Riverview had stayed in the game until this point when the Comets broke loose to take a 29-16 halftime lead.

Carlisle County built its advantage to 17 points, at 43-26, by the end of the third period and appeared to be on easy street for the rest of the game.

But the stubborn Riverview five wasn't ready to give up so easily. And before the Comets were able to score a point, Riverview had sliced the margin to 10. Unfortunately, for Riverview, Carlisle's "Coldness" was only momentary and the Comets came back strong for a 15 point victory.

Robert Summers was chief scoring gun for the Comets, tearing down 26 points in a standout effort. Bobby Terry chipped in with 18 markers to round out the double-figured attack for the winners.

Nall paced the losers with 15 points, followed by Johnson with 11.

Carlisle County hit 43 percent from the field and 51 percent from the free throw line. Riverview was colder on both ends hitting only 27 percent of fielders and 40 percent of gratis tosses.

Carlisle……...7 29 43 57
Hickman R.…....5 16 26 42

Carlisle (57)
King 3, Martin 7, Terry 18, Summers 26, Davis 1, Guhy 1, Jenkins.

Hickman R. (52)
Fitzpatrick 3, Hunter 3, Riley 1, Nall 15, Johnson 11, Spates 9.

1st District Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets Earn Regional Trip
With Win Over Pilots.
Carlisle Plays Fulton City
For District Title Next.

Carlisle Co. 50
Fulton Co. 44
03-01-63 - Home

Carlisle County turned on to defeat Fulton County 50-44 in the First District Tourn. to earn its regional tournament trip.

The Comets withstood a furious rally by the Pilots in the 4th canto to seal the win.

Top Comet scorers were Dwight Davis with 20 pts., Summers with 14, and Terry with 10.

Carlisle……...7 23 37 50
Fulton Co……...6 19 31 44

Carlisle (50)
King 3, Terry 10, Martin 1, Summers 14, Thomason 2, Davis 20.

Fulton Co. (44)
Moss 9, Bellew, Watts 2, P. Sheehan 17, Jennings, Brawner 8, Harrison 8.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Bulldogs Slip By
Comets For 1st District Title

Fulton City 52
Carlisle Co. 43
03-02-63 - Home

Powerful Fulton City had to rely on a late rally before finally emerging with a 52-43 win over Carlisle County, for the Championship of the First District Basketball Tournament, here tonight.

With 28 seconds left to play, the Bulldogs of Coach Chester Caddas, held only a slender two point lead. But a hot spurt pulled Fulton away to the nine-point victory.

The game was extremely close in the first half, with the two teams entering the second half tied at 19-all. Fulton then pulled away to a four point lead and barely managed to hang on.

The Bulldogs, who will defend their regional title in the First Region Tournament at Murray next week, were not at their best from either the field or the free throw stripe. The Bulldogs managed a lowly 37 percent of the fielders and only 49 percent of the gratis tosses.

Carlisle won out percentage-wise in both departments, hitting 41 percent from the field and 64 percent from the free throw line.

Carlisle……...6 19 31 43
Fulton City…...8 19 35 52

Fulton City (52)
Allen 19, Burnette 17, Covington 8, Beadles 6, Shephard 2.

Carlisle (43)
Davis 4, King 8, Martin 5, Summers 12, Terry 14, Thomason.

1st Regional Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Blown Away
With Last Quarter Blitz

Carlisle Co. 40
St. Mary 63
03-06-63 - Away

St. Mary came out cold in the first quarter, probably a little nervous in its first regional appearance. But the Knights shook off the jitters in the second period and pulled out to a seven point lead.

Coach Jack McKinney's Knights increased their advantage to eight points in the third stanza and really put the game under wraps with an explosive 25-point final period.

Carlisle County pulled to within six points, after five seconds had lapsed in the fourth quarter, but the Comets were no match for the "Hot" shooting Knights, who soon built to a 23 point lead, leaving the ending score 63-40

Leading the Comets in the scoring column was Dwight Davis with 11 pts.

St. Mary……..10 26 38 63
Carlisle……..12 19 30 40

St. Mary (63)
Peck 17, Legeay 16, Taylor 19, Hollis 7, Cissell 2, McKenna, Bearden 2, Garrison, Hayden.

Carlisle (40)
King 3, Terry 9, Watson 7, Summers 8, Davis 11, Martin, Thomason, Guhy 2, Mitchell.

1962-63

	Lowes	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Fancy Farm	St. Mary	Fulton City	Lone Oak	Trigg Co.	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Mayfield
Carl Martin	5	2	0		2	2	0	4		1	0	
Robert Summers	8	3	12	8	18	17	6	12	4	10	8	8
Dwight Davis	4	9	12	12	18	9	13	17	15	10	9	5
Bobby Terry	19	21	12	20	15	4	10	17	16	10	22	6
Kenneth Watson	16	23	14	5	16	11	3	7	5	14	10	9
David Crider	4	1	0	2	8		2					
Frankie Bone		1	2	3	4	2	0					
Jerome Jenkins					3							
Erine Brown					0							
Mike Thomason					0							
Orville Mitchell					0				4	2	0	
Doyle Guhy						4						
Mike King												8

1962-63

	Fulton City	St. Mary	Sedalia	Lowes	Heath	Fulton Co.	Heath	Fancy Farm	Hickman Riverside	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	St. Mary	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Carl Martin			2			2	4	0	7	1	5	0	17	37	2.18
Robert Summers	0	11	1	6	10	15	7	16	26	14	12	8	24	221	10.5
Dwight Davis	6	1	16	6	22	4	5	7	1	20	4	11	24	224	10.7
Bobby Terry	16	12	10	4	6	8			18	10	14	9	22	245	12.9
Kenneth Watson	7	12	4	4	1	12	2	17				7	21	171	9.5
David Crider					3		4	0					9	24	2.67
Frankie Bone								2					7	14	2
Jerome Jenkins								0	0				3	3	1
Ernie Brown							2	0					3	2	0.67
Mike Thomason		1	14	5	6		7	13		2	0	0	10	47	5.22
Orville Mitchell				5	2							0	7	13	1.86
Doyle Guhy			7	1			3	4	1			2	7	22	3.14
Mike King	8	5	5	8	6	0	9	9	3	3	8	3	13	54	5.2
														1077	

Team Record -6-18 Per Game Avg. - 44.87

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Bobbie Terry	62		37	303	245	585	9.43
Kenny Watson	60		15	310	171	496	8.55
David Crider	14			8	24	32	2.9

1963-64

HEAD COACH – TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON

CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. – 4TH PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. – 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 20-9

1963-64

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-08-63	Lowes	51-49 **ot**	A	
11-15-63	Fulton Co	77-47	H	
11-16-63	Ballard Co.	62-54	A	
11-19-63	Hickman Riverview	86-34	H	
11-26-63	Hickman Co.	60-58	A	
12-06-63	St. Mary	65-38	H	
12-10-63	Fancy Farm	89-53	H	
12-13-63	Fulton City	77-59	A	
12-14-63	Lone Oak	**41-43**	A	
12-20-63	Tilghman	53-50	A	
12-27-63	Calloway Co.	88-72	A	**- CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. 1ST RD**
12-29-63	Ballard Co.	**55-57**	A	**- CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-30-63	Sedalia	**70-97**	A	**- CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. CONSOLATION**
01-03-64	Ballard Co.	**52-67**	H	
01-07-64	Hickman Co.	64-54	H	
01-10-64	Mayfield	**38-74**	A	
01-14-64	Fancy Farm	119-49	A	
01-17-64	Fulton City	**50-67**	H	
01-21-64	Heath	**52-71**	A	
01-24-64	Hickman Riverview	77-54	A	
01-31-64	St. Mary	74-54	A	
02-04-64	Sedalia	58-54	H	
02-14-64	Fulton Co	77-49	A	
02-18-64	Heath	66-57	H	
02-28-64	Lowes	58-46	H	
03-06-64	Hickman Co.	83-55	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-07-64	Fulton City	**56-61**	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-11-64	Fulton City	61-52	A	**- 1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-14-64	Mayfield	**43-60**	A	**- 1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD**

FINAL RECORD - 20-9

1964 Comets – District Runner-Up



Doyle Guhy, Terry Burgess, Bill Kelly, Frankie Bone, Orville Mitchell, Carl Martin, Ernie Brown, Mike King, Dwight Davis, Robert Summers, Jerome Jenkins, Mike Thomason

1963-1964

HEAD COACH – TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON
CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. – 4TH PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. – 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 20-9

1963-64 COMET ROSTER:
Dwight Davis, Mike King, Carl Martin, Robert Summers, Mike Thomason, Jerome Jenkins, Orville Mitchell, Doyle Guhy, Ernie Brown, Bill Kelly, Terry Burgess, Kenneth Galloway.

Carlisle County
Nips Lowes

Carlisle Co. 51
Lowes 49
11-08-63 - Away

Carlisle County fought its way from a 14-point deficit to tie the game at the end of regulation time and then took a 51-49 victory over Lowes in overtime here tonight.

Carlisle scored the winning basket just as the horn sounded.

Lowes held a 26-14 halftime lead, but saw its margin dwindle in the third period as the Comets came to life. The Comets tallied the tying basket with about a minute left and the Blue Devils were unable to beat the clock.

Robert Summers bagged 16 points to pace the Comets. Mike Thomason and Dwight Davis helped the cause with 13 and 12 each.

Carlisle.....10 14 34 46 51
Lowes…….8 26 37 46 49

Carlisle (51)
Davis 12, King 6, Martin 4, Summers 16, Thomason 13.

Lowes (49)
Arnett 9, Seldd 13, Burnette 18, Thurston 1, VeuCasovic 2, Bridges 1, Wilkens 5.

Carlisle Co. 77
Fulton Co. 47
11-15-63 - Home

Carlisle County rolled out its big guns tonight as the Comets blasted past Fulton County, 77-47.

The Comets took command early and led throughout the game. The Pilots could come no closer than the six point margin at the end of the first quarter.

Dwight Davis cashed in for 21 points, Mike Thomason netted 20, and Ernie Brown had 10 for Carlisle County.

Carlisle……..20 36 50 77
Fulton Co……14 23 33 47

Carlisle (77)
Davis 21, King 6, J. Jenkins 2, Mitchell 4, Summers 8, Guhy 6, Thomason 20, Brown 10, Kelly.

Fulton Co.
Jennings 14, Glasier 2, Bellew 2, Argo 11, Sheriden 1, Brawner 10, Harrison 7.

Carlisle Wins
In Free Throw Duel

Carlisle Co. 62
Ballard Co. 54
11-16-63 - Away

Carlisle County defeated Ballard Co. 62-54, here tonight in a battle of free throws. In all, there were 61 free throws by the two teams.

Ballard was struck by 25 personal fouls, while 20 were being called against Carlisle.

The host Bombers, while losing their second straight, made it a good ballgame, until the last three minutes when Carlisle pulled away.

Ballard lost the services of Randal Canada in the second quarter because of a severe ankle sprain. It is not known how long he will be out of the lineup.

Carlisle……..18 34 43 63
Ballard……...14 23 41 54

Carlisle (63)
Davis 26, King 10, Martin 1, Summers 11, Guhy 5, Thomason 9.

Ballard (54)
Giles 14, Pace 6, Canada 4, Matlock 7, Allen 5, Rollins 12, Petty 6.

Carlisle Co. 86
Hickman Riverview 34
11-19-63 - Home

Carlisle County ran its unbeaten mark to three games here tonight, with an 86-34 romp over outclassed Hickman Riverview.

Riverview was never in the ball game as the Comets pulled out to an early lead and continued to extend the margin as the game progressed. The Comets were on top 41-17 at the half.

Mike Thomason was the big gun for Carlisle County with 22 points. Dwight Davis and Orville Mitchell chipped in with 13 and 11, respectively.

Baker collected 15 for the losers.

Carlisle……..19 41 59 86
Hickman R…...11 17 21 34

Carlisle (86)
Davis 13, Jenkins 8, King 5, Martin 2, Mitchell 11, Summers 8, Guhy 9 Thomason 22, Brown 4, Kelly 2.

Hickman R.
Smith 2, Fritzpatrick 7, Baker 15, Spates 4, Coneal 6.

Carlisle Co. 60
Hickman Co. 58
11-26-63 - Away

Carlisle County counted two free throws as time ran out to defeat Hickman County, 60-58, here Tuesday night.

Carlisle's zone defense worked well during the first half and the visitors finished the first two periods of play with a 20-18 lead.

Carlisle jumped to an 11-point lead, saw it trimmed to four, then fought to keep on top from two to eight points, until the final seconds.

Carlisle……...6 20 43 60
Hickman ……....9 18 35 58

Carlisle (60)
Davis 28, King 3, Summers 13, Thomason 12.

Hickman (58)
Davis 16, Copeland 11, Wilson 11, Taylor 8, Shelton 4, Williams 4, Hale 2, Mathis 2.

Carlisle Co. 65
St. Mary 38
12-06-63 - Home

Undefeated Carlisle County ran its victory string to six games here tonight, with a 65-38 shellacking of Paducah St. Mary.

The game was in the Comet's hands all the way. St. Mary fell 10 points off the pace in the opening stanza and was never able to get in contention range from that point.

Carlisle sported a 38-21 halftime advantage.

Dwight Davis and Robert Summers each tabbed 12 points to pace the Comet assault while Mike Thomason chipped in with 11.

Carlisle ……20 36 42 65
St. Mary……10 21 33 38

Carlisle (65)
Davis 12, Martin 8, Summers 12, Thomason 11 Mitchell 5, J. Jenkins 4, Brown 4, Guhy 6, Burgess 3.

St. Mary (38)
Hayden 8, Marshall 1, Peck 9, Garrison 2, Hopper 5, Thompson 2, Adams 11.

Carlisle Co. 89
Fancy Farm 53
12-10-63 - Home

Unbeaten Carlisle County rolled up its seventh victory here tonight, with an 89-53 thrashing of Fancy Farm.

The Comets simply had too much class for the Golden Gophers, who were really never in the game, after Carlisle jumped out to 25-9 first period lead. The Comets were on top 45-20 at the half.

Robert Summers headed a four-man double figure attack with 20 markers, but yielded game honors to Fancy's Farms Tommy Willet who bagged 27.

Carlisle……..25 45 72 89
Fancy Farm…....9 20 27 53

Carlisle (89)
King 3, Guhy 16, Thomason 13, Jenkins 5, Martin 9, Mitchell 5, Kelly 1, Summers 20, Brown 2, Davis 13, Galloway 2, Burgess.

Fancy Farm (53)
Dossett, G. Carrico 4, P. Carrico 2, Willett 27, Elder 12, Elliott 8.

Unbeaten Comets Deal Fulton City
First Lost Of The Young Season

Carlisle Co. 77
Fulton City 59
12-13-63 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets blazed past Fulton City, 77-59, here tonight in a game which many feel was the deciding battle for the First District honors.

The Comets became the winningest team in Western Kentucky tonight as they ran their record to a perfect 8-0 mark. The Bulldogs, undefeated until they met Carlisle County, are now 3-1.

Carlisle County led most of the way but the determined Bulldogs, playing without the services of the ace center 6'4" John Shepard, stayed within striking distance until the last half of the final period.

With four minutes to play, Carlisle led by only eight markers but the Bulldogs committed four fatal mistakes, on which the Comets capitalized, with four quick baskets. Fulton also committed four personal fouls in the last minutes of play, which cost them eight more points as Comet sharp shooters made good on one and one situations.

Carlisle out shot Fulton, 48 percent to 45 percent, but the battling Bulldogs disregarded the height disadvantage to out rebound the winners, 35-27.

Carlisle……..24 38 54 77

Fulton City…...18 40 50 59
Carlisle (77)
Davis 20, King 19, Martin 7, Guhy 4, Thomason 21, Summers 6.
Fulton City (59)
Barkley 5, Gradley 12, McAlister 8, Beadles 23, Bushart 11, Mann.

Lone Oak Is First
Team To Defeat Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 41
Lone Oak 43
12-14-63 - Away

Jay Burnett got away a towering 40-foot jump shot as the game-ending buzzer sounded, Saturday night, and it popped the cords and Lone Oak won 43-41, handing Carlisle its first defeat of the season.

The Purple Flash thus increased its stock as a first region basketball power.

Both sides fought like tigers for this inter-district game. The Flash only managed a 10-9 first quarter lead, and Carlisle bounced back to knot the score 21-all at halftime.

Carlisle County moved ahead by two points, 30-28, as the third quarter came to an end. Then the lead see-sawed before Lone Oak took the ball with the score tied 41-41, and only seconds remaining.

Burnett ended it with his dramatic shot.

Burnett also took scoring honors for the game with 18 points. Bob Walls added 10 more for Lone Oak.

Mike King was the only Carlisle player to break into double figures, hitting for 15 points.

Lone Oak out shot Carlisle 16-14 from the field, but the Comets controlled the free throws 13-11.

Lone Oak……...10 21 28 43
Carlisle……...9 21 30 41
Lone Oak (43)
Howard 2, Harris 9, Hayden 2, Walls 10, Burnett 18, Harper 2.
Carlisle (41)
Davis 9, King 15, Martin 5, Summers 7, Thomason 5.

Carlisle Co. Rallies In
Fourth Quarter To Edge Tilghman

Carlisle Co. 53
Tilghman 50
12-20-63 – Away

Carlisle Co., down by nine points as the fourth quarter opened, rallied and edged Paducah Tilghman.

Tilghman's lead at one time in the third quarter was 13 pts. Carlisle got 21 pts. in the final frame to Tilghman's nine.

Carlisle's total came on 18 field goals and 17 fts. while Tilghman counted 20 fgs. and 10 fts.

Dwight Davis took scoring honors for the night with 20 pts.

Carlisle…...8 20 32 53
Tilghman…….9 21 41 50
Carlisle (53)
King 8, Davis 20, Martin 12, Thomason 3, Summers 2, Guhy 6, J. Jenkins 2.
Tilghman (50)
Gourieux 10, Gregory 13, Harriss 12, Lee 10, Barker 3, Dunnigan 2.

Calloway Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 88
Calloway Co. 72
12-27-63 – Away

The Carlisle-Calloway game was just what everyone expected it to be, "Close."

After trailing by 10 points at the half, Calloway Co. made a determined drive in the third period and closed the gap to a single point, before finally trailing by three, 61-58, at the end of the stanza.

Carlisle's advantage in the fourth period was the same as Ballard's in the first game. The Comets lead forced many fouls by the Lakers, but both teams turned in a fine show of basket making during the final eight minute segment.

Summers finished the game with 23 points in pacing Carlisle County. Thomason was right behind him with 21 and Dwight Davis and Mike King added a strong 18 and 16, respectively.

Carlisle……..14 41 61 88
Calloway.....13 31 58 72
Carlisle (88)
King 16, Davis 18, Thomason 18, Summers 22, Martin 7, Jenkins 3, Guhy.
Calloway (72)
Housden 22, Lavender 19, Joseph 2, Crick 4, Watson 2, Patterson 10, Armstrong, Garrison 7, Miller 4.

Calloway Co. Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 55
Ballard Co. 57
12-29-63 – Away

Carlisle Co., a Tourn. Co-favorite, was eliminated from the championship drive earlier in the day, when Ballard took a narrow 57-55 decision in a semi-final game.

Leading Comet scorer was Dwight Davis with 33 pts.

Carlisle……..11 25 38 55
Ballard……...15 25 39 57
Carlisle (55)
Thomason 11, Jenkins 2, King 4, Guhy 3, Davis 33, Summers 2, Martin.
Ballard (57)
Giles 12, Rollins 15, Allen 7, Canada 15, Petty 8, Pace.

Calloway Co. Tourn.
Consolation Game

Carlisle Co. 70
Sedalia 97
12-30-63 – Away

In tonight's consolation game Sedalia bumped off Carlisle Co. 97-70, for third place.

Dennis Mullins put on a sterling scoring exhibition in Sedalia's win over Carlisle Co. Mullins poured in 34 pts., highest output by a player in the Tournament.

Sedalia was in command all the way as Carlisle used reserves frequently and appeared flat as compared to the hot offensive attack by the Lions.

Jenkins crammed in 20 pts. for the Comets, who lost their third game of the season.

Carlisle……...9 28 52 70
Sedalia……...25 46 65 97
Carlisle (70)
J. Jenkins 20, King 11, Thomason 2, Brown 5, Mitchell 4, Martin, Summers 4, Kelly 17, Guhy 7.
Sedalia (97)
Camp 22, Dodson 1, Page 4, Bruce 6, Mullins 34, Mathis, Hollaway 13, R. McClain 2, A. McClain 15, Boaz.

Bombers Get Second
Win Over Comets

Carlisle Co. 52
Ballard Co. 67
01-03-64 - Home

Ballard County's Bombers shot down Carlisle County, 67-52, for the second time within two weeks, here tonight.

Carlisle, after starting the season with eight consecutive wins, fell to four quick defeats, two of them to the Bombers.

Carlisle's other loss to Ballard came in the Calloway County Invitation Tourney.

Ballard's balanced attack was too much for the Comets as four Bombers hit double figures.

Carlisle led 18-17 at the end of the first quarter but that was the last time as Ballard forged to a 38-27 lead at halftime. Carlisle cut the lead to 50-40, during the third quarter but Ballard put on a fourth quarter scoring burst to lengthen the margin to 67-52.

Ballard hit on 48 percent of its field goal attempts while Carlisle shot a cool 35 percent from the field.

Jimmy Allen netted 19 points, Randall Canada chipped in 15, Neal Giles had 14, and Barry Rollins added 12 for the Bombers.

Dwight Davis had 22 to lead Carlisle and Mike Thomason chipped in 11.

Ballard……...17 39 50 67
Carlisle…….18 27 40 52
Ballard (67)
Giles 14, Rollins 12, Allen 19, Canada 15, Petty 5, Pace 2.
Carlisle (52)
King 5, Guhy 5, Davis 22, Jenkins 2, Martin 4, Thomason 11, Summers 6.

Carlisle Co. 64
Hickman Co. 54
01-07-64 - Home

Carlisle County pulled away in the final quarter, after a tight game with Hickman County to defeat the visitors tonight, 64-54.

Though the margin was seldom more than two or three points, Hickman County managed to hold a lead only once, by one point in the second quarter.

Carlisle……..17 27 44 64
Hickman ……...13 27 43 54
Carlisle (64)
Davis 22, Kelly 2, Mitchell 15, Thomason 5, Summers 15, Guhy 3.
Hickman (54)
Pillow 19, Wilson 2, Davis 19, Taylor 10, Ward 4, Shelton.

Mayfield Spills
Carlisle For 10th Win

Carlisle Co. 38
Mayfield 74
01-10-64 - Away

Mayfield's Cardinals won their tenth consecutive game without a loss as they made shambles of the Carlisle County Comets, 74-38, here tonight.

Jack Story's charges remained the only undefeated team in West Kentucky as they asserted strongly that they are the team to beat for First Region honors.

The Cardinals jumped to a 16-4 first quarter lead and built it to a 35-11 at halftime. Mayfield upped the margin even more during the third period as the cold-shooting Comets could not launch an attack.

Mayfield, rated tenth in the state by the Associated Press, was led by Larry Jones with 23

markers, and Rodger Fields with 19. Jim Youngblood had 12 for the Cardinals.

Robert Summers topped Carlisle County with 11 points.

Mayfield……...16 35 52 74
Carlisle……....4 11 19 38

Carlisle (38)
Davis 8, Burgess, King 5, Mitchell 4, Summers 11, Guhy 2, Thomason 8, Kelly.

Mayfield (74)
Malone 6, Jones 23, McWherter, Youngblood 12, Adams 4, Albritton 4, Winslow 4, Morris 2, Fields 10.

Carlisle Co. 119
Fancy Farm 49
01-14-64 - Away

Carlisle County erected a seasonal scoring record in trouncing Fancy Farm 119-49, here tonight.

The previous high this season was 118 points scored by Mayfield on Dec. 6th. That big production also came at the expense of Fancy Farm.

Carlisle used eight players in the game, all but one getting double figures. Mike Thomason and Doyle Guhy supplied the most markers with 23 and 22, respectively.

Carlisle……...31 62 88 119
Fancy Farm…11 22 33 49

Carlisle (119)
Davis 17, Brown 3, King 13, Mitchell 11, Summers 17, Guhy 22, Thomason 23, Riley 12.

Fancy Farm (49)
G. Carrico 8, Elliott 16, Cash 2, Dossett 7, Elder 9, P. Carrico.

Fulton City 67
Carlisle Co. 50
01-17-64 - Home

Fulton City caught Carlisle County cold from the field, and rolled to a 67-50 First District victory, here tonight.

The Bulldogs were on top 25-19 at the half and zoomed to a 20 point advantage in the third period, as Carlisle County only managed seven points.

A total of 44 fouls were called in the game.

Terry Beadles showed the way for the winners with 21 points, while Dwight Davis had 17 for the losers.

Fulton City…….9 25 46 67
Carlisle……....6 19 26 50

Carlisle (50)
Davis 17, King 5, Guhy 10, Martin 1, Mitchell 5, Thomason, Summers 2, Jenkins 10.

Fulton City (67)
McAlister 12, Bone 2, Mann 1, Bradley 5, Hutchinson 3, Shepard 17, Beadles 21, Bushart 4, Barkley 2.

Heath 71
Carlisle Co. 52
01-21-64 - Away

The Heath Pirates caught Carlisle County on another of its cold nights and rolled up a 71-52 victory over the Comets, at Heath Tuesday evening.

The Pirates were in command all the way after grabbing a 19-11 first period lead. The Buc's moved out to a 34-23 lead at intermission and the outcome was evident.

Heath's zone defense could have made the difference, but the Comets simply could not hit their mark. They submerged to a 13-point deficit in the third period and Heath steadily pulled away to the final victory margin.

Don crews powered the Heath attack with 27 points, while teammates Jimmy Long and Dick Thompson chipped in with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Robert Summers was the top scorer for the losers with 14 points.

Heath……..19 34 50 71
Carlisle…....11 23 37 52

Heath (71)
Weston 6, Thompson 13, Crews 27, Long 14, Carroll 2, Harris 5, Jackson 2.

Carlisle (52)
Davis 7, King 2, Jenkins 11, Mitchell 4, Summers 12, Thomason 7, Guhy 7.

Carlisle Co. 77
Hickman Riverview 54
01-24-64 - Away

Carlisle County defeated Riverview 77-54, here tonight.

Carlisle led from the first quarter as Mike King scored 14 points, while teammates Mike Thomason and Luke Martin poured in 12 points each.

Carlisle……..22 48 58 77
Riverview……...6 24 26 54

Carlisle (77)
Davis 13, Kelly 4, King 14, Guhy 6, Mitchell 4, Burgess 2, Martin 12, Thomason 12.

Riverview (54)
Fitzpatrick 19, Baker 10, States 4, Riley 9, Coneal 8, Caldwell 2, Thomas 2.

St. Mary 54
Carlisle Co. 74
01-31-64 - Away

Carlisle County and St. Mary both went to war minus key personnel, and Carlisle fared the best winning by 20 points.

St. Mary has lost 6-3 center David Hopper possibly for the rest of the remainder of the year, due to torn ligaments on both sides of his ankle, and Carlisle lost Dwight Davis temporarily due to boils on his legs.

Carlisle……..17 34 54 74
St. Mary……..8 21 36 54

Carlisle (74)
King 8, Mitchell 12, Jenkins 4, Martin 7, Summers 17, Thomason 18, Guhy 8.

St. Mary (54)
Hayden 15, Lugis 9, Peck 10, Adams 13, Vance 2, Thompson 5.

Carlisle Co. 58
Sedalia 52
02-04-64 - Home

Carlisle County played steady basketball, and refused to buckle under pressure and overcame Sedalia here tonight, 58-52.

Sedalia started both halves strongly only to fade in the later going as Carlisle recovered from a slow first quarter to move ahead.

Carlisle was still missing the services of Dwight Davis, out of action with boils on his feet. Carlisle hit 40 percent of its field goal attempts while Sedalia had 48 percent. Both teams hit 60 percent of their free throw attempts. Carlisle grabbed 36 rebounds to Sedalia's 21

Carlisle……..9 24 41 58
Sedalia……..7 18 35 52

Carlisle (58)
King 3, Jenkins 9, Martin 13, Thomason 16, Guhy 4, Summers 13.

Sedalia (52)
Camp 14, Bruce 7, Page 15, Mullins 11, McLeans 1, Hollaway 4.

Carlisle Co. 77
Fulton Co. 49
02-14-64 - Away

Carlisle County put on a blazing fast break offense tonight, that overran Fulton County by a 77-49 score.

Carlisle tripled the score on the home team in the first quarter, and Fulton County never made a serious threat.

Mike Thomason led the scoring for Carlisle with 22 points, but David Jennings, for Fulton County, led all scorers with 28.

Carlisle……..28 36 56 77
Fulton Co…....7 20 32 49

Carlisle (77)
Davis 16, Jenkins 3, King 12, Guhy 8, Martin 4, Burgess 4, Summers 10, Mitchell 2, Thomason 22.

Fulton Co. (49)
Jennings 28, Shaw 3, Argo 3, Sheehan 7, DeMyer 6, Brauner 2, Shelton, Statham, Taylor, Bellew.

Carlisle Co. 66
Heath 49
02-18-64 - Home

Carlisle County's Comets broke a first quarter tie and went on to defeat Heath's Pirates 66-57, here tonight.

Comet Mike Thomason tossed in 25 points to pace his winning team.

The Comets were shooting hot with a fiery 58 percent from the field to Heath's 40 percent.

Carlisle……..14 30 47 66
Heath……..14 25 41 57

Carlisle (66)
King 5, Davis 16, Jenkins 6, Thomason 25, Summers 14.

Heath (57)
Wetson 3, Blackwell 2, Thompson 12, Crews 10, long 10, Harris 17, Jackson 3

Comets Surprise Blue Devils

Carlisle Co. 58
Lowes 46
02-28-64 - Home

Carlisle continued its mastery over the mighty Lowes Blue Devils here tonight by taking a surprising 58-46 verdict.

It marked the second time this season the two teams have met. Carlisle County won both. The first being an overtime battle in the season openers for both teams.

Tonight's game saw the Comets take a deliberate type offense and the high scoring of Dwight Davis to master the Blue Devils.

Lowes was unable to get off good shots, though the ones it took were usually on the mark.

The two teams fought tooth and nail during the hectic first half, before the Comets pulled away in the third to extend their margin. The home team was out in front by four points at the close of the third period and rapidly improved early in the final stanza.

Davis was the key performer for both teams, tallying 33 points in a fine show of skill. Kenneth Sledd and Lonnie Arnett led the losers with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Carlisle County out-rebounded the Blue Devils 30-22. Lowes hit 50 percent from the field while Carlisle was getting 40 percent.

Carlisle finishes the regular season with an 18-7 record and Lowes is 22-7.

Carlisle……..10 24 39 58
Lowes…….12 24 35 46

Carlisle (58)
Davis 33, Jenkins 1, King 3, Summers 9, Thomason 12.

Lowes (46)
Arnett 12, Sledd 12, Burnett 6, VeuCasovic 6, Wilkins 9.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 83
Hickman Co. 55
03-06-64 - Away

In an astonishing reversal of form, Carlisle suddenly found its shooting eye in the middle of the third quarter tonight, and raced to an amazing 83-55 victory over Hickman County.

The triumph put Carlisle in the First District Final game tomorrow night against Fulton City, and assured it a berth in next week's Regional Tournament.

Carlisle had trailed most of the game before its electrifying outburst.

In the first half the Comets had scored only three field goals, hitting on only 15 percent of their shots from the floor. They trailed 24-17 at halftime.

In the third quarter they began a comeback. Gradually they overhauled the Falcons, finally catching them at 28-28, with 4:30 left in the quarter. Hickman County went ahead again at 30-28, but again Carlisle tied it.

Thomason led his team with 15 points, followed by Martin's 14. Davis ended up with 9 points and Summers scored 10.

Carlisle……..10 17 48 83
Hickman.....13 24 36 55

Carlisle (83)
King 6, Davis 9, Jenkins 6, Martin 14, Kelly 5, Guhy 3, Summers 10, Mitchell 4, Thomason 14, Brown, L. Martin.

Hickman (55)
Copeland 4, Wilson 9, Taylor 9, Rose, Davis 8, Hale, Shelton 7, Matthews 2, Williamson, Pillow 8, Ward 2.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Fulton City Wins First District Title Over Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 56
Fulton City 61
03-07-64 - Away

Fulton City grabbed the lead for the first time just before the third period horn, and went on to defeat Carlisle County 61-56, for the championship of the First District basketball tournament, here tonight.

Carlisle County, considered by many as the favorite to capture the crown, had the lead throughout the game until Bulldog John Mann hit a driving lay-up at the third quarter horn to give Fulton the 41-39 edge. Mann immediately tossed in another basket to open the final period to send Fulton City to a four-point lead. Carlisle County never could catch up.

The Comets, though, never gaining a comfortable margin, had led 12-11 at the first horn and had carried a 28-27 lead into the halftime dressing room.

The two teams fought tooth-for-tooth during the wild and wooly third quarter until Mann's lay-up caused a revamping of the evenings show.

An overflowing crowd saw the Bulldogs pile up their lead in the final period to grab off the coveted District title. It marked the third time these two teams had met this season and gave Fulton a 2-1 edge in the meetings.

Fulton City……11 27 41 61
Carlisle……..12 28 39 56

Carlisle (65)
King 12, Davis 19, Jenkins 3, Martin 2, Summers 11, Thomason 9, Kelly, Guhy, Burgess.

Fulton City (61)
Beadles 18, Bradley 1, Sheppard 23, Hutchinson 5, Bushart 2, Mann 5, McAllister 7.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Defeat Bulldogs To Advance To Semi-Final Round

Carlisle Co. 61
Fulton City 52
03-03-64 - Away

Carlisle County's high-spirited Comets placed themselves in solid contention for a state tournament berth by scoring an impressive opening round victory in the First Region Basketball Tournament at the Murray State College Sports Arena, here tonight.

Carlisle County tumbled Fulton City 61-52 in a reversal of the First District Finals.

A capacity crowd was on hand for tonight's double rematch card, which sends Mayfield and Carlisle into the upper bracket semi-finals on Friday night.

Carlisle County felt it had been an upset when Fulton City had won the Championship in the District Finals from the Comets. They did not feel that way tonight, despite the cries of radio broadcasters. The Comets entered the tournament with a better record than Fulton and they showed that they were a more determined team in their game tonight.

The Comets rained in the baskets for a 15-7 opening period and the Bulldogs from Fulton were never in the game the rest of the way.

Carlisle County registered 27 of 54 field goal attempts for an even 50 percent while Fulton was hitting only 32 percent on 22 of 68 shots. Carlisle County led in rebounds 42-38.

Top rebounder for Carlisle was King with 13. Shepard had 15 for Fulton.

Carlisle……..15 26 49 61
Fulton City……7 17 29 52

Carlisle (61)
King 4, Davis 14, Martin 12, Thomason 13, Summers 14.

Fulton City (52)
McAllister 2, Sheppard 24, Bushart, Bradley, Beadles 22, Barkley 2, Hutchison, Mann 2, Williamson.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Cards Move Up At The Expense of Comets

Carlisle Co. 43
Mayfield 60
03-14-64 - Away

Mayfield and Ballard Co. got their chance to play in tonight's First Region Championship game by beating Carlisle and Lone Oak, respectively.

Both teams had to come from behind for victory. Mayfield finally beat Carlisle's Comets 60-43 and the Bombers of Ballard downed Lone Oak's Purple Flash in the second game.

The game Comets gave Mayfield a good close effort for two quarters, but a Carlisle County slump in the third ended the hopes of Tom Adkins and his troops.

Carlisle fell behind in the first quarter, but never by more than four points, 8-4, before a rally lifted the Comets to a 12-10 lead at the end of the initial stanza.

Mike King got the tying basket, making it 10-10 with 1:16 left in the frame, and Dwight Davis broke the tie to put his team in front by two points just 20 seconds before the quarter ended.

Carlisle managed to get within eight points three times in the fourth quarter, but could get no closer to the classy Cards. A last minute scoring spree by Buddy Albertan, five points in 43 seconds, gave Mayfield its biggest lead and a 17 point victory margin.

Mayfield hit 47 percent, 23/49, from the field, and 70 percent, 16/23, from the give-me line. Carlisle, meanwhile, was hitting 37 percent of its field goal attempts, 16/43, and 56 percent from the free throw line, 10/17.

Mayfield……...10 20 36 60
Carlisle…..12 17 25 43

Carlisle (43)
King 4, Davis 21, Summers, Martin 1, Thomason 4, Guhy 12, Jenkins, Mitchell, Kelly 1.

Mayfield (60)
Malone 10, Jones 2, Albritton 14, Youngblood 24, Fields 12, McWherter 1, Winslow.

1963-64

	Lowes	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Hickman Riverview	Hickman Co.	St. Mary	Fancy Farm	Fulton City	Lone Oak	Tilghman	Calloway Co.	Ballard Co.	Sedalia	Ballard Co.									
Dwight Davis	12	21	26	13	28	12	13	20	9	20	18	22		22									
Mike King	6	6	10	5	3		3	19	15	8	16	5	11	5									
Carl Martin	4		1	2	0	8	9	7	5	12	7	4		4									
Robert Summers	16	8	7	8	13	12	20	6	7	2	23	6	4	6									
Mike Thomason	13	20	9	22	12	11	13	21	5	3	21	11	2	11									
Jerome Jenkins		2		8		4	5			2	3	2	20	2									
Orville Mitchell		4	0	11	0	5	5						4										
Doyle Guhy		6	5	9	0	6	16	4		6	0	5	7	5									
Ernie Brown		10		4		4	2						5										
Bill Kelly		0		2			1						17										
Terry Burgess						3	0																
Kenneth Galloway							2																

1963-64

	Hickman Co.	Mayfield	Fancy Farm	Fulton City	Heath	Hickman Riverview	St. Mary	Sedalia	Fulton Co.	Heath	Lowes	Hickman Co.	Fulton City	Fulton City	Mayfield					Games	Pts.	Avg.
Dwight Davis	22	8	17	17	7	13			16	16	33	9	19	18	21					26	452	17.4
Mike King		5	13	5	2	14	8	3	12	5	3	6	12	4	4					27	208	7.7
Carl Martin				1		12	7	13	4		0	14	2	12	1					22	129	5.86
Robert Summers	17	11	17	2	12		17	13	10	14	9	10	11	14	0					28	295	10.5
Mike Thomason	5	8	23	0	7	12	18	16	22	25	12	15	9	13	4					29	363	12.5
Jerome Jenkins				10	11		4	9	3	6	1	6	3		0					19	101	5.31
Orville Mitchell	15	4	11	5	4	4	12		2			4	0		0					18	90	5
Doyle Guhy	3	2	22	10	7	6	8	4	8			3	0		12					24	154	6.41
Ernie Brown			3									0								7	28	4
Bill Kelly	2	0	12			4						5	0		1					11	44	4
Terry Burgess		0				2			4				0							6	9	1.5
Kenneth Galloway																				1	2	2
																					1875	

Team Record - 20-9 Per Game Avg. - 60.34

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Dwight Davis	53		4	224	452	680	12.2
Mike King	52		32	54	208	294	5.65
Carl Martin	39			37	129	166	4.25
Robert Summers	74		68	221	295	584	7.89

1964-65

HEAD COACH – TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. – 1st PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 19-9

1964-65

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-06-64	Lowes	**56-66**	H	
11-13-64	Fulton Co	76-66	A	
11-14-64	Ballard Co.	64-54	H	
11-20-64	Fancy Farm	60-33	A	
11-24-64	Hickman Co.	71-63	H	
12-01-64	St. Mary	69-49	A	
12-05-64	Ballard Co.	**52-54**	A	
12-08-64	Lone Oak	**49-65**	H	
12-12-64	Fulton City	78-56	H	
12-19-64	Tilghman	55-52	H	
01-08-64	Mayfield	52-46	H	
01-12-64	Fancy Farm	69-50	H	
01-15-65	Fulton City	60-49	H	
01-19-65	Heath	**48-58**	H	
01-22-65	St. Mary	56-47	H	
01-26-65	Hickman Co.	**59-74**	A	
01-29-65	Sedalia	71-51	H	
02-05-65	Lowes	**84-99**	A	
02-09-65	Hickman Riverview	91-39	H	
02-12-65	.Fulton Co	76-56	H	
02-19-65	Heath	**45-57**	A	
02-22-65	Sedalia	76-57	A	
02-26-65	Lone Oak	**54-75**	A	
03-03-65	Hickman Riverview	76-59	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-05-65	Fulton Co	71-49	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 2ND RD.**
03-06-65	Hickman Co.	56-53	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-09-65	Hickman Co.	69-58	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-11-65	Tilghman	**53-58**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD**

FINAL RECORD - 19-9

1965 Comets – District Champion



Coach Tom Adkins, Jerome Jenkins, Orville Mitchell, Ernie Brown, Ralph Bogle, Terry Burgess, LeRoy Partin, Neal Gilbert, Kenny Galloway, Rod Martin, Barry Jenkins, Bill Kelly, Mike Thomason, Doyle Guhy, (Managers) Max Webb, Tommy Frizzell, Charles Edrington, Jewell Mathis

1964-1965

HEAD COACH - TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 19-9

1964-65 COMET ROSTER:
Mike Thomason, Doyle Guhy, Orville Mitchell, Jerome Jenkins, Terry Burgess, Rodney Martin, Ralph Bogle, Kenneth Galloway, Ernie Brown, Barry Jenkins, LeRoy Partin, Neal Gilbert.

Lowes 66
Carlisle Co. 56
11-06-64 - Home

The Lowes Blue Devils hit an uncanny 17 free throws in the fourth period and defeated Carlisle County 66-56 in a thrilling basketball opener for the Comets, here tonight.

Carlisle County led throughout the first half but got into foul trouble early and couldn't keep pace with the Blue Devils.

Trailing 34-26 at the halfway mark, Lowes forged to a 45-42 advantage in the third stanza and then put the game under wraps at the gratis stripe in the final eight minutes.

Kenneth Sledd paced a balanced scoring attack for Lowes with 17 markers. Kenneth Thurston added 16 and Tommy Bridges 15 for the winners.

Mike Thomason was top point getter for the Comets with 17, matching Sledd's performance. Jerome Jenkins added 14.

Lowes……...11 26 45 66
Carlisle……..16 34 42 56

Lowes (66)
Sledd 15, Wilkins 8, Thurston 16, Bridges 15, Smith 4, Coldwell 6.

Carlisle (56)
Brown 2, Burgess 3, J. Jenkins 14, Mitchell 7, Guhy 11, Thomason 17.

Carlisle Co. 76
Fulton Co. 66
11-13-64 - Away

Carlisle County's 6'1'' Ernie Brown blistered in 25 points to pace his team to a 76-66 victory over Fulton County in a basketball game, here Friday night.

But the game was iced for the Carlisle Countians in the first quarter of the game, as they jumped off to a 27-8 margin.

From that vantage point, they coasted to victory, although Fulton County put on an inspired rally late in the fourth quarter, cutting the Carlisle County margin from 20 points to 10 points by the end of the game.

Carlisle……..27 48 61 76
Fulton Co……...8 26 41 66

Carlisle (76)
Brown 25, B. Jenkins 1, J. Jenkins 3, Partin 1, Galloway 1, Mitchell 15, Thompson 16, R. Martin 2, Guhy 12.

Fulton Co. (66)
Wright 4, DeMyers 13, Sheehan 17, Slatham 16, Shelton 8, Shaw 8.

Carlisle Co. 64
Ballard Co. 54
11-16-64 - Home

Carlisle County fought off a late rally by Ballard Memorial and went on to score a 64-54 basketball victory over the Bombers here tonight.

The Comets, in the lead all the way, saw a seemingly comfortable margin melted to three points at one time during the fourth period but withstood the rally on consecutive shots and pulled away to the ten-point victory.

Carlisle County, hitting 46 per cent of its shots, banked on the hot shooting of Ernie Brown and Mike Thomason, who combined for 49 points. Thomason pumped through 26 to head all scoring and Brown chipped in with 23.

Carlisle County led 16-7 at the first quarter stop and was ahead 32-34 at intermission. Ballard stayed with the Comets during the second half, but the early deficit was too much to overcome.

Larry Pace was the only Bomber to reach double figures. He cashed in 14 markers.

Carlisle County won the battle of the boards 23-19. Ballard hit 83 per cent from the gratis circle. Carlisle was 66 per cent from the free throw line.

Carlisle County's record now stands 2-1.

Carlisle……...16 32 52 64
Ballard……..7 24 41 54

Carlisle (64)
Brown 23, Burgess 1, Jenkins 8, Mitchell 3, Thomason 26, Guhy 3.

Ballard (54)
Matlock 7, L. Pace 14, Price 8, Simmons 2, Allen 6, Petty 4, M. Pace 4, Stout 9.

Carlisle Co. 60
Fancy Farm 33
11-20-64 - Away

Carlisle County, after leading only 10-6 in the first quarter, had little trouble in posting a 60-33 victory over Fancy Farm. The Comets led 28-12 at half and 36-16 going into the fourth quarter.

Doyle Guy scored 14, Jerome Jenkins 12 and Terry Burgess 10 points for Carlisle, while Mike Elder was pacing Fancy Farm with 10 counters.

Fancy Farm……8 12 16 33
Carlisle……..10 28 38 60

Fancy Farm (33)
L. Elder 7, G. Higdon 9, M. Elder 10, Elliot 5, Willett 2, S. Higdon, Cash.

Carlisle (60)
Brown 3, Burgess 10, Partin 2, J. Jenkins 12, Mitchell 8, Guhy 14, Galloway 4, Thomason 8, R. Martin.

Carlisle Co. 71
Hickman Co. 63
11-24-64 - Home

The Comets of Carlisle County grabbed an early lead in the first quarter of play and rolled to victory over Hickman County 71-63, last night.

Mike Thomason set a blistering scoring pace for the Comets with 25 points, while teammate Jerome Jenkins hit for 13.

The Flacons' Kenny Davis, a 6'4'' senior center, hit for 19 points.

Carlisle County hit 53 per cent of its floor shots, 67 per cent of its free throw attempts and grabbed 21 rebounds.

The Falcons had a higher shooting percentage from the court, 64 per cent, but hit only 60 per cent of their free throw attempts and held on to 28 rebounds.

Carlisle……..24 40 57 71
Hickman……..19 40 55 63

Carlisle (71)
Brown 6, Burgess 4, J. Jenkins 13, Mitchell 12, Guhy 11, Thomason 25.

Hickman (63)
Ward 12, Hicks 13, Davis 19, Pillow 9, Shelton 4, Mathis 2, Williams 4.

Carlisle Co. 69
St. Mary 49
12-01-64 - Away

Carlisle County, relying on a second-quarter kick that was to provide the driving punch for victory, stopped St. Mary 69-49, on the Knights' home court Tuesday night.

St. Mary, which had pulled off a brilliant upset of Lone Oak last week, bowed to a sparkling shooting performance, as a white-hot Comet team hit 70 per cent of its floor shots and 17 of 19 flips from the gratis line.

Mike Thomason, who provided the floor pace and shooting power for the Comets, flicked the hoops for 24 points while St. Mary's Tim Luigs hit for 16.

At the end of the first quarter, St. Mary trailed by a lone two points, 14-12, but was blasted by the heated scoring ability of the Comets in the second stanza.

Carlisle……...14 30 50 69
St. Mary……...12 20 28 49

Carlisle (69)
Burgess 8, Brown 4, J. Jenkins 8, Mitchell 17, Thomason 24, R. Martin 2, Guhy 7.

St. Mary (49)
Hayden 13, Hopper 7 Peck 5, Luigs 16, Thompson 4, Rapton 3, Carter 1,

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Ballard Co. 54
Carlisle Co. 52
12-05-64 - Away

Ballard County's Niki Matlock rang in a 20-foot jump shot from side-court, with four seconds left in the game to give the Bombers a narrow 54-52 victory over highly-regarded Carlisle County tonight.

Carlisle, one of the First Region's ranked quintets, after trailing throughout the first half, bounced back to take a 43-42 lead into the final period.

Ballard continued a sterling team effort that kept the Bombers on even par with the Comets and made good its big chance when Matlock's corner shot sailed through the netting.

The win overshadowed a brilliant shooting performance by Carlisle County's Mike Thomason who made the goals sing to the tune of 37 points. Thomason cashed in 15 field goals and hit 7 from the gratis line.

Jimmy Allen generaled the Bomber scoring with 21 points while Matlock added 11. Regular Mike Petty was sidelined by illness and Ballard made its five starters go the route.

Carlisle……...14 26 43 52
Ballard……..19 32 42 54

Carlisle (52)
Brown 1, Burgess 2, J. Jenkins 2, Mitchell 2, Guhy 8, Thomason 37.

Ballard (54)
Matlock 11, M. Pace 4, Allen 21, Simmons 9, L. Pace 9.

Lone Oak 65
Carlisle Co. 49
12-08-64 - Home

The Purple Flash of Lone Oak took control early and defeated Carlisle County 65-49 tonight.

The Flash hit well and Carlisle only fairly as Lone Oak pulled away to a ten-point lead at halftime, after leading by only four at the first quarter stop.

The Oakers still controlled the same margin at the end of the third period but lengthened their stride to win going away in the last period.

Don Harper registered 17 points, Dick Coleman netted 14 markers, Tony Holshouser had 12, and Dick Blackston chipped in with 10 in the balanced Lone Oak attack.

Terry Burgess topped Carlisle with 13 points.

Jack McKinney's charges are now 5-2 for the season, while the loss dumped Carlisle to 5-3.

Lone Oak…..…..19 33 47 65
Carlisle…..…..15 23 37 49

Lone Oak (65)
Holshouser 12, Murphy 2, Blackston 10, Dallas 7, Harper 17, Leeper 3, Coleman 14.

Carlisle (49)
Burgess 13, Brown 6, J. Jenkins 6, Mitchell 7, Thomason 9, Guhy 8.

Carlisle Co. 78
Fulton City 56
12-12-64 - Home

Carlisle County's hot-shooting Comets hit a scorching-hot 64 per cent of its field shots, and overwhelmed Fulton City 78-56, tonight.

The Comets, given a run for their money in the first eight minute period, dashed out to a bulging 20-point, 45-25, halftime advantage and Fulton's Bulldogs simply couldn't keep pace.

Carlisle easily won the battle of the boards, gathering in a total of 44 rebounds to Fulton's 24.

The Comets placed four men in double figures with Mike Thomason and Terry Burgess sharing the major role with 19 apiece. Orville Mitchell had 18 pts. and 10 rebounds.

David Mann was Fulton's top scorer with 16 points.

The win pushed Carlisle County's season record to 6-3 and left Fulton with a 1-2 mark.

Carlisle.....21 45 62 78
Fulton City.....19 25 42 56

Carlisle (78)
Brown 8, J. Jenkins 12, Mitchell 18, Thomason 19, Burgess 19, Guhy 2.

Fulton City (56)
Mann 16, Hunt 6, Bone 10, Fry 2, Rogers 2, Williams 14, Green 2, Pflaster 4.

Carlisle Co. 55
Tilghman 52
12-19-64 – Home

Carlisle County stormed from behind in the fourth quarter tonight, for a 55-52 victory over Paducah Tilghman.

Tilghman, now 2-2, took the lead in the second quarter and held on most of the third period and early in the fourth.

After trailing 14-12 in the opening period, the Bluemen forged ahead 25-22 at intermission and led 42-40 going into the fourth quarter.

With little Eddie Garrett banging in four straight field goals, Tilghman led by as much as 29-23 in the third stanza.

Then, Ricky Ragland found himself in foul trouble early and missed much of the game. He left the game for good via the foul route, shortly after the fourth quarter opened.

The Comets took the lead on two free throws by Jerome Jenkins with 6:50 left in the game and the lead see-sawed until free throws by Mike Thomason and Jenkins put Carlisle ahead to stay with about three minutes to go.

Carlisle's tiny guards, Thomason and Doyle Guhy, played like Jolly Green Giants as they paced the Comets' attack.

Thomason had 25 points, Guhy 16, and Orville Mitchell 10. The only other Comet to score was Jenkins with four points.

Ray Gregory scored 16 and Garrett 14 to lead Tilghman scoring.

Carlisle…..…..14 22 40 55
Tilghman…..…..12 25 42 52

Carlisle (55)
Thomason 25, Guhy 16, Mitchell 10, Jenkins 4, Burgess, Partin.

Tilghman (52)
Lambert 4, Ragland 7, Hall 9, Gregory 16, Garrett 14, Overstreet, Dunigan 1, Brown 1.

Carlisle Co. 52
Mayfield 46
01-08-65 - Home

A 32-point performance by Mike Thomason sparked Carlisle County to a 52-46 victory over Mayfield tonight.

Thomason connected on nine of 18 field goal attempts and sank 14 of 15 from the charity line.

The Comets grabbed an early lead and held it most of the way.

They ended the first period on top by 14-12, and increased the margin to 28-23 at intermission.

The Cardinals fought back in the third stanza and narrowed the lead to one 42-41.

Mayfield managed only five markers in the final frame to Carlisle County's 10.

The Comets found the range on 42 per cent of their field goals and hit 85 per cent from the free throw line. Mayfield hit 36 per cent from the field and 54 per cent of its fouls.

Mayfield had the edge in rebounding, 27-21.

Bobby Bennett paced the Cardinals with 16.

It was Carlisle County's eighth win in 11 starts. The loss put Mayfield's ledger at 1-5.

Carlisle…..…..14 28 42 52
Mayfield.…..…..12 23 41 46

Carlisle (52)
Burgess 2, Brown 7, Jenkins 10, Mitchell 1, Thomason 32.

Mayfield (46)
Bennett 16, Colbert 2, Hill 2, Horton 11, McWherter 13, Morris 2, Norman.

Carlisle Co. 69
Fancy Farm 50
01-12-65 - Home

Carlisle County finally found its shooting eye in the fourth quarter and swept to a 69-50 victory over Fancy Farm.

Until that outbreak, both teams were off their shooting form. Carlisle held only a 39-27 lead at the end of the third quarter before exploding for 30 points in the last.

Mike Thomason led the scoring for Carlisle with 21 points. Mike Elder scored 16 to lead Fancy Farm.

Carlisle…..…..13 21 39 69
Fancy Farm…..8 18 27 50

Carlisle (69)
Burgess 10, J. Jenkins 2, B. Jenkins 3, Brown 4, Mitchell 10, Vogel 3, Thomason 21, R. Martin 2, Guhy 11, Galloway 1, Partin 2.

Fancy Farm (50)
Cash 2, Elliott 14, Elder 16, G. Higdon 6, S. Higdon 12, Hayden.

Carlisle Co. 60
Fulton City 49
01-15-65 - Away

Carlisle County found the going unexpectedly rough but managed to defeat Fulton City 60-49, tonight.

The Bulldogs jumped to an 11-8 first-period lead, but fell behind 27-20 at the halfway point.

David Mann scored all of Fulton's points in the first quarter.

The Comets broke loose in the third stanza, outpointing the Bulldogs 21-12 to up the margin to 48-32.

Fulton City fought back in the final frame to narrow the Comet advantage to 11.

Mike Thomason of Carlisle County led all the scorers with 21. Terry Burgess contributed 12.

Mann was high for the Bulldogs with 13, followed by James Hurt with 10.

Fulton County's record now is one win against seven setbacks. The Comets' ledger stands at 9-3.

Carlisle…..…..8 27 48 60
Fulton City…..11 20 32 49

Carlisle (60)
Brown 5, J. Jenkins 6, Mitchell 8, Thomason 21, Guhy 6, Burgess 12.

Fulton City (49)
Mann 13, Armstrong, Hurt 10, Fry 6, Rogers 2, Williamson 7, Stephenson 2, Foster 4, Green 3, Bushart 2.

Final Frame
Surge Ends Comet Streak

Carlisle Co. 48
Heath 58
01-19-65 - Home

Heath outscored Carlisle County 20-8 in the final quarter tonight to take a 58-48 victory in a battle of ranked regional powers.

The teams played nip-and-tuck basketball through the first three stanzas until the Pirates' scoring spree. The loss snapped a five-game winning streak by the Comets.

The Comets held a narrow 16-13 edge at the first whistle-stop but fell behind 29-28 at intermission.

Carlisle regained the lead 40-38 at the end of the third frame.

Heath grabbed the fourth-quarter tip and tied it up at 40-40. Carlisle County committed several floor mistakes after that and the Pirates took the lead.

The Comets then began fouling and Heath scored 12 points on free throws to ice the game.

Robert Hargrove was top point producer for Heath with 19.

Mike Thomason paced the Comets with 22.

Carlisle County and Heath now have identical season records of 10-4.

Heath…..…..13 29 38 58
Carlisle…..…..16 28 40 48

Heath (58)
Kaletch 3, Blackwell 11, Story 7, Hargrove 19, Long 9, Jackson 5, Harris 4.

Carlisle (48)
Burgess 7, Brown, Mitchell 8. Thomason 22, Guhy 5, Galloway 2, Jenkins 4.

Carlisle Co. 56
St. Mary 47

01-22-65 - Home

Carlisle County had to come from behind in the third period before getting the best of a battling St. Mary and the Comets defeated the Knights 56-47, tonight.

St. Mary commanded the upper hand in the first half, but Carlisle County utilized its strong free throw shooting to pull away to the victory.

The Comets hit an uncanny 21 of 22 shots from the gratis line. It was the free throws that won the game as St. Mary outhit Carlisle from the field 43 per cent to 40 per cent.

The Comets carried a 37-35 lead into the fourth period and the Knights were never able to catch up. St. Mary led, 15-13, and 24-23, in the first two portions of the game.

Mike Thomason tossed in 17 points to pace Carlisle and Tim Luigs was tops for the Knights with 13.

Carlisle……..13 23 37 56
St. Mary……..15 24 35 47

Carlisle (56)
Burgess 3, Brown 1, J. Jenkins 13, Mitchell 16, Thomason 17, Guhy 6.

St. Mary (47)
Hayden 10, Peck 4, Luigs 13, Thomason 4, Gorline 4, Hooper 4, Carter 8.

Hickman Co.
Upsets Carlisle Co.

Hickman Co. 74
Carlisle Co. 59

01-26-65 - Away

Hickman County solved seventh ranked Carlisle County's zone press defense and registered a 74-59 upset win over the Comets tonight.

The Falcons' 6-4 center, Kenny Davis, racked up 31 points.

The teams battled on an even keel through the first three periods as the Comets employed the zone press.

Then the Falcons broke the defense in the final frame and out-pointed the visitors, 21-7.

The teams were deadlocked 14-14 as the first quarter ended and Hickman went on top 37-33 at intermission.

Carlisle's last lead was 50-49 late in the third period. The Falcons began the final stanza out in front, 53-52.

Hickman County now has nine wins against six setbacks. Carlisle County's slate is 11-15.

Davis picked up his 31 points on nine field goals and 13 of 16 free throws. Mike Thomason paced the Comets with 17.

Hickman……..14 37 53 74
Carlisle……..14 33 52 59

Hickman (79)
Davis 31, Shelton 12, Williams 11, Hicks 10, Ward 8, Dillard 2.

Carlisle (59)
Thomason 17, Burgess 11, Guhy 10, Brown 6, Mitchell 5, Jenkins 4, Martin 4, Galloway 2.

Hot Night From Field
Keys Win For Carlisle Co

Carlisle Co. 71
Sedalia 51

01-29-65 - Home

Carlisle County's hot shooting and a tight man-to-man defense led to a stunning 71-51 upset of third ranked Sedalia tonight.

The Comets hit 54 per cent from the field and out-rebounded the Lions, 39-16.

Carlisle County exploded in the first stanza and raced to a 26-10 lead. They increased it to 40-22 at intermission.

The victory was clinched going into the final frame with the Comets out in front by 54-32.

Carlisle County's Jerome Jenkins held the Lions' high-scoring ace, Dennis Mullins, to eight points in the first three quarters. Mullins hit nine in the last stanza to finish with 17, high for the Lions.

Jenkins also grabbed off 15 rebounds and scored 17 points.

Carlisle County hit 88 per cent from the charity line to Sedalia's 57 per cent. Sedalia connected on a cold 32 per cent from the field.

Mike Thomason racked up 10 points in the first period and finished with 23 to take scoring laurels. Terry Burgess netted 11 and Orville Mitchell 10 for the winners.

Mullins' 17 was high for the Lions.

Carlisle County's record now stands at 12-5. Sedalia's slate is 13-3.

Carlisle……..26 40 54 71
Sedalia……..10 22 32 51

Carlisle (71)
Burgess 11, J. Jenkins 17, Mitchell 10, Thomason 23, Martin 8, Guhy 2.

Sedalia (51)
Camp 9, McLain 4, Morris 2, Mullins 17, Boaz 8, Holloway 11.

Blue Devils Make
41 Free Throws
In Win Over Comets

Carlisle Co. 84
Lowes 99

02-05-65 - Away

Lowes hit 41 of 55 free throws and 56 per cent from the field to topple Carlisle County 99-84 tonight in a game marked by a wild, foul-plagued fourth quarter.

The Blue Devils hit 29 from the charity line in the final frame to Carlisle County's 18.

Five Comet players fouled out.

The count was knotted 14-all at the first whistle stop, but Lowes took a 37-27 lead to the dressing room at the half.

The Blue Devils increased the lead to 63-46 at the end of three quarters.

In the final period, Lowes outscored Carlisle 38-36. Lowes outrebounded the visitors 48-28.

Charles Wilkins sizzled the strings for 36 points, 22 of them free throws. Donnie Caldwell had 21. Kenneth Sledd netted 16 and pulled off 21 rebounds.

Mike Thomason fell one short of Wilkins' performance with 35, 18 of them in the last period. Reserve Kenneth Galloway scored 14 in the last quarter.

The Blue Devils now have a 17-4 record and Carlisle County's is 12-6.

Lowes……..14 37 63 99
Carlisle……..14 27 46 84

Lowes (99)
Sledd 16, Wilkins 36, Thurston 10, Caldwell 21, Monroe 2, Bridges 8, Smith 6, Herndon.

Carlisle (84)
Burgess 10, Brown, J. Jenkins 2, B. Jenkins 2, Mitchell 9, Thomason 35, Guhy 5, Martin 9, Galloway 14, Gilbert.

Carlisle Co. 91
Hickman Riverview 39

02-09-65 - Home

High-scoring Mike Thomason racked up 29 points tonight as Carlisle County overwhelmed Hickman Riverview, 91-39.

Carlisle played 11 men, all but one of whom scored, in its lopsided victory.

It was the 13th victory, compared with six defeats, for Carlisle.

Carlisle tripled the score in the first quarter, and by half-time held a 55-18 lead. Marion Warren's 16 points was high for Riverview.

Carlisle……..28 55 73 91
Hickman R……9 18 24 39

Carlisle (91)
Burgess 5, Brown 5, J. Jenkins 18, B. Jenkins 2, Bogle, Mitchell 10, Thomason 29, Galloway 6, Martin 7, Guhy 7, Partin 2.

Hickman R (39)
Caldwell 11, Rogers 2, Dinwiddle 1, Thomas 2, M. Warren 16, D. Warren 3, Johnson 2, Smith 2.

Carlisle Co. 76
Fulton Co. 56

02-12-65 - Home

Carlisle County, after trailing at halftime, took the lead in the third quarter, then raced to a 76-56 triumph over Fulton County tonight.

Carlisle outscored the visitors 25-12 in the final period as Fulton County ran into foul trouble. This was despite the fact that Carlisle missed eight free throws in the final period.

Mike Thomason scored 20 points for Carlisle, high for the game. Don Wright and Tommy Sheehan scored 14 apiece for Fulton County.

Carlisle……..17 31 51 76
Fulton Co……17 36 44 56

Carlisle (76)
Burgess 5, Brown 5, J. Jenkins 11, Mitchell 17, Thomason 20, Guhy 1, Martin 8, B. Jenkins, Bogle.

Fulton Co. (56)
Wright 14, Demyer 8, T. Sheehan 2, Taylor 4, Statham 12, Shelton 2.

Heath Wallops Carlisle

Heath 57
Carlisle Co. 45

02-19-65 -Away

Second-ranked Heath, its shooting eye on the cold side, turned to its strong defense to whip out a 57-45 victory over Carlisle County at Heath Friday night.

Both teams were unusually cold from the field, but Heath came through with a solid second quarter and forged a bulging halftime lead, that eventually was the deciding factor.

Carlisle County jumped out in front 16-14 in the opening period but was held to a meager five points in the second eight minutes while the Pirates were rolling up a 34-21 intermission advantage.

Neither team was able to click the offense in the third period as Heath collected just five and Carlisle eight points. But, the Pirates were ahead by ten points and the margin carried them.

Robert Hargrove was the scoring punch for Heath, ringing in 24 points to pace all scorers in the game. Jimmy Long chipped in with 12 for the Buccos and Mike Thomason's 14 paced Carlisle County.

Heath……..14 34 39 57
Carlisle……..16 21 29 45

Heath (57)
Kaletch 5, Blackwell 9, Hargrove 24, Long 12, Harris 7.

Carlisle (45)
Burgess 4, Brown 4, J. Jenkins 7, Mitchell 6, Thomason 14, R. Martin 8. Guhy 2.

Carlisle Co. 76
Sedalia 57
02-23-65 - Away

Carlisle County overpowered Sedalia in a foul-riddled game Monday night, 76-57.

Jerome Jenkins led the scoring for both teams with 21 points for the Comets, followed by Mike Thomason with 20.

For Sedalia it was Dennis Mullins with 17 and Larry Camp with 13, who led the scoring.

Sedalia felt the absence of Ronald Morris, who was out with illness.

Carlisle outscored the home team from the field with 24 field goals to the Lions' 19. Sedalia connected only 19 of 34 opportunities from the free throw line, while Carlisle County hit on 28 of 37.

The game saw 48 fouls called on the two teams.

Both teams started cold and the first quarter ended in a 10-10 tie. The Comets stepped up the pace in the second quarter and took a 10-point halftime lead.

Carlisle……..…10 31 51 76
Sedalia……...10 21 39 57

Carlisle (76)
Burgess 9, Brown 4, J. Jenkins 21, Mitchell 5, Boyle 1, Thomason 20, Guhy 8, Martin 8.

Sedalia (57)
Camp 13, Mullins 17, Guthrie 8, Boaz 9, Holloway 10, McClain, M. Camp, Riley, Boyd, Martin.

Lone Oak 75
Carlisle Co. 54
02-26-56 - Away

Carlisle County lost scoring ace Mike Thomason on fouls late in the third quarter. Then, with the thumb out of the dyke, the dam broke as Lone Oak roared ahead to end a close duel.

After trailing 9-8 in the first quarter, Lone Oak went ahead 27-24 at halftime and was in front 46-41, after three quarters. Then, with Carlisle's big gun silenced, the Flash streaked out to an easy victory.

Lone Oak……..…8 27 46 75
Carlisle……..…..9 24 41 54

Lone Oak (75)
Blackston 18, O'Brien, Murphy, Goode 12, Wallis 6, Steger, Holshouser 15, Leeper 9, Coleman 13, Hamlin 2.

Carlisle (54)
Burgess 13, Brown 3, J. Jenkins 15, Partin, Gilbert, Mitchell 4, Bogle, Thomason 6, Guhy 10, Galloway 1, Martin 2.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. 76
Hickman Riverview 59
03-03-65 - Away

Carlisle County, its height too much to overcome and its offensive mechanism geared at high speed, rolled over Hickman Riverview 76-59 in first round action of the First District Tournament tonight.

The co-favored Comets thus moved into Friday night's lower bracket semi-finals against Fulton County. Hickman County and Fulton City, which drew first round byes, will meet Thursday night in the upper bracket semis, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Hickman County has been installed as the favorite in the upper bracket.

Hickman Riverview made a game of it in the first half, pulling to within five points once in the second period before finally carrying a nine-point, 32-23, deficit into the halftime dressing room.

Riverview scored a quick bucket to open the third period, cutting Carlisle's lead to seven. But from there the Comets pulled away behind a zone press and fast break.

Clicking almost to perfection on the fast break, the Comets sent through Jerome Jenkins and Mike Thomason, repeatedly, for snowbird shots that dampened any Riverview upset plans.

Carlisle led 17-9 at the first quarter stop and 50-41 at the end of the third period, before finally putting away to the final margin.

Jenkins led the Comet scoring with 23 points while Thomason came in with 20 and Doyle Guhy 10.

Russell Rogers lead Riverview with 14 points, followed by Albert Dinwiddie with 13.

Carlisle……..…17 32 50 76
Hickman R……..9 23 41 59

Carlisle (76)
J. Jenkins 23, Thomason 20, Guhy 10, Martin 9, Burgess 5, Mitchell 5.

Hickman R. (59)
Rogers 14, Dinwiddie 13, Caldwell 12, Warren 11, Smith 4, Marion 4, Thomas 1.

1st District Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Rolls Into 1st Finals
Carlisle Co. 71
Fulton Co. 49
03-05-65 - Away

Carlisle County overcame a cold first half and capitalized on Fulton County's floor mistakes in rolling to a 71-49 victory tonight and will meet Hickman County in the finals of the First District Tournament, Saturday night.

The Comets held a narrow margin most of the first half, leading 12-6 after the first eight minutes and 26-20 at the halfway mark.

Carlisle County netted only six of 16 from the charity line the first half and 29 per cent from the field. The Pilots hit 28.6 per cent from the field during the same span.

The Comets attack picked up sharply as the second half opened. Carlisle widened the margin to 48-36 as the third canto ended.

The Comets, who beat the Pilots twice during the regular season, hit on 44 per cent of their field goals for the game and 22 of 35 gratis heaves.

Fulton County was close behind in field goal percentage with 42 per cent. The Pilots managed to connect on only 10 of 23 from the charity stripe.

Fulton lost the ball numerous times on floor mistakes and this was the big difference in the game.

Four Comets ended up in double figures. High man was Mike Thomason with 19 pts. He is one of the top point-getters in the First Region during regular season play, averaging near 22 points per game.

Rodney Martin, a junior guard who won a starting berth late in the campaign, accounted for 15. Terry Burgess was next for the Comets with 12, Orville Mitchell contributed with 11.

Steve Shelton paced the losers with 19. Jimmy DeMyers added 11.

Carlisle.....12 26 48 71
Fulton Co……..6 20 36 49

Carlisle (71)
Thomason 19, Martin 15, Burgess 12, Mitchell 11, J. Jenkins 8, Guhy 4, Bogle 2.

Fulton Co. (49)
Shelton 19, DeMyers 11, Wright 6, Statham 4, Jennings 4, M. Sheehan 3, T. Sheehan 2.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle Co. Puts Down Hickman Co. In First District Battle
Carlisle Co. 56
Hickman Co. 53
03-06-65 - Away

Carlisle County came from behind with less than a minute left in the game to defeat Hickman County 56-53, and to grab the championship in the First District Tournament tonight.

Hickman County, fighting back after trailing 44-42 at the end of the third period, forged a 53-52 lead with 56 seconds left on the clock. But Carlisle's Doyle Guhy got open for a wide open layup to put the Comets ahead 54-53.

Hickman County immediately called a time out and came back on the floor to try for one last shot. But Carlisle County stole the ball and decided to play for a last shot itself. This didn't work out either. Hickman County regained possession with nine seconds left, and trotted off down the court to again set up a desperation shot.

The Falcons were greeted by a zone press and lost the ball on a bad pass. Orville Mitchell picked it up for Carlisle County and was immediately fouled. He went to the charity strip with two seconds left, tossed in both shots to provide the final score.

The game was nip-and-tuck from the starting gun. The score was tied a total six times and the lead switched hands frequently. Carlisle County's biggest lead was eight points and Hickman County was ahead by as much as five.

The Falcons led 11-8 at the first horn before Carlisle broke loose for a 31-25 halftime advantage. Hickman County came back strong in the third period and finally tied the score at 42-42, before the Comets rang in a late shot to lead 44-42, at the horn.

Carlisle County hit 44 per cent from the field while Hickman County was registered only 31 per cent.

Mike Thomason was Carlisle's leading point producer with 18, followed by Terry Burgess with 14. Kenny Davis led Hickman County with 16 points.

Both teams will advance to the First Region Tournament at Murray State College next week.

Carlisle……..…..8 31 44 56
Hickman……...11 25 42 53

Carlisle (56)
Thomason 18, Burgess 14, J. Jenkins 7, Guhy 4, Martin 2, Mitchell 8.

Hickman (53)
Davis 16, Ward 12, Williams 10, Shelton 7, Dillard 4, Hicks 4.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. 69
Hickman Co. 58
03-09-65 - Away

Carlisle Co. and Hickman Co. played swap-out in the first quarter as the lead changed hands, until the Falcons took a 19-18 lead on a free throw by Kenny Davis.

Hickman Co. led 7 times, Carlisle Co. 3, and the score was tied 9 times in the first eight minutes.

It was more of the same until midway of the second quarter. Carlisle pushed through three straight field goals, two by Mike Thomason and one by Doyle Guhy, for a 29-25 advantage, with 3:17 left in the half. Thomason got 4 straight field

goals for Carlisle in the second quarter. The Comets finally took a 34-29 halftime lead, on a free throw by Guhy.

From here it was all over but the shouting as the Comets streaked away in the fourth quarter.

Thomason paced the Comets with 21 pts., as he turned in a superb effort of field generaling. Terry Burgess and Ernie Brown added 18 and 12 each for Carlisle.

Willis Ward and Danny Hicks set the scoring tempo for Hickman Co., with 14 and 13 pts. each. A big difference in the game was the fact that the Comets were able to hold Falcon star Kenny Davis to just 9 pts.

Carlisle hit 37.7% from the field, 23 of 61, and hit 23 of 31 free throw attempts. Hickman shot 36.2% with 21 of 58 shots and hit 16 of 26 free throws. Carlisle also controlled the rebounds 41 to 39.

Carlisle…..…...18 34 46 69
Hickman…..…..19 29 35 58

Carlisle (69)
J. Jenkins 6, Thomason 21, Mitchell 4, Burgess 18, Martin, Guhy 8, Brown 12, B. Jenkins.

Hickman (58)
Davis 9, Shelton 7, Williams 8, Hicks 13, Ward 14, Dillard 5, Kelley 2.

1st Region Tourn.

once-bulging lead shrank to two points, 37-35, as Jenkins scored for Carlisle seconds before the quarter ended.

Lambert and Hall scored for Tilghman to move the lead out to six, 41-35, with 1:30 gone in the fourth.

Then, as it did against Lowes in the opening round, Tilghman exploded late in the fourth quarter to take a nine-point lead 55-46, with 2:07 showing on the clock. Garrett shot again and hit. Gregory swiped the ball and raced in to score, and Lambert tipped one in during the pull-away rally.

Before fouling out with 59 seconds left, sending Doyle Guhy to the line, Ragland scored to give Tilghman a 57-50 lead and Guhy was fouled as he stole the ball on the press. The little guy missed the first free throw and hit the second to make it 57-51.

With 20 seconds left Hall hit one of two free throws for a 58-51 Tilghman lead. Then Thomason hit again from outside for Carlisle, making it 58-53, the final score.

Tilghman hit 45.7 per cent from the field hitting 25 of 55 shots, while Carlisle was hitting 31.6% on 18 of 57. Carlisle hit 17 of 23 free throws and Tilghman hit 8 of 15.

Carlisle controlled the rebounds 40-34 as one of the shortest men on the floor, Thomason, hauled in 12 to lead both sides.

Carlisle never led by less than 4 pts. in the third quarter and finally erupted to a 11 pt. lead, 46-35 on a three pt. trip by Guhy, with 1:44 left. That was how the score stood as the quarter ended.

2nd Round
Blue Upends Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 53
Tilghman 58

03-11-65 - Away

Tonight the Blue Tornado defeated Carlisle County 58-53 in the First Region Tournament semi-finals.

The game was bitterly contested right down to the final minutes of the fourth quarter before the winner finally emerged victorious.

Tilghman took the lead when the first quarter was just one minute and a half gone, and never fell behind from that point. But the battling little Comets from Carlisle County wouldn't give up and made the Big Blue work every minute for its victory.

For Tilghman it was a team effort all the way as everyone shared in the glory.

Taking advantage of its superior strength on the backboards, Tilghman spotted Carlisle County a 2-0 lead and then battled back to take a five-point lead, 14-9, as the first period ended.

Tilghman went ahead by five points three times in that quarter. 10-5 on a free throw by Tom Hall, 12-7 on a field goal by Ricky Ragland, and finally 14-9 on a basket by John Lambert.

Hall scored early in the second period on a layup to give Tilghman a seven-point lead, 16-9. Then Orville Mitchell converted a three-point trip to cut the lead to 16-12, with 6:59 left in the half, only to have Lambert return the favor and put Tilghman on top again by seven, 19-12, just 18 seconds later.

Blitzing the Carlisle all-court press, Dan Conner made the lead nine points, 21-12, with 6:22 left.

Ragland put the Blue Tornado out by 11 points, 25-14, before two field goals by Mike Thomason narrowed it to 25-18. A third straight field goal by Thomason made it 27-20, and two free throws by Jerome Jenkins made it 27-22.

Ray Gregory then scored from the top of the key to put Tilghman in front 29-22, at halftime.

A field goal and a free throw by Jenkins cut the Tornado lead to 29-25, before Gregory finally found the range to make it 31-25, early in the third canto.

With the press taking its toll on the Bluemen, Tilghman's

Hall scored 19, Lambert 16, and Gregory 11, to lead the Tilghman attack.

Terry Burgess scored 14, Thomason 13, and Jenkins 11 to pace Carlisle.

Tilghman……...14 29 37 58
Carlisle…….....9 22 35 53

Tilghman (58)
Ragland 6, Lambert 16, Gregory 11, Garrett 4, Hall 19, Connor 2, Dunigan.

Carlisle (53)
J. Jenkins 11, Guhy 7, Thomason 13, Mitchell 5, Burgess 14, Brown 3.

1964-65

	Lowes	Fulton C.o.	Ballard C.o.	Fancy Farm	Hickman C.o.	St. Mary	Ballard C.o.	Lone Oak	Fulton C.i.y.	Tilghman	Mayfield	Fancy Farm	Fulton C.i.y.	Heath									
Mike Thomason	17	16	26	8	25	24	37	9	19	25	32	21	21	22									
Doyle Guhy	11	12	3	14	11	7	8	8	2	16		11	6										
Orville Mitchell	7	15	3	8	12	17	2	7	18	10	1	10	8	5									
Jerome Jenkins	14	3	8	12	13	8	2	6	12	4	10	2	6	4									
Terry Burgess	2		1	10	4	8	2	13	19	0	2	10	12	7									
Rod Martin		2		0		2						2											
Ralph Bogle												3											
Kenneth Galloway		1		4								1		2									
Ernie Brown	2	25	23	3	6	4	1	6	8		7	4	5	0									
Barry Jenkins		1										3											
Leroy Partin		1		2						0		2											

1964-65

	St. Mary	Hickman C.o.	Sedalia	Lowes	Hickman Riverview	Fulton C.o.	Heath	Sedalia	Lone Oak	Hickman Riverview	Fulton C.o.	Hickman C.o.	Hickman C.o.	Tilghman							Games	Pts.	Avg.
Mike Thomason	17	17	23	35	29	20	14	20	6	20	19	18	21	13							28	574	20.5
Doyle Guhy	6	10	2	5	7	1	2	8	10	10	4	4	8	7							26	193	7.42
Orville Mitchell	16	5	10	9	10	17	6	5	4	5	11	8	4	5							26	238	8.5
Jerome Jenkins	13	4	17	2	18	11	7	21	15	23	8	7	6	11							28	267	2.67
Terry Burgess	3	11	11	10	5	5	4	9	13	5	12	14	18	14							27	224	8.3
Rod Martin		4	8	9	7	8	8	8	2	9	15	2	0								16	86	5.38
Ralph Bogle					0	0		1	0		2										6	6	1
Kenneth Galloway		2		14	6				1												8	31	3.88
Ernie Brown	1	6		0	5	5	4	4	3				12	3							23	137	5.96
Barry Jenkins				2	2	0							0								6	8	1.33
Leroy Partin					2				0												6	7	1.17
Neal Gilbert				0					0												2	0	0
																						1771	

Team Record - 19-9 Per Game Avg. 63.25

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Jerome Jenkins	50		3	101	267	371	7.42

1965-66

HEAD COACH – TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON

CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

1ST REGIONAL TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

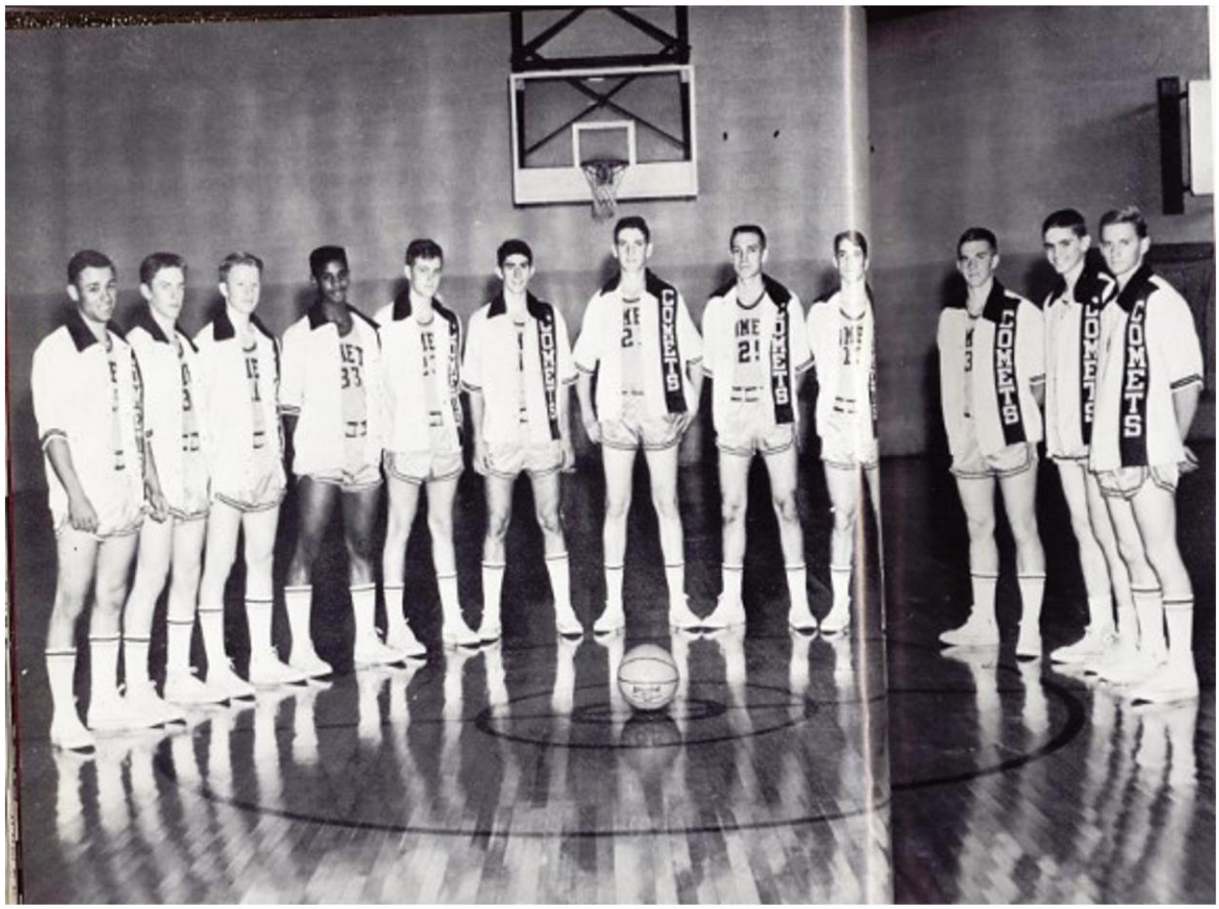
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1965-66

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-05-65	Lowes	105-75	A	
11-12-65	Sedalia	71-63	A	
11-13-65	Ballard Co.	74-64 **ot**	A	
11-19-65	Fancy Farm	98-52	H	
11-23-65	Hickman Co.	78-54	A	
12-04-65	Ballard Co.	64-55 **ot**	H	
12-07-65	Lone Oak	**63-79**	A	
12-10-65	North Marshall	77-70	A	
12-11-65	Fulton City	81-57	H	
12-15-65	Mayfield	65-60	A	- **CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-16-65	Benton	57-48	A	- **CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-17-65	Murray	64-56	A	- **CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-28-65	Tilghman	61-60	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-30-65	Lone Oak	**52-67**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-07-66	Fulton Co	73-52	H	
01-11-66	Fancy Farm	63-47	A	
01-14-66	Fulton City	70-43	H	
01-18-66	Heath	74-73	A	
01-21-66	St. Mary	61-49	H	
01-25-66	Hickman Co.	72-50	H	
01-28-66	Sedalia	80-66	H	
01-29-66	Mayfield	**54-63**	A	
02-02-66	Hickman Riverview	78-59	H	
02-04-66	Lowes	79-44	H	
02-11-66	Fulton Co	79-66	A	
02-18-66	Heath	71-60	H	
02-22-66	Hickman Riverview	73-64	H	
02-25-66	Lone Oak	**73-77**	H	
03-03-66	Hickman Riverview	60-44	A	- **1st DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-05-66	Fulton Co	59-50	A	- **1st DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-10-66	Mayfield	73-52	A	- **1st REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-11-66	Tilghman	59-51	A	- **1st REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**
03-12-66	South Marshall	59-51	A	- **1st REGION TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-16-66	Central City	**75-87**	A	- **KY. STATE TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 29-5

1966 Comets
District Champion and Regional Champion



**Doyle Guhy, Galen Langston, Rod Martin, Barry Jenkins,
Terry Burgess, Ernie Brown, Ralph Bogle, Orville Mitchell,
Mike Thomason, Leroy Partin, Danny Duncan, Kenneth Galloway,
Coach Tom Adkins**

1965-1966

HEAD COACH - TOM ADKINS

TROPHIES WON
CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
1ST REGIONAL TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 29-5

1965-66 COMET ROSTER:
Terry Burgess, Ernie Brown, Orville Mitchell, Mike Thomason, Doyle Guhy, Rodney Martin, Barry Jenkins, LeRoy Partin, Kenneth Galloway, Galen Langston, Ralph Bogle, Neal Gilbert.

Carlisle Co. Stuns
Lowes In Debut

Carlisle Co. 105
Lowes 75
11-05-65 - Away

Carlisle County opened its cage season with a bang, roaring past Lowes 105-75 tonight.

The Comets became the first team of the season to go over the century mark as they applied a tough pressure defense, and broke open a tight game in the second quarter.

Carlisle, predicted by many to be one of the top teams in the region, led by only three at the end of the first period but turned on the heat to move out to a 21 point spread at halftime.

The Comets added eight points to the lead in the third period and played about even with the Blue Devils in the final period.

Ernie Brown with 23 markers and Mike Thomason with 23, led the Comets. Orville Mitchell had 15 and Rodney Martin scored 13.

For Lowes, Donnie Caldwell had 22, Gray Wallace had 19 and Larry Duncan had 12.

Carlisle County in now 1-0, Lowes is 1-2.

Carlisle……...18 52 85 105
Lowes……..15 31 56 75

Carlisle (105)
Burgess 4, Jacobs 6, Brown 23, Mitchell 15, Partin 6, Thomason 23, Martin 13, Guhy 9, Galloway 6.

Lowes (75)
Wallace 19, Duncan 12, Riley 2, Hill 3, Chapman 8, Cantrell 1, Haley 9, Caldwell 22.

Sedalia 63
Carlisle Co. 71
11-12-65 - Away

Carlisle County won its second game of the season tonight, with a 71-63 victory over Sedalia.

The Comets picked up a good lead in the second quarter of play and managed to hold on, despite a gallant last half effort by the Lions.

It was the second loss of the year for Sedalia with one win to its credit.

Carlisle County used a fast break offense to defeat the Lions. The Comets were sparked by Mike Thomason with 25 points and Orville Mitchell and Doyle Guhy, both with 12.

Charlie Boaz led the Lion scoring with 34 points, high for the game. Robert McClain got 11 points. Billy Kinsey did a fine job on the boards for the losers.

Carlisle……..16 31 49 71
Sedalia……...14 21 39 63

Carlisle (71)
Burgess 7, B. Jenkins 1, Brown 10, Mitchell 12, Thomason 25, Partin 3, Guhy 12, Martin 2.

Sedalia (63)
Kinsey, Grooms 8, Riley, Tyson 9, Boaz 34, Martin 1, McClain 11, Boyd.

Carlisle Nips
Ballard In Overtime Tilt

Carlisle Co. 74
Ballard Co. 64
11-13-65 - Away

Ballard Co. played host to Carlisle Co. Saturday, for the Bombers first game of the season. The Comets won the game in overtime.

Ballard held a slight lead in the first quarter, but at halftime the score was tied at 26-all. The Comets gained a slight edge in the third quarter but Ballard met the challenge to tie the game.

Mike Thomason, the flashy guard for the Comets, came up with seven points in the overtime to lead Carlisle to victory. Thomason finished the game with 29 points while Orville Mitchell racked up 18.

Nicky Matlock led the Bombers with 24 points.

Carlisle…..16 26 45 60 74
Ballard……17 26 41 60 64

Carlisle (74)
Burgess 12, Brown 2, Mitchell 18, Thomason 29, Martin 6, Guhy 7.

Ballard (64)
Simmons 11, Oden, Romain 6, Matlock 24, Pace 9, Gaugh, Strange 14, Cooper.

Carlisle Co. 98
Fancy Farm 52
11-19-65 - Home

Highly-regarded Carlisle County displayed a well-balanced scoring attack and rolled to a 98-52 victory over Fancy Farm's Golden Gophers, here tonight.

Fancy Farm put up a battle in the first quarter as both teams exploited a run-and-shoot type offense. The Comets could do no better than a one-point, 21-20, lead as the first period came to an end.

But Fancy Farm was blown out of the picture as the Comets came on strong in the second stanza to grab a 45-31 lead. From there it was all Comets.

Mike Thomason led Carlisle County's offense with 22 points, while Terry Burgess added 16 in a six-man double-figure attack.

Game honors, however, went to Fancy Farm's Lyndall Elliott who bagged 27 in a standout performance.

Carlisle County's record is now 4-0.

Fancy Farm…..21 31 44 52
Carlisle……..21 45 66 98

Carlisle (98)
Burgess 16, Brown 14, Partin 4, Jenkins 11, Mitchell 10, Thomason 22, Martin 11, Galloway 4, Guhy 7.

Fancy Farm (52)
Elliott 27, Elder 6, D. Cash 4, Hayden 13, Higdon 3.

Comets Out-Man Falcons

Carlisle Co. 78
Hickman Co. 54
11-23-65 - Away

Unbeaten and highly-touted Carlisle County made winless Hickman County its fifth straight victim in a 78-54 rout, before a near-capacity crowd here tonight.

The Comets had things under control from the start and the outcome was never in doubt. Coach Atkins charges led 19-13 at the first horn, and built a 10-point 36-26 advantage at the intermission break.

From there the Comets steadily pulled away behind the three-man scoring punch of Mike Thomason-Terry Burgess-Doyle Guhy.

Thomason, however, may have been put out of commission temporarily. He sprained his ankle in the closing seconds of the game. It was not learned immediately how bad the injury was or if the sharp-shooter would be placed on the injury list.

Thomason led the Comets with 18 points while Burgess added 17 and Guhy 13. Rod Martin, who managed only one point through the first three periods, had 11 in the final stanza to join the double-figure ranks.

Carlisle…..19 36 62 78
Hickman……...13 26 36 54

Carlisle (78)
Burgess 17, Brown 1, Partin 6, Mitchell 9, Thomason 18, Langston 2, Guhy 13, Martin 12.

Hickman (54)
Hicks 11, Roberts 3, Ward 12, A. Barclay 5, J. Barclay 6, Perry 10, Kelley 2, S. Barclay 5.

Carlisle Co. 64
Ballard Co. 55
12-04-65 - Home

Carlisle County's Comets notched their sixth win of the season by beating Ballard Co. 64-55, here Saturday night. The loss evened Ballard's record at 4-4.

The Bombers broke on top and held a slight 18-15 advantage at the quarter, but the Comets rallied in the second period to take a 36-26 halftime lead.

From then on the Comets were in command, despite a strong effort on the part of Ballard to narrow the gap.

Carlisle's Mike Thomason was suffering from an ankle injury, and had to be relieved several times during the contest.

Orville Mitchell Jr. scored 24 points and turned in perhaps the finest performance of his career, for the winning Comets.

The Comets, who are currently rated No. 1 in the First Region, have a tough week ahead of them. They visit Lone Oak on Tuesday night and North Marshall on Friday night.

Carlisle……..15 35 48 64
Ballard……...15 35 48 55

Carlisle (64)
Burgess 15, Brown 6, Mitchell 24, Thomason 9, Guhy 5, Martin 5.

Ballard (55)
Simmons 14, Romaine 4, Matlock 15, Price 2, Pace 18, Strange 2.

Top Ranked Carlisle
Falls To Lone Oak

Carlisle Co. 63
Lone Oak 79
12-07-65 - Away

Lone Oak handed Carlisle County its first defeat, Tuesday night by a score of 79-63.

Carlisle County played without the services of Mike Thomason the Comets' leading individual scorer. Thomason did not dress for the game as the result of a pulled ligament in the foot.

Despite the loss of Thomason, the Comets turned in their most impressive shooting exhibition

of the season, hitting an astonishing 62 per cent from the field for the game.

The game was decided at the free throw line where the Flash sank 27 of 32.

The Purple Flash managed to take a 35-35 tie into the dressing room at the end of the first half. In the third quarter the Purple Flash held a slim four-point advantage. The last quarter was the one that led to the final victory.

Terry Burgess led the Comet scoring with 19 points. Orville Mitchell added 15 points. Ernie Brown tallied 12 points.

Lone Oak…..15 35 52 79
Carlisle…..…16 35 48 63

Lone Oak (79)
Wallis 19, Smithson 2, Holshouser 11, Goode 8, Leeper 12, Hamlin 27, Wilson.

Carlisle (63)
Burgess 19, Brown 12, Mitchell 15, Guhy 8, Martin 8, Galloway 1, Partin.

Top-Ranked Carlisle
Dumps North Marshall

Carlisle Co. 77
North Marshall 70
12-10-65 - Away

Carlisle County, the First Region's top-ranked team, put down a typical late North Marshall comeback rally and held on for a 77-70 victory over the Jets, here Friday night.

North, down by 11 pts. at the end of the third period, pulled to within one pt., with 4:00 minutes in the game. The Jets, igniting new life in a partisan crowd, displayed the comeback form that has lifted them to regional laurels so many times in the past. They stayed within range as the clock ticked away, but were unable to pull this one out of the fire.

For most of the game it appeared it would be a runaway for the highly- touted Comets, who welcomed back sharp-shooting Mike Thomason, who had been on the injured list.

The Comets broke loose in the second period as Thomason and company began working their pattern plays. As the two teams broke at intermission, Carlisle Co. was on the top side of a 40-30 score.

That proved to be the difference.

North lost only one pt. in the third period of combat and then exploded for its patented charge, led by Junior Barrett, who outshone all other performers for the game.

North began to whittle the lead when the Jets went to the all-court press. But the Jets inability at the gratis stripe prevented them from getting over the hump.

North missed 5 crucial free throws, four of them in the bonus situations, after closing the gap.

North connected on 17 of 27 free throws for the night while the Comets were making good 21 of 27 shots.

Four Comets, led by Orville Mitchell's 23 pts., hit in double figures. Terry Burgess added 18, Rodney Martin 15 and Thomason 14, plus valuable board work.

Barrett was high scorer for the game with 26 pts. Roy McKamey added 17 and Howard Beth 11 to round out the two-figure scoring.

The victory was Carlisle Co.'s seventh against one loss.

Carlisle…..…...21 40 57 77
N. Marshall…..19 30 48 70

Carlisle (77)
Burgess 18, Mitchell 23, Thomason 14, Martin 15, Guhy 7, Brown.

N. Marshall (70)
Barrett 26, Reed 2, Holland, Sullivan 5, Kampsen 6, Brooks 2, Beth 11, Beard 1, McKamey 17.

Carlisle Co. 81
Fulton City 57
12-11-65 - Home

Carlisle County's Comets rolled to an easy 81-57 victory over Fulton City's Bulldogs, here Saturday night.

It was the eight win of the season for the Comets, against a lone loss.

Carlisle jumped into an early lead, but the Bulldogs kept within striking distance for the first half.

The Comets began to pull away with authority in the final half, and won with ease. Orville Mitchell scored 24 points for the winners while Doyle Guhy added 18.

Mike Thomason, back in action after being sidelined with an ankle injury, tallied 12 points.

Carlisle……..24 39 59 81
Fulton City…...15 30 44 57

Carlisle 81)
Burgess 5, Partin 5, Brown 9, Mitchell 24, Thomason 12, Guhy 18, Martin 6.

Fulton City (57)
Armstrong 4, Gargus 12, M. Ruddle 19, Bone 8, Stephens 4, Foster 8.

Calloway Co. Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Pluck Redbirds
In Opening Round Game

Carlisle Co. 65
Mayfield 60
12-15-65 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets managed to hold an early lead to down the Mayfield Cardinals 65-60, Thursday in the third game of the Calloway County Christmas Tournament.

The big difference in the game was at the free throw line, where the Comets hit 19/34 attempts, and the Cardinals hit 6/13 attempts.

Mayfield made a last quarter attempt to catch the Comets, and managed to pull within two points with only one minute showing on the clock. But the Cardinals spurt was repulsed by the Comets, who slipped away with a five-point victory.

Mike Thomason sparked the Comet drive, ripping the nets for 29 points. Orville Mitchell added 14 points.

Carlisle…..…18 34 50 65
Mayfield…...11 24 41 60

Carlisle (65)
Burgess 4, Brown 4, Mitchell 14, Thomason 29, Guhy 7, Martin 7.

Mayfield (60)
Bennett 9, Harris 2, Blythe 14, Hill 8, Qualk 13, Hamlet 14, Powell.

Calloway Co. Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets Tip Benton
In Semi-Final Clash

Carlisle Co. 57
Benton 48
12-16-65 - Away

Murray high and Carlisle County advanced to the finals at the Calloway County Tournament by posting victories over Trigg County and Benton in semifinal contest, Friday night.

The Tigers and Comets will clash for the championship tonight at 8 o'clock.

Murray defeated Trigg County 66-65 in the opening game and Carlisle knocked off Benton 57-48 in the nightcap.

Carlisle…..…...16 28 45 57
Benton…..…....9 21 32 48

Carlisle (57)
Burgess 16, Mitchell 12, Thomason 15, Guhy 7, Martin 5, Brown 2, Jenkins, Partin.

Benton (48)
Myers 7, Griffy 5, Powell 11, Peek 19, Miller 3, Newton 3.

Calloway Co. Tourn.
Championship
Comets Rally To Top
Murray In Finals

Carlisle Co. 64
Murray 56
12-17-65 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets exploded for 29 points in the fourth quarter to defeat Murray 64-56, for the Championship of the Calloway County Invitational Tournament, here Saturday night.

Trailing by two points 37-35, going into the final period, the Comets cashed in on many trips to the free throw line and overhauled Coach Bob Toon's Tigers.

Carlisle's Doyle Guhy scored all of his 13 points in the final quarter, hitting on 9 of 10 free throws.

Murray led by as much as 11 points in the early going.

The game was marked by fine defensive play on both sides, and personal fouls turned out to be a big factor in the contest.

Carlisle switched to a pressing defense midway of the second quarter, and stole the ball on several occasions to drive in for easy shots.

Orville Mitchell was Carlisle's top scorer with 17 points, while Jerry Caldwell paced the Tigers with 16 points.

The Comets actually won the game at the free throw line, where they hit 24 of 34 attempts.

Twenty-four fouls were called on Murray, and eighteen on Carlisle.

The winners and runner-ups both received trophies and individual players on both teams were also awarded trophies.

Murray and Carlisle gained the championship game by defeating Trigg County and Benton, respectively, in semi-final tilts Friday night.

Murray…..…...14 27 37 56
Carlisle…..…….8 18 35 64

Carlisle (64)
Burgess 6, Brown 9, Mitchell 17, Thomason 9, Guhy 13, Martin 10.

Murray (56)
Fitts 13, Doran 13, Dunn 8, Caldwell 16, Thomas 6, Wilkins, Rayburn.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
Brown Wins Game With Free
Throw With No Time Left On Clock

Carlisle Co. 61
Tilghman 60
12-28-65 – Away

Ernie Brown's free throw, after the final horn had sounded, gave Carlisle County's Comets a 61-60 victory over Paducah Tilghman in a pulsating contest that left the spectators limp from excitement.

The foul was called on Tilghman's Ricky Ragland a split second before the final horn as Brown drove for the basket after the Comets

controlled a jump ball with three seconds showing on the clock.

Brown missed his first try – but found the mark on his second attempt, spelling victory for the come-from-behind Comets.

Earlier in the quarter, Brown came off the bench to replace Orville Mitchell, Carlisle's starting center, and sparked the Comet's winning effort.

Tilghman had led in the ball game since the 2:30 mark in the second quarter, and had a seemingly insurmountable 13-point lead, 53-40, when the Comets began their comeback, early in the fourth period.

With 3:20 left, Carlisle had cut Tilghman's lead to 55-52.

Doyle Guhy's three-pointer, with 1:13 to play, tied the count at 57-57. But Tilghman's Clarence Nunn quickly put the Tornado back in front, with a free throw.

Brown's driving layup, on which he was fouled, and free throw, put Carlisle in front 60-58, with 1:01 left to play.

Tilghman's David Porter tied the count at 60-60, with 22 seconds left.

Carlisle's Mike Thomason was fouled with 6 seconds left, and missed both free throw attempts. A jump ball was called three seconds later, and Brown drove for the basket, resulting in the game-winning free throw, after the final horn had sounded.

Coach Tom Adkins of the winning Comets credits a change in defensive tactics for his thrilling come-from-behind victory.

The Comets switched from a zone press, to a pressing man-to-man defense, in the fourth quarter, resulting in several steals for the winners.

Adkins also was high in his praise for Brown, who he says ignited the fourth-period rally.

Tilghman's loss of its three big men – Tom Hall, Charles Hamilton, and Norm Dunigan – on personal fouls in the fourth period, undoubtedly was a big factor in the Tornado defeat.

Carlisle led 15-9 at the 1st quarter, but Tilghman took a 29-24 lead at halftime. After three periods the Bluemen were in front 49-38, and threatening to turn the contest into a rout.

Both teams hit well from the field. Tilghman hit 24 of 44 for a sizzling 54 percent, while Carlisle connected on 23 of 49 for a highly respectable 46 percent.

Thomason was Carlisle's high scorer with 18 points, followed by Brown with 15.

Game scoring honors went to Tilghman's Tom Hall, with 21 points. It was Hall's best performance of the season. Eddie Garrett added 12 and Ricky Ragland added 10 for the Bluemen.

Tilghman hit 12 of 21 from the gratis stripe, while Carlisle connected on 15 of 32 trips to the free throw line.

Carlisle……..15 24 38 61
Tilghman……...9 29 49 60

Carlisle (61)
Burgess 7, Brown 15, Thomason 18, Mitchell 6, Guhy 9, Martin 6, Galloway.

Tilghman (60)
Hall 21, Porter 2, Dunigan 4, Hamilton 2, Nunn 9, Getzen, Ragland 10, Garrett 12.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round
Oakers' Third Quarter
Blitz Shoots Down Comets

Lone Oak 67
Carlisle Co. 52
12-30-65 - Away

Lone Oak and Carlisle County battled head-and-head throughout the first half, which wound up with the Purple Flash on top, 24-20.

Three quick baskets, two by Holshouser and one by Hamlin, got the Flash off to a lighting start in the second half, and from then on Coach McKinney's quintet was in command.

The Fourth period was another free-scoring stanza with the winners tallying 23 points while the Comets popped in 20.

All five starters for Lone Oak scored in double numerals. Hamlin led with 16, followed by Leeper with 15, Goode 13, Holshouser 12, and Wallis 11.

Carlisle's sterling guard, Mike Thomason, led the Comets with 17 points, followed by Doyle Guhy with 12.

Lone Oak……..16 24 44 67
Carlisle……..14 20 32 52

Lone Oak (67)
Wallis 11, Holshouser 13, Goode 13, Leeper 15, Hamlin 16.

Carlisle (52)
Burgess 4, Brown 4, Thompson 17, Mitchell 5, Guhy 13, Martin 9.

Carlisle Co. 73
Fulton Co. 52
01-07-66 - Home

Second ranked Carlisle County used tremendous accuracy at the free throw line in handling Fulton County a 73-52 loss, here Friday night.

The game was marred by fouls and the referee's whistle sounded a total of 58 times.

Carlisle connected on 27 of 34 free throw attempts to provide the difference.

The Comets led 36-24 at half-time and were never threatened.

Terry Burgess and Mike Thomason each had 15 points to lead Carlisle's scoring. Fulton County was led by Bill Jennings' 16 points.

Fulton Co…..…..8 24 41 52
Carlisle…..…...17 36 55 73

Fulton Co. (52)
Wright 10, Sheehan 1, Demeyer 4, Jennings, Shaw 2, Shelton 9, Taylor 10.

Carlisle (73)
Burgess 15, Brown 9, Mitchell 9, Thomason 15, Partin 2, Guhy 13, Martin 10, Galloway 4, Langston, Bogle, Gilbert.

Carlisle Co. 63
Fancy Farm 47
01-11-66 - Away

Second-ranked Carlisle County put down an upset bid by Fancy Farm and went on to defeat the Golden Gophers 63-47, here Tuesday night.

Carlisle County maintained the lead throughout the game but saw it melt to a mere two points at one time during the fourth period. Fancy Farm trailed by only four points with three minutes left to play but saw the Comets pull away against the press.

Mike Elder tossed in 11 of his 19 points for the Gophers in the fourth period to pull Fancy Farm back into contention, after trailing by eight at the end of the third.

Mike Thomason led the Comet attack with 20 points, good for game honors.

Carlisle…..…...20 30 41 63
Fancy Farm…..14 24 33 47

Carlisle (63)
Burgess 13, Partin 2, Brown 7, Jenkins 9, Thomason 20, Guhy 12.

Fancy Farm (47)
Hayden 4, Elliott 15, Elder 19, Higdon 3, Cash 4, Thompson 2.

Carlisle Co. 70
Fulton City 43
01-14-66 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets, with the aid of their fast break and aggressive rebounding, beat the Fulton City Bulldogs, 70-43, here last night.

The Comets shot to a 6-0 lead, against the less experienced Bulldogs and pulled away to a first quarter lead of 14-8. The Comets continued to shoot well from the field and out-rebounded the Bulldogs and further widened their lead to 31-21 at halftime.

The Comets got hot in the second half, shooting their way to the final score of 70-43.

Orville Mitchell led the scoring for the Comets with 16 points. Mike Thomason tallied 15 points, and Rodney Martin and Terry Burgess added 10 points each.

Mike Ruddle paced the Bulldogs with 13 points. Henry Armstrong and Mike Gargus each had 10 points.

Carlisle…..…...14 31 52 70
Fulton City…..…..8 21 32 43

Carlisle (70)
Burgess 10, Thomason 15, Brown 6, B. Jenkins 5, Mitchell 16, Martin 10, Guhy 8.

Fulton City (43)
Armstrong 10, Gargus 10, Ruddle 13, Pickard 1, Bone, Ruddle, Stephens 8, Foster 2.

Comets Outlast Pirates

Carlisle Co. 74
Heath 73
01-18-66 - Away

The Health Pirates on a tremendous surge, wiped out a 12 point lead in the final three minutes of the game, only to see Carlisle County squeeze out a 73-74 victory, Tuesday night at the Heath Gym.

Trailing by 12 points with three minutes to go, the Pirates rally carried them to a 73-72 lead, with 25 seconds to play.

Doyle Guhy then pulled the Carlisle Countian's ahead again with a field goal with 15 seconds remaining.

A last-second foul gave Heath another chance, but the Pirates surge couldn't carry them any farther. The offended man missed his two chances at the free throw line, and Carlisle had won.

Mike Thomason led the Carlisle Comets scoring with 26 points. Orville Mitchell contributed another 16.

Carlisle led most of the way, jumping to a 16-10 first quarter lead and extending it to 40-29 at halftime. By the end of the third quarter Carlisle was still clinging to its lead at 57-45. The Comets held it level, until with three minutes to play, Heath put on its stout rally.

Carlisle…..…..16 40 57 74
Heath……..…..10 29 45 73

Carlisle (74)
Brown 10, Burgess 10, Mitchell 16, Guhy 11, Thomason 26, Martin 1.

Heath (73)
Wray 13, Holland 2, Kelly 5, Blackwell 8, Ratcliff 12, Carroll 24, Throgmorton 9.

Carlisle Outmans St. Mary

Carlisle Co. 61
St. Mary 49

01-11-66 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets outmanned the St. Mary Vikings 61-49, here Friday night.

The Comets used effective 48 per cent field goal shooting and 69 per cent from the gratis stripe to defeat the Vikings, who didn't shoot quite as well. The Vikings hit 32 per cent from the field and 59 per cent from the gratis stripe.

Carlisle grabbed an early lead and led throughout the game but could never manage a large lead until the last quarter, because of several floor mistakes throughout the game.

Orville Mitchell won game scoring honors for the Comets with 19 points. Teammate Mike Thomason followed closely with 18 markers.

Carlisle……..…18 34 45 61
St. Mary…..……17 28 43 59

Carlisle (61)
Burgess 8, Thomason 18, Brown 5, Mitchell 19, Martin 4, Guhy 7.

St. Mary (49)
Harper 8, Bennett 11, Overstreet 5, Carter 6, Cashon 18.

Carlisle Co. 72
Hickman Co. 50
01-25-66 - Home

Regionally second-ranked Carlisle County found its winning combination in the second half Tuesday night and defeated Hickman County, 72-50.

Through the first half Carlisle was unable to pull away from the tenacious Hickman squad. In the second quarter, though, the Comets got their fast break offense in gear and Hickman County didn't make a serious threat.

Mike Thomason led the Carlisle attack with 30 points, high for the game. Joe Barclay's 15 points was highest for Hickman County, and he played a fine all-round game.

Carlisle…….....15 27 51 72
Hickman…….…8 26 37 50

Carlisle (72)
Brown 6, Jenkins 1, Burgess 9, Mitchell 7, Thomason 30, Martin 6, Calloway 4, Guhy 7, Partin 2.

Hickman (50)
Ward 5, A. Barclay 2, Roberts 3, Hicks 6, J. Barclay 15, Terry 8, S. Barclay 11.

Carlisle Co. 80
Sedalia 66
01-28-66 - Away

Powerful Carlisle County placed all five starters in double figures and commanded the boards in rolling up an 80-66 victory over Sedalia, here Friday night.

The game was close through the first three periods, but the talented Comets orbited to a 25-point final period and the lop-sided victory.

The Comets led in rebounds 45-25 to provide the difference.

The game was ragged by both teams, with a total of 50 fouls being called.

Mike Thomason paced Carlisle's scoring with 20 points and Orville Mitchell chipped in with 18 and led the team in rebounds with 15 saved.

It was Carlisle County's 19th win against only 2 defeats, and solidified the Comets' second place ranking in the First Region poll. Sedalia now has dropped 14 games while winning only three.

Carlisle……..…14 35 55 80
Sedalia ……..…14 31 46 66

Carlisle (80)
Burgess 10, Brown 14, Mitchell 18, Thomason 20, Guhy 12, Martin 4.

Sedalia (66)
Kinsey 3, Riley 11, Tyson 3, Boaz 16, McClain 16, Grooms 12, Calloway 5.

Mayfield 63
Carlisle Co. 54
01-29-66 - Away

Tenth-ranked Mayfield, capitalizing on its height advantage, spilled second-ranked Carlisle County 63-54 before a capacity crowd, here Saturday night.

Mayfield, thus became only the second team in the region this season to topple the highly-regarded Comets. Carlisle had lost two previous games to Lone Oak, the No. 1 team in the region. The Comets are now 19-3, while Mayfield shows a 7-4 mark on the campaign.

Strong defense and a lop-sided edge on the boards proved to be the deciding factors as the Cardinals piled up as much as an 18-point lead against the smaller Comets.

Both teams opened with the man-to man style of defense, but it was Mayfield's that got the message across. The Cards limited the Comets to a mere five points in the second quarter while building a 22-15 half-time lead.

Carlisle County was forced to switch to a press in the third period and Mayfield riddled it by taking an 18-point lead. The Cards finally ended the period with a 13-point, 42-29, advantage to ice it.

The game was rough from start to finish. A total of 40 fouls were committed, 22 against Carlisle and 18 against Mayfield.

Mayfield hit 48 per cent from the field, connecting on 24 of 50 shots. The Cards made good 15 of their free throws. Carlisle hit on 19 of 47 field goal attempts for 40 per cent and made 16 of 23 free throws. The big edge was on the boards where the Cardinals pulled down 41 rebounds to Carlisle's 22.

Carlisle…….…..10 15 29 54
Mayfield…..……7 22 42 63

Carlisle (54)
Burgess 10, Jenkins, Thomason 18, Brown 2, Mitchell 6, Martin 10, Guhy 8.

Mayfield (63)
Qualk 13, Bennett 6, Hill 17, Powell 12, Williamson 15.

Thomason Injured
As Carlisle Defeats
Hickman Riverview

Carlisle Co. 78
Hickman Riverview 59
02-02-66 - Home

Carlisle County outplayed Hickman Riverview here Tuesday night, for a 78-59 victory.

The win could prove costly. Mike Thomason, of the Comets, took a bad fall in the first half, and came down on his back. It hadn't been determined Tuesday night whether his injury was serious enough to keep him out of action this week.

Doyle Guhy scored 16 points to lead Carlisle. Orville Mitchell scored another 14 for Carlisle.

Carlisle…….…..15 35 57 78
Riverview.……...7 21 38 59

Carlisle (78)
Brown 6, Jenkins 6, Burgess 6, Mitchell 14, Thomason 9, Martin 13, Guhy 16, Partin 6.

Hickman R. (59)
Smith 17, M. Warren 13, Dinwiddie 3, Rogers 9, D. Warren 5, Cruse 15.

Carlisle Co. 79
Lowes 44
02-04-66 - Home

Carlisle County, the winningest team in the First Region, chalked up its 21st victory Friday night at the expense of Lowes by a score of 79-44.

Lowes made a game of it for one quarter, trailing 16-12 at the buzzer. Then the Comets offense began clicking and the Blue Devils fell behind 37-21 at intermission, and never threatened from that point on.

The Comets hit a red-hot 53 per cent from the field. The hottest Comet was Mike Thomason who connected on 12 of 21 field goal attempts, mostly long jump shots.

Thomason added three from the charity line to clinch game honors with 27 points. Center Orville Mitchell netted 16 and pulled off 12 rebounds. Terry Burgess added 12.

Carlisle County won the battle of the boards 38-21.

The Comets slate now stands at 21-3 and the Blue Devils are 11-13.

Carlisle…….…..16 37 55 79
Lowes…….…...12 21 29 44

Carlisle (79)
Brown 6, Jenkins 2, Burgess 12, Mitchell 16, Thomason 27, Martin 8, Guhy 8.

Lowes (44)
Willis 15, Anderson 1, Hill 14, Hailey 2, Chapman 2, Cantrell 2, Caldwell 8.

Carlisle Co. 79
Fulton Co. 66
02-11-66 - Away

Third ranked Carlisle County over whelmed Fulton County 79-66, her Friday night.

The Comets led by 13 points 42-29 at halftime and were given only one serious threat. The Pilots got to within six points at the close of the third period. But the Comets came through with a big fourth to seal the win.

Mike Thomason tossed through 18 points and Orville Mitchell added 17 to lead the Comets scoring.

Carlisle…..……..21 42 54 79
Fulton Co…....16 29 48 66

Carlisle (79)
Brown 8, Jenkins 2, Burgess 15, Mitchell 17, Thomason 18, Martin 6, Guhy 12

Fulton Co. (66)
Wright 19, DeMyer 2, Sheehan 15, Jennings 6, Shaw 1, Taylor 2, Shelton 21.

Carlisle Wins
23rd Against Heath

Carlisle Co. 71
Heath 60
02-18-66 - Home

Third-ranked Carlisle County shook off a typical cold second period and bounced back to knock off eight-rated Heath 71-60, here Friday night.

The Comets, who registered their 23rd victory of the season, used strong field goal shooting and a tremendous board advantage, as stepping stones to the victory.

Carlisle County finished the game with 25 field goals in 50 attempts, for a torrid 50 per cent. Heath connected on 22 of 65 shots for 34 per cent.

The Comets also led at the free throw line, hitting 22 of 29 to Heath's 16 of 22.

The big edge was on the boards where the Comets hauled in 49 to Heath's 26.

The Comets have only three setbacks to their credit. Heath lowered its seasonal mark to 15-9.

Carlisle ran into its usual cold second period after leading 15-7 at the first horn. Heath took advantage of cold Comet shooting during the second segment and raced to a 32-27 halftime advantage. But the lead was short-lived as the Comets bounced back with uncanny field accuracy and regained the lead for keeps.

Carlisle had regained its eight point lead by the end of the third period and from there on there was no stopping the Comets.

Mike Thomason led the Comet attack with 20 points and 18 rebounds. Terry Burgess and Doyle Guhy each chipped in with 15 points for the winners.

Heath……..7 32 42 60
Carlisle……..15 27 50 71

Heath (60)
Holland 3, Blackwell 17, Ray 9, Throgmorton 18, Radcliff 12.

Carlisle (71)
Brown 2, Jenkins 2, Burgess 15, Mitchell 9, Thomason 20, Martin 8, Guhy 15.

Carlisle Co. 73
Hickman Riverview 64
02-22-66 - Home

Carlisle County Comets scored their 24th win of the year by defeating Hickman Riverview 73-64 in an afternoon cage game here Monday.

The Comets, who have lost only three during the entire season, were hard pressed throughout by a battling Riverview five.

Carlisle led by a three points, 35-32 at halftime, and after three periods held a 58-55 advantage.

The winners managed to pull away slightly in the final period.

Mike Thomason and Orville Mitchell shared scoring honors for the winners with 15 points each. Carlisle hit a sizzling 56 per cent from the field, and Riverview hit 33 per cent. Riverview led in rebounds 35-34.

Carlisle closes its regular season Friday by hosting Lone Oak, a team that has handed the Comets two of its defeats during the season. The other loss was to Mayfield.

Carlisle……..17 35 58 73
Riverview……13 32 55 64

Carlisle (73)
Brown 2, Jenkins 13, Burgess 12, Mitchell 15, Thomason 15, Martin 12, Guhy 4.

Hickman R. (64)
Smith 9, Warren 16, Dinwiddie 19, J. Warren 11, Vincent.

Lone Oak 77
Carlisle Co. 73
02-25-66 - Home

Lone Oak, second ranked in the region, nosed out the third ranked Comets 77-73 in a very impressive game, Friday night.

Both teams played superb ball, Lone Oak hitting 57%, and the Comets hitting 53%. Carlisle out-scored the Flash, 21-17, from the charity line.

A big crowd watched two of the top-ranked teams in the region battle it out to a very close and exciting first half.

Lone Oak managed a 16-15 lead at the end of the first quarter. There was a 1 point difference in the score when they went to the dressing room, 40-39, Lone Oak in the lead.

It was the third period that made the difference, while the Comets made only 9 points, the Oakers made 16.

In the last quarter it looked like the Comets were going to win, but they missed two or three crucial shots and the Purple Flash stayed on top.

Mike Thomason led the Comets in a four man double figure night with 19 points. Doyle Guhy added 14, Rodney Martin 12, Orville Mitchell and Ernie Brown chipped in with 11 points each.

Lone Oak……..16 40 56 77
Carlisle……..15 39 48 73

Lone Oak (77)
Wallis 14, Smithson 2, Holshouser 6, Wilson 9, Hamlin 12, Goode 14, Leeper 20.

Carlisle (73)
Brown 11, Burgess 6, Mitchell 11, Thomason 19, Martin 12, Guhy 14, Jenkins.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Dump Riverview
In District First Round Play

Carlisle Co. 60
Hickman Riverview 44
03-03-66 - Away

Third-ranked and tournament favorite Carlisle County, had its hands full but finally emerged with a 60-44 victory over surprising Hickman Riverview in a semi-final game of the First District Basketball Tournament here Thursday night.

The victory places the Comets in Saturday night's finals and assures them a spot in the First Region Tournament next week at Murray State College.

Carlisle will face the winner of tonight's Fulton County-Hickman County game in the finals Saturday night. Tonight's game is set for 7:30 p.m. with Fulton County established as the favorite.

Hickman Riverview displayed strong rebounding prowess and battled the Comets religiously throughout the game. Only a spurt late in the final period provided the wide victory margin.

The two clubs battled to a 13-13 standoff in the first quarter before Carlisle County raced to a 12-point lead at halftime as Mike Thomason tossed through 13 points in a second period explosion.

Riverview was called for two technical fouls in the second period and that seemed to be a turning point.

Despite the bulging halftime deficit, Riverview fought back and managed to slice the Comet lead to nine points in the third period.

Carlisle saw its margin dwindle to seven points early in the fourth period but then came alive and put things out of reach in the closing minutes.

Thomason finished the game with 26 points to lead all scorers. Terry Burgess chimed in with 11 for the Comets. Marion Warren and Albert Dinwiddle each collected 13 points to pace the Riverview team.

Carlisle out hit Riverview from the field 22-18, and from the gratis line 16-8.

Carlisle……..13 35 45 60
Hickman R…..13 23 36 44

Carlisle (60)
Thomason 26, Guhy 7, Mitchell 5, Martin 8, Burgess 11, Galloway 2, Jenkins 1.

Hickman R. (44)
Smith 5, Warren 13, Warren 8, Dinwiddle 13, Rogers 3, C. Smith 2.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle Champs
In First District

Carlisle Co. 59
Fulton Co. 50
03-05-66 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets defeated the Fulton County Pilots 59-50 to reign as champion of the First District here Saturday night.

The Comets grabbed an early 7-0 lead, with 5:02 remaining and continued to dominate play through the first quarter to hold a commanding 30-16 lead at half-time.

The Comets continued their good field goal and free throw shooting to hold a commanding 30-16 lead at halftime.

The Pilots staged a rally in the third quarter score to pull within eight of the Comets, for a quarter score of 39-31. The Pilots continued to press the Comets in the fourth stanza and with about two and a half minutes remaining the Comets held a slim four point lead at 50-46, but that was as close as the Pilots could get.

The difference in the game could be seen from the gratis stripe. The Comets hit 21 with 82 per cent, but the Pilots were able to make only 12 from the stripe on 60 per cent.

Both teams hit 19 field goals. The Comets hit 48 per cent from the field and the Pilots hit a less potent 40 per cent.

The Comets also held a slight lead in the rebounding department, 40-31.

The Comets' scoring was led by Mike Thomason, who ripped the nets for 28 points. Doyle Guhy tallied 14, and Orville Mitchell added 12.

The Comets now have a 26-4 record for the year, and the Pilots have a 19-5 season record.

Carlisle……..14 30 39 59
Fulton Co……..7 16 31 50

Carlisle (59)
Thomason 28, Guhy 14, Mitchell 12, Burgess 3, Martin 2.

Fulton Co. (50)
Wright 11, Shelton 13, Demyer 6, Jennings 10, Taylor 2, Shaw 8.

Comets Draw Mayfield
In Regional Tourn.

The Carlisle County Comets, First District Champions, have drawn in the power packed lower bracket of the Regional Tournament and will meet Mayfield Thursday night at 8:30. Paducah Tilghman, Second District champs and Murray, Fourth District winners, are also in the lower bracket.

Thursday night's card, which completes the opening round play, finds Tilghman tangling with Murray at 7 o'clock, followed by Mayfield and Carlisle County.

Thursday afternoon at 2:00, a big Pep Rally will be held at the Carlisle County High school to cheer the team on to victory.

The semi-finals are scheduled for Friday night, beginning at 7 o'clock and the championship contest will be played Saturday at 8 p.m. There will be no consolation tilt.

Coaches and principals of the participating schools met Sunday at 1 p.m. at Murray State College to draw for pairings to select officials and to receive their allotment of tournament tickets.

Officials for the tournament are as follows: Roy Settle, Owensboro; John Dotson, Vincennes, Ind.; Don Edwards, Sebree; and Charles Irwin, Hopkinsville.

Both Edwards and Irwin officiated in last year's regional tournament

Tournament pairings are as follows.

Wednesday
7 p.m. – Heath vs. South Marshall (U)
8:30 p.m. – Fulton Co. vs. Symsonia (U)
Thursday
7 p.m. – Tilghman vs. Murray (L)
8:30 p.m. – Mayfield vs. Carlisle Co. (L)
Friday
7 p.m. – Upper bracket semi-finals
8:30 p.m. – Lower bracket semi-finals
Saturday
8 p.m. – Championship

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Advances To
First Region Semi-Finals

Carlisle Co. 73
Mayfield 52
03-10-66 - Away

Carlisle County defeated Mayfield in the rubber game of their series Thursday night to advance to the semifinals of the First Region Basketball Tournament.

Carlisle led all the way to thrash Mayfield 73-52 in convincing fashion. The Cards had beaten the Comets 63-54 in January, while Carlisle had knocked off the Red Birds 65-60 in the Calloway Christmas Tournament.

Carlisle jumped out front early over Mayfield, and led 14-8 at the quarter. The Comets went on a scoring spree in the second quarter and were in command 39-24 at halftime.

Mayfield staged its lone threat of the night in the third period and at one time cut Carlisle's lead to seven points.

But the Red Birds lost Keith Hill, their high scoring center, midway of the quarter on fouls and gradually fell further behind.

Carlisle registered only one field goal in the third period and turned the contest into a rout.

Mike Thomason, Carlisle's sharp-shooting guard, paced the Comets with 18 points, followed by Terry Burgess and Rodney Martin, with 14 each.

Hill was tops for Mayfield with 12 points, while Bob Bennett added 11 and James Powell 10.

Carlisle hit 43.8 percent from the field, while Mayfield hit 35.7 percent.

Carlisle out-rebounded the Cards 37-22.

Carlisle…..…..14 39 49 73
Mayfield……..8 24 41 52

Carlisle (73)
Thomason 18, Guhy 11, Mitchell 12, Burgess 14, Jenkins 2, Martin 14, Brown, Partin 2, Langston.

Mayfield (52)
Bennett 11, Qualk 5, Hill 12, Williamson 5, Powell 10, Hamlet 5, White, Gray 2, Colbert 2, Clapp.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Tilghman Stunned In 4th Period.
Carlisle Pulls Regional Upset.

Carlisle Co. 59
Tilghman 51
03-11-66 - Away

Carlisle County bounced favored Paducah Tilghman out of the First Region Tournament with a stunning 59-51 upset in the Murray State College Sports Arena, Friday night.

Coach Tom Adkins' Comets, trailing by five points going into the final period, cut lose with a 20-point barrage, while holding the rugged Tornado to a mere seven points in the last eight minutes of play.

South Marshall's Johnny Rebs, the Cinderella team of the tournament, gained the finals by turning back Symsonia's rangy Rough Riders 62-50 in the opener.

Tonight's championship game between Carlisle and South Marshall will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets went on sale at both schools this morning.

Carlisle used a conventional 2-3 zone defense throughout most of the game, but resorted to a press in the final quarter as they sped past the faltering Tornado.

Tilghman led by five 44-39, going into the last period, but a pair of quick baskets by the Comets cut the Tornado's margin to one 44-43, with 5:35 remaining.

Big Charlie Hamilton, who was practically a one-man gang for the Tornado with 17 points and 18 rebounds, gave Tilghman a three-point lead with a short jumper.

But Doyle Guhy stole the ball for Carlisle and converted the two-pointer. Seconds later, Mike Thomason also stole the ball and flipped to Rodney Martin, who drove in for the lay-up, giving Carlisle a 47-46 lead with 4:33 left.

The Comets never trailed after that point.

Tilghman lost the ball on a walking violation on the return trip down court, and Carlisle immediately went into a semi-stall.

Mitchell broke loose for another driving layup, and Guhy intercepted and hit a crip to send Carlisle in front 51-46, with the clock showing 2:53.

Tilghman had a chance to move closer, but missed four consecutive free throws.

Mitchell was fouled at the 1:18. He hit both shots to give the Comets a commanding 53-46 advantage.

While the Bluemen were still unable to hit from the field, Carlisle practically clinched the verdict when Thomason hit a pair of free throws with only 54 seconds left.

Eddie Garrett finally broke Tilghman's scoring drought with two free throws at the 41 seconds mark.

Thomason hit two more free throws, Hamilton got a basket from underneath and Mitchell drove for a layup just before the horn to complete the scoring.

Delirious Carlisle fans rushed onto the playing floor to slap the winning Comets on the back to give them their congratulations.

Tilghman's Clarence Nunn got into foul trouble early and was forced to sit on the bench a great deal of time in the second half. Nunn would up with only six points.

Thomason led the Comets with 16 points, while Mitchell added 14 and Guhy scored 12.

Hamilton's 17 was tops for Tilghman, and Garrett added 11. They were the only Tornado players scoring in the double figures.

The Comets hit a sizzling 52.3 percent from the field, while Tilghman connected on only 38.9 percent of their shots.

Tilghman took complete charge of the backboards, grabbing 41 rebounds to only 18 for the Comets.

It was the 28th win of the season for Carlisle against only 4 losses.

Tilghman's 14-game winning streak was snapped, leaving the Tornado with a 20-5 record for the season.

Carlisle……..18 26 39 59
Tilghman…..…11 30 44 51

Carlisle (59)
Thomason 16, Guhy 12, Mitchell 14, Burgess 9, Martin 8, Jenkins.

Tilghman (51)
Hall 6, Nunn 6, Ragland 9, Garrett 11, Hamilton 17, Dunnigan 1, Getzen 2.

1st Region Tourn.
Championship
Comets Tip South
Marshall For State Trip

Carlisle Co. 59
South Marshall 51
03-12-66 - Away

Carlisle County defeated South Marshall 59-51 Saturday night in the title game at the Murray State College Sports Arena, before some 3,500 fans.

The Comets will be making their first trip to the State Tournament in the school's history, and are scheduled to meet Central City, champions of the Third Region, in the opening game of the State Tournament, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Thomason hit an 18-footer in the first 25 seconds of play, and the Comets were on their way. South's Darry Schroader gave the Rebs a brief deadlock when he hit a driving lay-up moments later, but Rodney Martin pumped in a jumper from 15 feet to give the Comets the lead for keeps.

Carlisle zipped into a 17-12 lead at the quarter and hiked their advantage to 35-24 at halftime.

After three periods, Carlisle held a commanding 50-35 lead.

Ray Cothran's one-hander from the corner enabled the Rebels to cut the final margin to eight points at the horn.

The winning Comets hit 22 of 47 and South 21 of 45 from the field.

Carlisle hit 15 of 24 from the line for an average of 62.5 percent. South hit 9 of 15 for 60 percent

Guhy led Carlisle's attack with 17 points, including several baskets scored on steals. Thomason added 15 and Martin 12.

South's Cothran tallied 23 points, including 10 of 21 from the field and three of five from the charity line. Cothran was the only Rebel scoring in double figures.

Carlisle, as usual, used a variety of defenses, while South stuck principally with a 2-3 zone.

The victory was Carlisle's 29th against only four losses. South, which came into the tourney with a 12-12 mark, now owns a 14-13 mark.

Carlisle……..17 35 50 59
S. Marshall…..12 24 35 51

Carlisle (59)
Thomason 15, Guhy 17, Mitchell 5, Burgess 8, Jenkins, Martin 12, Brown 2.

S. Marshall (51)
Schroader 7, Osborne 4, Gold 5, Henson 8, Cothran 23, Dotson 4, Dunigan.

Carlisle, First Region Champ,
Heads For Sweet Sixteen Today
Meets Central City In Opening Contest

Carlisle County's Comets, reveling in their new role as basketball champions of the First Region, leave for Louisville and the state high school tourn. at 8:30 a.m. today.

The Comets are scheduled to clash with powerful Central City in the opening game of the Tourn. at 6:30 p.m. (Paducah time) Wednesday.

Coach Tom Adkins, twelve players, managers Jewel Mathis, Stan Turk and Jimmy Flegle, Cheerleaders Mona Roberts, Gail Cosby, Judy Beardsley, Ricky Finnie, Mary J. Riddle and Barbara Stigall, and principal O.J. Mitchell comprise the official Carlisle Co. entourage.

The Ky. Hotel will be headquarters for the Comets, as well as the rest of teams competing in the tourn. with the exception, of course, of the two Louisville schools, Thomas Jefferson and Male.

The Comets are scheduled to work out this afternoon at 3 p.m. (CST) in the Shawnee High School gymnasium.

Carlisle earned its first trip to the gathering of the "Sweet Sixteen" by defeating South Marshall 59-51 in the championship game Saturday night at Murray State College.

On their way to the finals, the Comets knocked off Mayfield and Paducah Tilghman.

The victory over South Marshall was the 200th in the coaching career of Coach Adkins.

Adkins began coaching at Bardwell in 1954, and took his team to the finals of the 1955 regional before bowing to Mayfield in the closing seconds.

After two years in the service, Adkins returned to become the first coach at the newly consolidated Carlisle Co. High school. He's been there ever since – and has won nine trips to the regional tournament.

The Comets go int0 the state tourn. with a sparkling 29-4 mark. Three of their losses were to Lone Oak, and the fourth was to Mayfield.

Central City's Golden Tide takes a 30-2 mark into the state meet. The Tide's only losses were to Caverna and Louisville Central.

The high-scoring Tide has averaged 84.1 points per game, while limiting their opponents to 61.6 pts. per game.

All five of Central City's starters averaged in the double-figures during regular season play.

Ralph Mayes, a 6-2 forward, was the Golden Tide's leading scorer with a 20.8 per game average. He was followed by 5-10 guard David James, a deadly outside shot, with and 18.7 average.

Sonny Alexander, 6-5 center, averaged 13.2 points per game, guard Mike enable averaged 12.3, and forward Rodney Kirtley averaged 11.0.

The Golden Tide, coached by Jackie Day, is a fast-breaking team that likes to run.

Central City nipped Owensboro Senior 67-64 in the finals of the Third Region Tourn.

The Comets are expected to have a large following of fans on hand when they take the court Wednesday night at Louisville's Freedom Hall.

Ky. State Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Yield To
Central City In Opener

Carlisle Co. 75
Central City 87

03-16-66 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets put up a game battle before bowing to favored Central City 87-75 in the opening game of the 1966 State High School Basketball Tournament, Wednesday night.

The sharp-shooting Comets fought the rangy Golden Tide on practically even terms for three of the four periods. Only in the second stanza, when Carlisle had two starters on the bench with fouls, did the Tide have a distinct advantage.

Both teams wound up with the same number of field goals, 32, but the Tide picked up 23 points at the free throw line, while Carlisle was only able to score 11 at the gratis stripe.

Carlisle's Mike Thomason, whose 25 points was tops for the game, picked up three quick personal fouls in the first quarter.

Thomason sat out two minutes of the opening period and the entire second quarter, but came off the bench in the second half to spark the Comets in a brilliant comeback.

Terry Burgess also got into foul trouble early and was forced to the sidelines.

The contest was a hot-shooting affair with both teams blasting away with amazing accuracy.

Carlisle hit better than 50 percent, while Central City did even better.

Both teams hit their first three shots from the field at the opening of the game. Carlisle made it four in a row when Rodney Martin stole the ball and went in for an easy lay-up.

Carlisle eased in to a 12-7 lead, before Thomason accumulated his third personal. After that, the Golden Tide closed the gap rapidly and took the lead at 14-12 with 59 seconds left in the quarter.

After David James scored for the Golden Tide, Burgess picked up a 3-pointer, but Ralph Mays hit for the winners to make the count 18-15 at the quarter.

The Tide outscored Carlisle 23-14 in the second period to take a 41-29 lead to the dressing room at the halftime intermission.

With Thomason back in action in the third period, Carlisle out-scored the Tide 23-22.

Both teams battled on practically even terms in the final period, with Carlisle unable to close the gap.

The Comets lost Doyle Guhy on fouls at the 2:35 mark, and Central City's Rodney Kirtley bowed out a few seconds later.

Thomason's 25 points came on 11 field goals and 3 free throws. Burgess tallied 15, on 7 field goals and a lone free throw, while Mitchell scored 12 on 6 field goals.

The Golden Tide had four players in the double numerals, three above the 20 mark.

James Alexander, Central City's 6-5 forward, and David James 5-11 senior guard, shared scoring honors for the winners with 22 points each. Mayes was close behind with 21. Kirtley rounded out the players in double figures with 17 points.

Although Carlisle put up a strong battle on the boards, they were no match for the Central City quintet, especially on the offensive board.

The loss was only Carlisle's fifth of the season, compared with 29 victories, including five wins in the district and regional tournament.

Central City…..18 41 63 87
Carlisle…..…...15 29 52 75

Central City (87)
Alexander 22, Kirtley 17, James 22, Mayes 21, Venerable 3, Lindsey 2.

Carlisle (75)
Burgess 15, B. Jenkins 2, Mitchell 12, Thomason 25, Guhy 2, R. Martin 9, Brown 10, Galloway.

1965-66

	Lowes	Sedalia	Ballard Co.	Fancy Farm	Hickman Co.	Ballard Co.	Lone Oak	North Marshall	Fulton City	Mayfield	Benton	Murray	Tilghman	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Fancy Farm	Fulton City						
Terry Burgess	4	7	12	16	17	15	19	18	5	4	16	6	7	4	15	13	10						
Ernie Brown	23	10	2	14	1	6	12	0	9	4	2	9	15	4	9	7	6						
Orville Mitchell	15	12	18	10	9	24	15	23	24	14	12	17	6	5	9		16						
Mike Thomason	23	25	29	22	18	9		14	12	29	15	9	18	17	15	20	15						
Doyle Guhy	9	12	7	7	13	5	8	7	18	7	7	13	9	13	13	12	8						
Rodney Martin	13	2	6	11	12	5	8	15	6	7	5	10	6	9	10		10						
Barry Jenkins	6	1		11							0					9	5						
LeRoy Partin	6	3		4	6		0		5		0				2	2							
Kenneth Galloway	6			4			1								0								
Galen Langston					2										0								
Ralph Bogle															0								
Neal Gilbert															0								

1965-66

	Heath	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	Sedalia	Mayfield	Hickman Riverview	Lowes	Fulton Co.	Heath	Hickman Riverview	Lone Oak	Hickman Riverview	Fulton Co.	Mayfield	Tilghman	South Marshall	Central City				Games	Pts.	Avg.
Terry Burgess	10	8	9	10	10	6	12	15	15	12	6	11	3	14	9	8	15				34	361	10.61
Ernie Brown	10	5	6	14	2	6	6	8	2	2	11			0		2	10				31	217	7
Orville Mitchell	16	19	7	18	6	14	16	17	9	15	11	5	12	12	14	5	12				33	437	13.24
Mike Thomason	26	18	30	20	18	9	27	18	20	15	19	26	28	18	16	15	25				33	638	19.33
Doyle Guhy	11	7	7	12	8	16	8	12	15	4	14	7	14	11	12	17	2				34	345	10.14
Rodney Martin	1	4	6	4	10	13	8	6	8	12	12	8	2	14	8	12	9				33	272	8.24
Barry Jenkins			1		0	6	2	2	2	13	0	1		2	0	0	2				19	63	3.31
LeRoy Partin			2			6								2							12	38	3.16
Kenneth Galloway			4									2					0				8	17	2.42
Galen Langston														0							3	2	0.66
Ralph Bogle																					1	0	0
Neal Gilbert																					1	0	0
																						2390	

Team Record - 29-5 Per Game Avg. 70.29

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Terry Burgess	67		9	224	361	594	8.86
Ernie Brown	64	2	23	137	217	379	5.92
Orville Mitchell	84	13	90	238	439	780	9.28
Mike Thomason	100	47	363	574	638	1622	16.22
Doyle Guhy	91	22	154	193	345	714	7.84
Rodney Martin	49			86	272	358	7.3
Kenetth Galloway	9		2	31	17	50	5.55

1966-67

HEAD COACH - BOBBY HOSKINS

ASSISTANT COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

TROPHIES WON

ST. MARY TOURN. - 3RD PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 13-15

1966-67

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-04-66	Lowes	60-53	H	
11-11-66	Sedalia	52-50	H	
11-18-66	Fancy Farm	76-47	A	
11-22-66	Hickman Co.	**56-66**	H	
11-24-66	Ballard Co.	60-48	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-25-66	Lone Oak	**53-55**	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-26-66	Reidland	54-49	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. CONSOLATION**
12-03-66	Ballard Co.	**45-50**	A	
12-06-66	Lone Oak	57-51	H	
12-09-66	Fulton City	69-57	A	
12-14-66	Hickman Co.	**64-80**	A	- **CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-06-67	Fulton Co	**52-54**	A	
01-10-67	Fancy Farm	72-39	H	
01-13-67	Fulton City	60-43	H	
01-17-67	Heath	52-51	H	
01-20-67	St. Mary	**44-66**	A	
01-24-67	Hickman Co.	**62-82**	A	
01-27-67	Sedalia	**47-51**	A	
01-28-67	Mayfield	**51-83**	H	
01-31-67	Ballard Co.	55-50	H	
02-03-67	Lowes	**52-78**	A	
02-10-67	Fulton Co	60-44	H	
02-10-67	North Marshall	**73-81**	H	
02-17-67	Heath	**47-71**	A	
02-24-67	Lone Oak	**55-58**	A	
03-03-67	Fulton Co	73-62	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-05-67	Hickman Co.	**59-77**	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-09-67	Heath	**59-73**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 13-15

1967 Comets - District Runner-Up



Lee Roy Partin, Danny Duncan, Ralph Bogle, Barry Jenkins, Galen Langston David Sams, Neal Gilbert, Tony Booker, Garry Clark, Barry Nunley, Ray Bogle, Joe Hudson.

1966-1967

HEAD COACH - BOBBY HOSKINS

ASSISTANT COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

TROPHIES WON
ST. MARY TOURN. - 3RD PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 13-15

1966-67 COMET ROSTER:
Danny Duncan, Barry Jenkins, Joe Hutson, LeRoy Partin, Ralph Bogle, Ray Bogle, Galen Langston, Neal Gilbert, Tony Booker, David Sams, Gary Clark, Barry Nunley, Mike Rudd.

Bobby Hoskins Is Chosen New Head Coach Of Carlisle Co. High School

Bobby Hoskins was named Basketball Coach at Carlisle County High School late Tuesday night.

Mr. Hoskins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Hoskins of Bardwell and attended grade and high school at Bardwell, graduating in 1955. While at Bardwell High, he played varsity ball for three years. As a junior the team went to the State Tournament and in 1955 was defeated in the finals of the regional by one point.

Bobby was a member of the famous Bardwell Indians squad that defeated Tilghman in the semi-finals 6-5 in a basketball classic. The 1954 team was coached by L.G. Tubbs and the 1955 team was coached by Tom Adkins, who Bobby is following as mentor of the Carlisle County Comets.

In the 1954-1955 seasons, the teams with which Mr. Hoskins played won 64 games while losing only 11. In 1954 the Bardwell team was the County, District and Regional Champions and lost in the first round of the State.

Mr. Hoskins attended Boise Junior College at Boise, Idaho and played ball with them in the National Junior College Tournament at Hutchinson, Kansas. He is a graduate of Bethal College at McKenzie, Tenn., with a B.S. degree in Physical Education with a minor in social studies.

He was in the U.S. Army for two hitches. He served in the Korean Conflict and was recalled during the Berlin Crisis as a member of the Reserve Unit. He played basketball while in service.

Mr. Hoskins has been assistant basketball coach and head baseball coach at Advance, Mo., for the past two years. He is employed there this summer in a construction crew.

He is married to the former Elrue Sams of Cunningham and they will move to Carlisle County in August.

Asked about his plans for the team, he said he is glad to be back in the area he played basketball in and would make further statements as the season progresses.

Carlisle Drops Lowes In First Game For Both Teams

Carlisle Co. 60
Lowes 53
11-11-66 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets shot 43% from the field in their first game of the 1966-67 season, to drop the Lowes Blue Devils 60-53 here tonight.

The Comets held only a two point lead at the end of the first quarter and at halftime, but followed the hot shooting of Barry Jenkins with 17 points and nine rebounds to the victory in the second half.

Leroy Partin and Galen Langston tallied 16 each for the Comets.

Both teams began the game in full-court presses and showed good conditioning.

Lowes held a slight advantage on the boards, but the Comets were able to hold on to the lead with good shooting from the field and a 20-27 record from the free throw line.

Donnie Caldwell was high point man for the Blue Devils with 13, followed by Hill with 12.

Carlisle.....14 30 46 60
Lowes…….…12 28 38 53

Carlisle (60)
Duncan 6, B. Jenkins 17, Partin 16, Hudson 5, Langston 16, Ralph Bogle, Gilbert.

Lowes (53)
Goatley 3, Riley 4, Haley 8, Hill 12, Caldwell 13, Anderson 6, Duncan 7, Cantrell.

Carlisle Co. 52
Sedalia 50
11-11-66 - Home

Carlisle County won its second game of the young season without a defeat tonight, edging Sedalia 52-50.

After leading most of the game, Carlisle had to come from behind in the fourth quarter to wrap up the victory. Sedalia went ahead at 42-40, then added another field goal before the Comets regained their poise and went ahead again to stay.

Guard Leroy Partin scored 19 points for the Comets, high for the game. Barry Jenkins, forward, added another 15 and grabbed off 12 rebounds.

Mickey Grooms scored 17 to lead the Lions.

Carlisle County shot 36 per cent from the field and 13 of 20 free throws. The Comets led in rebounds 31-22.

Carlisle……..13 26 39 52
Sedalia……...10 25 35 50

Carlisle (52)
Duncan 6, B. Jenkins 15, Ralph Bogle 8, Partin 19, Booker 4, Hudson, Gilbert.

Sedalia (50)
Grooms 17, Galloway 5, Riley 11, Boyd 8, Fletcher 9.

Carlisle Co. Wins Impressively Over Gophers

Carlisle Co. 76
Fancy Farm 47
11-18-66 - Away

Fancy Farm became the third First Region team to fall to the Carlisle Comets, as they bounded to a 76-47 victory, Friday.

At the first quarter buzzer, it was evident that Fancy Farm was having a good night as they led the Comets by two points, 12-10. It took only a Comet-all-floor press and a few Fancy Farm mistakes to change the situation, and the Hoskinsmen were on top to stay.

From the field the Comets hit 35 of 58 attempts for a very remarkable 62%. Leroy Partin paced the Comets with 20 points poured through the nets. Galen Langston made 14 points most of which were in the second quarter. Barry Jenkins got hot in the third quarter and ended with 19.

Wayne Wilson led the Gophers as he came through with 16 points.

In the rebounding category Jenkins again led the Comets with 11 pulled off the boards. The Comets as a team out-rebounded Fancy Farm 37-25.

Carlisle…….10 37 57 76
Fancy Farm.....12 27 31 47

Carlisle (76)
Duncan 4, Gilbert 4, B. Jenkins 19, Hudson 5, Partin 20, Langston 14, Sams 6, Clark 4, Ralph Bogle.

Fancy Farm (47)
Pendel 8, D. Wilson 5, Dalton 7, W. Wilson 16, Cash 2, Elliot 9.

Falcons Spill Comets

Carlisle Co. 56
Hickman Co. 66
11-22-66 - Home

The Comet's record now 3-1, tells the story of Tuesday's game with Hickman Co.

Hickman Co.'s rebounding dominance, numerous Carlisle fouls, and many missed shots greatly hindered the Comet's cause.

At the quarter, Carlisle was down by only 2 points 16-14, but after 2 stanzas, Hickman held a 7 point edge. From then on it was Hickman Co.

Shelly Barkley ripped the nets for 27 points and game honors.

Ralph Bogle led the Comets with 15 poured through and Langston netted 13 completing the Comet's double-figures list.

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, the Comets play Ballard in the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tourney. Let's have a large turnout for our team.

Carlisle…….14 23 34 56
Hickman……...16 30 43 66

Carlisle (56)
Duncan 7, B. Jenkins 5, Ralph Bogle 15, Langston 13, Partin 9, Gilbert 3, Booker 4, Hudson.

Hickman (66)
A. Barkley 6, Mullens 3, Walker 2, J. Barkley 16, S. Barkley 27, Perry 12.

St. Mary Thanksgiving Cage Meet Will Open Here This Afternoon, Eight Schools Entered

Tip off time in the second annual St. Mary Thanksgiving cage classic is 2:30 p.m. today when the Lowes' Blue Devils, the defending champs, take on Reidland in the opener.

Mayfield and South Marshall clash in the second afternoon contest, scheduled to get under way about 4:15 p.m.

Completing the opening round of play, Ballard and Carlisle County collide at 7:30 while the St. Mary Vikings, the tourney hosts, meet Lone Oak in the last game of the day.

The semi-finals will be played Friday night with the championship game, preceded by a consolation tilt, on Saturday evening.

Reserved seats are on sale at all of the participating schools and general admission tickets will be available at the door.

The eight teams in the tourney have a composite record of 19 victories and 9 losses.

St. Mary and Lone Oak are the only undefeated teams, along with Mayfield, which hasn't played, The host Vikings have a 3-0 mark while Lone Oak is 2-0 for the campaign.

South Marshall and Carlisle County suffered their first losses of the season Tuesday night. Sedalia surprised South, nipping the Rebels 57-56, in a real cliff hanger, while Hickman County hung a 66-56 defeat on the Comets, the defending regional champs.

Both South and Carlisle had previously won 3 games before tasting defeat for the first time Tuesday evening.

Lowes has won more games than any of the participating teams, five. The Blue Devils, boasting the tallest player in the region, 6-7 Larry Hill, blasted highly-regarded Calloway County from the unbeaten ranks Tuesday night with a 74-70 decision over the Lakers.

The Blue Devils, coached by former Murray State star Scott Schlosser, have lost twice to Lone Oak and Carlisle County.

Mayfield is the only tournament team which hasn't seen action. The Cards, picked third in a pre-season poll of First Region coaches, will be making their season's debut Thursday afternoon against South Marshall.

The battle of the unbeaten, Lone Oak and St. Mary, is expected to attract the most interest of any of the opening round games.

The Flash and Vikings met last in the District Tournament at Reidland, and Lone Oak had to battle hard to overcome St. Mary's slow-down tactics.

Fans have been anxiously awaiting their next meeting.

Tournament officials are Bill Knight, Allen Russell, Don Edwards, and Jerry Kimmell.

Reserved seats sell for $1.75, while general admission is $1.25. Student tickets can be purchased for 75c.

Bill Buckingham is the official scorer for the tournament while Bill "Castro" Phillips will be the timer.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Bomb
Bombers In First Round

Carlisle Co. 60
Ballard Co. 48
11-24-66 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets, cold and sluggish through the early moments of the game, capitalized on strong free throw shooting and sticky defense in the final period to ice its victory over Ballard Memorial.

Ballard, on top by as many as seven points in the second period, outshone the Comets with hustle and drive in the first half, before going stale in the third period.

The tenacious pressing defense of the Comets held the Bombers scoreless for the first 2:52 of the final period, while riding the crest of seven free throws to a 16-point lead.

Carlisle County didn't get its first field goal in the fourth period until Danny Duncan connected with 4:30 showing on the clock. But by that time the Comets had mounted an 18-point lead and the curtain had been drawn on Ballard.

Ballard, down by eight points after three periods, refused to take any unnecessary shots at the basket. They played for the good shots, and the theory proved overcautious, when the Bombers did take shots (they took three in the first three minutes) they were off the mark and a Comet was waiting for the rebound.

Ballard was the stronger team in the opening period as Jimmy Sullenger and Yogi Trice generaled the Bombers offense to a 19-15 lead.

Carlisle got its first lead with 27 seconds left in the half when Barry Jenkins hit from out front to give the Comets a 27-26 intermission lead. They never trailed again.

Jenkins finished the game with 15 points and did a stand-out job on defense and rebounding. Leroy Partin chipped in with 14 and Duncan added 10 for the Comets.

Ballard……..…19 26 33 48
Carlisle…..…...15 27 41 60

Ballard (48)
Gough 13, Koehler 7, Sullenger 14, Cooper 4, Trice 6, Baucum 4, Giles.

Carlisle (60)
Jenkins 15, Duncan 10, Ralph Bogle 7, Partin 14, Langston 8, Gilbert 2, Hudson 4.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round
Flash Triumphs On
Final Free Throws

Carlisle Co. 53
Lone Oak 55
11-25-66 - Away

Steve Goodman's two free throws with two seconds showing on the clock spelled victory for Coach Jack McKinney's Purple Flash, and marked the second night in a row that Lone Oak had roared from behind to a victory.

Lone Oak trailed throughout most of the first half, took the lead briefly in the third quarter, and went into the final stanza deadlocked with the scrapping Comets, 38-38.

Carlisle County, playing its first season under new coach Bobby Hoskins, quickly forged a 4-point advantage in the final canto. Lone Oak lost the services of forward Mark Fleishlauer at the 6:22 mark.

Terry Via's two free throws knotted the count at 44-44, with 4:37 left, and from then on the two teams practically matched basket for basket right down to the wire.

Val Moore's jumper from the corner with 53 seconds gave the Flash a 53-51 lead. Ralph Bogle countered with a basket-but failed to convert a free throw which would have sent the Comets ahead.

Lone Oak rebounded, called timeout with 15 seconds to go and played for a last shot. The ball went to Goodman and he was fouled as he went for the basket.

The big pivoter calmly sank both attempts.

Carlisle's Leroy Partin took the in-bounds pass and fired a desperation shot that rimmed off the basket as the final horn sounded.

Each team hit 18 field goals, but Goodman's two charity shots were the difference. Lone Oak hit 19 of 25 from the gratis stripe while Carlisle hit 17 of 29.

Moore led Lone Oak's attack with 16 points, followed by Goodman with 13, Via chipped in with 10 points.

Partin was the only Comet in double figures, posting 24 points for Coach Hoskins' five.

Lone Oak…..…..10 24 38 55
Carlisle…..……12 25 38 53

Carlisle (53)
Duncan 3, Jenkins 5, Ralph Bogle 5, Partin 24, Langston 8, Huston 8, Gilbert.

Lone Oak(55)
Fleishhauer 4, McIntosh 8, Goodman 13, Moore 16, Via, Smith 4, Hodges, Halley.

St. Mary Tourn.
Consolation

Carlisle Co. 54
Reidland 49
11-26-66 – Away

Carlisle Co. defeated Reidland in the consolation bracket of the St. Mary Tourn. 54-49.

Leroy Partin paced Carlisle with a 15 point performance.

Carlisle…..…11 23 40 54
Reidland……..9 16 26 49

Carlisle (54)
Duncan 9, Jenkins 9, Hudson 4, Partin 15, Ralph Bogle, Ray Bogle, Langston 13, Booker, Sams 2, Clark 2.

Reidland (49)
Hamilton 10, Taylor 12, Burnett 6, Crain 2, Johnson 2, Freeman 13, Brown 4.

Ballard Co. 50
Carlisle Co. 45
12-03-66 - Away

Ballard County's Bombers evened their season's record at 3-3 Saturday night by edging the Carlisle County Comets 50-45.

Carlisle opened up a 9-7 lead at the quarter, but Ballard rallied in the second stanza, tied the count at 12-12, and then moved in front to stay.

Lynn Gough, with 20 points, led the Ballard attack, while Tim Giles pitched in 15 markers. Gough hit 8 of 10 from the free throw line, including 6 of 8 in the final period.

Leroy Partin matched Gough's scoring performance by also tallying 20 points from the Comets.

Ballard…….…..7 22 36 50
Carlisle…..……..9 18 25 45

Ballard (50)
Gough 20, Koehler 10, Sullenger 3, Tim Giles 15, Trice 2, Cooper.

Carlisle (45)
Duncan 6, Gilbert 2, Jenkins 5, Ralph Bogle 6, Partin 20, Langston 6, Booker.

Carlisle County
Spills Lone Oak's Flash

Carlisle Co. 57
Lone Oak 51
12-06-66 - Home

Carlisle County's Comets avenged their St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament loss to Lone Oak here tonight with a 57-51 victory over the Purple Flash behind a four man double figure barrage.

After a poor first quarter that saw the Comets take a 9-7 lead, the Flash rallied and went to the halftime dressing room with a 25-18 lead.

Carlisle staged a rally in the third quarter behind the hot hand of Danny Duncan, who continued to pour in set shots from the corner, and tied the count at 37-37 after three quarters.

Lone Oak committed too many floor mistakes in the final period and the Comets seemed to cash in on every error.

Carlisle's Leroy Partin had the hottest shooting as he netted 15, Duncan had 14, Galen Langston and Barry Jenkins each added 12 points.

Lone Oak's Val Moore took the game honors as he bucketed 20 points. Steve Goodman pitched in 17.

The Comets hit 16 of 24 from the gratis stripe while the Oakers hit 13 of 27.

Lone Oak…….…..7 25 37 51
Carlisle…….……..9 18 37 57

Lone Oak (51)
Fleishhauer 3, McIntosh 9, Goodman 17, Moore 20, Via 2.

Carlisle (57)
Duncan 14, Jenkins 12, Ralph Bogle 4, Partin 15, Langston 12, Hudson.

Carlisle Co. 69
Fulton City 57
12-09-66 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets took advantage of numerous floor mistakes by the Fulton Bulldogs to register a 69-57 victory here tonight.

The Comets began the game with a zone press and caught the inexperienced Bulldogs off guard and took advantage of each mistake.

Five Comets reached double figures with Leroy Partin leading the scoring with 22. Barry Jenkins rallied for 15 points and Danny Duncan and Ralph Bogle each added 10.

Tommy Ruddle led the Bulldog scoring with 15 points. Henry Armstrong and Mike Ruddle each tallied 12 and Paul Pittman added 10.

Fulton hit 41 per cent from the field and 52 per cent from the free throw line.

The Comets hit 39 per cent from the field and 71 per cent from the free throw line.

Carlisle……..…18 39 55 69
Fulton City…...12 26 42 57

Carlisle (69)
Duncan 10, Gilbert 2, Jenkins 15, Ralph Bogle 10, Partin 22, Langston 10.

Fulton City (57)
Armstrong 12, M. Ruddle 12, T. Ruddle, Pittman 10, Pickard 2, Gargus 6.

Calloway Co. Tourn.
1st Round
Falcons Win Opener At Calloway Meet, Joe Barclay Nets 35 For Hickman Co.,

Hickman Co. 80
Carlisle Co. 64
12-14-66 - Away

Hickman County broke open a close game with a barrage of baskets in the fourth quarter which enabled the Falcons to pull away to an easy victory.

Carlisle trailed throughout the game and managed to tie the count only once at 24-24, midway of the second period.

The Flacons led 18-14 at the quarter, and held a five point 32-27 advantage at halftime. Going into the fourth quarter Hickman was ahead 54-48.

Twenty-five of Joe Barclay's 35 points came in the second half as the big pivoter ignited the Flacons fourth period surge. During one hot spell Hickman County scored 13 straight points while holding Carlisle scoreless.

The Comets tried a full-court press to no avail as the Falcons broke through on numerous occasions for easy lay-ups.

Carlisle got in foul trouble early and lost the services of high scoring Leroy Partin and Barry Jenkins in the fourth period.

Ronnie Mullins was the runner-up to Joe Barclay for scoring honors for the winners with 14 points, while Nate Perry dropped in 12.

Danny Duncan was the top scorer for the Comets with 17. The usually high scoring Partin was checked with 10 points.

The win was Hickman County's sixth of the season against three losses. Carlisle now is 7-4.

Hickman…..…..18 32 54 80
Carlisle……..….14 27 48 64

Hickman (80)
A. Barclay 7, Mullins 14, J. Barclay 35, S. Barclay 8, Perry 12, Walker 2, Brazzell 2.

Carlisle (64)
Duncan 17, Ralph Bogle 9, Partin 10, Langston 11, Jenkins 8, Hudson 5, Booker 2.

Fulton Co. Spills Carlisle Co.

Fulton Co. 54
Carlisle Co. 52
01-06-67 - Away

The Fulton County Pilots edged Carlisle County 54-52 here Friday night on Richard Cagle's two free tosses with two seconds remaining.

For the Pilots it marked the first time they had defeated the Comets since the 1962 District Tournament.

Cagle's heroics capped a torrid final two minutes of play that found both teams unable to hit after Barry Jenkins had tied it at 52-52 with 2:15 remaining.

After Jenkins tied the score the Pilots were unable to take advantage of an opportunity. Carlisle then missed a shot with :34 seconds showing on the clock, and the Pilots held the ball for 24 seconds before missing with 10 seconds remaining. Cagle then shot with two seconds left but was fouled and hit both gratis shots.

The Pilots led at every quarter stop, 11-5, 32-21, and 48-40, but Carlisle's hot hand in the final period nearly turned the trick.

Fulton County's Steve Shelton, a 5-9 guard who had been out of action since early in the campaign, returned briefly, contributed six points and seemed to be coming back to his original form.

The big scorer for the Pilots was Marion Warren with 14, Cagle added 13.

For Carlisle Leroy Partin turned in 17 and Jenkins added 16.

Fulton Co……..11 32 48 54
Carlisle…..…....5 21 40 52

Fulton (54)
Cagle 13, Watts 6, Smith 9, Warren 14, Bacon 2, Ward 4, Shelton 6.

Carlisle (52)
Duncan 5, Partin 17, Langston 4, Ralph Bogle 6, Jenkins 6, Hudson 4.

Comet's Win Easily Over Fancy Farm

Carlisle Co. 72
Fancy Farm 39
01-10-67 - Home

An outstanding all-around performance from Barry Jenkins helped the Carlisle Comets to mash Fancy Farm 72-39 here Tuesday night.

Jenkins led all scoring with 21 points and chipped in with 11 rebounds. Leroy Partin was close behind in scoring for the Comets with 19 points.

Carlisle took a 15-7 lead after one period and the Golden Gophers never were able to move any closer.

The Comets connected for 9 of 18 from the charity line and Fancy Farm 7 seven of 15.

Carlisle out-rebounded the Gophers 37-24, and hit a hot 52 per cent of its shots.

Pendel scored 12 for the Gophers and Cash added 11.

Joe Hudson added 11 to the Comet attack.

Fancy Farm…....7 15 27 39
Carlisle….....15 31 54 72

Fancy Farm (39)
D. Wilson 4, Pendel 12, Ballard 4, Cash 11, W. Wilson 4, Elliot 4.

Carlisle (72)
Jenkins 21, Ralph Bogle 4, Hudson 11, Partin 19, Duncan 3, Ray Bogle 6, Sams 2.

Comets Sail Over Fulton City

Carlisle Co. 60
Fulton City 43
01-13-67 - Home

Leroy Partin tossed in 23 points to lead the Carlisle County Comets to a 60-43 victory over Fulton City here Friday night.

The Comets jumped to a 16-3 lead after one period and led 25-18 at the half.

Fulton pulled within four points in the third period but went down 39-33 at the end of the canto and never came any closer.

Ralph Bogle added 10 points to the Comets' totals.

Henry Armstrong was the big scorer for Fulton with 15 points and Mike Ruddle added 11.

Carlisle…….…..16 25 39 60
Fulton City……..3 18 33 43

Carlisle (60)
Jenkins 7, Ralph Bogle 10, Hudson 6, Langston 5, Partin 23, Duncan 7, Sams 2.

Fulton City (43)
Armstrong 15, Ruddle 11, Pirtle 6, Pitman 3, Treas 4, Smith, Pickard 2, Gargue 2, Stevens 4.

Carlisle County Free Toss Sinks Heath. Bogle Aces Gratis Attempt With 14 Seconds Remaining

Carlisle Co. 52
Heath 51
01-17-67 – Home

Carlisle County's Ralph Bogle sank one of two free throws with 14 seconds left on the clock that meant the difference as the Comets eked out a 52-51 victory over Heath, here Tuesday night.

Bogle's gratis toss broke a 51-51 deadlock, but placed the clock in Heath's favor as the Pirates rebounded after Bogle's second shot was off the mark.

Heath's Gene Holland was fouled on the trip down court and given the opportunity to regain the lead for the Pirates. His toss with 12 seconds left missed and Carlisle got the rebound and played out the clock for the win.

It was a hard-fought battle for both teams. Carlisle County's biggest lead was three points early in the third period. Heath erased the deficit, however, and pulled ahead by six, its biggest lead.

Heath carried a four-point 42-38 lead into the final period and led by six again early before the Comets bounced back to set up the eventual win.

The game was decided on rebounds. Carlisle gathered in 36 to Heath's 25. Carlisle County registered 20 field goals to Heath's 18 to overlap a loss on the free throw ledger. The Buco's hit on 15 of 21 gratis attempts while the Comets were making good just 12 of 20.

Leroy Partin paced Carlisle's balanced scoring with 19 points. He was the only Comet to reach double figures.

Heath's Larry Throgmorton took game honors with 23 points. Tommy Bobo added a dozen.

Carlisle boosted its season record to 10-5.

Heath…….…..16 26 42 51
Carlisle…….…..14 28 38 52

Heath (51)
Holland 4, Wray 6, Bobo 12, Throgmorton 23, Bradford 6.

Carlisle (52)
Jenkins 9, Ralph Bogle 9, Hudson 9, Langston 1, Partin 19, Duncan 5.

St. Mary Spills Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 44
St. Mary 66
01-20-67 - Away

St. Mary used an explosive third quarter and a brilliant pressing defense, that held Carlisle

County to only five points in the third canto to post a 66-44 win over the visiting Comets.

Erskine Bennett gave the partisan crowd much to cheer about as he dumped in 27 points to lead all scoring.

The Vikings led 15-9 after one period of play and 28-23 at the half but the press took its toll in the big third canto and they took advantage of numerous steals and floor errors.

Barry Jenkins and Leroy Partin paced the losing Comets with 12 and 11, respectively.

The Vikings led in all departments, 41-37 per cent shooting from the field, 59-32 percent from the charity line and 49-19 on rebounds.

Carlisle managed to hit two of 19 from the field in the third period as the Vikings netted 11 of 16.

Carlisle……..9 23 28 44
St. Mary……...15 28 53 66

Carlisle (44)
Jenkins 12, Ralph Bogle, Hudson, Langston 8, Partin 11, Duncan 4, Booker 2, Sams 7.

St. Mary (66)
Hopper 10, Anderson 11, Overstreet 8, Bennett 27, Watson 2, Cashon 8, Walker.

Hickman County Trounces
Carlisle Tallies 12 Straight In 4th
To Blow It Open

Carlisle Co. 62
Hickman Co. 82
01-24-67 - Away

Hickman County battered Carlisle County's press in the fourth period and turned a relatively close game into a rout for an 82-62 victory here Tuesday night.

Ahead by only six points, 52-46, the Falcons spurted for 12 straight points against the Comet press, which left the Falcons with wide open shots time after time.

Hickman County repeatedly stole the ball to keep the Comets from scoring during the 12-point explosion.

Six points was as close as Carlisle County ever got after the Falcons recorded a 23-9 lead in the opening period. The Comets managed to slice the deficit to seven points at halftime and stayed within striking distance until the Falcon uprising.

Hickman County hit a torrid 50 per cent of its field goal attempts with the Barclay boys accounting for the majority. Joe Barclay had 25, Shelly Barclay 22, and Alan Barclay 17, 64 of the team's total and two more than the entire Comet team.

Carlisle County hit 35 per cent from the field with reserve Tony Booker leading scorer with 19 points.

The Comets hit 22 of 34 free throws to Hickman County's 14 of 21.

The victory boosted Hickman County's season record to 12-4 and left Carlisle County with a 10-7 mark.

Carlisle……..9 24 44 62
Hickman……...23 37 52 82

Carlisle (62)
Duncan, Ralph Bogle 7, Sams 11, Jenkins 8, Hudson 2, Partin 9, Bogle 2, Langston 4, Booker 19.

Hickman (82)
A. Barclay 17, Ward, Mullins 4, Walker, J. Barclay 25, S. Barclay 22, Barber, Brazzell 2, Crumes 2, Perry 10.

Carlisle Co. 47
Sedalia 51
01-27-67 - Away

Sedalia avenged a previous defeat to Carlisle County with a thrilling 51-47 victory here Friday night.

The Comets took a 12-11 lead after one period but Sedalia edged ahead 25-21 at the half.

Carlisle forged ahead 43-40 in the final period after knotting the score 40-40.

The count was tied by Sedalia 47-47 and the Lions went onward for the win.

Mickey Grooms led the scoring for Sedalia with 12 and John Riley added 10.

Leroy Partin paced Carlisle with 14.

Sedalia hit 13 of 17 at the gratis line, which proved to be the big difference as Carlisle managed only five of 11.

Carlisle had beaten the Lions 52-50 at Bardwell earlier in the season.

Carlisle……..12 21 33 47
Sedalia……...11 25 37 51

Carlisle (47)
Sams 6, Duncan 2, Ralph Bogle 6, Jenkins 7, Hudson 8, Partin 14, Booker 2, Langston 2.

Sedalia (51)
Grooms 12, Rowland 4, Galloway 8, Riley 10, Boyd 8, Fulcher 9.

Mayfield Trounces
Carlisle County

Mayfield 83
Carlisle Co. 51
01-28-67 - Home

Fourth-ranked Mayfield exploded in the waning minutes of the second period and raced to an 83-51 romp over Carlisle County here tonight.

With the score tied at 20-20 midway of the second quarter, Mayfield capitalized on its pressing defense and Comet mistakes to spur a rally that lifted the Cards to a 12-point halftime lead.

Carlisle County hit an amazing percentage in the early moments of the opening period and led by 14-6 before the Cardinals caught fire to lead 18-16 at the buzzer.

Carlisle starters Ralph Bogle and Barry Jenkins were injured in the second quarter. Bogle missed the remainder of the game and Jenkins saw only limited action the rest of the way.

Mayfield out rebounded the Comets 35-22 for an important factor in the outcome.

Four Cardinals hit in double figures with Harold Blythe leading the parade with 22 points.

Carlisle was paced by Lee Roy Partin's game-high 23.

Mayfield……...18 39 58 83
Carlisle ……..16 27 39 51

Mayfield (83)
Blythe 22, White 1, Clapp 17, Hill 17, Powell 16, Linebaugh 6, Williamson 4.

Carlisle (51)
Sams 4, Duncan 4, Jenkins 7, Hudson 5, Partin 23, Langston 8, Ralph Bogle.

Carlisle Co. 55
Ballard Co. 50
01-31-67 - Home

Carlisle County trailed until late in the fourth quarter, but managed to scoot ahead and post its third win of the season over Ballard Co. here Tuesday night.

Ballard's zone press completely baffled the Comets and enabled the Bombers to take the lead at every quarter stop, 18-9, 26-19, and 37-32, before the Carlisle quintet erupted to pull it out.

The Bombers led by as much as 11 in the second period.

Carlisle finally tied the game 48-48 and went ahead on a free shot by Tony Booker.

David Sams, a freshman who netted 19 to lead the Carlisle comeback, put the Comets ahead 51-48 with two gratis shots.

Carlisle pulled the game out with 10 of 12 from the line in the final period, while Ballard's free-throw shooting fell off, with Yogi Trice missing five of six in the decisive quarter.

Both teams had 22 field goals.

Jim Sullenger paced Ballard with 22 points.

Carlisle had beaten the Bombers previously, 60-48 and 50-45.

Ballard……...18 26 37 50
Carlisle ……...9 19 32 55

Ballard (50)
Baucom 10, Koehler 6, Sullenger 22, Trice 3, Gough 9.

Carlisle (55)
Sams 19, Duncan 12, Ralph Bogle 1, Hudson 3, Partin 8, Ray Bogle 9, Langston 2, Booker 1.

Hill Leads Lowes' Rout Of Carlisle.
Big Center Tallies 27 Points.
Paces Rebounding With 33

Carlisle Co. 52
Lowes 78
02-03-67 - Away

Lowes exploded for 24 points in the second period to blow open a close game and trounced visiting Carlisle County 78-52 here Friday night behind the 27-point effort of Larry Hill.

Hill, a 6-8 center, was the all-around leader for the Demons as he pulled off 33 rebounds to go with his high point honors.

Lowes led 13-12 after one period of play, but the 24 point spree in the second canto put the Blue Devils ahead 37-21 at intermission.

Lowes, taking advantage of its superior height, completely dominated the boards at either end of the court.

The Blue Devils scorched the nets with 62 per cent of their shots.

Four Demons scored in the double numerals as Coach Scott Schlosser played only seven players.

Donnie Caldwell was second in scoring for the Demons with 18 points. Larry Duncan and Bob Hailey each added 12.

Hailey pulled in 18 rebounds.

Leroy Partin and Barry Jenkins paced the losing cause with 15 each.

Carlisle……..12 21 37 52
Lowes…..13 37 60 78

Carlisle (52)
D. Sams 9, D. Duncan 5, Jenkins 15, Hudson 2, Partin 15, Ralph Bogle 6.

Lowes (78)
Hailey 12, Caldwell 18, Hill 27, Cantrell 9, Duncan 12, Goatley, Anderson.

Carlisle Co. 60
Fulton Co. 44
02-10-67 - Home

Carlisle County blew open a close game in the second half and trampled Fulton County 60-44 here Friday night with red-hot free throw shooting.

Carlisle hit a sparkling 20 of 22 from the gratis line.

Ray Bogle was the leading scorer for the Comets with 22 points, 10 coming in the third quarter.

Fulton Co…..…..8 25 35 44
Carlisle…..……..7 26 40 60

Fulton Co. (44)

Smith 8, Cagle 14, Parker 4, Warren 8, Bacon 8, Ward 2

Carlisle (60)
Sams 11, Duncan 3, Jenkins 2, Hudson 10, Partin 10, Ray Bogle 22, Langston 2

North Marshall 81
Carlisle Co. 73
02-11-67 - Home

North Marshall's Jets outraced Carlisle County's Comets 81-73 in a free-scoring cage game here Saturday night.

For the Jets, it was their 14th victory against 5 losses. Carlisle has a 12-11 mark for the campaign.

The sharp shooting of North's Mickey Holland and Junior Barrett offset a brilliant 29-point performance by Carlisle's Leroy Partin.

Barrett scored 24 points while Holland tossed in 22 for the winning Jets. Other North players in double figures included Barry Faith, with 14 and Ronnie Reed added 11.

David Sams scored 15 for Carlisle and Ray Bogle came through with 10 points.
N. Marshall…..26 41 52 81
Carlisle……..14 30 48 73

N. Marshall (81)
Holland 22, Barrett 24, Majors 8, Faith 14, Howard 2, Reed 11.

Carlisle (73)
Sams 15, Ralph Bogle 6, Ray Bogle 10, Duncan 5, Jenkins 6, Hudson 2, Partin 29.

Heath Bombs
Comets

Carlisle Co. 47
Heath 71
02-17-67 - Away

Heath overwhelmed visiting Carlisle County 71-47 here Thursday night in a contest that was re-scheduled from last Friday.

The Pirates blew open a close game, with a 29-point explosion in the fourth period, played before a crowd which was slimmed considerably by the cold weather.

For the Buc's starting five the game marked the last time they would play on the hardwood at their school.

Seniors on the team are Gene Holland, Wayne Wray, Tommy Bobo, Larry Throgmorton and Keith Gregston.

Holland was the leading scorer for the Pirates with 18 points, but had to settle for sharing game honors with Ray Bogle of Carlisle. Throgmorton scorched the nets with 17 points, Wray picked up 12 and Bobo added 10.

Heath out shot the visitors from the field 50 per cent to 35 per cent.

Heath finished regular season play with a 19-6 mark.

The Comets are now 12-12 with one game remaining before tourney action opens.
Carlisle……..12 26 34 47
Heath……..15 29 42 71

Carlisle (47)
Sams 2, Ralph Bogle 2, Jenkins 8, Duncan 8, Hudson 2, Nunley, Langston, Ray Bogle 18, Booker 7, Clark, Rudd.

Heath (71)
Holland 18, Hovekamp 8, Wray 12, Warford 2, Flood, Tommy, Bobo 10, Gregston 2, Cooper, Throgmorton 17, Bradford 2, G. Bobo.

Lone Oak Edges Carlisle.
Goodman Paces Flash
Scoring With 21 Points

Carlisle Co. 55
Lone Oak 58
02-24-67 - Away

Lone Oak's edge at the free throw line here Friday night, proved to be the margin needed for a 58-55 victory over Carlisle County.

In a contest that was tied 15 times, the Oakers and Comets matched field goals, each netting 21. The Purple Flash hit 16 of 21 from the gratis line as visiting Carlisle County netted three less in 22 attempts.

The hot shooting of Steve Goodman pushed the Flash attack. Goodman finished the game with 21, high for either squad.

Freshman David Sams paced the losing cause with 18 markers.

The last time the game was tied was 46-46. Dale Smith hit a free toss to send the Flash on top 47-46 and they never gave up the advantage.

The Comets led 15-12 after one period of play, but the Flash forged ahead 27-25 at intermission, only to see the Comets leading 41-39 after three periods play.

Kerry Via scored 11 for Lone Oak, Val Moore and Smith each added 10.

Leroy Partin had 10 for the Comets and Ray Bogle added 11.
Lone Oak……...12 27 39 58
Carlisle ……..15 25 41 55

Lone Oak (58)
Fleishhauer 6, Smith 10, Goodman 21, Via 11, Moore 10, McIntosh.

Carlisle (55)
Sams 18, Jenkins 5, Duncan 3, Hudson 8, Partin 10, Ray Bogle 11, Ralph Bogle, Booker.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Whip Pilots To Enter Finals,
Warren Tallies 41 Points For Losers

Carlisle Co. 73
Fulton Co. 62
03-03-67 - Home

Carlisle County put down a brilliant 41-point scoring performance by Fulton County's Marion Warren and won its way into the finals of the First District Tournament with a 73-62 victory over the Pilots here Friday Night.

The win automatically spells a regional tournament trip for the Comets, who are seeking their second straight journey to the State Tournament in Louisville.

Carlisle County now has gained a regional tourney berth in nine out of 10 years.

The Comets will meet co-favored Hickman County in tonight's district finals, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

With the score knotted at halftime, the Comets turned on the steam and grabbed a seemingly comfortable margin early in the third period. But with Warren hitting from all angles, the Pilots closed the gap to five points at one time and wound up the stanza with a seven-point deficit.

From there it was no catching the Comets as little Ray Bogle led a charge that overshadowed Warren's great performance.

Bogle bagged 31 points to lead a three-man double-figure attack. Leroy Partin added 15, and David Sams 10 for the winners.

Warren bucketed 16 points in the first half and then unloaded 25 in the second half in becoming a one-man scoring machine.

Carlisle County hit 43 per cent from the filed and cashed in 31 of 42 free throws attempts for the difference.

Fulton County lost 18 points at the charity stripe while hitting 13 of only 19 shots.
Carlisle…..…..16 27 51 73
Fulton Co…..…18 27 44 62

Carlisle (73)
Sams 10, Jenkins 7, Duncan 6, Hudson 4, Partin 15, Ray Bogle 31.

Fulton Co. (62)
Smith 6, Campbell 3, Cagle 4, Parker 3, Helper 2, Warren 41, Ward 1, Bacon 2.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Hickman's Falcons
Roll Past Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 59
Hickman Co. 77
03-05-67 - Home

Hickman County came from five points behind at the half and romped to a 77-59 win over Carlisle County in the trophy game of the First District Tournament here Saturday night.

The Falcons' vaunted Barclay boys combined for 46 of the Hickman County points. Joe topped the winners with 18, Shelly had 15 and Allan picked up 13.

Hickman County held a 14-11 lead after one period of play, but the host Comets jumped to a 30-25 lead at intermission.

Carlisle's Ray Bogle pitched in 18 to tie Joe Barclay for game honors. Leroy Partin added 15.

Hickman County controlled the boards 49-26.

The Falcons hit 23 of 41 at the gratis stripe. Carlisle netted 17 of 34 from the line.
Hickman…….14 25 45 77
Carlisle…..…...11 30 39 59

Hickman (77)
A. Barclay 13, Walker 9, Mullins 5, J. Barclay 18, Cruse 8, Perry 5, S. Barclay 15, Brazzell 4.

Carlisle (59)
Sams 6, Ralph Bogle 6, Jenkins 11, Hudson, Partin 15, Ray Bogle 18, Booker 3.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Heath Enters First Region
Semis As Pirates Roll Over Comets

Carlisle Co. 59
Heath 73
03-09-67 - Away

Paducah Tilghman and Heath advanced to the semifinals of the First Region Basketball Tournament by posting opening round victories over Lowes and Carlisle County here Thursday night.

The two Second District rivals will clash in tonight's second round semifinal tilt, following the opener between North Marshall and Hickman County.

Heath, shooting a scorching 56 per cent from the field, and paced by Larry Throgmorton's 27-point performance, defeated Carlisle 73-59.

Throgmorton and Carlisle County's Leroy Partin waged a brilliant scoring duel. Partin finished with 28 points, one better than his rival.

Fourteen of Throgmorton's points came in the third period as the Heath sharpshooter propelled the Pirates into a 16 point advantage. He hit for 10 points in a row before Gene Holland's jumper broke the string.

Heath led by nine points, 33-24 at halftime, but Throgmorton's bulls eyes gave the Pirates a 56-44 advantage going into the final stanza.

Carlisle refused to quit however, and the Comets came storming back to cut Heath's lead to eight points midway of the fourth period.

Keith Gregston scored on a steal with a minute left to give Heath a 69-59 lead. Throgmorton cashed in on two free throws with 20 seconds left, and Gregston fired in a long one at the buzzer to give the Pirates their final 14 point margin.

Three other Pirates joined Throgmorton in the double figures. Holland scored 13, Tommy Bobo added 12 and Wayne Wray tossed in 10 points for the Bucs.

Ray Bogle was the only other Comet scoring in the double numerals as he tallied 11 points.

Heath hit 28 of 50 from the field for 56% while Carlisle connected on 26 of 67 for 38.8%. Heath also settled at the free throw line, hitting 17 of 21 for 81%, while Carlisle connected on 7 of 12 for 58%.

Heath edged the Comets in the rebound department 36-35. Carlisle's Barry Jenkins grabbed 12, while Wray pulled down 10 for the Pirates.

The two teams battled on even terms for the first period with Heath finishing in front, 12-11. The Bucs increased the lead to 33-24 at the half.

Heath…..…..12 33 56 73
Carlisle ….…..11 24 44 59

Heath (73)
T. Bobo 12, Holland 13, Throgmorton 27, Wray 10, Radford 3, Gregston 6, Hovekamp 2.

Carlisle (59)
Partin 28, Jenkins 8, Sams 4, Ray Bogle 11, Hudson 4, Duncan 2, Ralph Bogle 2, Booker, Langston.

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	Lowes	Sedalia	Fancy Farm	Hickman Co.	Ballard Co.	Lone Oak	Reidland	Ballard Co.	Lone Oak	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Fulton Co.	Fancy Farm	Fulton City
Danny Duncan	7	6	4	7	10	3	9	6	14	10	17	5	3	7
Barry Jenkins	17	15	19	5	15	5	9	5	12	15	8	16	21	7
Joe Hutson	5	0	5		4	8	4		0		5	4	11	6
Leroy Partin	16	19	20	9	14	24	15	20	15	22	10	17	19	23
Ralph Bogle	0	8		15	7	5	0	6	4	10	9	6	4	10
Ray Bogle							0						6	
Galen Langston	16		14	13	8	8	13	6	12	10	11	4		5
Neal Gilbert	0	0	4	3	2	0		2		2				
Tony Booker		4		0			0	0			2			
David Sams			6				2						2	2
Gary Clark			4				2							

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	Heath	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	Sedalia	Mayfield	Ballard Co.	Lowes	Fulton Co.	North Marshall	Heath	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Hickman Co.	Heath	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Danny Duncan	5	4	0	2	4	12	5	3	5	8	3	6		2	27	167	6.18
Barry Jenkins	9	12	8	7	7		15	2	6	8	5	7	11	8	28	274	10.15
Joe Hutson	9	0	2	8	5	3	2	10	2	2	8	4	0	4	25	111	4.44
Leroy Partin	19	11	9	14	23	8	15	10	29		10	15	15	28	27	449	16.63
Ralph Bogle	9	0	7	6	0	1	6		6	2	0		6	2	25	129	5.16
Ray Bogle			2			9		22	10	18	11	31	18	11	11	138	12.54
Galen Langston	1	8	4	2	8	2		2		0				0	21	147	7
Neal Gilbert															8	13	1.62
Tony Booker		2	19	2		1				7	0		3	0	13	40	3.07
David Sams		7	11	6	4	19	9	11	15	2	18	10	6	4	17	134	7.88
Gary Clark										0					3	6	2
Barry Nunley										0					1	0	0
Mike Rudd										0					1	0	0
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Team Record -13-15

Per Game Avg. - 57.42

Career	Games		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Barry Jenkins	53			8	63	274	345	6.5
Leroy Partin	45			7	38	443	488	10.84
Ralph Bogle	32			6	0	138	144	4.5
Neal Gilbert	11			0	0	13	13	1.18

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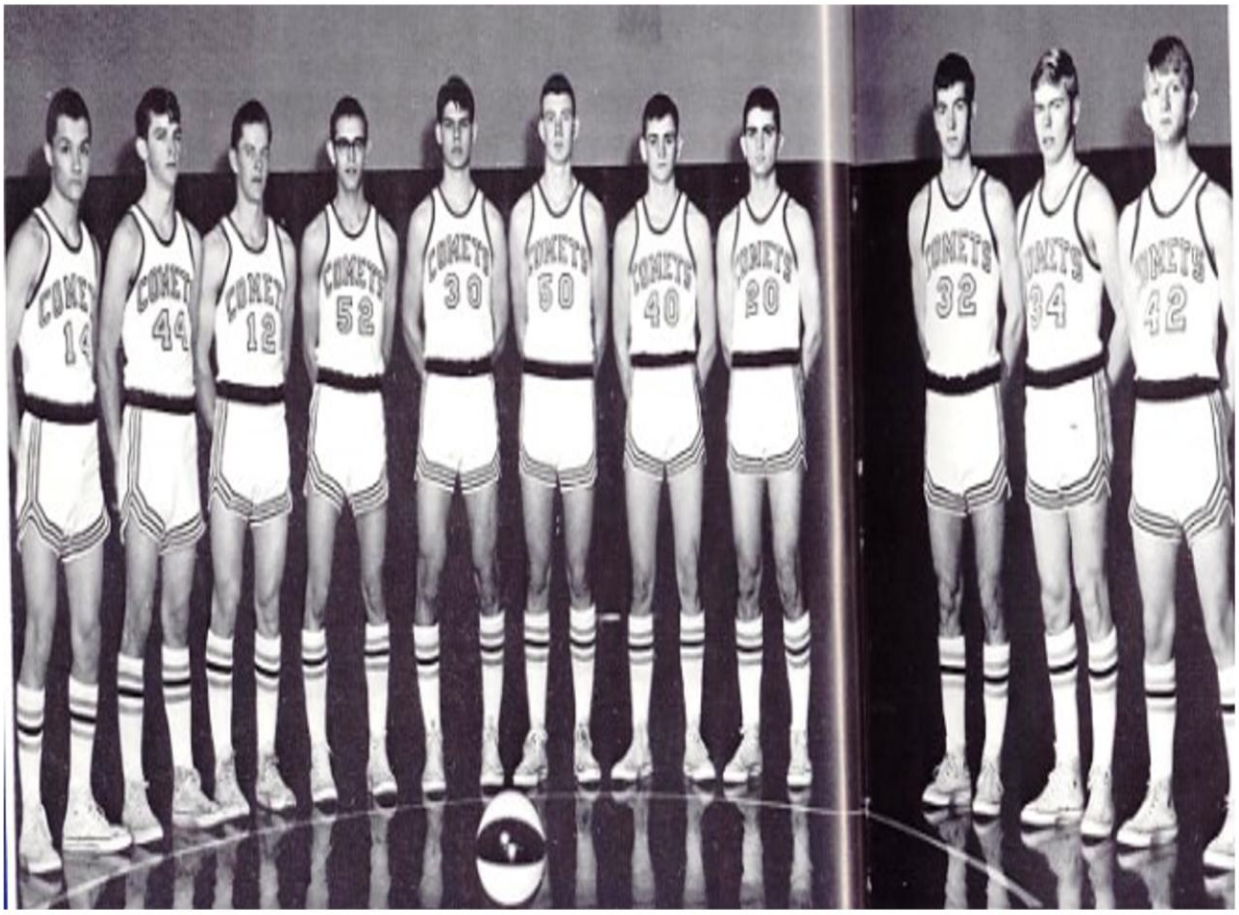
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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-03-67	Lowes	53-44	A	
11-10-67	Sedalia	79-54	A	
11-14-67	St. Mary	72-56	H	
11-21-67	Hickman Co.	**68-84**	A	
11-23-67	St. Mary	**60-62**	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1st RD.**
12-02-67	Ballard Co.	**69-72 4ot**	H	
12-05-67	Lone Oak	79-65	A	
12-08-67	Fulton City	71-47	H	
12-13-67	Calloway Co.	**65-71**	A	- **CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-02-68	Fancy Farm	70-47	H	
01-05-68	Fulton Co	88-82	H	
01-16-68	Heath	67-63	A	
01-20-68	Memp. Whitesville, TN.	89-54	H	
01-23-68	Hickman Co.	65-64	H	
01-26-68	Sedalia	90-58	H	
01-27-68	Mayfield	53-49	A	
01-30-68	Ballard Co.	65-63	A	
02-02-68	Lowes	78-77	H	
02-09-68	Fulton Co	**63-73**	A	
02-12-68	Fulton City	67-54	A	
02-16-68	Heath	**58-60 ot**	H	
02-20-68	Fancy Farm	89-54	A	
02-23-68	Lone Oak	76-61	H	
02-27-68	Hickman Co.	**66-86**	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 17-7

1968 Comets



David Green, Gary Clark, Galen Langston, Barry Nunley, Joe Hudson, David Sams, Mike Rudd, Danny Duncan, Tony Booker, Steve Summers, Ray Bogle

1967-1968

HEAD COACH - BOBBY HOSKINS

ASSISTANT COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

FINAL RECORD 17-7

1967-68 COMET ROSTER:
David Sams, Danny Duncan, Joe Hutson, Ray Bogle, Tony Booker, Mike Rudd, Steve Summers, Galen Langston, Barry Nunley, Gary Clark, David Green.

Carlisle Co. 53
Lowes 44
11-03-67 - Away

Joe Hudson, 6-2, held 6-8 Larry Hill of Lowes in check Friday night as the Comets downed the Blue Devils 53-44.

Hudson out rebounded Hill and scored eight points himself as Carlisle stretched a narrow halftime lead to a substantial one at the end.

Sams had 15 and Bogle had 14 for the Comets.

Lowes was led by Tommy Goatley, who scored 14.

Carlisle……..8 19 33 53
Lowes……...11 18 29 44

Carlisle (53)
Sams 15, Duncan 8, Hudson 8, Ray Bogle 14, Booker 8.

Lowes (44)
Goatley 14, Riley 8, Miller 2, Hill 6, Cantrell 10, Leonard 4, Dixon.

Carlisle Co. 79
Sedalia 54
11-10-67 - Away

Carlisle County took advantage of Sedalia's floor mistakes and defeated the Lions 79-54 here Friday night in a foul plagued contest.

The Comets opened with an all-court press and kept it on most of the way. By the time Sedalia managed to adjust to it, it was too late.

Carlisle County seized command early and breezed to a 14-6 lead after one quarter, then widened it to 32-17 at the intermission.

Sedalia allowed the Comets 42 free throws, of which 23 were good. The Lions made 8 of 15 from the charity line.

Carlisle County's Ray Bogle scorched the nets for 26 markers. David Sams had 19, followed by Joe Hudson's 13 and Danny Duncan's 11.

Charles Henson paced the Lions with 18. Greg Boyd had 10.

The loss left Sedalia winless in three outings. Carlisle County is 2-0.

Carlisle ……..14 32 51 79
Sedalia……..6 17 37 54

Carlisle (79)
Sams 19, Duncan 11, Hudson 13, Rudd 2, Bogle 26, Booker 8, Summers.

Sedalia (54)
Grooms 8, Henson 18, M. Galloway 6, Nance 4, C. Kough 8, Boyd 10, L. Galloway, Holloway.

Carlisle Co. 72
St. Mary 56
11-14-67 - Home

Unbeaten Carlisle County's Comets put down two St. Mary surges to upend the visitors 72-56 here Tuesday night.

St. Mary jumped to an early 7-2 lead, but the Comets went ahead 15-14 later in that quarter and held on for a narrow 19-18 advantage, when the first frame ended.

Carlisle County appeared headed for an easy win in the second period, widening the margin to 37-29.

But the Knights refused to give up and opened the second half by reeling off eight straight points to pull within one 37-36.

Carlisle County regained its composure and posted a 49-38 advantage at the third period horn.

David Sams hit a red hot 26 for the winners. Ray Bogle racked up 17 and Danny Duncan had 15.

Bruce Walker was high man for the Knights with 18.

Carlisle County is now 3-0 for the season and St. Mary is 2-3.

Carlisle…….....19 37 49 72
St. Mary…….....18 29 38 56

Carlisle (72)
Sams 26, Duncan 15, Hudson 3, Ray Bogle 17, Langston 6, Booker 5.

St. Mary (56)
B. Walker 18, Reed 2, Hixon 6, T. Walker 9, Roach 10, Grief 10, Wietlauf 1.

Barclays Team Up For
61 In Win Over Comets

Carlisle Co. 68
Hickman Co. 84
11-21-67 - Away

Hickman Counties famed Barclays, Joe, Allen, and Shelley, teamed up for 61 points to lead the unbeaten Falcons to an impressive 84-68 victory over previously undefeated Carlisle County here Tuesday night.

Following a 34-34 deadlock at halftime, the Falcons exploded for 35 points in the third period, 29 of them by the Barclays.

Hickman County raced to a 21-15 first stanza lead, but the stubborn Comets fought back for the 34-all tie at half time.

After the Falcons' 35-point spree in the third period it was 69-48 and Carlisle County was never in contention after that.

A total of 48 fouls were called during the hard-fought contest, 23 on Carlisle County and 25 on the Falcons.

Three Comet starters left the game via the foul route in the final frame.

The Flacons hit 28 of 35 from the charity stripe and Carlisle sank 18 of 25.

Joe Barclay paced the Falcon attack with 25. Allen Barclay racked up 19 and Shelly Barclay accounted for 17. Ronnie Mullins added 10.

Top Carlisle point getter was Ray Bogle with 15. Danny Duncan had 13.

Hickman County's worksheet now stands at 4-0 and the Comets are 3-1.

Hickman……..21 34 69 84
Carlisle……...15 34 48 68

Hickman (84)
Mullins 10, Ward, A. Barclay 19, J Barclay 25, Fuller 3, Perry, Barber, S. Barclay 17, Crume 8, Davis 2.

Carlisle (66)
Sams 8, Nunley 6, Duncan 13, Hudson 7, Ray Bogle 15, Langston 10, Booker 9.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Lyon County And St. Mary
Advance In Night Session

Carlisle Co. 60
St. Mary 62
11-23-67 - Away

St. Mary, losers to Carlisle by 16 points (72-56) earlier in the regular season jumped out front early and commanded a 38-22 halftime advantage. St. Mary scored 19 points in each of the first two frames to enjoy its 16-point intermission edge.

Carlisle County came roaring back in the final two periods, but could not overcome the host Vikings. Carlisle outscored St. Mary 16-11 in the third period to trail by 11 (49- 38) as the final stanza opened.

The favored Comets could not close the gap until the fading moments, coming as close as one point (59-58) with just over a minute remaining. Three free throws in the last 30 seconds of the game offset a field goal to keep the Vikings alive in the tournament.

Bruce Walker and Thomas Walker paced the St. Mary scoring attack with 22 and 15 points, respectively. Bruce Walker tallied nine field goals and went 4/4 at the charity line while Thomas connected on 5 field goals and 5/8 free tosses.

Sophomore forward David Sams paced the Comets in their losing effort, with 22 points. Forward Danny Duncan followed with 12, and guard Ray Bogle contributed 10.

St. Mary made 21 field goals in the game and added 20 free throws in 34 attempts. Carlisle hit on 24 field goals, but trailed at the charity line 12 for 20.

Carlisle……..11 22 38 60
St. Mary……19 38 49 62

Carlisle (60)
Sams 22, Duncan 12, Hudson 6, Bogle 10, Booker 6, Nunley 2, Langston 2.

St. Mary (62)
B. Walker 22, T. Walker 15, Roach 5, Grief 9, Weitlauf 7, Thompson 4.

Bombers Tip
Comets In 4 Overtimes

Carlisle Co. 69
Ballard Co 72
12-02-67 – Home

Ballard Memorial won a 72-69 four overtime game over Carlisle County here Saturday night.

Ballard took an early lead and kept it until the final gun of regulation play.

David Sams of Carlisle County was high point man for his team with 22 points. Yogi Trice hit the winning basket and scored 25 points for Ballard for game honors. He got 18 in the overtime periods.

Ballard…..…17 36 40 56 60 62 67 72
Carlisle……..15 26 39 56 60 62 67 69

Ballard (72)
Koehler 17, Fulford 12, Baucom 15, Abell 8, Trice 25, Tooms 5.

Carlisle (69)
Sams 22, Duncan 12, Hudson 5, Bogle 10, Booker 6, Langston 2.

Carlisle Co. Snaps Lone Win
Streak Comets Stop Rally
In Triumph Over Lone Oak

Carlisle Co. 79
Lone Oak 65
12-05-67 - Away

Carlisle thwarted a last period comeback effort by Lone Oak and posted a 79-65 triumph here Tuesday night to knock Lone Oak off the unbeaten list.

The Comets posted their fourth win in seven games, snapping a three game losing streak.

The Comets led 20-14 in the first period. Early in the second it was 22 all. The Comets then pulled away 37-30 at the half.

After three quarters, the Comets led 54-43. Then in the fourth the Purple Flash trailed by four.

Carlisle had 26 field goals and was 27 of 37 from the line. Lone Oak hit 25 field goals and was 15 of 25 from the line.

Lone Oak is now 3-1.

Hudson had 26 for the Comets. McIntosh had 22 for Lone Oak.

Carlisle……..20 34 54 79
Lone Oak…..14 30 43 65

Carlisle (79)
Sams 8, Duncan 18, Hudson 26, Bogle 22, Booker, Nunley, Rudd, Langston 5, Clark.

Lone Oak (65) McIntosh 22, Moore 18, Smith 8, Hodge 2, Via 4, Roussel 6, Hooper 3, Harned.

Carlisle Co. 71
Fulton City 47
12-08-67 - Home

The Comets romped to a 71-47 high school basketball triumph over Fulton City here Friday night.

The opening eight minutes were close with the Comets holding a 18-14 advantage at the first stop. The Comets blew the game wide open with a 20 point second period effort.

Ray Bogle paced Carlisle's scoring with 17 points, while three teammates, Duncan, Hudson, and Langston, each had 11. Sams was out with a sprained ankle. Carlisle is 5-3 and Fulton City is winless in three starts.

Carlisle……..18 38 54 71
Fulton City…...14 27 36 47

Carlisle (71)
Nunley 6, Duncan 11, Hudson 11, Bogle 17, Langston 11, Booker 9, Clark 6.

Fulton City (47)
Pirtle 2, Rose 2, Harris 17, Ruddle 4, Pittman 6, Smith 8, Pickard 8.

Carlisle Co. 65
Calloway Co. 71
12-13-67 - Away

Calloway made a strong second-period effort stand, for a high-scoring 71-65 victory over Carlisle County.

The Lakers led 19-12 after the first quarter and 37-20 at the half. After trailing 59-36 at the end of the third, Carlisle County came roaring back with a 29-point effort in the final eight minutes.

For the Lakers, Stan Key led with 22 points.

For the Comets, Ray Bogle paced Carlisle's scoring with 17.

Carlisle…..…...12 20 36 65
Calloway…..…19 37 59 71

Calloway (71)
Key 22, Ernestberger 13, Cleaver 6, Jones 9, Rushing 19, Lamb 2, Clahoun, Roney, Haneline, Williams, Lassiter.

Carlisle (65)
Sams 10, Duncan 15, Hudson 7, Bogle 17, Booker 4, Langston 12, Nunley, Clark.

Carlisle Co. 70
Fancy Farm 47
01-02-68 - Home

Carlisle overcame a two point half time deficit, and rallied for an easy 70-47 decision over Fancy Farm here Thursday night.

Carlisle jumped to a 15-8 lead in the first quarter only to have Fancy Farm jump to a 31-29 lead at the half.

Fancy Farm scored only five in the third, however, as Carlisle jumped into a 51-36 lead. The Comets continued to extend their lead into the fourth.

Sams led the Comets with 21. Elliot led the Gophers with 12.

Carlisle……..15 29 51 70
Fancy Farm……..8 31 36 47

Carlisle (70)
Sams 21, Duncan 13, Hudson 9, Bogle 13, Langston 12, Booker 2.

Fancy Farm (47)
Elliott 12, Pendel 7, Thompson 3, Cash 6, Dalton 10, Wilson 9.

Carlisle Co. 88
Fulton Co. 82
01-05-68 - Home

Carlisle had romped to a big half time lead, then held off a 4th period surge to win 88-82.

The Comets had a 20-point lead 51-31 at the half. After three periods the Comets upped their lead to 71-46.

The Pilots came to life in the fourth to make a thundering charge and fell short.

Sams had 31 points and Langston had 16 for the Comets.

Cagle, for the Pilots, had 20.

Carlisle is now 6-4 on the season.

Carlisle……..…25 51 71 88
Fulton Co…...14 31 46 82

Carlisle (88)
Sams 31, Nunley 1, Duncan 10, Hudson 12, Rudd 2, Bogle 14, Booker 2, Langston 16.

Fulton Co. (82)
Warren 15, Nalls 13, Cagle 20, Stayton 2, Watts 13, Campbell 2, Bacon 13, Strokes 4.

Heath Rally Falls Short As Carlisle Wins 3 In A Row

Carlisle Co. 67
Heath 63
01-16-68 - Away

The Comets staved off a torrid fourth period rally here Thursday night.

Trailing by ten at the half, the Bucs, in the 3rd quarter, sparked by David Bradford, cut the gap to five and led by a thin point late in the game.

The Pirates took a 61-60 lead with 2:30 left to play, but the fine clutch play by the Comets' Danny Duncan who scored 3 baskets in the waning moments, enabled Carlisle to get the win.

Bradford of Heath and Sams of Carlisle each had 20.

Carlisle…..…..10 34 52 67
Heath……..11 24 47 63

Carlisle (67)
Sams 20, Duncan 19, Hudson 7, Bogle 11, Langston 8, Booker 2.

Heath (63)
Bradford 20, Harris 18, Hovecamp 11, Warford 1, Cooper 10, Bobo 3, Turner, Duren.

Carlisle Co. 89
Memphis Whitesville, TN. 54
01-20-68 - Home

The Comets rolled to an 89-54 triumph over Whitesville here Saturday night.

Leading by only 38-29 at halftime, Carlisle bombed the nets early in the third to vault out front by 20 points before Whitesville could score again. Carlisle scored 35 points in the third to put the game away.

David Sams had 24 points and 17 boards to pace Carlisle.

Carlisle…..…. 20 38 73 89
Whitesville…...12 29 42 54

Carlisle (89)
Sams 24, Nunley 2, Duncan 11, Hudson 11, Bogle 15, Clark 4, Langston 16, Booker 6

Trinity (54)
Boardman 10, Horn 15, Evans 6, Howard 8, Avd 6, Hagan 9.

Hickman County, With Barclays, Falls To Comets In Thriller

Carlisle Co 65
Hickman Co. 64
01-23-68 - Home

Sensational outside shooting by the Comets enabled them to edge the Falcons 65-64 in a real cliff hanger here Tuesday night.

Hickman County had its third loss in a row, with the Barclays in the lineup. Sams field goal with 52 seconds left, followed by Ray Bogle's basket with 10 seconds left spelled victory for the Comets.

The winners threatened a runaway at the half with an 8 point lead over the Falcons.

At the beginning of the third the Comets took an 11 point lead with a couple of quick baskets.

Duncan led Carlisle's scoring with 18.

The Barclays combined for 52 points. Joe had more than half of the Falcon's boards.

Carlisle beat the Falcon's zone with outside shooting.

Carlisle…..…..15 37 49 65
Hickman…….…17 29 49 64

Carlisle (65)
Sams 13, Duncan 18, Hudson 13, Bogle 12, Langston 9, Nunley , Booker

Hickman (64)
A. Barclay 14, Mullins 10, J. Barclay 18, S. Barclay 20, Perry 2, Crume

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Carlisle Co. 90
Sedalia 58
01-26-68 - Home

Carlisle outscored Sedalia 13-2 in the first three minutes of the second period and won 90-58 here Friday night.

Bobby Hoskins' Comets led 8-2 early, then switched to a tight zone, and led 20-16 at the end of the first.

Then the Comets exploded in the second and were never headed again.

Sams had 25 points and 17 boards. Duncan had 19 points and 12 rebounds. They led in scoring for Carlisle.

Boyd had 16 for Sedalia.

Carlisle…..…..20 45 71 90
Sedalia…….…16 24 36 58

Carlisle (90)
Sams 25, Nunley 6, Duncan 19, Hudson 8, Bogle 8, Langston 12, Booker 12, Clark, Rudd, Green, Summers.

Sedalia (58)
Grooms 6, L. Galloway 2, Henson 8, M. Galloway 10, Nance 5, Kough 11, Boyd 16.

Carlisle Co. 53
Mayfield 49
01-27-68 - Away

Mayfield dropped a heart breaker here to Carlisle County Saturday night.

The Cards overwhelmed the Comets off the Boards 55-33. Walter Clapp had 23 and shot only 28 percent from the field.

The game was close, no lead exceeded 5 points. The Comets got balanced scoring with Duncan canning 14, Sams and Hudson had 11.

Cartwright had 24 for the Cards.

Carlisle is now 11-4 on the season.

Carlisle……..…..9 22 34 53
Mayfield……...13 26 34 49

Carlisle (53)
Sams 11, Duncan 14, Hudson 11, Bogle 4, Langston 11, Booker 2.

Mayfield (49)
Sanders 4, Haas 3, Clapp 12, Cartwright 24, Powell 4, Linebaugh 2.

Carlisle County Thwarts
Late Bomber Rally For Win

Carlisle Co. 65
Ballard Co. 63
01-30-68 - Away

The Comets withstood a late rally here Friday night to win 65-63.

Ronny Yates, for the Bombers, had 19 points coming off the bench. They outscored the Comets in the fourth, coming from 16 points behind, to within a lone goal.

Ballard won the battle of the boards 39-37, but lost at the charity stripe, hitting only nine as the Comets hit 13.

Trice led the Bombers with 18.

Duncan had 20 for the Comets. Ballard had a lead but the Comets came back and never looked back.

Carlisle……..…..16 35 57 65
Ballard……..…...11 26 41 63

Carlisle (65)
Sams 7, Duncan 20, Hudson 11, Bogle 15, Langston 2, Booker 10

Ballard (63)
Baucon 17, Yates 19, Abell 4, Fulford 1, Compton 3, Toombs, Trice 18.

Carlisle Co. 78
Lowes 77
02-02-68 - Home

Tony Booker's free throw, with only seven seconds left, gave Carlisle a thrilling victory over Lowes here Friday night.

The victory was the 9th in a row for the Comets, and the 14th win of the campaign with four losses.

Lowes led 27-13 in the middle of the second. Carlisle cut the gap to 36-31 at the half.

Going into the fourth Lowes led 55-50.

Carlisle closed the gap with 6:28. Ray Bogle's free throws gave the Comets a 59-58 lead.

After the next three minutes Lowes and the Comets traded goals. Duncan hit 2 free throws to move the score to 74-69. Duncan hit a fielder at the 2:08 mark to give Carlisle a 76-69 lead.

Lowes' Keith Simmons went to work, as he hit a fielder and two free throws to narrow Carlisle's lead to 76-73.

At the 44 second mark Simmons hit again and Lowes trailed by one.

Booker was fouled and converted a free throw for a 77-75 lead for Carlisle. Lowes' Allen Leonard swished the nets with a fielder to tie with 17 seconds left. Booker hit the winning free throw.

Bogle had 24 points for Carlisle.

Simmons and Cantrell had 17 each for Lowes.

Carlisle…..……...9 31 50 78
Lowes…..……....16 36 55 77

Carlisle (78)
Sams 15, Duncan 12, Hudson 6, Bogle 24, Langston 5, Booker 4, Nunley 2.

Lowes (77)
Cantrell 17, Leonard 6, Riley 13, Carter 10, Goatley 14, Simmons 17.

Fulton Co. Pilots Shock
Carlisle Co. Comets

Carlisle Co. 63
Fulton Co. 73
02-09-68 - Away

Hot shooting Fulton Co. upset First District rival Carlisle Co. here Friday night.

The Pilots broke an 11 all tie and held on to the lead.

Carlisle never could break into the lead.

Marion Warren led the Pilots with 25.

Sams and Duncan had 20.

Fulton Co…..…11 32 50 73
Carlisle…..…...11 30 40 63

Fulton Co (73)
Bacon 9, Watts 14, Cagle 4, Warren 25, J. Cambell 13, Hepler 6, Stokes 2, Ward

Carlisle (63)
Sams 20, Duncan 19, Hudson 11, Bogle 5, Langston 3, Booker 4.

Fulton City 54
Carlisle Co. 67
02-12-68 - Away

Carlisle and Fulton City each hit for 59% of their field goals in the game here Saturday night as the visitors downed Fulton City 67-54.

Carlisle outscored the Bulldogs 11-1 at one point during the third and then went on to win. The score was 41-41 when the Comets streaked away.

Five Comets flashed into double figures in the game, with Hudson showing the way with 16 for the Bulldogs. Bill Pickard had 16.

Carlisle…..……14 36 52 67
Fulton City…...14 32 42 54

Carlisle (67)
Sams 12, Nunley 1, Duncan 12, Hudson 16, Bogle 12, Langston 10, Booker 2.

Fulton City (54)
Pirtle 15, Rose 8, Ruddle 2, Pruitt 2, Pittman 6, Winston 5, Pickard 16.

Hovenkamp Scores Three Field Goals
In Final Seconds To Down Comets

Carlisle Co. 58
Heath 60
02-16-68 - Home

Junior David Hovenkamp scored three field goals in final seconds for a stunning victory over the Comets 60-58. The teams ended regulation 53 all. Carlisle went ahead 56-53 on a field goal by Duncan and a free throw by David Sams.

Heath scored on a free throw and Sams hit another field goal with 1:12 remaining and the Comets went up 58-54.

With 57 seconds remaining. Hovenkamp sank the first of his field goals, then the Comets lost the ball, then the 6-4 junior canned another field goal with 22 seconds left to tie the game at 58 all.

The Comets missed a shot with 12 on the clock. Heath rebounded and missed a shot with four on the clock, but Hovenkamp tapped in the rebound for the final margin.

Hovenkamp had 19 for the Pirates.

Bogle had 19 and Sams had 16 for the Comets.

Carlisle……..6 26 41 53 58
Heath……...20 28 39 53 60

Heath (60)
Bradford 17, Hovenkamp 19, Cooper 13, Flood 2, Bobo 9, Turner, Duren.

Carlisle (58)
Sams 16, Duncan 8, Hudson 3 Bogle 19, Langston 2, Booker 6.

Carlisle Co. 89
Fancy Farm 54
02-20-68 - Away

All five starters for the Comets had double digits here Tuesday night as Coach Bobby Hoskins' Comets raced to an 89-54 victory over the host Fancy Farm Golden Gophers.

The ever improving Comets jumped to an early lead and continued to hike their margin.

Fancy Farm employed zone, man on man, and pressing defenses, but none could stop the hot shooting Comets.

The Comets had a big advantage on the boards and turned it into one of their best performances of the campaign.

Game scoring honors went to Fancy Farms Ed Pendel, making his final home appearance of the season. Pendel, the only senior on the squad, finished with 28 points to bow out in a blaze of glory.

Carlisle ……..…19 41 64 89
Fancy Farm…...12 27 34 54

Carlisle (89)
Sams 24, Duncan 21, Hudson 11, Bogle 11, Langston 11, Nunley 2, Clark 4, Booker 6.

Fancy Farm (54)
Elliott 8, Pendel 28, Cash 10, Dalton 4, Wilson 4, Turner, Thompson

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Carlisle Co. 76
Lone Oak 61
02-23-68 - Home

The Comets over came a half time deficit and came roaring back to win 76-61 here Friday night.

The Comets are now 17-6 and Lone Oak is 13-11.

Carlisle caught up with 59 seconds showing on the third quarter clock and went ahead, 49-47, after Duncan scored. Booker hit a free throw and Sams scored and Carlisle was up 52-47.

Bogle had 20 for the Comets.

Val Moore had 24 for Lone Oak.

Carlisle…..……13 29 52 76
Lone Oak……...14 31 47 61

Carlisle (76)
Sams 14, Duncan 19, Hudson 14, Bogle 20, Langston 4, Booker 5, Nunley.

Lone Oak (61)
McIntosh 8, Smith, Moore 24, Hooper 4, Hodges 12, Via 7, Roussel 6

1st District Tourn.
First Round
The Falcons,
Minus One Barclay,
Over-Power The Comets

Carlisle Co. 66
Hickman Co 86
02-27-68 - Away

The Falcons were hot shooting and over powered Carlisle on the boards.

The Falcons hit 55% from the field, outscored the Comets from the free throw line, and dominated the boards.

Carlisle hit just 35% from the field.

The Comets were down by 9 at the half, and closed the gap to 7, with 5:30 left in the third. Then Hudson fouled out.

The Falcons opened strong and held off Bogle and Sams to lead 36- 27 at the half.

By the end of the third the Falcons stretched their lead to 16, and Carlisle couldn't recover.

Joe Barclay had 26 points and 22 boards for the Falcons.

Sams had 24 points for the Comets.

Carlisle…..…..12 27 40 66

Hickman…..….22 36 56 86

Hickman (86)

A. Barclay 7, J. Barclay 26, Mullins 4, Perry 12, Crume 27, Walker 6, Barber 2, Brazzell 2, Davis, Ward, Fuller.

Carlisle (66)

Sams 24, Duncan 9, Hudson 7, Bogle 15, Langston 8, Booker 3 Nunley, Summers, Rudd, Green, Clark.

1967-68

	Lowes	Sedalia	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	St. Mary	Ballard Co.	Lone Oak	Fulton City	Calloway Co.	Fancy farm	Fulton Co.	Heath											
David Sams	15	19	26	8	22	22	8		10	21	31	20	24										
Danny Duncan	8	11	15	13	12	12	18	11	15	13	10	19	11										
Joe Hutson	8	13	3	7	6	5	26	11	7	9	12	7	11										
Ray Bogle	14	26	17	19	10	10	22	17	17	13	14	11	15										
Tony Booker	8	8	5	9		6	0	9	4	2	2	2	6										
Mike Rudd		2					0				2												
Steve L. Summers																							
Galen Langston			6	10	2	2	5	11	12	12	16	8	16										
Barry Nunley				6	2		0	6	0		1		2										
Gary Clark							0	6	0				4										

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	Mem. Whitesville, TN	Hickman Co.	Sedalia	Mayfield	Ballard Co.	Lowes	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Heath	Fancy Farm	Lone Oak	Hickman Co.									Games	Pts.	Avg.
David Sams	24	13	25	11	7	15	20	12	16	24	14	24									23	431	17.96
Danny Duncan	11	18	19	14	20	12	19	12	8	21	19	9									24	350	14
Joe Hutson	11	13	8	11	11	6	11	16	3	11	14	7									24	247	9.88
Ray Bogle	15	12	8	4	15	24	5	12	19	11	20	15									24	365	14.6
Tony Booker	6	0	12	2	10	4	4	2	6	6	5	3									23	121	5.04
Mike Rudd			0									0									5	4	0.8
Steve L. Summers			0									0									2	0	0
Galen Langston	16	9	12	11	2	15	3	10	2	11	4	8									22	203	8.82
Barry Nunley	2	0	6			2		1		2	0	0									15	30	2
Gary Clark	4		0							4		0									8	18	2.25
David Green			0									0									2	0	0
																						1769	

Team Record - 17-7

Per Game Avg, - 73.70

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Joe Hudson	49		111	247		358	8.32
Ray Bogle	35			138	365	503	14.37
Tony Booker	48			40	121	161	3.35
Steve L. Summers	2		0			0	0
Galen Langston	46		2	147	203	352	7.65
Barry Nunley	16			0	30	30	1.87

1968-69

HEAD COACH – BOB HOSKINS

ASSISTANT COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

<u>TROPHIES WON</u>

ST. MARY TOURN. – 3RD PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. – 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 16-13

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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-0PP.	SITE	
11-01-68	Lowes	**76-83**	H	
11-08-68	Sedalia	73-51	H	
11-12-68	St. Mary	**74-84**	A	
11-15-68	Fancy Farm	87-54	A	
11-19-68	Hickman Co.	**57-74**	H	
11-27-68	Symsonia	69-54	A	- **ST MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-28-68	St. Mary	**60-62**	A	- **ST MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-30-68	Ballard Co.	59-46	A	- **ST MARY TOURN. CONSOLATION**
12-03-68	Lone Oak	55-54	H	
12-07-68	Ballard Co.	**57-73**	A	
12-13-68	Fulton City	86-68	A	
12-18-68	Mayfield	**57-59**	A	- **CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-03-69	Fulton Co	76-71	A	
01-10-69	Fulton City	85-51	H	
01-14-69	Heath	76-64	H	
01-17-69	Ballard Co.	**57-63**	H	
01-21-69	Hickman Co.	**53-78**	A	
01-24-69	Sedalia	89-76	A	
01-25-69	Mayfield	59-51	H	
01-31-69	Lowes	**65-90**	A	
02-07-69	Fulton Co	81-76	H	
02-11-69	Calloway Co.	77-73	A	
02-14-69	Heath	**49-60**	A	
02-18-69	Fancy Farm	86-55	H	
02-21-69	Lone Oak	**62-75**	A	
02-25-69	Wingo	110-38	A	
03-07-69	Fulton City	78-53	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-08-69	Hickman Co.	**43-71**	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-13-69	Tilghman	**39-57**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 16-13

1969 Comets – District Runner-Up



Cliff Simmons, David Smith, Gary Duncan, Russell Turnbow, Danny Duncan, Michael Rudd, Leonard Larkins, David Sams, Garry Clark, Tommy Coil, David Green, Mickie Thomason

1968-1969

HEAD COACH - BOBBY HOSKINS

ASSISTANT COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

TROPHIES WON
ST. MARY TOURN. – 3RD PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. – 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 16-13

1968-69 COMET ROSTER:
David Sams, Danny Duncan, Leonard Larkins, Mike Rudd, Gary Clark, Tommy Coil, Davis Green, Mickie Thomason, Russell Turnbow, Cliff Simmons, David Smith, Gary Duncan.

Lowes 83
Carlisle Co. 76
11-01-68 - Home

Lowes roared from behind in the second half here Friday night to defeat Carlisle County 83-76 in the opening game of the season for both quintets.

The host Comets led 18-15 at the quarter and 42-29 at halftime.

They increased their lead to 48-31 over the visiting Blue Devils midway of the third stanza, when the tide suddenly turned.

Lowes switched from a zone press to a man-to-man press and quickly began eating into Carlisle's lead.

The Demons caught the Comets at the 3:14 mark and moved ahead 59-57. After that, the Blue Devils stayed on top and at one time held a 10-point, 77-67, advantage.

Allen Leonard led the scoring for Lowes with 26 points, but Carlisle's David Sams, with 27 points, took game scoring honors. Sams also pulled down 22 rebounds.

Carlisle hit 12 of 21 free throws, while Lowes hit 25 of 38.

Lowes……....15 29 62 83
Carlisle.....18 42 59 76

Lowes (83)
Simmons 9, Leonard 26, Cantrell 15, Hart 15, Carter 12, Miller 6.

Carlisle (76)
Sams 27, Duncan 18, Larkins 1, Rudd 6, Clark 3, Coil 11, Green 9, Thomason 4.

Carlisle Romps
By Sedalia

Carlisle Co. 73
Sedalia 51
11-08-68 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets romped to a 73-51 decision over Sedalia here tonight with David Sams and Danny Duncan setting the scoring pace.

The host Comets broke open a tight game with an avalanche of baskets in the second quarter to send them to the dressing room at halftime with a commanding 45-21 lead. Sedalia's pressing defense in the third quarter enabled Coach Ken Wray's Lions to cut into the margin but the damage had been done.

Sams scored 17 points and Duncan 15, while Gary Clark and Tommy Coil each added 14 points. Sams grabbed 12 rebounds and Duncan 11 for the winners. The victory enabled Carlisle to even its record for the campaign at 1-1.

Carlisle……..15 45 59 73
Sedalia……...11 21 37 51

Carlisle (73)
Sams 17, Duncan 15, Larkins 7, Rudd 2, Clark 14, Coil 14, Green 2, Thomason 2, Turnbow.

Sedalia (51)
Nance 10, Glisson 4, L. Galloway 10, Holloway 3, Henson 9, Rowland 3, Vowel.

St. Mary Thwarts
Comet Comeback

Carlisle Co. 74
St. Mary 84
11-12-68 - Away

St. Mary fought off a late Carlisle County comeback bid and went on to down the visiting Comets 84-75, Tuesday night in the Viking gym. The Vikings employed a tight all-court press throughout the game and it was particularly effective in the first period when St. Mary posted a 22-11 lead.

The teams battled more or less evenly the next 2 stanzas. Then the Comets made their charge in the fourth frame narrowing the count to 68-62 with 3:33 to go and 75-71 with two minutes remaining. It was Phil Weitlauf who put the game away for St. Mary. The diminutive senior guard, who stands only 5-8, calmly sank three straight, and the Carlisle bid was beaten.

Weitlauf, at one point in the third period, stripped the nets with four straight field goal attempts. He ended up with 25 points for the night to capture scoring laurels. Four other Vikings hit in double figures. Curtis Hixon and Tom Bender netted 15, Howard Grief had 14, and David Roof contributed 11.

The Comets were led by veteran David Sams with 22 and Danny Duncan tossed in 14. Both teams shot well from the field with St. Mary hitting 51 percent to Carlisle County's 45 percent. The Vikings made good 18 of 36 gratis heaves and the Comets sank 17 of 25.

St. Mary pushed its season mark to 2-1 while Carlisle dropped 1-2.

St. Mary……..22 35 60 84
Carlisle…….....11 25 46 75

St. Mary (84)
Weitlauf 25, Hixon 15, Bender 15, Grief 14, Roof 11, Langston 3, Thomason 1.

Carlisle County (75)
Sams 22, Duncan 14, Rudd 11, Thomason 11, Clark 8, Coil 4, Green 3, Larkins 2.

Carlisle Co. 87
Fancy Farm 54
11-15-68 - Away

Hot shooting Carlisle County coasted to an 87-54 cage triumph over host Fancy Farm here Friday night.

The Comets bombed the bucket at a torrid 60 per cent clip from the field. Racing to a 22-13 first-period lead, Carlisle never again was threatened.

David Sams of the Comets led all scorers with 24 markers. Teammate Gary Clark netted 20 and Danny Duncan had 17.

Alan Cash was the top scorer for the Golden Gophers with 18. Russell Dalton added 12 and Al Turner 11 for the winless hosts.

Carlisle County evened its slate at 2-2 and the Gophers are 0-4.

Carlisle……..22 39 63 87
Fancy Farm…..13 24 38 54

Carlisle (87)
Sams 24, Duncan 17, Larkins 2, Rudd 8, Clark 20, Thomason 10, Green 2, Coil 2.

Fancy Farm (54)
Cash 18, Turner 11, P. Thompson 4, Dalton 12, Ballard 2, Higdon 4, Kilcoyne 1, F. Thompson 2.

Hickman Co.
Explodes To Defeat Comets

Carlisle Co. 57
Hickman Co. 74
11-19-68 - Home

The visiting Hickman County Falcons played even ball with Carlisle County through three quarters here Tuesday night, and then blew the game wide open to hand the hosts a 74-57 defeat.

A stingy press by the Hickman County contingent in the first half of the fourth period proved to be the downfall for Carlisle County and left the Falcons an unblemished 4-0 record.

Carlisle County, now 2-3, could manage only two points on free throws until midway into the fourth period while the winners extended their lead with 16 markers.

Hickman County took the early lead 20-16, after the first period and led at halftime 32-30, on a final-second shot by forward Ronnie Mullins.

Carlisle County picked up steam in the third period and tied up the game 40-40, but the Falcons pulled ahead again for a 46-43 third quarter lead.

Leading the Falcons' scoring attack were Alan Barclay with 24, James Crume 18, and Mullins with 17 points. David Sams netted 24 for the losing Comets, and Danny Duncan picked up 13.

Carlisle County had 36 rebounds to Hickman County's 45. The losers were 20 for 60 in field goals and 17 for 33 at the free throw line. Hickman County hit 26 of 57 field goal attempts and was 26 for 40 in free throws.

Hickman……...20 32 46 74
Carlisle……..16 30 43 57

Hickman (74)
Barclay 24, Mullins 17, Fuller 2, Jordan 8, Crume 8, Ivy 5.

Carlisle (57)
Sams 24, Duncan 13, Larkins 2, Rudd 7, Clark 5, Green 6.

New Format Changes For
St. Mary Thanksgiving Tourn.

The annual St. Mary High School Invitational Thanksgiving Tournament will be played under a slightly different format this year, Viking head coach Dennis Gourley announced today.

The tournament will be played on four successive nights, beginning on Wednesday, November 27. After noon sessions have been dropped, Gourley pointed out.

Drawings for the tournament pairings will be made the week-end prior to the annual drive. The tournament will be played in four-game sessions, beginning on Wednesday and ending on Saturday.

Last years champion, South Marshall, will not participate in this years tournament. Teams to compete other than host St. Mary will be, Hickman County, Ballard Memorial, Livingston Co., Reidland, Symsonia, Carlisle Co. and North Marshall.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 69
Symsonia 54

11-27-68 - Away

Junior 6-3 forward David Sams and senior 6-1 guard Danny Duncan sparked Carlisle to its opening game victory over Symsonia's Rough Riders.

Coach Bobby Hoskins' Comets led 30-24 at halftime, with Sams and Duncan combining for all but one of the total. Sams, who finished with a game high of 29 points, had 15 at the half and Duncan, who finished with 25, had 14 at intermission.

Carlisle County, now 3-3 on the season, hit for six straight points following the opening tip-off and moved to a 14-7 first-period lead. The Comet's widest margin in the opening eight minutes was nine points.

The Rough Riders finished the first half in a scoring spree, hitting eight straight points to chop the Comet lead from 30-16 to 30-24 at intermission.

Carlisle came out hot to open the second half, outscoring the Riders 10-4 in the first four minutes and pulled to a 49-31 lead at the end of the period. The Comets' 19-7 advantage in the third stanza gave them all the lead necessary to take the win.

Symsonia, moving no closer than 15 points in the last quarter, outscored the winners 23-20 in the final eight minutes.

Carlisle County managed 31 field goals and added 7 of 20 free throws in scoring the triumph. Symsonia hit on 20 field goals and 14 of 25 charity tosses.

Senior forward Roger Emery paced the Rough Riders with 15 points, while freshman forward Jeff Bean and senior guard Jerry Walters each contributed 10.

Carlisle……..14 30 49 69
Symsonia…….....7 24 31 54

Carlisle (69)
D. Duncan 25, Coil 1, Sams 29, Clark 9, Rudd 4, Green 1, Larkins, Thomason, G. Duncan, Turnbow, Simmons, Smith.

Symsonia (54)
Walters 10, Arnett 7, Whittemore 9, Bean 10, Emery 15, McManus 3, Jarvis.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co.	**60**
St. Mary	**62**

11-28-68 - Away

St. Mary, never a champion in its three previous tournaments, used a full court press to great advantage in the fourth stanza to stop Carlisle in the annual event for the second time in the as many years. Last year, the Vikings won an opening round game over the Comets, after having lost a 17-point decision during the regular season only a few days earlier.

This year, the once beaten Vikings, stopped the Comets 84-75 on Nov. 12th to set the stage for the tourney clash.

Carlisle, winners over Symsonia in the opening round Thursday, moved to a narrow 13-10 first period lead and more respectable 30-23 low-scoring half-time advantage. The Comets put 16 more points on the board in the third stanza, against only 14 for St. Mary, and led 46-37 with eight minutes to go.

Two quick buckets to open the fourth quarter left the Vikings only five points back, and after Carlisle cashed in a pair of free tosses, the St. Mary determination went to work for five straight field goals, two by junior 6-1 forward Tommy Bender and three by 6-2 junior forward Curtis Hixon, and the Vikings were suddenly on top to stay.

Carlisle cut the margin to one point with three minutes left, and managed to tie the score at 60-60 with only 23 seconds remaining in the game. During a 15-second period, the Comets put together five points to tie the margin, after falling behind in the fading seconds.

Following a time out, the Vikings brought the ball down the floor and Bender dropped the winning bucket in with only ten seconds left in the game. Those seconds ticked away entirely too quick for the Comets and for the second straight night, confetti filled the air on the St. Mary side of the floor.

St. Mary…..…..10 23 37 62
Carlisle…..…..13 30 46 60

St. Mary (62)
Grief 14, Weitlauf 14, Roof 5, Hixon 17, Bender 12, Thomason, Langston

Carlisle (60)
Sams 30, Duncan 6, Rudd 13, Clark 2, Thomason 9, Coil, Green, Larkins.

St. Mary Tourn.
Consolation Game

Carlisle Co.	**59**
Ballard Co.	**46**

11-30-68 - Away

In the consolation game, the Comets of Carlisle County, used the hot shooting of 6-3 junior David Sams in the fourth quarter to pull out their win over Ballard Co. Sams accounted for 11 of his 20 points in the final eight minutes and actually outscored Ballard in that period 11-10, by himself.

The contest was extremely close through three periods. The score was knotted at 11-11 at the first quarter. Ballard led 25-23 at halftime, and Carlisle led 37-36 at the end of the third quarter. From then on it was all Carlisle County as the Comets poured in 22 points to the Bombers 10 for their final margin of 59-46.

Sams was aided by Tommy Coil with 12 and Leonard Larkins with 10 for the Comets.

Doug Garret accounted for 16 points to lead the Bombers. Others in double figures was John Fulford with 11 and Yogi Trice with 10.

Carlisle……..11 23 37 59
Ballard.……...11 25 36 46

Carlisle (59)
Sams 20, Duncan 9, Rudd 4, Larkins 10, Clark 2, Coil 12, Thomason 2.

Ballard (46)
Garrett 16, Curtis 3, Fulford 11, Trice 10, Tombs 6 Allen.

Carlisle Co.	**55**
Lone Oak	**54**

12-03-68 - Home

Carlisle County edged previously unbeaten Lone Oak 55-54, here Tuesday night in a real cliff hanger.

The Purple Flash had won three in a row, before running into the Comets. The contest went down to the wire with Lone Oak trying desperately to overhaul the Comets in the closing seconds.

Carlisle's Mickey Thomason fouled Lone Oak's Mickey Goode with 14 seconds left and the Flash trailing by two points, 55- 53. Goode hit his first free throw but missed the second.

Carlisle rebounded and ran out the clock.

Lone Oak led until midway of the second period.

A pair of free throws by Thomason gave the Comets a 17-16 lead, a lead which they held for the rest of the game. The Comets built up a 9-point lead midway of the third period before Lone Oak started closing the gap. The Flash trailed by 6-points going into the last quarter.

Neither team shot exceptionally well during the contest.

Danny Duncan paced the winners with 17 points while David Sams, who has been averaging 20 points per game had a poor shooting night and finished with only 8 points. Fred Harned led Lone Oak with 15 points while Hollis Hughes tossed in 11.

Carlisle…..…...8 25 42 55
Lone Oak……..9 22 37 54

Carlisle (55)
Sams 6, Duncan 17, Rudd 6, Larkins 6, Clark 5, Coil 9, Green 2, Thomason 4.

Lone Oak (53)
Powell 8, Goode 5, Hughes 11, Hooper 5, Roussel 7, Harned 15.

Ballard Co.
Romps Past Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co.	**57**
Ballard Co.	**73**

12-07-68 - Away

Ballard County's Bombers, spotted visiting Carlisle County a 28-27 halftime lead, but rebounded with a strong second-half performance to bomb the Comets 73-57 here Saturday night.

The victory avenged a 59-46 Carlisle victory in the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament last week, and left Ballard with a 4-5 mark for the season. The Comets are 5-5.

Ballard led 14-9 at the first stop, but fell a point back at halftime when Carlisle outscored the hosts 19-13 in the second frame. The Bombers pulled seven points out front, after three periods, and dropped everything they shot in the final eight minutes, with a 28 point effort.

Carlisle managed its first deadlock at 16-16 midway through the second quarter with the lead changing hands four times before halftime. They switched three times before Ballard went on top to stay at 35-34, with 5:09 remaining.

Four Bombers hit in double figures with senior guard Yogi Trice leading the field at 24. Doug Garrett and John Fulford followed with 14 each and Ronnie Toombs added 11.

David Sams bombed the Carlisle nets for 28 points to take individual honors in the game. Thirteen of Sams' points came in the second quarter.

Carlisle…..…...9 28 38 57
Ballard.……...14 27 45 73

Ballard (73)
Garrett 14, Draper 1, Yates 8, Terry, Fulford 14, Jenkins, Trice 24, Allen 1, Toombs 11.

Carlisle (57)
Duncan 2, Rudd, Larkins 4, Clark 13, Simmons, Sams 28, Coil 10, Green, Thomason.

Carlisle Co.	**86**
Fulton City	**68**

12-13-68 - Away

Carlisle County High School, coasted to its sixth basketball victory of the season here Friday night, dumping Fulton City 86-68.

Carlisle County, using a dangerous fast break to its advantage, moved to a 20-13 lead in the opening stanza and by halftime it was 45-30.

In the second half the losers' 1-3-1 zone stalled the break, but it could do nothing to stop the outside shooting by David Sams, Danny Duncan, and Tommy Coil. They picked up 20, 17, and 20 points, respectively.

Carlisle County's record is now 6-5 while Fulton City has a 1-2 mark.

Carlisle……..20 45 69 86
Fulton City...13 30 43 68
Carlisle (86)
Sams 20, Duncan 17, Rudd 7, Larkins 4, Clark 11, Coil 20, Green 2, Thomason 5.
Fulton City (68)
Rose 19, Pirtle 15, Pruitt 12, Smith 8, Homral 10, Winston 4.

Calloway Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 57
Mayfield 59
12-18-68 - Away

Mayfield jumped into an early lead over the Comets and held a 16-12 margin at the quarter. The Cards stretched their advantage to 8 points midway of the second stanza and threatened to pull away.

Carlisle had other notions, though, and came roaring back to narrow the gap to one point, with 1:47 left before the intermission. The half ended with Mayfield holding a scant 32-29 lead.

The teams practically matched basket-for-basket in the third stanza, and going into the final eight minutes the Cards held a 46-42 lead.

The Comets whittled away at the Cardinal's advantage and finally took the lead 53-52 at the 4:01 mark on a basket by David Sams.

Tommy Coil found the mark for Carlisle to send the Comets out front, 55-52.

A basket by Mayfield's Jerry Sanders and a free throw by Phil Venable enabled the Cards to tie the count 55-55, with 1:08 left.

Sanders was fouled twice in the closing minute, and calmly tossed in four straight free throws as the Cards pulled ahead 59-55. Sam's basket with one second left completed the scoring.

Sanders finished with 19 points for the Cards. Jack Fisher and Dave Fowler netted 13 points each while Joe Ford tossed in 10 for the winners.

Danny Duncan led the Comets with 14 points, and was the only Comet in double figures.

Carlisle actually outshot the Cards from the field, but the winners had a big edge at the charity stripe.

The Comets hit 22 of 51 from the field but only 13 of 31 from the gratis line.

Mayfield hit 19 of 47 from the field and 21 of 26 from the free stripe.

Mayfield…….16 32 46 59
Carlisle……..12 29 42 57
Mayfield (59)
Walker 2, Fowler 13, Fisher 13, Sanders 19, Venable 2, Ford 10, Brown, Pitman.
Carlisle (57)
Sams 8, D. Duncan 14, Rudd 6, Larkins 7, Clark 7, Coil 8, Green 2, G. Duncan 5.

Carlisle Co. 76
Fulton Co. 71
01-03-69 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets used height and muscle to withstand a late charge by Fulton County, turning back the Pilots 76-71 here Friday night.

Gary Clark, 6-0 guard, led the Comets with 19 points. Dave Sams, 6-3 forward chipped in 18, 6-5 Leonard Larkins added 16, Danny Duncan 6-1 forward scored 13, and 5-8 Tommy Coil added 10 as all the Comets scored in double figures.

Tommy Hepler, 6-4 forward, took game honors with 25 points. Bobby Chrisp, 6-0 guard, added 16, 6-0 Cubb Stokes dropped in 12, and 5-11 Bob Nalls scored 10.

Carlisle dominated the boards with 53 rebounds to 33 for the smaller Pilots. Duncan accounted for 21 of the Comets' retrieves.

The Comets ignited in the last three periods to finish with 28 of 61 field goal attempts and 46 per cent. Fulton County scored on 24 of 58 attempts for 41 per cent from the field.

Fulton County led by 19-15 at the first quarter, only to see the Comets lead 39-37 at the second stop. Carlisle stretched its margin to 60-52 at the end of three periods and held off the Pilots last-ditch rally for the win.

Carlisle is now 7-6 on the year while Fulton County is 3-5.

Carlisle…..15 39 50 76
Fulton Co……19 37 52 71
Carlisle (76)
Sams 18, Duncan 13, Clark 19, Coil 10, Larkins 16.
Fulton Co. (71)
Nalls 10, Stokes 12, Chrisp 16, Nicholson 7, Campbell 1, Helper 25.

Carlisle Co. 85
Fulton City 51
01-10-69 - Home

Carlisle County pulled out to a 18-10 first quarter advantage, and coasted to an 85-51 win over Fulton City here tonight.

David Sams had a hot hand in the third quarter to help the cause, hitting six of eight from the field for 12 points. He was high point man for the Comets with 22 points.

Billy Pruitt took scoring honors for Fulton with 17 points. Sam Pirtle had 14 and Bill Smith scored 12 for the Bulldogs.

Carlisle……..18 43 63 85
Fulton City…...10 26 44 51
Carlisle (85)
Sams 22, Duncan 20, Larkins 20, Clark 9, Simmons 2, Coil 10, Green 2.
Fulton City (51)
Rose 11, Pertle 14, Pruitt 17, Smith 12, Homra 4, Winston 3.

Carlisle Co.
Upsets Heath

Carlisle Co. 79
Heath 64
01-14-69 - Home

Carlisle County's Comets combined an effective fast break offense with control of the backboards to upset a high-riding Heath quintet here Tuesday night, 76-64.

Carlisle County raked the backboards for 51 rebounds, leaving the losers with only 33 in the encounter, that saw 57 fouls called and six ejected from the team.

Carlisle County led throughout the skirmish, but the game Heath Pirates managed to pull within nine 41-32 in the third period. A Carlisle fast break opened the game up again with the winners leading 75-53 with 58 seconds left to play.

Carlisle County hit 28 of 55 field goals and 23 of 36 in the free throw department, while Heath hit 20 of 70 on free throws and 24 of 40 from the free throw line.

Gary Clark led the winners with 18 points and Danny Duncan netted 15 points and 16 rebounds. David Sams had 17 points and 16 rebounds.

For the Pirates, it was Dave Hovekamp with 19, Brent Gregston with 15 and Gary Bobo with 14.

Carlisle……..22 38 55 79
Heath……..10 24 41 64
Carlisle (79)
Sams 17, Turnbow 2, Duncan 15, Rudd 2, Larkins 9, Clark 18, Coil 8, Green 6, Thomason 2.
Heath (64)
Gregston 15, Flood 5, Hovekamp 19, Bobo 14, Cooper 9, Turner 2.

Ballard Co. 63
Carlisle Co. 57
01-17-69 - Home

Carlisle County blew a 10-point lead in the third period and dropped a 63-57 decision to Ballard Co., here Friday night.

The Comets built up a 32-26 working edge at intermission and appeared to be headed for a victory with a 42-32 advantage midway through the third stanza.

Then the Bombers staged a blitz which produced 11 straight points and a 43-42 lead for the visitors. Carlisle County never led again.

Ballard continued its assault on the hosts and led 58-52 with 1:21 showing on the clock in the final period. The Comets Danny Duncan made a three-point play, trimming the margin to 58-55, but Ballard stopped the threat and went on to the final margin.

Doug Garrett paced the Bombers with 19 points, followed closely by Yogi Trice with 18.

David Sams was high for the Comets with 15 and Duncan added 13.

Ballard……...12 26 45 63
Carlisle……..15 32 44 57
Ballard (63)
Garrett 19, Yates 9, Fulford 11, Trice 18, Allen 6.
Carlisle (57)
Sams 15, Duncan 13, Rudd, Clark 8, Coil 10, Larkins 11.

Hickman Co. 78
Carlisle Co. 53
01-21-69 - Away

The Hickman County Falcons ran their current win streak to nine games and advanced their season record to 17-1 with a 78-53 triumph over the Comets of Carlisle County here Tuesday night.

The sticky Falcon defense limited the Comets to only four field goals and nine free throws in the first half as Hickman built up a 31-17 halftime advantage.

James Crume led the Falcons with 21 points as Hickman placed four men in double numerals. Alan Barkley was next with 19, while Terry Fuller added 15 and Ronnie Mullins scored 10.

Leonard Larkins, 6-5 sophomore, led the Comets with 12 points. David Sams and Gary Clark each tallied 11.

Hickman…...12 31 54 78
Carlisle……...11 17 35 53
Hickman (78)
Barkley 19, Fuller 15, Crume 21, Barber 5, Mullins 10, Jorden 6, Ward 2,
Carlisle (53)
Sams 11, Turnbow 3, Duncan 7, Thomason 2, Rudd, Larkins 12, Clark 11, Simmons 2, Coil 5.

Carlisle Co. 89
Sedalia 76
01-24-69 - Away

Danny Duncan, Gary Clark, and David Sams teamed up for a total of 66 points to spark Carlisle County to an 89-76 cage victory over Sedalia here Friday night.

Duncan finished the night with 25 points to his credit to pace the Comets. Clark had 21 and Sams added 20.

But the trio yielded scoring honors to the Lions' stellar sharpshooter, Charlie Henson, who blistered the nets for 29 markers on 14 field goals and a lone charity heave.

Playing a big part in the high-scoring contest was freshman Al Cates, who came off the bench to score 17 points for Sedalia.

Carlisle County held a bulging 69-49 lead after three stanzas. Sedalia whittled the lead to nine at one point midway through the final frame, before falling back and out of contention.

Carlisle……..22 49 69 89
Sedalia……..20 35 49 76

Carlisle (89)
Sams 20, Duncan 25, Rudd, Larkins 13, Clark 21, Coil 7, Green 3.

Sedalia (76)
Nance 11, L. Galloway 12, Henson 29, Glisson 4, Cates 17, Rowland 3.

Carlisle Co. 59
Mayfield 51
01-25-69 - Home

Carlisle County pulled away from Mayfield in the final 3 minutes here Saturday night to win 59-51.

The visiting Cardinals went ahead 48-47 on a free throw with 3:40 remaining to play, but Carlisle quickly regained the lead. A three-point play by the Comets Mickey Thomason, with 1:27 left, and two free throws by Danny Duncan, iced the win.

Carlisle, who out-rebounded Mayfield 35-34, was led in scoring by Duncan, a senior forward, who tallied 16 points. Jack Fisher was high man for the Red Birds with 14.

Carlisle……..15 32 43 59
Mayfield……..18 28 42 51

Carlisle (59)
Sams 9, Duncan 16, Rudd 2, Larkins 10, Clark 11, Thomason 11.

Mayfield (51)
Pitman 3, Walker 2, Fisher 14, Brown 2, Sanders 11, Fowler 9, Ford 10.

Lowes Blasts Comets

Carlisle Co. 65
Lowes 90
01-31-69 - Away

Lowes exploded for 60 second-half points to break open a close contest, and downed visiting Carlisle county 90-65 here on Thursday night.

The Blue Devils led by the slim margin of 30-29 at intermission, then out pointed the Comets 25-11 in the third stanza and were never headed after that.

A sterling performance was turned in by Lowes' rugged pivot man, Tommy Goatley, who scored 27 points and pulled down 19 rebounds. Keith Simmons and Larry Cantrell each had 17 and Hart added 16.

Cantrell scored all of his total in the second half, mostly on driving lay-ups against a Carlisle county man-to-man press.

The Comets were led by David Sam's 21 and Danny Duncan's 18.

Lowes……..16 30 53 90
Carlisle……..15 29 40 65

Lowes (90)
Simmons 17, Hart 16, Miller 2, Goatley 27, Cantrell 17, Leonard 9, Holt 2.

Carlisle (65)
Sams 21, Duncan 18, Rudd 9, Clark 12, Coil 4, Thomason 1, Larkins.

Carlisle Co. 81
Fulton Co. 76
02-07-69 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets used a last quarter rally to shade the visiting Fulton County Pilots here Friday by the score of 81-76.

The Comets entered the final canto with a healthy 13-point spread, but saw the lead melt away under a furious rally by the Pilots.

Fulton County pulled to within two 66-64, at 4:19 of the last quarter, before the Carlisle spurt put the game out of reach.

David Sams, Gary Clark, and Mike Rudd led the Comets with 27, 23, and 12 points, respectively. The Comets were without the services of Danny Duncan, 6-2 forward, who is out with the flu.

All five Fulton County starters were in double figures, with Robert Nalls leading the way with 27 points. Tom Helper scored 14, Joe Campbell netted 13, Bob Chrisp added 12 and Cubb Stokes dropped in 10.

Carlisle……..18 40 64 81
Fulton Co……11 31 51 76

Carlisle (81)
Sams 27, Turnbow 1, Clark 23, Rudd 12, Larkins 5, Green 1, Coil 6, Thomason 6.

Fulton Co. (76)
Nalls 27, Stokes 10, Helper 14, Chrisp 13, Campbell 13

Carlisle Co. 77
Calloway Co. 73
02-11-69 - Away

David Sams and Danny Duncan provided a terrific 1-2 punch for Carlisle County here Tuesday night as the visiting Comets narrowly defeated Calloway County's Lakers 77-73, in a hard-fought cage duel.

Sams scorched the nets for 26 points while Duncan contributed 21 points.

Calloway's Darrel Cleaver and Charles Rushing matched the Carlisle duo point for point, Cleaver netting 26 and Rushing 21 points.

Carlisle built up a substantial 38-29 lead at halftime, but the host Lakers narrowed the gap to 55-52, going into the final period.

The Lakers moved on top by 3 points with 2½ minutes left, but Duncan and Sams put Carlisle back on top to stay in the waning moments of the game.

Carlisle hit 27 of 61 attempts from the field for 44%, while the Lakers cashed in on 26 of 67 for 36%.

The Comets hit 23 of 29 from the charity line for 80% while the Lakers hit 21 of 31 for 68%.

Carlisle out rebounded the Lakers 34-33.

Carlisle……..17 38 55 77
Calloway.....14 29 52 73

Carlisle (77)
Sams 26, Duncan 21, Rudd 13, Larkins 3, Clark 6, Coil 7, Green 1.

Calloway (73)
Rushing 21, Haneline 4, Sears 6, Roney 2, Todd, Cleaver 26, Ernstberger 14.

Heath 60
Carlisle Co. 49
02-14-69 - Away

Brent Gregston and Dave Hovecamp teamed up to give the hosting Pirates the needed edge Friday night as the Carlisle County Comets buckled to suffer a 60-49 defeat.

Heath, now 15-8 on the season, held the losers to eight field goals in the first half, but the Comets went into the dressing room at halftime with a 25-23 advantage.

Heath went ahead in the third period by eight 45-38, and then coasted home with the 11 point victory.

Gregston had 21 points in the contest, while Hovecamp had 12.

For the losers it was Danny Duncan with 16 points.

Heath……..10 23 45 60
Carlisle……..6 25 38 49

Heath (60)
Gregston 21, Elrod, Flood, Hovekamp 12, Bobo 8, Cooper 6, Turner 6, Jett 6.

Carlisle (49)
Sams 8, Duncan 16, Clark 10, Rudd, Coil 7, Green 4, Thomason 4.

Carlisle Co. 86
Fancy Farm 55
02-18-69 – Home

Carlisle Co. ended its home basketball campaign on a winning note here Tuesday night, routing Fancy Farm 86-55.

It was the last home contest for the 68-69 Comets, and the final appearance of seniors Danny Duncan, Mike Rudd, Gary Clark, and David Green.

Carlisle raced out to a 48-29 halftime advantage and was never headed in rolling to its 14th win against 12 losses. The Comets have two more games to play, both away from home.

Leading point-getter for the Carlisle quintet was Gary Clark with 21, followed by Duncan's 16 and Leonard Larkins' 15. Joe Elliott had 16 for the Golden Gophers and Russell Dalton collected 14.

Carlisle……..27 49 64 86
Fancy Farm…..12 29 44 55

Carlisle (86)
Sams 14, Duncan 16, Smith 1, Rudd, Larkins 15, Clark 21, Coil 11, Green 2, Thomason 6.

Fancy Farm (55)
Turner 12, Thompson 6, Cash 5, Elliott 16, Dalton 14, Wilson 2.

Lone Oak Rolls Over Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 62
Lone Oak 75
02-21-69 - Away

Sailing behind the "hot" hand of 6-2 senior center Don Hooper, Lone Oak's Purple Flash posted a flashy 75-62 triumph over visiting Carlisle County Friday night.

The Flash survived an early "dry" spell and came on strong with one of their hottest streaks of the season.

Lone Oak trailed Carlisle 9-3 after the first four minutes of play, but a scoring rampage during the next eight and a half minutes vaulted the Flash into a commanding 11-point lead, 24-13.

Coach Jack McKinney's Flash thus avenged an early-season setback on the Carlisle floor. The Comets posted a 55-54 decision last Dec. 3rd.

Taking advantage of Lone Oak floor errors created by an effective full court press, Carlisle did not allow the host five a field goal during the opening four minutes.

Lone Oak's Steve "Rooter" Roussel, 5-6 senior guard, finally found the range for the Flash with a jumper at 3:40 in the opening frame, and the host quint was off and running.

After being outscored 9-3 in the first half of the canto, Lone Oak turned it around to 10-2 in the second four minutes and led 13-11 at the stop. The Flash then added to the margin by outscoring Carlisle 11-2 in the first four and a half minutes of the second frame, thus topping the visiting Comets 21-4 during the eight and a half minute span.

The rest of the half was a swap-out and Lone Oak carried out a 10-point advantage 30-20, into the break. The 11-point margin was the widest enjoyed by the Flash in the opening 16 minutes of play.

Hooper, who accounted for only eight points in the first half, and Roussel then took charge. The big senior center repeatedly slipped into the corner for a 20-foot jumper over the Carlisle zone, and most of his points came following a key feed by the "Rooter".

Hooper banged in only 7 of Lone Oak's 18 points in the third quarter, but he came through with flying colors in the final eight minutes. Lone Oak led 48-39 at the end of three frames, after Carlisle had out-pointed them 19-18 in the quarter.

Lone Oak's Hooper hit a quick jumper to start the fourth quarter action, the first of six for the senior center in the last quarter. Hooper finished the night with a game-high of 28 points, 20 coming in the last half.

Roussel backed his effort with 17 points, Hughes followed with 11, John Powell accounted for 10, and Fred Harned cashed in 9. Only five Lone Oak players saw playing action.

Carlisle's two fine forwards, Danny Duncan and David Sams, paced the losing effort. Duncan, a 6-1 senior, cashed in 21 and Sams, a 6-3 junior, hit for 17.

Lone Oak cashed in 31 fielders against 27 for the Comets and the Flash added 13 of 23 free tosses against 8 of 15 for Carlisle.

The Flash now stand 15-7 for the season and Carlisle is 14-11.

Lone Oak……..13 30 48 75
Carlisle……..…11 20 39 62

Lone Oak (75)
Hughes 11, Powell 10, Hooper 26, Roussel 17, Harned 9.

Carlisle (62)
Sams 17, D. Duncan 21, Larkins 2, Clark 4, Coil 4, Green 2, Rudd 6, Thomason 6.

Carlisle Co. 110
Wingo 38
02-25-69 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets crushed the Wingo Indians 110-38 here Tuesday in the regular season windup for both teams.

David Sams, 6-4 junior, led a five-man Carlisle parade of double-figure scorers with 24 points.

Danny Duncan was second with 23. He was followed by Leonard Larkins with 17, Gary Clark with 14 and Tommy Coil with 13.

James Wilson was the lone Indian in double numerals with 15 points.

The win gave Carlisle County a season mark of 15-11, while Wingo finished the year 4-19.

Wingo played without two starters. Ronnie Wiggins, the Indians leading scorer with an average of almost 16 PPG, is out with a broken bone in his foot, and Rendell Wilson, who averages 10 PPG, was out with a pulled muscle.

Carlisle……..32 61 82 110
Wingo…….…...5 20 26 38

Carlisle (110)
Sams 24, Turnbow 4, Duncan 23, Smith 2, Larkins 17, Rudd 4, Clark 14, Coil 13, Green 2, Thomason 7.

Wingo (38)
Fisher 7, Wilson 15, Yates 9, Zea 3, Osborne 2, Emerson 2.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle County Waltzes By Fulton City in First District

Carlisle Co. 78
Fulton City 53
03-07-69 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets waltzed to a 78-53 cage triumph over Fulton City here Friday night and moved into the First District finals against Hickman County tonight,

The Comets of Coach Bobby Hoskins are assured of a berth in the First Region Tournament at Murray next week regardless of the outcome of tonight's clash with the highly-ranked Falcons of coach Jim Voight.

The rugged Carlisle County quintet dominated play from the outset and the outmanned Bulldogs never posed a serious threat to the hot shooting Comets.

When the horn sounded, ending the first period of play, Carlisle County was out in front by 23-11 margin. The Comets pressed on relentlessly in the second stanza and took a bulging 42-21 advantage to the dressing room at halftime.

Carlisle thwarted any hopes of a Fulton City comeback in the second half by blowing out to an insurmountable 64-36 lead at the end of the third canto.

The Comets crashed in 30 of 59 field goal attempts for a red-hot 50.8 per cent. The Bulldogs connected on 19 of 56 for 34 per cent.

Carlisle County had four men in double figures. Scoring laurels for the night went to the veteran David Sams, who finished with 22 points. Sams, one of the area's leading scorers, tallied three points above his season average.

The Comets' 5-8 junior guard Tommy Coil saved his best performance for the tournament as he racked up 18 pts. to provide strong scoring support for Sams.

Danny Duncan, the team's second leading point getter, accounted for 16 and Gary Clark picked up 11.

Sam Pirtle, the Bulldogs' standout 6-1 forward, led his team with 17 points, slightly below his 20.7 season average. Teammate David Winston contributed 13.

Friday night's victory was the third for Carlisle County over the Bulldogs this season. The Comets won the two regular season encounters, 86-68, and 85-51. Carlisle will carry a 16-11 worksheet into tonight's clash with Hickman County.

The Falcons boast the best record in Western Kentucky at 28-1, including 20 in a row.

Fulton City ended its season with a 6-14 mark.

Carlisle……..23 42 64 78
Fulton City…11 21 36 53

Carlisle (78)
Sams 22, Duncan 16, Smith 2, Larkins 6, Rudd 3, Clark 11, Coil 18.

Fulton City (53)
Rose 8, Pirtle 17, Pawlukiewicz 2, Young 7, Smith 4, Winston 13, Peeples 2.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Hickman Co. Snuffs Out The Comets Flame In District Final

Carlisle Co. 43
Hickman Co. 71
03-08-69 - Away

The Hickman Co. Falcons won their 21st straight game to claim the First District Championship, rolling over Carlisle Co. 71-43, here Saturday.

Hickman jumped out to a 21-12 lead at the end of the first quarter and never was in any trouble as they coasted to the 28 pt. win.

Both teams will advance to the Regional Tourn. to be played in the Murray St. sports arena, starting next Wednesday.

Terry Fuller led the Falcons to victory with 18 pts. James Crume was close behind with 17 pts. Fay Jorden scored 12. Allen Barkley and Ronnie Mullins rounded out the double figure scoring with 10 pts. each.

Only one Carlisle player managed to get into the double figure bracket. David Sams had 17.

Hickman connected on 23 of 60 from the field for 46% while Carlisle hit 14 of 46 for 30.4%

The Falcons hit 25 of 35 free throws for 48% to Carlisle's 15 of 27 for 35%.

Carlisle……..12 25 32 43
Hickman…….…...21 36 61 71

Carlisle (43)
Rudd 5, Clark 1, Thomason 2, Green 9, Sams 17, Duncan 7, Turnbow 2.

Hickman (71)
Jordan 12, Barkley 10, Barber 2, Mullins 10, Crume 17, Ivy 2, Fuller 18, Ward, Thomas, Estes.

1st Round
1st Region Tourn.
Tilghman Survives Carlisle Stall

Carlisle Co. 39
Tilghman 57
03-13 69 - Away

First Region favorite Paducah Tilghman and highly regarded Mayfield, moved into the semifinals of the 1969 regional tournament here Thursday night with opening round victories.

Tilghman, surviving early slowdown tactics, bombed Carlisle County 57-39 after Mayfield had ousted South Marshall 60-51 in the opener.

The two games completed the card for tonight's semifinal battles in the Murray State University Sports Arena. Tilghman and Mayfield will tangle following the opener between Ballard Co. and North Marshall, first-round winners here Wednesday.

Tip-off for the opener will be a 7:00 p.m.

Ballard is the only district runner-up in the surviving four-team field.

Playing before a sparse crowd of no more than 2,000, Tilghman put together a strong effort to close out the third quarter and then exploded in the final eight minutes to waltz off with its win.

The defending regional champions bombed the nets for 32 points in the final 10 minutes of play, eight points coming in the last two minutes of the third canto, and 24 in the final stanza.

Carlisle, runner-up to Hickman County in the First District Tournament last week, used ball control methods to lead by a point 10-9 at the first quarter stop. The Comets continued slowdown efforts in the second eight minutes, but trailed by one 17-16 as the two clubs went into the halftime break.

Coach Berry Miller's Tornadoes, now 25-3 for the season, outscored the Carlisle quint 8-5 in

the early going of the second half and led by four 25-21, midway through the frame.

Spearheaded by senior 5-11 guard Ronnie Rose, the Bluemen began to move in the last two minutes of the frame. Rose stripped the nets on a 10-foot jumper with 2:04 remaining and finished the scoring in the quarter with a 20-footer at seven seconds. A tip-in by 6-6 junior center Stan Hall, and a pair of free throws by 6-2 junior forward Elmer Jackson,. were sandwiched between the two jump shots.

The Tornado outscored the battling Comets 6-2 in the first two minutes of the final quarter to push out front by 14, 39-25. The top-ranked Bluemen then took full control of the game and easily notched the triumph.

Tilghman managed only 23 of 54 field goal attempts for 43 per cent, while Carlisle hit 15 of 41 for 37 per cent. The Tornado scored on seven of 18 attempts in the low-scoring first half and followed with 16 of 36 in the last 16 minutes.

Four Tornado starters hit in double figures for the well-balanced Tilghman attack. Senior forward Ronnie Lee led the charge with 13, Rose followed with 12, Hall added 11, and Jackson contributed 10.

Tilghman's other starter, junior guard Terry Garrett, followed closely with nine and led the team in rebounding with nine.

Carlisle's 6-3 junior forward, David Sams, paced his team with 12 and senior standout Danny Duncan, was held to nine.

Tilghman won the battle under the boards 33-24.

Tilghman……9 17 33 57
Carlisle…..…..10 16 29 39

Tilghman (57)
Lee 13, Jackson 10, Hall 11, Garrett 9, Rose 12, Hamilton, White 2, Simko.

Carlisle (39)
Sams 12, Duncan 9, Rudd, Clark 8, Coil 2, Green 2, Larkins 3, Thomason 2, Simmons.

1968-69

	Lowes	Sedalia	St. Mary	Fancy Farm	Hickman Co.	Symsonia	St. Mary	Ballard Co.	Lone Oak	Ballard Co.	Fulton City	Mayfield	Fulton Co.	Fulton City									
David Sams	27	17	22	24	24	29	30	20	6	28	20	8	18	22									
Danny Duncan	18	15	14	17	13	25	6	9	17	2	17	14	13	22									
Leonard Larkins	1	7	2	2	2	0	0	10	6	4	4	7	16	20									
Mike Rudd	6	2	11	8	7	4	13	4	6	0	7	6											
Gary Clark	3	14	8	20	5	9	2	2	5	13	11	7	19	9									
Tommy Coil	11	14	4	2		1	0	12	9	10	20	8	10	10									
David Green	9	2	3	2	6	1	0		2	0	2	2		2									
Mickie Thomason	4	2	11	10		0	9	2	4	0	5												
Russell Turnbow		0				0																	
Cliff Simmons						0				0				2									
David Smith						0																	
Gary Duncan						0						5											

1968-69

	Heath	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Sedalia	Mayfield	Lowes	Fulton Co.	Calloway Co.	Heath	Fancy Farm	Lone Oak	Wingo	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Tilghman						Games	Pts.	Avg.
David Sams	17	15	11	20	9	21	27	26	8	14	17	24	22	17	12						29	555	19.14
Danny Duncan	15	13	7	25	16	18		21	16	16	21	23	16	7	9						28	425	15.18
Leonard Larkins	9	11	12	13	10	0	5	3		15	2	17	6								26	184	7.07
Mike Rudd	2	0	0	0	2	9	12	13	0	0	6	4	3	5	0						27	130	4.81
Gary Clark	18	8	11	21	11	12	23	6	10	21	4	14	11	1	8						29	306	10.55
Tommy Coil	8	10	5	7		4	6	7	7	11	4	13	18		2						26	213	8.19
David Green	6			3			1	1	4	2	2	2		9	2						22	63	2.86
Mickie Thomason	2		2		11	1	6		4	6	6	7		2							20	94	4.7
Russell Turnbow	2		3			1						4		2							7	12	1.71
Cliff Simmons			2												0						5	4	0.8
David Smith										1		2	2								4	5	1.25
Gary Duncan																					2	5	2.5
																						1996	

Team Record - 16-13 Per Game Avg. - 68.72

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3nd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Danny Duncan	80		167	350	425	942	11.77
Mike Rudd	33		0	4	130	134	4.36
Gary Clark	40		6	18	306	330	8.25
David Green	24			0	63	63	2.62

1969-70

HEAD COACH – TOM BUCHANAN

ASSISTANT COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

<u>TROPHIES WON</u>

ST. MARY TOURN. - 4TH PLACE

LOWES TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 26-8

1969-70

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-07-69	Sedalia	81-70	A	
11-11-69	St. Mary	63-62	H	
11-14-69	Fancy Farm	80-61	H	
11-18-69	Hickman Co.	**48-52**	A	
11-21-69	Calloway Co.	62-57	A	
11-26-69	Reidland	46-43	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. 1st RD.**
11-28-69	Hickman Co.	**40-46**	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-29-69	Symsonia	**55-61**	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. CONSOLATION**
12-02-69	Lone Oak	76-66	A	
12-05-69	Fulton City	87-53	H	
12-06-69	Ballard Co.	**45-56**	H	
12-10-69	Cuba	61-57	A	**- LOWES TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-12-69	Farmington	77-66	A	**- LOWES TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-13-69	Sedalia	62-57 **ot**	A	**- LOWES TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-16-69	South Marshall	**54-57**	A	
12-19-69	Union City, TN.	**52-58**	A	
12-20-69	Obion Co., TN.	73-44	A	
01-02-70	Fulton Co	69-64	H	
01-09-70	Fulton City	94-52	A	
01-16-70	Ballard Co.	61-60	A	
01-20-70	Sedalia	84-59	H	
01-24-70	Mayfield	61-55	A	
01-30-70	Lowes	76-49	H	
01-31-70	Heath	58-39	H	
02-05-70	Hickman Co.	**52-55**	H	
02-06-70	Fulton Co	88-67	A	
02-10-70	Calloway Co.	84-62	H	
02-13-70	South Marshall	89-69	H	
02-20-70	Fancy Farm	93-49	A	
02-24-70	Wingo	110-66	H	
03-05-70	Hickman Co.	52-44	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-07-70	Fulton City	95-66	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-12-70	Cuba	66-61	A	**- 1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-13-70	Murray	**61-67**	A	**- 1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 26-8

1970 Comets – District Champion



Ronnie Owen, Mark Flegle, Bob Clayton, Terry Churchill, Mike Crider, Larry Anderson (Managers) Gary Duncan, Mickie Thomason, Steve Frizzell, Gary Yates, David Polivick Coach Jim Henley, Tommy Coil, Russell Turnbow, Leonard Larkins, David Sams, Cliff Simmons, David Smith, Coach Tom Buchanan.

1969-1970

HEAD COACH - TOM BUCHANAN

ASSISTANT COACH - JIM HENLEY

TROPHIES WON
ST. MARY TOURN. - 4TH PLACE
LOWES TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 26-8

1969-70 COMET ROSTER:
David Sams, Russell Turnbow, Gary Duncan, Leonard Larkins, David Smith, Cliff Simmons, Tommy Coil, Mike Crider, Larry Anderson, Steve Frizzell, Terry Churchill, Mickie Thomason, David Polivick, Gary Yates.

Carlisle Co. 81
Sedalia 70
11-07-69 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets, one of the expected powers in the First Region in basketball this year, defeated Sedalia 81-70 here Friday night.

Carlisle featured a balanced scoring attack, with Russell Turnbow's 17 points, and Leonard Larkin's 15 leading the pack. Ronnie West of Sedalia was the game's leading scorer with 22 points.

The game was marred by 65 fouls committed by the two teams. In all, Carlisle hit on 31 of 52 free throws to 26 of 45 for Sedalia. Both teams' percentage was 60%.

Five players fouled out for Sedalia, which committed 34 infractions, and two left early for the Comets.

Carlisle was playing in its first game of the year, while Sedalia absorbed its second loss in as many starts.

Carlisle……..…24 45 63 81
Sedalia……..…..20 35 49 70

Carlisle (81)
Sams 9, Turnbow 17, Duncan 8, Larkins 15, Smith 9, Simmons 9, Coil 8, Crider 2, Anderson 4.

Sedalia (70)
Cates 3, Glisson 9, Galloway 11, Whitlow 4, R. Galloway 11, West 22, Clark 4, Henson 6.

Carlisle Co. 63
St. Mary 62
11-11-69 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets, fourth ranked in the First Region, held off a late rally by fifth ranked St. Mary to defeat the Vikings 63-62 in a seesaw contest here Tuesday night.

Carlisle, who had regained the lead late in the third quarter only to lose it again in the final period, took a four point lead with the final stanza about half gone. The margin remained at that point for the rest of the game as the teams swapped buckets until St. Mary cut the margin to 63-62 on a steal in the last 10 seconds of the game.

A Carlisle County player was then fouled, but missed the free throw. The Comets grabbed the rebound, however, and held the ball until the buzzer sounded.

Carlisle won the game with good field goal shooting. The Comets hit on 48 per cent of their attempts, while St. Mary managed 42 per cent. The winners hit 15 of 22 free throws, while the Vikings connected on 16 of 29.

Russell Turnbow and David Sams led Carlisle with 18 and 15 points respectively. Curtis Hixson had 16 to lead St. Mary, while Tom Bender added 11.

St. Mary…..…..18 27 45 62
Carlisle…….…16 32 46 63

St. Mary (62)
Hixson 16, Glover 3, Bender 11, Bagby 12, Roof 17, Langston 1, Shields 2.

Carlisle (63)
Sams 15, Turnbow 18, Larkins 5, Anderson 4, Simmons 6, Smith 11, Coil 4.

Carlisle Co. 80
Fancy Farm 61
11-14-69 - Home

Carlisle County's Comets celebrated Homecoming by trouncing Fancy Farm 80-61 here Friday night. It was the third win of the season without a loss for the highly regarded Comets.

Fancy Farm has yet to win in four outings this season.

David Sams netted 28 points for the winners, with teammate Leonard Larkins just a shade behind with 27 points.

Alan Cash led a well-balanced Fancy Farm attack with 17 points.

The Comets hit 34 of 71 field goal attempts (48%) while the Golden Gophers connected on 20 of 52 tries from the field (38%).

Carlisle controlled the boards throughout most of the game.

The winners built up an early lead and never trailed in the contest.

Carlisle……..…17 37 63 80
Fancy Farm…...11 25 38 61

Carlisle (80)
Sams 28, Turnbow 10, Larkins 27, Anderson 2, Simmons 4, Smith 9.

Fancy Farm (61)
Lee 8, Kilcorne 13, Elder 11, Cash 17, Turner 12.

Hickman Co. 52
Carlisle Co. 48
11-18-69 - Away

The Hickman County Falcons used a variety of zone presses and the outside shooting of Fay Jordan to upset Carlisle County 52-48 here Tuesday night.

The game, a see-saw affair all the way, was decided at the free throw line, where Hickman hit on 18 of 30 attempts to 10 of 21 for Carlisle County.

The Falcons hit on 17 of 45 fielders for 37 per cent, against 19 of 52 for Carlisle for 36 per cent.

David Sams, an All-Purchase performer last year, was the only man in double figures for the Comets with 20 points. He pulled his team from behind almost single-handedly with 12 points in the third quarter.

Both teams now stand at 3-1 for the season.

Carlisle……..…12 22 39 48
Hickman…….…14 28 35 52

Carlisle (48)
Sams 20, Turnbow 4, Larkins 7, Simmons 9, Smith 1, Coil 7.

Hickman (52)
Jordan 24, Childress 5, Ivey 6, R. McKenzie 9, Estes 4, Vinson 4.

Carlisle Co. 62
Calloway Co. 57
11-21-69 - Away

Carlisle County rebounded from an upset loss Tuesday night to turn back previously unbeaten Calloway County 62-57, here Friday night.

The Comets utilized the rebounding ability of junior center Leonard Larkins and hot shooting from the floor and foul line to pick up the win. Larkins picked off 16 rebounds as Carlisle County dominated the boards, 37-22.

The Comets also hit 23 of 50 field goal attempts for 46 per cent and cashed in on 16 of 29 free throws. The Lakers sank 21 of 56 from the field for 37.5 per cent and collected 15 of 34 from the charity strip.

Senior standout David Sams led the Comets with 24 points. Darrell Cleaver was high for Calloway County with 23.

Both teams now boast 4-1 records.

Carlisle……..…17 36 45 62
Calloway……...18 28 41 57

Carlisle (62)
Sams 24, Turnbow 2, Larkins 17, Simmons 4, Smith 7, Coil 6, Anderson 2.

Calloway (57)
Rushing 17, Roney 6, Cleaver 23, Sears 4, Champman 1, Crawford, Todd.

St. Mary Tourney
Pairings Released

Pairings for the fifth annual St. Mary Invitational Thanksgiving Tournament were announced Monday for the Nov. 26th-29th tournament.

The opening game will pit the South Marshall Rebels against the defending champions, the Hickman County Falcons, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26th. That game will be followed by a tussle between Reidland and Carlisle County at 8:45 p.m.

The last two games of the first round will be played Thanksgiving evening. The 7 p.m. game will have Symsonia's Roughriders doing battle with the Cardinals of Livingston Central. The Ballard Co. Bombers will meet the host St. Mary Vikings in the nightcap.

The winners of the first two games will meet at 7 p.m. Friday, with the winners of Thanksgiving night's clashes butting heads at 8:45.

The two semi-final losers will meet in a consolation game at 7 p.m. Saturday. The championship game will follow at 8:45.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Wins In St. Mary Tourney.
Squeaker Opens Fifth Annual Thanksgiving Meet

Carlisle Co. 46
Reidland 43
11-26-69 - Away

A screamer opened the action in the fifth annual Paducah St. Mary Thanksgiving basketball tournament here Wednesday night, with the game being decided by a three-point margin.

Carlisle County's flashy Comets nipped the Reidland Greyhounds 46-43 in the action-filled nightcap.

First-round play continues tonight in the St. Mary High School Gymnasium with Symsonia 3-4, going against Livingston Central 3-2, in the opener, and host St. Mary 2-1, taking on Ballard County's unbeaten Bombers, 4-0.

Semifinals will be played Friday night with consolation and championship matches set for Saturday. Action begins at 7 p.m. each evening.

Hickman and Carlisle moved into the upper bracket semis with Wednesday's first-round triumphs. Coach David King's Falcons, now 4-2, remain as the only club to have stopped coach Tom Buchanan's Comets this year. Carlisle lost a 52-48 game on Hickman's floor earlier this season, and stand 5-1 for the campaign.

The two First District clubs, both under first-year coaches, will square off in Friday's semifinal opener.

The second match turned out to be a "barn burner" except neither team ever grabbed the upper hand.

The widest point spread in the game was only six points, held by Reidland 16-10, with 5:41 remaining in the first half, and then by Carlisle 31-25, with 1:08 left in the third quarter.

The defensive battle, created by two very effective zone defenses, was deadlocked six different times, including 21-21 at halftime and 41-41 with 1:12 showing on the clock.

Three free throws set the stage for the game-clinching layup, contributed by senior 5-9 guard Tommy Coil. The Comet guard broke behind Reidland's full-court press following a pair of Greyhound free throws by senior 6-3 forward Kent Burnett.

Burnett's charity tosses, coming on each side of a time out, pulled the 'Hounds' to within one point 44-43, and set the stage for the long Carlisle pass to Coil and his subsequent lay-up, with 16 seconds remaining.

Reidland held a 12-8 first period lead, but the Comets won the second stanza to go into the break deadlocked. Both teams came out "cold" in the third period before the Comets caught fire midway through the quarter. Carlisle finished the eight-minute frame by outscoring the Greyhounds 10-6 and led 31-27 with the final quarter to go.

Senior 6-3 forward David Sams and junior 5-10 guard Cliff Simmons sparked the talented Comets with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Burnett topped Reidland's offensive output with 15 points, senior guard Greg Hunt followed with 13, and junior guard David Wall contributed 10.

Coach Don Rudolph's Greyhounds, now 5-2 for the season, came up one short in both the field goal and free throw department, yielding an 18-17 advantage in fielders and a 10-9 effort at the line.

Reidland……...12 21 27 43
Carlisle……..……8 21 31 46

Reidland (43)
Copeland, Hunt 13, Phelps 5, Burnett 15, Wall 10, Severns.

Carlisle (46)
Coil 7, Sams 13, Larkins 9, Simmons 12, Turnbow, Smith 5.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round
Hickman Advances To Tourney Finals.
Falcons Nip Comets.

Carlisle Co. 40
Hickman Co. 46
11-28-69 - Away

Hickman County's Red Falcons came out flying in the second half and all but completely shut off the offensive attack of Carlisle County to score a 46-40 triumph before an enthusiastic overflow crowd at St. Mary High School's 2,500-seat Gymnasium Friday night.

The Falcons held the highly regarded Comets to only four points in the third quarter and eight in the final stanza to score the Thanksgiving Tournament semifinal triumph. Carlisle, beaten earlier in the still-young season by the Falcons, held the upper hand throughout the entire first half, but fell victim to Hickman's stingy defense in the final 16 minutes.

Coach David King's defending tournament champion Falcons, trailing 28-23 at intermission, scored nine straight points to open the second half, tying the count for the first time at 28-all just a minute and a half deep into the third period. Hickman moved to a 34-28 advantage before Carlisle managed a basket and 3:22 showed on the quarter clock when the Comets finally found the range.

The Falcons used a tenacious zone defense to shut off the Comet scoring, keeping the Carlisle quint away from the basket. As a result, Hickman also controlled the boards to make off with the victory.

Hickman, now 5-2 for the season, took 14 more shots from the field than did the Comets. The Falcons cashed in 20 of 60 attempts, good for 33 per cent, while Carlisle bucketed only 18 of 46.

The Falcon's Fay Jordan, talented 6-0 sophomore forward, led all scorers in the game with 16 points. Jordan cashed in seven field goals and two of two from the line to cop high honors. Junior guard Don Estes was the only other Hickman Countian to finish in double figures with 10.

Tall Leonard Larkins, Carlisle's 6'6" junior center, finished as Carlisle's only double-figure scorer with 14 pts. High-scoring senior forward David Sams, who scored 59 points in two tournament games here a year ago, was held to nine by the stingy Falcon defense.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, also 5-2 for the season with both losses coming to First District rival Hickman County, will play in tonight's semifinal match, seeking its third trophy for the number three spot in the five-year history of the St. Mary tournament. Carlisle stopped Ballard to take third place honors a year ago.

Carlisle……..15 28 32 40
Hickman……..9 23 34 46

Carlisle (40)
Coil 2, Sams 9, Larkins 14, Simmons 6, Turnbow 2, Smith 7.

Hickman (46)
Jordan 16, Chas. Vinson 4, R. McKendree 7, Ivy 9, Estes 10, Childress.

St. Mary Tourn.
Consolation
Symsonia Upsets Carlisle For 3rd Place In Turkey Tourney

Carlisle Co. 55
Symsonia 61
11-29-69 - Away

Symsonia's Rough Riders, outclassed by Ballard Co. in Friday night's semifinal game, rallied Saturday night to score a 61-55 upset win over Carlisle County to take third place honors in the fifth annual St. Mary Thanksgiving basketball tournament.

Coach Don Butler's Riders, an easy winner over Livingston Central in their tournament opener (70-52), tumbled 64-36 to the Bombers in the semifinals. Carlisle, one of the pre-tournament favorites, played two close games earlier in the tournament, winning 46-43 over Reidland and losing 46-40 to Hickman County.

The Graves Countians came back from a 13-12 first quarter deficit to turn back the First District power from Carlisle County. Symsonia outscored the Comets 21-12 in the second frame to carry a 33-25 lead into the intermission break.

Carlisle made two strong comeback efforts in the third period, twice pulling to within two points, but won the quarter by only 4 pts., 14-10, to go into the final eight minutes four points down.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets finally regained the lead at 44-43 with 6:39 remaining in the game, but held it only briefly. Symsonia allowed one more Comet lead 46-45, but shut the door seconds under the six-minute mark.

Symsonia moved to an eight-point advantage 57-49, with 1:55 remaining, but still had to hold off a last-minute charge by Carlisle. The scoreboard read 57-55 with :55 seconds left, but a lay-up by Symsonia's 6-3 junior center Freddie Whittemore eleven seconds later, wrapped it up for the Riders.

Symsonia's Jeff Bean, 6-1 sophomore forward, turned in the top individual effort in the consolation match, scoring 23 points himself and holding Carlisle's outstanding senior forward David Sams to only six.

Bean's nine field goals were easily the top effort from the field among all players.

Two other Riders hit double figures, junior 6-3 center Freddie Whittemore managed 13 and junior 5-9 guard Mickey Arnett followed closely with 12.

Junior 6-2 reserve forward Russell Turnbow topped Carlisle's scoring with 13 points, and senior 5-9 guard Tommy Coil followed with 11.

Symsonia hit on 22 of 53 shots from the field, good for 42 per cent, but made the difference at the charity stripe, hitting 17 of 27 attempts. Carlisle hit 35 per cent from the field, cashing in 23 of 66 attempts, but scored only 9 of 18 from the line.

The win leaves Symsonia with a 5-5 seasonal showing and dropped Carlisle to a 5-3 mark.

Symsonia……...12 33 43 61
Carlisle…..…..13 25 39 55

Symsonia (61)
Arnett 12, Reynolds 4, F. Whittemore 4, Frick 13, Bean 23, J. Whittemore.

Carlisle (55)
Coil 11, Sams 6, Larkins 8, Simmons 8, Turnbow 13, Smith 9, Anderson.

Carlisle Co. 76
Lone Oak 66
12-02-69 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets turned on the steam in the second half to overpower the host Lone Oak Purple Flash 76-56, Tuesday.

The Purple Flash, who are winless in four games, challenged the heavily favored Comets in the first half and were only two points down 34-32 at intermission.

Senior standout David Sams pumped in eight-points in the opening minutes of the third period to push the Comets to a 54-41 margin at the end of three quarters. Russell Turnbow picked up the pace in the final stanza with four straight baskets but Lone Oak cut the deficit to ten in the closing minutes of the game.

Carlisle County hit 33 field goals and Lone Oak sank 23 baskets from the floor. The Purple Flash connected on 24 of 33 from the free throw line and the Comets cashed in on 14 of 23.

Sams led the Comet scoring with 30 points. Turnbow finished with 14. Rickey Goode collected 22 for Lone Oak.

Carlisle……..15 34 54 76
Lone Oak……..14 32 41 66

Carlisle (76)
Sams 30, Turnbow 14, Larkins 13, Simmons 2, Smith 7, Frizzell 4, Coil 6, Anderson.

Lone Oak (66)
Goode 22, Hatchett 8, Knott 8, Edwards 12, Powell 14, Massey 2, Arnold.

Carlisle Posts
Easy Win

Carlisle Co. 87
Fulton City 53
12-05-69 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets coasted to an 87-53 victory over the visiting Fulton City Bulldogs, Friday.

Carlisle County never trailed as the Comets rolled to their seventh win of the season against three losses, behind a balanced scoring attack in which four men finished in double figures, the Comets increased their lead at every stop.

The Comets pumped in 35 field goals of 72 attempts for an impressive 49 per cent. Fulton City sank 19 of 45 from the floor for 42 per cent. Carlisle County chipped in 17 of 26 from the charity stripe and the Bulldogs hit 13 of 23 bonus attempts.

David Sams was top gun for Carlisle County with 20 points. Russell Turnbow added 19.

Fulton City's Pawlukiewicz picked up 17 markers for the Bulldogs.

Carlisle……..17 37 60 87
Fulton City…...14 26 35 53

Carlisle (87)
Sams 20, Turnbow 19, Frizzell 17, Larkins 14, Simmons 4, Smith 3, Crider 4, Anderson 6.

Fulton City (53)
Campbell 15, Broserdurer 2, Hicks 10, Moore 2, Robertson 2, Pawlukiewicz 17, Homra 2, Young 3.

Ballard Bombers
Remain Unbeaten

Carlisle Co. 45
Ballard Co. 56
12-06-69 - Home

The unbeaten Ballard Co. Bombers rolled to their ninth straight win of the season, with an impressive 56-46 triumph over the host Carlisle County Comets, Saturday.

The Bombers jumped to an early 9-7 first quarter lead. Aided by effective outside shooting, Ballard moved to a 27-21 margin in the nip-and-tuck second quarter.

The Comets stormed back to within four in the opening minutes of the second half but the rally was cut short by the Bombers defense. The Bombers exploded to a 13-point lead at the end of the third quarter and coasted to the victory.

A balanced scoring attack and excellent shooting from the field aided the Ballard cause. The Bombers burned the nets for 19 of 48 attempts from the field for an impressive 48 per cent. Four Bombers scored in double figures. Senior forward Tommy Draper led the way with 14 markers, followed by Ronnie Yates with 13, Doug Garrett with 11, and Randy Allen with 10.

The Ballard defense, one of the toughest in the region, held Comet scoring ace David Sams to nine points. Russell Turnbow was high for Carlisle County with 21 points. The Comets hit 19 of 57 field attempts for 33 per cent.

Ballard sank 18 of 22 bonus shots for 81.1 per cent. The Comets cashed in on seven of 11 attempts.

Carlisle County now stands 7-4 on the season.

Ballard……..9 27 44 56
Carlisle……..7 21 31 45

Ballard (56)
Draper 14, Yates 13, Fulford 8, Garrett 11, Allen 10.

Carlisle (45)
Sams 9, Turnbow 21, Larkins, Simmons 8, Smith 5, Coil 2.

Lowes Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Wins
In Lowes Meet

Carlisle Co. 61
Cuba 57
12-10-69 - Away

Carlisle County won a opening round victory in the Lowes Christmas Tournament here Wednesday night.

The Carlisle County Comets nipped the faltering Cuba Cubs 61-57 in the nightcap.

First round play continues tonight when the Joppa Rangers, (4-2) take on the Lyon County Lions (5-5) in the opener, and the host Blue Devils of Lowes (3-4), battle Coach Ken Wray's Sedalia Lions in the nightcap.

Semi-finals will be played Friday night with consolation and championship matches set for Saturday. Action begins at 7 p.m. each evening.

Farmington and Carlisle County moved into the upper bracket semi-finals with Wednesday's victories. The Wildcats now hold a 5-7 season mark while Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets sport an 8-4 record.

In the nightcap, Carlisle County held off a late surge by the Cuba Cubs in the third quarter to preserve the victory.

The Comets were led in the scoring department as 6-2 junior forward Russell Turnbow hit for 19 points. Leonard Larkins, a 6-5 junior center, connected for 18 markers as 6-3 senior forward David Sams was the third Comet in double figures with 11 points.

Leading the Cubs attack was 6-3 junior forward Thomas Swatzell, who collected 17 points. Just one other Cub landed in double figures as 5-10 senior guard Fuller netted 10 points.

Carlisle……..19 31 47 61
Cuba……...8 26 43 57

Carlisle (61)
Sams 11, Turnbow 19, Larkins 18, Simmons 5, Coil 5, Smith 3.

Cuba (57)
Jones 8, Swatzell 17, Hicks 8, McClure 5, Fuller 10, Howard.

Lowes Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Co. Moves To Lowes Final.
Farmington Losses A Tough Game

Carlisle Co. 77
Farmington 66
12-12-69 - Away

Carlisle County and Sedalia's surprising Lions will clash tonight in the finals of the Lowes Christmas basketball tourney.

Carlisle County dumped Farmington 77-66 Friday night while Sedalia nosed out Joppa, ILL. 62-58 in the semi-finals.

Tonight's championship game at 8:30 o'clock will be preceded by a consolation contest at 7 p.m. featuring Farmington vs. Joppa.

Charles Hamlin, Lowes High School principal, will present trophies to the winner, runner-up, and third place teams at the conclusion of the tournament.

Carlisle's David Sams put on a spectacular performance against Farmington, scoring 32 points and grabbing more than his share of the rebounds.

Farmington put up a game battle for two periods, but couldn't hold off the Comets in the second half. Carlisle held slim 17-16 and 30-29 leads at the first two stops.

But the Comets began zeroing in with regularity in the third period and pulled away to a 55-45 advantage going into the final canto. Farmington matched the winners practically basket-for-basket in the fourth period, but the damage had been done.

Gary Barns paced the Wildcats with 19 points, followed by Terry Darnell with 17.

Carlisle County's Russell Turnbow scored 16 points to finish next to Sams in the scoring column for the winning Comets.

Carlisle……..17 30 55 77
Farmington…...16 29 45 66

Carlisle(77)
Sams 32, Turnbow 16, Frizzell 4, Larkins 9, Simmons 5, Coil 4, Smith 7.

Farmington (66)
Barnes 19, Johnson 4, Adams 8, Sanderson 9, Delk 9, Darnel

Lowes Tourn.
Championship
Comets Fight From Behind
To Capture Lowes Tourney

Carlisle Co. 62
Sedalia 57
12-13-69 - Away

Carlisle County forward David Sams stole the ball three times and scored six points in the final 33 seconds to tie the score at the end of regulation play, and the Comets roared to a 62-57 overtime win over Sedalia in the championship game of the Lowes Christmas Tournament.

Carlisle County had to hold off a late surge by Sedalia to pull out the championship. The Lions trailed by five going into the final frame, but outscored the Comets by 10 points in the first three minutes of the last period to lead by five with five minutes left.

Sedalia held the lead until the closing seconds of the game. The Lions sandwiched a free throw in between two baskets and two gratis tosses by Sams to push the game into overtime. Sams final two free throws that tied the score came after time had run out in regulation play.

In the overtime period, Sams a 6'3" center picked up four more points and Russell Turnbow added three as the Comets held Sedalia to a single basket in the overtime to coast to the win.

Sams finished with 22 points to lead the Comet comeback. Larry Galloway was high for Sedalia with 21 points.

Carlisle…...17 30 43 55 62
Sedalia…...17 28 38 55 57

Carlisle (62)
Sams 22, Turnbow 17, Larkins 14, Simmons 2, Smith 4, Coil 3.

Sedalia (57)
L. Galloway 21, R. Galloway 4, West 10, Glisson 2, Henson 13, Cates 7.

South Marshall 57
Carlisle Co. 54
12-16-69 - Away

The South Marshall Rebels held a slim lead and finally pulled out a narrow 57-54 victory over

the Carlisle County Comets in a game here Tuesday night.

The Rebels were led in scoring by Gary McGregor with 16 points while Sherman Cothran, Terry Edwards, and Russell Palmer each collected 12 markers.

Carlisle County was led in scoring by Leonard Larkins, who netted 18 points, while David Sams was the only other Comet in double figures with 16 markers.

South Marshall hit for 42 per cent of its shots from the floor and collected 11 of 18 from the free throw line for 61 per cent, while the losing Comets hit 38 per cent from the field and netted six of 13 for 46 per cent. The Comets outrebounded the Rebels 47-37.

South Marshall now has a record of 5-4 while Carlisle County has a season mark of 10-5.

S. Marshall…15 30 41 57
Carlisle……..10 22 36 54

S. Marshall (57)
MacGregor 16, Edwards 12, Norwood 2, Palmer 12, Vothran 12, Hall 3.

Carlisle (54)
Sams 16, Turnbow 4, Larkins 18, Simmons 6, Smith 4, Frizzell 2, Coil 4.

Comets Lose
"South Of The Border" Battle

Union City 58
Carlisle Co. 52
12-19-69 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets were defeated by the host Union City team, by a score of 58-52 in a game here Friday night.

The Comets were led in scoring by David Sams, who was the game's leading scorer with 26 points. Leonard Larkins contributed 13 markers to Carlisle's attack.

Barry Johnson led Union City's scoring as he collected 21 points. Walter Lairy added 15 markers to Union City.

Union City now has a season record of 7-2 while Carlisle County hold a 10-6 record.

Union City……16 28 43 58
Carlisle……..10 20 34 52

Union City (58)
Johnson 21, King 6, Lairy 15, Williams 6, Davis 10.

Carlisle (52)
Sams 26, Turnbow 6, Larkins 13, Simmons 3, Coil 4.

Carlisle Co. "Invades Tennessee"
And Comes Away With Big Win

Carlisle Co. 73
Obion Co. 44
12-20-69 - Away

Carlisle County won convincingly as they invaded Tennessee Saturday night.

Carlisle stopped host Obion County Central 73-44.

The Comets, now 11-6 for the season, roared to a 19-4 first period advantage and easily sailed to its win against Obion Central.

David Sams bucketed 22 points to spark the Carlisle attack. Leonard Larkins followed with 14 and Russell Turnbow added 13.

Keith Pardue paced Obion with 17.

Carlisle……..19 40 56 73
Obion Co……...4 10 23 44

Carlisle (73)
Sams 22, Turnbow 13, Larkins 14, Simmons 10, Smith 4, Churchill 2, Frizzell 2, Coil 4, Crider 2.

Obion Co. (44)
Forrester 7, Pardue 17, J. Hill 7, B. Hill 7, Bailey 4, Moss 2.

Carlisle Co. 69
Fulton Co. 64
01-02-70 - Home

The Fulton County Pilots lost their third game out of their last four outings as they were defeated by the Carlisle County Comets in a game here Friday night.

The game turned out to be a spirited contest as 26 fouls were called on Carlisle County while Fulton County committed 19 fouls.

The Comets were led in scoring by David Sams, who connected for 13 points. David Smith and Tommy Coil added 12 and 11 markers, respectively.

The Pilots were led in scoring by Robert Nalls, the leading scorer in the region, with 37 points.

Carlisle County hit on 29 of 69 from the field for 41 per cent while connecting on 11 of 26 free throws for 42 per cent.

Fulton County hit on 20 of 46 for 44 per cent from the floor while hitting on 22 of 38 for 57 per cent from the charity stripe.

Fulton County now has a record of 5-4 while Carlisle County stands 12-6 on the season.

Carlisle……..18 38 51 69
Fulton Co…....10 26 45 64

Carlisle (69)
Sams 13, Turnbow 8, Frizzell 5, Larkins 6, Simmons 5, Smith 12, Coil 11, Thomason 9.

Fulton Co. (64)
Hepler 3, Cariton 2, Nalls 37, Nickolson 3, Stokes 5, Caldwell 6, Holloway 8.

Carlisle Co. 94
Fulton City 52
01-09-70 - Away

Carlisle County blasted hapless Fulton City 94-52 here Friday night, sending the Bulldogs down to their sixth consecutive loss, without a victory.

The win was Carlisle's 13th of the campaign against only 6 losses.

The winning Comets were in command from start to finish.

Leonard Larkins led the Carlisle scoring with 18 points, followed by Tommy Coil with 14 and David Sams with 13.

Campbell led the Bulldogs with 16 points.

Carlisle hit 34 of 78 (43%) from the field and 26 of 32 (82%) from the charity line. Fulton hit 22 of 66 (30%) from the field and 7 of 17 (47%) from the free throw line.

The winning Comets also won the battle of the boards 55-33.

Carlisle……..25 50 70 94
Fulton City……8 18 31 52

Carlisle (94)
Sams 13, Turnbow 8, Larkins 18, Simmons 10, Coil 14, Churchill 2, Frizzell 2, Smith 6, Crider 8, Anderson 5, Thomason 8.

Fulton City (52)
Campbell 16, Hicks 2, Homra 2, Moore 13, Young 2, Borsenberger 4, Glasgow 1, Smith 6, Owens 2, Whitnel 4.

Ballard Suffers Cage Upset.
2nd-Ranked Bombers
Edged By Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 61
Ballard Co. 60
01-16-70 - Away

Carlisle County chipped in four straight baskets in the closing minutes of play and pulled off a brilliant come-from-behind upset over the host Ballard Co. Bombers, Friday.

The Bombers, rated second in the region in the weekly coaches' poll, held a 60-53 lead with 2:05 seconds left to go in the contest. Carlisle County's pressure defense went to work and the Comets stole the ball on four successive trips down the floor to set up the upset.

Mickie Thomason, a 5-11 sophomore guard, came off the Comets bench and scored two straight baskets to cut the Ballard lead to three. Cliff Simmons a 5-10 guard, scored a third basket to put the Comets within one. With five second left to play, Simmons pumped in his second straight basket to put Carlisle County ahead. A desperation shot by the Bombers went astray.

Carlisle County took an early lead and moved to a 15-12 advantage at the end of the first frame. Ballard rallied to score the first two baskets of the second quarter and take its first lead 16-15. The Bombers held the lead throughout the quarter and took a 47-45 margin into the fourth quarter.

Ballard increased the lead to seven points and held it until the final two minutes. The Comets exploded for the last eight points and shut off what looked to be a sure win for the Bombers.

Simmons finished high for Carlisle County with 17 points. Senior guard Doug Garrett carried away game honors with 18 markers.

Carlisle County outshot the Bombers from the floor, 27 to 21 per cent. The Comets sank 7 of 13 from the charity line. The Bombers collected 18 of 30 gratis attempts.

Carlisle County now stands 14-6 on the season. Ballad has won 15 of 19 starts, and has lost two consecutive games.

Carlisle……..15 28 45 61
Ballard……...12 33 47 60

Carlisle (61)
Sams 3, Turnbow 14, Frizzell 2, Larkins 12, Simmons 17, Smith 5, Coil 4, Thomason 4.

Ballard (60)
Draper 5, Garrett 18, Yates 14, Fulford 2, Howie 11, Allen 10.

Comets Post
Sixth Straight Triumph

Carlisle Co. 84
Sedalia 59
01-20-70 - Home

The streaking Carlisle County Comets registered their sixth straight victory with a smashing 84-59 triumph over the Sedalia Lions in a game here Friday night.

The Comets now have a season record of 15-6 and will travel to Mayfield Saturday night.

Four Carlisle County players placed in double figures as Leonard Larkins netted 15 points. Russell Turnbow added 14 markers to the Comets' attack, and Cliff Simmons and Mickey Thomason contributed 13 and 12 tallies, respectively.

Sedalia was led in scoring by Larry Galloway, who connected for 16 markers. Charlie Henson chipped in 15 tallies, with Ronnie West close behind with 12 points. Galloway's younger brother Richie, added 10 markers to the Lions' charge.

Carlisle County shot a hot 53 per cent from the field, hitting on 35 of 66 attempts. Sedalia hit on 37 per cent of its shots from the floor, connecting on 18 of 48.

Sedalia won the battle at the charity stripe, hitting on 19 of 29 shots for 65 per cent. Carlisle County sank only 8 of 14 for 37 per cent. The

Comets controlled the boards, however, grabbing 50 rebounds to Sedalia's 24.

Carlisle……..20 44 64 84
Sedalia……...10 27 35 59

Carlisle (84)
Sams 9, Turnbow 14, Larkins 15, Polivick 6, Simmons 13, Smith 4, Coil 7, Thomason 12.

Sedalia (59)
L. Galloway 16, Whitlow, R. Galloway 10, Glisson 6, West 12, Henson 15.

Carlisle Co.
Upsets Mayfield

Mayfield 55
Carlisle Co. 61
01-24-70 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets staged a second-half comeback to upset Mayfield's favored Cardinals 61-55 in a high school basketball clash here Saturday night.

Paced by senior 6-3 forward David Sams, the Comets outscored Mayfield 16-7 in the third quarter and 21-15 in the final eight minutes, for their seventh straight triumph. Coach Tom Buchanan's First District power now stands 16-6 for the season as a result of the streak.

Sams, a 6-3 do-everything, scored 19 points and pulled off 23 rebounds to spark the Comets. Carlisle out-manned the Redbirds 45-30 on the boards.

Mayfield, now 10-4 for the season, led 18-16 after the first period, before pulling to a 32-24 halftime advantage. The cold seven point third frame was all Carlisle needed to click.

Junior guard Cliff Simmons followed Sams in the scoring column with 14 points and Jerry Sanders had 11.

Carlisle hit only 34 percent from the floor, but took 20 more shots than Mayfield. The Comets hit on 24 of 69 floor attempts against Mayfield's 22 of 49 effort.

Carlisle……..16 24 40 61
Mayfield……...18 33 40 55

Carlisle (61)
Sams 19, Turnbow 9, Larkins 11, Simmons 14, Coil 8.

Mayfield (55)
Pitman 6, Walker 3, Sanders 11, Ford 21, Fowler 14.

Carlisle Co.
Wins 7th Straight

Carlisle Co. 76
Lowes 49
01-30-70 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets won their seventh game in a row by knocking off the Lowes Blue Devils 76-49 in a game here Friday night.

The Comets now have a record of 17-6, while Lowes is 8-10.

Carlisle County was led in scoring by David Sams, who netted 21 points and 17 rebounds. Russell Turnbow was the only other Comet in double figures with 13 markers.

The Blue Devils were led in scoring by Danny Hart and Greg Holt, who collected 11 points apiece.

The Comets shot 54 percent from the field, connecting on 28 of 52 for 54 percent. Lowes hit on 15 of 38 attempts from the field for 40 percent.

Lowes won the battle from the charity stripe, however, hitting on 19 of 32 attempts for 59 percent, while Carlisle County connected on 20 of 39 attempts for 51 percent. The Comets out rebounded the Blue Devils, 52-33.

Carlisle……..…14 33 52 76
Lowes……...14 22 37 49

Carlisle (76)
Sams 21, Turnbow 13, Larkins 9, Polivick 2, Simmons 8, Smith 7, Coil 1, Thomason 6, Crider 3, Anderson 3, Yates 3.

Lowes (49)
Hart 11, Miller 4, House 4, Holt 11, Carter 9, Turner 9, Cruse 4, Austin 2.

Comets Trounce Heath
For 8th Straight Win

Carlisle Co. 58
Heath 39
01-31-70 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets found their 18th victory of the season here Saturday night, defeating the Heath Pirates 58-39.

David Sams paced both teams in the scoring department and was the only member of either team to score in double figures, with 17 points.

In pulling its record to 18-6, the Carlisle County team hit on 21 of 47 shots from the field for 45 percent, while the losers hit on only 14 of 42 for 33 percent.

In the free throw category Carlisle hit 16 of 24 and Heath hit 11 of 30. The Comets grabbed 49 rebounds and the Pirates picked off 31.

The victory was the eighth in a row for the Comets.

Carlisle…...…...13 30 45 58
Heath ……...10 17 25 39

Carlisle (58)
Sams 17, Turnbow 8, Frizzell 4, Larkins 4, Polivick 2, Simmons 9, Smith 8, Thomason 6.

Heath (39)
Turner 8, Elrod 2, Simmons 6, Throgmorton 4, Alexander 8, Tilford 7, Peal 4.

Carlisle Co. 52
Hickman Co. 55
02-05-70 - Home

The Hickman County Falcons played catch-up ball in the second half and upset the Carlisle County Comets 55-52 in a makeup game Thursday night.

The Comets, ranked third in the weekly coaches' poll, jumped out to a quick 18-7 first quarter lead and held on for a 28-20 lead over the Falcons at intermission.

But the Falcons came out in the first minutes of the second half, and reeled off six straight points, bringing the score to 28-26.

Carlisle County had a 47-44 lead at the end of the third stanza, but Hickman County outscored the Comets in the final stanza, 11-5, for the victory.

The loss snapped an eight-game winning streak for the Comets, giving them a 18-7 season mark. Hickman County now is 14-8 on the season.

Hickman……..7 20 44 55
Carlisle……..18 28 47 52

Hickman (55)
Jordan 12, Vinson 18, Childress 2, McKendree 11, Estes 10, Ivy 2.

Carlisle (52)
Sams 16, Turnbow 15, Larkins 5, Simmons 7, Coil 3, Thomason 6.

Carlisle Co. 88
Fulton Co. 67
02-06-70 - Away

Carlisle County literally singed the nets here Friday night as the Comets defeated the host Fulton County Pilots 88-67, on the hardwood.

The Comets, whose eight game winning streak was snapped by Hickman County on Thursday night, hit 32 of 54 field goal tries for a red-hot 59.2 percent. They bagged 24 of 37 free throw tries and grabbed 42 rebounds.

Fulton County hit 20 of 47 (42.7%) from the field, 27 of 44 from the free stripe, and grabbed 30 rebounds.

Russell Turnbow was Carlisle's top scorer with 17 points, followed by David Sams with 16.

Fulton County's Robert Nalls, the top scorer in the First Region, netted 32 points, 16 in each half, as he regained his shooting form after being checked in recent games.

The Pilots stayed within range for two periods, but ran into foul trouble in the second half and gradually dropped back.

The victory was Carlisle County's 18th victory against 7 losses. Fulton County has a 10-9 mark for the campaign.

Carlisle…..…...19 41 61 88
Fulton Co…...19 35 50 67

Carlisle (88)
Sams 16, Turnbow 17, Larkins 12, Coil 4, Simmons 6, Thomason 11, Smith 9, Frizzell 13.

Fulton Co. (67)
Stokes 12, Nalls 32, Hepler 14, McFarland 4, Caldwell 2, Day 2, Goodman 1.

Comets Roll
Past Lakers

Carlisle Co. 84
Calloway Co. 62
02-10-70 - Home

The third ranked Carlisle County Comets won their ninth game in ten outings as they defeated the Calloway County Lakers 84-62, in a game here Tuesday night.

The Comets were led in scoring by Leonard Larkins, who netted 18 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. Russell Turnbow was close behind with 17 markers, with David Smith collecting 14 tallies.

The Lakers were led in scoring by Darrell Cleaver, who netted 24 points. Pete Roney followed up with 16 markers. The Lakers' Charles Rushing missed his second consecutive game after suffering a hand injury in the North Marshall-Calloway County game last week.

Carlisle County hit 38 of 76 attempts from the field for 50 percent, while cashing in eight of 16 tries from the free throw line for 50 percent.

The Lakers connected on 20 of 49 shots from the floor for 41 percent, and shot 20 of 31 attempts from the charity stripe for 64 percent.

Carlisle County now has a record of 20-7, while Calloway County stands at 8-13 on the season.

Carlisle…..…..17 37 54 84
Calloway…...17 34 45 62

Carlisle (84)
Sams 7, Turnbow 17, Larkins 18, Simmons 8, Coil 6, Thomason 4, Smith 14, Frizzell 6, Polivick 4, Crider, Duncan, Churchill, Anderson, Yates.

Calloway (62)
Cleaver 24, Roney 16, Williams 4, Sears 9, Crawford 9, Chapman.

Comets
Blast Rebels

Carlisle Co. 89
South Marshall 69
02-13-70 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets hit a sizzling 68 percent from the field in the second half and pulled away from the visiting South Marshall Rebels 89-69, here Friday.

The victory is the tenth for the Comets in the last 11 starts and boosts their season worksheet to 21-7. The Rebels are 13-7 for the campaign.

The teams battled to a 16-16 deadlock at the end of the first frame. South Marshall took a three-point lead into intermission.

Capitalizing on the hot hand from the field, Carlisle County gained the lead and moved on top by six at the end of the third stanza. The Comets continued to scorch the nets in the final period and broke away to the final 20 point margin.

Leonard Larkins paced Carlisle County with 23 points and 21 rebounds. David Sams added 20 markers. Gary McGregor was high for the Rebels with 22 points.

The Comets finished the game with 53 percent mark from the field cashing in 36 of 68 attempts. Carlisle County counted 17 of 26 from the charity line.

South Marshall connected on 25 of 59 field attempts for 41 percent and hit 19 of 30 gratis tosses. The Comets gained a deciding margin on the boards, out rebounding the Rebels 42-28.

Carlisle……..16 36 63 89
S. Marshall…...16 39 57 69

Carlisle (89)
Sams 20, Turnbow 11, Larkins 23, Simmons 4, Coil 4, Thomason 8, Smith 2, Duncan 7, Frizzell 10.

S. Marshall (69)
McGregor 22, Norwood 11, Darnell 4, Palmer 17, Cothran 15.

Carlisle Co. A "Comer" In The First Region

Some teams you beat, some teams you don't, but Carlisle Co. head basketball coach Tom Buchanan is beginning to wonder why.

His Comets, currently one of the most feared teams in the First Region, support a sparkling 21-7 seasonal showing, but the problem is that three of those seven setbacks have been to First District rival Hickman County.

The fourth match between the two West Kentucky schools has already been scheduled. It will take place March 5th at Fulton City in the opening round of the four-team First District Tournament. The two district powers drew opposite each other, automatically eliminating the chances of both advancing into the First Region event.

Carlisle's other setbacks were to South Marshall, Symsonia, Ballard Co., and Union City, Tenn., but the Comets have been "coming" of late and are certain to be in contention when the tournament trail opens in two weeks.

"The thing that really helped lately has been our depth," Coach Buchanan said Wednesday. "Overall, I feel our biggest improvement this season has been our defense and ball handling, but we've had some boys that really helped lately."

Including on the list of late arrivals are Mickie Thomason, a 6-0 sophomore; Steve Frizzell, a 5-9 sophomore; David Smith a 6-1 junior, and Gary Duncan, a 6-3 sophomore.

They have joined with senior forward David Sams, junior center Leonard Larkins, junior guard Cliff Simmons, senior guard Tommy Coil, and junior forward Russell Turnbow to give Carlisle one of the hottest streaks in the region. The Comets have won 10 of their last 11 starts.

Carlisle notched its 20th victory of the season by ripping Calloway County 84-62 Tuesday night, thus becoming the Regions first team to top the 20-win plateau. A resounding 89-69 triumph over South Marshall last Friday avenged one of Carlisle's earlier setbacks and left the Comets with its 21-7 mark and two games remaining.

The Comets travel to Fancy Farm Friday night and finish at home against Wingo next Tuesday.

Sams, the teams leading scorer and rebounder, is enjoying his third consecutive year as a starter for the Comets. A standout since breaking into the lineup as a sophomore, Sams is averaging about 17 points and 15 rebounds per game. And, he's a 47 percent shooter from the field.

"David is a good ball handler and often helps us against the press," Buchanan said of his standout forward. The 6-3 senior is a "straight-A" student, and ranks among the best in the region.

Starting at the other forward for Carlisle is Turnbow a 6-2 junior. Another "straight-A" student, Turnbow is the teams third-leading scorer. "He's a fine outside shooter and has greatly improved his rebounding and defensive play," Buchanan said.

There's a big man at the pivot position for the Comets. Larkins, a 6-6 junior, has come a long way for the Carlisle unit. "He has a much better variety of shots than he had at the beginning of the year," Buchanan said. "He has gained some aggressiveness, but still has a way to go to become the type of player we would like for him to be."

Larkins leads the team in the field goal accuracy, shooting 58%, and is the second leading rebounder. He also ranks second to Sams in the scoring department, contributing almost 13 points per game.

Coil and Simmons are starting at the guard posts for the Comets, the only two starters under 6 feet tall. Coil is a 5-8 senior and Simmons a 5-10 junior.

Coil, another "straight-A" student, doesn't shoot a lot, Buchanan pointed out, but is a good shooter when he does. "He's not a long shooter, but he's quick…and probably the best ball handler on the team," the coach said. "He sets up and runs our offenses."

Simmons, a 5-10 junior, would run a close race as the most improved on the team, Buchanan said. "I feel like he has improved as much as anybody," the coach said. "He's a real aggressive defensive man and leads our team in free throw shooting (75%). He made a lot of mental errors early in the year, but really has improved his game."

Buchanan smiles when he thinks of his bench, and rightly so. He has four reserves who are almost considered as regulars at Carlisle, because of their response to call of duty in the late-season games.

Duncan, a 6-3 sophomore, who probably would have been a starter, returned to action only last week to the delight of the coaching staff. "He hadn't played since the first game because of high blood pressure," Buchanan said. "We have had high hopes of getting him back. He jumps well, shoots well, and handles the ball well.

"I think he is one of the finest prospects I've ever coached," Buchanan said of his big sophomore. Duncan's older brother Danny started for the Comets last year as a senior.

Smith, Thomason, and Frizzell have brought smiles to the faces of Buchanan and assistant coach Jim Henley lately. Not only have the three scored well in the recent games, but they have helped the Comets through its current "hot" streak.

Thomason started early in the practice, but a broken wrist sidelined him before the season opened. "He's beginning to get his arm back in shape," Buchanan said. "He's a strong person, jumps well for his size and has a lot of basketball savvy." The sophomore guard returned to the squad in early January and has been averaging 6 to 8 points since.

Frizzell, another sophomore, came out for basketball late, but has developed quickly. The leading scorer on the "B" team, he also helps the varsity. "I'm looking forward to him helping us more and more," Buchanan said. "He has quick hands and a good shooting eye."

Buchanan, a graduate of Lone Oak High School, is enjoying a successful year during his first campaign as head coach of the Comets. "I have really enjoyed this year," he said. "These are very coachable kids, and most of them are very good students."

The Comet coach is actually returning to the coaching field. Last year, he served as principal at Meridian High School at Mounds, Ill., but one year away from coaching was enough. He had coached the previous seven years at three high schools in Texas.

Tom and his older brother Bob, now the principal at Ballard Co., went to Eastern New Mexico University on basketball scholarships. Tom, directly out of high school at Lone Oak in 1956, and Bob, from Paducah Junior College the same year.

Now in his eighteenth year as a coach, Tom feels fortunate to be at Carlisle. "I think we have a good junior high program with three schools (Cunningham, Bardwell, and Arlington) feeding us, and everyone of them, we think, has outstanding coaching."

And Henley, his freshman and JV coach, is experienced and capable.

Carlisle County has a lot going for them, but three setbacks during the regular season are "blots" on the Comet schedule. First, it was a 52-48 win for Hickman County at Clinton, second a 46-40 win by the Falcons in the Paducah St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament, and third, 55-52 Hickman Co. triumph on the Comet hardwood.

But, the only game that really counts is yet to be played, so the Comets aren't looking back.

Carlisle Co. 93
Fancy Farm 49
02-20-70 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets blasted the host Fancy Farm Golden Gophers 93-49, here Friday.

The Comets burst to a 15 point lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back in marching to their 22nd win of the season, against 7 defeats. The victory is also the 11th in the last 12 for Carlisle County.

Six Comets landed in double figures. David Sams led the way with 15, followed by Leonard Larkins with 14, Tommy Coil and Mickie Thomason with 11 each, and Russell Turnbow and Steve Frizzell with 10 each.

Alan Cash was high for the Golden Gophers with 23 points. The loss dropped Fancy Farm to 3-19 for the season.

Carlisle……..20 43 68 93
Fancy Farm…...5 21 31 49

Carlisle (93)
Sams 15, Thomason 10, Turnbow 11, Smith 9, Larkins 14, Simmons 2, Crider 2, Coil 11, Churchill 2, Frizzell 10, Polivick 5,

Fancy Farm (49)
Kilcoyne 6, Carrico 8, Turner 1, Cash 23, Elder 11.

Comets Pass Century
Mark In Romp Over Indians

Carlisle Co. 110
Wingo 66
02-24-70 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets bombed the Wingo Indians, 110-66, here Saturday, becoming only the third team in the region to eclipse the century mark this season.

The Comets took the early lead and built a 19-13 margin at the end of the first quarter. Led by 6-6 junior center Leonard Larkins 21 points in the first half, Carlisle County poured in 30 points in the second frame and never looked back in marching to its fifth consecutive victory.

The victory is also the 12th in the last 13 outings for the streaking Comets, and pushes their season slate to 23-7. Wingo is 6-16.

Larkins finished as the games' top scorer, collecting 25 points. He left the game in the third stanza. David Sams contributed 24. Ronnie Wiggins, Carl Pember and Mike Jones scored 14 markers each for Wingo.

Carlisle County cashed in 45 of 94 attempts from the field for 48 percent, and sank 20 of 34 from the charity stripe. Wingo collected 24 of 51 attempts from the floor for 37 percent and counted 18 of 28 gratis tosses.

The Comets more than doubled the Wingo effort on the boards, out rebounding the Indians 64-31.

Carlisle……...19 49 83 110
Wingo……..13 29 40 66

Carlisle (110)
Sams 24, Turnbow 18, Larkins 25, Simmons 5, Coil 4, Thomason 10, Smith 6, Duncan 3, Crider 7, Frizzell 4, Polivick 2, Yates 2.

Wingo (66)
Wiggins 14, Gibson 5, Pember 14, Newhouse 6, Emerson 9, Jones 14, Bradley 2, McAlpin 2.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. Overcomes
Hickman Co. Jinx

Carlisle Co. 52
Hickman Co. 44
03-05-70 - Away

Hickman County's Falcons went to the well once too often. Coach David King's quintet had beaten Carlisle County three times during the regular season (including a holiday tourney), but the Comets reaped revenge Thursday night by defeating the Falcons 52-44 in the semi-finals of the First District cage tournament.

The victory advances the Comets to the finals Saturday night against tonight's Fulton City-Fulton County winner, and assures the Carlisle County quintet of a spot in next week's First Region tournament at Murray State University.

Both teams came on very strong in the last half of the 1969-70 campaign. Carlisle compiled a 12-1 mark since Christmas, while Hickman County posted an 11-1 string.

Hickman County pressed from start to finish Thursday night – but it didn't appear to bother the Comets too much.

After a close first quarter, the Comets forged ahead 27-17 at halftime, mainly on the strength of David Sams' fine shooting.

The Falcons managed to close the gap slightly after three periods as they pulled to within seven points, 36-29.

The teams practically matched basket for basket in the fourth period with Carlisle holding on gamely, while Hickman made a desperate bid to overhaul the Comets.

Sams led all scorers in the game with 19 points, and was the only Comet to register in double numerals. Fay Jordan was Hickman County's only double-figure threat as he scored 15 points.

Carlisle County's superiority at the charity stripe proved to be the difference. The Comets hit 12 of 19 free throws attempts while Hickman County cashed in only 6 of 17 tries.

Carlisle connected on 20 of 44 field goal attempts (45%) while Hickman County hit 19 of 36 (52%). The Comets out rebounded the Falcons 34-26.

More than 2,000 fans jammed the Fulton City High School gymnasium to see the two First District cage powers in action.

Carlisle……..11 27 36 52
Hickman…...…10 17 29 44

Carlisle (52)
Coil, Sams 19, Larkins 5, Simmons 6, Turnbow 6, Smith 4, Duncan 2, Thomason 4, Frizzell 6.

Hickman (44)
McKendree 8, Jordan 15, Ivy 5, Vinson 2, Childress 6, Estes 8.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle Co. Bombs
Fulton City To Capture
First District Title

Carlisle Co. 95
Fulton City 66
03-07-70 - Away

In First District action Saturday night, the Carlisle County Comets romped over the Fulton City Bulldogs 95-66, to take the championship.

David Sams took game scoring honors for the Comets with a total of 29 points.

High point man for Fulton City was James Pawlukiewicz with 18 points. Johnny Campbell and Mike Smith added 17 and 12 markers, respectively.

Carlisle County shot for 39 percent from the field, hitting 39 out of 99. Fulton City hit 19 out of 54 from the field for 35 percent.

The Comets hit 16 out of 29 from the charity stripe for 55 percent. The Bulldogs were good for 28 of their 43 free throw attempts for 65 percent.

Carlisle County grabbed 59 from the boards while Fulton City collected a total of 40 rebounds.

Carlisle……..18 38 68 95
Fulton City…..…9 28 43 66

Carlisle (95)
Sams 29, Coil 12, Larkins 9, Simmons 5, Turnbow 10, Thomason 6, Frizzell 10, Smith 6, Duncan 8, Yates.

Fulton City (66)
Pawlukiewicz 18, Homra 7, Campbell 17, Young 6, Moore 5, Smith 12, Borsenbergerl, Hicks.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Withstand
Late Cuba Rally

Carlisle Co. 66
Cuba 61
03-12-70 - Away

Carlisle County's surging Comets, paced by the rebounding of 6-6 Leonard Larkins and 6-3 David Sams, and the "hot" shooting hands of 5-9 Tommy Coil, scored a 66-61 see-saw triumph over Cuba in a First Region quarterfinal game here Thursday night.

Using a tight zone defense, the First District champions staved off every offensive charge by the Third District runner-up Cubs to move into tonight's region semifinal round.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Carlisle County quint, now 26-7 for the season and 14-1 since the Christmas break, led through out the game with the exception of a 16-second blot in the third quarter. The Comets held as much as a 12-point lead during the clash, but repeatedly had to hold back Cuba rallies.

Sams, a senior forward, pulled off 12 rebounds and Larkins, a junior center, grabbed 10 to pace Carlisle to a overwhelming 45-21 advantage on the boards.

Coil, who hit five of eight field attempts, sparked the Comets' during a vital third period rally and finished with 13 points, second only to Sams' 15. Larkins and junior guard Cliff Simmons added 11 and 10, respectively for the Comets.

Cuba's hot-shooting duo of 6-1 junior guard David Jones and 5-11 senior guard Ronnie Fuller kept the Cubs in strong contention throughout most of the action. After the two guards each had 12 points at the half, Jones finished with 19 and Fuller had 18.

Leading 38-33 at intermission, the Comets suddenly went cold at the outset of the third quarter, failing to score for more than three minutes. Meanwhile, Cuba scored four free throws and a jumper for six straight points and a brief 39-38 lead, its only lead of the game.

Larkins and Coil went to work to provide Carlisle the next ten points in the game, for a nine point advantage. Hitting the boards with authority, Larkins cashed in a tip with 4:46 left in the third period, and followed almost a minute later with a turn-around jumper. Coil dropped two consecutive 20-foot set shots and completed the steak with a jumper from the corner at 1:59.

Sams converted a tip at the horn for a 51-43 Carlisle advantage, with eight minutes to go, setting the stage for another patented Cuba rally. The Cubs outscored the Comets 8-2 in the first two and a half minutes of the last period to pull within two points, 53-51.

However, the hard-charging Carlisle five took command during the next two minutes of play to the tune of 9-2, and led by nine with three minutes remaining. The Comets slowed down the action with the freeze seconds later, and did not covert another fielder.

Cuba managed only three field goals in the last quarter, but stayed close with 10 consecutive free throws, coming off five bonus situations. The Cubs also failed to sack a fielder in the last stanza.

Carlisle's widest advantage came midway throughout the second quarter, when the Comets outscored the Cubs 14-5, during a four-minute span, good for a 31-19 advantage. Cuba scored the last six points of the quarter to cut the Carlisle lead to five at intermission.

Carlisle hit 26 of 60 field attempts and 14 of 21 free throws, good for respective percentages of 43 and 67. Cuba took 16 fewer attempts from the field and bucketed seven less than the Comets to also shoot 43 percent from the outside. The Cubs, however, hit 79 percent at the line, hitting 23 of 29.

Coach Eddie Ford's Cubs finished the season with a 22-9 mark.

Carlisle……..17 38 51 66
Cuba ……..14 33 43 61

Carlisle (66)
Coil 13, Sams 15, Larkins 11, Simmons 10, Turnbow 4, Churchill 7, Frizzell 6, Smith.

Cuba (61)

Fuller 18, Jones 19, Swatzell 10, Howard 12, McClure, Hicks 2.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Tough Tiger Quint
Ousts Favored Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 61
Murray 67
03-13-70 - Away

The never-say-die Murray High Tigers out-battled and out-hustled Carlisle Co. and upset the second-ranked Comets 67-61 in the semi-finals of the 1st Region cage tourn. Friday night.

The 4th District champs will meet the top-ranked Tilghman Blue Tornado in the finals tonight at 8 p.m.

Facing a tremendous height disadvantage, the Tigers offset their lack of rebounding power with an exciting fast break, strong outside shooting and teamwork.

When Carlisle's two big men, 6-6 Leonard Larkins and 6-3 David Sams, got the ball under the basket there was little Murray could do to stop them, with no player taller than 6-1.

But the Tiger's undaunted by the overwhelming size of the Comets met favored Carlisle on the run and pulled off a stunning upset.

Carlisle constantly battled back in the 3rd and 4th quarters, but each time the battling Murray quint came up with the big play to stay on top.

Murray only sank one fg. in the deciding 4th quarter, but cashed in 17/21 fts. to preserve the win.

Unable to score, the Tigers turned to defense with senior forward Albert Scott, a 6-0 standout, blocking 2 shots by Sams and Porter McCuiston batting away one by Larkins. Taking advantage of the blocked shots and numerous steals, Murray picked up foul after foul in a driving fast-break.

The Tigers, one of the strongest teams in the region under pressure, made good at the ft. line and held off the taller Comet quint.

Carlisle had only lost 1 game since Christmas and carried a 7-game winning streak into the tourn. The Tigers picked up their 8th consecutive win, and 13th of the last 14th, with the triumph.

Carlisle, using their size to full advantage, took the early lead and held it through most of the 1st quarter. Feeding the ball to the big men under the boards, and sweeping the rebounds from both baskets, Carlisle marched to a 10-7 lead with 3:14 left in the initial frame.

Murray countered the attack with a lightning fast break and took over the lead 11-10 on a driving lay-up by flashy guard Pat Lamb with 2:28 showing.

The Tigers picked up 2 more baskets on fast breaks and rolled to a slim 15-12 advantage at the first stop.

The 1st half saw the lead change hands 8 times and the score tied twice.

Carlisle, scoring at will under the baskets, regained the lead 18-17, with 6:41 left in the half, on an easy lay-up by Larkins. But again the Murray fast break took charge.

David Alexander fired a flashy behind-the-back pass to Steve Hale, completing 3 consecutive successful fast breaks to put Murray back on top 21-18, with 5:53 showing.

The Tigers took command of the contest dazzling the standing room only crowd with flashy passes and smooth ball handling and Murray battled to a 5-pt., 33-28 lead at the intermission.

Murray opened the 3rd quarter lead with 3 easy lay-ups on fast breaks, and moved to its longest lead of the contest, 39-28. Carlisle went to the press and stormed back. Sams fired in a short jumper at 5:01 to put the Comets within four 39-35.

Murray, having difficulty with the press, pushed its lead back to seven 48-41, on an unbelievable twisting shot by Alexander, with 1:43 remaining in the quarter.

The Comets rattled off 8 straight pts. to close out the quarter and take a lead for the first time in the second half, 49-48.

The defensively tough Tigers held off the powerful Comets for the first two minutes of the final frame, and led by three with 5:49 left. Sams and Larkins came back with a basket apiece to give Carlisle its last lead 53-52, with 4:54 showing.

Picking up fouls on the press, Murray sank 5 straight fts. to regain the lead, 57-53. Sams again picked up an easy lay-up to put the Comets within 2. But the hustling Tigers refused to give up. Battling head to head on the boards, the Tigers reeled off 7 fts. in 8 attempts before the Comets could score again.

Russell Turnbow brought Carlisle within three 62-59 at 1:02, but again the Tiger defense took charge. Scott blocked a shot and picked off a steal, Lamb snared a Carlisle pass, and Hudspeth was fouled under the basket, and the Tigers rolled on top 65-61.

Hudspeth put the icing on the cake with a jumper with 8 seconds left to give Murray a 67-61 victory. All 5 Murray starters scored in double figures. Scott led the way with 18, Hudspeth and Hale finished with 14, Lamb contributed 11, and Alexander added 10 pts.

Sams took game scoring honors, netting 25 pts. for the Comets. Murray connected on 25/57 fgs. for 44%. Carlisle cashed in three more fgs., hitting 28/66 for 43%, but the difference came at the line where Murray out-scored the Comets by 14 pts. The Tigers counted 19/26 for 65%, and Carlisle collected only 5/14 for 33%.

Murray……..15 33 48 67
Carlisle……..12 28 49 61

Murray (67)
Scott 18, Hudspeth 14, Lamb 11, Hale 14, Alexander 10.

Carlisle (61)
Coil 4, Sams 25, Larkins 15, Simmons 6, Turnbow 5, Frizzell, Churchill, Smith 6, Duncan.

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	Sedalia	St. Mary	Fancy Farm	Hickman Co.	Calloway Co.	Reidland	Hickman Co.	Symsonia	Lone Oak	Fulton City	Ballard Co.	Cuba	Farmington	Sedalia	South Marshall	Union City, TN.	Obion Co. TN.	Fulton Co.						
David Sams	9	15	28	20	24	13	9	6	30	20	9	11	32	22	16	26	22	13						
Russell Turnbow	17	18	10	4	2	0	2	13	14	19	21	19	16	17	4	6	13	8						
Gary Duncan	8																							
Leonard Larkins	15	5	27	7	17	9	14	8	13	14		18	9	14	18	13	14	6						
David Smith	9	11	9	1	7	5	7	9	7	3	5	3	7	4	4		4	12						
Cliff Simmons	9	6	4	9	4	12	6	8	2	4	8	5	5	2	6	3	10	5						
Tommy Coil	8	4		7	6	7	2	11	6		2	5	4	4	4	4	4	11						
Mike Crider	2									4							2							
Larry Anderson	4	4	2		2			0	0	6														
Steve Frizzell									4	17			4	2	2		2	5						
Terry Churchill																	2							
Mickie Thomason																		9						
David Polivick																								
Gary Yates																								

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	Fulton City	Ballard Co.	Sedalia	Mayfield	Lowes	Heath	Hickman Co.	Fulton Co.	Calloway Co.	South Marshall	Fancy Farm	Wingo	Hickman Co.	Fulton City	Cuba	Murray					Games	Pts.	Avg.
David Sams	13	3	9	19	21	17	16	16	7	20	15	24	19	29	15	25					34	593	17.44
Russell Turnbow	8	14	14	9	13	8	15	17	17	11	11	18	6	10	4	5					34	383	11.26
Gary Duncan									0	7		3	2	8		0					7	28	4
Leonard Larkins	18	12	15	11	9	4	5	12	18	23	14	25	5	9	11	15					33	427	12.94
David Smith	6	5	4		7	8		9	14	2	9	6	4	6		6					32	193	6.43
Cliff Simmons	10	17	13	14	8	9	7	6	8	4	2	5	6	5	10	6					34	238	7
Tommy Coil	14	4	7	8	1	0	3	4	6	4	11	4	0	12	13	4					32	184	5.75
Mike Crider	8				3				0		2	7									8	28	3.5
Larry Anderson	5				3				0												10	26	2.6
Steve Frizzell	2	2				4		13	6	10	10	4	6	10	6	0					19	109	5.73
Terry Churchill	2								0		2				7	0					6	13	2.16
Mickie Thomason	8	4	12		6	6	6	11	4	8	10	10	4	6							14	104	7.49
David Polivick			6		2	2			4		5	2									6	21	3.5
Gary Yates					3				0			2		0							4	5	1.25
																						2352	

Team Record - 26-8 Per Game Avg. - 69.17

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
David Sams	103	134	431	555	593	1713	16.63
Tommy Coil	58			213	184	397	6.84
Terry Churchill	6		13			13	2.16

1970-71

HEAD COACH – TOM BUCHANAN

ASSISTANT COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

TROPHIES WON

ST. MARY TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

LOWES TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

TILGHMAN TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

1ST REGION TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 34-3

1970-71

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-10-70	St. Mary	72-69	A	
11-17-70	Hickman Co.	70-66	H	
11-20-70	Calloway Co.	84-64	H	
11-25-70	Ballard Co.	58-45	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-27-70	Livingston Co	49-45	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-28-70	St. Mary	70-66	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-04-70	Fulton City	117-62	A	
12-05-70	Ballard Co.	74-56	H	
12-09-70	Farmington	100-44	A	- **LOWES TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-10-70	Lyon Co.	97-69	A	- **LOWES TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-12-70	Cuba	83-62	A	- **LOWES TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-15-70	South Marshall	95-76	H	
12-17-70	Lone Oak	82-55	H	
12-28-70	Lone Oak	77-61	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-29-70	Louisville St. Xavier	57-55	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-29-70	Mayfield	70-65	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-08-71	Paris	**69-79**	H	
01-15-71	Ballard Co.	66-53	A	
01-16-71	Fulton Co	92-45	A	
01-19-71	Hickman Co.	64-40	A	
01-21-71	Louisville Central	**56-78**	A	- **L.I.T. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-23-71	Mayfield	91-67	H	
01-26-71	Cuba	69-56	A	
01-30-71	Heath	74-60	A	
02-05-71	Fulton Co	96-59	H	
02-06-71	Tilghman	104-91	H	
02-09-71	Calloway Co.	88-73	A	
02-12-71	South Marshall	74-58	A	
02-13-71	Lowes	74-52	A	
02-19-71	Fancy Farm	101-69	A	
02-20-71	St. Mary	89-80	H	
03-05-71	Hickman Co.	88-40	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-06-71	Fulton Co	93-72	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-10-71	Cuba	74-61	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-12-71	Murray	73-72	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**
03-13-71	Tilghman	68-62	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-17-71	Louisville Male	**62-82**	A	- **KY. STATE TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 34-3

1971 Comets
District Champion and Regional Champion



David Smith, David Polivick, Cliff Simmons, Mickie Thomason, Steve Frizzell, Gary Yates, Mike Crider, Russell Turnbow, Marty Nichols, Leonard Larkins, Larry Anderson, and Gary Duncan.

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FINAL RECORD - 34-3

1970-71 COMET ROSTER:
Mickie Thomason, Gary Duncan, Russell Turnbow, David Smith, Leonard Larkins, Mike Crider, Steve Frizzell, Clift Simmons, Marty Nichols, Gary Yates, Larry Anderson, David Polivick, Ricky Dillon

Comets Favorite
Of The Area Coaches
In Pre-Season Poll

Carlisle County is rated as the team to beat in Kentucky's First Region, in pre-season balloting conducted among area high school basketball coaches.

Paducah Tilghman, which led the poll the entire season last year, will start from the third position.

In the first region, Carlisle County received the topmost position by only five points over Mayfield. The Comets picked up eight first place votes and a total of 142 points. Last season, Carlisle County climbed from fourth to second in the poll and reached the semifinals of the regional tournament.

The Cardinals polled six first place votes and 137 points to take command of second. Mayfield also started second last year but wound up fifth in the final poll.

Tilghman, which won its fourth consecutive 1st Region title last year before bowing to state champion Louisville Male, is third. Coach Bernie Miller's Bluemen grabbed two first place votes and 118 points.

Symsonia, which has already won its first two games of the season, nailed down fourth with 89 points. The Rough Riders, unrated all last year, are one of three newcomers to the top ten this season.

Heath, another newcomer, will open the season in fifth place. The Pirates received 76 points. Coach Frank Wright's quint made several appearances in the poll last year but finished the season unranked.

Cuba finds itself in a familiar spot in sixth place. The Cubs also started in the sixth place last year. Cuba won its opener over Lyon Co., Saturday night. Hickman County, under new coach Cliff Mills, will begin where it left off last year – in the seventh slot.

Coach David King, who guided the Falcons to seventh in the poll last year, is a notch back in eight to start the new season at North Marshall. The Jets are a newcomer to the poll this season.

Three teams are knotted in ninth position – South Marshall, Murray High and Benton. The Tigers were runner-up to Tilghman in the regional tourney last year. South Marshall finished ninth in the poll and Benton started tenth but dropped out..

First Region

1. Carlisle Co.(8)...142
2. Mayfield (6)…...137
3. Tilghman (2)…...118
4. Symsonia.....89
5. Heath…...…….....76
6. Cuba…….....…..63
7. Hickman Co.....…..54
8. North Marshall….31
9. South Marshall….30
   Murray High……30
   Benton…..…….....30

Others receiving votes: Calloway County, Sedalia, Lone Oak, Ballard Memorial, Lowes, Reidland and St. Mary.

Top-Rated Carlisle County
Squeaks In Ahead Of Vikings

Carlisle Co. 72
St. Mary 69
11-10-70 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets, the pre-season pick of area cage coaches to capture the regional honors, opened their 1970-71 campaign with a pulsating 72-69 victory over the St. Mary Vikings, here Tuesday night.

The host Vikings, coached by Dennis Gourley, held a slight edge for more than a half, but Carlisle County tied the count at 56-56 going into the final quarter and inched ahead in the last minutes of play.

St. Mary, trailing by a single point with only seconds to play, had an opportunity to go ahead, but lost the ball on a turnover. Carlisle County's Leonard Larkins was fouled with one second showing on the clock. Larkins promptly converted both shots in a bonus situation to put the contest out of reach for the Vikings.

Game scoring honors were shared by Carlisle's Mickie Thomason and St. Mary's Tony Naas, who scored 22 points each.

Mike Thompson netted 15 for St. Mary with Joe Danneker adding 10 points.

St. Mary outshot Carlisle County from the field but couldn't match the Comets at the charity stripe.

The Vikings hit 40 per cent of their field goal efforts, but managed only 47 per cent at the free line. Carlisle hit only 34 per cent from the field, but cashed in on 60 per cent from the line.

St. Mary held a slim 21-18 lead at the quarter and led by a single marker, 41-40, at halftime. Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets evened the score after three periods and forged ahead in the final canto.

The game was the first of the season for both quintets.

Carlisle.....18 40 56 72
St. Mary….....21 41 56 69

Carlisle (72)
Thomason 22, Duncan 10, Smith 4, Turnbow 2, Larkins 10, Crider 2, Frizzell 12, Simmons 10.

St. Mary (69)
Thompson 15, Glover 8, Naas 22, Wurth 8, Danneker 10, Moranville 4, Weglicki 2.

Carlisle County Comeback
Nips Hickman Falcons

Carlisle Co. 70
Hickman Co. 66
11-17-70 - Home

Carlisle County's Comets, top choice among the regions cage coaches in a pre-season poll, roared from behind to catch Hickman County at the wire and post a 70-66 victory here Tuesday night.

The Comets, now 2-0 for the young campaign, trailed most of the way but finally caught up with about two minutes to go as they unutilized a fast break and pressing defense to overhaul the visiting Falcons.

Mickey Thomason and Cliff Simmons shared scoring honors for the winners with 14 points each, while Gary Duncan tossed in 13 points.

Game honors, however, went to the Falcons' Isaac Childress with 20, followed by Charles Vinson with 18 and Fay Jordan with 15 points.

The Falcons hit 19 of 35 from the field (53 per cent) while Carlisle connected on 29 of 69 field goal attempts (40 per cent). The Falcons won the battle of the boards 45-33.

The game was played before a capacity crowd.

Carlisle….....15 31 45 70
Hickman.....…..20 34 46 68

Carlisle (70)
Thomason 14, Simmons 14, Duncan 13, Frizzell 8, Turnbow 7, Smith 6, Larkins 5, Crider 3.

Hickman (66)
Childress 20, Vinson 18, Jordan 15, McKendree 8, Edwards 3, Thomas 3.

Top-Ranked Carlisle
Shrugs Off Calloway

Carlisle Co. 84
Calloway Co. 61
11-20-70 - Home

Carlisle County's Comets posted their third straight win of the 1970-71 cage campaign, by walloping Calloway County 84-61, here Friday night.

Coach Buchanan's Comets, named the top team in the region in a pre-season poll of area coaches, roared away to a 24-15 advantage at the quarter and never looked back.

Russell Turnbow and Steve Frizzell shared scoring honors for the winners with 18 each, but Calloway's Dennis Sears led all scorers in the game with 19 points.

Both teams shot well from the floor but poorly from the charity stripe.

The Comets hit 39 of 77 from the field (51%) while Calloway hit on 25 of 52 attempts (47%).

From the free throw line, Carlisle managed only 6 of 16, and Calloway hit only 11 of 24.

Carlisle won the battle of the boards, grabbing 45 rebounds to 33 for the visitors.

Turnbow was Carlisle County's top rebounder with 8, while Leonard Larkins grabbed 6.

Calloway County is winless in two starts.

Carlisle…..24 45 65 84
Calloway….15 24 41 61

Carlisle (84)
Turnbow 18, Frizzell 18, Thomason 12, Larkins 15, Simmons 10, Polivick 5, Duncan 4, Dillon 2.

Calloway (61)
Sears 19, Roney 14, Cline 9, Lassiter 7, Rushing 5, Crawford 4, Holsapple 1, Ferguson 1, Duncan 1.

St. Mary Tourney
Opens Wednesday

Battle lines drawn for the 1970 Paducah St. Mary Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament, slated for the Viking gymnasium Wednesday through Saturday nights.

Wednesday's action will pair upper bracket first round games and Thursday's games will send lower bracket clubs into openers. Semifinals will be played Friday with consolations and championship slated Saturday. All sessions will begin at 7 p.m.

Here's the slate:

Wednesday - Carlisle County vs. Ballard Memorial; Livingston Central vs., Hickman County;

Thursday - South Marshall vs. Symsonia; Lone Oak vs. St. Mary;

Friday - (semifinals) - Wednesday's winners in opener, Thursday's winners in second game;

Saturday - (consolation) - Friday's losers; (championship) Friday's winners.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Axes Ballard

Carlisle Co. 58
Ballard Co. 45
11-25-70 - Away

Carlisle County's unbeaten and top-ranked Comets used a stingy defense and a hard charging offense to eliminate defending champion Ballard Co., 58-45, in the opening game of the sixth annual Paducah St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament, Wednesday night.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, ranked number one in the First Region, sewed up the Carlisle quints' fourth consecutive triumph with a third-period performance that limited the Bombers to only one field goal and just three points.

Trailing by only four, 26-22 at halftime, the Bombers went under 12-3 in the third quarter and found the Comets hard to overcome in the final canto.

Each team clicked the scoreboard for 20 points in the last quarter, a complete turn about from the low-scoring third.

Ballard found the range hard to locate in the very first quarter, going six minutes and 20 seconds before finally making a two-point basket. Carlisle used a "triangle-and-two" defense throughout the contest, as the defending champs finished with only 13 fielders for the entire game.

Carlisle moved out to a 9-2 leading during the first six minutes of play, but suddenly lost its touch and led by only four points, 11-7, at the stop. Sparked by a 10-point effort by substitute forward-center Gary Duncan, the Comets managed a 15-15 standoff in the second, to hold the four-point advantage at the intermission.

The Comets managed three seven-point leads in the first half, but no more. Ballard kept striking back, even after the dismal third quarter, and the Comets failed to pull away.

Carlisle's widest lead in the game came midway through the final stanza when it pulled to a 14-point advantage, 46-32. Again, Ballard cut it back, trailing by only 9 with a minute and a half to go, but the deficit proved too great to overcome in the fading moments.

Russell Turnbow, a 6-2 senior forward, hit the Carlisle nets for 10 points in the fourth quarter to help preserve the triumph. Turnbow finished with 15 points, three more than the 6-3 junior Duncan and five more than 5-9 senior guard Cliff Simmons.

Ballard's 5-8 junior guard Brady Howle, pumped in nine points in the first half and another eight in the second, to finish as the game's top scorer at 17. Howle, the Bomber "quarterback", bucketed 11 of 15 free throws for the Bombers. Senior guard Randy Allen, and 6-1 junior forward Mike Hargrove, a substitution, each added 11. Nine of Hargrove's total came in the last quarter.

Both the Comets and Bombers fired at a 30 per cent clip from the field but Carlisle managed 23 more shots than Ballard. Carlisle hit 22 of 69 field attempts, while Ballard sacked 13 of 46.

The Comets were 14 of 21 at the stripe while the Bombers managed 19 of 30 free throw attempts.

Carlisle carries its unblemished mark against Livingston Central in the opening semifinal clash Friday night.

Carlisle.....11 26 38 58
Ballard.....7 22 25 45

Carlisle (58)
Thomason 8, Larkins 4, Frizzell 8, Simmons 10, Turnbow 15, Smith 1, Duncan.

Ballard (45)
Powell 4, J. Henderson 1, Martin 1, Allen 11, Howell 17, Hammonds, L. Henderson, Hargrove 11.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle And St. Mary
Hit Tourney Finals
Frigid-Shooting
Comets Outlast Livingston

Carlisle Co. 49
Livingston Co. 45
11-27-70 - Away

Carlisle County overcame a poor shooting performance and an ice-cold second-quarter effort to outlast rugged Livingston Central in the opening semifinal match of the sixth annual St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament, Friday night. Coming from behind in the last half, the first region's top-ranked Comets scored a 49-45 triumph over the Cardinals.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, now 5-0 for the young season, found its shooting touch in the third and fourth quarters and used a full-court press to good advantage against Livingston, one of the top teams in the Fifth District and Second Region. The Cardinals, now 4-2, scored only 16 points in the second half, as they slowly watched their 29-26 halftime advantage dwindle away.

The action-filled fourth quarter began with the score knotted at 37-all. When it was all over, the Comets had won the stanza, 12-8, and the game by the same four-point advantage. But it proved to be no easy task.

Livingston's 6-4 senior center Allen Doom broke the tie with a follow shot at 6:45, but Carlisle rallied for a tie at 39 when senior forward Russell Turnbow converted a layup. The Cardinals used jumpers by reserve forward Kim Brasher and guard Ronnie Owens, to pull out by four points, 43-39, with 4:50 showing on the clock.

A three-point play by junior guard Steve Frizzell started the Comets on the comeback trail and the successful Carlisle press did the rest. The First District power used a pair of free tosses by 6-6 center Leonard Larkins, to regain the lead at 44-43, with 2:45 showing and Turnbow converted a layup after a steal off the press seconds later, for a 46-43 Carlisle lead.

Then Livingston came within one on a follow by Brasher with 1:44 remaining, but it turned out to be the last bucket for the Cardinals. Junior reserve center-forward Gary Duncan followed his own shot for a Comet tap-in with 40 seconds left and the Carlisle quint killed most of the remaining seconds with an effective stall.

Turnbow, a 6-2 senior, and Frizzell, a 5-9 junior finished as Carlisle's only double-figure scorers with 12 and 11 respectively. The Comets managed only 29 per cent from the field, cashing only 21 fielders, and added 7 of 15 at the line.

Livingston's 6-2 senior forward Bennie Alderdice led all scorers with 19 and Doom followed closely with 16. Coach Don Ringstaff's Cardinals hit 37 per cent from the field, but converted only 15 of 31 at the free throw stripe.

The Red Birds played the game without regular guard Mike Riley, a 5-11 senior.

Livingston erased an early 11-point lead by the Comets with a hard drive late in the first quarter and early in the second. The Cardinals visited the free throw line frequently during the second stanza and gained their first lead with gratis tosses.

However, Livingston's inability to hit from the line in that second quarter, kept the Cardinals from pulling away. The Red Birds hit only five of 12 charity throws in the frame and five of those misses were the first shots of bonus situations.

After leading 14-3, when Frizzell hit the nets with a 20-footer midway through the first period, Carlisle suddenly went cold and managed only five more points for the rest of the quarter. Rallying behind big men Doom and Alderdice, the Cardinals fought back to within three, 19-16.

Livingston pulled to within one by hitting two of seven free throws during the opening three minutes of the second stanza, before Carlisle's Turnbow converted a tip. Seconds later, however, Livingston took the lead on two more free throws and a layup by Alderdice, and the Cardinals held the upper hand for the rest of the half.

The Comets charged back into contention by outscoring Livingston 5-2 during the opening minute and a half of the third quarter, forcing the first tie in the battle at 31. Then, Carlisle forged back on top when Turnbow cashed in a tip and Frizzell bucketed a bank shot during the next minute of play.

Both teams then went to the all-court press, and action picked up until the score was tied again at 37 with 2:15 left in the frame. Carlisle missed six consecutive attempts at the basket a minute later, failing to snap the tie, and that's the way it stood at the end of the period

Carlisle…..…..19 26 37 49
Livingston…...16 29 37 45

Carlisle (49)
Thomason 4, Turnbow 12, Larkins 4, Frizzell 11, Simmons 7, Duncan 6, Smith 5, Crider, Polivick.

Livingston (45)
Alderdice 19, Faulkner 1, Doom 16, Ramage 2, Owens 3, Brasher 4.

St. Mary Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle Co. Takes
St. Mary Championship

Carlisle Co. 70
St. Mary 66
11-28-70 – Away

Carlisle County's Comets dropped a bomb in the finals of the 1970 St. Mary Thanksgiving Tourn., and it momentarily shattered the host's outstanding press defense long enough to provide a 70-66 thrill-packed victory, before another packed gymnasium.

The Comets, top ranked in the first region with a sparkling 6-0 record, zipped through and around the harassing St. Mary press late in the

third quarter and early in the fourth stanza, to build a lead that the Viking's found too much to overcome.

The outstanding play of 6-6 senior center Leonard Larkins and 6-2 forward Russell Turnbow gave the Comets an added boost. Larkins, turning in his best performance of the Tourn., bucked 20 pts. and pulled off 15 rebounds while Turnbow added 18 pts. and 7 rebounds.

It was the first Thanksgivings Tourn. Championship victory for Carlisle in the 6-yr. history of the event. This year's tourney, which featured 8 well-played battles in as many games, broke all records in attendance for the St. Mary early-season bonanza. It featured a well-balanced field, probably the best in its short history.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets came up with their best performance of the tourn. and it proved necessary to walk off with the biggest trophy. Carlisle previously had ousted defending champion Ballard Co, 58-45, and highly-regarded Livingston Co., 49-45.

St. Mary, a 2-time loser in 7 outings this year, and both times to Carlisle, had ousted Lone Oak 57-56, and previously unbeaten Symsonia 70-63 en route to its final showdown. It was the second time for St. Mary to reach the title game of its own tourn., and the Vikings were left still looking for their first crown.

In the end, it was a hot streak late in the 3rd frame, and its continuation into the 4th period, that gave Carlisle the 1970 championship. Trailing 28-26 at intermission, Carlisle quickly took the lead in the 3rd frame – just over a minute after the 2nd half tip – and never trailed again.

St. Mary pulled to within one, 41-40, on a 25-foot jumper by senior forward Tony Naas, but the Vikings were only seconds away from that "bomb" of the Comets. Carlisle outscored the host quint 10-2 for the rest of the quarter and then 10-6 during the first minute and a half of the final canto, to pull to its widest lead in the game, 61-48.

The Vikings fought back to within 6, with 3 minutes to go, when the St. Mary press regained its form, but Carlisle went into a freeze, drew the desperation fouls, and then hit the fts. that kept the Comet lead intact. St. Mary made its final basket with 9 seconds showing, pulling back within four, their closest after that 41-40 deficit, in the 3rd frame.

Carlisle slowed down the tempo with a 10-pt. lead with just over 3 minutes remaining in the game. A minute later, they put it into the freeze, as the Vikings began chipping at the margin.

Then during the fading seconds when victory was all but assured, jubilant Comet fans picked up the most favorite chant of all: "We're No. 1."

St. Mary, after dropping the 3rd period 25-14, reversed the hot hand in the final canto, to the tune of 24-19.

The two clubs fought to an 11-all standoff, the second of 3 deadlocks in the game, at the end of the first 8 minutes. The Vikings held the upper hand during most of the 2nd stanza, leading at one point by 6, 28-22. Carlisle, however, scored the last four pts. of the quarter, and then had a would-be game-tying basket by Larkins disallowed, after the halftime horn.

Larkins, who led the Comets to a 39-35 advantage under the boards with his 15 retrieves, sparked Carlisle's first-period effort with 7 of his 20 pts. He had 7 more in the 3rd frame, while Turnbow tallied 10 and junior guard Steve Frizzell managed 6. Frizzell was Carlisle's third man in double figures with 14.

Leon Wurth sparkled for the Vikings with a 19-pt. effort, scoring 9 of his pts. at the ft. line. Reserve forward Tony Naas added 14 and senior forward Joe Danneker netted 12.

Both finalists enjoyed a good shooting night from the field.

St. Mary cashed in 22/51 fgs. for 43% while the Comets hit on 26/63 fgs. for 41%. Carlisle managed 12 more shots than the losing Vikings, most of which were created by added height under the baskets.

Carlisle's other triumph over the Vikings came during the season's opener for both squads with the Comets taking a thrill-packed 72-69 decision.

Carlisle….....11 26 51 70
St. Mary….....11 28 42 66

Carlisle (70)
Larkins 20, Simmons 5, Frizzell 14, Turnbow 18, Thomason 5, Duncan 6, Smith 2.

St. Mary (66)
M. Glover 8, Thompson 8, Bagby 5, Danneker 12, Wurth 19, Naas 14, K. Glover.

Comets Flash on 117 Blitz,
To Blow Away Fulton City

Carlisle Co. 117
Fulton City 62
12-04-70 - Away

Carlisle County had one of those nights basketball players dream about here Friday night.

The Comets threw everybody they had at Fulton City, and everybody they had was hot. The result of this mixture was a 117-62 annihilation of the hopeless Fulton City Bulldogs.

The Comets dominated every phrase of the game, hitting a torrid 53 percent, on 40 of 76 field goal shots, and scoring a whopping 37 points on free throws. They missed 30 gratis throws.

Seven Comets managed to reach twin figures, with big Leonard Larkins packing the assault with 22 points.

Substitute Larry Anderson came in for all of his 19 points in a single quarter, 17 of them on free tosses.

The Comets outrebounded Fulton City 71-35, with another sub, Gary Duncan leading the board play. He had 19 retrieves.

For Fulton City, it was that kind of night.

Carlisle.....….27 59 81 117
Fulton City….16 27 43 62

Carlisle (117)
Larkins 22, Anderson 19, Smith 16, Duncan 12, Turnbow 10, Crider 10, Frizzell 10, Dillon 7, Thomason 4, Polivick 4, Simmons 3.

Fulton City (62)
Moore 13, Large 17, Campbell 7, Whitnel 5, E. Tharp 5, Smith 4, Rice 3, T. Tharp 2, Lawrence 2, Pulley 2, Barkley 2.

Flaming Comets
Streak By Bombers

Ballard Co. 56
Carlisle Co. 74
12-05-70 - Home

Carlisle County's flaming–hot Comets kept an unblemished record intact, and their homecoming festive here Sat. night, streaking past Ballard Co, 74-56.

With Fri. night's 117-62 victory over Fulton City, the Comets now have an 8-0 record.

The Comets and the Bombers battled neck-and-neck through the opening quarter with the hosts heading into the 2nd stanza ahead by three, 23-20.

At the halftime break the Comets built the advantage to 6, going into the 2nd half ahead 38-22. The margin steadily increased from there to the final buzzer.

Leading the Carlisle quintet to the victory were forwards Mickie Thomason, Gary Duncan and Russell Turnbow with 17, 11 and 10 pts., respectively.

In the losers' corner it was center Rex Powell with 19, followed by forward Kike Newton with 12 and guard Brady Howle with 11.

Carlisle hit on 31/57 fgs. for 54% and hit 12/20 fts. Ballard was 23/64 fgs. for 36% and hit 8/19 fts.

In rebs., Carlisle collected 39 and Ballard 37.

Carlisle….....23 38 53 74
Ballard.….....20 32 40 56

Carlisle (74)
Thomason 17, Duncan 11, Smith 6, Turnbow 10, Larkins 7, Crider 4, Frizzell 7, Polivick 2, Simmons 9, Yates 1.

Ballard (56)
Powell 18, Newton 12, Hammons 1, Howle 11.

Lowes Pairings Set

Defending champion and regionally top ranked Carlisle County heads an eight-team field ticketed to compete in the third annual Lowes Christmas Tournament, here Wednesday through Saturday.

Pairings for the event are:

Wednesday – Fulton City vs. Lyon County, Carlisle County vs. Farmington;
Thursday – Fancy Farm vs. Sedalia, Lowes vs. Cuba;
Friday – Lower bracket, then upper bracket semifinals;
Saturday – Consolation game, championship game.

Each night's opening game will get under way at 7 p.m., with the nightcap to follow at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Lowes Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co.
Overwhelms Farmington

Carlisle Co. 100
Farmington 44
12-09-70 – Away

Defending tourney champion Carlisle Co. could do no wrong Wed. night in dropping winless Farmington, 100-44, in the nightcap of the Lowes Christmas Tournament's opening round.

Big Leonard Larkins, the 6-6 senior Comet pivot, fired in 22 pts. as Carlisle played all 12 men and was never seriously threatened.

A 41-pt. Comet 2nd quarter broke the back of Farmington, as Larkins, with 10, and Cliff Simmons with 7 pts. led the barrage in the 2nd 8 minutes.

Darrell Forrester, a 6-3 junior, paced the Wildcats with 11 pts. and 5-10 senior Donald Bloodworth contributed 10 in the game.

Carlisle Co. added 16 pts. to its total of 59 at halftime, to go up 75-30 after 3 periods, then the Comets measured 25 pts. to hit the century mark for the 2nd time this season.

Coach Tom Buchanan's cagers poured in 46 fgs. and only 8 fts., since Farmington was called for fouling only 13 times. The Wildcats totaled 17 fgs. and 10 from the line.

Farmington fell to 0-9 with the loss, while the streaking Comets remained as the region's only unbeaten team. The Carlisle unit is breezing along at 9-0. They are set to face first-game winner Lyon

Co. in Fri. night's first semifinal contest, which gets underway at 7 p.m.

Carlisle…….18 59 75 100
Farmington…..9 21 30 44

Carlisle (100)
Thomason 8, Duncan 4, Turnbow 10, Smith 4, Frizzell 8, Larkins 22, Polivick 18, Crider 6, Dillon 4, Simmons 7, Yates 4, Anderson 5.

Farmington (44)
Arnett 3, R. Smith 6, Glover 3, Forester 11, Bloodworth 10, Hendley 4, Sims 5, Wilson 2.

Lowes Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Co. Uses
Balance To Upend Lyon Co.

Carlisle Co. 97
Lyon Co. 69

12-10-70 – Away

Carlisle Co., the First Region's top choice if the coaches have their say, continues to ride the high crest with ultra-balanced scoring. Lyon Co., however, continues to look to Wayne Whisman to carry the "Lyon's share" of their load.

Whisman, who had already had games of 32 and 31 pts. this season, fired in 32 again here Fri. night, but it wasn't enough to keep Carlisle from winning, 97-69.

The victory swept the Comets into the finals of the Lowes Christmas Tourn. and a date with Cuba, which nudged Sedalia in the second game, 67-54.

It was Cliff Simmons' turn to take scoring honors for the Comets. The senior guard flipped in 16, but Mickie Thomason with 15 and Russell Turnbow with 14, were close at hand. Little 5-4 David Polivick, even got into the act, tossing in 11 markers.

Six-Six Leonard Larkins, Carlisle's usual high-pt. leader, scored 9.

The Comets of Tom Buchanan were never behind, and quickly put the game under their belt by assuming a 23-11 1st quarter lead. The winners failed, however, to shake the Lyons entirely, until the 3rd canto.

Whisman, firing in 14 of his pts. in the 2nd quarter, kept Lyon within striking distance. The losers scored 26 pts., in that 2nd 8 minutes, but Carlisle bettered them by one.

Carlisle…….23 50 73 97
Lyon…….11 37 51 69

Carlisle (97)
Larkins 9, Duncan 8, Thomason 15, Smith 8, Turnbow 14, Crider 4, Frizzell 11, Polivick 4, Simmons 16, Dillon 6, Anderson 2, Yates.

Lyon (69)
Defew 3, T. Wadington 4, Smith 5, Parrish 7, T. Parrent 2, Whisman 32, Parrent 2, Scillian 11, Pridemore 3, Finley, Wadlington.

Lowes Tourn.
Championship
Comets Drop Cubs For
Second Tourney Title

Carlisle Co. 83
Cuba 62

12-12-70 - Away

After Leonard Larkins and Russell Turnbow had made their presence felt in the 3rd quarter of Sat. night's championship game in the Lowes Christmas Tourn., little doubt remained as to who the game belonged to.

The two Comet backboard demons, with plenty of help from a sizable supporting cast, provided the spark that set Carlisle's Comets afire, lifting them to an 83-62 victory over Cuba's Cubs for their 2nd straight Lowes tourney title and their 2nd holiday tourney championship in 2 outings this season.

Carlisle took a 35-30 lead into the intermission, after having led by as much as 10 pts. against the comeback-conscious Cubs, but Larkins, who had rested the 2nd quarter, came back to help Turnbow and company make the final decision, just a matter of time.

It was an 18-footer by Cliff Simmons that began the 3rd quarter runaway, which saw the Comets outscore Cuba, 20-11. A minute later Larkins put in the first of 3 rebound putbacks in the frame, then Thomason canned another from long-range and the Comets led, 41-30.

Turnbow then tossed in a rebound shot, and not until 4:46 was remaining in the 3rd period did Cuba get a point. They got their first 2 on a Tim Hicks 15-footer, but Carlisle was up 43-32 by that time.

Larkins and Turnbow continued to rattle the boards with key grabs in front of and over the heads of Cub's formidable front line.

The Comets, ranked 1st in the regional coaches poll, poured it on the Cubs in the next 3 minutes to scramble to a 53-36 lead, before coach Eddie Ford's charges could recover. They trailed 55-41 after the disastrous 3rd, and only 2 more times could they make the slightest threat.

Some clutch shooting by Cuba's polished David Jones and mate Thomas Swatzell, cut the Carlisle lead to 9 on 2 occasions – first at 59-50 with 5:31 to go and again at 68-59 with 3:02 remaining.

Comet substitute Gary Duncan ended Cuba's faintest hope with a nifty tip-in that had a ft. added to it by Tommy Morris' hacking foul. That came at 2:10, and the Comets led, 73-60.

Buckets by Mickie Thomason and David Smith – another Comet sub who helped his team sparkle through the latter moments of their 11th consecutive win – plus 4 fts. by Duncan and 2 more putbacks by Turnbow closed out the Comets night. Cuba could manage only a fg. by Morris, during their stretch.

Despite the boardwork of Larkins and Turnbow in the 3rd canto, rebound charts showed that Cuba had stayed with their conquerors over the balance of the game.

The Comets hit fgs. at a 50% clip, on 35/70 shots. Cuba could manage but 20/55 for 36%.

And the Cubs, who hit 27/29 fts. in a Tuesday outing and 17/18 Fri. night, also fell in that category. They put in 22/31, good by most standards but below the Cuba delegation's expectations. Carlisle hit 13/19 fts.

The Comets' balanced attack included 16 by Thomason, 14 from Turnbow, 13 each from Simmons, Duncan and Frizzell and 10 from Larkins, who became foul happy and committed all 5 of his allotted fouls in the final quarter.

Cuba was led by Swatzell with 19, most of them from the 20-foot area.

Carlisle…….17 35 55 83
Cuba…….13 30 41 62

Carlisle (83)
Thomason 16, Duncan 13, Turnbow 14, Smith 4, Larkins 10, Frizzell 13, Simmons 13, Polivick.

Cuba (62)
Swatzell 19, Dale Jones 2, David Jones 13, McClure 8, Morris 6, Hicks 14.

Top-Rated Comets Roll
To 12th Straight Win

Carlisle Co. 95
South Marshall 76

12-15-70 - Home

Carlisle County's Comets made it an even dozen victories for the season Tuesday night with a convincing 95-76 decision over South Marshall.

The high-flying Comets will be shooting for victory No. 13 Thursday night, when they host the Lone Oak Purple Flash.

The Comets, fresh from winning the Lowes Christmas tourn., encountered a fired-up Rebel quintet during the first half, which finished with Carlisle on top by the slimmest of margins, 46-45.

Coach Tom Buchanan altered his defensive pattern slightly at the start of the 2nd half, and the Comets began to edge further ahead.

Carlisle outscored the visitors 32-10 in the 3rd quarter to take a commanding 78-55 lead into the final quarter.

South Marshall's high-scoring Sherman Cothran, netted 19 pts. for the Rebs, but was checked with only one fg. in the 2nd half by the Comets' Cliff Simmons.

Game scoring honors were shared by Carlisle's Leonard Larkins and South's Dennis Smith, with 22 pts. each. Mickie Thomason added 20 and Steve Frizzell netted 18 pts. for the winners.

Carlisle hit 36/72 fgs. for 50% while South was connecting on 25/47 fgs. for 44%.

Carlisle outrebounded the visiting Rebs 45-26, with Larkins pulling down 12.

Coach Buchanan used 9 players in the contest.

Carlisle…….24 46 78 95
S. Marshall…..20 45 55 76

Carlisle (95)
Larkins 22, Thomason 20, Frizzell 18, Smith 10, Turnbow 9, Duncan 6, Simmons 6, Anderson 2, Polivick 1.

S. Marshall (76)
Smith 22, Cothran 19, Darrell 12, Anderson 10, Reed 9, Slack 2, Hall 2.

Flash Become
13th Comet Victim

Carlisle Co. 82
Lone Oak 55

12-17-70 - Home

Carlisle County's Comets continue to set a dazzling pace in First Region cage circles. The Comets knocked off Lone Oak, 82-55, for their 13th straight victory, without a defeat.

Coach Tom Buchanan's quintet got away to a rather slow start, as has been their pattern in recent games, but really found the mark in the second half and pulled away to an easy victory.

The loss gives Jack McKinney's Purple Flash a 4-4 mark for the season.

The same two teams clash in the first round of the Tilghman Christmas Tournament on Dec. 28.

The Comets had four players in double scoring figures. Russell Turnbow with 17, Gary Duncan with 11, and Mickie Thomason and Steve Frizzell with 10 point's each.

Lone Oak's Rickie Goode was the game's high scorer with 18 points.

Carlisle County hit 31 of 69 field goal attempts while Lone Oak hit only 15/53.

The Comets also won the battle of the boards, pulling down 48 rebounds to 32 for the visiting Oakers. Turnbow was the top rebounder for Carlisle County with 11.

Carlisle……..15 32 58 82
Lone Oak…….12 25 38 55

Carlisle (82)

Turnbow 17, Duncan 11, Thomason 10, Frizzell 10, Larkins 8, Smith 8, Polivick 4, Anderson 4, Dillon, Yates.

Lone Oak (55)

Goode 18, Elliot 15, Naas 6, Edwards 4, Knott 2, page 4.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. Rolls
To 14th Straight Win

Carlisle Co. 77
Lone Oak 61

12-28-70 - Away

Carlisle Co., the region's top-ranked quint, ran its unblemished worksheet to 14-0 Monday afternoon with a 77-61 victory over Lone Oak in the foul-marred opening match of the Tilghman Invitational Tourn.

The Comets will meet Louisville St. Xavier, rated 5th in the state by the Associated Press, in the tourn. semifinals at noon today.

A total of 56 personal fouls were whistled during the roughly contested battle. The Comets were called for 32 violations and the Oakers were assessed with 24 fouls. Five starters, 3 for Lone Oak and 2 for Carlisle, left the game by way of 5 fouls.

As a result, Coach Jack McKinney's Purple Flash scored just 7 pts. less from the ft. line than it did from the floor. Lone Oak connected on only 17/59 attempts from the field, for an icy 29%, but the Oakers collected 27/47 fts.

Carlisle, also thrown off stride by the whistle tooting managed 27/37 fgs. for 37%. The Comets cashed 23/35 fts. for 62%.

The region's top offensive team boasting an 80-pt. average per game, Carlisle used a tenacious defense to forge a 39-22 lead in the first half. Lone Oak mustered only 5 fgs. in the half, 2 in the 1st quarter and 3 in the 2nd, and the Purple Flash went 6:27 deep into the game before scoring its initial 2-pointer.

Coach Tom Buchanan's quint never trailed in the contest and Lone Oak could manage to tie only twice early in the struggle – at 2-2 and 4-4. The Comets broke the 4-4 deadlock with 12 straight pts. and the Oakers never seriously challenged thereafter.

Junior guard Mickie Thomason canned a 25-foot jumper from the corner to slice the 4-4 knot and initiated the breakaway with 5:19 showing in the 1st period. Sparked by senior guard Cliff Simmons's 5 pts., Carlisle scored 12 straight in the next 4 minutes and bolted to a 16-4 advantage.

Lone Oak guard Chris Naas scored the first Purple Flash fg. with 1:33 remaining in the canto, to break up the Comet hoop monopoly. Simmons came back with a pair of baskets and senior forward Russell Turnbow chipped in a third, to build the edge to 13 pts., 22-9, at the stop. The Oakers were unable to pull closer than 12 the rest of the way.

Simmons, who equaled the Lone Oak output in the 1st period, held the hot hand throughout the contest and finished as the game's high scorer. He bucketed 8 from the floor and added 5/6 from the ft. line. The 5-10 senior also turned in an outstanding defensive performance.

Two other Comets reached double figures. Senior 6-6 center Leonard Larkins and Thomason each bagged 16 pts.

Senior guard Larry Knott paced the Lone Oak attack with 18 pts. He collected 5 fgs. and sank 8/12 fts. Naas contributed 10 to the Purple Flash effort.

Lone Oak tallied a single fg. in the opening 6 minutes of the 2nd period allowing Carlisle to jump to an 18-pt. edge. Naas collected the solo basket and the Oakers picked up 4 fts. in the time span. The Comets poured in 13 pts. to shoot out front, 33-15.

Forward Ricky Goode and center Walter Hatchett each added fgs. in the last 2 minutes of the stanza. Lone Oak trimmed the margin to 17, 37-22, at the break.

The Comets kept up the pressure in the 3rd frame holding Lone Oak to a pair of baskets in the first 4 minutes of the second half. Led by a 6-pt. spree by Thomason, Carlisle Co. vaulted to its first 21 pt. lead, 49-28, with 3:55 to go in the 3rd period.

The Comets went cold from the field midway through the stanza allowing the Purple Flash to shave the advantage. The Oakers outscored Carlisle Co. 12-6 in the last 4 minutes, to cut the gap to 55-40, at the end of the canto.

Goode started the foul-out exodus to open the 4th quarter but the Oakers used the press to rally briefly. Hatchett and Naas sank back-to-back fgs., the second coming with 4:40 to play, and Lone Oak moved within 12.

Going to a press of its own, Carlisle blistered the cords for 10 straight pts. in the next minute and blasted to a 22-pt. lead. Reserves played the final 3 minutes for both squads.

Carlisle….....22 39 55 77
Lone Oak.....9 22 40 61

Carlisle (77)

Thomason 16, Turnbow 7, Larkins 16, Simmons 21, Frizzell 7, Duncan 2, Smith 4, Crider 2, Polivick 2, Anderson, Yates.

Lone Oak (61)

Goode 7, Edwards 9, Hatchett 7, Knott 18, Naas 10, Massey, Elliott 6, Page 4, Dallas.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Co. Erases
5th-Ranked St. X

Carlisle Co. 57
Louisville St. Xavier 56

12-29-70 – Away

Senior guard Cliff Simmons scored 4 pts. in the final 40 seconds of play, to send Carlisle past Louisville St. Xavier, 57-55, in the semifinals of the Tilghman Invitational Tourn. Tuesday afternoon.

The victory was the 15th of the season without a defeat for Coach Tom Buchanan's quint and sent the top-rated Comets into the finals opposite 3rd-ranked Mayfield. The loss was only the second of the season for St. Xavier, rated 5th in the state by the Associated Press.

The Tigers of Coach Marty Domlon, who trailed most of the contest, finally caught the stingy Carlisle unit with 1:31 left to go in the game. Reserve forward Jim Powell cashed the first attempt of a bonus ft. to deadlock the count at 50-all, but missed the chance to put St. X on top for the first time since the 1st quarter.

Carlisle forward Mickie Thomason drove the length of the court and found Gary Duncan loose under the basket and the Comets pushed back into the lead by two pts. Simmons, a 5-10 defensive demon, bumped it to 3 with a ft. with 1:19 remaining.

The Louisville cagers came back to tie at 53-53. Senior guard John Kelly hit the first of two fts., and Powell tipped in the missed second attempt to even the score with 48 seconds to play.

Simmons put the Comets ahead to stay with a 20-foot jumper from the left of the key with 37 seconds to play, then iced the victory by sinking a pair of fts., with 4 seconds to play.

Kelly canned a jumper at the horn to cut the deficit to the final 2-pt. margin.

As in the opening round victory over Lone Oak, defensive hustle paid off in triumph for the normally high-scoring Comets. Carlisle, smaller at every position but the pivot, prevented the physically strong Tigers from getting inside and forced numerous turnovers.

St. X also threw up a tough defense and shut down the running attack of Carlisle.

As a result, the Comets hit only 31% from the field, connecting on 17/55 attempts.

The Tigers canned 4 more fgs., in 5 more shots, for a 35% mark.

Carlisle gained the deciding margin at the line popping in 23/27 tries for 85%. The dead-eye Comets sank all 8 attempts in the 1st half and collected 15 straight before the first miss. St. X had 2 less attempts from the ft. line but only bucketed 13 for barely over 50%.

The out-sized Carlisle squad lost the board battle by a pair, 39-37, but used a 24-17 retrieve advantage in the 1st half to mold a 32-29 lead.

Kelly ripped off the first 5 Tigers pts. of the contest to boost St. X on top, 5-4.

The Comets, who had little difficulty with the full-court press employed throughout the game by the Tigers, took command with 5:09 to play in the initial stanza on a jumper by Thomason. Senior forward Russell Turnbow followed with a fg. to push the margin to 3 pts.

Tiger forward Tony Robben cut it back to 2 but the Comets poured in 3 more to go out front by four, 11-7, mid-way through the frame. Junior guard Steve Frizzell doubled the advantage with a 3-pt. play with 20 seconds left in the period and Thomason made it 7 with a ft. 8 seconds later. The 7-pt., 20-13, lead was the longest held by the Comets in the contest. St. X center Fred Giraff chipped it to 5, to close the 1st stanza and Carlisle was never ahead more than 6 in the last 3 periods.

The Comet defense rallied behind 6-6 center Leonard Larkins and Turnbow, both of who blocked several shots, and held the Tigers to 14 pts. in the 2nd period. The St. X defense proved equally as stingy allowing only 12 and trimming the halftime count to 32-29.

The Tigers closed within 1 at the 5-minute mark of the frame, but Thomason bucketed a fg. and Turnbow added a pair of fts., to maintain the Comet lead.

St. X went to the man-to-man pressure defense in the 3rd quarter with little success. The Tigers allowed only 2 Comet fts. in the period but the Comets, picking up fouls off the press, sank 7 of 8 fts. and built the edge to five, 43-38, at the stop. The Carlisle defense yielded only 9 pts. in the frame.

The Comets boosted it to 6 at 46-40 in the final canto but St. X came up with 5 straight pts., to trim it to one, 46-45. A pair of fts. by Thomason and a 2-pointer by Frizzell pushed it back to five, 50-45. But another 5 straight by the Tigers tied the count and set up Simmons' heroics.

Thomason spearheaded the Carlisle attack sinking 6 fgs. and 4/5 fts. for 16 pts. Frizzell added 14 and Turnbow chipped in 11.

Kelly took game scoring honors, canning 18 for St. X. Gerstale had 11 for the only other double-figure Tiger effort.

Carlisle….....20 32 43 57
St. X…….....15 29 38 55

Carlisle (57)

Thomason 16, Turnbow 11, Larkins 4, Simmons 8, Frizzell 14, Duncan 4, Smith.

St. X (55)
Gerstale 11, Graff 8, Kelly 18, Robben 8, Hoffman 3, Peterworth 2, Powell 5.

Tilghman Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle Countian's Rocket
To Christmas Tourney Title

Carlisle Co. 70
Mayfield 65
12-29-70 – Away

Every so many cycles a comet passes within sight of the earth. Carlisle County's Comets, untouchable in 16 previous cycles, proved no exception and dropped briefly into range Tuesday night. But, like all true Comets, Carlisle soared back to the heights.

Coach Tom Buchanan's top-rated quint spotted Mayfield a 6-pt. halftime lead, then rocketed to a 70-65 victory and the championship of the Tilghman Invitational Tourn. The triumph was the 16th of the season without a loss for the Comets and earned them their 3rd championship of the campaign. Carlisle claimed the crown in the St. Mary and Lowes tournaments earlier this season.

The title was also the second Tilghman Championship won by a Carlisle team. The 1959 Comets posted the first Tilghman crown.

Senior guard Cliff Simmons, the Comets "Mr. Clutch," sparked the comeback rally with tailing help from a couple of other Carlisle Co. fireballs – 6-6 center Leonard Larkins and junior guard Steve Frizzell. All three turned in stellar performances in the closing minutes of the contest.

Mayfield center Pat Haygood broke a 49-49 deadlock with 4 straight pts. to push the Cardinals out front. Simmons cut it back to a basket with a jumper and reserve utility man Gary Duncan shaved it to one, with a ft. at 6:49 in the 4th , with the foul by the 6-6 center Haygood, who had carried the Mayfield rebound load, left the game with 5 personals.

Senior forward Russell Turnbow added 2 more baskets to shoot Carlisle out front for the first time since midway of the 2nd stanza. His second fg. at 6:28 put the Comets on top by three, 56-53.

Redbird guard Greg Waldrop killed the rally momentarily with a long jumper from the side and running mate Joe Ford regained the lead for Mayfield with a pair of fts. Larkins came up with a similar effort to take back the edge but senior forward Jack Fisher nullified the gain with a tip-in at 2:41, that gave the Cardinals a one-pt. lead.

With time running short, Simmons picked up the Comet offense and spearheaded the breakaway charge. The 5-10 scrapper stole the ball twice and poured 6 pts. around a 2-pointer by reserve Cardinal center Larry Sanderson and fired Carlisle to a 64-61 advantage with 1:29 to play. And the Comets skyrocketed from there. Larkins blocked 2 shots, Simmons came up with a pair of steals, and Frizzell nabbed 2 Mayfield passes and scored 6 straight to blast the Comets to 70-63 margin, their widest of the game.

Simmons finished as the game's high scorer nabbing 18 pts. on 9 fgs. Three other Comets reached double figures. Mickie Thomason was a notch behind Simmons at 17. Larkins netted 12 and Frizzell wound up with 10.

Simmons held Ford, Mayfield's scoring ace to 17 pts., but the 6-2 junior paced the Cardinal scoring. Fisher contributed 15 pts. to the Redbird total, Haygood bucketed 13 and Clinton Turner finished with 11.

Both teams chipped in 25 fgs. with Carlisle attempting 62 shots for 40%, and Mayfield firing up 60 for 41% The Comets took command at the line cashing 20/34. The Redbirds held a slim 40-39 rebounding edge.

Carlisle was flat throughout the 1st half and never quite found its game. The Cardinals used their superior size on the boards and a hot hand from the field to go ahead by as much as 9 pts.

Both teams were tense in the early going and the first fg. was not scored until 3:02 of playing time had elapsed. Haygood pried open the lid for the Cardinal's with 4:58 to play giving Mayfield a 4-2 edge. Carlisle took the lead away and moved on top, 8-4. Back-to-back fgs. by Fisher and Turner knotted the score at 8-all and the teams swapped baskets through the rest of the frame. Waldrop pumped in a jumper to break a 15-15 deadlock to open the 2nd quarter and Carlisle trailed until the final stanza. Thomason kept the Comets, plagued with turnovers and off their game, in contention with 4 straight pts. but a ft. toss by Fisher and a driving lay-up by Ford boosted the Cardinals to a 5-pt. lead.

Ford teamed with Turner to scoot Mayfield to a 9-pt. lead. Turner put back an errant shot and Ford followed with 2 fts., to give the Cardinals a 34-25 advantage, with 2:26 to go in the half.

A 3-pt. play by Thomason and a bucket by Turnbow quickly sliced it to 4, but Ford closed out the half with a fg. to send the Redbirds into the break with a 36-30 lead.

Carlisle found a temporary solution to its problems in the defense, which sagged in the early going, in the 3rd canto. The offense still struggled with floor errors but the Comets used their defense to fight back.

Larkins halved the Mayfield edge with 3 straight pts., in the first minute of the 3rd period. Carlisle was unable to move closer, however, until late in the frame.

Thomason nailed a ft. to cap a 5-pt spurt, that put the Comets within 2, at 41-39. A 3-pt. trip by Haygood pushed it back to 5.

Then the Comets reached deep into their bag of energy and cranked up the offense. Carlisle piled 6 pts. around a Turner basket and shaved the deficit to a single pt. Fisher interrupted the spree with a ft. but Simmons pulled the Comets even, 47-47, with a driving basket and the well-matched squads entered the decisive stanza knotted at 49-all.

Carlisle….....15 30 49 70
Mayfield.....15 36 49 65

Carlisle (70)
Thomason 17, Turnbow 8, Larkins 12, Simmons 18, Frizzell 10, Duncan 3, Smith 2.

Mayfield (65)
Fischer 15, Turner 11, Haygood 13, Ford 17, Waldrop 5, Sanderson 4.

Carlisle County
Headed For LIT

The field for the 16-team Louisville Invitational Tournament was completed Monday and eight of the top ten teams in the Associated Press' high school basketball poll of last week, are included.

Teams participating in the tourney, which will be held at Freedom Hall Jan. 21-23, include: No. 1 Louisville Male, No. 2 Anderson County, No. 3 St. Xavier, No. 4 Bowling Green, No. 5 Covington Catholic, No. 6 Pleasure Ridge Park, No. 8 Louisville Day Central and No. 9 Louisville Manual.

Other Louisville teams in the annual event will be Westport, Ahrens, Atherton, DeSales, Flaget, Iroquois and Shawnee.

Rounding out the line-up will be Carlisle County, which was unranked last week but sports a 16-0 record.

Clark Co., last year's tournament winner, won't compete.

Pairings for the tourney and seeding of the top four Louisville teams and top four invited schools will be made next Monday.

The Little Old Lady In The Shoe!
Carlisle Has That Problem Too!

The old lady who lived in the shoe and had so many children she didn't know what to do, might take a lesson from Carlisle Co. basketball coach Tom Buchanan – and put them all out on the basketball court.

Coach Buchanan has an abundance of talent at Carlisle this season and he is using the "bumper crop" to full advantage, not letting any go to waste. It is not unusual to see as many as 8 or 9 Comets enter a game and, in most cases, all will see nearly an equal share of playing time. They are alternated in the lineup, as the situation demands, and it does not appear to matter a great deal which 5 happen to be in the contest at a given time. Carlisle's end result has been consistent – winning!

The Comets, who have sat atop the First Region poll of coaches throughout the season, are the winningest team in the state, sporting an unblemished 16-0 worksheet. Five players are averaging in double figures and Carlisle leads the region in offense with a 78.4 per game mark.

In addition, the Comets are 6th in the region in defense having yielded only 59.8 pts. per encounter and their 18.6 victory margin per game is also tops in the region. Coach Buchanan's cagers have already captured 3 tourn. Championships and are bound for the prestigious Louisville Invitational Tourn., Jan. 21-23.

The Comets have beaten the 2nd-ranked team in the region (St. Mary) twice, taking the Thanksgiving Tourn. away from the host Vikings in the second engagement. They downed the 3rd-rated team in the region and the state, enroute to the Tilghman Tourn. title. And they won the Lowes Tourn., stopping the No. 6 team in the region, in the final.

Coach Buchanan points to 3 factors as keys to Carlisle's domination of First Regional basketball this season. Key No. 1 is depth. Nine players see extensive action and the coach does not feel the team suffers when any of the 9 are on the court.

Key No. 2 is balance. Five are averaging in double figures with less than 2 pts. separating the lot. And all the regulars have been high-point man at one time or another. "Balance and depth have to be 2 of our greatest assets," Coach Buchanan explained. "Other teams can not concentrate their defense on one player since we don't have just one high scorer. It gives us an opportunity to avoid taking the ball to one man all the time and that has to affect other teams defensively."

"With the depth we have," he added, "we can afford to run a lot and still give players a rest where other teams cannot."

Key No. 3 is what the second-year Carlisle mentor calls "coachability." They listen to the coaches and do what is asked of them," he pointed out. "They do things the team way instead of the individual way and their concern is for the group."

Coach Buchanan suspects the fact that all are sound students academically lends to the aspect of

coachability. "We don't have to spend as much time going over patterns," he commented in illustration. "As a result, we are able to do more things with less explanation."

The Comets are not divided into starters and reserves. Eight men – 5 seniors and 3 juniors – all see front line duty. Which 5 start is of little consequence since all 8 pick up about the same amount of playing time. Center Leonard Larkins is above the senior continent – in size at least. The 6-6 pivot man is the only "big man" among the 8. Averaging 11.9 pts. per game, he is the team's top percentage shooter. In 8 of the 16 games he bettered the 70% mark. He also picks off about 9 rebs. per game.

"Larkins has picked up in quickness and strength," Coach Buchanan said, and he has developed a good variety of shots. He appears slow, but he intimidates people around the bucket."

Senior forward Russell Turnbow also grabs 9 or 10 retrieves a game. The 6-2 battler also chips in 11.4 pts. per game. An A student, he shoots well both under the basket and from outside.

"Turnbow has also picked up in quickness and strength this season," Coach Buchanan observed, "He follows his shot real well and gets a lot of rebounds as a result."

Senior guard Cliff Simmons provides leadership on both ends of the court. The 5-10 hustler is the Comets ace defensive player and picks up 10.3 pts. per game. He also hits an excellent percentage from the floor.

"When you think the team is tired, Simmons is the man you'll find applying the pressure on clutch plays," Coach Buchanan commented. "He's the fellow that makes the steals and snatches up the lose balls."

A pair of southpaw shooters – David Smith and Mike Crider – fill out the senior delegation. Smith, at 6-1 is one of the better percentage shooters on the team, though he does not usually take as many attempts as his teammates. Also tough on defense, he was used sparingly during the Tilghman tourn. because he had a tooth extracted on the opening day of play. Smith does a fine job of rebounding too." Coach Buchanan said. "He probably gets the ball out and gets the fast break started quicker than anyone we have."

Crider, a 5-11 guard, is the team's pacesetter. Though a good shooter, he is usually used as a playmaker to settle down and run the offense.

"Crider shows a lot of determination and leadership," his coach explained. "He picks up and patterns the offense when it is not running smoothly. In a couple of key games, he has come in and run the offense and made it click."

In the junior ranks, the Comets have Steve Frizzell, Gary Duncan and Mickie Thomason. Frizzell, a 5-9 speedster, normally sets and runs the offense. An 11.2 scorer per game, he uses his quick hands effectively both on offense and defense. "We depend on Frizzell most of the time to run our offense," Coach Buchanan indicated. "He does and excellent job of picking apart the holes in the opposing team's defense."

Thomason, a 5-11 forward, is the team's leading scorer with an average of 12.7 pts. per appearance. A top defensive player as well, he is one of the squad's leading rebounders despite his size.

"Thomason jumps better for his height than anyone we have," Buchanan said. "A lot of his rebounds come from quickness and toughness and he has a lot of basketball savvy."

Duncan, at 6-3, plays in both the forward and pivot slots. Sidelined by illness 2 of the past 3 years, he gained playing experience only as a freshman. However, he pumps in 7.3 pts. per game and grabs off numerous rebounds.

"Duncan has as many moves and as much talent as anyone we have," Buchanan pointed out. "He still has a problem getting in top condition because of high blood pressure and he still hasn't reached his full potential."

"In every game through he seems to be able to go a little harder and a little longer," he added. "He really picks us up some time."

Juniors David Polivick, Larry Anderson and Gary Yates, are also called on for considerable duty. Both Polivick and Anderson have been high-pt. scorers in at least one game this season.

Offensively, Carlisle has scored 1,255 pts. in 16 games for a 78.4 effort per appearance, 4 pts. higher than the 2nd place team in the region. Coach Buchanan says the Comets prefer to run if they have the opportunity but are sometimes hurt by turnovers when running.

When Larkins is replaced in the lineup, the tallest Comet on the court is 6-2 Turnbow. But the coach does not feel that the size giveaway affects the team's performance substantially.

"We work hard on screening out on defense," he explained. And the only way size hurts is if a little man goes in to guard a taller man and doesn't get help screening."

Despite the explosive offensive attack of the Comets, Buchanan relies heavily on defense and it was defense that carried Carlisle to the Tilghman tourn. crown. "When the defense is clicking and our people are moving as they should, the offense takes care of itself," Buchanan observed.

Unlike many small teams, the Comets do not use the full court pressure defense extensively. The coach says the Comets work on a variety of presses often but use pressure as the situation demands.

"We use the press most when we are far behind," Buchanan indicated. "As long as we are close, we don't like to just jump into something. And anytime you go full court, you are taking chances.

Despite the one-big-man reputation, Carlisle Co. consistently rebounds with taller teams such as Mayfield and St. Xavier. Buchanan credits the guards and tipping drills to the high number of retrieves.

"We use our guards as rebounders and they get 3 to 8 an game, he pointed out "And we work hard in tipping drills. It is not unusual for us to tip the ball 3 or 4 times before someone grabs it."

Coach Buchanan is in his 2nd yr. as head coach at Carlisle. A graduate of Lone Oak High School and then Eastern New Mexico College, he coached basketball at 3 different schools in Texas for a period of 7 years. A gentleman on and off the court, the soft-spoken coach served a yr. as principle at Meridian High School in Mounds, Ill, before taking over the Comet reins.

Assistant coach Jim Henley is also a Western Ky. native and a product of Hickman Co. In his 4th yr. as a Comet assistant, he has taught and coached in both the Carlisle and Hickman systems. The upcoming trip to the L.I.T. will mark the 2nd appearance for a Comet team in the Louisville tourney. The 1960 squad carried an 18-0 slate to Louisville, but was upended by Louisville Atherton, 68-60, in the opening round.

Whether we win or lose it will be good experience for the team," Coach Buchanan said. "We will be seeing and getting a chance to play against some of the best players and teams in the state.

Just seeing the best teams and players, and how far we have to go to beat the best, has to be helpful."

To accept the L.I.T bid, Carlisle was forced to cancel games with Fulton City and Sedalia and reschedule a match with Mayfield. The site of the Jan. 16th Fulton Co. game was changed and the 2nd contest with the Pilots will be cancelled if the Comets play more than a couple of games in the tourn. The schedule changes could not have been made without the cooperation and agreement of the officials and coaches of the school involved, coach Buchanan pointed out.

The Ky. High School Athletic Association allows a team to play only 30 games a season, thus necessitating the cancellations. Most teams do not play the maximum number for fear of peaking too soon and heading downhill before tourn. time. Coach Buchanan does not ascribe to that philosophy.

"If they really enjoy playing and practices are enjoyable and competitive, I don't believe kids will go stale," he said. "And the more you play, the more proficient you become. Our boys are the type that will find some place to play basketball even on days we don't practice."

The Comets face one of their toughest challenges tonight when they host Paris, a central Ky. power. A state tourn. team last yr., Paris has a 6-9 pivotman and 6-7 forward and carries a 10-4 slate.

Paris Ends
Carlisle String

Carlisle Co. 69
Paris 79

01-08-71 - Home

Carlisle County's magic 16-victory string was cut sharply off here Fri. night, by tall, tall, Paris, 79-69. The Comets of Carlisle rated 10th in the state by the Associated press, stand 18-1 while Paris' record went to 11-4.

Paris threw its BIG weapon, 6-9½ basketeer Bill Gains, at the Comets and the young giant was too much to handle during the nip-and-tuck contest. Gains finished with 18 pts., three shy of teammate Robert Crumble's 21. Tim Taylor added 16 and Jeff Thompson 15 to the balanced Paris attack.

Steady Russell Turnbow tossed in 17 to pace the Comets, who mustered only 38% fg. shooting in one of their poorer shooting nights. Paris was sizzling from the floor, hitting 35/56 fgs. for 63%.

Carlisle's rebound charts showed the Comets out-boarding taller Paris, 44-40.

Coach Tom Buchanan's regionally top-rated team ran to an early 7-pt. advantage and led by one, 19-18, after a period. Paris outscored their hosts 24-22 in the second canto to lead by one, 42-41 at intermission.

The two teams battled evenly in the 3rd quarter, scoring 24 pts. apiece. Then, in the final frame, disaster hit the Comets. Paris nuzzled into a meager lead early in the period, then upped it to as much as 7, with half the quarter gone.

Carlisle, pressing and fighting back, committed several fouls in the final hectic moments, and Paris responded with deadeye shooting. Two times in the waning moments the 6-9 ½ Gains reached over his smaller Comet opponents, to tip in missed fts.

Carlisle won the ft. battle, however, hitting 17/23 to Paris' 9/18. Paris travels to Mayfield tonight to complete its weekend west Ky. swing.

Carlisle…..19 41 55 69
Paris……..18 42 56 79

Carlisle (69)
Turnbow 17, Larkins 13, Thomason 12, Frizzell 9, Smith 8, Duncan 6, Simmons 4.
Paris (79)
Crumble 21, Gains 18, Taylor 16, Thompson 15, Moore 5, Barr 4, Fields, McConnell.

Top Ranked Carlisle
Co. Rips Ballard Co.

Carlisle Co. 66
Ballard Co. 53
01-15-71 - Away

The top-ranked Carlisle County Comets outscored Ballard Co. 21-7, in the 2nd period, and breezed to a 66-53 triumph over the home standing Bombers, Fri. night.

The victory was the 17th of the season for the Comets, ranked 1st in the region by area coaches. Carlisle has lost only one game this season. The loss dropped Ballard below the .500 mark at 7-8.

The Comets rolled on to 11-8 in the 1st period and used the lop-sided 2nd quarter to take a commanding 32-15 advantage at the half. Carlisle vaulted to a 52-27 bulge in the 3rd canto and coasted to the victory.

Four Comets landed in double figures. Gary Duncan led the Carlisle offensive assault with 14 pts. Mickie Thomason and Russell Turnbow chipped in 12 pts. each, and Mike Crider contributed 11 to the Comet attack.

Junior guard Brady Howle picked up 14 for the Bombers, to share game honors with Duncan. Senior guard Randy Allen collected 10 pts. for Ballard Co.

Carlisle connected on 24/64 fgs. for 38% and cashed 18/23 fts. for 78%. The Bombers managed only 17/53 fgs. for 33% and counted 19/31 fts. for 61%.

Carlisle….....11 32 52 66
Ballard.…..….....8 15 27 53

Carlisle (66)
Thomason 12, Duncan 14, Smith 4, Turnbow 12, Larkins 5, Crider 11, Frizzell 6, Simmons 2.
Ballard (53)
Powell 8, Newton 3, Howle 14, Allen 10, martin 9, J. Henderson 4, L. Henderson 5, Hargrove.

Carlisle Rolls
To 18th Win

Carlisle Co. 92
Fulton Co. 45
01-16-71 - Away

The top-ranked Carlisle County Comets, reeled off 27 pts. in the 2nd quarter and 33 pts. in the 4th as they smashed the host Fulton Co. Pilots, 92-45, here Sat. night.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, now 18-1, were led in scoring by Leonard Larkins and Steve Frizzell, who collected 14 pts. each. Russell Turnbow added 11 markers to the Carlisle attack.

The Pilots of Coach Charles Murphy, were paced by Scotty Wright, who claimed game-scoring honors with 15 markers.

Both coaches emptied their benches in the 2nd half as 24 players saw action during the game.

The Comets connected on 26/55 fgs. for 47%, and hit 28/39 fts. for 72%.

Fulton Co. could only manage 11/41 fgs. for 29%, and 23/42 fts. for 55%.

Carlisle….…....14 41 59 92
Fulton Co….....5 17 29 45

Carlisle (92)
Smith 7, Thomason 8, Turnbow 11, Duncan 6, Larkins 14, Crider 2, Frizzell 14, Polivick 8, Simmons 7, Nichols 2, Yates 4, Anderson 9.
Fulton Co. (45)
Goodman 8, Caldwell 4, McFarland 4, Wright 15, Hilin 3, Sheehan 2, Hagler 5, Dickerson 4, Turnbow, Bloodworth, Croff, McNeal.

Carlisle Blisters
District Foe Hickman County.
Comets Coast After 10-1 Jump.

Carlisle Co. 64
Hickman Co. 40
01-19-71 - Away

Carlisle County jumped on the Hickman County Falcons, to the tune of 10-1, after the first period, here Tuesday night and waltzed to a 64-40 victory, their 19th against a lone defeat.

The Falcons, 5-10, who lost to the Comets by only four points, 70-66 in a Nov. 17th game, attempted to slow the action at the game's outset but seven turnovers in the early minutes and poor foul shooting took the hosts out of the contest.

Gary Duncan, a 6-3 junior reserve, paced the regionally top-rated Carlisle Countains, with 17 points. Senior forward Russell Turnbow notched 12 and was the only other Comet in double digits.

Hickman County, hitting only 11 of 53 floor attempts (20 per cent), failed to get anyone in the twin-figure category. Chester Vinson and Isaac Childress produced 7 points each for top Falcon honors.

Coach Cliff Mills' unit was also hapless on the backboards, losing that battle 51-39. The Hickman County quintet did manage 16 of 34 free throws for 47 per cent shooting, while Carlisle County hit 12 of 22 for 54 per cent. The Comets hit 40 per cent from the field.

Carlisle….....10 30 49 64
Hickman.....1 13 24 40

Carlisle (64)
Duncan 17, Smith 9, Turnbow 12, Larkins 9, Crider 4, Frizzell 6, Polivick 2, Simmons 5.
Hickman (40)
McKendree 5, Charles Vinson 6, Childress 7, Edwards 3, Thomas 5, Jordan 6, Chester Vinson 7, Grundy 1.

L.I.T. Tourn.
1st Round
Speedy Central Subdues Carlisle Co.
Comets Meet Disaster In Third Quarter.

Carlisle Co. 56
Louisville Central 78
01-21-70 - Away

The quickness of aggressive Louisville Central, sent Carlisle County's Comets crashing to a 78-56 defeat in the Louisville Invitational Tournament at Convention Center, here Thursday night.

Carlisle County, rated as the First region's top team, clung to the state's second-ranked club through the first half but then everything fell apart for the Comets.

Central, forcing the Comets into numerous mistakes with a tenacious full-court press, made a shambles of the game in the third period when they went on a 26-11 spree. Central led by only a four, 32-28, after a skintight first half.

"We went cold shooting, and we let them force us into their game in the third quarter," said Comet coach Tom Buchanan.

Central employed a 1-2-1-1 full court press in the opening moments of the game, but Carlisle easily broke through it and forced the Louisvillians out of their pressure tactics.

Their second half press was a man-to-man press, and they doubled-teamed the ball. "It's what we call a match-up press," Buchanan said "They seemed much more aggressive in the second half. And they were so much quicker than we were ... oh so quick. Even their big fellas are quick. They're the quickest we've seen all year, maybe the quickest I've ever seen.

Central's standout, George Smith, engineered the runaway with his backcourt harassing, and the Comets repeatedly lost the ball on or due to their failing passes.

Central, shooting 53 per cent in the game on 32 of 60 shots from the floor, steadily pulled away in the third quarter.

The Comets, now 19-2, stayed within range early in the third period with their 1-2-2 zone defense and sturdy rebounding, despite Central's big height advantage.

"They go about 6-6, 6-5, 6-5 across the front line," Buchanan said. "And they're all good tippers."

Central showed a 41-30 rebounding edge for the game.

A 15-foot turnaround by senior forward Russ Turnbow put the Comets within four points, 38-34 with two minutes gone in the period, but Central then went on 7-1 spurt and took their first 10-point lead at 45-35. From there on, the taller Louisville team breezed.

The Comets committed 17 turnovers in the game. Six on rule violations and 11 on floor mistakes.

Buchanan's forces found more success at the foul lines than did their conquerors, hitting 18 of 29 to Central's 14 of 29. The Comets, however, shot a meager 35 per cent from the field on 17 of 48 attempts.

Turnbow, who had 13 of his 18 points at intermission, helped Carlisle to a 14-12 first-quarter advantage with eight points. The Comets blew to an 18-14 lead on a fielder by guard Mickie Thomason with six minutes remaining in the half, but Central came back to take a 24-23 lead three minutes later.

Carlisle County got a rebound putback from Turnbow and three free shots from Cliff Simmons in the final three minutes of the half, but Central scored eight points to take their 32-28 lead.

Central.....12 32 58 78
Carlisle….....14 28 39 56

Central (76)
Smith 21, Price 6, Luster 21, Jordan 10, Rankin 1, P.J. Simms 3, Ford 8.
Carlisle (56)
Thomason 5, Turnbow 18, Duncan 8, Smith 6, Larkins 7, Simmons 12, Crider, Frizzell, Nichols, Yates, Polivick, Anderson.

Third Quarter Drops Mayfield.
Carlisle Co. Dazzles Cardinals

Carlisle Co. 91
Mayfield 67
01-23-71 - Home

The cards were stacked before a record basketball crowd here Tuesday night with No. 1 Carlisle Co. hosting No. 2 Mayfield … and after only 3 quarters of shuffling, the top-ranked Comets had the "ace in the hole" neatly tucked up their sleeves.

Coach Tom Buchanan's team-oriented Carlisle quint, now 20-2 for the season and still unbeaten against First Region opponents, used an amazing 3rd-quarter burst, to completely break open what was expected to be a close game, and waltzed to a smashing 91-67 triumph over the visiting Cardinals.

Leading by only 7 at the half, 41-34, Carlisle out-bombed the Red Birds 25-6 in the 3rd frame, scoring the last 14 pts. of the quarter … and just

like that, the game was over. A wild-scoring 4th stanza, also won by the Comets to the tune of 25-17, simply ticked the necessary minutes off the scoreboard.

The court-cleaning victory, completed before the familiar Carlisle chant of "We're No. 1", marked the 8th time this season that the Comets have swept past the 90-pt. level. Averaging 78.2 pts. per outing – the best in the Region – at tip-off time, the Comets had no difficulty in topping that figure with successive quarters of 22, 19, 25 and 25.

It was the 2nd win over Mayfield in as many tries this season. The first one was a 70-65 victory that provided the Comets the Championship in the Tilghman Christmas Tourn., the 3rd Tourn. Championship for Carlisle this yr.

Individual stars are hard to find in most Carlisle games, but Russell Turnbow stole the show before the overflow crowd in the Comet gym. Turnbow, scoring 11 pts. in each half, contributed a game-high output of 22, many coming on put-backs after gutsy rebounds.

Turnbow and 6-6 senior center Leonard Larkins each pulled down 10 rebounds in the action-filled game, helping provide the host quint with an overwhelming 42-25 edge under the boards. Much of that rebound damage came under the Carlisle basket, and the effort paid off in 19 more shots from the floor for the Comets.

Carlisle burned the threads at a 60% clip in the 2nd half, bagging 21/35 after netting 17/43 in the opening 16 minutes. The total of 38/78 left the Comets just under the 50% mark for the game.

Mayfield, meanwhile, had trouble from the floor and counted only 25/59 attempts. Many times, coach Bob Sparks' Cardinals made empty trips down the floor, falling to get off a shot against the sticky 1-2-2 Carlisle zone defense.

Both teams hit well at the ft. line., Carlisle cashing 15/26 and Mayfield posting 17/24.

For Mayfield, the 3rd quarter spelled defeat. Not only did the Cardinals do poorly offensively, but they found themselves against an almost impossible task of stopping the on-rushing Comet charge.

The Cardinals, unaccustomed to frigid shooting, managed only 1 fg. in 11 attempts during the game-breaking stanza. Mayfield's only fg. was a driving lay-up by junior forward Clinton Turner, coming with less than a minute gone in the quarter.

And, to show how things went for the Cardinals in the quarter, Turner drew his 4th personal foul, while making the bucket.

Carlisle bagged 11/19 fgs. in that important frame, hitting from almost everywhere on the floor and seemingly taking turns at the firing line. Five different players scored in the red-hot stanza, with Turnbow leading the effort with 7 and reserve Gary Duncan adding 6. Senior guard Cliff Simmons scored all 5 of his pts. in the quarter and senior reserve forward David Smith also hit for 5. Junior guard Mickie Thomason had the other two.

Duncan, who entered the game for the first time, along with Smith, as the 2nd quarter started, followed Turnbow's leading effort with 16 pts. Thomason, scoring 9 in the 1st half, finished with 15, Smith 12 and Larkins 11, giving the Comets 5 players in double figures.

A 5-pt. spree early in the 3rd canto started the Comets toward their overwhelming win, but it wasn't until midway through the frame after the Cardinals cashed 4 consecutive fts., that they made the earth-shattering move.

A Turnbow jumper at 4:24 started a point spree that was to completely demolish all Mayfield hopes. Less than 3 minutes later, 1½ before the horn sounded to end the explosion, the Comets had added 12 more pts. to make it 14 straight.

A Thomason tip early in the final 8 minutes made it 16 straight, and a commanding 69-40 Carlisle bulge. The Comets led by 12, 52-40, when the binge opened, and by 28 when Turner's 10-footer broke the string with 7½ minutes to go. The rest was a swap out, with nothing else left to decide.

The final 3 minutes looked like a repeat of the opening "B" game, won by Mayfield 37-34, with many of the players returning to finish out the varsity clash. David Sanderson's 14 and Mike Moore's 11 helped the Cardinals win that one, but not before Carlisle had charged from a 26-13 halftime deficit to within one, 35-34, with just over a minute to go,

The opening quarter, for 5 minutes, looked like the top-ranked Comets were going to do exactly what they did in the 3rd. Carlisle moved to a 12-1 lead during the first 3 minutes and led 16-5 with 3 to go before Mayfield finally went to work offensively.

The Cardinals took the final 3 minutes of the opening canto 12-6, closing the gap to 22-17 at the stop, and continued their high-flying surge into the 2nd quarter. Mayfield used an 8-2 advantage during the first 2 minutes of the next frame, making it 20-8 during a 5-minute stretch, and the Cardinals moved to their only lead of the game at 25-24.

It took the Comets 23 seconds to erase that lead with Larkins converting a put-back, and Carlisle was off and running again. A minute and a half later, the Comets led by 5 to 7 pt. advantages, for the rest of the half.

Following Mayfield's 8-2 edge early in the frame, Carlisle countered with a 17-9 advantage the rest of the way and took the frame by 2 pts., 19-17.

Mayfield placed 3 starters in double figures with Ford and Turner leading the charge at 18 each. Senior guard Greg Waldrop accounted for 11. Ford, one of the Region's top individual scorers, was held to only 5 fgs. and 4 of them came in the meaningless 4th canto when the Comets had the victory on ice.

Carlisle, with 2 scheduled games remaining and 2 postponements on the slate, enjoyed its biggest gate in the school's history. The Comets' resounding 104-91 triumph over 4th-rated Tilghman earlier this month held the record, but additional seats for Tuesday's game made possible a new mark for the books.

The surging Comets made it all worth while for the home fans, calling Mayfield's hand with a group of hardwood "aces," each running wild and complementing one another!

Carlisle……....22 41 66 91
Mayfield…….....17 34 40 67

Carlisle (91)
Larkins 11, Thomason 15, Turnbow 22, Smith 12, Duncan 16, Crider 3, Frizzell 3, Simmons 5, Polivick, Nichols, Yates 4, Edwards.

Mayfield (67)
Fisher 8, Turner 18, Haygood 6, Ford 18, Waldrop 11, Dismukes, Lovelace 2, Sanderson 3, Moore, Davenport.

Comets Continue Success
With Win Over Cuba

Carlisle Co. 69
Cuba 56

01-26-71 - Away

Carlisle Co. won on the host's home court for their 21st win here Tuesday night as coach Tom Buchanan's Comets knocked off the Cuba Cubs, 69 56.

Leonard Larkins, a 6-6 pivoter, triggered the Comets' attack by scoring 21 pts., in addition to pulling down a dozen rebounds.

Gary Duncan and Mickey Thomason also reached double figures for the winners by scoring 14 pts. each.

David Jones led the Cubs with 20 pts., while teammate Tom Swatzell added 11.

The Cubs, who had been hitting 77% of their ft. attempts, went stone cold at the line, and wound up connecting on only 12/35 attempts (34%). The Cubs missed 8 bonus attempts in the 1st half alone.

"We felt like we outplayed them, but poor ft. shooting probably cost us the game," commented coach Eddie Ford.

Although 27 fouls were called on the Comets, the winners failed to lose a player via the personal foul route.

Carlisle's biggest lead was 16 pts., at the end of the 3rd stanza. Cuba rallied to narrow the gap to 6 midway into the final period, but Carlisle came back strong in the final minutes to pull away to their 13-pt. victory.

The Comets, top-ranked in the First Region, now own a 20-2 mark.

Cuba hit 22/45 fgs. for 48%, while Carlisle hit 26/73 fgs. for 36%.

The Comets went 17/22 at the ft. line to put the contest out of reach.

Carlisle…..…....20 34 53 69
Cuba……..…....13 24 37 56

Carlisle (69)
Larkins 21, Duncan 14, Thomason 14, Turnbow 8, Simmons 6, Frizzell 4, Smith 2, Crider, Yates.

Cuba (56)
David Jones 20, Swatzell 11, Hicks 9, McClure 8, Morris 5, Dale Jones 2, McKinley 1, Cruse.

Balanced Scoring Carries
Top-Ranked Carlisle Co.
Past Pressing Buc's

Carlisle Co. 74
Heath 60

01-30-71 - Away

Top-rated Carlisle Co., pounced upon by a confusing Heath press at the outset of the game, flashed back behind its lost potent weapon - balance – to topple the Pirates, 74-60, Saturday night at Heath.

The victory, Carlisle's 22nd against only 2 loses, did not come easy.

Both coaches – Tom Buchanan of the Comets and Frank Wright of Heath – substituted so frequently one would have thought there was a penalty for not doing so. But the Comet bench again proved the master.

Carlisle used a 20-7 2nd quarter edge and a 27-pt. 4th quarter foul-a-thon to flounder the battling Bucs. But, the Comets' coolness and depth in an early depression, turned the game into victory.

Heath, scrapping for all its worth behind a full-court pressing defense from the opening tip, roared away to a 13-2 lead in the first 3 minutes of the contest. The Pirates used their press to ring in 11 straight pts., after the teams opened the gate by tying at 2-2, the only tie of the evening.

Ronnie Jett, a muscled 6-1 senior center, and 5-11 guard Jerry Throgmorton, helped do the scoring damage that shook the Comets, but the harassing press thrown up by the Buccos forced Carlisle into 3 consecutive mistakes in the early going, to set up Heath's scoring opportunities.

Carlisle's Russ Turnbow, who had 14 pts. on the Comet 4-man double-figure drive, scored his team's first bucket, at 7:30, to tie the game at 2, but the Comets could not register again until the 5:10 mark. Meanwhile, back on the Heath end of the floor where all the action was, the net was smoking. With the score 4-2, Jett wormed through taller defenders Leonard Larkins and Gary Duncan for the first of his 3 1st-period lay-ups. Little Buc Darrell Simmons stole a pass, and Jett whirled though Carlisle's back line for another lay-up.

Then Throgmorton, the First Region's 6th best scorer with a 17.5 average, roped a 25-footer. When Carlisle threw the inbounds pass to their coach, Heath again had the ball, and for the third time, Jett roared down the lane for a close-in bucket, fouled this time by Larkins. His ft. took the Bucs ahead by 11, 13-2, at the 5:20 mark.

Then, "the ball game."

Comet Steve Frizzell, a 5-9 junior and 1 of 9 mileaged Comets, entered the game to help settle the backcourt, and before the quarter ended nobody would have known the Comets were in dire straits early.

Duncan rung up a lay-up and then a 10-footer after stealing the ball, then after a Larry O'Donley ft. for Heath, Simmons and Turnbow hit ft. shots for the Comets.

Duncan, the leading scorer for Carlisle with 15, hit another fg. with 2:28 showing and Heath's lead was three, 14-11. Then the 6-3 forward put in his 7th 1st-period pt., - a ft. – before Turnbow's 25-footer at the 52-second mark squelched Heath's last lead of the game.

The Comets ran in sub David Smith and continued to shuffle their other 4 positions onto a lead which swelled to 14, 35-21 at the intermission. Heath, meanwhile, was good for only 5/14 from the unguarded line. They finished with a miserable 18/39, missing the front end of 3 one-and-one situations during the crucial 2nd quarter.

Coach Frank Wright, who got 17-pt. performances from Jett and Throgmorton and 13 from Larry O'Donley, worked 9 men in and out of the game incessantly in the 3rd canto. It worked to some degree, as the Bucs came back to trail by 47-39 at the 3rd stop, after being down 42-28 at one point.

Carlisle……..15 35 47 74
Heath……....14 21 39 60

Carlisle (74)
Thomason 13, Duncan 15, Simmons 5, Turnbow 14, Smith 8, Larkins 10, Crider 1, Frizzell 8, Nichols, Yates, Anderson, Polivick.

Heath (60)
Simmons 4, Alexander 9, Jett 17, L. O'Donley 13, Throgmorton 17, Peeler, Wallace, Lee, B. O'Donley.

Carlisle Roars
By Pilots

Carlisle Co. 96
Fulton Co. 59
02-05-71 - Home

Taking 45 more shots from the field than visiting Fulton Co., and hitting better than half of them, Carlisle's surging Comets rolled to a resounding 96-59 home-court victory, here Fri. night.

It was the 23rd win in 25 outings for Coach Tom Buchanan's top-ranked Comets, and set the stage for tonight's home game against perennial First Region king, Paducah Tilghman. The Comets, unbeaten against Purchase Area foes, will be out to prove their season-long number-one rating.

Carlisle, roaring to a 22-14 first period lead, and a 47-25 halftime advantage, sacked 44/85 fg. attempts for 52% against the Pilots. Fulton Co., meanwhile, cashed 50% of its efforts, but managed only 40 fg. attempts in the intra-district match.

The Comets used a 28-pt. 3rd period effort to push out front by 35 with only 8 minutes to go, and the rest was easy.

Five Carlisle players hit in double figures, with senior David Smith leading the way at 13. Junior center Gary Duncan followed with 12 while Mickie Thomason, Leonard Larkins and Mike Crider each accounted for 10.

Fulton County's junior duo of Ronnie Caldwell and Doug Goodman gave the Pilots game-leading individual honors. Caldwell fired in 22 and Goodman 15, the two scoring all but 22 of the Pilots pts.

The Comets bagged 8/12 fts. while the visiting Pilots managed 19/33 fts. Fulton Co., having lost twice to the Carlisle quint, dropped to 7-12 for the season with the setback.

Carlisle.....22 47 75 96
Fulton Co.....14 25 40 59

Carlisle (96)
Smith 13, Duncan 12, Thomason 10, Larkins 10, Crider 10, Turnbow 8, Nichols 9, Frizzell 6, Polivick 4, Yates 2, Dillon 2.

Fulton Co. (59)
Caldwell 22, Goodman 15, Sheehan 6, McFarland 4, Hulin 4, Turnbow 3, Wright 3, Hagler 2.

Top–Ranked Carlisle
Comets Slay Region Kingpin

Carlisle Co. 104
Tilghman 91
02-06-71 - Home

The king is dead, the king is dead, long live the king! For now, at least.

Paducah Tilghman, the First Region's champion for four years running, but seemingly deposed this season by power-laden Carlisle County, went head-hunting Saturday night, but the Comets had their own axe to grind. Coach Tom Buchanan's band of merry warriors tied a knot in the Tornado to the tune of 104-91 before 2,100 cases of cardiac arrest, in a game lacking nothing of classic proportions.

The mongoose and the snake couldn't have played it out better.

The regionally top-ranked Comets, striking quick as an adder's tongue, bolted away with a 31-point fourth quarter, to scale the century mark against coach Bernie Miller's kite-high Tornado, after Tilghman had fought from as many as 14 points behind, to a 74-73 third-quarter lead.

Both teams were primed to the galaxies. Both teams shot a steamy 53 per cent from the playing floor. Carlisle put in 36 of 46 free throws, Tilghman 23 of 33, marking the 13-point differences that decided the game. Both teams hit 34 field goals.

The decision came during a two minute time lapse in the midst of the fourth quarter's frenzy.

The Comets, up by 50-42 after both clubs hit 49 per cent in the opening half, to run up the 92 points and temperature of everyone in the gymnasium as well, were seemingly doomed when the Blue caught them late in the third stanza.

A free throw by Tilghman's Richie White with 20 seconds showing in the third put the visitors on top, 72-71, their first lead since the score was 4-3.

Two free tosses by Carlisle's sub, David Smith, put the Comets back ahead, but Blueman Randle Dublin snared a five-footer with two seconds showing and Tilghman led, 74-73 at the horn.

Then the two cage giants, each struggling with men in foul trouble, and each playing as if life depended upon the scoreboard for three minutes.

Big Leonard Larkins, all six-feet-six-inches of him turning in a magnificent performance, started the final eight minutes with a five-foot turn around to put Carlisle ahead, 75-74.

Larkins, finishing with a team-high 26 points, was the only Comet "big man" to veer away from foul difficulties. Forward Russ Turnbow was limited to only two token appearances in the final half because of early fouling. Forward Gary Duncan picked up his third and fourth fouls in the first minute of the fourth period, but played the rest of the game without disqualification.

After Tilghman's Jeff Davis hit three charity tosses, forward Henry Paul worked under for a bucket to tie the game at 79, with six minutes showing. Those four points matched a pair of long jumpers by Smith.

Comet Steve Frizzell hooped both ends of a one-and-bonus at 5:56, then Paducah Tilghman was caught taking too many steps with the ball and the Comets were set to streak.

A 15-footer by guard Cliff Simmons, a Carlisle steal and wide-open layup by benchman Mike Crider, gave the winners an 85-79 advantage at 4:58, and the Blue was troubled.

After a timeout, however, Davis worked around the foul-conscious Carlisle backliners for a bucket. That made it 85-81, but Larkins turned the game with a clutch three-point play on a rebound putback.

After Tilghman's Charlie Welch canned a 15-footer, two of his game-leading 27 points, Carlisle's Mickie Thomason put in a 15-footer from the key circle and the Comets led, 90-83.

Thomason, who had returned to the game not five seconds before his bucket, then watched as Duncan came off the bench 10 seconds later and promptly snared a rebound off Tilghman's board.

Frizzell hit a free pitch, Larkins intercepted an errant Blue pass, and Thomason rang up another jumper from 18-feet.

That gave the Comets a 93-83 lead at 3:28, and Tilghman could make two more strikes, inching to within six, at 93-87 and 95-89.

But the Comets bench, working overtime with the foul rash blanketing the floor, kept pecking away until starter Larkins brought down the house with a spinning layup, at the 38-second mark. That put 100 points on Carlisle's side.

It looked as though Tilghman was about to shock the large gathering when the Bluemen methodically patched their game together in the second and third periods to pull ahead.

Carlisle roared from a 9-7 lead at the 3:40 mark in the opening eight minutes and nine seconds later, the game's feature billing looked like a one-night flop.

The Tornado, helpless as Carlisle rang in jumpers from the circles' perimeter during their torrid forth quarter, fell behind 25-13 as the first horn sounded.

But the Bluemen came back. Davis, clearing the defensive backboard with authority, got the ball time after time when the Comets cooled off offensively. That's all he, or the other Bluemen, had to do for Welch.

The streak-shooting Tomado guard matched Carlisle basket for basket in the second period, reeling off Tilghman's first six points and adding more before intermission. Only one was a layup. The rest were from the 15-foot mark and outward.

His spark helped Tilghman to it's 29-point second period while the Comets were getting 25 more to go with their opening 25.

The Bluemen used a small, quick lineup of Dublin, Welch, White and Marty Romain during their 29-24 third period, and it was this same scrapping clawing little man's game, that won for the Comets in the final moments. The Comets are now 24-2, Tilghman 11-9.

Carlisle…….25 50 73 104

Tilghman.....13 42 74 91

Carlisle (104)

Thomason 16, Duncan 14, Smith 9, Turnbow 3, Larkins 26, Crider 2, Frizzell 15, Simmons 19.

Tilghman- (91)

White 6, Welch 27, Romain 4, Paul 11, Davis 20, Dublin 15, French 8.

Fourth Quarter
Explosion Aids Comets

Carlisle Co. 88
Calloway Co. 73

02-09-71 - Away

Calloway County's Lakers played on all but even terms with regionally top-rated Carlisle Co. for 22 minutes here Tuesday night, but the last 2 minutes belonged to the Comets.

Gunning to their 25th victory in 27 games, the Comets stung the Lakers 88-73, marking their 2nd conquest of Coach Jerry Conley's team this yr. But number two wasn't quite as easy as the 84-61 win Nov. 20th.

Calloway, behind the stellar play of 6-3 senior center Pete Roney, worked to a 14-13 1st quarter lead and held a 37-34 advantage at intermission. Romey finished with 14 fgs. and 3/6 fts. for 38 pts.

But the Comets, again employing their bench strength with effective results, came back to take a 54-52 lead into the final 8 minutes.

Then a 34-pt. 4th period, highlighted by 13 pts. in the final 2½ minutes, clinched the win for coach Tom Buchanan's frontrunners.

The Lakers outshot the always-pressing Comets from the field, connecting for 31/59 attempts for 52.5%. But Carlisle had more fgs., hitting 34/76 for 44%.

Russell Turnbow led his team with 22 pts. and contributed the basket that sent the Lakers toward their downfall.

A 3-pt. play by Romey with 3:30 to go brought the Lakers to within four, 75-71, but seconds later Turnbow dropped in a close-in turnaround jumper.

After Calloway missed a ft., Comet guard Mickie Thomason hit a ft. The Lakers countered with a bucket but Thomason put in 2 more fts. on a one-plus situation to run the Comets ahead by 80-73. They scored 8 more pts. while the desperate Lakers could not find the basket.

Carlisle.....13 34 54 88

Calloway.....14 37 52 73

Carlisle (88)

Larkins 11, Turnbow 22, Smith 6, Thomason 14, Crider 4, Duncan 11, Frizzell 15, Simmons 5.

Calloway (73)

Romey 31, Crawford 8, Sears 11, Wyatt 15, Rushing 8, Stockdale.

Carlisle Co. Shakes Pesky South Marshall-
Hot Fourth Quarter Helps Comets Win

Carlisle Co. 74
South Marshall 58

02-12-71 - Away

Carlisle County swallowed up the South Marshall Rebels, with a final period scoring barrage, Tuesday night, 74-58, after the two teams were locked up 49-49, heading into the stanza.

The Comets picked on the Rebel for 10 fielders in 22 attempts and hit 9 of 10 free shots in the final period while the host Rebels were looking at a stone wall.

Coach Charlie Lampley's charges hit only four of 15 from the field in the last eight minutes, and missed seven of 10 free pitches.

Carlisle's 6-6 senior center Leonard Larkins, led his team's balanced attack with 18 points. Falling in line behind him were Gary Duncan with 15, Russ Turnbow with 14, Mickie Thomason with 11 and Steve Frizzell with nine points.

Junior guard Sherman Cothran and 6-3 senior center Joe Reed provided 20 and 19 markers, respectively, for the Rebs.

Actually, the Johnny Rebs looked like winners in a second period rally that saw them storm to a 37-30 halftime edge. Carlisle led 16-15 after the initial eight minutes but Reed's eight points and six each by Cothran and forward Larry Darnell, in the second canto, paced the losers to a 22-14 period.

The top–rated Comets, now 26-2, hit 39 per cent from the field on 29 of 73 shots, and added 20 of 23 free throws. South Marshall hit 36 per cent (20 0f 55), but fell to 18-27 at the gratis stripe.

Carlisle's Larkins led the winners to a 35-28 rebound advantage with 12 retrieves.

Cothran turned in a good all-round effort with numerous assists and a team-leading 19 rebounds to go with his 20 points.

The Rebels, 11-11, host St. Mary in their final game Friday. Carlisle winds up at Lowes Thursday evening.

Carlisle.....16 30 49 74

S. Marshall.....15 37 49 58

Carlisle (74)

Larkins 18, Thomason 11, Turnbow 14, Smith 1, Duncan 15, Frizzell 9, Simmons 6, Yates.

S. Marshall (58)

Reed 19, Darnell 6, Hall 7, Cothran 20, Smith 6.

Comets Down Lowes.
Record Stands At 27-2

Carlisle Co. 74
Lowes 52

02-13-71 - Away

Ten players scored for Carlisle Co. here Thursday night as victory No. 27 came on a 74-52 decision over Lowes.

The Comets burst to a 15-8 lead after the 1st period and used a 20-11 2nd quarter to settle the issue.

Lowes, 11-14, actually was on close terms with Carlisle only in the early going of the initial period.

Leonard Larkins led his team with 13 pts. Forward Gary Duncan tossed in 12 and Cliff Simmons added 10. Mickie Thomason and Russell Turnbow had 8 apiece.

Senior Danny Hart was the game's featured scorer with 16 markers. He had 12-pt. help from Blue Devil sophomore Ralph Austin. Johnny Baldree added 8.

The Comets, who bagged 30 fgs. en route to their win, hit 14/18 fts., while the hosts were putting in 16/28 fts. Lowes counted 18 fgs.

Carlisle.....15 35 51 74

Lowes.....8 19 33 52

Carlisle (74)

Thomason 8, Smith 4, Turnbow 8, Crider 8, Larkins 13, Frizzell 2, Duncan 12, Polivick 6, Simmons 10, Anderson 3, Nichols, Yates.

Lowes (52) Hart 16, Allen 2, House 7, Austin 12, Wallis 4, Turner 3, Baldree 8, S. Wyatt, Carter, Shelby, G. Wyatt, Beasley, Wood.

Comets Hit 100 Mark
As Fancy Farm Falls

Carlisle Co. 101
Fancy Farm 69

02-19-71 - Away

A balance scoring attack by Carlisle County led the top-ranked Comets over their hosts, the Fancy Farm Golden Gophers, here Friday night.

The victory marked the fourth time the Comets have passed the century mark this season.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, now 28-2, were paced in scoring by Leonard Larkins with 17 points. Mike Crider and Gary Duncan added 16 and 15 markers, respectively. David Smith contributed 12 tallies, while Mickie Thomason followed up with 10 points.

David Kilcoyne and Ricky Carrico led Fancy Farm in scoring with 22 and 20 points, respectively. Alan Thompson added 10 markers to the Gophers' attack.

Carlisle County out shot the Golden Gophers from the charity stripe, canning 18/24 attempts for 75%. Fancy Farm managed 21/30 tries for 70%.

Carlisle.....29 54 78 101

Fancy Farm.....8 30 40 69

Carlisle (101)

Larkins 17, Crider 16, Duncan 15, Smith 12, Thomason 10, Turnbow 8, Frizzell 6, Polivick 5, Nichols 5, Simmons 4, Yates 3.

Fancy Farm (60)

Kilcoyne 22, Carrico 20, Thompson 10, Willett 7, Turner 6, Dossett 2, Burgess 2.

Vikings Join First Region Casualty
List Posted By Top-Ranked Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 89
St. Mary 80

02-20-71 - Home

St. Mary's Vikings became the First Region's latest team to try and solve the mystery of Carlisle County's Comets ... the essence of the mystery being "finding a way to beat them."

The Vikings tried to outshoot the Comets and got out shot. They tried to outrebound Carlisle and got outrebounded. Viking Tony Naas did win one category, by outscoring everybody else, but his 32 pts. weren't enough as Carlisle ran to an 89-80 victory.

Twice before in the '70-71 season the Vikings have looked at the puzzle, and each time they were stumped. The First time it was 72-69, the second time 70-66. Those were the only 2 Viking losses in their first 11 games.

Victory number 29 for Tom Buchanan's top-rated club, came as have many of the previous 28 – on the strength of a fabulous 3rd quarter.

Sat. night's 30-pt. third period shot the Comets to a 16-pt. lead, after they had led by only four, 41-37, at halftime. St Mary buckled up for a 25-pt. 4th stanza while the Comets got 18, but that's becoming a pattern with Carlisle also.

Forward Russell Turnbow and center Leonard Larkins took their regular turn among Carlisle's 9 "starters" to play "Hero for a Night." Turnbow popped in 24 pts., Larkins 23, and the two led their team to a 33-20 rebounding advantage. The ability of the Comets to get 2, 3, and 4 shots at the basket at a single visit, helped pile up the big lead in the 3rd period.

Carlisle hit 51% from the field for the game on 35/69 fgs. The Vikings hit 5 more fts., canning 24/32 to the Comets' 19/28.

Naas had his best night of the season. His 25 and 30-foot jumpers, sometimes coming over the 6-6 Larkins, kept the Vikings close after they fell behind by 12, during an early-game Comet blitz.

Naas had 17 1st-half pts. as St. Mary pulled to a tie at 27-27 with 3:57 showing in the half, but fell behind 33-28 and then roared to a 34-33 lead on buckets by Joe Danneker and Mark Glover, and 2 fts. by Naas.

Several of the Comets' early-season victories came after furious 3rd quarter displays by Carlisle, and Tuesday night's 30-18 edge in the magic 8 minutes, blew St. Mary away.

Actually, St. Mary started the hazing when Naas hit a 16-footer to close the gap to 41-39. Carlisle proceeded to ring in the next 8 pts., though, on a 5-footer by Turnbow, two ft. shots by Larkins, a steal and 2 more baskets by Turnbow, who had 16 pts. in the last half.

Larkins, tiptoeing on defense because of his 3 fouls, poured in 10 3rd-period pts. as the smaller Vikings watched his 5 and 10-foot jumpers from far below.

Carlisle ran to a 61-44 lead, when its sometimes-sputtering zone defense hit a sticky streak. St. Mary found it's floor play fading away at the same time, and the Comets picked up 3 of their buckets on St. Mary errors.

The difference was 73-55 with 7:04 to go in the game, but that was Carlisle's biggest lead. The Vikings made a run at the Comet lead and trimmed it down to 13, 77-64, when Naas hit a 14-footer. Wolfe Bagby got a pass from Naas and converted a 3-pt play on a scooping lay-up, and Thomason zeroed in on a 10-footer.

Carlisle jumped back to a 16-pt. lead with 3:43 left when Steve Frizzell hit 2 fts. Then St. Mary's Wurth went ape, with 8 straight pts. – six of them on a pair of 3-pt. trips.

Naas connected on fielders from 28 feet. and 16 feet, and Mark Glover hit a ft. to cut the St. Mary deficit to 10, 88-79, at the 33 second mark.

Wurth's ft. with seconds to go, ended the scoring.

Turnbow and Larkins had 12-pt. help from Frizzell and Gary Duncan, and 9 from Mickie Thomason, who suffered a bruised ankle in the 2nd period. He came back in the 4th quarter.

Wurth scored 11 pts. in the final quarter, hitting 7/8 fts. along the way. He finished with 16 for the game and Glover and Bagby had 9 apiece.

Carlisle.....17 41 71 89
St. Mary.....14 37 55 80

Carlisle (89)
Larkins 23, Thomason 9, Turnbow 24, Smith 2, Frizzell 12, Simmons 7, Duncan 12, Nichols, Crider.

St. Mary (80)
M. Glover 9, Thompson 2, K. Glover 7, Danneker 5, Bagby 9, Wurth 16, Naas 32, Hannan, Weglicki.

1st District Tourn.
First Round
Comets Thaw Freeze,
Slap Falcons

Carlisle Co. 88
Hickman Co. 40
03-05-71 - Home

Carlisle Co. tore up Hickman County's stall in the 1st quarter, and then went on to flail the visiting Falcons 88-40, in the First District semi-finals, here Fri. night.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, who upped their record to 30-2, meet Fulton Co. tonight for the District crown. Both teams have already qualified for the First region meet at Murray State University next week.

Hickman County's game plan was to stall – but the Comets had other ideas.

They came out after the ball and fouled repeatedly in the opening minutes of play. But the Falcons were unable to take advantage of the situation and hit only 1/8 ft. attempts in the early going.

Cliff Simmons' ft. got the Comets away on top and they never looked back.

Every player on coach Buchanan's squad got into the act, and they all scored. The Carlisle coach emptied his bench in the final period, with the Comets' holding a commanding 66-31 lead, and the B team responded with a 22-pt. quarter.

Gary Duncan netted 10 fgs. and was 1/1 from the line to lead the Comets with 21 pts.

Carlisle.....18 41 66 88
Hickman.....7 16 31 40

Carlisle (88)
Duncan 21, Turnbow 13, Smith 13, Larkins 10, Thomason 4, Crider 1, Frizzell 4 Polivick 6, Simmons 5, Nichols 2, Yates 5, Anderson 4.

Hickman (40)
McKendree 13, Childress 10, Brady 6, Edwards 2, Grundy 2, Thomas 2, Fitts 4.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle Rolls In
First District Finals

Carlisle Co. 93
Fulton Co. 72
03-06-71 - Home

The Carlisle Co. Comets rolled to their 31st victory of the season, against 2 losses, and in the process, claimed the First District Tourn. crown, with a 93-72 win over the Fulton Co. Pilots, here Sat. night.

Both teams are eligible to compete in the First Region Tourn. at Murray next week.

Carlisle head coach Tom Buchanan, as he has done so many times this past season, emptied his entire bench and got scoring performances from every player.

Steve Frizzell led his team with 15 pts. Gary Duncan and Leonard Larkins contributed 14 and 13 markers each to the Carlisle attack, while Mickie Thomason was close behind with 10 tallies.

The Pilots of coach Charles Murphy, were paced by George McFarland, who collected game-scoring honors with 22 pts. Ronnie Caldwell finished with 12 markers, while teammates Tommy Turnbow and Dan Sheehan netted 12 and 10 tallies, respectively.

Carlisle.....16 61 72 93
Fulton Co.....17 34 48 72

Carlisle (93)
Frizzell 15, Duncan 14, Larkins 12, Thomason 10, Anderson 9, Smith 8, Simmons 8, Turnbow 7, Yates 5, Nichols 2, Polivick 2, Crider 1.

Fulton Co. (72)
McFarland 22, Caldwell 14, Turnbow 12, Sheehan 10, Wright 7, Hagler 4, Goodman 3, Dickerson.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Use Last
Half To Snub Cuba

Carlisle Co. 74
Cuba 61
03-10-71 - Away

The top-ranked Carlisle Co. Comets shook off a stubborn Cuba quint in the 2nd half and stormed to a 74-61 victory over the Cubs, in the opening match of the First Region Tourn., in the Murray State University Sports Arena, Wed. night.

As has been the case with many other First Region clubs, Cuba fell victim to a 3rd quarter Comet explosion. Carlisle, slowed by foul difficulties and a tough Cuba defense in the 1st half, outscored the Cubs 11-3 in the first 3 minutes of the stanza and burst to a 16-pt., 50-34, advantage.

The Comets led by eight, 39-31, going into the 3rd period. A jumper and ft. by Russell Turnbow, and a put-back by Leonard Larkins, pushed the margin to 13 at 44-31. A bucket by Cuba center Keith McClure interrupted the spurt but Carlisle piled 6 more pts. around a ft. by David Jones and never looked back. Cuba was never closer than 11 the rest of the way.

Carlisle, unbeaten in regional play, had to overcome 57% fg. shooting by Cuba and a wide personal foul deficit, to notch its 32nd victory, in 34 starts, and 13th consecutive triumph.

The victory was also the third of the season over the Cubs for Carlisle. Cuba wound up the season 25-8.

The Cubs connected on 20/35 fg. attempts but managed 13 fewer buckets than the Comets. Carlisle cashed 33/77 fgs. for 43%.

Cuba, however, gained a commanding edge at the charity stripe. sinking 21/33 attempts for 61%. The Comets hit 80% fts., but only had 10 opportunities. Cuba committed only 9 fouls and 7 of those came in the 4th quarter after the issue was decided. The Comets were charged with 21 violations.

Larkins, who spearheaded the 3rd quarter spurt with 10 pts., finished as the game's high scorer. The senior pivotman collected 21 pts., hitting 10/16 fgs. and his only try from the line. Mickie Thomason and Steve Frizzell each added 10 pts. to the Carlisle effort.

McClure led Cuba with 19 pts., connecting on 5/7 fgs and 9/12 fts. Tom Swatzell chipped in 17 markers and David Jones bucketed 14.

Cuba, sticking to a deliberate style of play, broke on top 7-2 midway through the 1st period on a pair of fgs. by Swatzell and a jumper and ft. by Jones. Unable to hit from outside or penetrate the Cub defense, Carlisle went to the full-court press. The Comets found success with the press and bounced back to tie the count at 10-all with 1:39 to go in the stanza.

Carlisle took its first lead at 14-13 on a jumper by Steve Frizzell with 47 seconds remaining and the 2 clubs swapped baskets to the horn.

Oiling the fast break and finding the target from outside, the Comets powered to a 22-17 advantage.

Holding Cuba to a single fg. in the first four minutes of the frame and finding Larkins inside for 3 quick baskets, Carlisle increased the lead to 8 pts. at 30-22.

The Cubs shaved the deficit to 4 pts., 33-29, before senior Mike Crider came off the bench to re-awaken the Comets. Carlisle used 2 steals and a fg. by Crider to go back on top by eight, 39-31, at intermission.

The Comets hit 10 more fgs. (19-9) than the Cubs in the 1st half. Cuba, which committed only one personal foul in the first 16 minutes, stayed in range by hitting 13/18 fts. on 12 Carlisle fouls.

Carlisle.....16 39 60 74
Cuba.....15 31 47 61

Carlisle (74)

Larkins 21, Turnbow 6, Simmons 8, Duncan 6, Thomason 10, Smith 9, Frizzell 10, Crider 2, Polivick 2, Yates, Nichols, Anderson.

Cuba (61)
Swatzell 17, Hicks 5, McClure 19, Dale Jones 3, David Jones 14, Morris 2, McKinney 1.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Frizzell's "Icy" Free Throws
Nudge Hard-Nosed Murray

Carlisle Co. 73
Murray 72
03-12-71 - Away

Staring into a mob of screaming, hand-waving Murray High fans, Carlisle County's ice-water guard Steve Frizzell, bagged a pair of fts. with 19 seconds remaining and Comet magic prevailed.

The fts. gave Carlisle a 3-pt. cushion and the top-ranked Comets held on for a 73-72 nerve-shattering victory over Murray, before 8,500 charged-up fans, in the semi-finals of the First Region Tourn., in the Murray State University sports arena, Friday night.

For a while, it looked like history would repeat itself. Last year. a Bengal squad upended a heavily-favored Comet quint in the tourn. semis-finals. This time, Murray fashioned a 7-pt. lead late in the 3rd frame and appeared to have the Comets on the ropes. But the magic carpet, which has carried the Comets through regional play unbeaten, somehow floated Carlisle to the surface in the cleanly-played but physically-brutal contest.

No more than 2 pts. separated the 2 clubs at any of the 4 stops, in a game which saw the lead shift hands 18 times, and the score knotted 14 times.

Murray's 7-pt. bulge in the 3rd period was the biggest advantage held by either team. The Comets could muster no more then a 5-pt. spread.

Heroes were numerous for the well-balanced Carlisle unit. Consider the list:

-David Smith kept the Comets alive and kicking through a 3-quarter cold spell;

-Russell Turnbow scored 8 straight pts. to erase the Bengal's' widest lead and put the Comets back in front;

-Cliff Simmons and Gary Duncan turned in 4-pt. bursts that kept the Comets out in front most of the 4th quarter;

-Mickie Thomason revived the Comets with 4 straight pts., when they fell behind again, in the last 3 minutes.

-Leonard Larkins put Carlisle ahead to stay at 71-70 and grabbed the rebound that set up the foul on Frizzell;

-Frizzell came up with the clincher.

The victory was the 33rd of the season for Carlisle against 2 losses and extended the Comet winning streak to 14 games. The heart-breaking set-back closed the Murray ledger at 17-8.

Carlisle carried a slim 52-50 advantage into the final 8 minutes of play. Following a ft. by Turnbow, junior center Porter McCuiston pulled Murray within one, canning a jumper from the corner.

Simmons' back-to-back fgs. shoved Carlisle into their longest lead of the half at 57-52 with 6:28 to play.

Limiting the Comets to 4 fts., the Bengal's charged back within one, at 61-60.

Murray moved within one-pt. twice more but each time a Duncan fg. postponed the go-ahead bucket. A steal and lay-up by Bengal guard Steve Hale with 2:53 to play finally turned the trick, giving Murray a 66-65 advantage.

A pair of fts. by Thomason and a long jumper from the corner by the 5-11 senior forward, shuffled the Comets on top 69-66. Hale teamed with senior center David Alexander for 4 straight pts. to claim the final Murray lead at 70-69, with 1:23 to play.

Larkins' turn around jumper from the circle, with 1:10 to go, put Carlisle on top for good. The Tigers missed a shot on the return trip down court and the Comets went to the stall.

Alexander came up with a steal, giving Murray another opportunity to go on top. But again a Tiger attempt missed the mark and Larkins snared the rebound.

The 6-6 center fired the ball the length of the court to Frizzell, who drove for the basket and picked up the foul, which set the stage for the dramatic climax.

Six Comets landed in double figures. David Smith led the way with 13 pts., bagging 5/8 attempts from the floor, and cashing all 3 fts. Duncan followed with 12 pts. and Larkins, Turnbow, Frizzell and Thomason were all bunched at 11.

Alexander claimed game laurels, connecting on 8/14 fgs. and 6/8 fts. for 22 pts.

The versatile forward also pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds. McCuiston chipped in 17 for the Tigers, forward Ricky Jones collected 16 and Hale finished with 11.

Finding the mark in the final stanza, Carlisle wound up with a 41% effort from the field, hitting 28/68 attempts. Murray collected one less 2-pointer, attempting 73 shots for 37%.

The Comets added 17/22 from the ft. line, missing only once in the last half. The Bengal's counted 18/27.

The scrappy Murrayans, battled to a 57-46 rebound edge.

Both teams were extremely cold in the cat-an-mouse 1st half. Murray, however, turned an effective defense and a sneaky fast-break – generally the Comets' big weapon – to its advantage and matched baskets with Carlisle for the first 16 minutes.

Carlisle led by 4 twice in the 1st half but Murray was never ahead by more than 2.

A lay-up by Duncan off a full-length pass from Simmons and a ft. by Duncan, gave the Comets their first 4-pt. lead at 6-2. Shutting off the Comet offense with an airtight man-to-man defense, the Bengal's roared back to tie the count at 8-all.

The score was deadlocked 3 more times before 3 straight pts. by Thomason slipped Carlisle out in front 14-13 with 26 seconds to go in the period. A steal by guard Johnny Williams, and a bucket by Hale at the 6-second mark, carried the frame for the Tigers.

Consecutive fgs. by Larkins and Smith, who scored 6 pts. in the 2nd period, lifted Carlisle to an 18-15 lead. Murray, rallying behind Alexander, came back to tie at 18, 20, 22, and 24.

A pair of fts. by Turnbow and a jumper by Frizzell pushed the Comets to their second 4-pt. advantage, 28-24 with 2:26 remaining in the 2nd period. But Murray piled 7 pts. around a put-back by Turnbow to regain the advantage for the Tigers with 12 seconds showing. A twisting lay-up by Duncan sent Carlisle to the dressing room with a 32-31 edge. Taking advantage of a cold-shooting half by the Comets, the Tigers sprinted to a 7-pt., 43-36, lead with 3:52 left in the 3rd period.

Carlisle used 3 straight lay-ups, by Turnbow, off the fast break, to close within one, then regained the lead at 44-43, on Turnbow's 6-pt. spree.

Smith ripped the net with a 20-foot jumper, with 10 seconds showing in the 3rd canto, to break-up a swap-out, and slip the Comets into the final period on top by the 52-50 margin.

Carlisle.....14 32 52 73
Murray.....15 31 50 72

Carlisle (73)
Larkins 11, Simmons 4, Smith 13, Turnbow 11, Duncan 12, Frizzell 11, Thomason 11.

Murray (72)
Alexander 22, Jones 16, Hale 11, McCuiston 17, Williams 6, Willis.

1st Region Tourn.
Championship
"Carlisle Comets Win Regional Tourney!"

Carlisle Co. 68
Tilghman 62
03-13-71 - Away

It was a long time coming, but the reality of blasting toward the stars as "Number One", has unfolded for Carlisle County's surging Comets!

Playing before more than 6,000 screaming fans, at least half of whom were Carlisle countians, coach Tom Buchanan's Comets logged a hard-fought 68-62 come-from-behind First Region Championship win, over defending king Tilghman, here last night.

Exploding in the 3rd quarter as the tempo in the M.S.U. Sports Arena throbbed, Carlisle made it 15 wins in a row and 34 in 36 tries, for one of the most successful First region records in many years.

Coach Buchanan's Comets, finishing as unbeaten Purchase Area foxes, will carry its 34-2 performance against powerful Louisville Male, next Wed. night, in the 4th game of the 1971 Ky. State Tourn., at Louisville's Freedom Hall. Male, a 96-60 winner over Westport, and the Carlisle quint will square off in the 9 p.m. finale, Wed. night.

Victory for the Comets was especially sweet with the final win coming over Tilghman, First Region representative in the State for the past 4 consecutive years. It was the Comets, after ousting the Tornado in the semifinals of the 1966 tourney, who last took First Region colors to Louisville.

Saturday's regional championship gives Carlisle 5 tourn. victories in 6 outings this season. The Comets earlier had won the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tourn., the Lowes Christmas Tourn., the prestigious Tilghman Tourn., and the First District Tourn.

Only a first-found loss to highly-ranked Louisville Central in the Louisville Invitational Tourn. has marred the Comet worksheet. Carlisle has not lost since that LIT setback, with the regional title icing the cake.

But, victory here wasn't easy, and the happy but tired Comets would be the first to agree. Tilghman held the upper hand for the entire 1st half, save the opening minute and a half.

With a bulging 10-pt. half-time advantage, it appeared the Paducah quint was heading back to Louisville, for the 4th consecutive yr. But Carlisle's explosive 3rd quarter – a 1970-71 seasonal trademark – turned the game around. Then fts., that had gone astray in the first half, began to fall and the Comets took charge.

It took Carlisle 4 minutes and 16 seconds to tie the game at 36 in the 3rd quarter. Using steals off its talented 2nd half fill-court press and running with authority, the Comets outscored the Tornado

14-4, during the stretch, erasing Tilghman's 32-22 halftime advantage.

Big 6-6 center Leonard Larkins scored 2 quick lay-ups and then followed a Tilghman bucket by Jeff Davis with a jumper from the ft. line to launch the Comet comeback. Larkins, one of 2 Comets and 10 players named to the working Press "All-Tourn." team, scored 11 of his game-high 18 pts., during the big 3rd quarter.

Carlisle outscored the Tornado, 24-12, in the 8-minute canto.

Free throws by Steve Frizzell and another by Larkins, set the stage for a driving lay-up by senior hustler David Smith, during the damaging effort. Larkins pulled a missed ft. off the Tilghman boards, hurled the ball the length of the floor for a waiting Frizzell who cashed a lay-up shortly after the quarter's midway point.

The hair-raising game, the last of three for the Comets in the Tourn., brought Carlisle to within 2 pts. of the stumbling Bluemen, who had scored a couple of buckets during the spin.

It set the stage for the second dramatic Larkins-Frizzell combo, starting when the big center completed a steal off the press and Frizzell converted with a 12-foot jumper as the clock ticked to 3:44.

The deadlock at 36 was the first of 5 that were to follow before the Comets put it away.

Larkins and Frizzell worked a reverse with 3 minutes left in the 3rd frame to move the Comets into the lead. Larkins, taking a "blind" pass from Frizzell, laid it into the basket from the right side.

It was the first Carlisle lead since a 3-0 start shortly after the opening tip.

A Frizzell steal and a short jumper seconds after his key pass gave Carlisle a 40-36 lead just under the 3-minute level and completed a dazzling 18-4 edge for the Comets during the stretch.

The Comets went to the boards for tips the rest of the quarter, working overtime against the physically-strong Bluemen. Tilghman cut the deficit to one, 3 different times before the quarter stop, but Carlisle held off all charges for a 46-44 lead as the horn sounded.

Tilghman led twice in the early goings of the 1st quarter, first forcing a tie at 46 on a pair of Randie Dublin fts. and forging ahead, 47-46, on a Davis ft. with 7:13 remaining.

Senior guard Charlie Welch, who joined Davis, Larkins, and Carlisle's Mickie Thomason on the All-Tourn. team, mastered a jumper from 15-feet with 6:30 to go, for a 49-46 Tornado lead. Two fts. by Frizzell and another by Russell Turnbow, pulled Carlisle into a deadlock at 49, with 5:11 left.

A key point off Turnbow's ft. might have seriously damaged Tilghman's chances of victory. Davis, a 6-3 senior who scored 11 pts. and grabbed 11 rebs., received his 5th personal foul and left the action-filled contest.

A driving lay-up by Richey White gave Tilghman its last lead, 51-49, with 4:30 to go.

An 18-footer by Frizzell knotted it at 51-all seconds later, and a side-court jumper by Thomason with 4:01 remaining provided a 53-51 advantage.

Tilghman's Henry Paul converted a lay-up shortly past the 4-minute level to create the game's last tie at 53.

Free throws for the Comets put the game away in the fading minutes, Carlisle players hitting 9 consecutive tosses.

A Thomason jumper with 66 seconds showing provided the victorious Comets with the first of four 6-pt. leads, at 62-56. Bonus throws, 2 pts. a lick, followed for Frizzell and Cliff Simmons, in the last minute of play, preserving the 6-pt. triumph.

Carlisle fans quickly picked up the chant, "We're No. 1," something not unusual this season for the top-ranked Comets. Shortly thereafter, players took turns on an arena-supplied ladder to cut down the victorious nets.

The widest lead for the entire game went to Tilghman, leading by 12 (28-16) midway through the 2nd quarter. Carlisle's biggest lead during the 32 minutes of action-filled basketball was 6.

Carlisle hit the nets 16 times in 35 2nd half attempts, recovering from an ice-cold 9/33 showing in the 1st half. The 2nd half effort was enough to tie the Tornados in the fg. department, each bagging 25 for the game. However, forced Tilghman turnovers provided the Comets with 13 more tries from the floor.

As it turned out, Carlisle's 18/28 ft. effort, 16/17 coming in the last half, provided the edge of victory. Tilghman hit only 12/28 fts., a low effort for the battling Blue.

Larkins led all rebounders with 12, and his one retrieve edge over Davis gave Carlisle a slim 50-49 board advantage.

Frizzell's 14 and Thomason's 11 joined the big Comet center in double figures. Randie Dublin's 13, 12 by Welch, and 11 by Davis, paced the Tornado charge.

The other members of the All-Tourn. team were Murrray's David Alexander and Steve Hale, Symsonia's Freddie Whittemore, Benton's David Davis, Fulton County's Doug Goodman, and Cuba's Keith McClure.

Carlisle.....10 22 46 68
Tilghman.....16 32 44 62

Carlisle (68)
Larkins 18, Simmons 8, Smith 6, Turnbow 3, Duncan 8, Frizzell 14, Thomason 11.

Tilghman (62)
Davis 11, Paul 9, White 5, Welch 12, Dublin 13, Romaine 4, French 8.

Evan A Wee Comet Knows His Place: "No. 1"

Four-year old Todd Buchanan doesn't go to school, but he enjoyed the festivities at Carlisle Co. High School yesterday morning just as much as the next person.

It was a day for celebration, and then holiday, for students of all ages in Carlisle Co. ... and don't think for a moment it wasn't a day for joy. Comet fans were still celebrating last Sat. night's 68-62 victory over Tilghman, that has completed the big part of a season-long dream.

They were yelling, screaming and chanting from the filled stands at Carlisle yesterday, hoping to implant the seed of victory into the Comets, who leave today en route to Louisville, and the 1971 Ky. High School State Tourn. Todd Buchanan, football jersey and all, was there to enjoy it all ... and even had his turn on the microphone. Todd, you see, is the son of Coach and Mrs. Tom Buchanan.

"We're No. 1!" was his only words for the microphone, his smiling voice creating a spontaneous charge throughout the assembled student body. He did his job well.

A planned "short" pep rally turned into a "long" one, but few were displeased. They were there to honor their basketball team, and that they did in championship fashion.

Students from all the county's elementary schools were bussed to the high school to take part in the celebration. The team, positioned on the stage along side the hardwood that has made them famous this season, received the full jolt from students packed into the seats across the way.

Then, schools were dismissed for the day!

Later in the day, a motorcade of students, cars decorated to the tune of "We're No. 1," invaded Paducah and sounded off on a loud note. Someone, namely Carlisle Co., had finally broken Tilghman's hold on the First Region's State Tourn. berth.

The emotion-filled triumph, 34th in 36 outings this season, sends coach Tom Buchanan's Comets against powerful Louisville Male in the opening round of the State Tourn., Wed. night at 9 p.m. It will be the 4th game on the opening day card.

Carlisle, ranked No. 1 by First Region coaches in the Sun-Democrat poll all season, finished as the 9th rated team statewide in the Associated press poll. Male, a 96-60 winner over Louisville Westport in the Region Seven title game Sat. night, is ranked first in the AP poll with its shiny 28-3 seasonal performance.

The Comet victory in the MSU Sports Arena last week gave the First Region its first representative other than Tilghman since the 1966 tourn. when a former Carlisle quint made it to the "Sweet Sixteen" meet. Tom Adkins, now coaching at Joppa, Ill., guided that Comet team past Tilghman in the semifinals and South Marshall in the championship to earn the school's only other trip to the big one.

Tilghman ripped off the last 4 consecutive regional wins, a record, and threatened to make it a 5th with a strong 1st half performance, from a previously inexperienced team. The Tornado, 2-7 following the Christmas break, finished the season with a 21-10 worksheet, posting a 19-3 mark after the turn of the year.

Two of those setbacks, including the Regional championship, were to Carlisle Co. The other was a regular season shootout on the Comet floor in which the new First Region champions scored a resounding 104-91 triumph.

For most of the 1st half Sat. night, it appeared the Bluemen were on their way back the State Tourn., but Carlisle changes at halftime apparently made the difference, when the 2nd half toss was lifted.

Trailing by 10 (32-22) at intermission after hitting only 9/33 fgs., good for only 27%, the Comets re-evaluated the issue. Carlisle had bagged only 4/9 fts. and been out rebounded to the tune of 22-16.

The 2nd half, obviously, was a different story. Carlisle bagged 16/35 fgs. after intermission and added 16/17 fts. The Comets stripped their last 9 attempts from the ft. line, not missing after a shot that would have completed a 3-pt. play. The Comets also went to work on the boards, taking the upper hand 34-27, to gain a slim 50-49 edge for the game. In doing so, the Carlisle quint also tightened the reigns on Tilghman, limiting the defending champion Bluemen to a 12/26 showing from the floor in the 2nd half.

These things, of course, didn't just happen ... they were brought about by Carlisle's 2nd half alterations. "We made a few major changes at the half," coach Buchanan said of his come-from-behind win. "We had been running a zone the 1st half and it had been really ineffective. Also, we felt at the half, since we couldn't hit from outside, we would have to go inside with the ball."

So, defensively, the Comets went to a full-court man-to-man with pressure applied all over the floor. And, offensively, they fed big Leonard

Larkins under the bucket ... and both maneuvers paid huge dividends.

It took Carlisle 4 minutes and 16 seconds to tie the game at 36 in the 3rd quarter, converting steals off the press and getting the ball inside to Larkins off of set-up offensive patterns. The Comets streaked to an 18-4 edge over the Bluemen by adding another 4 pts. following the deadlock, and it led to a 24-12 Carlisle triumph for the 8-minute quarter.

Larkins, who scored 11 of his game-high 18 points in the stanza, benefited mostly in the scoring department. He scored two quick lay-ups to open the half and added a jumper for Carlisle's first 6 pts. of the frame. Then, after the Bluemen charge limped, he teamed with lightning-fast guard Steve Frizzell to engineer the Comets' rise to the top.

Larkins and Frizzell worked 3 consecutive offensive gems during that 3rd quarter charge, the first two tying the score and the next one forging the Comets on top. A Frizzell solo effort off the steal completed the 18-4 binge.

Then, a couple of key tip-ins by forward Mickie Thomason, his coming on the 4th "gutsy" try, and Gary Duncan, a one-hander as he reached back over his head, helped complete the Carlisle effort.

"The kids just weren't getting with it like we thought they should," coach Buchanan said about the 1st half performance. "We were taking shots that we usually hit, but they weren't going in. So, we decided to carry the ball to Larkins, and then Russell Turnbow and Duncan when they were in there."

The situation changed some when Tilghman's big men, 6-3 Jeff Davis and 6-4 Henry Paul, picked up their 4th fouls. "We took the ball to them, trying to get either or both out of the game," Buchanan said. Both the Tornado strong men fouled out, Davis with 5:11 to go and Paul later in the action.

Carlisle made another change prior to the 4th quarter strategy. "When they started sagging a wing man on Larkins, they gave us the 12-15 foot jumper from the side," Buchanan said. "We tried 3 different people at that spot and none of the 3 could hit. And, all 3 normally bomb from there.

"Then, we started trying to take the ball to the low post on the other side, since Larkins was the only one being double-teamed," the Comet mentor added.

"At the half, too, we felt like we weren't physical enough," Buchanan continued. "They physically pushed us out of our offense that we wanted to run ... just wouldn't let us make our cuts. We felt like too that we were being screened off the boards and they were getting too many second shots.

"We thought our kids weren't putting forth all the effort they should have been," remembering his halftime thoughts, Buchanan pointed out. "We told them if they were going to get back into the ball game, they would have to become more aggressive. We felt like no matter what we did offensively or defensively, we were going to have to come out with more determination than in the 1st half."

And, the effort came. "We got 2 or 3 nice tip-ins, just because the kids were more determined," Buchanan pointed out.

"We felt like the crowd made a difference, too," the Comet coach added. "As we began to go in the 2nd half, they began to cheer ... and the louder they cheered, the harder we played."

And play hard they did!

For the entire game, each team bucketed 25 fgs., but Carlisle managed 13 more attempts, mostly because of the 2nd half press. Each club also tried 28 fts. with Carlisle taking the deciding 6-pt. edge in the game with 18 against only 12 for Tilghman.

It wasn't an offensive "shootout" like the first meeting of the season between the 2 schools, but a more exciting game would have been hard to find. It capped what turned out to be one of the best-played First Region Tournaments. No team in the 8-school field was ever "out" of a game until the fading minutes.

And, attendance records tumbled with fans obviously anticipating closely played games. Fri. night's semifinal matches, with Carlisle upending Murray 73-72, and Tilghman ripping Symsonia 66-56, were played before an overflow crowd estimated at the 8,500 level ... equal to a Murray State-Western Ky. rivalry match. Now, the Comets head for Louisville. Plans are to leave this afternoon for the State Tourn. Carlisle will lodge in the Holiday Inn South, located just off I-65 on the Fern Valley Road.

Balance, Depth, Unselfishness, Key To Comet Success

Carlisle Co. head basketball coach Tom Buchanan, in his second year as Comet mentor, credits an 8-man "starting" contingent, for the success of his newly crowned First Region basketball team.

"I think probably our strongest points are balance, depth and unselfishness among the players," the well-mannered Buchanan said before his team headed for Louisville and the 1971 Ky. High School State Basketball Tourn.

"And, all the players believe in each other ... and like each other," the Comet coach added. "All of the kids want to start, and they've known all year that all of them are capable. But, anytime one has lost his starting position, he's come back stronger, worked harder to try to regain it. It makes for better practices too."

Carlisle, with its shiny 34-2 record which includes an unbeaten slate against First Region foes, will go against defending State Champion and this year's favorite Louisville Male in Wednesday's opening round of the State. Tourn.

The Comets will square off in the second game of the night session. It will be their second trip to the "Sweet Sixteen" in Freedom Hall, having last gone in 1966 after tripping South Marshall for the First Region title. The Comets lost in the 1st round of their first State appearance to Central City.

North Marshall coach David King and Cuba head mentor Eddie Ford scouted Male's 96-60 7th Region triumph over Westport, Sat. night. Their report to coach Buchanan and his staff was about what one would expect.

"They're awesome!"

"I think they're a lot tougher than they were last year," King said of the reigning State Champions. Returning 3 starters off last year's club – 6-8 Larry Haralson, 6-5 Henry Husky and 5-10 Bill Gordon – the Louisville quint runs a 1-2-1-1 all-court zone press, and applies pressure when you make it across the line.

Male eliminated Tilghman from last year's tourn. en route to its championship. The Bluemen, making their 4th consecutive trip from the First Region, dropped a 76-69 quarter-final decision after ousting Shelby Co., 79-61 in the opening round.

Buchanan has watched Male play this season, having seen them perform during the Louisville Invitational Tourn. The Comets, suffering a 78-56 setback to highly-regarded Louisville Central in the LIT's opening round, have not lost since. Male, you remember, nipped Central by 2 pts. for the LIT championship, but Central owns a 15-pt. regular season win.

The Comet coach knows his club will have to come up with a top performance in order to upend the tourn. favorite. And depth will have to be the key to success.

"With our people, whether they are starters or not, it doesn't seem to make a lot of difference in quality," Buchanan said of his club. "In over half of our games this year, the outstanding player has been one that didn't start."

Buchanan rotates 2 or 3 people in the lineup, depending upon the situation. "We usually rotate our players after the first 3 or 4 minutes," he said. It's not unusual, though, to see the starting 5 go the first 8 minutes, and two replacements check into the match when the horn ends the frame.

In the First Region Tourn. last week, Buchanan's lineup had Leonard Larkins at center, Russell Turnbow and Gary Duncan at forwards and Cliff Simmons along with Mickie Thomason at guards. Quickly moving into the action during the final 2 matches were guard Steve Frizzell and David Smith. The 8th member of the starting club, guard Mike Crider, played in the first match, and rarely misses a game.

With Larkins at 6-6, Turnbow at 6-2 and Duncan at 6-3 all in the lineup at the same time, Carlisle has it's tallest club. But, it's not unusual to see only one of them on the floor along with 4 so-called guards. In fact, Thomason probably plays from the wing more than from the point, because of the continuous rotation.

Both Simmons and Thomason stand near the 5-10 mark on the ruler. Smith, who often enters a game early and never comes out, adds height with his 6-1 frame, while both Frizzell and Crider stand eye-level to the starting guards.

In last week's Regional at Murray, the Comets averaged 71.7 pts. and held opponents to 65.0 in 3 outings. Cuba's Cubs were the first to fall (74-61) and Murray's surging Tigers next (73-72). Then came the championship match with perennial king Paducah Tilghman and the Comets were forced to erase a 10-pt. halftime deficit to score a 68-62 decision.

In all games, the Carlisle quint had to go in the last half. None of their opponents were pushovers, as scores indicate, and it took a determined Comet effort to keep the record clean.

Carlisle, having lost only to invading Paris, Ky. (79-69) and Central, will need that kind of effort in Wednesday night's meeting with Male. Coach Buchanan and his players know this ... and, it's a good bet that 8 players will see a lot of action, one about as much as another.

Ky. State Tourn.
1st Round
Male Eliminates Carlisle Co.
From State Tournament

Carlisle Co.	**62**
Louisville Male	**82**

03-17-71 - Away

Paced by pesky guard William Cordon and awesome 6-9 forward Larry Haralson, Male High's defending Ky. high school state champions shot down Carlisle County's high-flying Comets, 82-62, before 15,000 in spacious freedom Hall here last night.

It took the Louisville five better than 12 minutes to get limbered up against the First Region Champion Comets, but once the pre-tournament favorites began to roll, there was no stopping. Carlisle, generally a strong 3rd quarter club, made a mild charge in the frame, but it proved far short in the Comets' effort at their school's first win in 2 state tourn. appearances.

Male, now 29-3 for the season, moves into the tourn. quarter-finals opposite Laurel Co., a 64-57 winner over Bardstown in the evening session's opening match.

Owensboro, the 3rd Region champ, nipped small Pendleton Co. 59-56 in the opening game of the 54th annual tourn. and Covington Catholic rolled past M.C. Napier 99-62 in the afternoon session finale.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, winding out a successful campaign with a 34-3 worksheet, stayed with the perennial Louisville kingpin through the 1st quarter and half of the 2nd. Then, the bottom fell out!

Male, after giving up a 12-10 Carlisle lead in the cold-shooting 1st stanza, blasted the Comets 28-17 in the 2nd 8 minutes to move out front by nine, 38-29 at the break. Then, a 23-16 3rd period Male effort and a 21-17 4th stanza output pushed Carlisle completely out of contention.

The surging Bulldogs quickly vaulted into a 13-pt. lead in the early stages of the 3rd quarter and commanded a 14-pt. advantage, 59-45, when they unleashed a damaging blow at Carlisle's slim hopes for victory.

Sparked by the tall and talented Haralson, who finished with a game-high 28 pts., Male used the last 2 pts. of the 3rd stanza and the first 10 pts. of the final quarter to move from the 14-pt. advantage into a commanding 26-pt. lead, 71-45.

The Comets, ineffective all over the court, failed to counter a bucket during an ice-cold 2:30 interval. By then, it was all over.

Failure to cash bonus fts. damaged Carlisle's chances of matching Male's 1st half effort. The Comets, generally a fine-shooting club from the stripe, missed 5 straight bonus attempts toward the end of the 1st quarter and early in the 2nd stanza.

In fact, the Carlisle quint failed on 6 straight attempts at the ft. line during the stretch, one of which was a technical foul toss generated by Male's active coach, Jim Huter.

It gave the experienced and powerful Bulldogs just enough time to regroup!

Fortunately, the touch from the line returned to its usual form for the newly crowned First Region Kings, midway through the 2nd period. However, it kept the score close until the sneaky Gordon went to work for the "home-standing" Male quint, well acquainted with playing conditions of Freedom Hall.

The Comets, finishing with only an 11/20 ft. showing at intermission, needed a series of ft. successes from the stripe late in the 2nd quarter. But, as quickly as the Comets regained touch at the line, they lost the feel from the floor. Carlisle managed only 2 fgs. during the last 4 minutes of the half.

Meanwhile, with Gordon hitting a hot streak generated by effective fast breaks and short, driving jumpers, the Bulldogs began to click for the first time in the game. A pair of fts. by Robert Shackelford, Gordon's running mate at guard, broke the game's final deadlock of 23-all shortly before the midway point of the 2nd stanza. Gordon followed shortly with a fast-break lay-up, and the Louisville quint was off and running.

Haralson sandwiched a lay-up and a turnaround jumper around a ft. by Carlisle's' Russell Turnbow as the Bulldogs began their move. The 2 Haralson buckets pushed Male into a steadily mounting 7-pt. advantage, 31-24.

Late jumpers by Comet guard Cliff Simmons and another by Gary Duncan, who had returned to the lineup for the first time since sustaining an eye injury 6 minutes deep into the game, kept the Bulldogs from completely walking off before intermission.

Four straight fts. by Gordon, who managed 12 of Male's 28 pts. in the game-wrecking canto, pushed Male into its widest lead shortly before the horn.

Then, the 23-16 3rd quarter explosion followed, and it proved too much for the out manned Comets.

Carlisle held the upper hand throughout the low-scoring 1st quarter. The Comets, paced by Steve Frizzell and Duncan, led by as many as 6 pts. during the opening frame before Male rallied to tie it for the first time at 10.

A goal-tending bucket awarded to 6-6 senior Leonard Larkins gave Carlisle its 12-10 1st period lead. It proved to be short-lived, however, with Gordon hitting the first of his 2nd quarter effort with only 7 seconds following the tip, forcing a tie at 12. Other deadlocks followed at 17, 19, 21, and 23 before the Bulldogs pulled away.

The taller Male quint, paced by 15 retrieves from 6-6 senior forward Clarence Childers, commanded play under the boards to the overwhelming tune of 51-26. Haralson added 9 rebounds and rugged center Henry Husky pulled off 6. Carlisle's hustling senior 6-1 forward David Smith, grabbed 7 retrieves to pace the Comet effort.

Both teams, frequenting the free stripe in the closely-called match, shot poorly at the line. Carlisle bagged only 18/32 fts., while the Bulldogs mustered 16/31.

A total of 44 fouls were whistled in the game, 23 against the Comets and 21 against the Bulldogs.

Haralson's 28 pts. came off a game-high 13 fgs. and 2 fts. It paced a 4-man contingent in double figures with Gordon accounting for 14 (12 in that 2nd quarter run), Shackelford 13 and Childers 11. The powerful Male quint hit the threads 33/74 times, good for 44%. Duncan paced Carlisle's scoring. His 7 fgs. and 2 fts., good for 16 pts. Larkins added 13, the only other Comet in double figures. A poor 34%, 22/64, limited Carlisle's effectiveness against the towering Male five.

Five Comets wore Carlisle's Gold for the last time, the 6-6 Larkins, 6-2 Turnbow, 5-10 Simmons, 6-1 Smith and 5-10 guard Mike Crider.

Carlisle.....12 29 45 62
Male.....10 38 61 82

Carlisle (62)
Crider 2, Larkins 13, Simmons 7, Smith 4, Turnbow 9, Duncan 16, Frizzell 6, Thomason 5, Polivick, Nichols, Yates, Anderson.

Male (82)
Huskey, Haralson 28, Gordon 14, Shackelford 13, Childers 11, Woodward 1, Simms 2, Duncan,

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	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	Calloway Co.	Ballard Co.	Livingston Co.	St. Mary	Fulton City	Ballard Co.	Farmington	Lyon Co.	Cuba	South Marshall	Lone Oak	Lone Oak	Louisville St. X	Mayfield	Paris	Ballard Co.					
Mickie Thomason	22	14	12	8	4	5	4	17	8	15	16	20	10	16	16	17	12	12					
Gary Duncan	10	13	4	0	6	6	12	11	4	8	13	6	11	2	4	3	6	14					
David Smith	4	6		1	5	2	16	6	4	8	4	10	8	4	0	2	8	4					
Russell Turnbow	2	7	18	15	12	18	10	10	10	14	14	9	17	7	11	8	17	12					
Leonard Larkins	10	5	15	4	4	20	22	7	22	9	10	22	8	16	4	12	13	5					
Mike Crider	2	3			0		10	4	6	4				2				11					
Steve Frizzell	12	8	18	8	11	14	10	7		11	13	18	10	7	14	10	9	6					
Cliff Simmons	10	14	10	10	7	5	3	9	7	16	13	6		21	8	18	4	2					
Marty Nichols																							
Gary Yates								1	4	0		0	0	0									
Larry Anderson							19		5	2		2	4	0									
Gary Polivick			5		0		4	2	18	4	0	1	4	2									
Ricky Dillon			2						4	6		0	0										

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	Fulton Co.	Hickman Co.	Louisville Central	Mayfield	Cuba	Heath	Fulton Co.	Tilghman	Calloway Co.	South Marshall	Lowes	Fancy Farm	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	Fulton Co.	Cuba	Murray	Tilghman	Louisville Male		Games	Pts.	Avg.
Mickie Thomason	8		5	15	14	13	10	16	14	11	8	10	9	4	10	10	11	11	5		36	412	11.4
Gary Duncan	6	17	8	16	14	15	12	14	11	15	12	15	12	21	14	6	11	8	16		37	376	10.2
David Smith	7	9	6	12	2	8	13	9	6	1	4	12	2	13	8	9	13	6	4		36	236	6.56
Russell Turnbow	11	12	18	22	8	14	8	3	22	14	8	8	24	13	7	6	11	3	9		37	432	11.7
Leonard Larkins	14	9	7	11	21	10	10	26	11	18	13	17	23	10	12	21	11	18	13		37	483	13.1
Mike Crider	2	4	0	3		1	10	2	4		8	16	0	1	1	2			2		24	98	4.08
Steve Frizzell	14	6	0	3	4	8	6	15	15	9	2	6	12	4	15	10	11	14	6		36	346	9.61
Cliff Simmons	7	5	12	5	6	5		19	5	6	10	4	7	5	8	8	4	8	7		35	294	8.4
Marty Nichols	2		0	0		0	9				0	5	0	2	2	0			0		12	20	1.67
Gary Yates	4		0	4	0	0	2			0	0	3		5	5	0			0		19	28	1.47
Larry Anderson	9		0			0					3			4	9	0			0		14	57	4.07
Gary Polivick	8	2	0	0		0	4				6	5		6	2	2			0		22	75	3.41
Ricky Dillon							2														6	14	2.3
				Team Record - 34-3							Per Game Avg. - 77.59									Total Pts.		2871	

Career	Games		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
David Smith	72			5	193	236	434	6.02
Russell Turnbow	78			12	383	432	827	10.6
Leonard Larkins	96			184	427	483	1094	11.4
Mike Crider	32				28	98	126	3.93
Cliff Simmons	74			4	238	294	536	7.24
Larry Anderson	24			26	57		83	3.45
Ricky Dillon	14				14		14	1

1971-72

HEAD COACH – TOM BUCHANAN

ASSISTANT COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

TROPHIES WON

ST. MARY TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

PADUCAH TILGHMAN TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 31-5

1971-72

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-11-71	St. Mary	87-76	H	
11-16-71	Hickman Co.	79-60	A	
11-19-71	Calloway Co.	90-81	A	
11-24-71	Lowes	86-71	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-26-71	Ballard Co.	92-74	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD**
11-27-71	Symsonia	102-100	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-03-71	Fulton City	109-56	H	
12-04-71	Ballard Co.	**61-64**	A	
12-07-71	Heath	89-79	A	
12-14-71	South Marshall	91-82	A	
12-17-71	Lone Oak	92-63	A	
12-28-71	Heath	69-43	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-29-71	Tilghman	82-80	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD**
12-31-71	Mayfield	80-69	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-07-72	Paris	**64-67**	A	
01-08-72	Louisville Jesse Stuart	67-59	A	
01-14-72	Ballard Co.	76-54	H	
01-15-72	Fulton Co	89-60	A	
01-18-72	Hickman Co.	90-72	H	
01-21-72	Sedalia	99-78	A	
01-22-72	Mayfield	**79-83**	A	
01-25-72	Cuba	122-65	H	
01-28-72	Heath	86-64	H	
02-04-72	Fulton Co	91-71	H	
02-05-72	Tilghman	**70-74**	A	
02-08-72	Calloway Co.	94-79	H	
02-11-72	South Marshall	106-78	H	
02-12-72	Lowes	85-68	H	
02-15-72	Murray	95-76	H	
02-18-72	Fancy Farm	105-69	H	
02-19-72	St. Mary	98-68	A	
02-22-72	Fulton City	114-80	A	
03-03-72	Fulton City	109-78	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-04-72	Fulton Co	78-76	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-08-72	Calloway Co.	80-73	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-10-72	Mayfield	**74-77**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 31-5

1972 Comets - District Champion



Coach Jim Henley, Dewayne Edwards, Mickie Thomason, Marty Nichols, Gary Duncan, Jimmie Hendrix, Steve Frizzell, Chuck Thompson (Manager), Coach Tom Buchanan, Mark Flegle (Manager), John Martin, David Polivick, Mike Woods, JJ Yates, Thomas Jenkins, Rhonda Terry (Manager)

1971-1972

HEAD COACH - TOM BUCHANAN

ASSISTANT COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

TROPHIES WON
ST. MARY TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
PADUCAH TILGHMAN TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 31-5

1971-72 COMET ROSTER:
Gary Duncan, Mickie Thomason, Steve Frizzell, Marty Nichols, John Martin, David Polivick, Gary Yates, Steve Denton, Dewayne Edwards, Mike Woods, Thomas Jenkins, J.J. Yates, Jimmie Hendrix, David Garrett, Robert Martin.

Carlisle County Is Coaches' Pick

The high school coaches in Western Kentucky have placed the defending champion atop the shooting gallery.

Carlisle County ranks atop the preseason poll of prep coaches in Western Kentucky.

The voting, however, indicates a scrap is brewing for membership in the elite 10 during the season. In the Kentucky poll, in which all 23 First Region coaches cast ballots, 19 teams were included among the top 10 lists. The top three in the First Region are the same as in the preseason poll last year.

Carlisle County, Mayfield, and Paducah Tilghman started out in the first three slots last year and the Comets and the Cards wound up the same way in the last poll. The Bluemen dropped a notch to fourth at season's end.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, who lived up to the early billing last year, stood far ahead of the pack in the pre-season balloting. Carlisle County, which won five tournament titles last season on route to 34-3 slate, picked up 17 of 23 first place votes and finished with 213 points, 35 more than Mayfield. The Comets were unbeaten in regional play last season and led the poll throughout the season.

First Region

1. Carlisle Co.(17).213
2. Mayfield (3)…...178
3. Tilghman (2)…...171
4. Ballard Co.(1)....137
5. Heath…….94
6. South Marshall….69
7. Fulton Co…...…...67
8. Murray High……66
9. Sedalia…….64
10. Lone Oak……..39

Comets Open Big By Ripping Up St. Mary

Carlisle Co. 87
St. Mary 76

11-12-71 - Home

Carlisle County roared out of the gate with vengeance Friday night and took an 87-76 cage conquest over St. Mary. The Comets, defending First Region champs, were in their season opener.

St. Mary, 1-1, fell behind by 28 points at one point in the third period, before cooling the Comets. The Vikings fought back to within nine before Carlisle put their game together again, for a closing rush.

Steve Frizzell and Gary Duncan, holdovers from a year ago, paced Carlisle with 24 and 21 points, respectively. Junior Marty Nichols, added 17 and sophomore John Martin, added 12 in his first start as a varsity Comet.

The winners put in 17 of 24 free tosses to aid their cause, but St. Mary fell apart at the gratis line and registered only 26 of a whopping 42 chances. Carlisle had only one man to foul out, despite all the St. Mary free shooting.

Mike Weglicki again paced the Vikes, scoring 22 points. He had double-digit help from Steve Moranville with 15, Craig Tonnemacker with 14 and Eddie Hannan with 13 markers.

Mickie Thomason, starting on last year's Comet club, scored nine points.

St. Mary ……...10 26 53 76
Carlisle…….…22 44 66 87

St. Mary (76)
Tonnemacker 14, Wilson 6, Weglicki 22, Hannan 13, Moranville 15, Weitlauf 4, Englert 2.

Carlisle (87)
Duncan 21, Frizzell 24, Thomason 9, J. Martin 12, Polivick 4, Nichols 17, Edwards, Denton, G. Yates.

Comets Rake Falcons On 3rd-Period Surge

Carlisle Co. 79
Hickman Co. 60
11-16-71 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets outscored host Hickman County, 21-11, in the third stanza, breaking open a close game and going on to a 79-60 victory over the host Falcons, here Tuesday night.

The Comets, top-rated by area coaches, jumped to a 15-8 first-period advantage, but the Falcons of Coach Dale Ray closed the gap to just five, 31-26, at halftime.

But Carlisle County came out in the third period, grabbed the wider margin, and coasted to its second victory in as many outings.

Senior Gary Duncan pumped in 26 points, to lead the Comets, and was followed by Mickey Thomason with 17. John Martin and Marty Nichols added 10 markers apiece.

Hickman's Isaac Childress tied Duncan for game-scoring honors with 26 points. Wallace Grundy and James Jordan each collected 14 markers.

The Falcons outshot the Comets from the field, hitting 26 of 61 attempts for 43 percent. Carlisle County connected on 36 of 91 tries for 40 percent.

The Comets netted 7 of 12 gratis tosses for 58 percent, as compared to Hickman's 8 of 23 for 34 percent.

Carlisle County travels to Calloway County Friday night, while Hickman County, now 3-1, moves to Ballard Co., Friday night.

Carlisle…….…15 31 52 79
Hickman…….....8 26 37 60

Carlisle (79)
Duncan 26, Thomason 17, J. Martin 10, Nichols 10, Frizzell 7, Polivick 4, Denton 3, G. Yates 2.

Hickman (60)
Childress 26, Grundy 14, Jordan 14, Spate 4, Edwards 2, Fitts, Spraggs.

Carlisle County And Buchanan On Spot Again

His fellow coaches have put Tom Buchanan on the spot again, just as they did a year ago. But the Carlisle County basketball mentor doesn't seem to mind.

After all, the Comets were picked No. 1 in the First Region last year, and they responded in classic style by romping to the title and posting a 34-3 slate for the season.

In the last two seasons at Carlisle County, Coach Buchanan has had a sensational 60-10 record. During the 1970-71 season, his Comets didn't lose a game to regional opposition.

Holdovers from the '71 champs include Steve Frizzell, Gary Duncan, and Mickey Thomason. Buchanan admits his Comets won't be as deep this season, but his team has already sounded a grim warning to regional foes by posting a pair of convincing victories.

Carlisle County opened its campaign a week ago by knocking off Paducah St. Mary, 87-76, and just Tuesday night, shellacked Hickman County, 79-60, with Duncan pumping in 26 points.

The coaches believe Mayfield, Paducah Tilghman and Ballard Co., in that order, pose the biggest threat to Carlisle's chances of repeating as regional titlist. Mayfield has all-state Joe Ford back.

Comets Top Calloway

Carlisle Co. 90
Calloway Co. 81
11-19-71 - Away

Carlisle County used its savvy, a full-court pressing defense and some solid third quarter rebounding to pull away from Calloway County and win, 90-81, Friday night.

The Lakers, who start only one senior, had the best of the rebounding war for the game, winning by 42-41, but the Comets picked off some key strays and converted them into buckets, just after intermission, to pull a 10-point halftime lead up to 19 points, heading into the final canto.

Carlisle led ,43-33, before their 30-point burst, which sent them ahead, 73-54

Senior center Gary Duncan worked the nets for 29 points and received 24-point aid from Steve Frizzell, as the Comets ran their record to 3-0. Calloway is 1-1.

Sophomore Greg Howard paced the scrappy Lakers with 22 points and helped generate a fourth stanza surge, that brought the Jerry Conley coached Lakers to within five points. They trailed by 22 points, until the rally began with 3:56 showing.

Freshman center James Wells also shined during the comeback.

A capacity crowd watched the defending region champs from Carlisle, roll to their 10-point halftime advantage. Tom Buchanan's club steadily punched its 22-17 first period margin upwards in the second canto, mainly on the scoring of Duncan and Frizzell. Mickie Thomason added 13 points to the Comet cause and was the only other player in double figures for the winners.

Calloway's senior, David Wyatt, scored 16 and sophomore Rich Scarbrough added 9.

Neither team took full advantage of free throw opportunities, the Comets hitting 24 of 42 and the Lakers 21 of 44.

Calloway visits South Marshall Tuesday, while Carlisle is idle until the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament.

Carlisle……..22 43 73 90
Calloway……..17 33 54 81

Carlisle (90)
Duncan 29, Edwards 3, Frizzell 24, Denton 2, Thomason 13, J. Martin 7, G. Yates 2, Polivick 2, Nichols 6, Woods 2.

Calloway (81)
Wells 7, Ferguson 3, Duncan 6, Wyatt 16, Stockdale 9, Howard 22, Shelton 8, Thompson 6, Scarborough 4.

Turkey Tournament At
St. Mary Has 5 Former Champs

A talented field, including five of the six former champions, are paired for the seventh annual Paducah St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament, on the Viking floor next week. Pairings were made at a meeting of coaches and school officials at Clymer's Steak House in Paducah last night.

Defending champion Carlisle County, unbeaten in two outings this season, drew another undefeated team for the tournament's opening attraction. Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, 2-0 this year following last year's 34-3 mark that included the First Region championship, will face Lowes, off to a 4-0 start this campaign.

Coach Scott Schlosser's Blue Devils stand as the only new entry in this year's tournament, replacing Lone Oak.

Here's the tournament slate:

Wednesday, Nov. 24
7:00 – Lowes vs. Carlisle County
8:45 – Ballard vs. Livingston Central
Thursday, Nov. 25
7:00 – Hickman Co. vs. South Marshall
8:45 – Symsonia vs. St. Mary
Friday, Nov. 26
7:00 – Wednesday's winners
8:45 – Thursday's winners
Saturday, Nov. 27
7:00 – Friday's losers (consolation)
8:45 – Friday's winners (championship)

While Wednesday's opening game pits a pair of unbeatens to date, the second game of the opening card will match two quints that battled to a 74-72 decision, Nov. 5th.

Coach Ron McAllister's Bombers won the game over Coach Don Ringstaff's Livingston Cardinals.

The second session will send Coach Dale Ray's Hickman County Falcons, 2-1, against the unbeaten South Marshall Rebels, 2-0, coached by Charlie Lampley. Symsonia's Rough Riders, 2-1, will wind out first-round action against tournament host St. Mary, 1-1. Symsonia is coached by Don Butler and St. Mary by Dennis Gourley.

Lowes won the pilot Thanksgiving tournament in '65, South Marshall was the '67 champion, Hickman County took the crown in '68, Ballard Co. in '69 and Carlisle County last year. The only other winner of the tournament was Mayfield in '66.

No team has ever won two championships in the Thanksgiving Tournament, which began as a question mark in attendance figures and them blossomed into full-house sessions during the last two events.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Knock Lowes
From Unbeaten List

Carlisle Co. 86
Lowes 71

11-24-71 - Away

In basketball, when two high scoring teams cross paths, a cage shootout results!

Such was the case Wednesday night in the opening game of the seventh annual St. Mary High School Thanksgiving Tournament before more than 2,000 screaming fans. Defending champion and unbeaten Carlisle County tangled with Lowes, another former champion and also unbeaten, in an 86-71 run-and-gun hardwood bonanza.

The Comets, winner of this tournament and four others last year, proved they would be in contention for honors again this campaign, making this point very clear to the hustling Blue Devils of Lowes.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Carlisle quint carried an 85.3 offensive output from three opening victories into the battle. They topped that figure with the 86-point showing, overcoming a "weak" night at the free throw line with an outstanding ball-hawking floor game.

Lowes, winner of six straight before the fracas, had averaged better than 76 points for Coach Scott Schlosser, and the Blue Devils weren't about to yield to the Comets without a fight. Although losing by 15, the Devils were in the thick of the battle until the last 3 ½ minutes of play.

Down the final stretch, Carlisle went to an air-tight press and a solid running game, to break into the clear. Veterans off last year's 34-3 State Tournament team, kept the Comets on top and a sophomore speedster, 5-7 guard John Martin, took up the slack with three big baskets off the break as the final minutes ticked off the scoreboard.

Lowes had opened a 5-point lead twice in the first quarter, but the Comets came back to regain the lead two seconds before the first stop when senior guard Steve Frizzell converted a 15-footer. The 18-17 advantage, only the fourth one-point lead for the Carlisle quint in the first period, gave the Comets the lead for good.

Lowes managed a 23-all dead-lock, three minutes into the second canto, but the Blue Devils never pulled back on top. Going to 6-4 senior center Gary Duncan in the second quarter, the Comets pulled to five-point advantages twice, and led by three, 39-36, at the break.

Another senior, 5-10 forward Mickie Thomason, took up the slack in the third quarter as the defending Turkey champs steadily took command. Carlisle led by 11 points at four different intervals during the frame before finally outscoring the Devils 20-17 and taking a 59-53 lead into the final canto.

Carlisle seemingly had the game on ice three minutes into the final stanza, leading by a 73-60 count, but the Devils came roaring back with fire. Junior center Ralph Austin, who finished with a game-high 35 points, led a charge that had cut the Comet lead to 73-67, with 3:28 to go.

A long jumper by Duncan, his only bucket of the quarter, regained the poise for the Comets, and Martin went to work with the fast break to put the game out of the danger zone. Substitutes filtered into the ranks during the final minute of play.

Austin, 6-4 pivot, hit consistently from all angles around the basket. Bucketing 16 fielders and three of five free tosses, the hot-shooting Lowes center scored at an 8-8-9-10 clip during the four quarters, to present a balanced sheet.

The Thomason-Duncan-Frizzell veteran trio keyed Carlisle's offensive explosion, but Martin and junior forward Marty Nichols also hit in double figures for the Comets. Thomason bagged 12 fielders and one of four free throws for a 25-point effort, nine of which came in the third quarter.

Duncan had eight fielders and 17 points, scoring nine in the second frame. Frizzell hit the threads with nine fielders for 18 points, Nichols finished with 13 and Martin 11.

The Comets faltered at the charity stripe, hitting only four of 18 attempts, but their 41 field goal effort easily overcame the misgivings. Carlisle hit 41 of 87 field attempts, slightly under 50 percent, while Lowes managed 29 of 61 field shots, also slightly under the 50 percent mark.

Lowes kept it close by bagging 13 of 21 gratis tosses.

Sophomore guard Charlie Allen, a 5-6 hustler, wiggled his way under the basket among the big boys with success. He contributed 17 points to the Blue Devil total, giving the losers two sound individual scoring efforts.

Carlisle……..18 39 59 86
Lowes……..17 36 53 71

Carlisle (86)
Duncan 17, Thomason 24, Nichols 13, Frizzell 18, J. Martin 11, Edwards, Denton, Woods 2, Polivick, G. Yates.

Lowes (71)
Austin 35, S. Wyatt 5, Nesler 4, C. Allen 17, Carter 8, Rhew , G. Wyatt, Wooley, Simmons, Wood, B. Allen, Rieves.

Turkey Basketball

The 1971 Paducah St. Mary High School Thanksgiving Tournament opened with a gobble last night with area fans jamming into the Viking gymnasium at record numbers for the opening-season games. St. Mary principal Bro. Bede Keller reported 2,100 paid admissions watched the opening session of the four-night tournament, indicative of the top games offered.

Although the capacity turnout is not a tournament record, it was the highest paid audience for an opening session during the Thanksgiving Tournament's short seven years of life. Add to the 2,100 the school officials and others who trek through the pass gate, and one could guess that the opening crowd reached near 2,500 record proportions.

This is still November, and the basketball season is barely off the ground. Football is still predominant on the sports scene, but if you were one of those at the "ear-ringing" session last night, you undoubtedly know that round-ball enthusiasm is already reaching peak proportions.

The 1971 Thanksgiving Tournament at St. Mary, using the opening session as a yard stick, will be the biggest and best at the gate. It has become a habit, it seems, to break the records with each year's event.

Early tournaments offered fans and players a different format with two sessions held on Thanksgiving Day (one in the afternoon and one that evening) with the semifinals set the following Friday and the consolation and championship Saturday. Recent years deleted the afternoon session on Turkey Day and opened the tournament instead on Wednesday night.

Enthusiasm and interest has grown with the change.

The very first Thanksgiving Tournament was held in 1965 with Lowes upending Ballard for the championship. Mayfield defeated Lone Oak for the title in '66, South Marshall tripped Lyon County in '67, Hickman County turned back host St. Mary in '68, Ballard Co. eliminated Hickman Co. in '69 and Carlisle County roared past St. Mary a year ago.

This then is the seventh annual event, with five of the six former champions on hand to try for the tournament's first repeat winner. Carlisle made a strong bid to retain its crown by eliminating a strong Lowes team and Ballard stayed in contention for the 1971 title by ousting Livingston Central.

An outstanding opening-night performance for one of the area's fastest growing tournaments!

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets, Riders
Feast In Finals

Carlisle Co. 92
Ballard Co. 74

11-26-71 - Away

A good "Turkey" feast isn't complete without all the trimmings, and the two finalists for tonight's championship match in the 7th annual Paducah St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament, have that and then some.

Unbeaten and high-flying Carlisle County, looking like the Championship Comet team of a year ago, bombed Ballard Memorial 92-74, to earn a spot in tonight's title game. Then, surprising Symsonia disposed of unbeaten South Marshall, 83-63, in the second semifinal clash, setting the stage for the 1971 tournament final.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, now 5-0 after two resounding triumphs in the opening rounds of the Turkey Tournament, has a chance at being the only double winner in the 7-year history of the November event. Coach Don Butler's Rough Riders of Symsonia, who finished third a year ago, will be shooting to become the seventh consecutive different winner.

Another over-capacity crowd jammed the St. Mary gymnasium for the semifinal tests, many of who arrived late because of a traffic delay created by an accident at the corner of Lone Oak Road and Television Lane. When all the seats were filled and corners rounded off by standing-room-only fans, many were invited to watch the game by closed-circuit television in the adjoining Commons.

The unbeaten Comets, coming off last year's state tournament visit and a 34-3 season, pulled the First Region's pre-season vote of coaches as the number one club again this year. They were impressive in an 86-71 triumph over previously unbeaten Lowes in the opening round, but even more impressive in the romp past Ballard.

Symsonia, entering the tournament with a 2-3 worksheet, enters the title match at 4-3, having eliminated tournament host St. Mary, 63-62, in the opening round. The Rough Riders' ousting of South Marshall leaves Carlisle as the lone undefeated team in the tournament.

Ballard's Bombers enjoyed almost a minute and a half of even-up basketball against the rocketing Comets, but that was it. Carlisle faced a 4-4 deadlock with just over a minute gone off the clock before reeling off 10 straight points, to command a 14-4 advantage, midway through the opening quarter.

For Coach Ron McAllister's Bombers, who gained two early ties but never led, the rest of the game, except for a brief second-quarter burst, was a nightmare.

Carlisle, paced by a ball-stealing, fast-break attack, moved to a 14-point lead later in the quarter and zipped to a 24-12 lead at the stop. Another 24 points in the second quarter, 23 more in the third frame and 17 more during the first half of the fourth canto, sent the Comets so far into orbit that Coach Buchanan emptied the bench.

The well-balanced scoring by quarters had Carlisle leading by 26 points – its widest margin in the game – when reserves filtered the ranks for both clubs. During the last four minutes, Ballard managed to outscore the winning Comets 12-4 to cut the final deficit to 18, but the tempo of the battle had already been established. Carlisle subs were limited to no field goals and just four free throws while Ballard used individual efforts of Glen Humphreys and Mike Hargrove to close the gap.

The Comets, who bagged 41 fielders and only four of 18 free tosses in their opening triumph, finished off the Bombers with 37 field goals and 18 of 28 free shots.

The lightning start by Carlisle cooled off during the early stages of the fourth quarter when Ballard launched its biggest threat of the game. The Comets sent Gary Yates under the bucket for a lay-up following the tip in the second stanza, good for a 26-12 lead, but things began to turn themselves around during the next three minutes.

Following the lead of sophomore guard Leo Henderson, the Bombers staged a rally that pulled them within three points of the Comets twice. Henderson, who finished with 10 points in the quarter and 15 for the game, converted two quick lay-ups off fast breaks to launch the attack. Center Rex Powell followed with a jumper seconds later and Henderson cashed another jumper as the surge continued.

Ballard outscored Carlisle 14-5 after that tip and lay-up, and trailed by only a 29-26 count with 5½ minutes to go in the half. Thirty seconds later, after a swap out of buckets, it was 31-28, and the Comets were on the edge of another charge.

Carlisle went back to its fast-break tempo, using quick hands and speed along with outstanding shooting ability and out scored their inter-county rivals 17-7, during the final five minutes of the half. It was good enough for a 48-35 lead at the break, and the issue was all but decided.

The Comets surged into a pair of 21-point leads late in the third frame, and held a 25-point advantage (71-46) with a minute to go. Running and rebounding with ease, the Carlisle quint led by 21, 71-50, at the stop.

Ballard's closest deficit in both the third and fourth quarters was 16 points, but the Comet lead was never threatened.

Balanced scoring from seniors Gary Duncan, Mickie Thomason and Steve Frizzell, probably would have been enough for the Comets, but sophomore John Martin, a 5-7 sparkplug guard, wanted to do his part. So, Martin, who netted 11 against Lowes, ripped the cords for 25 to earn game-high honors.

The little guard, who wasn't around for last season's cage success, had 12 field goals – many of which came off rebounds and put backs, if you please – and added one of two gratis throws to take individual laurels.

Duncan, a 6-4 center who was around for the 1970-71 banner season, followed closely with 23 points, Frizzell added 19 and Thomason contributed 13. With Martin, Frizzell and Thomason all sub-six-footers, the Comets had to rely on quickness and speed.

Hargrove, a 6-2 senior forward, cashed nine fielders and four free tosses, to lead Ballard's scoring at 22 points. Leo Henderson's 15 and 10 by Justin Henderson, a 6-3 senior, completed double-figure scoring in the match up.

Carlisle……..24 48 71 92
Ballard……...12 35 50 74

Carlisle (92)
Duncan 23, Thomason 13, Nichols, Frizzell 19, J. Martin 25, Edwards, Denton 4, Woods 2, Polivick, G. Yates 4, Jenkins, J.J. Yates 2.

Ballard (74)
Howel 4, L. Henderson 15, Powell 8, Hargrove 22, J. Henderson 10, Humphreys 6, Stuart 5, O'Daniel 2, Hammonds 2.

St Mary Tourn.
Championship
Comets Stop Rider Charge
Claim Second Turkey Title
Bean Sparks 45-point Fourth Quarter
But Comets Awaken In Closing Minute

Carlisle Co. 102
Symsonia 100

11-27-71 Away

Wow!!!
Fabulous!!!
Unbelievable!!!

Adjectives can't describe the windup of the 1971 St. Mary High School Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament … there's no way…

Final score: Carlisle County 102, Symsonia 100.

The unbeaten, defending Champion Comets of Carlisle County came out the winner, the first time in the seven year history of the tournament, that a team has won twice. But Symsonia's Rough Riders rode off with the "rally of the century."

Rival coaches Tom Buchanan of Carlisle and Don Butler of Symsonia, may not sleep for a week. And, there may be a few players, fans and sports writers in the same boat!

Lanky guard Jeff Bean, a shoo-in candidate for "Turkey-Day Player of the Year," brought his Rough Riders from the brink of death, into a position where they almost unseated the overwhelmingly-favored Comets. It may well have been the best individual effort in the history of First Region basketball.

Bean, a 6-foot senior, finished as the game's top scorer at 37 points, but perhaps more impressive was his brilliant 23-point effort in the fourth quarter, that almost forced the St. Mary gymnasium roof to cave in.

Hitting from all over the floor and from every position under the sun, Bean sparked Symsonia's unreal 45-point effort in the final eight minutes, erasing a Comet lead that at one time reached 26 points. The Riders never led after the first two minutes of play, but they forced deadlocks at 98 and 100 during those hectic game-ending seconds.

One could write a page about the first three Carlisle-dominated quarters, and a book about the final eight-minute spree.

Bean sparked the fabulous comeback before fouling out with 16 seconds to go, leaving his Rough Rider squad two points down, 100-98, after the subsequent free throws by Comet guard Steve Frizzell. Five seconds later, Symsonia's second-best hero, senior guard Russ Allred, cashed a 20-foot jumper, to blast the scoreboard 100-100, as the screams grew louder.

Then, Carlisle came up with a hero of its own, veteran hustling forward Mickie Thomason.

Always out-sized under the basket because of his 5-10 frame, Thomason came through with the biggest play of this young season when he flipped an off-balance driving lay-up through the hoop, with only three seconds remaining.

And the screams grew louder.

Symsonia managed a desperation shot that didn't threaten the game-tying mark, as the final horn sounded.

And the Carlisle screams grew louder until the biggest victory celebration since last year's First Region championship triumph at Murray State University, finally dwindled. Records were many when the final tabulation was made. Symsonia's 45 points in the final quarter has to be the record-of-all-records, and the total of 72 for the frame also must stand among the tall timbers. Carlisle managed 27 points during the drama-packed effort.

The 102 points by the Comets is a tournament record and the 202 combined points sets a standard that may never be broken.

Bean moved into the individual record business with his 37-point effort, erasing a 1967 mark of 36 set by Stan Key, former Calloway County star and currently a senior at the University of Kentucky.

Carlisle rolled through the first three quarters with efforts of 22, 25, and 28 points, leading 22-15 at the first stop, 47-32 at halftime and 75-55 after three frames. One would figure that 27 points in the last quarter would be more than enough, but it proved to be "just" enough.

The Comets broke an 8-8 deadlock with a five-point surge midway through the first quarter and never trailed again. Symsonia held brief two-point leads during the early stages, but steadily dropped off the red-hot pace set by the unbeaten Carlisle quint.

Carlisle used the scoring of Frizzell early in the quarter and that of senior center Gary Duncan late in the frame, to lead by seven at the stop. Each Comet star had seven points in the stanza.

Then, another standout emerged – sophomore guard John Martin. The 5-7 Comet guard netted 10 of his total points, in the second canto, as the poised Carlisle squad pulled from 11, 12, 13 and finally, 15 points away.

Thomason, who made the game-winning bucket, followed Martin's effort with nine points of his own, during that second quarter.

Duncan came back into the picture during the third quarter when he scored 12 of his 27 points. The 6-4 center converted back-to-back three-point plays to provide Carlisle with its widest bulge of the game, 26 points (73-47). Both three-point plays came on the tail of Comet fast breaks, the first one when Martin hurled a long pass to the big center and the second when Duncan grabbed a rebound, dribbled the length of the floor, and cashed a driving hook shot.

Carlisle took a 22-point lead at 77-55 only five seconds deep into the final canto, but the Bean-inspired fireworks were about to develop.

Bean hit jumpers from the baseline, inside the key, outside the key and at the free throw stripe, during the brilliant display of marksmanship. Meanwhile, Carlisle's lead steadily dwindled away.

Coach Buchanan, who had rested various starters who were near fouling out, filtered each one back into the action as the score began to tighten. When it was over, all of them that hadn't fouled out were in the action.

A jumper from the corner by Bean at the 1:57 mark cut the Comet lead to 10 for the third time, during a 30-second span. Then, at the 1:34 level, Bean's 25-footer cut it to eight, 98-87. Carlisle immediately countered with a bucket, but Bean came back with a three-point play to cut it to seven with 1:17 showing.

Symsonia's press, that had forced the turn-around, continued to clamp at the Comets, forcing a turnover seconds later. After a time out, Bean came right back with a 20-foot gem, cutting the margin to five (97-92) with 1:08 to go.

A quick steal and lay-up by reserve Ricky Johnson cut it to three as the clock ticked past the one-minute level.

Following a free throw by the Comets, Bean came back with a corner jumper to cut the margin to only two, 98-96, and 19 seconds later his 15-footer deadlocked it at 98. The final bucket, by the standout performer came with just 25 seconds remaining, and it was his foul of Frizzell nine seconds later that forced him to the sidelines.

Frizzell, who sank four pressure free tosses during the hectic closing minutes, kept his team in the drivers seat, with the bonus throws. Allred's shot that tied it at 100 followed shortly and then Thomason's 150 percent effort on the final bucket, ended the struggle.

Bean scored 14 of his 23 points in the quarter during a two-minute span. The senior guard finished with 13 fielders and hit all 11 of his free tosses.

Allred finished with 20 points, reserve forward Phillip Butler with 13 and center Danny Holland with 11, for the surging Riders.

Duncan's 27 paced the victorious Comets, followed closely by Thomason's 22. Martin had 16, Frizzell 15 and reserve forward Mike Woods 13, as Carlisle placed five in double figures. Duncan managed 11 fielders and hit five of five free throws.

The Comets bucketed 40 fielders against 35 for the Riders, and both clubs held a hot hand at the charity stripe. Carlisle making 22 of 32 attempts and Symsonia converting 30 of 40 tries.

Carlisle…..…...22 47 75 102
Symsonia…...15 32 55 100

Carlisle (102)
Duncan 27, Thomason 22, Nichols 8, Frizzell 15, J. Martin 16, Edwards, Denton 1, Woods 13, G. Yates.

Symsonia (100)
Bean 37, Allred 22, Holland 11, Whittemore 2, Farmer 9, Butler 13, Johnson 4, Heath 4.

It Was A Rough Ride To Victory
And The Comets Almost Didn't Arrive.
Bean's Bandits Nearly Robbed Carlisle County.

Basketball fans supporting Carlisle County's Comets and Symsonia's Rough Riders are still buzzing about Saturday night's championship match in the seventh annual Paducah St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament and rightly so!

It's hard to determine which set of fans is happiest – Carlisle County won the game by an unbelievable score of 102-100, but Symsonia staged the rally of all rallies, that left the decision in doubt, right down to the final second of play.

Rival coaches Tom Buchanan of the champion Comets and Don Butler of the rallying Rough Riders, had nothing but praises for both clubs involved when contacted by phone Monday, less than 36 hours after the marathon hoop battle.

"They outplayed, out-shot and probably out-hustled us," Buchanan said about the surging Riders. "But when they tied the game, I thought that our kids rallied back as quickly as they had let down ... if they did let down."

"I was pleased that we kept hanging on," Coach Butler said of his Symsonia quint. "Carlisle has a real good ball club and we were fortunate to get that close at the end of the ball game. But, we should've been closer in the 1st half."

Trailing 75-55 as the final quarter opened, Symsonia's Jeff Bean sparked a charge that will long be remembered in the First Region. A lanky 6-foot senior guard, Bean scored 23 of his game-high 37 pts. in the 4th period, to lead the rally.

Presented here are these startling figures:

-The Rough Riders cashed a record 45 pts. in the 4th quarter, 13 more than scored through the entire first half and only 10 shy of their three-quarter output;

-Carlisle, which had dominated play with quarter efforts of 22, 25, and 28 pts., produced another 27 pts. of their own on that hectic 4th quarter, the final 2 that decided the issue coming with only 3 seconds on the clock;

-Symsonia outscored the Comets 21-11 during the last 2½ minutes, finally forcing brief deadlocks at 98 and 100 before time ran out;

-Another steal off the press followed and Symsonia's Ricky Johnson scored one of his 2 fgs. on a lay-up with 59 seconds to go, leaving the Riders down by three, 94-97;

-Woods cashed one of 2 fts. for Carlisle, widening the lead to 4 with 51 seconds left;

-Bean hit a jumper from the right corner at the :44 mark, to pull his team within two, 96-98;

-He hit on another 15-footer after another forced turnover to tie the score at 98, with 25 seconds left;

-Bean fouled Frizzell on an in-bounds play following a time out with only 16 seconds left, sending the Rider star to the sidelines and the "ice-water" veined Frizzell to the charity stripe.

-Frizzell, who hit 4 of 4 fts. during the surge, dropped the pressure shots for a 100-98 Carlisle lead.

-With Bean out, Symsonia's other guard, Russ Allred shouldered the burden and ripped the threads from 20 feet away, with 11 seconds to go, tying it for the last time, at 100;

-And, the clincher came on a gutsy effort from Carlisle's veteran and pressure-tested forward Mickie Thomason, who converted an off-balance driving lay-up, with 3 seconds left.

-The drama ended and Comet fans erupted when Symsonia's fading attempt missed its mark as the horn sounded.

Bean, who finished with 13 fgs. and 11/11 fts., became the instant hero of the Rider surge. He had made only 4 fielders and 6 fts. prior to the final 8 minutes, a sub-par performance for the hustling guard.

A ball-handling magician, who shoots as much with his left hand as his right, Bean hit only 7/21 shots prior to the last minutes. His 6 straight buckets, however, gave him 13/27 for the game, just under the 50% mark.

The 102 pts. by Carlisle is a new game-high for the tourn., the combined 202-pt. effort is a new record that probably never will be broken. Symsonia's 45 pts. in the last canto has to be a record as does the combined total of 72 pts. in the 4th period with the final 2 coming on a lay-up with about 3 seconds showing;

The last 8 minutes, with the number of pts. scored, will surely stand for a long time.

While team scoring is the most important thing, Bean's individual effort perhaps stole the show. Hitting with amazing accuracy from any angle, Bean "did his thing", as if it were an every-day chore;

His 37-pt. total set a new scoring high for the 7-yr. old tourn., and his 23-pt. single-quarter effort also set a new record. Bean hit the last 6 shots he fired, before fouling out with 16 seconds to go, capping the brilliant effort.

Scoring 9 fgs. and hitting 5 of 5 fts., here's the way Bean's scoring changed the game:

-A jumper from the corner at the 7:46 mark left his team trailing 57-77;

-A short jumper inside the key at 7:14 cut it to 59-77;

-Two fts. at 6:49 cut it to 61-77;

-Another jumper at 6:25 off-set a put-back by Carlisle's Gary Duncan, still leaving Symsonia down by 16, 63-79;

-Bean's 4th foul at the 6:16 level gave the Comet's Mike Woods an opportunity to push the score to 63-81 with 2 fts.;

-Bean, slowed by foul problems, didn't score again until the 2:20 mark, when 2 fts. completed an 8-pt. Rider surge that cut the Comet lead to 10, 81-91;

-A jumper by Carlisle's Woods, 2 fts. by Symsonia's Phillip Butler and 2 more fts. by the Comets' Steve Frizzell, set the stage for the final 2 minutes of play;

-Bean hit a jumper from the corner at 1:57, to once again trim the deficit to 10, 85-95;

-A 25-footer out of a crowd followed at 1:34, cutting it to 87-95;

-And, a 3-pt. play by Bean, following a Carlisle basket, cut it to seven, 90-97, with 1:17 to go;

-The Symsonia press forced a turnover at 1:15 and Bean followed with a 20-footer 7 seconds later, cutting it to 92-97;

Butler, a 5-11 junior forward who is a cousin to the head coach, shared the spotlight with the 5-11 Allred, 6-4 senior center Danny Holland and 5-10 junior forward Greg Farmer, as principal figures in the all-court press.

Meanwhile, Carlisle's Frizzell, Thomason and Woods, kept the Comets alive. Thomason finished with 22 pts., 5 short of Duncan's Comet-leading 27, but the final 2 were the biggest of the night.

Frizzell netted 15, including those pressure tosses from the line, and Woods scored 11 of his 13 pts. in the last quarter with 2 fgs. and 7/8 fts.. Woods other 2 pts. came during the fading seconds of the 3rd quarter when he completed a fast break with a lay-up.

Duncan scored 12 of his 27 in the 3rd quarter, cashing back-to-back 3-pt. plays at one point, that provided the Comets with a 26-pt. advantage.

Duncan also paced the Comets to a 51-41 advantage in the rebound department, pulling 14 off the boards. Thomason and junior forward Marty Nichols controlled 11 and 10, respectively, for the Comets while Bean, Holland and Farmer each had 10 for Symsonia.

"I think Don Butler has something going for him," Buchanan said of the Rough Rider coach. "When he's down in the last few minutes of the game, his kids always make a final charge. They can do so many things, that they're never really out of a ball game."

"They were running hot during the last few minutes," Buchanan continued, "but of course we were in bad foul trouble and were shying away on defense. As I look back now, I'd say we probably were over-conservative in our defensive play. But, most of the time when they shot during the last 4 minutes, we had a hand in their face."

Nichols was the only Comet to foul out. But Duncan, Frizzell and Thomason all played the final minutes with 4 personals. Buchanan moved them in and out of the lineup during the 4th quarter, trying to rest them and preserve playing time simultaneously.

Apparently not feeling their Riders had a chance to over-come the Comet lead the Carlisle coach drew a few boos from the Symsonia cheering section when the "big guns" checked back into the lineup. But, Buchanan knew the Riders were coming.

"It's hard for people to believe it when I tell them that they have a tremendous defensive club, with us scoring 102 pts. against them," Buchanan said. "They went to a pressure-type defense, and anytime you do that you give up some easy buckets."

"I don't think we set the ball up more than once in the 2nd half, in fact, I don't really believe we did a t all," the Comet coach continued. "They have a tremendous man-to-man defense, probably the best in West Ky."

Butler, who applied the pressure in the 2nd quarter, wasn't satisfied with its results until late in the game. "Actually, we weren't effective at first, but we stayed with it until finally they started tossing it up a few times. And, they got into foul trouble too, which helped."

The Rider coach said his club "rushed a lot of shots" in the first part of the game. "Then, as the time ran out, we had to go to the guards who brought the ball down. Allred kicked the ball off real well to Jeff, and he did the job. I guess that was the best shooting we've ever done ... all of them hit fairly well."

Symsonia hit only 10/22 1st half shots, taking 21 fewer attempts from the field, but came back with 25/46 in the 2nd half, to finish with 35 fgs. in 68 attempts. Carlisle had halves of 22/43 and 18/35, good for a total of 40 2-pointers in 78 attempts. Both teams shot just over 50% for the game.

"We either had a letdown in getting the ball in a few times, or got a little nervous." Buchanan said of the fading minutes when Symsonia was closing fast. "And for a while, when we were getting through their press with 3-on-2 and sometimes 4-on-2 situations, we were missing easy shots."

Still, when Frizzell went to the line after a time out and the score deadlocked at 98, Buchanan didn't consider a miss. "There was no doubt in my mind that he'd make those shots," the Comet mentor said.

And, he knew the Comets had it when Thomason headed down court with the score tied at 100. "I thought as soon as we got him the ball with 6 seconds to go that he could score or draw the foul ... one or the other," Buchanan remembered his thoughts.

And, he was right!

When the game was finally over, both score-keepers acknowledged that it was the first time they had ever run out of room on their scorebooks and had to use the next pages.

Turkey Records Tumble
In 1971 St. Mary Tourn.

Fans fortunate enough to have watched the bonanza championship attraction in the annual St. Mary Thanksgiving Tourn last Sat. night may well have seen the best basketball game they'll ever witness.

Other fans who didn't attend probably still don't believe what they've read and heard ... while still others, who thought the game had been decided by Carlisle's domination of the first 3 quarters, would like to batter their heads against the wall. They left, you see, before the fireworks.

And, some of us who stayed and saw the remarkable comeback, still wonder if it really happened!

Facts are facts, however, and there's no getting around the evidence presented in the Viking gym. Carlisle outlasted a tremendous charge by Symsonia to produce a 102-100 triumph ... perhaps the greatest offensive show in the history of basketball in the First Region, moreover, the commonwealth.

Symsonia's Rough Riders shattered records on top of records with a tremendous 45-pt. last quarter surge that almost set the St. Mary Tourn. back 7 yrs. It was in that 1st tourn. that a storm hit, ripping off the gymnasium roof, and delaying play.

A "Storm" of a different kind hit this year's event – spirited basketball fans. Screaming and nervous tensions must have reached an all-time high during those hectic minutes when Symsonia's Jeff Bean was "doing his thing" for Rough Rider fans.

Then, pandemonium broke loose among Carlisle fans when hustling Mickie Thomason bagged his game-winning bucket with just 3 seconds to go. The roof jumped during the post-game celebration that extended the Comets' win streak to 6 and successfully defended their championship in the Turkey Day Tourn. – the first time any school has won 2 crowns, let alone back-to-back titles.

Bean, the 6-foot senior guard for Symsonia, who scored 23 of his teams unreal 45 pts. in that 8-minute canto, helped rewrite the record books for the Nov. tourn.

Unlike last year's event that broke only 1 mark – the attendance figure – the 1971 edition made a new ball game out of the record charts.

Of the 17 teams and individual records kept in Sun-Democrat files, 11 were broken. In addition, 3 others that had not been included undoubtedly stand as new marks, and will be added to the list. Thus, 14 of 20 records – 11 team and 9 individual – were erased during the recently-completed tourn.

Here are the team records:

-Most pts. one game: 102 tops the 100-pt. performance by St. Mary in the 1968 event;

-Most pts. tourn.: Both Carlisle and Symsonia topped the 244-pt. total set by St. Mary in 1968. Carlisle, gaining the new record with 280 pts., and Symsonia following in second at 246;

-Most pts. by two teams in one game, the 202 pt. total complied by the 1971 tourn. finalists tops the 171 set by Hickman's win over St. Mary in the 1968 finals;

-Most fts. attempted one game: the 44 by Symsonia in its 68-62 opening–game victory. St. Mary toped the old mark of 41 shared by Carlisle and St. Mary from the 1966 and 1968 tournaments;

-Most fts. attempted tourn.: Symsonia's 3-game 126 total easily tops the old mark of 100 set by St. Mary in 1968;

-Most fts. made game: St. Mary's '68 record of 28 was topped by Symsonia in 2 games, 29 in the semifinals against South Marshall and 31 in the opening match against the Vikings;

-Most pts., one team, one quarter: Symsonia's 45 – a new record;

-Most pts two teams, one quarter: 72, by Symsonia (45) and Carlisle (27).

The two team records untouched in this year's offensive minded tourn. were: lowest pts. defense in one game (38 by Lyon Co. in 1967) and

lowest pts. defense in tourn. (144 by St. Mary in '65).

Here are the individual marks broken:

-Most pts. one game: Bean's 37 in the final game gave the Rough Rider one better than Stan Key, former Calloway Co. star and currently a senior guard for the University of Kentucky;

-Most fgs. in one game: Lowes' Ralph Austin, who had 35 pts. in a losing cause, managed 16 field goals against Carlisle in the tournament's opening attraction … erasing the old mark of 14 set in 1968 by Carlisle's David Sams;

-Most fts. attempted, tourn.: Bean's 43 erases the 1968 mark of 38 set by Hickman County's Alan Barclay;

-Most fts. made, tourn.: Bean's 34 easily tops the record of 23 set by Barclay in '68;

-Most pts. made one quarter: Bean with his 23 (new record);

Individual records not topped were;

-Most pts., tourn.: 91, set by Key in the '67 tourn. (Bean finished with 88 this yr.);

Most fgs. scored tourney: 33, set by Sams in only 2 games in '68 (Carlisle's Gary Duncan topped this year's tourney with 28, followed closely by teammate Thomason and Bean with 27 each);

-Most fts. attempted, game: 18, shared by Key and Barclay from the '67 and '68 tournament's (Bean's 16 topped this year's event);

-Most fts. made, game: 16, by Key in '67 (Bean's 12 led the field in "71).

Unlike last year's tourn. when only the attendance figure was shattered, the latest Turkey shootout will be remembered in more ways than just the final game. It was offensive "run-and-gun" basketball at its best.

A yr. ago, 940 total pts. were scored, an average of 58.75 per team, or 117.5 per game. This time around, 1,202 pts were scored in the 8 games, a 75.125 average per team, and 150.25 average per contest. The last game, of course, didn't hurt the averages.

Carlisle, which carried a 3-game average of 85.3 into the tourn., averaged 93.3 with 280 pts., clearly the best in the event. Now, with 6 games under their belts, the Comets have an 89.3 average output.

Symsonia, entering the tourn. with a 2-3 record, but a 73.6 offensive average, netted 246 pts. in 3 tourney outings for an average of 82.0. The Riders, losers to Lowes (73-71), South Marshall (78-77) and Sedalia (76-71), came out with a 75.5 offensive average for the season.

South Marshall averaged only 62.7 to claim 3rd place while Ballard Co. averaged 76.7 and settled for 4th place.

Defensively, Carlisle gave up 245 pts. (81.7), Symsonia 227 (73.7), South 202 (67.30, and Ballard 229 (76.3).

Bean's 88 pts., good for a 29.3 average, topped the individual scoring charts, and his record-setting 34-for-43 performance at the ft. line also led the field. Carlisle's Duncan, John Martin and Thomason each averaged better than 20-pts. – Duncan leading the way at 22.3 (67 pts.), Martin next at 20.7 (62) and Thomason 3rd with an even 20.0 (60), Steve Frizzell gave Carlisle 4 players in double figures with a 17.3 average (52).

South Marshall's Sherman Cothran, with a 22.7 average (68 pts.) was the only other tourn. player who played in more than one game to top the 20-pt. level. The Rebs' Jim Slack (17.7), Symsonia's Russ Allred (13.7) and Danny Holland (13.7). Ballard's Leo Henderson (16.3), Mike Hargrove (16.3), Justin Henderson (13.7) and Brady Howle (11.3), each managed double-figure averages.

Austin's 35-pt. performance for Lowes led scorers who played in only one game. The only other player above 20 among the 1st-round losers was Livingston's Kim Brasher, who hit the mark on the nose.

The thrill-packed championship game brings to mind a 104-91 Carlisle triumph over Tilghman, on a regular-season game on the Comet floor last yr.. Carlisle coach Tom Buchanan remembers 'em' both.

"I think the up-and-down the floor part, and the shooting compare with that game," he said this week. "But as far as the last 4 minutes of the game, it doesn't compare with anything I've ever seen."

And, a lot of people, including yours truly, agree whole-heartedly!

Streaking Comets
De-claw Bulldogs

Carlisle Co. 109
Fulton City 56
12-03-71 - Home

Everyone got into the act here Friday night as Carlisle County romped to a lopsided 109-56 victory over the invading Fulton City Bulldogs.

Coach Tom Buchanan emptied the bench as 13 Comets checked into the game, but the Bulldogs were no match for the defending regional champs.

The Comets hit 49 of 90 field goal attempts and 11 of 21 from the free stripe. Fulton, meanwhile, connected only 19 of 60 times from the field, and hit 14 of 24 from the gratis line.

Gary Duncan triggered the Carlisle attack with 29 points, and Mickie Thomason chipped in with 20 markers.

The victory was No. 7 of the season for the Comets, who have yet to taste defeat. It was their first appearance following a spectacular 102-100 victory over Symsonia in the finals of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament last week.

Carlisle……...32 50 86 109
Fulton City.....15 33 42 56

Carlisle (109)
Duncan 29, Edwards 2, Thomason 20, Denton 6, Nichols 10, Woods 4, Frizzell 11, Polivick 5, J. Martin 14, G. Yates 1, Jenkins 1, J. Yates 5, Hendrix 1.

Fulton City (56)
Richardson 10, Smith 22, Pulley 3, Dalton 5, Egbert 10, Brockwell 1, Wilson 3, Lee 2.

Bombers
Upset Comets

Carlisle Co. 61
Ballard Co. 64
12-04-71 - Away

Ballard County's Bombers slowed down the tempo and scored a 64-61 upset triumph over Carlisle County's previously unbeaten and top-ranked Comets, in a rivalry clash here Saturday night.

Coach Ron McAllister's Bombers, now 5-5 on the season, appeared to be out of it early when Carlisle jumped to a commanding 25-16 first quarter lead. However, the surging Comets managed only nine points in the second canto while the host Greenmen mustered 20.

The second-quarter effort was enough to provide Ballard with a two-point, 36-34, lead at the break, but the Comets came back to take a 54-52 advantage into the last quarter. The Bombers captured the upset victory by outscoring Carlisle, 12-7, in the low-scoring fourth canto.

"We slowed the tempo down and played good, steady basketball," a happy Coach McAlister said after the game. "They shot out to that lead in the first quarter, but we kept edging up with steady play. We played a good man-to-man defense the whole game.

After the first quarter, the lead swapped back and forth between the quints. Ballard never led by more than the final three-point advantage.

Each team managed 27 field goals, with the Bombers putting it up three more times (64-61) than the Comets. Ballard hit 10 of 15 free tosses and Carlisle sank 7 of 12.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, now 7-1 and reigning First Region champion, had not lost to a regional opponent in two years.

Sophomore guard Leo Henderson sparked the Bomber offensive surge with 27 points with senior guard Brady Howle and senior center Justin Henderson adding 16 and 13, respectively.

Senior Gary Duncan paced Carlisle's shooting with 20 points, with guard Steve Frizzell adding 13 and Marty Nichols and Mickie Thomason 12 each.

Ballard……...16 36 52 64
Carlisle……...25 34 54 61

Ballard (64)
Hargrove 4, L. Henderson 27, J. Henderson 13, Howle 16, Stewart 2, Humphrey 2.

Carlisle(61)
Duncan 20, Thomason 12, Nichols 12, Frizzell 13, J. Martin 4.

Carlisle Doesn't Shake
Heath, But Beats Them Anyway

Carlisle Co. 89
Heath 79
12-07-71 - Away

Using an early three-minute spurt as a cushion, once-beaten and top-ranked Carlisle County posted an 89-79 up-and-down triumph over battling Heath, before a packed house in the Pirate Gymnasium Tuesday night.

The Comets, unbeaten until losing a 64-61 decision at near-by Ballard Co. last Saturday night, scored 15 straight points after Heath had scored the first two and never trailed again. The host Pirates made several serious charges at the Carlisle quint, but never pulled closer than seven points.

Senior guard Steve Frizzell, who finished with Carlisle's top individual effort at 28 points, during a ball-stealing, fast-breaking, segment of the first quarter that sent the victorious Comets into orbit.

Frizzell, only 5-10 in size, kept the pressure on the struggling Pirates during those early minutes of play, making numerous steals and driving the length of the floor for lay-ups. Four of his five field goals during the stretch were easy lay-ups at the end of Comet fast breaks, and the other was a baseline jumper that completed a steal and break.

The hustling Comets, moving to its widest lead of the quarter with the 15-point spurt, then fell victim to a two-minute Pirate hot streak that cut the advantage back to five. The two teams had gone through the first minute with only two points being registered, a pair of free throws by Heath's Daryl Simmons. But, both clubs worked well during the last two minutes with Carlisle holding a slight advantage and moving to a 23-14 lead at the quarter stop.

The surging Comets again yielded the host quint the first two points of the second quarter before ripping off 11 straight points, during a red-

hot two-minute span, that sent the visitors to a 34-16 advantage, their widest of the game.

Sparked by Simmons, Heath's 5-4 senior guard who doesn't let long-range shots scare him away, the Pirates battled back late in the quarter, cutting the deficit to 10 points with a 10-2 streak. Carlisle balanced the sheet during the fading seconds to carry a 14-point, 51-37, lead into the break.

Carlisle took the high-scoring second quarter, 28-23, besting the host club by nine in the opening canto, and five in the second, to control the 14-point halftime margin.

Coach Frank Wright's Bucs then went to veteran utility performer David Alexander, during a second-half charge, that almost erased the early Comet lead. Alexander, a 6-3 senior who plays from every offensive position, finished as the game's top scorer by adding 10 points in each of the last two periods, to his first-half effort of 10.

Alexander's 30, coming off 11 fielders and eight of eight free tosses, barely nudged Frizzell for game honors, and took up some of the slack created by the loss of the speedy Simmons. Heath's sparkplug guard apparently suffered a mild concussion during a tussle under the basket during second-quarter play, and didn't return for the final 16 minutes of action.

Simmons had scored eight of his 12 points in his second-quarter blitz.

Alexander, who had only three points in the first quarter, brought the Bucs charging back in the third stanza, finally chopping the lead to eight points with two minutes to go. Ricky "Red" O'Donley actually made the bucket that cut the margin to eight, leaving the Pirates down, 62-54, but Carlisle quickly pushed it back out to 13 before leading by 11, 69-58, as the final stanza opened.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, forced to the sidelines because of foul troubles, played a swap-out throughout the final canto – Frizzell for Alexander. Heath used a minute-and-a-half spree early in the fourth quarter, scoring seven straight points and cutting the Carlisle lead to eight, 73-65, with 5:40 to go. Then, the swap-out began.

With Alexander doing most of the scoring for Heath and Frizzell, who had eight in the quarter, doing the same for Carlisle, the lead switched from 10 to eight, seven straight times before Heath finally trimmed it to seven, 86-79, with only 40 seconds to go. However, time ran out on the host quint, with Carlisle going into a stall that forced the Pirates to foul. The Comets converted three of four tosses during the closing seconds, to stretch the final margin to 10.

The demanding action throughout the game kept both clubs from setting up much of a controlled offensive attack. Both teams used man-to-man full-court presses much of the game, each one forcing crucial turnovers and fast break tactics.

Heath kept it close by bagging 19 of 23 free throw attempts while the Comets were getting more shots and scoring six more fielders. Carlisle, however, hit only 17 of 29 attempts from the gratis line.

The Comets placed all five starters in double figures, and all except Frizzell finished the game in serious foul trouble. Frizzell's 19 points in the first and fourth quarters helped save the day for the slippery Comets.

Senior forward Mickie Thomason, who plays under the bucket with the big boys despite his 5'-10" frame, gave Carlisle two players with better than 20 points, scoring 11 of his 21 in the second canto. Senior center Gary Duncan and sophomore guard John Martin each added 14, while junior Marty Nichols contributed 12.

Alexander's 30 easily dominated Heath's effort with the first-half, 12 by Simmons turning out to be the only other double-figure performance. Senior Larry O'Donley and junior Wayne Tisdal, however, were only a point away from twin numerals.

Heath, which outscored Carlisle 21-18 in the third quarter and 21-20 in the final canto, used nine players to great advantage, Coach Wright shuffling them back and forth to counteract the Carlisle speed.

The Comets, now 8-1, takes a week to rest from the hardwood wars before traveling to South Marshall next Tuesday. The Pirates, 1-2 and ranked fifth in the First Region, travel to Paducah to test St. Mary Friday night.

Carlisle…..…..23 51 69 89
Heath…..…..…..14 37 58 79

Carlisle (89)
Duncan 14, Thomason 21, Nichols 12, Frizzell 28, J. Martin 14, G. Yates, Woods, Denton.

Heath (79)
Alexander 30, L. O'Donley 9, Simmons 12, Tisdal 9, Wallace 5, Wright 2, R. O'Donley 6, Lee 6, Bowen.

Comets Upend
South Marshall

Carlisle Co. 91
South Marshall 82
12-14-71 - Away

Carlisle County's top-ranked Comets, outgunned host South Marshall, 91-82, here Tuesday night. But individual warfare between Carlisle's Gary Duncan and the Rebel's Sherman Cothran, ended in a standoff.

Duncan, 6-4 senior center for the Comets, and Cothran, 6-1 senior guard, each ripped the threads for 37 points, helping both clubs to a good shooting percentage from the field. It was the ninth win in ten outings for Carlisle, while South's mark dipped to 7-4.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets roared out of the gate to take a commanding 26-11 first quarter lead, but the Rebels weren't about to give up the battle. South outscored the Comets 27-20 and 25-20 in the offensive-minded second and third quarter, but couldn't match the Carlisle pace during the final eight minutes.

Carlisle decided the closely-fought battle with a 25-19 advantage in the fourth canto, completing consistent quarter outputs of 26, 20, 20, and 25. Coach Charley Lampley's Rebs kept it close until the fading minutes of play.

Junior forward Marty Nichols and senior guard Steve Frizzell, backed Duncan's 37 for Carlisle with 15 and 20 points, respectively. Larry Henson and Terry Lovett each added 10 to Cothran's 37, giving each team three players in double figures.

The Comets will carry their 9-1 worksheet to Lone Oak Friday night while South tangles with Benton in the opening game of the Marshall County Christmas Invitational, that same night. All games in the Marshall Tournament will be played on the Rebel floor.

Carlisle…..…..26 46 66 91
S. Marshall…11 38 63 82

Carlisle (91)
Duncan 37, Thomason 6, Nichols 15, Frizzell 20, Polivick 4, J. Martin 7, Jenkins 2.

S. Marshall (82)
Cothran 37, Slack 10, Hall 2, Lovett 10, Gold 5, Beasley, Smith 8, Henson 10.

Comets Burn
Lone Oak Nets

Carlisle Co. 92
Lone Oak 63
12-17-71 - Away

They didn't call out the Lone Oak volunteer fire department … but they should have!

Carlisle County's top-ranked Comets took a while to get off Lone Oak's hardwood launching pad, but when they finally did blast off, they orbited around the Purple Flash gymnasium with the greatest of ease. And, they left a trail of burning nets behind them.

Final score: Carlisle 92, Lone Oak 63.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, who will take a shiny 10-1 seasonal performance sheet into the Paducah Tilghman Invitational, Dec. 28-30, bucketed a sizzling 62 percent of their field attempts – 34 of 55 shots. Comet first teamers, who played only the first quarters, scored at a phenomenal 71 percent clip – hitting 30 of 42 floor attempts.

Lone Oak's Purple Flash, now 3-3 and also idle until the Tilghman Invitational, made a game of it for one quarter … but one quarter only. Coach Jack McKinney's Oaker quint trailed by only five points at the end of the first stop, after leading more than half of the quarter.

But, Carlisle's quickness and rebound strength began to take its toll, and the Flash went cold from the floor. Carlisle ripped off 11 straight points at one stretch, vaulting into a commanding 17-point advantage, shortly before intermission.

That's a pretty good effort, but you haven't heard anything yet!

Surging into the third canto with a 39-23 advantage, the Comets put on a show that almost equaled a quarter output scored by Symsonia against them in the finals of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament. Symsonia scored 45 points in that historic fourth quarter before losing 102-100 to the Comets. Carlisle managed 41 in the third canto against the Oakers Friday night, and coasted home from there.

That's right … 41 points … two more than their entire 1st half output. All Carlisle did in the quarter was sink 14 of 16 field attempts – a sensational 87.5 percent – and added 12 of 17 free throw tries.

Senior center Gary Duncan, who worked his 6-4 frame for a game-high 22 points, scored 11 of them in that third-quarter explosion. Two other seniors, guard Steve Frizzell and forward Mickie Thomason scored 10 and 8, respectively, mostly during the opening minutes of the blitz. All of Duncan's 11 came during the last four minutes of the canto.

Thomason finished as Carlisle's runner-up scorer with 18 while sophomore guard John Martin tied Frizzell for third place honors, at 15.

The Oakers, down by 46 points (80-34) when the final eight minutes rolled around, rallied to cut into the deficit against Comet reserves in the final canto. Lone Oak out-scored Carlisle 22-2 the first 4 ½ minutes of the quarter, trimming the Comet lead to 26 points, 82-56. But, the Flash never pulled closer.

Reserves Bob Vinson and Steve Ramage, sparked the fourth-quarter output with 11 and eight points, respectively. Starters Dennis Hobbs, a 6-2 junior forward, finished as Lone Oak's top scorer with 17 points and senior guard David Edwards added 12.

Lone Oak led by seven points just over two minutes deep into the game, taking an 8-1 edge

over the cold-shooting Comets. Thomason bagged a baseline jumper at the 5:31 mark, however, and the race was on. Carlisle scored eight of the next nine points clicked on the scoreboard, to force a tie at 9 all. Martin, who scored the tying basket on a lay-up, immediately fired one from the corner to provide the Comets with their first lead, five minutes into the game.

The Oakers managed another tie at 11, but Carlisle's press and board strength would not be denied. The Comets matched Lone Oak's widest lead of seven, seconds before the quarter stop.

Taking the second canto, 20-9, and the third, 41-11, easily offset the 29-12 Flash edge in the final segment.

Carlisle hit 16 of 26 first-half fielders for 62 percent, and 18 of 29 after intermission, also for 62 percent. The Comets also bagged 24 of 35 free throws.

Lone Oak shot almost 40 percent for the game, hitting 22 of 56 from the floor. The Oakers made only nine fielders during the first half and just 13 the second. From the line, the Flash cashed 19 of 27 tries.

The Oakers played without the services of leading scorer Don Page, a 6-foot junior guard, for the second consecutive game. Page is sidelined with a bad ankle.

Carlisle……..19 39 80 92
Lone Oak……..14 23 34 63

Carlisle (92)
Duncan 22, Thomason 18, Nichols 8, Frizzell 15, J. Martin 15, Edwards 4, Denton, Woods, Polivick, 4, Hendrix 4, Jenkins 2, G. Yates.

Lone Oak (63)
Edwards 12, Hobbs 17, Dreher, Elliott 7, Dallas, Naas 4, Vinson 11, Shelton, Ramage 8, Farlee, Sanders 4, Morris.

Tilghman Tourney
Full Of Questions

What we have here, in the 30th annual Paducah Tilghman tournament, is a stocking-full of potential goodies.

Will Symsonia, which is 9-4 overall and 8-1 since losing to Carlisle County 102-100 last month, be able to handle young but fired-up Tilghman (4-2) in the 8:30 night cap? And, what will happen if Symsonia marches all the way to Wednesday's final and runs into Mayfield – the arch-rival it eliminated last March in a stunning Third District upset?

Can Mayfield, 7-0, and Carlisle County, 10-1, live up to their billing as tournament co-favorites, survive their brackets and meet in a championship showdown?

Will Lone Oak (3-3), which plays Mayfield at 2:30 p.m. today, or Heath (3-4), Carlisle County's opponent at 7, become the Tournament Cinderella's, by knocking off the big 'uns? Or will Ballard Co. show exactly why it is the only club this year to defeat Carlisle?

Bernie Miller, coach of the host Tilghman club, firmly believes that the co-favorites' title belongs to Carlisle, the defending tournament champ and 1971 First Region king, and Mayfield, which made a believer out of him by cuffing Tilghman 71-56.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle County Powers
Over Heath Pirates

Carlisle Co. 69
Heath 43
12-28-71 - Away

Steve Frizzell isn't a big man on the basketball floor – he stands only 5-10 – but he stood tall in Carlisle County's corner last night and sparked the First Region's number one-ranked Comets, to a 69-43 triumph over battling Heath.

It was the first of three hopeful steps that would give Carlisle a successful defense of its championship in the prestigious Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament. Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, now 11-1, will face tourney host Tilghman in tonight's semifinal round – the second necessary step if the defending regional champions are to repeat here.

Frizzell, one of Carlisle's two "little" guards, sat out the last three minutes of the first quarter and the entire second quarter as the Comets struggled to get out front of the pesky Pirates. Forced to the sidelines by three quick personal fouls, Frizzell returned to play at the second-half jump, and was instrumental in blasting the Comets into its familiar orbit.

With Carlisle leading by only a modest 10 points, 36-26, at half-time, Frizzell scored 12 of his team's 17 markers in the third stanza to widen that margin to 21 (53-32) at the stop. He started the blitz by sinking three straight free throws off one-shot opportunities, followed with a 10-foot jumper and then cashed a fast-break lay-up by taking a perfect pass from sophomore John Martin, the other "little" guard.

Another Frizzell free throw came seconds later before senior forward Mickie Thomason cashed a jumper. Frizzell took another pass in for a lay-up with 2:20 to go in the quarter, completing a 4½-minute streak, in which his Comets scored 12 points.

The Pirates, struggling with only two field goals in the quarter, never recovered.

Coach Frank Wright's Heath quint never led in the battle, but the Pirates weren't out of the running until that third quarter dry spell. Heath trailed only 17-11 after the first canto, and that six-point advantage was Carlisle's widest of the period.

Both teams employed zone defense during the opening canto, and each took a spin at full-court pressure. The Pirates then went to a 1-3-1 trap, in the second quarter, while the Comets countered with an all-court zone press.

Junior forward Marty Nichols, who scored nine of his 11 points in the first half, did most of the scoring for Carlisle, during its 19-15 advantage in the second stanza. The Comets pulled out to 11, midway through the quarter, but Heath used a running hot streak to trim it back to six, 30-24, with 1:06 to go in the half.

As it turned out, it was their last breath of fresh air, for Carlisle moved to its widest lead of the half, by scoring the next six points, for a 36-24 advantage. A pair of Buc free throws cut the Comet advantage to ten at the break.

Frizzell finished with a game-high 19 points, scoring 14 of them in the second half. The senior guard sank six fielders and seven of nine free throws. Nichols, Thomason, and Martin each netted 11, but senior center Gary Duncan was held to eight by the sagging Pirate defense.

Wayne Tisdal and David Alexander each socked 12 points for the losing Pirates, and Larry O'Donley was only a step behind at 11.

Carlisle doubled Heath's field-goal output, 24-12, but managed to bag only 21 of 37 free attempts. Heath hit 19 of 29 from the line.

Carlisle……..17 36 53 69
Heath……..11 26 32 43

Carlisle (69)
Thomason 11, Nichols 11, Duncan 8, Frizzell 19, J. Martin 11, Denton, Woods, Edwards 1, G. Yates 2, Jenkins 2, Polivick 2, J.J. Yates 2.

Heath (43)
Alexander 12, L. O'Donley 11, Lee, Simmons 3, Tisdal 12, Bowen, Wallace 4, Webb, R. O'Donley 1, Wright, Mansfield.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets Hold Back
Tornado Surge for Victory

Carlisle Co. 82
Tilghman 80
12-29-71 - Away

In the closing seconds of play in a tight contest, don't foul Carlisle County's Steve Frizzell.

Paducah Tilghman became at least the third victim of Frizzell free throw shooting in tournament play, in the semifinals of its own Christmas invitational Tuesday night, before an ear-popping capacity crowd, in the Tornado gymnasium.

The Bluemen made the fatal mistake with 17 seconds showing on the clock and the Comets on top 80-78. Frizzell, who cashed bonus attempts in the final seconds of the semifinals of last year's regional to upend Murray High and did the same to Symsonia in the recent St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament, calmly sank both ends of a bonus situation, to salt away an 82-80 Comet victory.

Coach Tom Buchanan's top-ranked Carlisle County quint erased a 12-point first quarter deficit and blazed to a 14-point lead midway through the third quarter. Sparked by a pair of reserves, the physical powerful Blue Tornado came back to tie but the gutsy Comets patched up a split eye here, wrapped an ankle there and held on for their 12th victory against a lone defeat.

Seniors Craig Clymer and Lonnie Harriford came off the bench in the third quarter and almost turned the tide of battle in favor of Paducah Tilghman. Harriford, a 6-4 center, entered the fray with Tilghman down 62-48, with 3:44 to go in the third frame.

Teaming with Clymer on a sweep of the boards, he sacked six points in the last three minutes of the period, as the Bluemen outscored Carlisle County, 11-2, and closed within five, 66-61, at the stop.

With Gary Duncan, the Comets leading rebounder on the bench nursing a split eyebrow, Tilghman, ranked third in the region, ripped off seven straight points. Following a jumper by Mickie Thomason, the Bluemen poured in the last four points of the quarter.

Duncan returned to action at the start of the final frantic canto, along with starter Marty Nichols, sidelined much of the game in foul trouble, and the two helped Carlisle County regroup.

But it was the dynamic and diminutive duo of Frizzell and Thomason, a pair of 5-10 sharpshooters, that snuffed the Tornado whirlwind stirred by Harriford and Clymer.

Harriford sandwiched a pair of buckets around a jumper by Thomason, to edge Tilghman within three, at 68-65. A fielder by Frizzell, however, with 5:07 to play, regained the five-point margin and the battling squads played even for the next two minutes.

A five-point spurt just after the mid-mark ended the swap-out and gave Tilghman its only lead of the second half. Forward Keith Collins collected a put-back, Clymer canned a jumper and

Collins added a free toss, to put the Bluemen ahead, 76-74, with 2:45 showing.

Thomason wiped out the gain scoring six straight for Carlisle County. He started with a jumper from the left corner, almost to the out-of-bounds line. Two free tosses followed before the scrappy forward intercepted a Tornado pass, drove the length of the court and bombed in a 30-footer with men hanging on with both arms.

When the spree ended, Carlisle County led, 80-76, with 1:59 to go. Harriford shaved the deficit to two points with a short jumper and the Comets went into the stall which they maintained until Frizzell was fouled. After the two free tosses, Blue forward Don Brock sank a jumper at the ten-second point, but the Bluemen were unable to regain the ball again.

Frizzell and Thomason combined for 43 points. Frizzell banged in 28, hitting ten field goals and all eight free attempts. Thomason sacked 25, on ten fielders and five of six from the charity line. Sophomore John Martin scored 11, to give Carlisle County three men in double figures.

Collins shared game honors with Frizzell, netting 28 for Tilghman. Clymer wound up with 13 and Harriford and Mike Arnold both had 12.

Harriford, who only played the second half, and Clymer, who saw little playing time in the first 16 minutes, led Bernie Miller's Blue squad to a commanding 69-41 edge on the boards. Harriford grabbed a game-high 19 and Clymer retrieved 16.

Tilghman also held the upper hand from the field, collecting seven more field goals than Carlisle County. The Blue Tornado sank 38 of 68 for 56 percent and the Comets bucketed 31 of 59 tries for 53 percent.

Tilghman fell short at the charity line, however. The Bluemen sank only 4 of 14 attempts, while Carlisle County sizzled with 20 of 24, for 83 percent.

Keeping the tempo slow early and utilizing their board strength, the Blue Tornado rambled to a 12-point advantage in the first period. Tilghman piled eight straight points onto a 15-12 lead to bolt out front 25-13 with 1:58 remaining in the quarter.

The Comets played it close the rest of the frame and trailed by ten, 27-17, at the stop.

Shifting the fast break into gear in the second canto, the Carlisle County unit burned the nets for 30 points to take over the lead.

Sparked by Frizzell, who scored 16 of his points in the quarter, the Comets scored six in a row early in the period, to shave the Tilghman advantage to four, at 29-25.

The Bluemen pushed it back to six, before back-to-back fielders by Frizzell put Carlisle within two for the first time, at 33-31. The Comets sneaked within a basket four more times before breaking ahead.

Two buckets from Frizzell ignited a Carlisle drive that clicked the last eight points of the half on the Comet side of the scoreboard and pumped the region's No. 1 quint on top, 47-43, at the half.

A seven-point burst in the third quarter provided the 14-point margin before the Tilghman comeback.

The loss left the Blue Tornado 5-3 on the season and eliminated the Bluemen from the tournament.

Carlisle……..…17 47 66 82
Tilghman……..27 43 61 80

Carlisle (82)
Thomason 25, Nichols 2, Duncan 8, Frizzell 28, J. Martin 11, Denton 6, Jenkins 2.

Tilghman (80)
Collins 28, Bock 6, Hamilton 6, Arnold 12, Dublin 2, Neal 1, Harriford 12, Clymer 13.

Capacity Crowd Expected For Finals Here Tonight

A capacity crowd jammed the Paducah Tilghman Gymnasium for the semifinals of the Tilghman Christmas Invitational … and each basketball fan received plus dividends for the price of his ticket.

Another overflow crowd is expected for tonight's championship round, the format for which presents fans with:

-The consolation finals with arch-rivals Ballard Co. and Tilghman going at one another at the 7 p.m. tip-off;

-And, the championship final of the 27th renewal of West Kentucky's oldest and most prestigious tournaments, with top-ranked Carlisle Co. (12-1) going against unbeaten and second-ranked Mayfield (9-0).

The 1971 title match will be a replay of last year's event, won by Carlisle, 70-65. And, like a yr. ago, more than just the tourn. crown is at stake. Only a single vote separated the 2 cage quints in the Sun-Democrat's last poll of coaches before the holiday break.

Carlisle, a 2-time winner of the Tilghman Tourn., has won 5 straight since losing a 64-61 shocker at Ballard Co., earlier this month. The Comets stopped Heath, 69-43, in the opening round and eliminated strong Tilghman, 82-80, last night.

Mayfield, never a winner in the holiday event, used a 64-45 opening win over Lone Oak Monday afternoon, and a thrill packed 65-64 heart-stopper over talented Covington Catholic last night to extend its unbeaten string to 9.

Tilghman Tourn. Championship

Comets Reclaim Tilghman Invitational Title. Mayfield Falters At Hands Of Comets In Title Toss-Up.

Carlisle Co. 80
Mayfield 69

12-30-71 - Away

The Unsinkable Carlisle County Comets Blazed into orbit again Wed. night.

Coach Tom Buchanan's speedy top-ranked quint shackled Mayfield with an 80-69 loss, its first of the season, and wrestled the Tilghman Christmas Tourn. title away from the Redbirds, for the 2nd consecutive year.

Disarming the Mayfield defense with quickness and savvy, the Comets rocketed to a 12-pt. advantage midway of the 2nd quarter and never trailed again. Bob Spark's Cards pulled within 4 twice in the 2nd half but each time the polished Carlisle unit slammed the door on the rally and blasted far ahead again.

The tourn. title was the 7th straight over the past 2 years for the Comets who have been near-invincible in regional play. Last season, Carlisle won holiday tournaments at St. Mary, Tilghman and Lowes, in addition to claiming district and regional honors. No First Region team beat the Comets last year.

Now, the tourney-tough Carlisle cagers have successfully defended the St. Mary and Tilghman titles building a 13-1 record along the way, the best in the region. Only Ballard Co., which won the consolation bracket championship, has beaten the Comets this year.

The victory also marked the 3rd Tilghman crown for the Comets in the 27 years of the event. In addition to last yr., a Carlisle team won the championship in 1960. Only the host Blue Tornado, a 5-time champion, has won the tourn. more times than the Comets.

Besides rematching last year's tourn. finalists, the Championship game matched the top offensive team (Carlisle Co.) against the best defensive unit (Mayfield). And only a single point separated the two in the last poll of the region's coaches.

The Carlisle offense gunned down the Cardinal offense even though the Redbirds refused to open the way for the Comet running game. The Comets simply shredded the Mayfield defense with their quickness and picked up a gimme here and there off the fast break.

The Carlisle defense, however, stood foremost in the picture. Battling the taller and stronger Cardinals nearly even on the boards, while building the 12-pt. edge, the Comets shut off the bigger weapon in the Mayfield arsenal – Joe Ford – until the outcome was decided.

The region's leading scorer, Ford had only 9 pts. in the 1st half and 11 with 2 minutes remaining in the 3rd. Hustling veterans Steve Frizzell and Mickie Thomason kept the 6-1 sharpshooter off balance and forced him to rush shots.

After Frizzell picked up his 4th foul, Ford opened up, scoring 19 pts. in the final 10 minutes of play, for a game-high total of 30.

Mayfield led through a 2-minute stretch of the 1st quarter before Carlisle took command. Six straight pts. midway through the period put the Redbirds on top, 9-6, for their short-lived advantage.

Carlisle cut the gap to one, three times before claiming the lead they never relinquished. A jumper from the side by senior pivot man Gary Duncan left Mayfield with its last lead, 13-12, with 2:28 remaining in the quarter and the Comets began to run.

Duncan blocked a shot, Frizzell picked up the loose ball and nailed a speeding Marty Nichols, who slid under the bucket for a reverse lay-up, with 1:08 showing. Seconds later, Frizzell picked off a Redbird pass, drove the length of the floor to score and was fouled. He cashed the ft. and Carlisle led, 17-13 with 15 seconds to go.

A ft. by Ford put Mayfield within three, 17-14, at the first stop.

Maintaining the fast pace in the 2nd period and leaving the Redbirds standing around and not moving on either offense or defense, Carlisle quickly broke away to their first 12-pt. margin. Limiting the Redbirds to a pair of fgs. in the first 5½ minutes of the canto, the Comets heaped up 12 pts., to lead, 30-18, with 3:33 left in the half.

Following a 3-minute turn-taking session, the Cardinals launched their first comeback attempt. Mayfield collected 7 straight pts., inside a minute, to close within 5, with 7 seconds showing. But Frizzell drove quickly into front court and hit the bullseye from 35 feet for a 7-pt., 38-31, Comet lead at the half.

The lead wavered between 7 and 9 the first 4 minutes of the 2nd half before the Cardinals began a final charge, upset by foul problems.

Back-to-back fielders by senior forward Clinton Turner, the 2nd coming with 4:10 left in the stanza, put the Cards within 5 again at 49-44. Turner was called for charging on the play, however, and went to the bench with 4 personals and the Comets streaked back to a 12-pt. lead.

A 3-pt. play in the final 2 minutes started Ford on a 9-pt. scoring spree that shaved the Comet lead to 4, at 59-55. A bucket by Gary

Duncan, 25 seconds before the horn, sent Carlisle into the final quarter on top, 61-55.

A fg. by Ford made it 4 again, opening the 4th period, but that was the last Mayfield fg. for 6 minutes. Carlisle reeled off 6 straight and then Thomason went on an individual 6-pt. spurt to mushroom the Comet lead to 12, 75-63, with 3:38 showing and the defending champs led by at least 8 the rest of the way.

A solid team effort by Carlisle featured 4 men in double figures. Thomason topped the list with 23, Frizzell with 19 and John Martin with 10.

Turner, who scored 13 pts., provided the only double figure help for Ford and the Redbirds.

Mayfield……...13 31 55 69
Carlisle……..17 38 61 80

Mayfield (69)
Turner 13, Lovelace 8, Anderson 9, Ford 30, Waldrop 9, Sanderson, Moore.

Carlisle (80)
Thomason 23, Nichols 7, Duncan 21 Frizzell 19, J. Martin 10, Denton, Jenkins.

Comets Run Aground Of Paris Jinx

Carlisle Co. 64
Paris 67
01-07-72 - Away

The Carlisle Co. Comets ran into the Paris jinx again here Friday night. The Greyhounds, one of only 3 teams to beat Carlisle last season and the only quint to do so on the Comet court, upended the First Region's top-ranked squad, 67-64, in a closely-contested struggle here.

The setback was only the second of the season for Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, who have won 13. It also shipwrecked a 6-game Carlisle winning streak

The host Hounds' led by a pt. at the 1st stop but the Comets pulled ahead to a 35-33 halftime edge. Following a 54-54 deadlock after 3 periods, Paris slowed the tempo on the fast-breaking Carlisle cagers.

Outscoring the Comets 13-10 in the decisive canto, the Greyhounds made off with their 6th win against 4 defeats.

Bill Gaines triggered the Paris attack with 28 pts., to claim game scoring honors.

Four Comets reached double figures paced by Gary Duncan's 18 markers. Steve Frizzell was a bucket back at 16, Marty Nichols another 2 back at 14 and John Martin at 10.

Carlisle out shot Paris from the field, 49% to 43%, but the Greyhounds commanded the backboards, grabbing 46 rebs. to only 32 for the Comets.

Carlisle…..18 35 54 64
Paris……..19 33 54 67

Carlisle (64)
Duncan 18, Frizzell 16, Nichols 14, J. Martin 10, Thomason 4, Denton 2.

Paris (67)
Gains 28, Thompson 15, Taylor 14, Brack 9, Barr 1.

Carlisle Starts Fast In Win Over Jesse Stuart

Carlisle Co. 67
Louisville Jesse Stuart 59
01-08-72 - Away

Carlisle Co. jumped back to its familiar winning form Sat. night, with a 67-59 victory over Louisville Jesse Stuart.

The victory, Carlisle's 14th came after the Comets suffered their 2nd loss of the season Fri., dropping a 67-64 decision at Paris.

A torrid 1st half carried Tom Buchanan's club past the Louisville team which is 3-6. The Comets led 38-32 at intermission and rocketed to a 55-28 3rd period advantage, before Stuart came alive in the late stages.

Stuart roared to a 31-12 edge in that final quarter to pull to within respectability.

Gary Duncan, Steve Frizzell and Mickie Thomason supplied the offensive punch for the Comets with 20, 20, and 15-pt. efforts. Duncan hauled in 16 rebs. to go with his 20 pts., but Stuart held a 48-35 reb. edge.

Mike Stevens paced the losers with 14 markers.

Neither team enjoyed a good scoring night. Carlisle hit 36% fgs. on 24/67, but Stuart canned a mere 31% fgs. on 22/72.

The Comets hit 19/32 fts. and Stuart hit 15/33 fts.

Carlisle……...16 38 55 67
Stuart……. 10 20 28 59

Carlisle (67)
Duncan 20, Frizzell 20, Thomason 15, Nichols 7, Polivick 3, J. Martin 2.

Stuart (59)
Stevens 14, Jolly 7, Morgan 8, Ember, Emery 8, Peak 78, Price 4, Roby 4, Blanton 2, Clay 4, Borneman 1.

Top Ranked Comets Defeat Ballard With Easy Win

Carlisle Co. 76
Ballard Co. 54
01-14-72 - Home

Carlisle Co. avenged its only loss to a First Region foe in 2 seasons, by exploding for 21 pts. in the final period to defeat Ballard Co., 76-64, here Fri. night.

The top-ranked Comets were clinging to a precarious 3-pt. advantage, 55-52, going into the final 8 minutes of play. But Steve Frizzell, one of the holdovers from last year's regional champs, broke loose for 12 big pts., as the Comets outscored the visiting Bombers, 26-11, to put the verdict well out of reach.

Frizzell finished with 27 pts., one better than Ballard's Leo Henderson, to grab game scoring honors.

Other Comets in double figures included Gary Duncan (13), Mickie Thomason (18), and Marty Nichols (12). Brady Howle, with 16 pts., was the only other Bomber to reach double figures in the scoring column.

The victory boosted Carlisle's record to 15-2 and left Ballard with a 15-7 mark. The Bombers had won 11 of their last 12, including a 64-61 decision over the Comets at La Center on Dec. 4th, before bowing to Coach Tom Buchanan's quint.

Carlisle fairly sizzled from the field, hitting 31/61 fgs. (51%), while the Bombers weren't far behind, cashing 25/58 fgs. (43%). Both teams hit 14 fts. Carlisle attempting 25 and Ballard 18.

Carlisle……..18 38 55 76
Ballard……...12 36 53 64

Carlisle (76)
Duncan 13, Thomason 18, Nichols 12, Frizzell 27, J. Martin 6, Polivick, G. Yates, Denton, Jenkins.

Ballard (64)
Hargrove 4, J. Henderson 5, Powell 2, L. Henderson 26, Howle 16, Hammonds 4, Humphrey 7.

Comets Rip Fulton Co.

Carlisle Co. 89
Fulton Co. 60
01-15-72 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets continued their dominance over First Region competition here Sat. night, coasting past Fulton Co., 89-60, to push their record to 16-2.

The hosting Pilots found the balanced scoring of the Regions No. 1 ranked Comets, who put 5 players in double figures, too much to contend with and trailed throughout the contest.

Senior center Gary Duncan paced the scoring attack for the Carlisle quintet. The 6-4 rebounder, who had control of the backboards most of the night, marked up 17 pts. for his efforts.

John Martin, Steve Frizzell, Marty Nichols and Mickie Thomason chipped in 11, 15, 10 and 14 pts., respectively, for the Comets.

Leading the way in a losing effort for the Pilots was Scott Wright with 18, while Robert Cobb had 15 and Doug Goodman 13.

Fulton Co……15 31 45 60
Carlisle…….25 40 57 89

Fulton Co. (60)
Goodman 13, Bloodworth, Cobb 15, Sheehan 2, McNeill, Holdman, Turnbow 7, Croft 5, Wright 18, Giles, Walker.

Carlisle (89)
Thomason 14, Denton, Nichols 10, Woods 1, Duncan 17, Edwards, Frizzell 15, Polivick 4, J. Martin 11, G. Yates 8, Jenkins 5, J. Yates 4.

Hickman Co. Falls To Comets

Carlisle Co. 90
Hickman Co. 72
01-18-72 – Home

The hot-shooting Carlisle Co. Comets streaked to their 17th win of the season, against 2 losses, as they whipped the visiting Hickman Co. Falcons, 90-72, here Tuesday night.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, the No. 1 team in Region One, landed 5 players in double figures, as the team connected on 39/66 fgs. for a hot 59%.

Forward Marty Nichols and guard Steve Frizzell led the Carlisle attack with 24 and 23 pts., respectively. Nichols pulled down 12 rebs. for the Comets, and Frizzell had 12 assists.

Pivotman Gary Duncan chipped in 14 markers and Mickie Thomason and John Martin added 10 pts. apiece.

The Falcons' Isaac Childress collected game-scoring honors, however, with 29 pts. Sidney Spates netted 15 Markers, and James Jordan tallied 13.

The Comets raced to a 28-17 1st period advantage, and increased their lead to 18, 49-31, at intermission.

Widening the mark to 24 as the 3rd canto ended, Carlisle finished with an 18-pt. win margin.

The Comets canned 12/19 fts. for 63%, as compared to the Falcons' 26/36 fts. for 72%.

Hickman canned 23/56 fgs., good for 41%.

Hickman……...17 31 50 72
Carlisle……..28 49 74 90

Carlisle (90)
Nichols 24, Frizzell 23, Duncan 14, Thomason 10, J. Martin 10, G. Yates 4, Jenkins 3, Denton 2, Edwards, Woods, Polivick, J. Yates, Hendrix.

Hickman (72)
Childress 29, Spates 15, Jordan 13, Fitts 8, W. Grundy 6, Spraggs 1. Weatherspoon.

First Rated Carlisle Co. Rolls over Sedalia

Carlisle Co. 99
Sedalia 78

01-21-72 - Away

The top-ranked Carlisle Co. Comets rolled to their 18th victory of the season against 2 setbacks by whipping the Sedalia Lions, 99-78, here Fri. night.

The fast-moving Comets jumped to a quick, 27-11, 1st quarter advantage and widened their lead at intermission to 21, 50-29.

Carlisle led at the end of the 3rd canto, 76-50, before the Lions out pointed the Comets in the final stanza, 28-23.

Gary Duncan, the region's 7th leading scorer, netted 19 markers to pace the Comets.

Marty Nichols and Steve Frizzell managed 16 markers each, and John Martin added 14.

Sedalia's Richie Calloway collected game-scoring honors with 21 pts., and was followed by Hal Cates with 17 pts. Roger McClain and Larry Whitlow chipped in 15 and 10 pts., respectively.

Carlisle netted 37/81 fgs., good for 46%, and added 27/50 fts. for 60%.

The Lions of Coach Ken Wray canned 27/60 fgs. for 45%, and hit 24/46 fts. for 52%.

Carlisle……..27 50 76 99
Sedalia……...11 29 50 78

Carlisle (99)
Duncan 19, Nichols 16, Frizzell 16, J. Martin 14, Thomason 9, Polivick 8, Jenkins 7, J. Yates 3, Woods 3, Edwards 2, G. Yates 2, Denton.

Sedalia (78)
Galloway 21, Cates 17, McClain 15, L. Whitlow 10, Glisson 7, Foy 4, Pitman 3, G. Whitlow 1.

Mayfield Scores Win
As Comet Comeback Fizzles

Carlisle Co. 79
Mayfield 83

01-22-72 - Away

The Mayfield Cardinals held off a determined comeback bid by Carlisle Co. and scored an 83-79 win over the top-ranked Comets, before a howling, screaming, standing-room-only crowd, here Sat. night.

The victory by the Redbirds avenged an 80-69 setback by Carlisle in the finals of the Tilghman Christmas Invitational.

Coach Bob Sparks' Cardinals now own a 14-2 mark on the season, while the loss was just Carlisle's third in 21 outings.

After bowing to a 10-pt. lead, the largest of the game for either team, in the early goings of the final period, the Comets streaked back to catch and go ahead of Mayfield by a single pt.

The happiness for the Comets and their fans soon turned to sadness.

Mayfield opened the 4th canto with a 6-pt. advantage, 59-53, and quickly picked up 2 baskets by (who else?) Joe Ford, a 6-3 All-State guard, to run the count to 63-53.

After a time-out by Carlisle, the Comets unleashed a devastating offensive charge that closed the gap to two, 63-61, with less than a minute of action gone by.

Carlisle's Mickie Thomason hit a fg. at 6:53 and after a turnover by Mayfield, teammate Steve Frizzell connected on a jumper just 12 seconds later, prompting the Cardinal bench to call a time out.

The unrelenting Comets tallied 4 more pts. in 25 seconds on a jumper by Thomason and 2 fts. by Frizzell.

A ft. toss by Mayfield's Wayne Lovelace and a Carlisle turnover that Ford converted into 2 pts., pushed the Redbirds advantage back out to five, 66-61, with 5:22 remaining.

The Comets closed the gap to 2 again on a Thomason fielder and a ft. toss by Gary Duncan.

During the next 2 minutes of action, the two teams exchanged baskets several times, to push the Mayfield advantage to 73-70, with 2:49 showing on the clock.

But a jumper by Duncan and a pair of fts. by Marty Nichols, sandwiched around a field goal by Ford, edged the Comets to within a point of the lead, 75-74, with 1:57 on the clock.

Carlisle finally took the lead since early in the second period, when Duncan ripped the nets for a 20-footer, that moved the Comets on top, 75-74, with 1:38 left.

Mayfield's Greg Waldrop became the recipient of a Duncan foul in the next few seconds and pulled his team back even, at 76-all.

Following 2 fts. by Clinton Turner, that pushed the Mayfield lead to a 78-73 advantage, Ford canned 4 fts., on separate bonus situations, that gave the Cardinals a 6-pt. lead, at 82-76, and the Comets' doom was sealed.

The Mayfield players and bench were mobbed by their jubilant hometown fans as the buzzer sounded.

The game had started out, and finished, as most onlookers and fans had predicted.

The battle between the Comets, beaten once in 2 years by a First Region team, and the Cardinals, thirsting for revenge and possibly the top-ranking in the region, was on from the word go.

The game was tied 5 times in the 1st stanza, including the end tally, as the lightening-quick offenses of both teams mounted their separate attacks.

Ford accounted for 9 of Mayfield's 15 in the 1st quarter, and Frizzell was equally impressive in rolling up 3 fgs.

The second stanza featured the same style of action that was seen in the opening frame, as the two teams pulled to ties at 17, 24, and 26, and the widest margin in the period was never more then 4 pts.

The Comets claimed a 4-pt. advantage at 21-17, at 6:48 of the 2nd stanza when Frizzell landed a fg. and Duncan pushed through a missed shot.

The Cardinals fought back to tie the game and go ahead and the two teams switched baskets throughout much of the remainder of the 2nd period.

With the Redbirds leading by two, 40-38, at 6:31 of the 3rd period, Mayfield's Turner and Carlisle's Thomason staged a shooting war.

The two traded fgs., Turner getting 3 and Thomason 2, as the Carlisle attack could not seem to break the ice.

The shooting attack once again alternated during the rest of the stanza, as the Mayfieldians went into the decisive final period with a 6-pt. lead, 59-53.

In a game that saw no substitutes by either team, Ford claimed scoring honors with 29 pts. Turner finished with 31, 17 of those coming in the second half, and Anderson and Waldrop contributing 12 pts. each.

The Carlisle attack was paced by Thomason's 23 pts. Frizzell finished second with 21 pts., and was followed by Duncan and Nichols with 19 and 12 pts., respectively.

Both teams held hot-shooting hands from the floor, as the Comets out shot the Redbirds from the floor, netting 33/60 fgs. for 55%. Mayfield canned 34/67 fgs. for 51%.

The Cardinals added 15/18 fts. for 83%, while the Comets canned 13/18 fts. for 72%.

Turner and Anderson pulled down 14 and 9 rebs., respectively, as Mayfield out retrieved the Comets, 43-24.

Nichols was high for the Comets with 10.

Carlisle.....15 37 53 79
Mayfield……...15 38 59 83

Mayfield (83)
Ford 29, Turner 21, Anderson 12, Waldrop 12, Lovelace 9.

Carlisle (79)
Thomason 23, Frizzell 21, Duncan 19, Nichols 12, J. Martin 4.

Carlisle Comets Take
Cuba For Easy Victory

Carlisle Co. 122
Cuba 65

01-25-72 - Home

The Carlisle Co. Comets used a devastating offensive attack to butcher the visiting Cuba Cubs, 122-65, here Tuesday night.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, now 19-3, landed 6 players in double figures with pivotman Gary Duncan leading the way with 23 pts. David Polivick, a substitute guard, netted 20 pts. and Steve Frizzell and Mickie Thomason contributed 19 and 15 pts., respectively. Gary Yates, another substitute, had 12 pts. and Marty Nichols finished with 10.

Cuba's Tom Floyd, a 5-11 sophomore guard, paced the Cuba attack with 23 pts. Dale Jones and Gary Cruse chipped in 14 and 11 markers, respectively.

The Comets connected on 48/102 fgs. for 47%, and added 26/41 fts. for 63%.

The Cubs, of Coach Roy McKamey hit 22/55 fgs. for 42%, and had 21/33 fts. for 64%.

The Comets easily out rebounded the Cubs, 60-37.

Carlisle grabbed a 14-pt. lead at the end of the 3rd stanza when Buchanan took his starters out and finished the game with substitutes, who pushed the winning margin to 57.

Cuba……....15 29 48 65
Carlisle……....29 59 95 122

Carlisle (122)
Duncan 23, Polivick 20, Frizzell 19, Thomason 15, G. Yates 12, Nichols 10, J. Martin 8 Jenkins 7, Denton 4, J. Yates 2, Hendrix 2, Edwards.

Cuba (65)
Floyd 23, Jones 14, Cruse 11, McKinney 7, R. Jones 5, Dyer 3, Cates 2.

Duncan Sparks 38-pt Fourth
Stanza, As Comets Outrun Pirates

Carlisle Co. 86
Heath 64

01-28-72 - Home

Senior pivotman Gary Duncan sparked a 38 pt. 4th quarter that lifted the top-ranked Carlisle Co. Comets to an 86-64 homecourt decision over the Pirates of Heath Sat. night.

Duncan picked up 11 of his game-high 20 pts. in the 4th-quarter breakaway. Heath, ranked 6th, managed 23 pts. in the final stanza but was unable to keep pace with the Comets.

Except for the 4th canto and the first few minutes of the 1st quarter, the Pirates played Carlisle even. The Comets of Coach Tom Buchanan jumped out front 9-2 and led by three, 29-26, at halftime. The Comets pulled out to a 7-pt. margin in the 3rd stanza before the breakaway.

Marty Nichols shared game honors with Duncan, also scoring 20 pts. for Carlisle. Comets Steve Frizzell and Thomas Jenkins also reached double figures scoring 14 and 12 pts., respectively.

David Alexander was high for Heath with 17 pts. Wayne Tisdal bagged 13 for the Pirates and Darrell Bowen sacked 11.

The Comets only threaded 2 more fgs. than the Bucs but gained a decisive edge at the charity stripe. Carlisle connected on 25/62 fgs. for 40% while Heath canned 23/53 for 43%.

At the charity stripe, however, the Comets counted 34/43 for 79% and Heath was 10/31 for 33%.

The victory was the 20th of the season for the defending Regional Champs against only 3 defeats.

Heath……..12 26 41 64
Carlisle……..15 29 48 86

Heath (64)
Simmons 7, Wallace 5, Alexander 17, Tisdal 13, O'Donley 6, Bowen 11, Klope 4, Webb 1, Wright, Lee.

Carlisle (86)
Duncan 20, Edwards 2, Thomason 6, Nichols 20, Hendrix 2, Frizzell 14, Polivick 4, J. Martin 4, G. Yates 2, Jenkins 12, Denton, J. Yates.

Comets Continue
To Invade Land Of
Giants And Slay Goliath

In an age when pro basketball teams pay a million dollars for a man of great stature, the Carlisle Co. Comets almost routinely invade the Land of Giants, to punch holes in the myth that there is no place left in the game for the little man.

The Comets, under the guidance of Coach Tom Buchanan, have dominated play in the 1st Region as completely, perhaps, as any other team in the history of the area. In the past 2 seasons, the Carlisle cagers have lost only 6 games and only 2 of those have been to 1st Region teams. Furthermore, the Comets have played in 7 tournaments within the region and they've won them all!

Last year, the Comets used an interchangeable 8-man lineup to dance through the region without a scratch. Carlisle won 34 games and 5 tournaments – the Lowes Christmas Tourn., the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tourn., the Tilghman Christmas Tourn. and the 1st District and 1st Region Tournaments.

The Comets lost only 3 games. Louisville Central, which lost out in the semifinals of the state tourn., Louisville Male, the state champ, eliminated the Comets from the Sweet Sixteen and Paris handed Carlisle its only regular season loss.

And the Comets did it all with only one big man – 6-6 Leonard Larkins. But Larkins graduated along with 4 other of the talented 8 including Cliff Simmons, Russell Turnbow, David Smith and Mike Crider.

In pre-season balloting this year, the coaches in the region voted Carlisle No. 1 again, but none expected the Comets to dominate regional play nearly so completely again, especially with only 3 returnees and without a big man.

But the Comet path has been near identical this yr. Paris dumped Carlisle again and Ballard Co. and Mayfield finally cracked the regional jinx. Those 3 games, however, are the only Comet losses for the season. Going into tonight's game against Fulton Co, Carlisle has won 20 games as well as repeating as champion in the St. Mary and Tilghman tournaments.

The Comets have not done it by ducking the class competition in the region. Of 23 games, 17 have been against teams which are or have been rated in the top ten by the region's coaches. The Comets have won 15 of those while losing only 2.

During the 2 years Carlisle has reigned as No. 1, Mayfield has been second all the way and Tilghman 3rd. The Comets stand 3-1 against the Redbirds and 3-0 against the Bluemen going into Sat. night's match. And the Comets beat them both enroute to the Tilghman Christmas Tourn. title.

What makes this year's accomplishments more incredible is the fact that the Comets don't have a starter over 6-3, and that's a slight 6-3. From there the Comets drop to 6-1, 6-0, 5-10 and 5-7.

But what the Carlisle cagers lack in the size, they compensate for with speed, hustle and the ability to put the ball through the hoop … and that's what the game is all about.

As one 1st Region coach observed during the Tilghman Tourn., "Give Carlisle a shot inside 15 feet unguarded and you can count 2 pts."

Coach Buchanan agrees shooting is one of the factors in Carlisle's success this year. "If I had to list our strong points, I'd have to include shooting and ball handling," he said.

"The kids see the floor and make nice passes," he continued. "And they are all pretty sharp mentally and adjust to changes quickly."

Carlisle leads the region in scoring with an 86-pt. per game average. The Comets have been held below 70 only 4 times, the lowest a 64-61 loss to Ballard. Carlisle has topped the 100-mark 3 times, the top effort a 122-65 romp over Cuba.

Defensively, the Comets are yielding 70 pts. per game. They gave up 100 to Symsonia in the finals of the St. Mary tourn. but still won by a basket.

As a team, the Comets are hitting above 50% of their shots from the field. Coach Buchanan, however, is not so pleased with the ft. shooting which hovers around 62%.

"We shoot the ball better this yr. and make better passes," Coach Buchanan compared the teams of the past 2 years. "We are not rebounding as well and we played a little better defensively maybe, but we are quicker this year."

Heading the list of lightning fast run-oriented Comets are 3 veterans of last rear's regional championship team. Gary Duncan, at 6-3, mans the pivot. Mickie Thomason, at 6-0, handles one forward slot and 5-10 Steve Frizzell engineers the offense at guard. All 3 are seniors.

Although matched against players 2 or 3 inches taller most of the time, Duncan leads the team in both scoring and rebounding. Hitting around 56% from the field, the sharp shooting center is scoring 22 pts. a game and grabbing 12 rebs.

Frizzell, the playmaker, is the top percentage shooter and leads in assists, with 7 per game. Averaging 19 pts. per game, he cans 56.2% from the field and 82% from the ft. line. And in clutch situations, he has nerves of steel at the free line.

In the semifinals of the regional last year, he canned a pair of fts. in the final seconds of play to shipwreck Murray High. His 2 fts. in the closing moments preserved the championship win over Symsonia in the St. Mary tourn. and 2 more derailed Tilghman, 82-80, in the Christmas semifinals.

Thomason, a do-everything forward, lends aid where aid is needed. He scores 16.5 per game connecting 50% of the time, sinks 65% of his fts., retrieves 7 rebs. a game and adds 4 assists.

New to the starting lineup this yr. are junior Marty Nichols and sophomore John Martin. Nichols, a slight 6-1, occupies the other forward slot, and Martin, at 5-7, runs with Frizzell at guard.

Martin also hits 50% of his fgs. while averaging 10 pts. and 3 assists per outing. Nichols adds 12 pts. to put all 5 Comet starters in double figure averages. He also is second in rebounding with 11 per game.

Front line reserves are freshman Thomas Jenkins, sophomore Steve Denton, a 50% shooter from the field, and senior guard, 5-6 David Polivick.

Also available for duty are seniors Dwayne Edwards, Gary Yates and sophomores Mike Woods and Jimmy Hendrix.

Coach Buchanan, in his 3rd yr. at the Carlisle helm, is on the verge of another 25-win season. In his first yr., the Comets recorded a 28-8 slate, following last yr. with 34-3. This rear's 20-3 mark to date gives the personable Buchanan an over-all total of 80 wins and 14 losses. And the Comets have 9 more games to reach 25 this season.

A native of Lone Oak, Coach Buchanan played college basketball at Eastern New Mexico St. before beginning his coaching career in Texas. During his Texas stay, he coached boys and girls in junior and senior high at Southland for 3 years. He spent another yr. coaching junior and senior high boys at Shallowater. Then, he coached boys for 3 years at Canyon.

Coach Buchanan retumed to the area in 1968 to become principal at Meridian High School in Mounds, Ill. He stayed out of the coaching profession only one yr., before taking over at Carlisle.

Assistant coach of the Comets is Jimmy Henley, in his 6th season with the Comets. He graduated from Clinton Central which is now incorporated into Hickman Co., and joined the Carlisle staff in 1966. Henley is also the baseball coach.

This year's edition of the Comets, however, lack the size and depth of last season's regional champs. As a result, Coach Buchanan feels the path to the top again will be a rugged one.

"Our people underneath are 6-3, 6-1, and 6-0, but we've only been out rebounded in 4 or 5 games," the coach explained. "Most of the time though, it's been pretty close and we would like to have an advantage of several rebounds."

"We don't have as much depth but our young people are coming on strong," he continued. "They are gaining more confidence in themselves and we have more confidence in them. We hope they come on quickly because we will need them before it is all over."

The Comets close out the season with 8 games in 15 days. After weekend tests with Fulton Co. and Tilghman, Carlisle still has games with Calloway Co., South Marshall, Lowes, Murray High, Fancy Farm and St. Mary. Then comes the attempt to repeat in the district and regional tournaments.

"I think we can overcome the depth problem." Coach Buchanan said. "Our freshmen and sophomores are coming along but they will still have to play against experienced juniors and seniors."

"But we can't do anything about our size," he concluded. "We will just have to do a better job with what we've got."

And one can bet Carlisle fans haven't much to complain about the job Coach Buchanan has done, with what he has had, the past 2 seasons.

Carlisle Strikes For
Victory Over Fulton Co.

Carlisle Co.	**91**
Fulton Co.	**71**

02-04-72 - Home

Top-ranked Carlisle Co. notched its 21st win of the season here last night, by toppling the Fulton Co. Pilots, 91-71.

Gary Duncan led the Comets with a sizzling 25 pts. Mickie Thomason cashed in 21 markers, Steve Frizzell added 16, and Marty Nichols dropped in 10.

Doug Goodman paced the Pilots with 19 pts. while Robert Cobb netted 13. Dan Sheehan and Scott Wright each dashed in 14.

Carlisle pushed through 37/82 fgs. for 45% and 17/26 fts. for 65%.

Fulton Co. managed 26/52 fgs. for 50% and 19/34 fts. for 56%.

Duncan collected 24 of Carlisle's rebs. to lead in that department.

Carlisle……..26 54 76 91
Fulton Co……..15 35 48 71

Carlisle (91)
Duncan 25, Edwards 1, Thomason 21, Nichols 10, Jenkins 4, Frizzell 16, J. Martin 9, G. Yates 1, Woods 2, J.J. Yates 1, Hendrix 1, Denton, Polivick.

Fulton Co. (71)
Goodman 19, Bloodworth 5, Cobb 13, Sheehan 14, Turnbow 2, Wright 14, Caldwell 4.

Collins Leads Blue Tornado Past Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 70
Tilghman 74

02-05-72 - Away

The Tilghman Tornado wasted an 11-pt. lead, then scrapped back for a 74-70 win over the Carlisle Comets Sat. night in the Tilghman gym.

The Comets, ranked first in the region, blew hot and cold and never really seemed to find their shooting eyes. The usually deadly Comets were unable to convert fts., making only 16/30.

Tilghman, meanwhile, relied on a sticky defense and fine board work, to put a firmer lock on its 3rd place regional slot behind Carlisle and Mayfield.

Keith Collins was the key to the Tilghman arrack. He fired in 23 pts., to lead the Blue in scoring and also hauled off a game-high 14 rebs.

Many of his pts. were earned on perfect follow-ups on shots missed by his teammates.

Mike Arnold and Lonnie Harriford backed Collins up with 16 pts. each, the only other Tornados in double figures. In addition, Arnold handed out 8 assists.

Game scoring honors went to Mickey Thomason, from Carlisle, with 24 pts. Gary Duncan and Steve Frizzell were also in double figures, with 17 and 13 respectively.

The teams started slowly, with neither mounting a sustained offensive burst in the 1st period. At the quarter stop, Tilghman held a 16-13 edge.

Three quick Comet baskets, 2 by Thomason, gave Carlisle a 19-18 lead less than a minute into the second quarter. Swapping baskets the rest of the half, Tilghman salvaged a 36-34 spread at halftime.

Two minutes deep into the 3rd period, Carlisle ran into trouble. After baskets by Duncan and Frizzell, Carlisle suddenly went cold from the field. Tilghman spurted on 2 baskets by Collins, a fielder and 2 fts. by Arnold and a fg. by Harriford, to move to a 50-39 edge at 3:50. Duncan finally converted a ft., to stop the drought at 3:39. The only point for Carlisle during the dry spell was a ft. by John Martin.

Thomason then regained his shooting touch with a pair of fielders to ignite a Comet charge that narrowed the gap to 56-52, after 3 periods.

Carlisle regained the lead, 61-60, at 4:11, on a 3-pt. trip for Frizzell.

The score then was tied at 61-61, 65-65, and 67-all, before Tilghman took the lead for good at 2:08 on a fielder by Randie Dublin.

A basket by Collins, a ft. by Harriford and a pair of fts. by Arnold sealed the verdict and dealt Carlisle its 4th loss of the campaign, against 21 victories.

The win, avenging an 82-80 loss to Carlisle in the semifinals of the Tilghman Christmas tourn., brought Tilghman's record to 14-5, and extended the Blue win streak to 4 straight.

Carlisle had won 8 of its last 9 games and 3 in a row, losing only to Mayfield, 83-79, at Mayfield.

Tilghman almost matched its 74.4 offensive season average, while holding the Comets far below their seasonal average of 86.3 points per game, best in the region.

Tilghman converted 31/64 fgs. for 48.4%, while Carlisle was hitting on 27/56 fgs. for 47.4%. The Blue scored on 12/20 fts. for 59% while the Comets netted only 16/30 for a cool 54%.

Tilghman out rebounded Carlisle 38 to 21.

Tilghman……..16 36 56 74
Carlisle……..13 34 52 70

Tilghman (74)
Collins 23, Bock 9, Harriford 16, Arnold 16, Dublin 6, Hamilton 4, Clymer.

Carlisle (70
Duncan 17, Thomason 24, Nichols 2, Jenkins 5, J. Martin 9, Frizzell 13.

Carlisle Comets Toss Loss At Calloway Co.

Carlisle Co. 94
Calloway Co. 79

02-08-72 - Home

Gary Duncan and Mickey Thomason, a pair of holdovers from Carlisle County's 1971 regional champs, combined their efforts to score 50 pts. here Tuesday night, as the Comets knocked off invading Calloway Co., 94-79.

Ii was the 22nd win of the campaign for Coach Tom Buchanan's quintet, which has lost only 4 games. The loss was Calloway's 14th, compared with 7 victories.

Despite standout performances by Duncan, Thomason and freshman Thomas Jenkins, who scored 16 pts., the game was closer than the score might indicate.

The visiting Lakers led 20-19 at the 1st quarter stop, but fell behind 40-33 at halftime.

Calloway came on strong after the intermission and tied the count midway of the 3rd period.

Thomason and Duncan immediately went to work and in a few seconds the Comets led by 6 and continued to pull away in the 4th stanza.

The Comets hit 34/61 fgs. for 55%, but cashed only 26/48 fts. Calloway, meanwhile, hit 31/69 fgs. for 45% and 17/27 fts.

Carlisle out rebounded the visitors 41-33, with Duncan and Thomason each grabbing 11.

Thomason led the Comets with 26 pts. while Duncan was close behind with 24, to his credit.

Calloway placed 5 players in double figures. James Wells led the scoring with 16, followed by Johnnie Stockdale with 14, Jerry Duncan with 13 and Randy Shelton and Greg Howard with 12 pts. each.

Carlisle……..19 40 63 94
Calloway……..20 33 57 79

Carlisle (94)
Duncan 24, Thomason 26, Nichols 5, Jenkins 16, Frizzell 6, Polivick 5, J. Martin 10, G. Yates 2.

Calloway (79)
Wells 16, Wyatt 4, Duncan 13, Stockdale 14, Shelton 12, Howard 12, Ferguson 5, Thompson 3.

Top-Rated Carlisle Comets Vault Past South Marshall

Carlisle Co. 106
South Marshall 78

02-11-72 - Home

Carlisle Co. cracked the century mark for the 4th time this season, by shellacking the visiting South Marshall Rebels, 106-78, here Fri. night.

The host Comets built up a commanding 90-48 lead after 3 periods, and then Coach Tom Buchanan retired his regulars to the bench for the remainder of the evening.

The Comets, now 23-4, enjoyed one of their best shooting nights of the season, hitting 44/81 fgs. for a sizzling 54%, and 18/26 fts.

South Marshall, meanwhile, shot a respectable 42%, hitting 27/64 fgs. and 24/33 fts.

Carlisle dominated the backboards by out rebounding their rivals 46-26. Gary Duncan grabbed 16 while Mickey Thomason and Marty Nichols pulled down 10 each.

Three Comets, Thomason, Duncan and Frizzell, scored more than 20 pts. Thomason triggered the Carlisle attack with 24 pts., Duncan was only a pt. behind with 23 and Frizzell netted 21 pts. Nichols, with 10 pts., was the 4th Comet to score in double figures.

The Rebs took some consolation when their classy senior guard, Sherman Cothran, fired in 26 pts. to lead all scorers in the contest.

Carlisle……26 60 90 106
S. Marshall....9 33 48 76

Carlisle (106)
Duncan 23, Thomason 24, Woods 2, Nichols 10, Jenkins 2, Frizzell 21, Polivick 8, J. Martin 8, G. Yates 6, J.J. Yates 2..

S. Marshall (76)
Smith 14, Cothran 26, Lovett 3, Stack 17, Henson 18.

Thomason Sacks 30, As Comets Ramble

Carlisle Co. 85
Lowes 68

02-12-72 - Home

Carlisle County's Mickie Thomason poured in 30 pts. – 15 of those in the last quarter – as the Comets broke open a tight contest for a 85-68 win over the visiting Lowes Blue Devils, here Stat. night.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, now 24-4, held slim leads at the end of the first three periods before pushing to the final 17-pt. margin of victory.

Carlisle finished on top at the end of the 1st period by three, 17-14, and had a 4-pt. margin, 39-35, at intermission.

The nip-and-tuck battle continued in the 3rd canto and the Comets survived it with a 3-pt. lead, 57-54, before pulling away for the win.

Following Thomason's game-scoring honors was Gary Duncan with 18 pts. and Steve Frizzell bucketed 16 markers.

The Blue Devils were led in scoring by Steve Wyatt with 27 pts. Charlie Allen was the only other Lowes player with 20 markers.

Thomason pulled down 13 rebounds to lead the Comets to a 37-30 rebounding advantage.

Carlisle……..17 39 57 85
Lowes…….14 35 54 66

Carlisle (85)
Thomason 30, Duncan 18, Frizzell 16, Jenkins 9, J. Martin 8, Nichols 4, Polivick, G. Yates.

Lowes (68)
S. Wyatt 27, C. Allen 20, Nesler 7, Carter 6, Wooley 6, Austin 2, G. Wyatt.

Carlisle Comets Post
Victory Over Murray Tigers

Carlisle Co. 95
Murray 76
02-15-72 - Home

Carlisle Co. posted its 25th victory of the season by defeating Murray High, 95-76, here Tuesday night.

The Comets, defending First Region champs, have lost four.

Mickey Thomason and Marty Nichols combined for 49 pts. to lead the Comets' assault against the visiting Tigers. Thomason hit for 25 and Nichols canned 24.

Gary Duncan, Thomas Jenkins and Steve Frizzell also reached double figures for Carlisle.

Game scoring honors went to Murray's Porter McCuiston, who gunned in 31 big pts.

Carlisle hit 35/73 fgs. for 46% and 29/34 fts. Murray hit 26/69 fgs. for 41% and 18/27 fts.

The Comets dominated the boards, grabbing 42 rebs. to 34 for Murray. Nichols picked 17 off the boards for Carlisle.

Carlisle……..20 46 78 99
Murray……..19 31 53 76

Carlisle (99)
Duncan 16, Thomason 25, Woods 2, Nichols 24, Jenkins 13, Frizzell 11, J. Martin 4, G. Yates 4.

Murray (76)
P. McCuiston 31, Landolt 2, T. McCuiston 11, Bramley 2, Lanning 2, Luther 2, Foster 4, Jackson 8, Willis 12, Cathey 2.

Carlisle Co. Takes
Easy Win From Gophers

Carlisle Co. 105
Fancy Farm 69
02-18-72 - Home

Top-ranked Carlisle Co. soared over the century mark for the 5th time this season, Fri. night, besting the visiting Golden Gophers of Fancy Farm, 105-69.

In the next to last home game of the season, Coach Tom Buchanan started his 5 seniors, who marched to a 24-16 1st period lead. The Comets out pointed the Golden Gophers 31-13 in the second period for a 28-pt. lead at the half and were never headed. Reserves played much of the second half for Carlisle.

The triumph was the 5th straight for the Comets and lifted Carlisle's seasonal mark to 26-4. Fancy Farm tumbled to 8-10 with the setback.

Carlisle placed 4 men in double figures. Seniors Mickie Thomason and Steve Frizzell combined for 43 pts. Thomason poured in 23 and Frizzell collected 20. Sophomore John Martin, who only played in the 2nd and 3rd periods, followed with 17 pts. and Gary Duncan had 13.

Game honors went to David Kilcoyne of Fancy Farm. The region's 2nd highest scorer, the junior forward sacked 28 pts.

The Comets hit a nifty 51% fgs. canning 44/87. Fancy Farm connected on 22/50 fgs.

Carlisle netted 17/22 fts. while the Golden Gophers piled up 25/45 fts.

The Comets grabbed a decisive 49-28 advantage on the boards. Thomason hauled down 12 and Duncan gathered 11.

Carlisle……..24 55 83 105
Fancy Farm…..16 27 42 69

Carlisle (106)
Duncan 13, Nichols 5, Thomason 23, Woods 6, Jenkins 4, Frizzell 20, J. Martin 17, Polivick 9, J. Yates 8.

Fancy Farm (69)
Carrico 5, J. Kilcoyne 8, Willett 11, Hobbs 7, Burgess 8, D. Kilcoyne 28, Toon 2.

Top-Ranked
Carlisle Belts Vikings

Carlisle Co. 98
St. Mary 68
02-19-72 - Away

The top-ranked Carlisle Co. Comets landed 5 players in double figures and went on to upend the host St. Mary Vikings, 98-68, Sat. night.

The Comets led at every stop as they picked up their 27th victory, against just 4 setbacks.

Guard Steve Frizzell collected game-scoring honors with 26 pts., and was followed by Mickie Thomason and Marty Nichols amassing 15 and 11 markers, respectively, and John Martin was close behind with 10.

The Vikings of Coach Dennis Gourley were paced by Eddie Hannan's 16 pts. Mike Weglicki was a pt. back at 15.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets bagged 38/47 fts. for 80%, while St. Mary netted 16/29 fts. for 55%.

Carlisle……..29 59 81 98
St. Mary……..16 31 44 68

Carlisle (98)
Frizzell 26, Duncan 18, Thomason 15, Nichols 11, J. Martin 10, Jenkins 6, Polivick 4, Woods 3, Garrett 2, Edwards 1, Hendrix 1, G. Yates.

St. Mary (68)
Hannan 16, Weglicki 15, Moranville 8, Tonnemacher 7, Weitlauf 7, Johnson 6, Wilson 3, Townzen 2, Gibbs 2, Davis 2.

Comets
Overpowers Bulldogs

Carlisle Co. 114
Fulton City 80
02-22-72 - Away

The Carlisle Co. Comets reached the century mark for the 6th time this season, by thumping the host Fulton City Bulldogs, 114-80, here Tuesday night, in the Comets' final regular season game.

The top-ranked Comets, now 28-4, landed 6 players in double figures, with Gary Duncan collecting game-scoring honors with 28 pts. A trio of Carlisle players – Mickie Thomason, Marty Nichols, and Steve Frizzell – pitched in 15 pts. Thomas Jenkins and John Martin chipped in 14 and 12 markers, respectively.

The Bulldogs, now 5-15, were led by junior Egbert Tharp's 26 pts. Scott Curtis was close behind with 20, and Rick Dalton and Mike Smith contributed 15 and 12 markers, respectively.

The Comets sacked 24/35 fts. for 73%, while Fulton City managed 18/33 fts. for 54%.

Carlisle edged the Bulldogs on the boards, 48-47. Tharp pulled down 14 retrieves, and Smith collected 13 for Fulton City.

Carlisle……..29 55 79 114
Fulton City…24 43 58 80

Carlisle (114)
Duncan 28, Frizzell 15, Thomason 15, Nichols 15, Jenkins 14, J. Martin 12, Edwards 6, Polivick 4, Hendrix 4, Woods 3, G. Yates 2.

Fulton City (80)
Tharp 26, Curtis 20, Dalton 15, Smith 12, Brockwell 4, Beadles 3.

Buchanan Fenced In Down "Texas Way",
But Things Run Smoothly At Carlisle

You've heard about how big they grow everything in Texas – crops, cattle, people and tall tales. Forget it when it comes to high school basketball players.

A Kentuckian says it isn't so.

In fact, the Kentuckian – Carlisle Co. High School basketball coach Tom Buchanan – says the smallest team he's ever had in 8 years of coaching was nowhere else than deep in the Heart of Texas.

"It was even smaller than the team I've got this yr.," Buchanan added, "and that's pretty little."

The 1971-72 edition of Carlisle's basketball team boasts a starting lineup that no Texan would be proud of. One of the starters stands 6-4, two others barely reach the 6-foot mark, and the other two stand 5-10 or below.

Nonetheless a lack of size hasn't kept the defending First Region champions from running and shooting their way to a 28-4 record, almost as good as last year's 34-3 mark.

Buchanan also might have the state's highest-scoring team on his hands. Six times it has surpassed the 100-pt. level, hitting a season high of 122 against Cuba. Not bad for 32 minutes.

"We're averaging 88.5 pts. a game," Buchanan said. "We like to get the ball off the boards and run with it. We've got a bunch of good shooters. We're hitting 54% as a team on the season. They're all good ball-handlers, too, so it doesn't make any difference who leads the fast break."

As a result, 4 Carlisle starters are averaging in double figures, a fact worth bragging about, not only in Kentucky but even in Texas.

Gary Duncan leads the pt. production with a 23.2 average. He's hitting 56% of his shots.

Steve Frizzell has a 19.5 average, followed by Mickie Thomason at 19.0. Marty Nichols owns a 10.5 average, while 5-7 sophomore John Martin is scoring 7 pts. a game.

At season's end last yr., Duncan, Thomason and Frizzell all were in the starting lineup, seasoning them for this year's competition. Buchanan regards all three, especially Duncan, as top-notch college prospects.

Duncan also leads the team in rebounding, averaging 14 a game.

"Our greatest limitation is our size," Buchanan admitted. "In the games that we've lost, we've been beaten on the boards."

Carlisle's losses have been to three region rivals – Mayfield, Tilghman and Ballard Co. – and 10th region contender Paris.

"But we've beaten Mayfield twice and Tilghman once, too, and defeated Ballard twice," noted Buchanan, whose team won the Tilghman Tourn. in Dec.

Buchanan, naturally, counts Mayfield, Tilghman and Ballard as top challengers to a second straight region title, in addition to Heath and Symsonia.

Size is one of two factors not in Carlisle's favor, Buchanan admitted.

"We don't have much depth either," he said. "Our 6th man is Thomas Jenkins and he's a 5-9 freshman. You know where we usually play him? At forward

"But he does a tremendous job – especially for a freshman. He just doesn't make any mistakes."

Buchanan also has 2 guards – Gary Yates and David Polivick – that he can call upon in reserve. Yates, a 5-7 senior currently has his leg in a cast – the result of torn ligaments – but should be ready to go by regional tourn. time. Polivick, a 5-5 senior, is the team's smallest player.

"They're small, but I've had bigger people who did a lot less," said Buchanan, whose 3-yr. record at the Western Ky. School, located near Bardwell, now stands at 88-15.

"The only losing season I ever had was the first yr. I coached down in Texas," said Buchanan,, a native of Lone Oak, Ky., who played college basketball at Eastern New Mexico University.

After graduation, he coached 5 yrs. in the Texas Panhandle, at Southland, Shallowater and Canyon, Texas.

"Basketball just isn't the same down there, except maybe at the bigger schools," he said. "The smaller schools aren't allowed to have good programs. You're limited to practicing during the last class period of the day – not before or after school – and you're restricted to how early in the yr. you can start practicing. In Texas, football people seem to set the rules. In Ky., it's the basketball people who do it."

Buchanan spent one yr. as principal at Meridian High School in Illinois before accepting the Carlisle position.

"I'm glad to be back where people appreciate basketball," he said.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Advance To Finals
By Dumping Bulldogs

Carlisle Co. 109
Fulton City 78
03-03-72 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets are finding that century mark easier to make by these days, and Fri. night was no exception.

The Comets, heavily favored to take the 1st District tourn., presented the Fulton City Bulldogs with a 109-78 lower bracket semifinal decision.

The Comets, polled as the top team in the region for most of the season, advances to the championship game tonight, opposite Fulton Co.

Fulton Co. scored a district upset by upsetting 8th-rated Hickman Co., 56-46, Thursday night. The Pilots go into tonight's final clash with a 13-13 slate.

Carlisle, the winningest team in the region, now stands at 29-4.

The 1st period proved to be a slow start for the Comets, however, picking up the momentum mid-way through the frame, the Comets pulled away to end the 1st period 21-13.

Mid-way through the 2nd period of play, the Bulldogs fought back to within 4 pts., 32-28. but the Comets gathered it all together, and began to pile on the pts.

The teams went to the dressing rooms at half time with the Comets ahead by 11, 46-35.

The Bulldogs had their problems in the 3rd canto. Returning to the hardwood, the Comets burned the nets for 37 pts. while holding Fulton City to only 19 and ending that frame with a score of 83-54.

The Bulldogs found the range in the final frame but could not make up the deficit. They were outscored by Carlisle, 26-24, in the last canto for the 31-pt. difference.

Fulton City's Mike Smith led all scorers with a red-hot 29 pts. The only other Bulldog in double figures was Rick Dalton with 18.

Carlisle placed 7 players in double figures. Mickie Thomason set the pace for the Comets with 19 markers. Gary Duncan followed with his 18 pts., Mike Woods cashed 14, Marty Nichols and Jenkins each collected 10, and David Polivick added 13.

The Comets managed 35/49 fts. for 71% and 37/76 fgs. for 49%.

The Bulldogs fell behind at the line with 20/35 fts. for 56% and they cashed in 29/63 fgs. for 47%.

The Comets out rebounded Fulton 55 to 48. Nichols was the leading retriever for Carlisle with 14.

Carlisle……...21 46 54 109
Fulton City….13 35 54 78

Carlisle (109)
Duncan 19, Thomason 19, Woods 14, Nichols 10, Jenkins 10, Polivick 13, J. Martin 10, Frizzell 9, R. Martin 4, Hendrix 2.

Fulton City (78)
Smith 29, Thompson 4, Curtis 4, Tharp 16, Beadles 2, Brockwell 5, Dalton 18.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Thomason's Steal, Layup
Provides Carlisle With Nerve-Tingling Win.
Comets Turn Back Upset-Minded
Fulton Co. In First District Championship

Carlisle Co. 78
Fulton Co. 76
03-04-72 - Away

Carlisle County's Mickie Thomason stole the ball at mid-court with 11 seconds showing and raced down court to lay-up the basket that clinched the 1st District championship here Sat. night. The region's top-rated Comets pulled out a 78-76 nerve-shattering decision over the upset-minded Fulton Co. Pilots.

With 34 seconds left in the final canto and the score deadlocked at 76-all, Thomason was charged with a personal which gave the ball to the Pilots, and the Comets quickly called time out.

Fulton County's Bob Bloodworth brought the ball down court with the all-important 11 seconds showing, which set up the decisive steal by Thomason.

The horn sounded and the fans went wild, but the officials tacked 2 seconds back on the clock and the ball went out to the Pilots. The Pilots' Doug Goodman threw the length of the court to Dan Sheehan. Sheehan, thinking time had all but gone, backhanded the ball over his head from 5 feet out, and narrowly missed the one that would have sent the game into overtime.

The Pilots, intent on taking the 1st District crown, came on the floor in the 1st period and gave the Comets their toughest going this season.

Slowing the ball down and working constantly for the percentage shot, the Pilots jumped out quickly with 2 lay-ups.

The Comets' first rally came on a ft. by Steve Frizzell. Fulton Co., determined to keep the bottom of the basket hot, jumped out 6-1 on a lay-up by Sheehan.

Seconds later, after clearing the boards of a missed Carlisle fg., Sheehan was fouled and went to the line to up the lead to 7-1.

The Comets failed to display their usual accuracy in the 1st half. The Pilots cashed in on numerous Carlisle wild passes.

Goodman's hook from under the basket gave Fulton Co. its longest lead of the period, 17-7, with 3:35 showing.

On the next trip down floor, the Comets began to click and bucketed 3 straight fgs. to cut the Pilots' lead back to four, 17-13. Both teams each bagged one more fg. to round out the 1st frame, with the Pilots on top, 19-15.

The Pilots roared back onto the floor in the second quarter, and poured in 3 more quick pts., before the Comets began to move.

The Pilots completely dominated the 1st four minutes of the 2nd frame by jumping out front, 30-21.

The heavily-favored Comets quickly began to put their offense together and began hacking away at the Pilot' lead. The Comets cut the lead to four, 35-31, with 2:06 left, but Thomason fouled, sending the Pilots' Goodman to the line.

With Goodman failing to cash the toll, Bloodworth pulled down the rebound and put it back up to stretch the lead to six, 37-31.

Carlisle returned in the 3rd period a new club. The Comets overpowered the Pilots and slowly pulled within range.

The Comets tied the score for the first time at 56-all with a jumper by Gary Duncan. The score was tied again at 58-58 until each team slipped in one more fg., to end the 3rd canto, with the score deadlocked at 60-all.

In the opening minutes of the final hectic period, the score was again tied at 60, 62, 64, 68, 70, 72, and 76, to set up the decisive steal by Thomason.

Steve Frizzell led the Comets in scoring with 16 pts. Duncan followed closely behind with 14. Thomason and Marty Nichols each netted 12.

Goodman paced the Pilots with 22 markers and game-scoring honors. Robert Cobb cashed 16, and Sheehan collected 12.

The Pilots out rebounded the Comets, 39-25. Goodman hauled in 20 retrieves for the Pilots.

The Comets managed 22/34 fts. for 65%, and cashed 28/61 fgs. for 46%. The Pilots cashed 22/33 fts. for 68% and 27/64 fgs. for 42%.

Carlisle……..15 39 60 78
Fulton Co……..19 48 60 76

Carlisle (78)
Duncan 14, Frizzell 16, Thomason 12, J. Martin 5, Woods 5, Jenkins 8, Polivick 6, Nichols 12.

Fulton Co. (76)
Goodman 22, Caldwell 5, Bloodworth 9, Cobb 16, Sheehan 12, Wright 8, Turnbow

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1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. Survives Laker
Threats In Regional Opener

Carlisle Co. 80
Calloway Co. 73
03-08-72 - Away

Overcoming early game jitters with full-court pressure, the defending 1st Region champions, Carlisle County Comets, fought back to crush the upset dreams of Calloway Co., 80-73, before a near-capacity crowd estimated at 7,000, here last night.

Following the early charge of their mascot "Fillmore, the Laker's swamp Rat," Calloway Co. surprised the heavily favored Comets, by taking a 22-11 advantage through the opening 8 minutes. The Lakers, runner-up to Murray in the 4th District tourn., played in the spacious Murray State Sports Arena last week, jumped out front early and steadily pulled away from the struggling Carlisle quint.

But, Fillmore's inspiration began to wear off early in the 2nd quarter when Coach Tom Buchanan ordered his small, but lightning-quick Comet five

into all-court pressure tactics. And, the Lakers lead began to dwindle.

The Comets, 30-4 going into the lid-lifter of the 1972 1st Region tourn., found all phases of the game were not "go" from the opening tip. The Comets, starting with a 1-2-2 zone, were on the defensive most of the time and made only 2/8 fgs. through the first 5 minutes of play.

Meanwhile, Carlisle's usually red-hot hand at the ft. line also faltered. The Comets cashed 3/5 first period tosses from the line, but finished the game with a poor 16/33 performance, only 47%.

Calloway's talented freshman center, James Wells, who led the Lakers with 21 pts. and 14 rebs., inspired that 1st quarter outburst. But, Carlisle's Steve Frizzell, who netted 18 pts. and controlled 14 rebs., and Mickie Thomason, who posted a game-high 22 pts., brought the Comets back. Frizzell's spark was instrumental in the 2nd quarter and Thomason's big effort came in the 3rd.

But, it wasn't a two man show for the surging Comets. Center Gary Duncan and forward Marty Nichols each accounted for 15 pts. to give Carlisle 4 players in double figures. And reserve guard Thomas Jenkins came close with 9.

Calloway did pull back into a brief 45-45 deadlock, but 2 minutes later the Comets had pushed out by 6. Calloway used a 3-pt. play by Mark Ferguson to chop the deficit to only 3, with 2 minutes left in the quarter, but a ft. by Jenkins and a Thomason tip quickly offset that effort and a driving bank shot by Frizzell set the Comets out by 8.

Making the press pay huge dividends in the early part of the 4th quarter, Carlisle vaulted into a 12-pt. advantage, but never wider. Calloway, apparently still thinking of Fillmore, fought back to within 6 on 3 different occasions during the last 4½ minutes, but each time the Carlisle five managed enough to stay on top.

The Comets finished with 46% fgs. by hitting 32/70, while Calloway hit on 28/60 fgs. for 48%. Carlisle managed only 14/34 first half tries.

After falling 11 short of the Lakers in the opening canto, the Comets owned 25-17, 24-15, and 20-19 advantages in succeeding quarters.

The victory was the 3rd this season for Carlisle over Calloway, and by far the hardest.

The top-ranked Comets now move into Friday's semifinal round, putting its 31-4 record on the line against 2nd ranked Mayfield. The Lakers finished play with a 9-19 record.

Carlisle……..11 36 60 80
Calloway……..22 39 54 73

Carlisle (80)
G. Duncan 15, Frizzell 18, Mickie Thomason 22, Nichols 15, J. Martin l, T. Jenkins 9, Polivick.

Calloway (73)
Howard 18, Wells 21, Wyatt, Stockdale 13, Shelton 8, Duncan 4, Ferguson 9, Scarborough, Futrell.

Mayfield And Carlisle Co. Clash Tonight

The night 1st Region cage fans have been pointing toward is at hand. Carlisle Co. and Mayfield collide in the "Game of the Year" in the semifinals of the 1st Region Tourn.

But a victory tonight does not automatically assure the winner the regional title. The victor may

pt. lay-up and ft.

However, Carlisle's Frizzell rekindled the Comet hopes briefly by sinking 3 straight fts. with 2:35 left – the first 2 on a bonus and the 3rd on a technical foul whistled against the Cards. But, the still have to contend with 3rd-ranked Tilghman, which trailed by only 8 pts. in the final coaches poll.

Coaches and fans have questioned throughout the yr. which of the 2 is the strongest without reaching a decision. Tonight, the question will be answered. The issue of the best team may not be decided but one of the 2 will be eliminated from further competition and the other will have a shot at the regional title and a state tourn. berth.

Carlisle led the weekly poll of 1st Region coaches all season but Mayfield nipped at the Comets' heels all the way, finishing a single pt. behind. Nor did seasonal play make the picture any clearer, since the 2 split decisions.

Carlisle took the Tilghman Christmas Tourn. title from Mayfield for the 2nd straight yr., winning the title match, 80-69. The Redbirds avenged the setback in Jan., scoring an 83-79 triumph on the Cardinal hardwood.

Top-ranked Carlisle sports the scoringest team in the region while Mayfield boasts the stingiest defense. The Comets entered regional play with an 89.0 scoring mark. Mayfield has averaged 78.0 per outing, third best in the region.

The Cardinals, however, are tops in defense, giving up an average of 58.1 pts. per game and carrying a victory margin of 19.9. Carlisle has yielded 71.4 pts. per match and has a 17.5 margin of victory.

Joe Ford, the region's leading scorer, heads the Mayfield lineup. The 6-2 All-State guard has maintained a 27-pt. scoring average and poured in 41 markers in the Redbirds opening round romp over Heath. Senior forward Clinton Turner is also among the top 20 scorers in the region.

Although the Comets top entry on the scoring, Gary Duncan is 6th, Carlisle has 2 more among the top 20. Duncan buckets 20 per game, followed by Steve Frizzell with 18 and Mickie Thomason with 17.

Carlisle enters the showdown with a 31-4 slate, losing to Paris, Tilghman and Ballard Co., besides Mayfield. The Redbirds, 28-2, have lost only 2 games all season and are riding a 16-game winning streak. Paris was the only team to bring down the Cardinals after Christmas.

Tilghman and Symsonia, ranked 6th in the region, match high-scoring offenses in the lower bracket semifinal.

The Bluemen are 2nd in scoring with a 78.8 effort while Symsonia pours through 74.4 per game.

The Blue Tornado's 72-57 victory over Fulton Co. last night was the 13th straight for Tilghman and upped its seasonal mark to 23-5. The Rough Riders are 24-8 and lost only in the 3rd District title match to Mayfield in the last 10 showings.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Cards Present Carlisle Co. With Semifinal Loss

Carlisle Co. 74
Mayfield 77
03-10-72 - Away

If Alfred Hitchcock were a script writer for basketball he would have been in Heaven here Fri. night.

1st District champs failed to score on the in-bounds play and Ford took over from there.

Dribbling in, out and around Comet defenders, Ford worked until Jenkins was charged with an intentional foul with 34-seconds left. He hit the second of two tries and then corrected the

But, since Hitchcock doesn't belong on a hardwood floor, two of West Kentucky's best – Bob Sparks and Tom Buchanan – claimed his rightful position before an overflow screaming thong of at least 8,000 in the Murray State University Sports Arena.

The Sparks-Buchanan combination may not be the best at script-writing, but their production in the semifinals of the 1st Region tourn., easily measured up to Hitchcock suspenseful drama.

Each director had an outstanding cast of characters – like Joe Ford, Clinton Turner, Greg Waldrop, Karl Anderson and Wayne Lovelace of Mayfield and Steve Frizzell, Gary Duncan, Mickie Thomason, Marty Nichols, Thomas Jenkins and John Martin of Carlisle Co.

The game may well have been the best ever staged before a 1st Region tourn. audience. Murray State-Western Kentucky rivalries annually draw crowds of its equal, but not more. They were standing 3 and 4 deep around the rim of the Arena, while lines of hopeful fans waited outside for someone to leave after the first game.

That didn't happen, however, for few fans had strength enough to move after the storybook battle.

Everyone knew it would be that way before the opening tip – or at least, everyone expected it. Carlisle, the defending State Tourn. entry, carried the No. 1 rating and a sparkling 31-4 record into the match.

Mayfield, ranked No. 2 in the Sun-Democrat's final poll of 1st Region coaches – but by only a single pt. – laid its glowing 28-2 mark on the line.

Both owned explosive offensive machines. Carlisle 88.9 during the season and Mayfield 78.0. And, the 2 clubs for which the script was written, split during the season. Carlisle taking an 80-69 decision in the finals of the Tilghman Tourn. and Mayfield recording a home-court 83-79 triumph in a Jan. rematch.

The only question left unanswered before the game was "who really is No. 1?" Sparks' Ford-company answered it toward the end of the struggle and Cardinal fans were quick to pick up the chant.

It would be impossible to reconstruct the entire game, let alone the final 8 minutes of action, but here goes:

Mayfield, having led most of the game, carried a skin-tight 56-55 advantage into the final test. But, the Comets quickly gained the lead on a gutsy 10-foot put back by Thomason, followed by a baseline jumper by Duncan. It provided Carlisle with a 3 pt. lead, 59-56, its widest of the game.

Anderson, Mayfield's burley 6-3 center, took a perfect feed from Ford in for a lay-up and Ford himself striped a 25-footer, a half minute later, to set into motion perhaps the greatest lead-switching marathon of the season.

Frizzell, Carlisle's gutsy 5-10 senior guard, who led the Comets in scoring with 26, forced a 69-all deadlock with 3:38 left, but it was the last of 5 times and the closest the defending champs pulled to a lead again.

Turner scored 5 straight pts. within a 38-second span to give the Birds room for flight. His first 2 came on a 10-foot jumper and the rest off a 3-

first miss with 2 more fts. after Duncan grabbed him with 7 seconds left.

Frizzell completed the scoring with a lay-up a second before the final horn, but it was too late for the Comets.

Mayfield used a 6-pt. streak during the last minute of the opening quarter to vault into a 21-14 advantage at the stop. Carlisle led only one time, 4-2, but forced 4 early ties.

Then, with the Cardinals, gunning from the 25-to-35 foot range, Mayfield pulled into a 30-20 advantage, 3 minutes into the 2nd quarter.

The Comets countered with 6 straight pts. during a lightning-quick minute of action and closed to within two, 32-30, upon completing a 10-pt. streak. Working the boards and running with authority, Carlisle later pulled within one before Ford and Turner teamed for the last 5 pts. of the half to send the Redbirds flying through the break with a 41-35 upper hand.

After taking a 21-14 advantage through the opening 8 minutes, Mayfield was outscored 21-20 and 20-15 during the next two quarters. Then the Cardinals protected their lead with a 21-19 effort in the last canto.

Carlisle quickly made another surge early in the 2nd half, Frizzell completing an 8-4 streak with a 3-pt play at the 5:25 level. It pulled the Comets to within two, 45-43, before an 8-pt. Ford-inspired Cardinal flight that put Mayfield back out front by ten, 53-43.

A press-inspired Comet comeback quickly erased the lead with 8 straight pts., again forcing a 2 pt. difference. Carlisle then took the lead on a long jumper by Thomason a minute before the 3rd period horn, 55-54.

Then, Waldrop's 30-footer with 4 seconds showing switched the lead back to Mayfield and set the stage for the last act.

Completing the storybook chapter in equal fashion, both Mayfield and Carlisle cashed 30 fgs. during the game. The Cardinals finished at 53% by hitting 30/57 while the Comets tallied only 46% with a 30/65 showing. Each team cashed 16 fgs. in the 1st half and 14 after the intermission.

The difference then came at the ft. line where Mayfield canned 17/21 and Carlisle hit on 14/17. Again according to form, both teams were outstanding at the stripe, the Cards with 81% and the Comets with 82%.

Ford canned 10/19 fgs. and 12/14 fts. for his game-high 32. Turner, who led all rebounders with 12, hit on half of his 16 fg. tries and 3/4 fts. for his 19 total. Waldrop hit 6/10 fgs. and his only attempt at the line.

Frizzell, with his hustle and drive, hit 9/13 fg. attempts and all 8 of his fts., to complete his 26 pt. total.

Duncan, who paced Carlisle on the boards with 10 retrieves, hit 10/21 fgs. and 4/5 fts. Thomason hit half of his 14 shots on the floor and was 4/4 at the line.

It was the last time out for Carlisle's five seniors, Steve Frizzell, Gary Duncan, Gary Yates, Dwayne Edwards and Mickie Thomason.

Mayfield……..21 41 56 77
Carlisle……..14 35 55 74

Mayfield (77)
Ford 32, Turner 19, Waldrop 13, Lovelace 7, Anderson 5.

Carlisle (74)
Frizzell 26, G. Duncan 24, Mickie Thomason 16, Nichols 4, J. Martin 2, T. Jenkins.

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	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	Calloway Co.	Lowes	Ballard Co.	Symsonia	Fulton City	Ballard Co.	Heath	South Marshall	Lone Oak	Heath	Tilghman	Mayfield	Paris	Louis. Jesse Stuart	Ballard Co.	Fulton Co.						
Gary Duncan	21	26	29	17	23	27	29	20	14	37	22	8	8	21	18	20	13	17						
Mickie Thomason	9	17	13	24	13	22	20	12	21	6	18	11	25	23	4	15	18	14						
Steve Frizzell	24	7	24	18	19	15	11	13	28	20	15	19	28	19	16	20	27	15						
Marty Nichols	17	10	6	13	0	8	10	12	12	15	8	11	2	7	14	7	12	10						
John Martin	12	10	7	11	25	16	14	4	14	7	15	11	11	10	10	2	6	11						
David Polivick	4	4	2		0		5			4	4	2				3	0	4						
Gary Yates	0	2	2	0	4	0	1		0		0	2					0	8						
Steve Denton	0	3	2	0	4	1	6		0		0	0	6	0	2		0	0						
Dewayne Edwards	0		3	0	0	0	2				4	1						0						
Mike Woods			2	2	2	13	4		0		0	0						1						
Thomas Jenkins					0		1			2	2	2	2	0			0	5						
J.J. Yates					0		5					2						4						
Jimmie Hendrix							1			7	4													
David Garrett																								
Robert Martin																								

1971-72

	Hickman Co.	Sedalia	Mayfield	Cuba	Heath	Fulton Co.	Tilghman	Calloway Co.	South Marshall	Lowes	Murray	Fancy Farm	St. Mary	Fulton City	Fulton City	Fulton Co.	Calloway Co.	Mayfield			Games	Pts.	Avg.
Gary Duncan	14	10	19	23	20	25	17	24	23	18	16	13	18	28	19	14	15	24			36	710	19.72
Mickie Thomason	10	9	23	15	6	21	24	26	24	30	25	23	15	15	19	12	22	16			36	620	17.22
Steve Frizzell	23	16	21	19	14	16	13	6	21	16	11	20	26	15	9	16	18	26			36	644	17.89
Marty Nichols	24	16	12	10	20	10	2	5	10	4	24	5	11	15	10	12	15	4			36	383	10.63
John Martin	10	14	4	8	4	9	9	10	8	8	4	17	10	12	10	5	1	2			35	341	9.42
David Polivick	0	8		20	4	0		5	8	0		9	4	4	13	6	0				25	113	4.54
Gary Yates	4	2		12	2	1		2	6	0	4		0	2							23	54	2.34
Steve Denton	2	0		4	0	0															20	30	1.57
Dewayne Edwards	0	2		0	2	1							1	6							16	22	1.37
Mike Woods	0	3				2			2		2	6	3	3	14	5					19	64	3.36
Thomas Jenkins	3	7		7	12	4	5	16	2	9	13	4	6	14	10	8	9	2			26	145	5.57
J.J. Yates	0	3		2	0	1			2			8									11	27	2.45
Jimmie Hendrix	0			2	2	1							1	4	2						10	24	2.4
David Garrett													2								1	2	2
Robert Martin															4						1	4	4
							Team Record - 31-5						Per Game Avg. - 88.66							Total Pts.		3192	

Career	Games		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Steve Frizzell	91			109	346	644	1099	12.07
Mickie Thomson	106		94	104	412	620	1230	11.6
Gary Duncan	82		5	28	376	710	1119	13.64
Gary Yates	46			5	28	54	87	1.89
Dewayne Edwards	16					22	22	1.37

1972-73

HEAD COACH – TOM BUCHANAN

ASSISTANT COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

TROPHIES WON

ST. MARY TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

TILGHMAN TOURN. - 4TH PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

1ST REGION TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

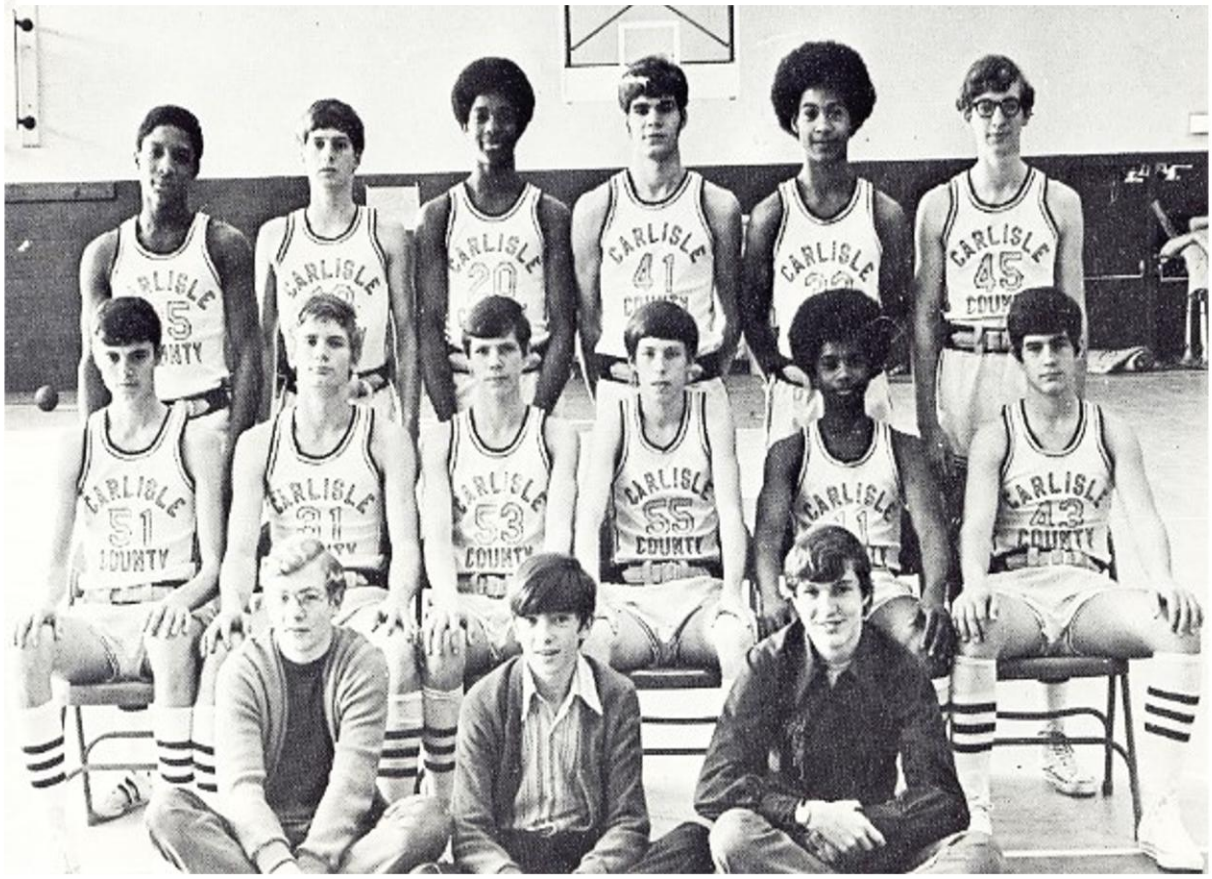
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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-11-72	St. Mary	71-58	A	
11-14-72	Hickman Co	**71-73**	H	
11-17-72	Calloway Co.	80-73	H	
11-22-72	Reidland	64-62	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-24-72	Symsonia	83-62	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-25-72	Ballard Co.	60-56	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-01-72	Fulton City	103-72	H	
12-08-72	Lowes	92-80	A	
12-19-72	Lone Oak	85-71	H	
12-21-72	Murray	93-72	A	**- MAYFIELD TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-23-72	Calloway Co.	**65-76**	A	**- MAYFIELD TOURN. 2ND RD**
12-28-72	Calloway Co.	84-68	A	**- TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-29-72	Tilghman	**73-85**	A	**- TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-30-72	Daviess Co.	**66-83**	A	**- TILGHMAN TOURN. CONSOLATION**
01-02-73	Fulton City	100-72	A	
01-05-73	Fulton Co	80-46	H	
01-12-73	Ballard Co.	84-66	H	
01-16-73	Hickman Co.	**55-64**	A	
01-19-73	Sedalia	99-72	H	
01-20-73	Mayfield	75-60	H	
01-26-73	Heath	72-66	A	
01-27-73	Louisville P. R. P.	83-75	H	
02-02-73	Fulton Co	101-84	A	
02-03-73	Tilghman	**68-75**	H	
02-06-73	Calloway Co.	**67-70**	A	
02-09-73	South Marshall	89-76	H	
02-13-73	Murray	**83-84 ot**	A	
02-16-73	Fancy Farm	91-58	A	
02-17-73	St. Mary	105-83	H	
02-20-73	Ballard Co.	66-64	A	
02-23-73	Heath	86-75	H	
03-01-73	Fulton Co	87-66	A	**- 1st DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-07-73	Hickman Co.	89-78	A	**- 1st DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-07-73	North Marshall	97-74	A	**- 1st REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-09-73	St. Mary	71-62	A	**- 1st REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**
03-10-73	Hickman Co	**48-52**	A	**- 1st REGION TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**

FINAL RECORD - 27-9

1973 Comets
District Champion and Regional Runner-Up



Thomas Jenkins, Jerry Yates, Steve Martin. Marty Nichols, Mike Woods, Jimmy Hendrix, Randy DeJarnett, David Garrett, Mike Terry, Mike Stacy, John Martin , Bobby Partin, (Managers) Bruce Turnbow, Tony Wilson, and Greg Carter

1972-1973

HEAD COACH - TOM BUCHANAN

ASSISTANT COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

TROPHIES WON
ST. MARY TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
TILGHMAN TOURN. - 4TH PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
1ST REGION TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 27-9

1972-73 COMET ROSTER:
Marty Nichols, J.J. Yates, John Martin, David Garrett, Jenkins, Greg Carter, Robert Martin, Mike Woods, Jimmy Hendrix, D.J. Hoskins, David Polivick, Mike Stacy, Bobby Partin, Randy DeJarnett, Paul Allen, Kenny Morgan.

Comets Ready To
Tip-off 1972-73 Season

The Carlisle Co. cage card opens in about two weeks with the Comets playing at Ballard Co. on Nov. 3.

Returning for the Comets this yr. are John Martin, last year's speedster guard; Marty Nichols, the 6'3" board-hitting wonder; Thomas Jenkins, the power man of the Comet offense; Mike Woods, a good ball-handler and excellent out-side shooter; and J.J. Yates, leader in steals-per-game on last year's J.V. team.

New faces on the Comet Varsity this yr. are Robert Martin, who has improved tremendously over the summer and should play an important role on this year's team; Greg Carter, sophomore guard and an excellent out-side shooter; and David Garrett, scrappy guard and good lay-up man.

The Comets have defeated some worthy opponents in pre-season scrimmages, and judging by these contests, the Comets have the same quick-moving, hard-driving team, that they had in previous yrs.

Martin and Woods Lead
Comets Past St. Mary Vikings

Carlisle Co. 71
St. Mary 58
11-11-72 - Away

Sparked by a pair of standout juniors, Carlisle County surged from behind with a 26-10 fourth-quarter output against host Paducah St. Mary, to capture a 71-58 season–opening triumph. It was the seasons opening performance for both clubs, following a one-quarter test in the Ballard Jamboree a week earlier.

John Martin a 5-8 hustling guard, and Mike Woods, a 6-1 talented forward, inspired Carlisle's come-from-behind victory. Each player, both seasoned performers off last year's 31-5 Comet team, scored 10 points in the last-quarter splurge that, erased a 48-45 deficit held by the Vikings, after three periods.

Woods a relief artist last year, had already accounted for 18 points and finished with a game-high 28 for Coach Tom Buchanan's Carlisle quint. Martin, a starting guard as a sophomore last year, finished with 16, one point behind returning forward senior Marty Nichols.

Carlisle had jumped into an early command and led 15-11 at the first stop, but St. Mary came roaring back with a 21-point second period to force a 32-all stand-off, at the break. Coach Dennis Gourley's Viking's took the third frame 16-13, but lost the last canto by that 16-point margin.

An effective all-court press by the Comets, forced numerous Viking turnovers early in the fourth quarter, when the game actually was decided. Woods converted a tip-in early in the final eight minutes, to trim the margin to only one point. Then almost a minute later, Martin dribbled his way along the baseline, past the basket, turned, and cashed a short jumper.

The Comet guard was fouled on the play, and after a time out, made the free throw for a three-point trip and a 50-48 Carlisle lead, and the Yellowmen never looked back.

Woods came back with a jumper in the lane, giving the Comets a 52-48 advantage, two minutes into the final canto. Three times St. Mary pulled back to within two points, but never regained the lead it enjoyed throughout the third quarter.

Both teams had trouble getting untracked during the opening quarter. Plagued by turnovers, the scoreboards read only 5-2, during the opening four minutes of play.

The Comets, paced by sophomore Thomas Jenkins and Woods, began to click late in the quarter, surging to seven–point leads, two different times. Then, with Nichols joining the scoring, the Comets vaulted into nine-point advantages, early in the second quarter, before the Vikings found the touch.

Senior Mike Weglicki, who led St. Mary with a 15-point performance, scored nine of the those points in the second quarter, to lead the Viking comeback. With five minutes left in the half, the Vikings trailed 24-15, but outscored the visiting Comets 17-8, the rest of the quarter, to force the halftime deadlock. Senior Mark Meisenheimer converted a tip with six seconds showing to complete the comeback.

St. Mary, which had led only once, 2-0, quickly grabbed the lead in the third quarter behind the offense of 6-6 center Johnny Johnson and junior guard Rick Gibbs. The Vikings led by seven points 48-41, with just under two minutes to go, but Carlisle's press turned it around.

Counting those last two minutes of the third quarter, plus the opening two of the fourth, the Vikings were outscored 11-0, going from seven points up, to four points down. Then, after a brief recovery that had the Vikings down only 56-54 with 4:52 to play, St. Mary fell victim to a 10-point Martin-Woods spurt that put the game out of reach. A Carlisle stall during the fading moments assured the victory.

Carlisle……..15 32 45 71
St. Mary…….....11 32 48 58
Carlisle (71)
Nichols 17, Yates, J. Martin 16, Garrett, Jenkins 10, Carter, R. Martin, Woods 28.
St. Mary (58)
Weglicki 15, Weitlauf 4, Johnson 8, Hannan 8, Gibbs 8, Davis 2, Townzen 2, Meisenheimer 5, Cochran 6.

Falcons Pull Out
Close Brush With Comets

Carlisle Co. 71
Hickman Co. 73
11-14-72 - Home

Hickman County's Falcons, unbeaten in three outings, built up a comfortable lead against host Carlisle County here last night, but had to withstand a late Comet charge to take home a key First District victory.

The Falcons led by 17 points, 66-49, with exactly six minutes to play, seemingly en route to an easy triumph, over the perennial powerful Comets. But Carlisle made good use of all-court pressure and outscored the Falcons, 22-7, the rest of the way before the clock finally ended the comeback threat.

Little John Martin, a 5-8 junior guard, inspired the Carlisle comeback with repeated steals and pressure baskets in the fourth quarter. Martin, who finished with a game-high 28 points, tallied 11 of them in the last period.

Carlisle had used balanced scoring to vault into a 22-17 1st period lead but the Falcons erased that deficit with a 24-12 advantage in the second frame to carry a 41-43 lead into the half time break.

Senior guard Isaac Childress kept the Falcons flying in the opening frame with a nine-point effort on his own, but left the game with a knee injury shortly before the first stop. Then with Childress out of the line up, junior Sidney Spate and sophomore Ricky Weatherspoon, picked up the scoring slack. Spate who finished with 17 points, had 10 of them at the half while Weatherspoon, who totaled Hickman's high of 18, tallied 12 of them in the opening 16 minutes.

Carlisle led by seven points with just over a minute to go in the first quarter, when the Falcon charge actually began. Hickman County pulled to within three points shortly before the end of the third quarter, fell back by five at the stop, and then continued the comeback effort early in the second stanza.

Carlisle held to a slim margin until Spate moved into the lane for a short jumper with 5:12 left in the half, giving the Falcons a 25-24 advantage and their first lead of the game. The Comets managed a brief tie at 25, a few seconds later and another deadlock at 21, two minutes later, but never regained the upper hand .

Coach Dale Ray's Falcons out-scored the Comets 10-3 after that final deadlock at the 3:12 stop, including the last six points of the half. The seven –point advantage very definitely had placed Hickman County in the driver's seat, and the third quarter proved it.

The Falcons found sudden success inside early

in the third quarter, scoring eight straight points during a minute and a half streak and pulled out front by 11 points, 49-38, with 5:05 left in the quarter. The visiting quint held that upper hand throughout the frame, moving to a 14-point by a driving lay-up at the tail of the fast break. Spate sneaked inside for a short jumper a few seconds showing, killed any hopes of a Carlisle recovery.

Hickman…..17 41 58 73
Carlisle……..22 34 47 71

Carlisle (71)
Nichols 12, Yates 4, J. Martin 28, Jenkins 9, Woods 14, R. Martin 4, Garrett, Carter.

Hickman (73)
Spates 17, Weatherspoon 18, Grundy 18, Childress 9, Jordan 8, Fitts 6.

Carlisle Comets Triumph
In Win Over Calloway

Carlisle Co. 80
Calloway Co. 73
11-17-72 - Home

Carlisle County, ranked fourth in the pre-season poll, gained its second victory of the season, by edging visiting Calloway County, 80-73, here Friday night.

The Comets held a slim two-point advantage after the first canto and increased the lead to four before the intermission. .In the third frame, Calloway County fought back to knot the score at 42, 44, 48, and 52, but Carlisle County came out on top by five points at the end of the frame. The final period saw much the same action as in the third quarter at 61, 63, 67, 69 and 71, before the Comets finally broke loose to win by seven .

Carlisle County received balanced scoring from it's starters with Robert Martin, a 6-0 sophomore forward, leading the attack with 16 points. John Martin and Thomas Jenkins followed closely with 14 points apiece. Mike Woods added 13 markers.

Calloway County's Greg Howard, a 6-2 junior forward, took game-scoring honors with a 26 point performance. Randy Shelton and James Wells contributed 12 and 11 points, respectively.

The Comets connected on only 25 of 73 shots from the field for 34 per cent, while the Larkers hit 27 of the 63 for 43 per cent. The Larkers ripped 17 of 25 fts. for 68 per cent. Carlisle County outrebounded Calloway County, grabbing off 27 rebounds, as compared to the Laker's 24.

The fifth-ranked Laker's, under Coach Jerry Conley, return home to battle South Marshall Tuesday. Carlisle County, under coach Tom Buchanan, will go against Reidland next Wednesday in the opening game of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament. The Comets are the defending champions of the annual tourney.

Carlisle……..19 37 59 80
Calloway……..17 33 54 73

Carlisle (80)
R. Martin 16, J. Martin 14, Jenkins 14, Woods 14, Nichols 8, Carter 7, Yates 4, Garrett 4.

Calloway (73)

He made the first one but missed the second. That gave Reidland one final try for a tie.

The ball glanced out of bounds off a Carlisle player and Reidland had it at side court. The scoreboard registering no time, but the horn had not sounded. The spilt second that remained enabled Reidland to toss the ball to the center circle where Lyles hurled it toward the goal.

But, it was too high and the ball lodged above the goal between the supports as the fans and the players filed from the Viking gym, some happy, some sad, and all of them relived.

later, but it turned out to be Hickman's only two points during a 13-2 Carlisle streak, that needed only three minutes of playing time.

Carlisle, with Martin still at the throttle, used a 5-2 showing the next minute for an 18-4 advantage over

Howard 26, Shelton 12, Wells 11, Waters 10, Duncan 8, Thompson 4, Scarborough 2.

St Mary Thanksgiving Tourney
Opens Wednesday. Eighth Annual
4-Day "Turkey Feast" Nears

Defending champion Carlisle County, seeking an unprecedented third consecutive title, ranks among the pre-tourney favorites in the 8th annual Paducah St. Mary Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament, scheduled to get under way Wednesday night.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, 2-1 during a rugged early season schedule, meets untested Reidland in the tournaments opening match at 7 p.m. Reidland dropped a three-point decision to Murray in the Tilghman Jamboree Saturday night, but hasn't played a regular-season game.

Meanwhile, six other strong teams complete the field for the annual event giving the tournament one of its strongest contingents ever. All eight teams entered in the four-day fracas are potential candidates to claim the 1972 title.

Included in the field are four of the First Region's top 10 teams as predicted in the Sun-Democrat's pre-season poll of coaches. Lowes was ranked second in the balloting, Ballard third, Carlisle fourth and Reidland tenth.

Following the Carlisle-Reidland matchup tomorrow night, will be one pitting Livingston Central against Symsonia. Livingston, the only fifth–district team in the pairings, is off to a 3-1 showing while Symsonia dropped Cuba, 66-60, last night.

Those two games complete the upper bracket, with the two winners set for a showdown at 7 o'clock Friday night.

Thursday's action will send South Marshall, 2-2, after last night's loss to Calloway County, against Ballard Co., 1-2, after a slow start. Lowes, 3-1, after stopping Benton last night, will meet tournament–host St. Mary, 1-1, in the opening round finale.

The South-Ballard, Lowes-St. Mary winners will meet in the second semifinal game Friday night.

Then, the consolation and championship battles will follow Saturday night.

All four sessions will begin at 7 p.m. with two games slated for each night. General admission tickets will be $1.50 for adults and 75 cents for students.

Game officials for the tournament will be Lyman Brown, James Perry, L.V. McGinty and Buddy Poe. Elbert Colson of Reidland will serve as timer and Bill Buckingham of Lone Oak will be the official scorer.

Reidland had forced ties at 8, 19, and 12, in the first period after quickly falling behind 8-2 before the surging Comets. Then, Carlisle outscored the Hounds 9-3, following that last deadlock and claimed a 21-15 lead at the stop.

The Comets pulled out by 11 points twice in the second quarter before settling for that nine-point lead at intermission.

But, Reidland's zone defense forced the Carlisle offence out-side, for the most part, during the second half, and the Gray-Hounds fast break against full-court pressure applied by the Comets,

forward Thomas Jenkins, landed one at the other end of the court. The 8-2 spurt was good enough for that 17-point advantage with six minutes to go.

Enter John Martin!

The Comet guard started his team's gutty comeback with a three-point play, followed shortly

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St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. Moves To
Semifinals. Comets Mar Hounds 'Debut'.

Carlisle Co. 64
Reidland 62
11-22-72 - Away

Reidland's determined Greyhounds launched rally after rally in the opening game of the 8th annual St. Mary High school Thanksgiving Tournament last night but each time the leading Carlisle County Comets reached back for that little extra.

In the end, it was Carlisle 64, Reidland 62, with the Hounds still trying desperately to derail the Yellowmen who are seeking their third consecutive Turkey Tournament Championship.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, ranked fourth by First Region coaches in the pre-season poll, took early command against the Reidland five, but never found the offensive punch to put the game out of reach. Reidland ranked 10th in the early poll, seemingly fell off the pace in the second quarter but came surging back in the second half.

The Greyhounds, playing their first game of the season for Coach Don Rudolph, pulled into seven ties during the battle but never took the lead. Three of the deadlocks came late in the first quarter, another late in the third period and the last three during a hectic fourth canto.

Trailing by nine, 35-26, at the half, Reidland used a red-hot four minute streak to force a tie at 43 with a minute and a half to go in the third frame. Sparked by guard Mike Sowash and junior forward Jeff Holland, the Hounds pulled from a nine-point deficit into the tie by out-scoring the Comets, 13-4, during the stretch.

Carlisle quickly regained a four point lead as the quarter ended, but Reidland came back to tie it less than 70 seconds into the final stanza. The Hounds tied it again at 49 and 53, the last one coming with 4:02 left, when Steve Lyles cashed a 10-foot jumper, but Carlisle regained control during the next two minutes and vaulted into a five-point advantage.

The Comets held that five-point lead for the last time when sparky guard John Martin cashed a pair of free throws with 28 seconds showing, but baskets by Reidland's Gary Lovan and Lee Main, during the next 17 seconds, quickly trimmed the Comet advantage to a single point, 63-62.

Then, with Carlisle streaking down the floor and Reidland trying to stop the clock with a foul, Martin again returned to the line with only two seconds showing.

began to click after the break. Reidland claimed a 17-12 edge in the third quarter and 19-17 advantage in the fourth.

Holland, a 6-3 junior, and Sowash, a 5-9 senior guard, finished as Reidland's only two double-figure scorers. Holland tallied 19 points with nine of them coming during that third-quarter blitz. Sowash added 16 to the Hound total.

Senior Marty Nichols, a 6-3 forward who repeatedly hit from long range along the base line, paced the Comet attack with 20 points. His nine field goals easily topped all players in the game.

Reserve forward Robert Martin, a six-foot sophomore, came off the bench for 16 points while John Martin, his brother, tallied 14. Half of John's points came in the first quarter. Mike Woods, a 6-1 junior forward scored only eight points, but all of them came during the hectic last half.

The Comets, earning a berth in the semifinals opposite Symsonia, will carry a 3-1 record into that showdown, a rematch of last year's record-shattering 102-100 championship game.

Carlisle……..21 35 47 64
Reidland…….15 26 43 62

Carlisle (64)
Nichols 20, J. Martin 14, Jenkins 4, J. Yates, 2, Woods 8, R. Martin 16, Garrett, Carter.

Reidland (62)
Main 8, Sowash 16, Lovan 8, Holland 19, Lyles 6, Miller 4, Womble 1.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets Breeze In St. Mary Semis.
Carlisle Co. Streaks By Symsonia

Carlisle Co. 83
Symsonia 62
11-24-72 - Away

Carlisle County's determined Comets gained the lead at 8-7, with 3:54 to play in the first quarter of the opening semi-final game of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament, Friday night, and never again fell behind, as they victimized Symsonia's Rough Rider's 83-62.

Last year, the two teams met in the final game of the turkey Tournament in an exciting 102-100 confrontation that left Carlisle County the winner. The Rough Riders had surged from a 75-55 third quarter deficit to knot the score at 100 with just a few seconds remaining.

Friday night, the Rough Rider's had trouble gaining momentum. Down by a 63-41 score at the end of the third quarter, Coach Donnie Caldwell's five tried to make a comeback as they did last year, but a tough Comet full-court press forced four consecutive turnovers after the Graves Countians had opened the final frame with seven straight points.

The decisive quarter for the Yellowmen was the third, when they out scored the Riders 21-8. Coach Tom Buchanan's team opened the frame

Basketball tournament, last night.

The victory, the fifth in six outings for the Comets this season, produced a third consecutive championship in the St. Mary Turkey Tournament, for a Tom Buchanan-coached Carlisle team. No other school has won more then one title during the 8-year history of the event, let alone three in succession.

Martin and Nichols, the only two returning starters off last year's winning team, made sure the big trophy remained at Carlisle. Martin bagged 14 points, the biggest of all coming with only 57 seconds showing, and Nichols responded with 14 pts. and a game high 19 rebounds.

Ballard, ranked third in the First Region's preseason poll of coaches, made it to the finals with an inspiring 89-71 win over second–ranked Lowes, Friday night. The Bombers were able to offset the tall Blue Devil's but unable to hold back the speedy Comets.

Carlisle, ranked fourth in the poll after leading it all of last year, upended Symsonia, 83-62, to make it into the finals.

Blessed with abilities to fire from long range, play strong defense and run with authority, the Comets overcame a slow start to continue as "Turkey King" in these parts.

with 10 consecutive points before the senior guard Philip Butler canned a 20-foot jumper, from the top of the circle, with 4:15 showing on the clock.

The only other field goal in the frame for the losers came three minutes later when center Curtis Hobbs moved inside for a lay-up. The rest of the Rider scoring came on free throws.

The Rough Rider's had trouble cracking the tough Comet man-for-man full-court press defense throughout most of the game.

The Symsonia five spent most of the night shooting from the corners or from the top of the key. When they did get the ball to the inside, 6-3 Comet center Marty Nichols was usually there to make the basket tough for the Rough Rider shooters.

The Comet's biggest lead was 22 points, which came at the end of the third frame when the score was 63-41. The Rider's put on their fourth quarter surge to pull within 15 points, at 63-48, with 6:40 to play. At the end of the first quarter it looked as though the contest was going to be a carbon copy of the opening night of the eighth annual tournament.

In their first game of the tourn., the Comets edged upset mined Reidland by a 64-62 score, while the Rough Riders held on for a 74-70 win over Livingston Central.

The Rider's held their only lead of the game over the Comets at 7-6, when 6-3 forward Joe Heath canned a lay-up two minutes into the game. After the Comets bagged the next four points, the two teams exchanged baskets the rest of the way, to the end of the stanza, at 16-14.

Symsonia's Greg Farmer, 5-10 guard, made two free throws with 7:24 to play in the half to knot the score at 16, but Comet forward Mike Woods came back 40 seconds later to pick up the first three-point play of the game and give his team a never-to-be-lost lead.

Forward Mike Woods led the way with 18 points in the winning effort. Nichols followed with 15 while junior guard John Martin tallied 14 and Thomas Jenkins, a 5-11 forward, netted 12.

Other double figure finishers for the Rough Riders were forward Robert Whittemore at 17 and Butler at 14. Coach Caldwell went with his starting five most of the way, substituting late in the final quarter.

Responding to the call of an enthusiastic overflow crowd, Ballard and Carlisle put on a championship show during the final eight minutes. The two schools, natural rivals because of geographical location, battled head-to-head on the hardwood.

Carlisle, which had trailed 16-10 in the first quarter and moved to a 30-27 halftime advantage, carried a 46-41 lead into the final canto. Robert Martin quickly gave the Comets a seven-point lead with a putback to open the last stanza.

That lead stood on a zigzag basis through the first four minutes of the frame until the Bombers launched their comeback effort. Trailing 54-48 with 4:18 showing. Ballard sent junior jumping jack Leo Henderson to the baseline to trim it to four. Then with Coach Ron McAlister instructing his team to feed big center Rex Powell, things began to click.

Nichols had been guarding the 6-4 Bomber center , but turned those duties over to Robert Martin after drawing his fourth personal with just under five minutes left. The switch gave Powell enough operating room for two quick baskets inside the key, the second one coming with 2:02 left, to tie the score at 54.

Coach Tom Buchanan, whose team is ranked fourth by the first region coaches, in the pre-season poll, went with an eight man lineup that he has been using most of the season. He substituted freely, late in the fourth quarter, when he was confident the game was at hand.

Robert Martin, coming off the bench for the Comets, fouled out with 2:26 to play, after he scored eight points and played some fine defense. Jenkins was also forced to leave the game early when he collected his fifth foul with 1:46 left in the contest.

The only player to collect five fouls for Symsonia was Butler who went to the bench with the clock showing 1:54.

The Comets will be trying to capture their third consecutive St. Mary Thanksgiving Championship tonight when they take on Ballard County, who defeated Lowes 89-71 in the other semi-final game, played last night.

Carlisle……..16 42 63 83
Symsonia……..14 33 41 62

Carlisle (83)
Nichols 15, J. Martin 14, Jenkins 12, J. Yates 4, Woods 18, R. Martin 8, Garrett 4, Carter 6, Hendricks 2, Terry, D.J. Hoskins.

Symsonia (62)
Whittemore 17, Butler 14, Farmer 5, Heath 21, Hobbs 5, McManus, Mason 1, Holland 1.

St. Mary Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle Wins Third
Straight St. Mary Title

Carlisle Co. 60
Ballard Co. 56
11-25-72 - Away

Junior guard John Martin does not stand as tall as most basketball players, but the little Carlisle County guard stands tall in Comet land today … almost as tall as Marty Nichols, his 6-3 teammate.

The "Short" of the "Short-and-the-Tall" duo of the Comets, Martin is only 5-8, was instrumental in his team's 60-56 gutty performance against taller Ballard Co., in the finals of the 1972 St. Mary

Carlisle sent Woods into the corner for a long jumper seconds later to snap the tie, but Leo Henderson's jumper tied it again with 69 seconds left. John Martin, who dribbled the length of the floor, jumped and fired from 20 feet, to break that deadlock, and then the Comets had smooth sailing.

Meanwhile, another Comet, junior forward Mike Woods, who was a front-line reserve a year ago, also produced 14 points and sophomore forward Robert Martin came off the bench for eight big ones.

Martin, who also contributed seven assists, hit the threads with a 20-footer, just under the 1 minute level, to snap a 56 all deadlock and send the Comets back to the victory circle. Carlisle's Thomas Jenkins added a pair of free tosses during that last minute of play, to complete the scoring.

Ballard, which had rallied from a seven-point deficit, to standoffs at 54 and 56, as the clock ticked toward the final buzzer, failed to score during the last minute action. The Bombers kept the pressure alive, but couldn't make the ball drop.

Senior guard Glyn Humphrey, Powell and Henderson teamed to give Ballard its early lead in the hard-fought clash. Humphrey, who finished with 10 points and Henderson, who netted 14, hit

consistently from outside while Powell maneuvered around the key.

Powell finished as the game's top scorer with 22 points, inspired by his 10 field goals.

But Nichols and John Martin refused to let the Comets trail for long. The two sparked a second-quarter effort that gave Carlisle a 20-11 edge and a three-point lead at the break.

The Yellowmen first tied it at 16, fell four points back and then rallied to take the lead for the first time at 22-21, when Woods hit on a jumper at the tail of a fast break. Ballard regained the lead at 25-24 on a 25-foot Humphrey jumper, but it turned out to be their last. Robert Martin followed with a long jumper, with 60 seconds to go in the half, and the Comets never tailed again.

Nichols had nine of his 15 points, and many of his big rebounds, during that important quarter.

Carlisle never led by more than five points throughout the third frame, but refused to yield the lead. Then the up and down fourth quarter capped the well played battle.

Carlisle finished with 28 field goals, against 26 for the Bombers. The Comets suffered a 4 for 14 showing at the stripe, which could have spelled trouble, except Ballard tried only seven gratis throws during the entire game.

Carlisle……..10 30 46 60
Ballard……..16 27 41 56

Carlisle (60)
Nichols 15, J. Martin 14, Jenkins 7, Yates, Woods 14, R. Martin 8, Garrett 2.

Ballard (56)
Humphrey 10, Deweese 4, Powell 22, Henderson 14, O'Daniel 2, Johnston, Hammonds 4.

Comets
Ride Bulldogs

Carlisle Co. 103
Fulton City 72
12-01-72 - Home

Carlisle County jumped to a quick 33-14 lead after the first period of action and coasted to a 103-72 win over the visiting Bulldogs, here Friday night.

The Comets led 65-30 at the intermission, with substitutions made freely in the latter minutes of the third quarter for the remainder of the contest.

Out of 15 attempts from the line, the Comets hit 13. The Comets, 6-1, travel to Lowes to play Friday night.

Marty Nichols and Robert Martin had 18 each for the Comets.

Scott Curtis had 26 for the Bulldogs.

Carlisle……..33 65 83 103
Fulton City.....14 30 51 72

Carlisle (103)
Nichols 18, R. Martin 18, J. Martin 17, Garrett 8, Jenkins 6, Carter 8, Yates 12, Hendricks 4, Woods 12, Polivick, Hoskins, Stacy.

Fulton City (72)
Tharp 18, Dalton 18, Curtis 26, Beadles 2, Dean 4, Shell 4.

Second Ranked Comets
Race By No. 6 Blue Devil's

Carlisle Co. 92
Lowes 80
12-08-72 - Away

The Second ranked Comets had five men in double figures and defeated Lowes, 92-80, here Friday night.

The Comets, who moved to their second-place ranking after being picked fourth by area coaches in the pre-season poll, gained a three point lead at the first stop and had the same at the half. The visitors added four points, making it a 7 point margin, 63-56, at the end of three quarters. Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets tacked another five pts. onto that lead, to finish the game with a 12 pt. victory margin.

John Martin, a 5-8 junior guard, led the victors with 20 pts. Mike Woods followed closely with 19 markers and Marty Nichols bagged 18.

Steve Wyatt, the region's third leading scorer, took game honors with his 26 pt. performance. Ralph Austin and Mike Nessler collected 16 and 10 pts., respectively.

Carlisle hit on 51% of their shots from the field, while Lowes converted 33% of its floor shots. The Comets outrebounded the hosts, 41-36.

Carlisle……..17 41 63 92
Lowes……....14 38 56 80

Carlisle (92)
Nichols 18, Jenkins 10, R. Martin 13, Carter 2, J. Martin 20, Yates 8, Garrett 2, Woods 19.

Lowes (80)
Austin 16, G. Wyatt 2, S. Wyatt 26, Nessler 10, Jones 4, Simmons 2, Allen 20.

Comets Regroup
To Lace Oakers

Carlisle Co. 85
Lone Oak 71
12-19-72 - Home

Using a strong third quarter surge, Carlisle roared to an 85-71 win here Tuesday night.

The Comets rallying behind John Martin's 10 points, outscored the Flash 21-10 in the third period, to win their eighth, in nine outings. Martin, a 5-8 junior guard, poured in 24 pts., to lead the Comet attack. Marty Nichols and Mike Woods followed with 12 pts. apiece.

Lone Oak's Wayne Elliot, a 6-2 senior center, took game scoring honors with his 26 pt. effort. Don Page and Ronnie Goode followed with 14 and 10 pts., respectively.

Carlisle hit on 34 of 79 fgs. for 45% while Lone Oak connected on 27 of 54 for 50%.

Carlisle……..16 40 61 85
Lone Oak……..20 44 54 71

Carlisle (85)
Nichols 12, R. Martin 11, J. Martin 24, Garrett 4, Jenkins 9, Carter 9, Yates 4, Woods 12.

Lone Oak (71)
Elliott 26, Hobbs 6, Goode 10, Wordard 9, Page 14, Dreher 6.

Mayfield Tourn.
1st Round
Nichols Paces Comets
To Win Over Tigers.

Carlisle Co. 93
Murray 72
12-21-72 - Away

Streaking to a 12-point advantage in the first quarter, Carlisle County's second-ranked Comets rocketed past Murray High, 93-72, in the opening match of the Mayfield Invitational Tournament here Wednesday night.

Knocking the Tiger's off stride with its run-and-gun attack and pressure defense, Carlisle County upped the margin to 17 in the second period and coasted to its eighth straight win.

The Comets, now 9-1, will battle third-rated Calloway County in the first semi-final tilt Friday night, at 7 o'clock.

Carlisle County surged to an 11 point lead in the first six minutes of the opening stanza and the Tigers were inside ten only three times after that. In the second half, Murray High could get no closer than 14.

A three-point trip off the opening tip by sophomore Thomas Jenkins, put Carlisle County in motion and a similar effort by senior Marty Nichols at the six-minute mark, gave the Comets an 8-3 lead.

After a pair of free throws by Tigers forward George Landolt, Carlisle County unleashed the fast break. Forcing five turnovers with pressure tactics, the Comets piled ten points around a putback by Landolt, to surge to an 18-7 lead, with 2:15 to go in the initial canto.

Back-to-back buckets by center Danny Hudspeth and Ray Lane, trimmed the deficit to seven before Jenkins exploded.

The 5-11 forward netted five points in a 7-2 flurry that lifted Carlisle County into a 25-13 lead at the stop.

A jumper by Nichols from ten feet away, opening the second stanza, built the difference to 14 before the Comets slowed down. Taking advantage of a 3 minute Carlisle field goal drought, Murray High rallied to pull within nine twice before the half.

A free throw by Hudspeth with 4:29 showing, closed the gap to 31-22. A minute later, reserve Joe Regis bagged a free throw to put the Tigers within nine again, 34-25, but there the threat died.

Senior guard John Martin scored four straight Comet points to ignite the Carlisle offense. After a put-back by Hudspeth the Comets reeled off six more points in a row to cruise to a 17-point, 46-29, lead at the half.

Murray High continued to have trouble finding the range in the second half but managed to stay alive until the final two minutes of the third canto.

A 12-foot jumper by guard Glenn Jackson and a driving lay-up by the 5-11 junior, shaved the deficit to 14 at 5:36. The Tigers were within 14 again, with just over three minutes to play, following a fielder by Lane but Carlisle County broke away late in the period.

Back-to-back put-backs by Nichols capped a six-point spurt that swelled the difference to 20 points and the Comets bucketed the last seven points of the quarter, to go on top by 25, 73-48.

The Tigers lost three starters - Lane, Jackson and Dean Willis - via the foul route, during the closing drive by Carlisle County.

The Comets put the game away two minutes into the final period. After Murray High sacked the first four points of the frame, Carlisle County cranked up the wheels and poured in eight straight to rocket to a 3-point lead, 81-51 with 6: 08 left.

Nichols, a 6-3 center, was the game's high scorer with 23 points on eight field goals and 7 of 11 free throws. Jenkins chipped in 18 and Martin collected 15, to give the Comets three men in double figures.

Landolt canned six field goals and cashed 8 of 10 attempts at the charity stripe, to lead the Tigers with 20 points. Hudspeth wound up with 10.

Murray High slipped to 2-3 with the setback. Ranked tenth in the region, the Tigers have lost to the three top-rated teams.

Carlisle.....25 46 73 93
Murray.....13 29 48 72

Carlisle (93)
Nichols 23, R. Martin, J. Martin 15, Garrett 3, Jenkins 18, Carter 8, Yates 7, Hendrix 3, Woods 12, Polivick, Hoskins, Stacy 4.

Murray (72)
Willis, Resig 1, Landolt 20, Miller 4, Hudspeth 15, Wilder 1, Jackson 8, Scott 6, Lane 7, Childress 6, Shelly 4.

Mayfield Tourn.
2nd Round
Calloway Eliminates
Comets in Semifinals

Carlisle Co. 65
Calloway Co. 76
12-23-72 - Away

Calloway Co. socked Carlisle Co. 76-65, in the battle of 2nd ranked teams, here Friday night, and earned a berth in the finals in the Mayfield Invitational.

The two teams entered the contest deadlocked in second place in the First Region in the weekly coaches poll but the Lakers proved tops Friday night and evened their seasonal effort against the Comets.

Calloway Co. dropped an 80-73 game to Carlisle Co., earlier this season, for its only loss in 9 outings. The Comets have lost but twice in 11 outings.

Controlling the tempo of the game with their towering size and snuffing out the Comets fast break, the Lakers followed the hot hand of Greg Howard to a 15 pt. advantage in the second quarter. Calloway Co. led by 12 early in the final canto but had to extinguish a furious charge by the Comets in the closing minutes of play.

Buckets by Jerry Duncan and Randy Shelton gave the Lakers the first four pts. of the fourth frame and a 59-47 lead with 7 minutes left. With the 2 Calloway big men – 6-7 James Wells and 6-5 Dan Thompson – on the bench with 4 fouls, however, Carlisle battled back to within 2 pts. in the next 2 minutes.

The Comets reeled off 6 straight pts. before Laker coach Jerry Conley inserted Thompson back into the scuffle. After a jumper from the corner by Howard, Carlisle poured in 6 more pts., to trim the margin to 61-59, with 5:02 to play.

Wells, then joined Howard in the lineup and the 2 big men took charge of the boards and quelled the Comet uprising. Holding Carlisle scoreless for over 3 minutes, Calloway stripped through 10 pts., to surge to a 71-59 lead, with 2:03 remaining.

Three Comets excited on fouls during the breakaway and the Lakers upped the difference to 15 pts., before Carlisle collected the last 4 pts. of the game.

Howard, the first region's leading scorer, claimed game scoring honors with 24 pts. on 10 fgs. and 4/8 from the line. Duncan followed with 16 for the Lakers. Wells bagged 14 and Shelton had 12.

Sophomore Thomas Jenkins was tops for Carlisle with 17 pts. Woods and John Martin added 16 and 14 pts., respectively.

Howard, a 6-3 junior, sparked Calloway to a commanding lead in the first half scoring 18 pts. before the break, 12 of them coming in the 2nd period. The Comets managed to hold their ground, however, until they fell victim to a cold streak and the overpowering strength on the boards.

Calloway scored the first 4 pts. of the game but fell apart briefly on the Carlisle press. The Comets netted 7 pts. in a row to slip out in front 7-4, with 5:25 to go in the opening stanza.

Wells sandwiched a pair of fielders around a ft. to knot the score at 8. After another deadlock at 12, Howard and Wells, bagged back-to-back jumpers, to send the Lakers into the second period ahead 16-12, and Calloway never trailed again.

The overwhelming height advantage began to tell in the 2nd stanza and the Lakers rocketed to a 13-pt. edge in only 2 minutes. After a driving lay-up by Robert Martin, the Calloway quint shredded the nets for 11 straight pts.

Included in the streak was a spurt that amounted to a 5-pt. play. Thomason sank the 1st of a bonus ft. but missed the second attempt and the Lakers controlled the reb. Howard, who scored 8 in the breakaway, sneaked underneath for a 2-pointer and was fouled on the play. He missed and again Calloway gathered the loose ball. A jumper by Duncan climaxed the monopoly under the bucket.

Two fts. by Howard lifted the Lakers into a 27-14 lead with 6:04 to play and the Comets didn't begin to recover until the final stanza.

Four straight pts. by Woods highlighted a 6-pt. sprint by Carlisle, that trimmed the difference to 9 pts. later in the quarter but the Lakers still led by 10 at the intermission.

Wells and Thompson both went to the bench with their 4th personal fouls in the 3rd period and Carlisle steadily climbed back within striking distance. Calloway maintained at least a 10-pt. spread until the final two minutes when a pair of fts. by Jenkins, and a jumper by Garrett, shaved the deficit to 7 pts.

The Lakers quickly upped the lead to 10 again but a fielder from deep in the corner by John Martin reduced the margin to 8, going into the final stanza.

The first 4 pts. of the 4th period by the Lakers, appeared to give Calloway breathing room in the final stanza, but the Comets had one flurry left. It fell short, however, against the Calloway quint.

Calloway……16 41 55 76
Carlisle……..12 31 47 65

Calloway (76)
Shelton 12, Duncan 16, Wells 14, Howard 24, Thompson 7, Conner, Miller, Walters 3.

Carlisle (65)
Nichols 8, R. Martin 4, J. Martin 14, Garrett 2, Jenkins 17, Carter 2, Yates 2, Hendrix, Woods 16.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. Turns Table
Around With Run-Away Over Calloway Co.

Carlisle Co. 84
Calloway Co. 68
12-28-72 - Away

What a difference a week makes!

For example, take the case of Carlisle County and Calloway County where the difference is victory and defeat.

Last Friday, Calloway's tall and talented Lakers, scored an inspiring 76-65 triumph over small but fast Carlisle, snapping an eight-game win streak for the Comets. The semifinal victory sent Coach Jerry Conley's Lakers toward the championship of the first annual Mayfield Invitational Tournament.

But, last night, the shoe was on the other foot. Using speed, pressure and a hot shooting hand to full advantage. Coach Tom Buchanan's Yellowmen from Carlisle streaked to a 84-68 run-away over the Lakers, electrifying a full house of more than 3,500 in the Paducah Tilghman gymnasium.

Ironically, the Comet victory snapped an eight-game Calloway streak.

The win fires the Comets into the semifinals of the prestigious Tilghman Invitational Tournament, and it kept alive Carlisle's hopes of winning a third consecutive title in this, the 28th event, on Paducah hardwood.

Actually, it was the third meeting between the two First Region powers this season, who are tied for the No. 2 position, in the Sun-Democrat's most recent poll of First Region coaches.

Carlisle opened its eight-game victory trail with an 80-73 triumph over the Lakers back on Nov. 17th. Calloway reversed it last week, but the Comets will carry a 2-1 edge into a fourth meeting set Feb. 6th, at Murray.

The most recent confrontation proved to be a turn-around that few people, who had not watched Buchanan-coached Comet teams in recent years, would have believed. Carlisle seemingly was out of it during the early goings, trailing by as many as 13 points during the opening canto. But the Comets came to play .... and play they did!

Rallying behind a fullcourt press and their always effective run-and-gun offensive fast-break, the Comets ripped off two streaks that not only erased that early deficit but vaulted them beyond the reach of the struggling Lakers.

Calloway's Greg Howard, who finished with a game-high 33 points, set the stage for the first streak by dropping a lay-up with less than a minute to go in the first period. It gave his Lakers a 21-8 advantage, their second 13-point bulge of the opening frame.

Only seconds earlier, Carlisle had switched from its opening zone to full-court pressure, and the first Comet streak was in the making. Marty Nichols, Carlisle's talented 6-3 senior center, cashed two buckets before the end of the first quarter, to open the spurt, the second one from 25 feet just as the horn sounded.

It cut the Laker advantage to 21-12 at the first stop, but the Comets were not through. Carlisle ripped off 12 more points, during the first three minutes of the second frame, making it 16 straight and pulling from that 8-21 deficit to a 24-21 lead. And, they never looked back.

Before the smoke settled in the second quarter, the Comets had pulled into a 9-point advantage, 36-27, with a minute and a half to go. Calloway, which scored only 12 points in the frame, got half of them against a single marker for the Comets during the fading seconds of the quarter, but still trailed 37-33 at the break.

Ironically, Howard set the stage for Carlisle's second game-winning wind mill, in the third quarter, the 6-2 junior cashed a lay-up early in the second half, to pull his Lakers within two points, 37-35, of the Comets. Then, the door slammed!

Nichols followed a quick bucket by teammate Thomas Jenkins, with three straight of his own, starting a trip that was to net 18 points for the Comets while the Lakers were failing to score. Calloway had their chances during the streak but couldn't out-do the hustling Comets.

The Lakers didn't score again until 6-7 sophomore center James Wells cashed a lay-up at the 1:06 level, more than 6½ minutes after Howard's lay-up. By then, it was too late. For the Comets had things well under control. Carlisle led by 20 after the 18-point bomb and then by 22, 59-37, seconds before the end of the frame.

The Yellowmen led by 22 early in the final period, also before the Lakers launched a last ditch rally that pulled them within 12 twice during the last three minutes. But, reserve forward Robert Martin, younger brother of starting guard John Martin, scored eight of his nine points during that stretch, to insure the victory for the Comets. John Martin also had a pair of free tosses during the stretch and Nichols ended it all with a long jumper, five seconds before the horn.

Nichols bagged 11 fielders and all four of his free tosses to spark the Comet scoring machine. John Martin, who makes the running game go,

followed closely with 20 points, also hitting all four of his gratis throws.

In fact, Carlisle hit the threads 18 times in 22 tries from the line, a sizzling effort that Calloway almost duplicated with a 20-for-25 showing.

But, the Comets took 16 more shots from the floor and hit nine of them. Carlisle bagged 33 of 71 field tries, good for 46.5 per cent while the Lakers hit on 24 of 55, 43.6 per cent. Rebounds were almost even, the hustling Comets claiming a 32-28 advantage but turnovers were far from equal. The Lakers were charged with 29 mistakes against 18 for the Yellowmen.

Mike Woods, a 6-1 junior forward, and Jenkins, a 5-11 sophomore, joined Nichols and Martin in double figures with 14 and 11 for the Comets. Nichols' 11 rebounds led all players and Jenkins' 9, topped the 8 awarded to Calloway's Howard.

The Laker standout, one of the First Region's top scorers with his 22.9 average prior to game-time, duplicated Nichols' fielders but took scoring honors by cashing 11 of 13 gratis throws. Thirteen of his 33 points came in the first quarter and the final 15 were cashed in the final canto when the Lakers were making their charge.

Wells, one of the Lakers to foul out, collected 20 points before leaving with 3: 24 to go.

The win leaves Carlisle with a 10-2 mark and Calloway at 9-2.

Carlisle.....12 37 59 84
Calloway.....21 33 38 68

Carlisle (84)
Nichols 26 J. Martin 20, Jerkins 11, Yates 4, Woods 14, R. Martin 9, Garrett.

Calloway (68)
Wells 20, Duncan 6, Thompson 3, Howard 33, Shelton 4, Waters, Conners, Ferguson 1,

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Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round
Collins Bags 36 As
Bluemen Repel Comets Comeback

Carlisle Co. 73
Tilghman 85
12-29-72 - Away

Carlisle County' hustling Comets won't win a third consecutive Paducah Tilghman Invitational Tournament championship this year - a fact made certain by the only school to ever accomplish that feat - the host Tilghman Tornado.

Tilghman, an 82-60 loser to the Comets in last year's tourn. semi-finals, when Carlisle was a step away from its second straight title, gained a bit of revenge with an 85-73 triumph over the YeIlowmen Friday night. It was the 9th straight triumph for the Blue Tornado and sent them into the 1972 championship tilt against Lyon Co.

The Tilghman-Carlisle confrontation carried all the ingredients of a headline attraction.

The host Tornado entered as the only unbeaten team left in the First Region. A mark that has kept Tilghman atop the Sun-Democrat's weekly poll of coaches from the outset. Carlisle earned the Region's number two ranking after eliminating Calloway County 84-68 Thursday night, thus making Friday's showdown a clash between numbers one and two. Carlisle and Calloway were tied in the most recent poll.

The two clubs also entered the clash with two of the top scorers in the First Region – Tilghman's Keith Collins, ranking seventh at tip-off, with a 20.4 average and Carlisle's John Martin following closely in 13th, with an even 16-point showing. And, the two put on an individual spectacle, matched only by the overall performance of the game itself.

Collins, a slippery 6-4 senior forward, worked his way around the basket for a game-high 36 points, but Martin, a contrasting 5-8 junior guard, almost matched him with 31 of his own. Meanwhile, three other players from each team hit in double figures.

As anticipated in pre-game circles, the game was one of the best-played battles of the tourn. Both clubs came to play, armed with fast-break offenses and sticky defenses. And, both played up to expectations except during one quarter - the opening eight minutes when the Comets fell behind by a 21-8 count.

Carlisle never led during the game after Collins inspired Tilghman's dominating force during the first canto. The Tornado forward scored 11 points during that frame, a 3-pt. trip midway through the effort giving the host quint en early seven-point advantage.

Eventually, Randie Dublin's lay-up of a bullet feed from Buzz Peel, two seconds before the horn, gave Tilghman its widest lead of the quarter.

Then, the Bluemen duplicated that l3-pt., lead five times early in the second frame before Carlisle went to its effective running game to trim it to eight. A 35-second streak netted 6 points for Tilghman, however, the Tornado held it's first of two 14-pt. leads.

Carlisle again trimmed it to eight midway through the third stanza, only to see the leading Bluemen surge back out by 13, a lead they held off and on for the rest of the quarter.

John Martin, whose brother Robert had cut Tilghman's lead to 63-52 only seconds before the end of the third frame, scored 5 pts. in less than a minute during a red-hot streak, to open the final eight minutes. He took a fast break lay-up for his first bucket and followed 30 seconds later with an almost identical trip. This time, however, he drew a foul and a free toss, cutting the lead to six points, 63-57, with 7:16 to go.

Tilghman Coach Berny Miller called for a time out, replaced Dublin who had left the action late in the third canto with his fourth personal foul, and the Blue express was cooking again. Dublin, a 6-1 senior guard-forward, immediately went to the stripe to hit the first of two free tosses, just nine seconds before reserve forward Don Menefee did the same thing. Then, 30 seconds later, Menefee converted a tip and the Tornado moved back out front by ten.

John Martin countered with a baseline jumper but Menefee erased that with one of his own. Dublin took a give-and-go perfectly from Collins for a lay-up and Collins converted a put-back during the next few seconds, to shoot the Bluemen into a 14-point, 73-59 advantage.

Coach Tom Buchanan's quint cut it back to eight briefly after Tilghman went into a spread formation slowdown, with three minutes to go, but the Tornado made eight of nine free tosses during the fading seconds, before missing their last three tries. Collins cashed a tip following one of those misses for an 8-pt. lead with just 11 seconds to go.

Collins, who hit on 12 of 20 shots from the floor and 12 of 13 free tries, also sparked the Tornado to a 40-28 rebound edge, by claiming exactly half that total. The lean senior had nine offensive and 11 defensive retrieves. In addition, he contributed five assists for the victorious Bluemen.

Dublin, a driving force in Tilghman's effort, finished with 14 points and four assists while senior center Gary Hamilton also counted 14 and Menefee cashed 10 in his relief role. Peel counted nine points and five assists.

John Martin cashed 13 of 19 field tries and five of six at the stripe for his 31-point effort. His sophomore brother Robert, getting only his second start this season, followed closely with 16 points with senior Marty Nichols and sophomore Thomas Jenkins each getting 10.

Tilghman.....21 32 63 85
Carlisle.....8 30 52 73

Tilghman (85)
Collins 36, Dublin 14, Hamilton 14, Peel 9, Williams 2, Menefee 10, Robertson.

Carlisle (73)
J. Martin 31, Nichols 10, Jenkins 10, Yates 2, Woods 4, R. Martin 16.

Tilghman Tourn.
Consolation
Daviess Co. Rips
Carlisle Co. In Tilghman Tourn.

Carlisle Co. 66
Daviess Co. 83
12-30-72 - Away

After a disastrous game against Lyon Co. Fri. night, Daviess Co. had something to prove to the fans of Western Ky.

And prove it they did, as the Panthers used their superior height and sizzling out-side shooting to defeat 1st region power Carlisle Co., 83-66, in the consolation game of the Tilghman Christmas tourn., Sat. night.

Bob Zuerner, who scored 22 pts. in each of the first two games, bagged a game-high 24 pts., to give him a total of 68 for the three games. Greg Schroeder, who scored 30 pts. in the opener against Greenville, contributed 18. David Clements and Jeff Johnson added 15 and 13, respectively, for the Panthers.

John Martin, who bagged 20 and 31 pts. in the first 2 games, led the Comets with 15 pts. Marty Nichols and Thomas Jenkins followed with 13 and 12 pts., respectively.

The Panthers, in gaining their 6th win of the season, scored 23, 21, 18 and 21 pts., respectively, to claim 3rd place in the tourney.

Daviess Co. jumped on the scoreboard first on two quick fielders by Johnson and Zuerner, to give the Panthers a 4-0 advantage. But the Comets caught up 2½ minutes later, knotting the score at 8-all. That was to be the only time in the game that it would be tied.

The Panthers scored 13 straight pts. during the next 4 minutes, to grab a 23-8 lead, before Jenkins cashed a putback, to leave the Yellowmen 13 pts. down, (23-10) at the first stop.

The Redmen scored first in the second frame, but the Comets rallied for 6 straight pts., to cut the lead to 9. The margin varied from 9 to 14 during the next minute and a half until the Panthers surged for 4 straight pts. to run their lead to 18, the largest margin of the first half.

Carlisle outscored Daviess Co. 16-7 during the final 3 minutes of the half, to once again cut the Panther lead to 9.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets took the opening tip in the 3rd period and proceeded to mount up 10 straight pts., to grab their first and only lead of the game (45-44) with 5:33 remaining in the 3rd canto.

But the Panthers of Coach Randy Embry, responded with 6 straight pts. of their own, to grab a 50-45 lead with over 4 minutes to go. The Yellowmen cut the lead to 3 but were never able to get within 4 pts. the rest of the way.

Daviess Co. used scoring streaks of 6 and 4 pts., to grab a 15 pt. advantage, with 5½ minutes left in the contest.

The Carlisle Countians cut the lead to 12 with 3:27 remaining but the Panthers retaliated with 5 straight pts., to squelch all hopes of a Comet victory.

Daviess Co., a tall and talented Third Region squad, dominated the boards, pulling of 42 rebs. to Carlisle's 27. The Panthers bagged 37/70 fgs. for 55% and collected 9/13 fts. for 69% in gathering their game winning 83 pts.

The Comets, meanwhile, bucketed 25 fgs. and dropped in 16/24 fts., to collect their 66 pts.

Carlisle Co., who won the Tilghman Tourn. the last 2 yrs., entered the consolation match following an 84-68 loss to Tourn. Champion Tilghman.

Daviess Co. earned the right to compete in the consolation game when the Panthers defeated Third Region rival Greenville, 81-78, in a come-from-behind victory and lost to Lyon Co., 72-52, in Friday's semifinal contest.

Daviess……..22 44 62 83
Carlisle……..10 35 56 66

Daviess (83)
Clement 15, Wells 7, Schroder 18, Zuerner 24, Johnson 13, Harrison 2, Barr 4, Wilkerson.

Carlisle (66)
Nichols 12, J. Martin 15, Jenkins 12, Woods 1, R. Martin 7, Yates 8, Garrett 2, Carter 8, Hendrix.

Comets Hit Century Mark To Override Fulton City

Carlisle Co. 100
Fulton City 72
01-02-73 - Away

Carlisle Co. reached the century mark here Tuesday night, as the high-flying Comets drubbed host Fulton City, 100-72, on the hardwood.

The victory was the 11th of the season for coach Tom Buchanan's quintet, which has lost only four games. The loss was Fulton's 6th against two victories.

Five Carlisle Co. players scored in double figures, led by J.J. Yates, a sharp shooting 5-9 senior guard, with 22 pts.

Other Comets in double figures included John Martin with 20, Thomas Jenkins with 15, and Marty Nichols and Mike Woods with 11 pts. each.

Game scoring honors, however, went to Fulton City's Scott Curtis, a 6-3 sophomore, who netted 31 pts., in a losing effort. Egbert Tharp added 17 for the Bulldogs.

Carlisle……...21 57 80 100
Fulton City…..13 31 51 72

Carlisle (100)
Nichols 11, R. Martin 8, J. Martin 20, Garrett 7, Jenkins 15, Yates 22, Hendrix 4, Woods 11, Hoskins 1, Partin 2.

Fulton City (72)
Tharp 17, Parker 6, Curtis 31, Dalton 6, Blockwell 7, Shell 2, Patton 3.

Comets Streak to Nod Over Pilots

Carlisle Co. 80
Fulton Co. 46
01-05-73 - Home

Coach Tom Buchanan's Carlisle County Comets streaked to their 12th victory of the campaign by shellacking visiting Fulton County, 80-46, here Friday night.

The Comets led 18-10 at the first stop but broke the game wide open with full-court pressure, in the second stanza, to take a 42-16 halftime lead.

The margin continued to mount in the second half, even though Coach Buchanan substituted freely.

John Martin, a 5-8 junior guard, gunned in 19 points to pace the Comets' assault on the basket.

Thomas Jenkins, Marty Nichols, and Mike Woods also reached double figures, while Nichols and Jenkins each pulled down 13 rebounds.

Mike Pearson scored 12 points to pace the visiting Pilots.

The Comets hit 36 of 82 (43%) from the field and captured 26 rebounds.

The Comets, now 12-4, host Ballard County Tuesday night in an inter-district contest.

Carlisle……..18 42 58 80
Fulton Co……10 16 26 46

Carlisle (80)
Nichols 10, J. Martin 19, Jenkins 14, Hoskins 4, Yates 4, Hendricks 4, Woods 12, Polivick 1, DeJarnett 2, Allen 2.

Fulton (46)
Pearson 12, Hagler 11, Kinney 3, Amberg 2, McClanahan 10, Sheehan 8.

2nd Ranked Comets Roll Past Ballard Co.

Carlisle Co. 84
Ballard Co. 66
01-12-73 - Home

Carlisle County sent four players into double figures and handed Ballard Co. an 84-66 setback here, Friday night.

The second-ranked Comets, according to this week's poll of area coaches, carried a 19-15 lead after the first stop and increased the margin to seven points, 40-33, at the intermission.

Ballard, currently rated fifth in the region, slipped to a 12 point deficit after three stops.

John Martin led all scorers as he netted 20 points for the Comets. Thomas Jenkins was next with 16. Marty Nichols followed with 15 and Mike Woods added 14 to the effort.

Pacing the Bombers was Glyn Humphrey who finished the contest with 17 points. Two other Ballard players to reach twin figures were Ken Stewart with 11 and Leo Henderson with 10.

The key statistics in the game were found in the rebounding department. Carlisle collected 40 retrieves while limiting Ballard Co., to 27.

Carlisle……..19 40 60 84
Ballard……...15 33 48 66

Carlisle (84)
Nichols 15, R. Martin 20, Garrett 2, Jenkins 16, Yates 9, Woods 14, Hendrix 2, Carter 4.

Ballard (66)
Humphrey 17, L. Henderson 10, Deweese 3, Powell 8, Harrington 2, Hammonds 5, Stewart 11, Cavanaugh 7, O'Daniel 1, Johnston 2.

Falcons Streak By Comets

Carlisle Co. 55
Hickman Co. 64
01-16-73 - Away

Hickman County sent four players into double-figures and handed Carlisle County, ranked second among area schools, a 64-55 setback here Tuesday night.

The Falcons, who are tied with Calloway County for the third ranking in the latest poll, found themselves down by four, 14-10, after the first stop, but roared back in the second frame to tie the game at 24-all at the first half horn.

Hickman County then began to steadily up their margin after grabbing an early lead in the opening minutes of the third period, before moving into the final canto on top by four, 44-40.

The victors then sent 20 more points through the hoops while holding the Comets to 15, for the nine-point winning margin.

Falcons in double figures included Isaac Childress with 19, James Jordan with 13, Wallace Grundy with 12 and Sidney Spate with 10.

John Martin paced the Comets with 21. J.J. Yates and Thomas Jerkins each tallied 10.

Carlisle……..14 24 40 55
Hickman.....10 24 44 64

Carlisle (55)
Woods 6, Jenkins 10, Nichols 6, J. Martin 21, Yates 10, Garrett 2, Carter, R. Martin.

Hickman (64)
Spate 10, Grundy 12, Childress 19, Weatherspoon 4, Jordan 13, Fitts 6, Spraggs.

Comets win 14th By Blasting Lions

Carlisle Co. 99
Sedalia 72
01-19-73 - Home

Carlisle County's second-ranked Comets pasted visiting Sedalia, 99-72, here Friday night.

Coach Tom Buchanan's cagers rolled up a 9 point advantage, in the first period, and doubled it by halftime, en route to win No. 14, against 5 losses.

The balanced Carlisle County scoring attack featured six men in double figures. Sophomore Greg Carter led the way with 17 markers, followed by Marty Nichols with 15, Thomas Jenkins with 14, Robert Martin with 11 and J.J. Yates and Mike Woods with 10 each.

Jim Foy was tops for the Lions with 16 points. Richard Leech added 15, William Pittman bagged 14 and Frank Moore had 11.

Carlisle County sacked 41 of 96 field goal attempts for 44 per cent and cashed 17 of 22 free throws. Sedalia hit 45 per cent on 28 of 62 floor shots and netted 16 of 24 charity shots.

Paced by Nichols' 17 rebounds, the Comets managed an overwhelming 53-30 advantage on the boards.

Carlisle……..20 44 73 99
Sedalia……...11 26 45 72

Carlisle (99)
Nichols 15, J. Martin 2, R. Martin 11, DeJarnett 6, Jenkins 14, Carter 17, Yates 10, Hendricks 8, Woods 10, Morgan 4, Terry 2, Stacy.

Sedalia (72)
Pittman 14, Leech 15, Moore 11, Foy 16, McAlpin 6, Dublin 7, Carter 3.

2nd- Ranked Carlisle Comets Storm Past Mayfield

Carlisle Co. 75
Mayfield 60
01-20-73 - Home

Carlisle County's second ranked Comets rolled up a 10 pt. advantage in the first half and roared to a 75-60 victory over Mayfield, here Sat. night.

The Redbirds, 6th in the rankings, trailed by only 2 at the end of the first stop but dropped steadily behind the rest of the way.

Senior Marty Nichols spearheaded the Comet attack with a game-high 21 pts. The 6-3 center also had 14 rebs. Mike Woods also collected 15 pts. and the same number of retrieves.

The Martin brothers also reached double figures for Carlisle Co. John bucketed 15 and Robert bagged 12.

Wayne Lovelace topped Mayfield with 14 markers. Bill Hubbard chipped in 12, Larry Sanderson canned 11 and Keith Pile had 10.

Carlisle hit 39% from the field hitting on 27/69 and cashed 21/30 fts. Mayfield connected on 23/68 from the floor for 34% and added 12/17 fts.

Carlisle……..19 29 58 75
Mayfield……...14 29 44 60

Carlisle (75)
Nichols 21, R. Martin 12, J. Martin 15, DeJarnett 4, Yates 8, Woods 15.

Mayfield (60)
Williams 4, Pile 10, Sanderson 17, Hubbard 12, Lovelace 14, Schofield 4, Roberts 4, Hawkins 1.

Comets Withstand
Pirate Comeback

Carlisle Co. 72
Heath 66
01-26-73 - Away

Carlisle Co. staved off a furious 4th period rally by Heath and hung on to down the Pirates, 72-66, at Heath on Friday night.

The winning Comets, now 16-6, held a comfortable 12-pt. lead, 37-25, at halftime, but the host Bucs roared back and sliced the final margin to 6.

With 1:10 left in the game, the Comets led only by 2, but that was as close as the Pirates would get. Several trips to the ft. line plus a couple of put-backs, enabled Carlisle to extend it's final victory margin.

Carlisle hit 29/56 fg. attempts while Heath connected on 23/47 tries. The Comets out-rebounded their hosts 33-30.

Thomas Jenkins, a 5-11 sophomore forward, paced the Comets with 17 pts., while teammate John Martin added 16.

Daryl Bowen canned 19 pts. to lead Heath while Champ Webb tossed in 17 markers.

Carlisle……..19 37 52 72
Heath…….....12 25 42 66

Carlisle (72)
Nichols 6, R. Martin 6, J. Martin 16, Garrett 4, Jenkins 17, Yates 7, Hendrix 4, Woods 12.

Heath (66)
Tisdal 12, Nance 2, Webb 17, Wright 10, Mansfield 4, Bowen 19, Hines 2.

Carlisle Smashes
Louisville Quint

Carlisle Co. 83
Louisville P.R.P 75
01-27-73 - Home

Carlisle County used a mild second-period surge and a solid third-quarter outburst, to build an early lead, en route to an 83-75 basketball victory, over visiting Pleasure Ridge Park of Louisville, Saturday night.

The loss left PRP, a 78-72 overtime winner over Ballard Co., Friday night, with a split in weekend games against First Region Teams.

Carlisle broke from an 18-18 first quarter deadlock, into a 39-33 halftime advantage, before outscoring the visiting quint 23-13, in the third quarter, to pull into a 16-point command. PRP claimed a 29-21 burst in the fourth quarter, but it was too late.

Five Comets hit in double figures, sophomore forward Robert Martin led the way with 18 points, forward Mike Woods added 15, center Marty Nichols 14, and guards John Martin and J.J. Yates, 12 and 11, respectively. Minton's 28 and Roberts' 21 paced the Louisville scoring.

Carlisle bagged 26 of 76 field tries and 27 of 43 from the stripe while PRP scored on 27 and 77 attempts from the floor and 19 of 26 free tosses.

Carlisle.....18 39 62 83
P. R. P……...18 33 46 75

Carlisle (83)
Nichols 14, R. Martin 18, J. Martin 12, Garrett 4, Jenkins 9, Yates 11, Woods 15.

P. R. P. (75)
Minton 28, Roberts 21, Bessell 4, Jeffries 4, Gilliam 8, Napier 6, Emerson 4.

Jenkins Buckets 32 Points
To Fire Comets Past Pilots

Carlisle Co. 101
Fulton Co. 84
02-02-73 - Away

Third-ranked Carlisle County rode Thomas Jenkins' 32-point performance, and three other double figure scorers to a 101-84 romp over the host Fulton County Pilots here Friday night.

The Comets had a 27-19 edge after one period and held a 10-point margin, 55-45, at the intermission. The fast-breaking Carlisle County quint extended the lead to 85-62, after three quarters.

Following Jenkins in scoring for the Comets were J. J. Yates with 23 markers, John Martin with 20 and Marty Nichols at 14.

Pearson and Hagler each tallied 22 for the Pilots. Sheehan managed 16 and McClannahan had 11. Sheehan also led his team in rebounds with 20.

Fulton County, now 6-11, travels to Farmington and Carlisle County, 18-5, hits the road for a head-on clash with top-ranked Tilghman, Tuesday night.

Carlisle……...27 55 85 101
Fulton Co……19 45 62 84

Carlisle (101)
Nichols 14, J. Martin 20, R. Martin 2, Yates 23, Jenkins 32, Woods 2, Garrett 2, DeJarnatt 2, Partin 2.

Fulton Co. (84)
Pearson 22, Alexander 2, Sheehan 16, Hagler 22, McClannahan 11, Amberg 9, Winters.

Top-Ranked Bluemen
Rally To Nudge Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 75
Tilghman 68
02-03-73 - Home

Displaying the poise and confidence that has earned them 17 victories and a number one ranking, Paducah Tilghman's Blue Tornado edged by third-ranked Carlisle County, 75-68, in a come-from-behind win here, Saturday night.

The Bluemen trailed throughout the second and third quarters, but they outscored the Comets 25 to 12 in the final canto, to grab the win.

Tilghman entered that final period trailing 56-50, but the visitors scored the first four points of the quarter on back-to-back fielders by Don Menefee and Buzz Peel, to cut the gap to two.

Carlisle's Robert Martin bagged a 20-foot jumper from the right side to boost the margin to four again. But a short jumper by senior center Gary Hamilton, and two clutch free throws by senior guard Randy Dublin, knotted the score at 58, with 5:52 showing.

Exactly one minute later, Hamilton scored again to put Tilghman on top for the first time since the 2:50 mark in the opening quarter.

The Comets tied it again at 60 on a 20-footer by senior guard J.J. Yates. A driving layup by Carlisle's Marty Nichols, offset two charity tosses by Menefee, to even it again at 62.

Little John Martin drove the lane and dropped in a short jumper, to give the Yellowmen a 64-62 advantage. But Tilghman countered with two free throws by Dublin, to knot the score again at 64.

Then, Dublin followed a Nichols' putback with a 10-footer to deadlock it for the last time, at 66.

The Bluemen tightened up their half-court pressure defense, forcing Carlisle to take bad shots or turn the ball over.

Taking advantage of Comet miscues, the Tornado rolled up six straight points on fielders by Dublin and Collins, a three-point play by Peel and a free throw by Menefee.

That minute-and-a-half spurt gave the Paduchans a 72-66 lead, with just less than a minute showing on the fourth quarter clock.

Then, Yates managed a short jumper 10 seconds later, to cut the margin to four. The Comets applied a full-court press and forced a Tilghman turnover. But the hosts failed to convert and Tilghman retained possession for most of the remaining 46 seconds.

Dublin managed another ft. and Collins cashed a putback to boost the Tornado margin to 7 before the horn sounded.

Tilghman had led for much of the 1st quarter. The Bluemen scored first on a Dublin fielder. Then, Hamilton and Peel followed a Robert Martin putback with fielders to boost the lead to 4.

The Comets cut the lead to one on a 3-pt. play by Thomas Jenkins. They battled the Paduchans evenly for the next 4 minutes, finally knotting the score at 12, with 2:14 to go in the 1st quarter.

The Yellowmen gained the lead for the first time with 1:10 left in the 1st quarter. That advantage held up for about 2½ quarters.

Carlisle, powered by the rebounding of Jenkins and Nichols and the fine outside shooting and ball handling of the Martins' and J.J. Yates, continued to add to that lead throughout the 2nd and 3rd quarters, despite Tilghman's pressing defense.

The Comets extended that lead to 8 midway of the 2nd period, but Collins, who had scored only once from the field in the opening frame, began to find the range. The 6-4 leaper bagged 10 of Tilghman's 18 pts. in that 2nd quarter.

The Bluemen, in gaining their second victory of the weekend, cashed 32/54 fgs. for a sizzling 59% while Carlisle managed 31/62 fgs. for a respectable 50%. Tilghman cashed 11/15 fts. while the Comets managed only 6/13 from the charity stripe.

Carlisle.....18 38 56 68
Tilghman.....16 34 50 75

Tilghman (75)
Collins 20, Dublin 17, Menefee 11, Hamilton 6, Williams 2, Peel 19, Robinson.

Carlisle (68)
Nichols 18, J. Martin 10, R. Martin 14, Yates 8, Jenkins 18, Garrett.

Lakers Even Series
Against Comets

Carlisle Co. 67
Calloway Co. 70
02-06-73 - Away

Balanced scoring by four players helped Calloway County come from behind to upend Carlisle County, 70-67, before an overflow crowd in the Laker gym, Tuesday night.

The win, evened the ledger at 2-2, between the two top ranked schools this season. Coach Jerry Conley's Lakers, ranked fourth behind third-

rated Carlisle, upped their record to 16-5, while Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets dipped to 18-7.

Calloway vaulted into a 21-11 first-period lead, but watched the surging Comets roar from behind during the next two frames, to claim a two-point advantage, with a quarter to go. Carlisle took a narrow 22-20 upper hand in the second frame, before taking the lead with a 20-10 third-period effort.

But, the Lakers, behind balanced scoring of senior Dan Thompson, juniors Randy Shelton and Greg Howard and sophomore James Wells, worked for a 19-14 effort in the final eight minutes, to claim the inspirational victory.

Thompson, a 6-5 forward, iced the victory for the Lakers by tipping in a missed free throw with only seconds remaining. It widened a two-point Calloway lead into four, making a last-second free throw by Carlisle meaningless.

Thompson finished with 17 points, only a couple behind Shelton who claimed scoring honors with 19. Howard and Wells each cashed 16 for the Lakers. Thompson, Howard, and Wells also helped Calloway to an overwhelming 38-23 rebound bulge, with 13, 11, and 10 retrieves, respectively.

Carlisle's senior center Marty Nichols hit for 19 points while teammates Mike Woods and Thomas Jenkins contributed 13 and 12, respectively.

The Lakers hit 52.6 per cent from the floor, cashing 30 of 57 tries, while Carlisle went 29 for 60, for 48.3 per cent. A 12 for 21 performance at the line for Calloway was little better than the Comets' 9 for 21 showing.

Earlier meetings between the two schools netted two victories for Carlisle against one for Calloway. The Comets won 80-73 last Nov. 17 in its home game but the Lakers scored a 76-65 win in the Mayfield Invitational. Carlisle rebounded the following week in the Tilghman Invitational with an 84-68 win.

Calloway….21 41 51 70
Carlisle……11 33 53 67

Calloway (70)
Howard 16, Thompson 17, Wells 16, Shelton 19, Ferguson 2, Waters, Scarborough.

Carlisle (67)
Nichols 19, Woods 13, J. Martin 2, Hendricks 2, R. Martin 8, Yates 8, Jenkins 12, Garrett 3.

Carlisle Co. Zips
Past South Marshall

Carlisle Co. 89
South Marshall 76
02-09-73 - Home

Carlisle County placed five players in double figures and notched an 89-76 decision over the visiting South Marshall Rebels, here Friday night.

The Comets jumped out 23-15 after the first stop and never trailed in the game. The Rebels came to within two points, midway of the third period but could not overcome the powerful Comets.

John Martin paced the Comets with 25 markers. Marty Nichols followed with 21. Mike Woods managed 15, Robert Martin chipped in 13 and J.J. Yates added 10.

Carlisle County, now 19-7, travels to Murray High Tuesday night while South Marshall, 10-13, remains idle until next Friday when they host Mayfield.

Carlisle……..23 46 65 89
S. Marshall.....15 38 60 76

Carlisle (89)
Nichols 21, Woods 15, J. Martin 25, R. Martin 13, Yates 10, Jenkins 5.

S. Marshall (76)
Gold 12, McGregor 6, Lovett 18, Mitchell 7, Reed 3, Hill 10.

Murray High Upsets
Comets In Overtime Session

Carlisle Co. 83
Murray 84
02-13-73 - Away

Murray High went into overtime here Tuesday night and emerged with a shaky 84-83 upset victory over the Carlisle County Comets.

The Tigers, rated 10th, and the Comets ranked 3rd by First region coaches, finished regulation play deadlocked at 80-all.

Murray High jumped to a 21-16 1st period lead but the determined Comets battled back to a 42-42 halftime tie. The Comets were on top 66-64 after 3 stops.

The Comets missed an opportunity to win the game when Robert Martin went to the line after being fouled by Murray's Glenn Jackson. With the clock showing no time left but the horn still silent, Martin misses the front end of the bonus situation that would have broken the 80-all tie, and vaulted the Comets into the victory column.

Murray……21 42 64 80 84
Carlisle…...16 42 66 80 83

Carlisle (83)
Jenkins 10, Woods 12, R. Martin 26, Nichols 7, J. Martin 19, Yates 7, Garrett 2.

Murray (84)
Willis 22, Landolt 8, Hudspeth 16, Lane 24, Jackson 14, Scott, Miller, McCuiston.

Buchanan Brings Winning
Tradition To Carlisle Co.

Take a coach with a winning tradition, and a group of high school boys who aren't particularly tall, as basketball players go, but play with a bitter determination regardless of the odds. Put them together on a hardwood floor and you've got your work cut out for you, "to beat them", that is.

Now that might apply to any one of a hundred teams throughout the commonwealth but it most definitely is a perfect fit for Coach Tom Buchanan and his hustling Carlisle County Comets.

The Comets, entering the previous three cage seasons as the top-rated team among First Region powerhouses, opened their 1972-73 schedule in the fourth slot. Ever reaching for the seemingly unattainable, the Comets have since climbed up a notch in the area coaches' poll to third, behind Tilghman and Hickman County.

Buchanan's spirited Carlisle County quints have appeared in four consecutive regional tournaments. The Comets breezed through First District play two years ago, ripping Hickman County, 88-40, and Fulton County, 93-72, en route to the First District title.

The task facing First District squads in this year's district tourney is expected to be difficult, since Carlisle County has not lost the title since Coach Buchanan took over the reins, winning it the past three seasons.

Carlisle County entered last season's First District tournament with a 28-4 record. The Comets began their climb to the title by bombing Fulton City 109-78, and then knocking off Fulton County in a heart-stopping 78-76 championship match.

The Comets, however, could go no further in the First Region extravaganza than the semi-finals. Edging past the Calloway County Lakers 80-73 in the tournament's opening clash, the Carlisle club was nipped 77-74 by Mayfield's Cardinals, who fell to powerful Tilghman, 59-57, in the title match.

Buchanan is a native of Lone Oak and played college basketball at Eastern New Mexico before beginning his coaching career in Texas. While in the Lone Star State, he coached both boys and girls in junior and senior high, at Southland for three years. Another year was spent coaching junior and senior high boys at Shallowater, and then still another three years were spent at Canyon coaching boys.

Coach Buchanan returned to this area to become principal at Meridian High School in Mounds, ILL., in 1968. Heeding the call, he took over the coaching duties at Carlisle Co. the following year.

In his first year at the Comets helm, Buchanan and his "giant killers" nailed down a 26-8 slate. They followed that showing with a 34-3 mark the next season, and rounded out this year, with the Comets presently carrying a 19-8 record, following Tuesday night 84-63 overtime loss to the Murray Tigers. Buchanan has compiled an impressive 110-23 performance at the Bardwell-based school.

Assistant coach of the Comets again this season is Jimmy Henley, in his 7th season with the Comets. Henley graduated from Clinton Central which is now incorporated with Hickman Co. High School. He entered the Carlisle Co. coaching ranks in 1966 and is also a baseball coach.

Carlisle Co. took the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Invitational last season for the 2nd time, dropping Mayfield 80-69 but the domination of the tournament was broken this season. The Comets fell to tournament champs Tilghman, 85-73.

But the story was different in the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tourn.

The Comets dealt the Reidland Greyhounds a 64-62 opening-round defeat, then bounced Symsonia, 83-62, in the semi-final round. The Comets and Rough Riders met in the semi-final game of the tourn. the previous yr., in as exciting confrontation that left Carlisle on top 102-100. Buchanan then led his Comets to an unprecedented 3rd straight title, by dropping Ballard Co., 60-56, in the championship bout.

The victory over the Bombers produced the third consecutive championship in the St. Mary Tourn., for a Buchanan coached team. No other school has captured more than one St. Mary title during the 8 yr. history of the Tourn., yet alone three in succession.

But things were not so good in the Mayfield Tourn. one month later. After eliminating Murray High, 93-72, in the opening round, the Comets were dropped by Calloway Co., 76-65, in the semi-final encounter.

Although a repetition of the past 2 30-victory seasons is no longer possible this season, coach Buchanan does have almost a carbon-copy roster. The tallest player this yr. for the Comets is Marty Nichols, who stands 6-3. Four other 6–footers are Jimmie Hendrix 6-1, Mike Woods 6-1, Greg Carter 6-1, and Robert Martin, who stands at as even 6-0.

But size is not the most important asset, at least not according to Buchanan's thinking.

John Martin, a 5-8 junior guard, is currently pacing the Comets in scoring with a 16.52 game average, good enough for 18th slot in the latest Sun rankings of the first region scoring leaders.

A noticeable absence was created last season by the graduation of 3 All-Purchase players from the Comet roster. Gary Duncan led the Comets last season with a 20.22 average. Next highest was

Steve Frizzell at 17.97 and Mickie Thomason who was good for 17.21 a game.

Nichols, a senior, scored 371 pts. last season and hauled down 360 rebs. While Martin was credited with netting 339 pts. and 139 retrieves.

Buchanan's squad this season is composed of 16 players. Two seniors, three juniors, and the remaining 11 sophomores. Many of this year's soph's are directly responsible for a 21-4 record complied by the J.V. team.

Nichols holds down the pivot spot this year for the Comets, with ample assistance from Hendrix. John Martin, J.J. Yates, David Garrett, and Greg Carter are top choices in the guard positions for Buchanan this yr. Woods, Robert Martin and Thomas Jenkins rotate the forward duties.

The Comets will have their work cut out for them soon when they start bidding for the First District crown, having claimed that honor the past 3 seasons.

Buchanan will send his squad against Fulton Co. in the upper bracket opener March 1st in the Hickman Co. gym.

The Comets have 2 victories over the Pilots this season and will be after the third. The first triumph came on Jan. 5th when Carlisle Co. posted a 80-46 decision on the Bardwell court. The second was recorded on Feb. 2nd on the Pilot floor in a 101-84 result.

A definite obstacle to the Comets, Hickman Co., currently ranked 2nd in the region according to the poll of the area coaches, takes on Fulton City the next night in the lower bracket opener. The Falcons have bombed the Bulldogs 64-48 and 65-52 so far this season and barring any upsets, which aren't uncommon in this region, the Comets will have to look the Falcons directly in the eye when the championship battles come of age.

The Falcons dealt the Comets their first loss this season in their second outing, Nov. 14th, with a heart-stopping 73-71 tally at Carlisle. Then Hickman presented Carlisle with a 64-55 set-back, on the Falcon court, Jan. 16th.

So, not only will Carlisle be seeking the coveted First District title, but will also be trying to prevent the Falcons from going one up for the yr.

The Falcons, however, are no strangers to the First District title, having claimed it in 1967, and 1968, and will not be standing by idly when and if the chance rolls around again.

With the 1972-73 cage season approaching its final week of regular season play, the Comets have been bested only 8 times. Hickman Co, Calloway Co. and Tilghman each have defeated the Comets twice, with Daviess Co. and Murray High each claiming one victory. The latest defeat came in a barn-burner last Tues. night when the Tigers emerged with an 84-83 upset triumph, in a overtime period.

Although the mighty Comets might not have exactly the same punch that they have had the past 3 yrs., one fact can't be denied – Carlisle Co. has dominated First Region basketball, to a larger degree, more than any other club in recent years. Not only is that a fact but also a warning of lurking danger for opponents to come!

Carlisle Co. 91
Fancy Farm 58
02-16-73 - Away

Third-ranked Carlisle Co. gained it's 20th victory of the season with a 91-58 drubbing of Fancy Farm, here Friday night.

The Comets led only 18-15 at the first stop, but they outscored the Golden Gophers by 23-to-7 in the 2nd period, to roll up a 19 pt. halftime margin. Carlisle boosted that advantage to 35 at the end of the 3rd quarter, before finally winning by 33 pts.

Marty Nichols paced the victorious Comets with 20 pts. Jenkins followed with 14, and Robert Martin and John Martin contributed 13 each.

Fancy Farm's Joey Elder took game honors with his 32 pt. effort. Joe Burgess bagged 13 to finish as the only players to reach twin figures for Fancy Farm.

Carlisle……..18 41 66 91
Fancy Farm…..15 22 31 58

Carlisle (91)
Nichols 20, Woods 4, J. Martin 13, Hendrix 2, R. Martin 13, Garrett 7, Yates 5, DeJarnatt 6, Jenkins 14, Morgan 2, Stacy 3, Partin 1.

Fancy Farm (58)
Elder 32, Willett, Burgess 13, Toon 2, M. Kilcoyne 4, B. Hobbs 5, Cissell 2.

Third-Ranked Carlisle Co. Roars Past St. Mary

Carlisle Co. 105
St. Mary 83
02-17-73 - Home

Three players topped the 20 pt. plateau for Carlisle Co., as the third-ranked Comets blasted visiting St. Mary, 105-83.

Jenkins led the scoring parade with 22 pts. J. Martin was a notch back with 21 markers and Nichols another single pt. behind at 20.

Two other Comets reached double figures. R. Martin sacked 16 and Garrett bagged 13.

Game honors went to Mike Weglicki of St. Mary, who fired in 25 pts. Gene Roof added 19 pts. for the Vikings, Eddie Hannan collected 16 and Rickey Gibbs had 10.

Carlisle Co. led by only 10 at the half but outscored St. Mary 33-18 in the third period to break the game open.

The Comets shot a blistering 56% from the field, canning 43/81 attempts. Carlisle added 19/24 fts.

St. Mary connected on 29/64 attempts from the floor and 25/40 gratis tosses. The Comets held a slim advantage in rebounding, 40/39.

Carlisle……25 52 85 105
St. Mary……18 42 60 83

Carlisle (105)
Nichols 20, J. Martin 21, Hendrix 6, R. Martin 16, Garrett 13, Yates 6, DeJarnatt 1, Jenkins 22, Woods, Terry, Polivick, Hoskins.

St. Mary (83)
Weglicki 25, Roof 19, Cochran 4, Meisenhelmer 3, Hanan 16, Gibbs 10, Paxton 2, Halex 4.

Costly Foul Keys Comet Nod

Carlisle Co. 66
Ballard Co. 64
02-20-73 - Away

A costly offensive foul, late in the final period, gave Carlisle Co. the ball and a 66-64 win over Ballard, here Tuesday night.

The Bombers had gained possession of the ball with 50 seconds showing on the 4th quarter clock and Carlisle leading 65-64. Ballard elected to run down the clock and take one last do-or-die shot. With only 10 seconds to go, the Bombers tried to get the ball inside to set up the shot, but they were called for an offensive foul.

The violation gave the Comets the ball with just under 10 seconds remaining. With Carlisle in a stall, the Bombers were forced to commit a foul to stop the clock. Thomas Jenkins sank the first ft. in a bonus situation to give the Comets a 2 pt. lead with only 1 second remaining. Ballard's desperation shot fell short, and the Comets gained their 22nd win of the season.

Ballard had led 13-10 at the first stop, but Carlisle came back to take a slim 32-31 halftime lead. The Comets boosted that lead to 2 at the end of the third quarter.

Nichols and R. Martin cashed 18 each to lead the Comets in scoring. J. Martin and Jenkins added 12 each.

Rex Powell led the way for the hosts with a game-high 20 pts. and 18 rebs. Mike Hammons and Leo Henderson contributed 17 and 15, respectively.

Carlisle……..10 22 52 66
Ballard……..13 31 50 64

Carlisle (66)
Nichols 18, Woods 2, J. Martin 12, Garrett 3, Jenkins 12, Yates 2, R. Martin 18.

Ballard (64)
Humphrey 10, Stuart 2, Powell 20, Henderson 15, Hammonds 17.

Comets Rally To Drop Bucs

Carlisle Co. 86
Heath 75
02-23-73 - Home

Carlisle Co. rallied in the second half, to post a 86-75 come-from-behind decision over a determined Heath quintet.

Heath led 42-33 at halftime, but a 3rd period spurt by the host Comets sent them on top, 57-52, going into the final canto.

John Martin, Carlisle's 5-8 junior guard, pumped in 28 pts. from long range, to trigger the Comets come-back. Nichols, a 6-3 senior center, finished with 19 pts. while R. Martin scored 14 and Jenkins 13, for the winners.

Wayne Tisdale was the leading score for Heath, with 24 pts., followed by Daryl Bowen with 19 and Champ Webb with 16.

Heath out-shot the Comets from the field but Carlisle had a decided edge at the ft. line. The Pirates hit 31/63 (49%) from the field while Carlisle hit 28/70 (41%).

From the ft. line, Carlisle hit 30/41 tries while Heath hit only 13/22.

Carlisle out-rebounded the smaller Bucs 43/36, with Nichols retrieving a game-high 21.

The victory gives Carlisle a 23-8 record while Heath finished with a 5-20 mark.

Carlisle……..17 33 57 86
Heath……..20 42 52 75

Carlisle (86)
Nichols 19, J. Martin 28, Woods 6, Jenkins 13, Yates 6, R. Martin 14, Hendrix.

Heath (75)
Tisdale 24, Frazier 8, Wright 10, Bowen 19, Webb 16, Hines 8.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Nichols And Martin Team-Up As Comets Rip Pilots In First District

Carlisle Co. 87
Fulton Co. 66
03-01-73 - Away

John Martin and Marty Nichols combined for 59 pts., to lead Carlisle Co. to an 87-66 win in the opening game of the First District Tournament here Thursday night.

The victory assures the Comets of a regional berth for the fifth straight year in a row and gives them the opportunity to meet the winner of the

Hickman Co.-Fulton City clash in the championship match on Saturday.

A win Saturday would give Carlisle Co. it's fourth straight District title.

Martin cashed 32 pts. and Nichols bagged 27 pts., to pace the Comet attack. Mike Woods had 14 pts, to finish as the only other double digit, scorer.

Preston Pearson canned 20 pts, to lead the way for the Pilots. Charles Keeney followed with 12, and Dan Sheehan added 11.

Carlisle trailed 10-9 at the first stop, but the Comets scored 28 pts. in the second frame to grab a lead of 37-20 at the half. Fulton Co. trimmed the margin to 13 at the end of the third period, but the Comets retaliated with 29 pts in the final canto, to win by 21.

The two teams were similar in shooting percentages. Carlisle connected on 33 of 71 for 47% of its shots while Fulton Co. hit 27 of 62 for 44%.

Carlisle also reigned at the throw line with 21 of 32 for 66%, while Fulton Co. hit 25 of 48 for 48%.

First District action continues tonight as Hickman Co. meets Fulton City in a 7:30 battle.

Carlisle……..9 27 58 87
Fulton Co……..10 20 45 66

Carlisle (87)
Nichols 27, Woods 14, J. Martin 32, Hendricks 2, Jenkins 2, Garrett, Yates 2, Polivick 2, R. Martin 4, Hoskins 2, Morgan, DeJarnett.

Fulton Co. (66)
McClanahan 2, Alexander 2, Sheehand 11, C. Kinney 12, Pearson 20, Hagler 8, Winters 2, Amberg 4, Walker 2, Hickerson 2, Kinny 1.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle Co. Captures
1st District Title

Carlisle Co. 89
Hickman Co. 78
03-03-73 - Away

The Carlisle Co. Comets broke a jinx here last night, turning back Hickman Co. 89-78, to cop their 4th consecutive First District title and their 5th straight to the regional meet.

The jinx stems from a pair of regular-season victories for Coach Dale Ray's Falcons over Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets. Hickman won a 73-71 decision early in the season at Bardwell and claimed a 64-55 win mid-January here in the Falcon gym.

The district showdown matched the No. 2 and No. 3 ranked teams in the first region.

The game actually consisted of 2 parts, with Carlisle winning the 1st half and the game, while Hickman took the last 2 quarters.

Neither team could make any headway in the early going of the 1st quarter. The score was tied a 2-2 and 4-4 before a Carlisle basket moved the Comets ahead at 3:51 of the quarter. The Comets then added 17 consecutive pts. to build a 23-4 margin, before a last-second tip by Hickman ended the quarter, 23-6.

The Falcons were plagued by early foul trouble as Carlisle entered the one-and-one bonus situation at 1:01 of the 1st period. The host quint did not reach the bonus mark until 6:52 of the second frame, when a pair of tosses by Derrick Fitts, a 5-7 senior guard, cut the lead to 26-10.

Just over 2 minutes later, at 4:15 of the second period, the Falcons lost center Wallace Grundy with his 5th personal foul, collecting 3 of them over a 3-minute span in the quarter.

Hickman went to the press and trimmed what had been a 22-pt. deficit to 18 at halftime, 48-30. Through the first half, Hickman had been charged with 14 fouls, to 11 for Carlisle.

The foul-plague continued with Thomas Jenkins fouling out for Carlisle at 3:57 of the 3rd period, as he picked up 3 fouls in a minute and three seconds. Hickman opened the second half, regaining their shooting touch from out-side, and whittled the Comet margin to 11 at 62-51, shortly before the end of the 3rd period.

Carlisle then moved back to 19, 89-70, with just under 2 minutes remaining. Comet regulars went to the bench as Hickman trimmed the count to the final score of 89-78.

Marty Nichols claimed game scoring honors with 29 pts. John Martin added 23 and Robert Martin scored 17.

Hickman was led by Ricky Weatherspoon, with 19, Fitts added 17 in a reserve roll. Sidney Spates scored 16, while Issac Childress dropped in 13.

Carlisle sank 31/56 fgs. for 55% while Hickman dropped in 26/76 for 34%. A total of 57 fouls were called, with 31 against Carlisle and 26 against the Falcons. Both teams lost 3 men via the foul route.

The 2 First District powers both advance to next week's First Region Tourn. in Murray, Carlisle going with a 25-8 record and Hickman a 20-6 mark.

Carlisle……..22 48 64 89
Hickman……..6 30 51 78

Carlisle (89)
Nichols 29, Woods 8, J. Martin 23, R. Martin 17, Yates 2, Jenkins 8, Garrett 2, Hendrix, Polivick, Jackson, Hoskins, Morgan.

Hickman (78)
Spates 16, Jordan 8, Grundy 2, Childress 13, Weatherspoon 19, Fitts 17, Rushing 3, Omar.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Survives
First Region Opener.
Carlisle Co. Takes Command
Early To Smash North Marshall.

Carlisle Co. 97
North Marshall 74
03-07-73 - Away

Carlisle County's First District Champion Comets, scored the first 6 and last 9 points of the first quarter, to build a comfortable lead, and then held off repeated last-half efforts, by a determined North Marshall team, for a 97-74 regional tournament triumph, here last night.

Hitting a blistering 55 per cent from the floor, Carlisle used its patented running–pressing game, to upend the Jets in the second of two opening games, in the 1973 First Region Tournament, at Murray University's Sports Arena.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Carlisle quint, First Region winner here two years ago, used those 15-point spurts at the start and the end of the opening frame, to vault into a commanding 29-8 lead at the first quarter stop.

Out of it almost before they started, Coach Jimmy Don Peck's hustling Jets, came roaring back with 23, 22 and 21 point efforts during the following quarters.

However, the speedy Comets would not be denied. Carlisle counted 22 points in the second quarter, good enough for a 20 point lead at the half, 51-31 and tacked 16 on in the third quarter and a smashing 30 in the final canto.

The Comets placed four players in the double figures. Sophomore forward Thomas Jenkins, who worked the baseline for repeated lay-ups, leading the charge with 26 and senior 6-3 center Marty Nichols, followed closely with 25.

Brothers Robert Martin, a six-foot sophomore, and John Martin, Carlisle's leading scorer, followed with 18 and 15 points, respectively.

Nichols canned 10 of 17 fielders, Jenkins scored on 8 of 12, Robert Martin cashed 7 of 11 and John Martin made 5 of 7, for the red-hot Comets. Carlisle, which hit 17 of 34 from the field in the first half, came back with an unreal 18 for 29 performance after intermission.

North Marshall, meanwhile, used the determined scoring of senior guard Keith Jones to surge back into contention after the break. Jones, a 5-10 hustler, finished with 25 points, while 6-5 junior Brad Siegfried canned 16 and senior Brad Phelps added 12.

Jenkins, Nichols and Robert Martin also helped the Comets to a sparking performance at the free throw line. Jenkins made 10 of 13 tosses, Nichols 5 for 5 and Martin cashed all 4 of his tries, as the Comets canned 25 of 33 from the stripes, for 76 per cent.

North, meanwhile which lost three players with five personals, had only 17 free attempts and made 12. The Jets were charged with 26 fouls while the Comets drew 15 whistles.

Using strong board work, an effective zone press and a well drilled fast break, Carlisle surged into its 21-point first quarter lead. The two Martins combined for 17 of the Comets 29 points. Robert getting nine and John cashing eight.

North Marshall, making its first comeback charge, scored eight points during a 78 second blitz, midway through the second quarter, to trim what had been a 24-point Carlisle lead to 15, lost its momentum almost as quickly as it began.

Carlisle, which had used a three-point play by Nichols to move into the 32-8 lead early in the frame, used a pair of free throws by John Martin and another three-point play by him, to push the lead back to 20. The five-point recovery by the Comets needed only 29 seconds.

North Marshall zoomed back midway through the third quarter, using a strong trap press to force several Carlisle turnovers and suddenly trailed by only 10 points, 59-49, with 3:20 left in the frame. Then with 2:41 remaining, the Jets trailed by 10 for the last time, 61-51, when Jones hit a short jumper from the baseline.

The Comets claimed a 6-2 advantage the rest of the quarter and idled along during the early stages of the final canto and then put it away in the closing minutes.

Back-to-back lay-ups off fast breaks by Woods and John Martin produced an 84-65 lead with 4½ minutes remaining, and the rest was easy.

The Comets, second leading scoring team in the region, with 81 points per game, tallied the last nine points, to widen the margin over the Jets, the purchase Area's sixth-leading scoring quint.

Carlisle now carries its hopes into the tournament semifinals against Second District Champs St. Mary Friday night.

Carlisle……..29 51 67 97
N. Marshall……8 31 53 74

Carlisle (97)
Jenkins 26, R. Martin 18, Nichols 25, Yates 2, J. Martin 15, Woods 7, Garrett 2, Terry 2, Hendrix, Partin, DeJarnett,

N. Marshall (74)

Slegfried 16, Darnell 4, English, Phelps 12, Pilant 8, Dunn 6, Jones 25, Travis 3, Frizzell, Sewell, Smith.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Second Period Blitz
Lifts Comets Past Vikings

Carlisle Co. 71
St. Mary 62

03-09-73 - Away

Making things happen with all-court trap pressure, Carlisle County's Comets used a strong second quarter effort, to spring past determined Paducah St. Mary, 71-62, in the semi-finals of the first region high school basketball tournament, here Friday night

Playing before a near capacity crowd in the M.S.U. sports area, coach Tom Buchanan's Yellowmen, the highest scoring and the winningest team in the regional, outscored the upset-minded Vikings 25-12, in that second quarter, vaulting from a mild 20-16 lead at the end of the opening stanza.

It gave the Comets a 45-28 advantage at the break and they never trailed again.

The Vikings, second district champion and participant in the regional semifinals for the very first time, made a gallant effort in the last quarter but the surge was too late. Coach Dennis Gourley's Vikes, finishing with a 14-17 record after a 4-1 tournament list, trailed by 21 as the fourth quarter opened but cut into the Carlisle lead with a solid 22-10 upper hand in the final quarter.

Jr. guard John Martin, a 5-7 sparkplug, keyed the Comet march into the regional championship game, with a 23 pt. performance. Martin, whose sophomore brother Robert tallied 12 pts., bagged 11 of 16 fielders and one of two free tosses to ignite the Carlisle effort. Thirteen of those 23 pts. came during the first half when the Yellowmen hit a sizzling 55.5 per cent from the floor, making 20-36 tries. John Martin cashed in 6 of 9 of his jumpers and lay-ups during the first 16 minutes.

St. Mary, troubled by Carlisle's press, outgunned and out-rebounded the Comets in the first half, shooting 60 per cent from the floor and claiming a 16-12 edge under the boards. But, St. Mary committed 12 costly turnovers against only 2 for the hustling Comets, and that vital statistic produced the Carlisle lead.

The Vikings cashed 12-20 fielders during the half, but took 16 fewer shots.

The Comets used a 2 minute, 10 pt. streak, late in the second quarter, when its press was at its best. The solid effort shot Carlisle from a mediocre 6 pt. lead into a 16 pt. advantage, 42-26.

Carlisle had four different players in the scoring column during the binge and then added a jumper by the fifth starter, senior guard Jerry Yates, just as the final horn sounded. That last basket produced a 17 pt. halftime advantage.

The Comets used a pair of baskets by John Martin and another by Robert Martin during the opening minute of the third period, to jump into a 23 pt. lead, their widest of the night, at 51-28.

St. Mary then countered with a streak of its own, scoring 8 pts. in just over a minute and a half to pull within 15, 51-36 but that's as close as the Vikes could get in the third quarter, tapering off in the wake of Carlisle's fast-breaks, to a 61-40 deficit, at the end of the frame.

Then, action picked up for the Vikings.

Carlisle managed only one basket, a corner jumper by John Martin, during the last 3½ minutes of the final canto. St. Mary, meanwhile, made 8 pts. and again trailed by only 15 pts., 63-48.

Reserves Mike Woods and David Garrett sank back to back lay-ups during the next hectic few minutes, seemingly putting the favored Comets back into the drivers seat. But, St. Mary guard Rick Cochran, a 5-8 sophomore, engineered another Viking drive by scoring 5 pts. on his own, during a 1 minute stretch.

Later in the frame, jr. guard reserve David Paxton, scored 7 straight points, first pulling the Vikings to within 10 pts., and finally, senior forward Mike Weglicki hit from the corner with 22 seconds left, to trim the final margin to 9.

Weglicki and Cochran paced the Viking scoring with 18 and 17 pts., respectively. Cochran bagged an unreal 7 of 7 fielders in the game while Weglicki cashed 8 of 12.

Freshman Gene Roof gave the Vikes three players in double figures with 12 and Paxton came close with 9. St. Mary cashed 56% of its fielders, hitting 28 of 50, and out rebounded the Comets 32-30.

Joining the Martin brothers in double figures was Thomas Jenkins who had 16 and Marty Nichols who tallied 10. The Yellowmen hit better than 52% in the game, making 33 of 63 fielders.

Carlisle's loss of its commanding lead could be contributed to 14 turnovers in the second half, after only 2 before the break. St. Mary, meanwhile, made only 7 miscues in the second half.

Carlisle…….20 45 61 71
St. Mary…….16 28 40 61

Carlisle (71)
Jenkins 16, Martin 12, Nichols 10, Yates 4, J. Martin 23, Woods 4, Garrett 2.

St. Mary (61)
Weglicki 18, Roof 12, Meisenheimer 4, Hannan, Cochran 17, Paxton 9, Gibbs 3.

Stage Is Set For
Championship Bout In First Region

Tonight's First Region Championship cage game at Murray State's sports arena will, have an All-First District flavor.

And the showdown, which will determine this year's entry into the state high school tourney at Louisville's Freedom Hall next week, will spotlight the region's second and third ranked powers, Carlisle County and Hickman Co.

Carlisle, 27-8, after ousting Paducah St. Mary 71-62 last night, will be gunning for its second win in eight days over Hickman County. The Falcons, 22-6 after eliminating Mayfield 59-43 in the semi-finals, will be trying to reverse last Saturday's 89-78 Carlisle win in the finals of the First District Tournament at Clinton.

Hickman County, however, won two regular season shootouts with Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets.

The Comets, making their fourth straight trip to the regional as district champs, will be trying to repeat their 1971 First region Championship that sent them to the "Sweet Sixteen" meet at Louisville. Coach Dale Ray's Hickman County quintet, meanwhile, making its first trip to the regional meet after missing three years in a row, will be gunning for its first state tournament team ever, since the school was consolidated.

Tip-off time at MSU arena is 8:00 p.m. Tickets may be obtained by offices of the participating schools

1st Region Tourn.
Championship
Hickman Co. Edges Carlisle Co. 52-48.
Childress Sparks Falcons To Regional Title.

Carlisle Co. 48
Hickman Co. 52

03-10-73 - Away

Isaac Childress has been great all season long for Hickman County's Falcons, but last night he was super … especially from the free-throw line!

Childress, a muscular 6-foot senior guard who actually plays all over the floor, scored a game-high 26 points, to spark the high flying Falcons to a 52-48, come-from-behind triumph, over the Carlisle County Comets.

The inspiring win sends Hickman County to the state Tournament for the first time in the school's history. The Falcons of Coach Dale Ray will tangle with Clay County, a 68-59 winner over Pineville in the 13th Region finale last night, in their "Sweet Sixteen" opener next Thursday afternoon.

Childress, one of two Falcons to make the All-Tournament team as picked by members of the working press, was unreal at the free-throw line – the hot-shooting guard sacked all 16 of his tries from the stripe, the last two icing victory with only eight seconds remaining .

The senior guard actually set the stage for Hickman County's thrill-packed triumph by bagging six consecutive free tosses, during a minute-and-a-half stretch late in the third quarter. His Falcons trailing by five, 34-29, the six straight gratis throws by Childress, followed by one off the fingertips of 5-7 senior guard Derrick Fitts, Hickman's other All-Tournament player, sent the Falcons into a two-point advantage, 36-34.

Carlisle County's Mike Woods, a 6-1 junior forward, bagged two jumpers before the quarter ended, however, and Carlisle led at the stop, 38-36. Woods keyed a strong Comet effort through the first four minutes of the last canto when two Carlisle players were riding the bench with four personal fouls. Leading by four points most of the time during the stretch, Carlisle suddenly went cold after Woods jumper at the top of the circle produced a 46-42 lead, with 4:28 remaining on the clock.

The Comets made only one more basket, a short jumper by Woods with 17 seconds remaining

Childress sparked Hickman County's come-from-behind effort, cashing a spinner into the lane at the other end of the floor and dribbling to the Falcon basket unmolested.

The layup produced a 46-all deadlock, the games only tie other than that standoff at 36 late in the third frame.

Counting his hero role, Childress's final two free throws were all that remained to be recorded.

Carlisle County, shooting perhaps its lowest percentage from the floor this season, bagged only 25 percent of their tosses in the first quarter, 5 of 20, but still claimed a 13-12 lead at the stop.

Having scored the game's first five points and later leading again by five, the Comets never trailed in the opening stanza.

Wallace Grundy, Hickman's 6-2 senior center, who finished as the winning team's only other double-figure performer, with 10 points, cashed a layup early in the second quarter, to give the Falcons their first lead of the game. Grundy, who had a game-high 12 rebounds, converted another layup seconds later, during a lead-swapping binge that carried the two teams through the first four minutes of the quarter. Childress sank

four straight free throws (his specialty) midway through the frame, to shoot the Falcons into their first three-point lead and minutes later Fitts followed a long jumper by his fellow guard with a free throw, to provide the four-point Falcon advantage .

Woods, who had just entered the game, sparked his Comets back into contention with a jumper and free throws seconds before sophomore forward Robert Martin bagged a pair of tosses to regain the lead at 24-23 for Carlisle.

Robert Martin, who scored seven of his nine points in the first half, hit a long jumper six seconds before the halftime horn, to restore a one-point Comet lead, 26-25, after Hickman's Sidney Spates had given his team a brief lead with two free throws.

Playing before the tension filled air in Murray State University's Sports Arena, both teams had trouble getting untracked early in the second half, Spates finally breaking the ice with a putback, a minute-and-a-half deep into the third quarter, giving Hickman one of only two leads in the frame.

Woods, who finished as Carlisle's leading scorer with 15 points in his reserve role, regained the Carlisle lead with a pair tosses at the 6:15 level and almost three minutes later the Comets appeared to be pulling away when sophomore forward Thomas Jenkins hit from the baseline, for a 34-29 lead.

But, Childress was close by and ready when the free-throw opportunities came. His six consecutive free tosses and the one by Fitts were close behind.

Hickman County hit only 37.5 per cent from the floor, making 15 of 40 tries, but the Falcons, keyed by Childress, bagged 22 of 29 free throws, made possible by 22 Carlisle fouls. The Comets, meanwhile, fired 17 more shots (57) than the Redmen, but hit only five more, while making 8 free tosses in 10 tries at the stripe. Hickman was assessed with 12 personals in the emotional showdown.

The Falcons, out rebounded 26-23 in the first half, controlled the boards to the amazing tune of 19-7 in the second half, to finish on top, 45-30. Grundy's 12, 10 by guard Ricky Weatherspoon and 7 by Spates, keyed the effort under the baskets.

Childress, who hits consistently from the outside, bagged only five fielders in 13 attempts but his perfect night at the stripe, more than made up for it. Grundy hit five of eight fielders, mostly from inside the Comet defense.

Following Woods in double figures for Carlisle, was junior guard John Martin who had 12. High-scoring senior center Marty Nichols was limited to only four fielders and eight points but the Comet pivot man paced his team in rebounds with nine.

Nichols and John Martin joined Childress and Fitts on the 10-man All-tournament team with remaining spots claimed by Wayne Lovelace and Larry Sanderson of Mayfield, Mike Wedlock and Gene Roof of Paducah St. Mary, Don Page of Lone Oak and James Wells of Calloway County.

The Hickman win reverses the championship game results, of last week's First District tournament, at Clinton. Carlisle having won that match 89-78. And, the key win gives Coach Ray's Falcons three wins in four tries against the Comets this season.

Clinton High School, one of Hickman County's forerunners before consolidation, went to the State Tournament in 1949 but the Falcons have never made the big one.

Ranked second in the final Region poll of coaches behind Paducah Tilghman, who was eliminated by Lone Oak in the first round of the Second District tournament, the Falcons will carry a 23-6 record into the State Tournament.

Carlisle, making its fourth straight trip to the Regional as First District Champion, finished with a 27-9 ledger.

Carlisle.....13 26 38 48
Hickman…...12 25 36 52

Hickman (52)
Childress 26, Grundy 10, Fitts 6, Spates 8, Weatherspoon 2, Jordan.

Carlisle (48)
Jenkins 2, R. Martin 9, Nichols 8, Yates, J. Martin 12, Woods 15, Garrett 2.

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	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	Calloway Co.	Reidland	Symsonia	Ballard Co.	Fulton City	Lowes	Lone Oak	Murray	Calloway Co.	Calloway Co.	Tilghman	Daviess Co.	Fulton City	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.					
Marty Nichols	17	12	8	20	15	15	18	18	12	23	8	26	10	12	11	10	15	6					
J.J. Yates	0	4	4	2	4	0	12	8	4	7	2	4	2		22	4	9	10					
John Martin	16	28	14	14	14	14	17	20	24	15	14	20	31	15	20	19	20	21					
David Garrett	0	0	4	0	4	2	8	2	4	3	2	0		2	7		2	2					
Thomas Jenkins	10	9	14	4	12	7	6	10	9	18	17	11	10	12	15	14	16	10					
Greg Carter	0	0	7	0	6		8	2	9	8	2			8			4	0					
Robert Martin	0	4	16	16	8	8	18	13	11	0	4	9	16	7	8		2	0					
Mike Woods	28	14	13	8	18	14	12	19	12	12	16	14	4	1	11	12	14	6					
Jimmie Hendrix					2		4			3	0			0	4	4	2						
Mike Terry					0																		
D.J. Hoskins					0		0			0					1	4							
David Polivick							0			0						1							
Mike Stacy							0			4													
Bobby Partin															2								
Randy DeJarnett																2							
Paul Allen																2							
Kenny Morgan																							

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	Sedalia	Mayfield	Heath	Louisville P.R.P.	Fulton Co.	Tilghman	Calloway Co.	South Marshall	Murray	Fancy Farm	St. Mary	Ballard Co.	Heath	Fulton Co.	Hickman Co.	North Marshall	St. Mary	Hickman Co.			Games	Pts.	Avg.
Marty Nichols	15	21	6	14	14	18	19	21	7	20	20	18	19	27	29	25	10	8			36	567	15.75
J.J. Yates	10	8	7	11	23	8	8	10	7	5	6	2	6	2	2	2	4	0			35	219	6.25
John Martin	2	15	16	12	20	10	2	25	19	13	21	12	28	32		15	23	12			36	613	17.51
David Garrett			4	4	2	0	3		2	7	13	3		0	2	2	2	2			30	88	2.93
Thomas Jenkins	14		17	9	32	18	12	5	10	14	22	12	13	2	8	26	16	2			35	436	12.46
Greg Carter	17																				14	71	5.07
Robert Martin	11	12	6	18	2	14	8	13	26	13	16	18	14	4	17	18	12	9			35	371	10.6
Mike Woods	10	15	12	15	2		13	15	12	4	0	2	6	14	8	7	4	15			35	382	10.91
Jimmie Hendrix	8		4				2			2	6		0	2	0	0					17	43	2.52
Mike Terry	2										0					2					4	4	1
D.J. Hoskins											0			2	0						8	7	0.87
David Polivick											0			2	0						6	3	0.5
Mike Stacy	0									3											4	7	1.75
Bobby Partin					2					1						0					4	5	1.25
Randy DeJarnett	6	4			2					6	1			0		0					8	21	2.62
Paul Allen																					1	2	2
Kenny Morgan	4									2				0	0						4	6	1.5
					Team Record -27-9						Per Game Avg. - 79.02							Team Pt	2845				

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Marty Nichols	84		20	383	567	982	11.69
J.J. Yates	46			27	219	246	5.34
David Polivick	53		75	113	3	191	3.6

1973-74

HEAD COACH – TOM BUCHANAN

ASSISTANT COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

TROPHIES WON

ST. MARY TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

MAYFIELD TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

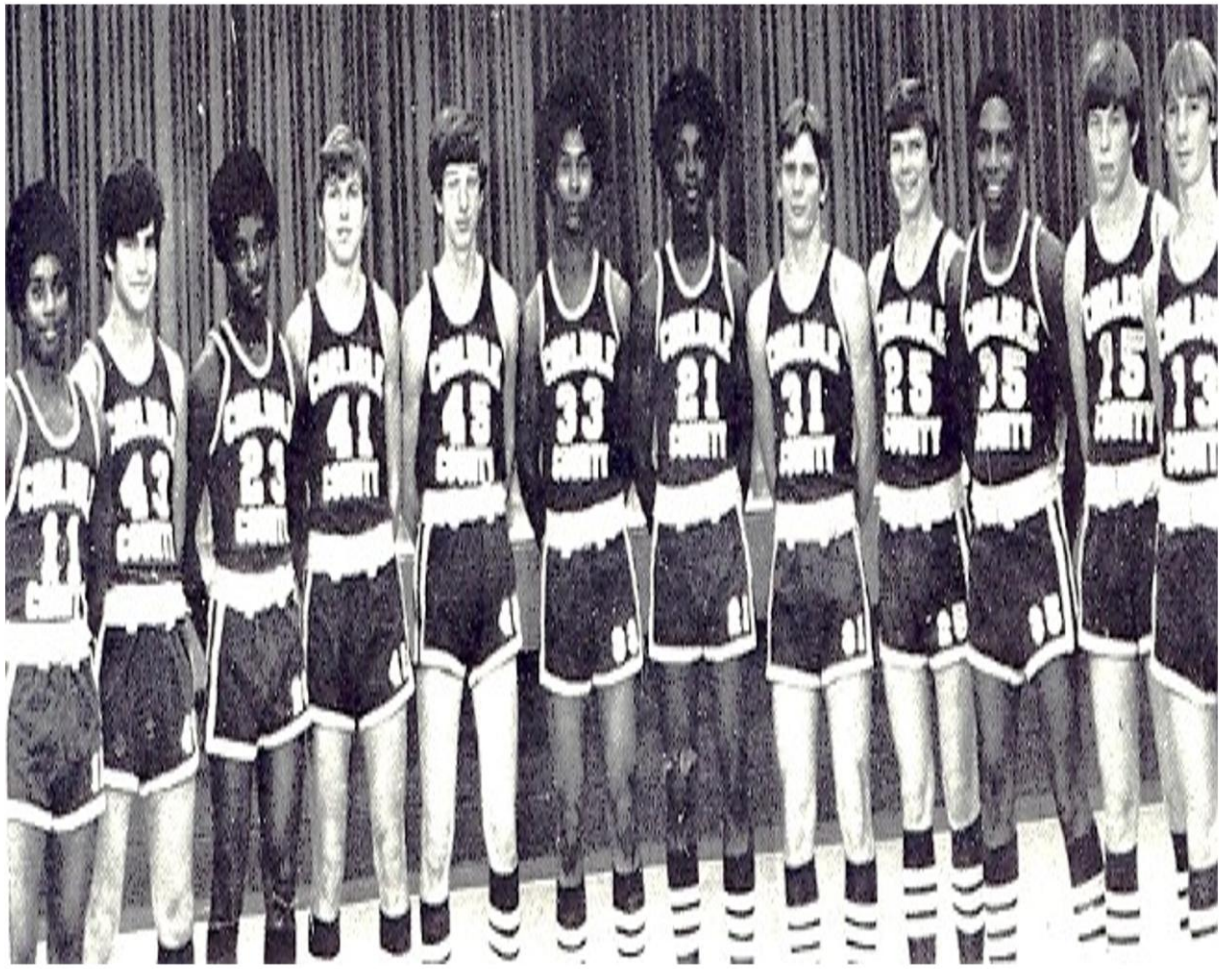
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1973-74

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-09-73	St. Mary	84-74	H	
11-13-73	Hickman Co.	71-63 **4ot**	A	
11-16-73	Calloway Co.	67-55	A	
11-21-73	Ballard Co.	94-73	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-23-73	South Marshall	67-62	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-24-73	St. Mary	72-65	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-07-73	Lowes	84-67	H	
12-11-73	Murray	75-66	H	
12-14-73	Fulton City	111-79	A	
12-18-73	Lone Oak	71-66	A	
12-19-73	Calloway Co.	89-70	A	**- MAYFIELD TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-21-73	Mayfield	57-56	A	**- MAYFIELD TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-22-73	Murray	**65-69 2ot**	A	**- MAYFIELD TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-26-73	St. Mary	**63-87**	A	**- TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-11-74	Ballard Co.	**81-84**	A	
01-12-74	Heath	94-64	H	
01-15-74	Hickman Co.	69-58	H	
01-18-74	Sedalia	97-69	A	
01-19-74	Fulton Co	85-62	A	
01-21-74	Fulton City	96-79	H	
01-25-74	Bowling Green	78-64	A	
01-26-74	Louisville P. R. P.	93-90	A	
02-02-74	Tilghman	**82-91**	A	
02-05-74	Calloway Co.	**66-74**	H	
02-08-74	South Marshall	77-71	A	
02-09-74	Fulton Co	85-64	H	
02-12-74	Mayfield	**68-70**	A	
02-15-74	Fancy Farm	119-63	H	
02-19-74	Ballard Co.	93-79	H	
02-22-74	Heath	101-73	A	
02-28-74	Fulton City	87-77	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-02-74	Hickman Co.	**51-55 ot**	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-07-74	Mayfield	65-52	A	**- 1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-09-74	Tilghman	**64-69**	A	**- 1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD**

FINAL RECORD - 26-8

1974 Comets - District Runner-Up



John Martin, Bobby Partin, Steve Martin, Greg Carter, Jimmie Hendrix, Mike Woods, Robert Martin, David Garrett, Mike Terry, Thomas Jenkins, Mike Stacy, DJ Hoskins, Coach Tom Buchanan

1973-1974

HEAD COACH - TOM BUCHANAN

ASSISTANT COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

TROPHIES WON
ST. MARY TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
MAYFIELD TOURN. - 2ND PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 23-10

1973-74 COMET ROSTER:
John Martin, David Garrett, Robert Martin, Greg Carter, Mike Woods, Jimmy Hendrix, Thomas Jenkins, Randy DeJarnett, Mike Terry, Bobby Partin, Steve Martin, Roy Lee Gaddie, Kenny Morgan, Paul Allen.

Calloway Co. Voted Tops In First Cage Poll

Coaches in the First Region say Calloway Co. is the No. 1 team in West Ky., but they will have plenty of competition during the season.

Calloway Co. was awarded the top ranking in the First Region in the first Sun-Democrat coaches' poll of the season.

The preseason balloting, however, was the closest in more than a decade. Calloway Co. won the premier position by a scant 9 pts., and only 13 pts. separates the first three teams in the First Region.

Calloway Co., coached by Jerry Conley, received 8 of 21 1st place votes, and a total count of 181. Mayfield took second in the voting with 172 pts. and 6 No. 1 ballots.

Both Calloway and Mayfield won district titles last year, and both are talent-laden for the 1973-74 campaign. The Lakers return 3 starters, while the Red Birds head into the season with 4 of last year's regulars back in the line-up.

Calloway took the 4th District title last season and finished with a 21-8 work sheet. The nucleus of that team is back, including All-Purchase forward Greg Howard, who averaged 22 pts. per game last season, 6-8 center James Wells (19 pts. and 13 rebs.) and 6-2 guard Randy Shelton (10 pts.).

Coach Bob Sparks lost only Wayne Lovelace, who is now at Paducah Community College, off his Cardinal team that went 20-8 and won the 3rd District crown. Veterans at Mayfield include seniors Larry Sanderson (8 pts. and 6 rebs.) and Keith Pyle (7 pts.) and juniors Eddie Williams (15 pts. and 11 rebs.) and 6-8 Bill Hubbard (10 pts. and 7 rebs.).

First District champion Carlisle Co. finished 3rd in the initial balloting. The Comets logged 4 1st-place votes and 168 pts., four less than Mayfield and 13 more than No. 4 Tilghman. The Bluemen had the other 3 top-choice ballots. Carlisle won't have the size of Mayfield but the Comets will have plenty of speed and experience.

Heading the list of Carlisle veterans is All-Purchase guard John Martin, who sparked the Comets to the finals of the regional last year. He will be supported by brother Robert Martin, Mike Woods and Thomas Jenkins, all of whom were regulars last year.

Tilghman lost its entire starting unit off a 23-3 team, but coach Berny Miller has Cliff Robinson and Don Menefee around, with which to rebuild.

Hickman Co., which won the First Region title last year, and went all the way to the state semifinals, starts the 1973 campaign in 5th. The Falcons, with only Sidney Spates and Ricky Weatherspoon back from a 25-7 year, collected 113 pts.

Lone Oak took 6th with an even 100 pts. The Purple Flash rolled up an 18-11 slate last year and knocked off Tilghman, which was rated No. 1 all season, in the district tourn.

Murray High came in 7th with 77 votes, followed by North Marshall at 8th with 60 pts., St. Mary 9th with 32 pts. and Ballard Co. rounding out the top ten with 30 pts.

1. Calloway (8)……..181
2. Mayfield (6)……..172
3. Carlisle (4)……..168
4. Tilghman (3)……..155
5. Hickman……..113
6. Lone Oak……..100
7. Murray……..77
8. N. Marshall……60
9. St. Mary……..32
10. Ballard……..30

Martins, Woods Spark Comet Win

Carlisle Co. 84
St. Mary 74
11-09-73 - Home

John and Robert Martin combined for 42 points, and teammate Mike Woods added 16, as the Comets downed St Mary 84-87 here Friday night.

Robert Martin canned 23 points to claim game scoring honors, while brother John, a 5-6 guard, dumped in 19.

John Weglicki, a 6-3 junior center, led St. Mary with 22 points.

Gene Roof bucketed 18, Rick Cochran scored 12 and David Paxton contributed 10.

The Vikings had streaked to a 27-18 first quarter lead, but Carlisle cut the lead to one at the intermission.

The Comets raced to a two point lead at the end of the three frames, before winning by 10.

Carlisle County connected on 48 per cent of its shots from the field and 82 per cent from the free throw line, while St. Mary canned 42 percent of its field goal attempts and 57 per cent of its charity tosses.

Carlisle……..18 40 61 84
St. Mary……..27 41 59 74

Carlisle (84)
J. Martin 19, Garrett 6, R. Martin 23, Carter 8, Woods 16, Hendricks 6, T. Jenkins 6.

St. Mary (74)
Gibbs 6, Roof 18, Weglicki 22, Paxton 10, Cochran 12, Davis 4, Phelps 2.

Carlisle Outlasts Hickman In Four Overtime Marathon

Carlisle Co. 71
Hickman Co. 63 4ot
11-13-73 - Home

Carlisle County's Comets outlasted Hickman County 71-63 in a four-overtime cage marathon, here Tuesday night, as the host Falcons, defending regional champs, dropped their first game of the 1973-74 campaign, after a pair of victories.

The victory hiked Carlisle's mark to 2-0.

Hickman County trailed throughout most of the game, but managed to tie the score at 55-55, just before the final buzzer.

Neither team scored in the first two overtime periods, then both scored six points in the third extra frame, to force a fourth period with the score knotted at 61-61.

The Comets zeroed in on the basket in the fourth extra frame to outscore the hosts 10-2, with Thomas Jenkins providing most of the scoring punch.

Jenkins led the Comets with 19 points, followed by Mike Woods with 13 points and John Martin with 11 markers.

Ricky Weatherspoon took game scoring honors as he gunned in 24 points for the losers. Sidney Spate added 18 and Joe Spraggs connected for 10.

Carlisle…..14 32 45 55 55 55 61 71
Hickman…..13 24 42 55 55 55 61 63

Carlisle (71)
R. Martin 8, Woods 13, Hendricks 8, Carter 10, Garrett 2, J. Martin 11, T. Jenkins 19.

Hickman (63)
Spate 18, Spraggs 10, Larkin 5, Omar 2, Weatherspoon 24, Barkley 4.

Carlisle Springs Major Upset. Unbeaten Comets Shoot Down Top-Ranked Calloway Co. Lakers' Balanced Attack

Carlisle Co. 67
Calloway Co. 55
11-16-73 - Away

Carlisle County used a balanced scoring attack to down top-ranked Calloway County 67-55 here Friday night.

The Comets knotted the score at 14-all at the first break, and settled for a three point margin at the intermission. But they erupted for 26 points in the third frame, while holding the Lakers to 19 and breezed to a 10 point margin before the quarter came to a close. Two more points tacked onto that margin in the final period, lifted the Comets to that 12- point winning margin.

Mike Woods bagged 18 points to lead the Comet's offensive attack. Robert Martin canned 14, Greg Carter popped in 13 and David Garrett scored an even dozen.

James Wells and Greg Howard bucketed 21 and 22 points, respectively, for the Lakers. But no one else was able to score more than five markers.

The third ranked Comets now undefeated in three appearances will resume action in next weeks St. Mary tournament while Calloway County 1-1 will travel to South Marshall Tuesday.

Carlisle…..14 25 51 67
Calloway.....14 22 41 55

Carlisle (67)
T. Jenkins 8, Hendricks 2, Woods 18, R. Martin 14, Carter 13, Garrett 12.

Calloway (55)
Wells 21, Howard 22, Shelton 5, Conners 2, Futrell 3, Calhoun 2.

Parings Set For St. Mary Tourney

Defending champion Carlisle County and runner-up Ballard Co., will kick off the 1973 St. Mary High School Thanksgiving basketball Tournament. Last year's finalists drew opposite each other in an opening game of the year's four-day holiday event.

The annual tournament schedule Wednesday through Saturday, Nov 21-24 attracted, the same field of entrants that played a year ago. Pairings

were made at the meeting of coach school representatives last night.

Joining Ballard and Carlisle in the upper bracket are South Marshall and Lowes, while Livingston Co., Symsonia, Reidland and St. Mary claimed lower-bracket berths. Carlisle County and St. Mary, the defending champion and host school, respectively, were positioned automatically. Carlisle has won the last three Turkey Day events.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Woods And Martin
Spark Carlisle To Triumph

Carlisle Co. 94
Ballard Co. 73
11-21-73 - Away

Senior Mike Woods and junior Robert Martin, a pair of 6-2 hot-handed shooters, paced a strong second half performance that fired Carlisle County's unbeaten Comets to a resounding 94-73 victory over Ballard Co. in the opening game of the 9th annual St. Mary High School Thanksgiving Tourn, Wednesday night.

Woods cashed a game-high 29 points and Martin followed with 21 to lead the Comet offensive attack that placed five players in double figures. Junior forward Thomas Jenkins chipped in 13, junior guard David Garrett added 12 and senior guard John Martin, playing in a reserve role because of a back injury, came off the bench for 11.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, winner of the past three straight titles, jumped out front early against the Ballard Bombers, Then ran into a second period tailspin, but recovered in the second half to win going away.

Carlisle appeared to be in full command from the outset when Ballard's zone defense proved ineffective against the hot-handed Comets. And, the Yellowmen's talented all-court pressure, a trademark of past seasons, coupled with those long jumpers helped to shoot the defending champions into a 15-point advantage, 24-9, through the first five minutes of the game.

But Ballard, which squared off against the Comets in last year's Turkey Tourney finale, refused to fold. Coach Ron McAllister's Bombers, sparked by senior forward Leo Henderson, scored the last 10 points of the opening canto, and trimmed the Comet lead to only five, 24-19.

Continuing the comeback with Henderson still at the scoring controls, Ballard stayed close enough through the early part of the second quarter to use a 8-2 streak during a minute and a half stretch of the late goings to claim its first lead since the opening seconds.

Henderson, who finished with 16 points, cashed a jumper in the lane for a 40-39 Bomber lead with 1:13 to go in the half. But, the lead was short-lived.

Robert Martin, who scored eight of his 21 points in the first half, hit back-to-back jumpers only seconds after Henderson's jumper, and the Comets were off and running again. John Martin, Robert's older brother, hit the threads with a long jumper two seconds before the half-time buzzer to produce a 45-40 Carlisle lead at the stop.

Ballard managed to stay close through the first three minutes of the second half, but never pulled closer than three. The Bombers were down 51-48 with just under five minutes to go in the third quarter, when Carlisle launched its game winning march.

John Martin opened it with a jumper, followed by a fast break lay-up, and the Comets were on their way to a 9-2 advantage during the next two hectic minutes of action. Woods converted a three-point play at the 2:46 stop, producing a 10-point Comet lead, and Carlisle stretched it out from that point on. The Yellowmen's widest lead came with the final score.

Ballard pulled back into contention with a 22-21 advantage in the second quarter, but lost the third canto 23-18, and the final eight minutes by a resounding 26-14 margin. The Comets scored consistently by cashing in over 20 points in each frame.

Mike Hammonds, a 6-1 senior forward, bagged 9 fielders and 18 points to spark the Bombers. Leo Henderson followed with his 16, sophomore Kevin Stewart added 12 in a reverse role and junior Paul Cavanaugh hit for 10.

The victory sends Carlisle, now 4-0 during the infant basketball season, into Friday night's semifinals against South Marshall, a 78-65 winner over Lowes in Wednesday's second game. Ballard's record now stands at 2-2.

Carlisle…..…....24 45 68 94
Ballard…..…....19 41 59 73

Carlisle (94)
T. Jenkins 13, Woods 29, R. Martin 21, Carter 6, Garrett 12, J. Martin 11, DeJarnett, M. Terry, B. Partin, S. Martin 2, Stacy.

Ballard (73)
Hammonds 18, C. Henderson 4, L. Henderson 16, P. Henderson 6, Cavanaugh 10, Powell 5, Stewart 12, Saffer, Edwards, Brooks, G. Henderson.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets Moves To St. Mary Finals.
Third Ranked Comets Ease By South Marshall

Carlisle Co 67
South Marshall 62
11-23-73 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets jumped to a 5-0 lead, and were never headed, as the third-ranked quint in Western Kentucky slipped past South Marshall 67-62 in the semifinal round of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament, Friday night.

The triumph sends Carlisle County to tonight's final round of tournament action against St. Mary, with a shot at an unprecedented fourth consecutive crown in the annual basketball classic.

Coach Tom Buchanan's five jumped to a 19-7 advantage with just under three minutes remaining in the first quarter, but South Marshall rose to the challenge.

The Rebels trimmed five points off that margin as the quarter ended. But Carlisle County racked up the first seven points of the second frame to boost their margin to 12 (30-18) with 5:39 showing in the first half.

The Rebels went on their second big scoring splurge of the night, sandwiching 14 points around a fielder and free throw by Carlisle's Randy DeJarnett. The offensive eruption lifted the South Marshall five to within a point (33-32), but they were unable to go on top.

The Comets scored the last four points of the half on buckets by John Martin and David Garrett to spring to a 37-32 half-time advantage.

South Marshall's Terry Mathis opened the second half with a fielder to trim the gap to three points, but the Comets put eight straight points on the board – six of those by senior forward Mike Woods – to push Carlisle County to a 45-34 lead.

The Rebels cut that advantage to nine points midway through the third quarter, and again in the opening minutes of the fourth frame, but they were no closer until they put together a six-point blitz in the final two minutes of the contest.

South Marshall's Mike Ivey, a 6-1 junior guard, dumped in 21 points to claim game scoring honors. Teammate Larry McGregor finished with 20 markers, and Mike Beasley cashed 10 points to round out the Rebels' twin figure scorers.

Junior guard David Garrett paced the Comets with 16 points, and his backcourt mate 6-1 junior Greg Carter followed with 15. Mike Woods canned 12 points and John Martin, a 5-8 senior playmaker, scored nine points while playing a reserve role.

Each team committed 20 fouls in the aggressively-played contest, and both squads suffered poor performances at the charity stripe.

South Marshall connected on 10 of its 17 gratis tosses for 59 percent, while Carlisle County managed only 11 of 34 from the free throw line for 46%.

Carlisle…..…...23 38 53 67
S. Marshall…..18 32 42 62

Carlisle (67)
T. Jenkins 6, R. Martin 4, Woods 12, Garrett 16, Carter 15, DeJamett 5, J. Martin 9, S. Martin, B. Partin, M. Terry.

S. Marshall (62)
Reed 3, McGregor 20, Beasley 10, Ivey 21, Mitchell 2, Dickerson.

St. Mary Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle Wins Fourth Straight Turkey Title.
Martin Brothers Team-Up To Lift Comets Past Vikes In Tourney

Carlisle Co. 72
St. Mary 65
11-24-73 - Away

Robert and John Martin combined for 42 pts. and Carlisle Co. held off a late St. Mary rally to slip by the Vikings, 72-65, in the championship game of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tourn., Sat. night.

The victory gave the Comets their 4th straight Thanksgiving title, something which has never been accomplished in the 9-year history of the St. Mary Classic.

The Vikings, who have never won their own tourn., did not go down without a fight, though. Coach Dennis Gourley's 2nd District quint trimmed the Carlisle lead to 3 pts. (68-65) with just over 2:30 showing on the clock.

The Vikes had trailed 68-59 only 1½ minutes earlier, but six straight pts. brought the tourn. hosts to within striking distance.

David Paxton, reserve guard Kenny Felts and Gene Roof cashed buckets in that surge and, if not for a stall by the Comets after Roof's basket, the Vikings might have gotten more.

But the sure-handed Comets "let the air out of the ball" for more than a minute, before David Garrett was fouled to stop the clock at 1:12. The junior guard missed his ft., but Robert Martin snared the rebound and went back up with it for a game-clinching putback.

The 2 squads were deadlocked on 5 occasions in the opening period (at 2, 4, 6, 14 and 16) and neither team could muster more than a 4-pt. margin throughout the opening canto.

Senior center Mike Woods claimed 8 pts. in the 1st period to lead the Comets, while Rick Cochran dropped in 6 markers for the Vikings.

St. Mary jumped on top in the 2nd frame, but Carlisle battled back to knot the score at 21, 23 and 25 before grabbing a 26-25 lead with 3:24 remaining.

Roof canned an 18-footer to put the Vikes back on top with 3:09 to go, but the Comets countered with baskets by junior Thomas Jenkins and Woods to grab a 30-27 advantage.

Carlisle was never headed again!

The Comets added 2 pts. to their lead before the 1st half ended, and went on to extend their margin to 9 pts., midway through the 3rd frame.

The 3rd-ranked quint completed the 3rd quarter with the same margin but with an enthusiastic St. Mary cheering section, made an almost game-winning comeback in the final period.

The two teams swapped buckets through the first four minutes of the 4th quarter action, but a bucket by senior guard Paxton at the 3:40 mark started the wheels turning for that last-minute try.

Carlisle's Robert Martin bagged 22 pts. on 9 fgs. and 4/4 fts. to claim game scoring honors. Robert's older brother John, relegated to reserve duty because of a back injury he sustained prior to the start of the tourn., scored 20 pts.

Carlisle….....16 40 60 72
St. Mary….....16 35 51 65

Carlisle (72)
Jenkins 9, R. Martin 22, Woods 14, Carter 4, Garrett 3, J. Martin 20.

St. Mary (65)
Davis, Paxton 10 Cochran 13, Weglicki 8, Roof 22, Felts 12.

Top-Rated Comets
Take Seventh Win

Carlisle Co. 84
Lowes 67

12-07-73 - Home

The Carlisle County Comets lived up to their No. 1 rating in the First Region by topping Lowes, 84-67, here Friday night. It was the seventh consecutive victory for Coach Buchanan's quintet, which is undefeated.

John Martin, Carlisle County's stellar 5-8 senior guard, gunned in 23 points to pace the winners.

Coach Buchanan used 12 players and 11 of them figured in the scoring. Following Martin in the scoring column were Thomas Jenkins with 15 and Michael Woods with 12 points.

David Jones paced the Blue Devils with 19 points while Mike Nesler and Ed Wyatt each added 10 points.

Carlisle hit 30 of 63 (48%) from the field, while Lowes was connecting on 21 of 55 (38%) field goal tries.

The Comets streaked to a 25-17 1st quarter lead, and led 44-29 at halftime. After three periods, Carlisle was on top by a 62-40 margin.

Coach Buchanan emptied his bench in the final period, and Lowes managed to cut the final gap to 17 points.

The Carlisle win, coupled with Murray's victory over Paducah Tilghman, assures a battle of unbeaten quints here next Tuesday when the Comets host Bobby Toon's Tigers who now boast a 3-0 mark and are ranked fourth in the region.

Carlisle.....25 44 62 84
Lowes.....17 29 40 67

Carlisle (84)
Jenkins 15, Woods 12, Carter 6, R. Martin 8, Hendricks 5, J. Martin 23, Garrett 5, S. Martin 5, Gaddie 1, Partin 3, Allen 2, Morgan.

Lowes (67)
Nesler 10, Jones 19, Wyatt 10, Knight 9, Ray, Allen 4, Rivers 7, Lynn 8, Simmons, Crowley, Rives, Harpole, Matheny.

Martin-led Carlisle Co.
Wins Battle Of Unbeatens

Carlisle Co. 75
Murray 66

12-11-73 – Home

The upset–minded prowl of the Murray Tigers has been sidetracked at least temporally, but the Carlisle County effort to paint the First Region "Yellow" is still very much alive!

These two facts came to light in the Carlisle gym last night when the unbeaten strings of the two regional powers crossed paths. And even through the final scoreboard read 75-66 in favor of the yellow streaking Comets of Carlisle, it was a much closer game than that.

Still Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, top-ranked in last week's poll of Purchase Area coaches, kept their unbeaten status intact. It was the eighth straight victory for the Yellowmen, and seventh over a team ranked somewhere in the region's top ten. For the prowling Tigers it was their first setback after three inspiring victories, two of which came over teams ranked above them in the Sun-Democrat's coaches poll. An upset over the Comets would have been a giant step for Coach Bob Toon's Bengal's, but Carlisle had too much going their way during the final quarters.

Murray held the lead at every stop, except the final one ... The one that counted.

Carlisle, sparked by senior guard John Martin, came from behind with a 20 point effort in the third quarter, and then a game-winning 31-point production in the final eight minutes. The 51 points, after the intermission, easily erased a 30-24 halftime deficit, and sent the Comets home in winning in fine fashion.

But, as before mentioned, the score was actually was much closer than it would appear. For example, Murray was within four points of the surging Comets with 2½ minutes to play. Carlisle scored four, of that nine point final advantage, during the last 11 seconds, after the issue had been decided.

The showdown of unbeatens actually was two games sandwiched into one. Both teams struggled somewhat throughout the first half, perhaps too keyed up to make field goal attempts count. But they came out sizzling after the break and the tempo turned into what had been expected ... a real rat race.

Carlisle, which suffered through a four minute tailspin before the half, hit only seven of nine fielders in the first half, a miserable showing for the usually hot shooting Comets. But they whistled the threads after the break, canning 18 of 29 tries for 62 per cent, leaving the host quint with a 42 per cent effort for the game (25 of 58).

But while in the cold from the floor, the Comets were hot at the free throw line, from the very outset.

Carlisle made 25/31 free tosses, better than 80 percent. Murray also streaked with a hot hand in the second half, but the Bengal's couldn't match the free throw effort. The Tigers, after making 11 of 29 first half tries from the floor, came back with a 16/25 effort in the second half, a hot 64 per cent, and finished with 28/54 in the game. But Murray cashed only 12 of 21 free tries, and the Tigers lost their edge of three fielders in that department.

John Martin, a 5-8 senior in his third year as a Comet starter, stole the show with a brilliant individual effort. The little guard, held to only six points in the first half, rebounded with 21 after the break to easily claim scoring honors at 27. But that's not the entire story.

Martin, who keys Carlisle's talented all-court press, came up with 11 steals, and contributed five assists to polish off his strong individual effort. He hit six fielders during the important third quarter when the Comets made the comeback bid and added nine more points in the final canto when they put it away.

Another key figure in Carlisle's fourth quarter production was junior forward Greg Carter, who counted all eight of his points in the frame. It was his three side-court jumpers early in the final period, that ignited the Comet flame.

While the fourth quarter turned out to be the deciding canto in the showdown, the early goings were by no means without intensive action. For example, Murray claimed a 15-14 lead through the first quarter, after the score had been tied once, and the lead had switched hands eight times. Neither unit could pull away and each one briefly held three point advantages.

Then, the host Comets, took control in the second quarter and appeared to have been en route to an easy win.

Forward Mike Woods, who finished with 12 points, hit a pair of free throws to start the spurt. He followed that with a turn around jumper and then watched a teammate, Thomas Jenkins, cash a 15 footer as the Comets jumped out front by five. Through the opening 3½ minutes of the period, the Carlisle quint claimed a 10-2 advantage and led by 24-17. But trouble was ahead.

The Comets suddenly turned cold, and Murray's offense seemed to gather momentum. In fact Carlisle didn't count another point the rest of the half while, the visiting Bengal's were registering 13. As a result, Murray came from seven down and led by six at the stop with forward Tyrone McCuiston taking a bullet pass from guard Glenn Jackson for a layup to complete the blitz at the horn.

Carlisle then applied its press to start the second half, and Murray turnovers were plentiful.

John Martin scored the first six points of the frame, all results of steals off the press, and his brother junior forward Robert Martin, who cashed 11 points, added another jumper, before Murray could recover. The Bengal's didn't get a shot at the hoop because of floor errors, until Jackson made a driving layup at the 5:18 level.

That bucket tied it at 32, and seconds later Jackson took a feed from senior guard Ray Lane, and cashed another layup that regained the lead for the Tigers the rest of the quarter.

Murray led by a shaky 45-44 count with eight minutes to go, Carlisle having scored the last four points of the third canto.

Then, after Carlisle quickly took the lead on Carter's first long jumper to open the final quarter, and Murray battled to force one more tie at 47, the Comet march had gained momentum.

Carlisle pulled out by eight, 65-57, with 3:27 to play, before Murray's pressure tactic's delayed the Comet celebration somewhat. The Tigers fought back to within four, but couldn't overcome the deficit.

Carlisle went into a four-corner stall with a minute and a half to go, forcing the Tigers out of their zone and into the necessary fouling tactics. But the Comets, who cashed 13 of 18 free tosses in the final quarter, made them when it counted to ice the triumph.

The two Martins and Mike Woods were the only Comets to finish in double figures, while Murray placed four players in that department. Lane with 16, Jackson with 15, Wilder with 13 and McCuiston with 10

Carlisle.....14 24 44 75
Murray…..15 30 45 66

Carlisle (75)
Jenkins 8, Carter 8, R. Martin 11, J. Martin 27, Garrett 9, Woods 12.

Murray (66)
Hudspeth 6, Shelley 2, Wilder 13, Miller 4, T. McCuiston 10, Frank, Lane 16, Jackson 15.

Unbeaten Comets
Roar By Fulton City

Carlisle Co.111
Fulton City 79
12-14-74 - Away

Top- ranked and unbeaten Carlisle County lived up to its reputation, and routed Fulton City 111-79, here Friday night.

The red hot Comets of Coach Tom Buchanan blistered the nets for 58 per cent in the first half, and came back even stronger for a sizzling 63 per cent in the last half.

The host Bulldogs managed to stay with Carlisle County for the first six minutes, but a combination of Fulton turnovers and the Comet zone press and their hot-shooting, quickly put the game out of reach.

Six Comets finished in double figures. Leading the way was Robert Martin with 22, followed by Thomas Jenkins with 21. Others in double digits were Greg Carter and John Martin with 19 each, Mike Woods with 12 and Randy DeJarnett with 10.

Scott Curtis paced the Bulldogs with 19 and Robert Patton and Rick Dalton had 18 a piece.
Carlisle…….31 57 89 111
Fulton City….16 29 53 79

Carlisle (111)
Jenkins 21, Carter 19, R. Martin 22, Woods 12, J. Martin 19, DeJarnett 10, S. Martin 2, Mike Stacy 2, Partin 2, Garrett 2.

Fulton City (79)
Shell 7, Patton 18, Dean 3, Curtis 19, Dolton 18, Wade 14.

John Martin Lifts
Comets To Win Over Oakers

Carlisle Co. 71
Lone Oak 66
12-18-73 - Away

Senior sparkplug John Martin propelled top-ranked and unbeaten Carlisle County to a hard fought 71-66 victory over home standing Lone Oak Tuesday night.

Martin, a 5-8 dynamo, banged in 25 points to breathe life into a sluggish Comet offense, and led the Carlisle quint to victory No. 10 on the season.

The triumph sends Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets into the Mayfield Christmas Tournament this week with the top record in the field. Carlisle County plays Calloway County, ranked seventh in the region, in the second game on tonight's opening card.

Tenth ranked Lone Oak, riding a four- game winning streak and buoyed by last week's championship success in the Reidland Holiday Invitational, carried the battle to Carlisle in the first half, and led much of the first two periods.

But the Purple Flash zeal eventually proved costly. The Oakers lost three starters on fouls in the second half, enabling the Comets to pull to a comfortable margin late in the game.

With the exception of John Martin, who scored 19 in the first half, Carlisle had trouble finding the range in the first half.

Two three-minute cold spells helped Lone Oak grab the lead and extended it at one stage to nine points.

A free throw by Scott Dreher put the Purple Flash on the scoreboard first, but two free throws for Martin and a jumper by Greg Carter quickly put Carlisle County on top 4-1.

The Comets still led by three, 8-5, when they hit their first icy spell. Carlisle County could mange but one point in exactly three minutes, and Lone Oak scrambled to a three point advantage.

A putback by forward Kevin Casey put the Oakers within one at 8-7. Following a free throw by Comet pivoter Thomas Jenkins, Lone Oak reeled off six straight pts., four of them on Casey's gratis tosses, and slipped out front by four, 13-9.

The Flashers failed to score in the last 1½ minutes of the opening period, however, and Carlisle County poured in seven in a row to lead 16-13 at the stop.

The Comets went dead from the field again in the opening minutes of the second stanza, and only collected three points in the first 3½ minutes, all of them by Martin.

Lone Oak, meanwhile, rattled in 15 to rocket to a 28-19 advantage with 4:50 showing in the half.

Lone Oak forward Ronnie Goode answered a jumper by Robert Martin to maintain the nine-point advantage before Carlisle County caught fire as quickly as it went cold.

The Comets crammed in six points in less than a minute, to pull within three, 30-27, with 3:26 left in the half. The last basket in the spurt, a layup by John Martin, following a steal by the crafty guard, signaled the start of a spectacular show by the All- Purchase performer.

Martin scored nine straight points for Carlisle and pulled the Comets back in contention.

After a pair of free throws by Mike Woodward, he bagged a charity toss to trim the gap to 26-32.

Mike Minter countered with a jumper from the baseline, but Martin erased that with a driving lopper down the right side of the lane. Goode came back with a 15 footer, but Martin went down the lane again this time down the left side for a twisting two-pointer that once more shaved the margin to four.

Martin followed with a third layup and Garret, a 6-1 junior, followed with four straight points to give Carlisle County eight in a row, and a 38-36 lead at the half.

The Comets never trailed again even though Lane Oak tied the score once early in the fourth period. Casey and Dreher, who led the Flashers to a 30-14 rebound advantage in the first half, had three personals at intermission as did Woodward. Before two minutes of the final period had elapsed all three were on the bench for the night.

Besides scoring 19 first half points, John Martin was instrumental in Lone Oak's foul trouble. Two of Dreher's violations were against Martin, and all three of Woodward's came against the 5-8 hustler. Casey fouled Martin once in the first half, too.

Casey, a 6-3 junior, lasted just under six minutes of the second half. But the Oakers were already down by 8 when he exited, as Carlisle County was on the move.

A 20-footer by Woodward deadlocked the score at 38, ten seconds into the third stanza, but Carlisle County ripped off six straight to lead, 44-38.

Back-to-back jumpers by Minter reduced the margin to a bucket, but Jenkins worked inside for a bucket to preserve the Comet lead.

Casey picked up his fourth foul on a play, but Jenkins missed the free toss and Minter's third straight fielder pulled Lone Oak back within two, 46-44, with 3:31 to go.

Back-to-back baskets by Garrett retained the lead for Carlisle, and sparked an 8-2 Comet spurt. Following a 20-footer by Woodward, Jenkins came up with two buckets in a row, and Carlisle led 54-46 with 1:34 remaining in the period. And, Casey went to the bench with his fifth personal during the drive.

Carlisle County could muster only three points the rest of the period, and the Oakers out-scored the Comets 6-1 in the last 39 seconds to close within 57-54 heading into the final frame.

Disaster struck quickly for the Flashers in the final stanza. The Comets went inside to Jenkins, and Dreher and Woodward quickly reached the limit trying to stop him.

Dreher picked up his fifth only nine seconds into the period in an unsuccessful attempt to stop a jumper by Jenkins. The 5-10 junior cashed the free opportunity, and the Comets upped the margin to 61-54.

Neither team scored in the next 1½ minutes, but Woodward exited at the 6:20 mark trying to shut off Jenkins. The Comets center hit only one free throw but it provided a 61-54 Carlisle lead.

Taking advantage of the new personnel in the game, the Comets outscored the Purple Flash 8-2 in the next four minutes and vaulted to a commanding 69-58 lead with 2:57 to play.

Carlisle County made only two free throws from that point, but Lone Oak could come no closer than the final five points.
Carlisle…..…16 38 57 71
Lone Oak…....13 36 54 66

Carlisle (71)
J. Martin 25, R. Martin 2, Jenkins 16, Woods 4, Carter 16, Garrett 4, Hendricks 4.

Lone Oak (66)
Goode 17, Casey 9 Dreher 5, Woodward 8, Minter 17, Hayden 6, Sanders 4, Reeves.

Mayfield Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Crush Lakers.
Effective Full-Court Press
Is Key To Carlisle Victory

Carlisle Co. 89
Calloway Co. 70
12-19-73 - Away

Using a talented full-court press to great advantage, unbeaten and top-ranked Carlisle Co. ripped off 14 straight pts., midway through the 2nd quarter, and used that spurt to smash Calloway Co, 89-70 last night.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, now 11-0, thus successfully opened its bid for the championship of the 2nd annual Mayfield Christmas Invitational, being played in the sparkling-new 4,200-seat Mayfield High School Gymnasium this week. Carlisle now goes against unbeaten Mayfield, the tourney host, in Friday's opening semifinal test.

Commanding a red-hot shooting hand, particularly throughout the 2nd quarter, Carlisle streaked out of reach almost before the upset-minded Lakers could realize what was happening. Leading by only 4 pts., midway through the 2nd frame, Carlisle's small and speedy Yellowmen needed only two an a half minutes to drop that 14-pt. bomb.

Suddenly, the scoreboard had clicked from 26-22 to 40-22, and the surging Comets never looked back.

A 67-55 winner over Calloway on the Laker floor in Murray, Nov. 16th, Carlisle left little doubt that its speed was superior to the Laker height. Effective zone pressure, all over the court most of the way, kept the Lakers off balance and kept the tempo at a high-octane level … just the speed for the Comet express.

Greg Carter and Robert Martin were the big scorers for the unbeaten Carlisle Comets. Carter, who cashed in 10 pts. in that break-away 2nd quarter, finished with 22 pts., while Martin netted 23.

Scoring honors, however, went to Calloway's Greg Howard, who cashed home 30 pts. off 11 fgs. and 8/11 fts. Three other Lakers hit for 10 pts., including 6-8 junior center James Wells, who was forced to the bench most of the 1st half with 3 personal fouls.

Wells, a mainstay in the Laker offense, left the game with only 4 pts. with just under 6 minutes gone in the opening quarter. And, the big center didn't return until the start of the 2nd half. Then, his 4th foul came 3 minutes later, and the final one, a charging violation against Carlisle's 5-8 senior guard John Martin, was whistled with 7:20 to go in the game.

But, the game was over long before Wells left the action. Carlisle's streaking fast break, complimented by that hot shooting hand, saw to that!

Carlisle claimed only a 15-12 edge through the 1st quarter, never leading by more than 4 nor trailing by more than one. Calloway's only leads in the game came at 7-6 and 9-8, and both were short-lived.

Then, after the Lakers managed to stay close through the upper half of the 2nd frame, the game-winning blitz suddenly turned the game into a run-away. Carter, hitting long jumpers from side court, scored 6 of those 14 pts. to key the Comet breakaway.

Calloway, on the strength of Howard's 10-pt. effort in the 3rd frame, trimmed the deficit back to 16 at the break, 44-28, but the Comets were well on their way toward victory. Carlisle claimed a 16-15 edge in the 3rd frame to add a point to its lead and then outscored the Lakers 19-17 in the final canto.

The closest Calloway could close the gap was 13 pts., briefly during the late stages of the 3rd period. But, 17 was as near to the Comets as the Lakers could reach throughout the final 8 minutes.

Both Robert Martin and Carter hit the threads on 10 fgs. Martin getting the edge by making his 3 fts., while Carter got only a pair of chances.

Carlisle…….....15 44 60 89
Calloway…....12 28 43 70

Carlisle (89)
Jenkins 7, Woods 12, R. Martin 23, J. Martin 9, Carter 22, Garrett 6, Hendrix 2, DeJarnett 4, S. Martin 2, Terry, Stacy, Partin 2.

Calloway (70)
Wells 10, Howard 30, Shelton 10, Futrell 8, Williams 10, Darnell 2, Byars, Beane, Scarborough, Belcher.

Mayfield Tourn.
2nd Round
Top-Rated Comets Nip
No. 2-Ranked Mayfield

Carlisle Co. 57
Mayfield 56
12-21-73 – Away

When No. 1 meets No. 2, you expect a real dogfight … and, that's exactly what took place before a near-capacity crowd approaching 4,000 in the Mayfield High School Gymnasium Fri. night.

No. 1 Carlisle Co. and No 2 Mayfield were the opponents in the opening semifinal test of the 2nd annual Christmas Invitational Tourn., and one of the tightest games of the season was the result.

The score: Carlisle 57, Mayfield 56 … and it was just as close as you would think!

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, now the only unbeaten team in the First Region with a sparkling 12-0 slate, used its talented full-court pressure to offset a cold shooting performance. Averaging better than 80 pts. a game, the Comets couldn't make it against the taller Cardinals, but in the end, they were willing to settle for the low-scoring victory.

Mayfield, which had won 7 straight before the show-down of unbeatens, ran into foul problems late in the action, and finished the game with two top players – senior guard Keith Pyle and junior forward Eddie Williams – on the bench with 5 personals. And, it made a difference.

The Cardinals had moved to a 6-pt. advantage early in the 4th quarter – the widest lead of either team in the game – when Carlisle launched its game-winning drive. Pyle, who finished with 10 pts., scored those 6 pts. for the host Red Birds with a fg. and 4 straight fts., but the sparkplug guard was playing with 4 personals and was only marking time.

Carlisle, which went into the final period deadlocked at 42, and John Martin and Thomas Jenkins riding the bench with foul problems of their own, charged back when Coach Buchanan sent the two hustlers back into the game with 6:26 to go, Mayfield leading 48-42.

Only 34 seconds later, Martin drove the baseline for a lay-up and drew a foul from Pyle. The senior guard completed the 3-pt. play, but perhaps more important, drew the foul that sent Pyle to the side court.

Martin's scoring gem cut Mayfield's lead exactly in half, and less than a minute later, Robert Martin, his junior brother, trimmed it to one with a pair of fts.

Now, Carlisle's zone press was at its best, and Mayfield began to turn the ball over. Just 15 seconds after Robert Martin's fts. had cut the deficit to 48-47, Greg Carter, who counted only 4 pts., scored a jumper from the left baseline, and the Comets suddenly owned a 49-48 lead. Then, only 17 seconds later, Carlisle's senior forward Mike Woods completed a steal, dribbled the length of the floor, and made the driving lay-up.

It was the 9th pt. during a 1½-minute offensive explosion that gave the Comets a lead they never lost. But, the unbeaten Yellowmen still weren't through.

John Martin, completing his work on Mayfield's foul-troubled Cardinals, drove for a lay-up after taking a floor-length pass, just under the 4-minute level. He didn't make it, but Williams, the leading Mayfield scorer for the season, was whistled out of the game with his 5th personal. Martin made the tosses to complete an 11-pt. Comet drive that carried them from a 6-pt. deficit into a 5-pt. lead, 53-48.

Only 12 more pts. were scored in the game, 8 by Mayfield and 4 by Carlisle, but the Comets went into a stall with just over 2 minutes to go, and didn't go for the basket in usual fashion. Mayfield, trailing 55-54 at the time, saw Carlisle stretch it to 57-54 with 40 seconds to go, when John Martin hit a pair of fts.

Then, after missing a fg. try, the Cardinals were forced to foul Jenkins. The Comet center missed, Mayfield rebounded and called for time with 12 seconds left, setting the stage for one last try at overtaking the Yellowmen.

Bill Hubbard, a 6-8 strongman, cashed a short jumper in the lane with 5 seconds left to pull the Cardinals to within one for the third time during the late stages, but they didn't get another chance.

Jenkins wisely took the ball out of bounds and tucked it away, allowing the final 5 seconds to tick away.

The 4th quarter was simply a miniature focus of the entire battle. The score was deadlocked 10 different times through the action, and the lead switched hands that many times. Mayfield's widest lead was that 6-pt. margin early in the 4th canto, and Carlisle's widest was 5, first held in the 3rd quarter, and finally midway through the 4th.

Both teams counted 12 pts. in the opening frame, with ties resulting at every even number from 2 through 12. Then, Mayfield quickly pushed to the front, after another tie at 14 early in the 2nd period, and eventually led by three, 29-26, at the break.

Carlisle rebounded to hold a 16-13 advantage through the 3rd stanza, sending the 2 teams into the final 8 minutes tied for the last time at 42. Then, the Comets won it with a 15-14 upper hand in the game-deciding period.

All 5 Mayfield starters hit in double figures, and 4 of Carlisle's starting unit did the same, in the evenly-balanced scoring effort.

Robert Martin topped all scorers with 14 pts., followed by 13 from Jenkins, 11 from John Martin and 10 from Woods. Seven of John Martin's 11 came in the final quarter.

Keith Roberts paced the Cards with 13, while Williams had 11, with Pyle, Hubbard and Sanderson each contributing 10.

Team shooting also indicated just how evenly matched the Region's top two ranked teams turned out to be. Carlisle made 23 fgs. against 22 for the Cardinals, and the Comets cashed 11/16 fts. against a 12/18 performance by Mayfield.

Just another ballgame … but what a ballgame!.

Carlisle…….....12 26 42 57
Mayfield…….....12 29 42 56

Carlisle (57)
Jenkins 13, Woods 10, R. Martin 14, J. Martin 11, Carter 4, Garrett 5, Hendrix, DeJarnett.

Mayfield (56)
Williams 11, Pyle 10, Hubbard 10, Sanderson 10 Roberts 13, Bazzell, Wilson 2.

Mayfield Tourn.
Championship
Murray Upsets Carlisle
In Two-Overtime Duel

Carlisle Co. 65
Murray 69
12-22-73 - Away

Completing one of the most remarkable recoveries ever witnessed in West Ky. basketball history, Murray High School's battling Tigers upset previously unbeaten Carlisle Co. in the championship of the Mayfield Christmas Invitational, here last night.

Down 17-4, after the 1st quarter, and trailing by 15 pts., during the early stages of the second frame, Murray came back to force the favored Comets into a double overtime, before claiming a 69-65 hard-earned decision.

Strange as it may seem, coach Bob Toon's Tigers never led during regulation play, although they forced 4 second-half deadlocks. Murray's

very first lead came during the early stages of the first overtime, and the Tigers controlled the tempo through most of the remaining action.

Big Danny Hudspeth, a husky 6-2 senior center, controlled the boards during the important 4th period and the two 3-minute extra frames. And, he scored 5 of Murray's 9 pts. in the deciding overtime period, before fouling out with 15 seconds to go.

Hudspeth finished with 11 pts., all of them coming down the stretch, when the Tigers were struggling to keep pace with the hustling Comets. And, Glenn Jackson cashed 14 of his 22 pts., after the break to compliment the effort by the Tiger center.

Murray's other 2 starters who finished in double figures, Bob Wilder and Tyrone McCuiston, contributed most of their offensive effort in the turn-around 2nd quarter. Wilder, who scored 8 straight pts. during one stretch, made all 12 of his tally during the 2nd frame, while McCuiston produced 7 of his 12-pt. effort.

Those 4 did the scoring and 5-11 Ray Lane controlled the action throughout, but, coach Toon credited his bench with coming to the rescue. "Our bench did a superb job," the jubilant coach said after receiving the big trophy for claiming the championship.

"It was just a superb effort," the veteran Tiger coach continued. "Our kids were a little flat early, but they showed a lot of character by coming back."

And, come back they did!

Murray counted only 2 of 13 fg. tries during the opening 8 minutes, when it appeared "someone had left the lid on the Tiger goal." Meanwhile, Carlisle was making 8/15 fg. Tries, and vaulted into that 13-pt. lead at the stop.

But, the Tigers finally caught fire during the 2nd quarter, through the efforts of Wilder and McCuiston. Outscoring the Comets 25-14 in the frame, Murray hit on 9/17 fgs., and went into the halftime break only 2 pts. down, 31-29.

Carlisle's downfall obviously came at the ft. stripe, although the Comets hit only a third of their 15 shots during that turn-around 2nd quarter. The usually hot-handed Yellowmen made only 4/10 fts. during the period, and 3 of those 6 misses were the first shots of bonus situations. Carlisle's failure at the stripe helped Murray claim a 21-10 edge during the final 6 minutes of the half, after Carlisle had streaked into a 21-6 advantage at the 6:01 level.

The favored Comets still held the upper hand during the early stages of the 3rd quarter, although the pesky Tigers refused to fold. After trailing by 5 pts., most of the frame, Murray finally pulled even for the first time at 46 with 17 seconds showing on the clock. Hudspeth, who had been watching from side-court since early in the 2nd frame, because of foul problems, returned to action with 3½ minutes to go in the 3rd quarter.

It was his putback that produced the first tie, but Carlisle regained its edge when Robert Martin hit from the corner at the horn.

Jackson produced another tie 3 seconds into the final canto by taking the tip in for a layup, but Carlisle used 2 quick buckets by Robert Martin to produce a 4-pt. lead they held through the next 4 minutes.

Then, the Tigers took advantage of a 5-minute "cold" snap suffered by the Comets, and forced another deadlock at 56 with 2:13 left in the game. Reserve forward John Shelley made the bucket on a layup.

Carlisle's Mike woods, who had just replaced Thomas Jenkins, who exited with his 5th personal, gave the Comets a 58-56 advantage with just over minute to go in regulation play, but Jackson came back with a pair of fts. seconds later to knot it a 58. Numerous violations and failures in the shooting department kept the action at a peak through the rest of the 4th quarter, but neither team could score.

Hudspeth then gave Murray its first lead of the game only 29 seconds into the first overtime by pulling down an offensive rebound and putting it back. A half minute later Robert Martin cashed a short jumper to tie it at 60 again, although action was fierce, neither team could score. They played the last 2 minutes of the 1st overtime without a point clicking the scoreboard.

McCuiston produced Murray's second lead almost a minute into the deciding extra period, by taking a pass from Lane and driving home for a layup. Then, Hudspeth started his personal scoring blitz with a 3-pt. play at the 1:35 level., producing a 65-60 Tiger lead. John Martin came back with a pair of fts. 5 seconds later, but Hudspeth took a feed from Shelley for a layup and another 5-pt. advantage with 1:12 to go.

John Martin counted 3 more fts. in 4 attempts during the next hectic minute of play to pull the Comets to within two, 67-65, but Lane iced the Tiger victory with a pair of fts. at the 12-second stop.

It was a thrilling finish to a championship battle. The two teams finished on almost even terms in shooting, Murray making 26/60 fgs. for the game and Carlisle 26/63 shots. The final margin then, came at the stripe, where the Tigers hit 17/24 attempts and the Comets made 13/21.

Both teams lost 3 starters during the late goings because of fouls.

Hudspeth and McCuiston were credited with 15 and 13 rebounds, respectively, as the Tigers claimed a 48-35 edge under the boards. But, most of the bulge came after the 1st quarter, when the hustling Comets claimed an edge, especially under its offensive basket.

The Martin brothers – Robert and John – turned in a brilliant offensive show for the Comets. Robert cashed a game-high 13 fgs. – exactly half of Carlisle's output – and counted 28 pts., before fouling out with 48 seconds to go. John, made 9/12 fts., including all 5 of the Comet pts. in the 2nd overtime, and added 5 fgs. for 19 pts.

The victory avenged Murray's only setback of the season, a 75-66 Carlisle win on the Comet floor just 11 nights earlier. The Comets made 13/18 4th quarter fts. in that first meeting, a phase of the game they didn't master last night.

Carlisle, the First Region's top-ranked quint in the Sun-Democrat's poll of Coaches, nipped second ranked and tourn. hosts Mayfield, 57-56, in Fri. night's semifinal show-down. It was the 12th straight win for coach Tom Buchanan's Yellowmen and left them as the Region's only unbeaten team

Now, the 3rd-ranked Bengal's have seen to it that no unit in the Purchase Area will go through an unbeaten season! Murray upped it's record to 7-1 with its 3-game tourn. sweep, blasting highly-regarded Bowling Green 86-52 in the opening round, and Lowes 80-56 in the semifinals.

Carlisle…..17 31 48 58 60 65
Murray…..4 29 46 58 60 69

Carlisle (65)
Jenkins 8, Woods 4, R. Martin 28, J. Martin 19, Carter 2, Garrett 4, Hendrix, S. Martin, Partin.

Murray (69)
Hudspeth 11, Wilder 12, T. McCuiston 12, Lane 6, Jackson 22, Shelley 4, Miller, D. McCuiston.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
St. Mary's Roof Caves
In On Top-Rated Comets

Carlisle Co. 63
St. Mary 87

12-26-73 - Away

St. Mary's Vikings have had a Merry Christmas, even if it did come a day late.

Coach Dennis Gourley's St. Mary quint ho-ho-hoed their way to a surprisingly easy 87-63 upset victory over top-ranked Carlisle Co, in the opening round of the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Invitational, Wed. night.

And, Gene Roof and Rick Cochran were the merriest Vikings of them all, combining for 61 pts. to lead the Vikes. Roof, a rugged 6-1 sophomore, poured in a game-high 37 pts., just one short of the modern tourn. record. Cochran, a 5-8 junior, sacked 24.

The victory sends 4th-ranked St. Mary into the semifinal round against No. 6 Calloway Co., which provided the opening crowd in the Tilghman gym with the first upset of the tourn. The Lakers rallied in the 2nd half to dump 2nd Region power Union County, 82-69.

Out hustling the Comets from the opening tip, the inspired Vikings streaked to a 9-pt. 1st quarter lead, behind the shooting of Roof and Cochran, and upped the margin to 16 at intermission.

Carlisle, which had beaten St. Mary twice previously, never led in the contest, and was never closer than 10 pts. in the 2nd half.

Two baskets inside by Roof touched off the early St. Mary explosion, and a jumper by David Paxton gave the Vikings a 6-0 lead, before the Comets ever clicked the scoreboard.

A putback by center Robert Martin with 5:58 showing in the opening period, finally put Carlisle in the chase, and spawned a 3-minute exchange.

Then Roof scored off the fast break, and Paxton answered a Thomas Jenkins ft. with a short jumper, to up the St. Mary advantage to 7, 14-7, with 3:08 left.

Back-to-back buckets by Greg Carter and John Martin cut the gap to 3 at 16-13, but the Vikings collected the last 6 pts. of the quarter. Roof sandwiched a pair of fgs. around a baseline jumper by Cochran, and St. Mary led 22-13 at the stop.

A scoring rampage by Roof, who was also a demon on the boards throughout the contest, in the early stages of the 2nd quarter pushed Carlisle County farther out of range. Roof was the only Viking to score in the first 4 minutes of the period, but he bagged 9 and built the St. Mary edge to 9.

Robert Martin was high for Carlisle with 20, and brother John contributed 14. Carter bagged 12 and Woods had 10 for the Comets, who finished with 24 fgs. and 15/25 fts.

Carlisle…..13 25 44 63
St. Mary…..22 41 61 87

Carlisle (63)
Jenkins 5, Woods 10, R. Martin 20, Carter 12, J. Martin 14, Garrett 1, Hendrix 1, DeJarnett.

St. Mary (87)
Paxton 12, Rick Cochran 24, Weglicki 4, Roof 37, Felts 4, Davis 4, Vinson 5, Wooten, Russ Cochran 2, Hailcks.

Ballard Co. Upsets
Top-Rated Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 81
Ballard Co. 84

01-11-74 - Away

Ballard Co. outscored Carlisle Co. 26-9 in the 3rd quarter en route to an 84-81 upset victory over the top-ranked Comets here Fri. night.

The triumph snapped a 5 game losing streak for the Bombers, and sent the Comets, who were playing without the services of center Thomas Jenkins and guard John Martin, reeling to their third consecutive setback.

The Bombers trailed by six, 25-19, at the 1st period stop and by 11, 50-39, at the intermission, but the Greenmen came roaring back in the 3rd period to jump on top, 65-59.

Ballard increased the margin to 12 pts. with 3 minutes remaining in the final canto, before Carlisle came back to trim the final gap to 3 pts.

Leo Henderson, a 5-11 jumping jack forward, sparked the Ballard attack with 26 pts. Paul Cavanaugh canned 16, Mark Edwards cashed 15, and Mike Hammonds added 13.

Robert Martin led the Comets with 26 pts., Greg Carter dumped in 21 pts., and Mike Woods contributed 20, to give Carlisle 3 players above the 20-pt. plateau. David Garrett added 10.

The Bombers connected on 33/70 fgs. for 49%, and 18/31 fts. for 60%, while Carlisle hit 28/69 fgs. for 41%, and 25/34 fts. for 74%.

Carlisle…..…..25 50 59 81
Ballard…..…..19 39 65 84

Carlisle (81)
Woods 20, R. Martin 26, Carter 21, Garrett 10, Hendrix, S. Martin 2, Partin 2, Terry.

Ballard (84)
L. Henderson 26, Cavanaugh 16, Edwards 15, Hammonds 13, C. Henderson 3, S. H

Top-Ranked Carlisle
Co. Upends Heath Pirates

Carlisle Co. 94
Heath 64
01-12-74 - Home

Top-ranked Carlisle Co. erupted for 57 pts. in the 2nd half and trounced Heath, 94-64, on the Comet court, Sat. night.

The triumph ended a 3-game skid for coach Tom Buchanan's Carlisle quint, and improved the Comet record to 13-3.

The gritty Pirates from Heath stayed with Carlisle for a half, and trailed by only 3 pts., 37-34, at intermission. But, the Comets outscored the Bucs 24-13 in the 3rd period, and 33-17 in the 4th stanza to turn the game into a rout.

Senior Mike Woods of Carlisle, was the game's high scorer with 23 pts. Jimmy Hendrix added 13 for the Comets and Greg Carter had 12.

Steve Frazier led the Pirates with 15 markers. Donnie Morehead sacked 12 and Terry Klope had 10 to give Heath 3 men in double figures.

Carlisle shot a blistering 63% from the field connecting on 34/54 attempts. The Comets counted 26/39 fts. Heath hit on 21/53 fgs. for 40% and canned 22/37 fts. The Pirates held a 45-39 rebound advantage.

Carlisle…..…..18 37 61 94
Heath…..…..…12 34 47 64

Carlisle (94)
Woods 23, Hendrix 13, Carter 12, Garrett 8, S. Martin 7, Terry 4, Stacy 3, Partin 3, DeJamett 1, J. Martin 6, Jenkins 14, R. Martin.

Heath (64)
Wright 8, Frazier 15, Elrod 6, Klope 10, Harpole 7, Nance, Morehead 12, Tilford, Watson 2, Jett, Travis 2, Weig 2.

Jenkins, Martin
Spark Comet Win

Carlisle Co. 69
Hickman Co. 58
01-15-74 - Home

Thomas Jenkins and John Martin each scored 20 pts. Tuesday night as Carlisle County's Comets pulled away in the final quarter to defeat Hickman Co., 69-58.

The foes practically matched basket for basket throughout the first 3 quarters, but the sharpshooting of Jenkins and J. Martin enabled the host quint to gradually draw away in the final 8 minutes of play.

The victory upped Carlisle's record to 14-3 for the season, while the loss gives the Falcons a 7-6 mark.

Mike Woods, with 11 pts., was the only other Comet in double figures.

Game scoring honors went to Hickman's Sidney Spate, who pumped in 28 pts. in a losing cause.

Spate was the lone Falcon to reach double numerals.

The winning Comets hit 28/58 fgs. for 48%, while the Falcons connected on 25/54 fgs. for 45%. Carlisle was 13/15 from the ft. line as Hickman hit 8/12 fts.

Hickman had a slight edge on the boards.

Carlisle…..…..8 30 43 69
Hickman…..…..12 31 39 58

Carlisle (69)
Jenkins 20, Woods 11, Carter 6, Garrett 2, Hendrix 4, J. Martin 20, S. Martin 6.

Hickman (58)
Spate 28, Spraggs 8, Larkins 6, Omar 5, Weatherspoon 6, Rogers 1, Barclay 4.

Mike Woods' 33 Points
Leads Comets Over Sedalia

Carlisle Co. 97
Sedalia 69
01-18-74 - Away

Mike Woods pumped in 33 pts., here Fri. night, as Carlisle Co. trounced the host Sedalia Lions, 97-69. The victory was Carlisle's 15th of the season against only 3 losses.

Woods connected 16 times from the field, mostly on putbacks and tips, to fuel the high-scoring Comet machine. John Martin, Carlisle's sterling 5-8 senior guard, found the mark frequently and netted 20 pts. for runner-up honors, while Thomas Jenkins scored 16 pts.

Scotty McAlpin, Bob Cavitt and Dale Towery shared scoring honors for Sedalia with 14 pts. each, while Ed Cavitt chipped in with 13 pts.

The Comets raced to an early 27-18 lead, and held a comfortable 53-32 edge at halftime. Sedalia rallied briefly in the 3rd stanza, but the Comets hit their stride again in the 4th period and pulled away to an easy victory.

Carlisle…..…..27 53 71 97
Sedalia…..…..18 32 54 69

Carlisle (97)
J. Martin 20, Hendrix 2, Woods 33, DeJarnett 2, Jenkins 16, Carter 14, Garrett 6, Partin 2, Gaddie 2, Stacy, Terry.

Sedalia (69)
E. Cavitt 13, Dublin 8, B. Cavitt 14, McAlpin 14, Canter 6, Towery 14.

Woods, Martin
Key Carlisle Co. Win

Carlisle Co. 85
Fulton Co. 62
01-19-74 - Away

Getting a combined 50 pts. from seniors Mike Woods and John Martin, Carlisle County's 3rd-ranked Comets zipped to their 4th straight win, and 16th in 19 outings here last night. Carlisle claimed an 85-62 intra-district triumph over the host Fulton Co. Pilots.

Woods scored 26 and Martin 24 to spark the streaking Comets, who overtook Fulton County's 1st-half slowdown. Carlisle led 40-31 at the half, and 60-40, after a 20-9 3rd quarter blitz. Another 25 pts. in the final canto easily decided the issue.

Preston Pearson, Fulton County's junior guard, who is leading the First Region in scoring, canned 21 pts. to pace the Pilots, while McClanahan added 13 and Charles Kinney tallied 12. It was Fulton County's 5th straight setback and left the Pilots with a 6-8 record.

The game was a makeup of a battle originally scheduled for Jan. 4th. Carlisle will play another rescheduled game Monday night at home against Fulton City while Fulton County's next assignment will come Tuesday on the road to Hickman Co.

Carlisle…..…..14 40 60 85
Fulton Co…..…..11 31 40 62

Carlisle (85)
Woods 26, J. Martin 24, R. Martin 7, Jenkins 10, Hendrix 6, Garrett 2, Carter 5, S. Martin 5, DeJarnett, Stacey.

Fulton Co. (62)
Pearson 21, Cross 8, McClanahan 13, Winter 7, Kinney, C. Kinney 12, Hickerson 1, Amberg.

Comets
Upend Bulldogs

Carlisle Co. 96
Fulton City 79
01-21-74 - Home

Thomas Jenkins and John Martin combined for 53 pts. as No. 3 ranked Carlisle Co. took a 96-79 victory over visiting Fulton City here Monday night.

Jenkins, a 5-10 junior, poured in 33 markers, while Martin, a 5-8 senior, dropped in 20 pts. Mike Woods and Greg Carter contributed 13 and 12 pts., respectively.

Fulton City was led by Scott Curtis' 31 markers, while Rick Dalton finished with 17. Bob Patton and Keith Wade added 14 and 12 pts., respectively. The Comets hit 38/80 fgs. for 48%, and added 20/27 fts. for 74%, and out rebounded the Bulldogs, 37-33.

Fulton City out shot the Comets from the field, hitting 37/67 fgs. for 55%, but the Bulldogs could manage only 5/13 fts. for 38%.

Jenkins pulled down 12 rebounds for Carlisle Co., while Woods retrieved 10. Curtis led Fulton City with 16 rebounds.

Carlisle…..…..18 42 67 96
Fulton City…..23 39 63 79

Carlisle (96)
Woods 13, J. Martin 20, Jenkins 33, Hendrix 8, Carter 12, Garrett 8, S. Martin 2, Terry, Stacy, Partin, DeJarnett.

Fulton City (79)
Shell 2, Patton 14, Dalton 17, Curtis 31, Wade 121, Dean 3.

Woods And Martin
Key Comet Victory

Carlisle Co. 78
Bowling Green 64
01-25-74 - Away

Mike Woods and John Martin combined for 52 pts. to lead Carlisle Co. to a 78-64 triumph over Bowling Green here Fri. night.

Woods dumped in a game-high 28, and Martin chipped in 24 as they roared to their 18th

win in 21 appearances. Robert Martin bagged 12 to give Carlisle 3 players in twin figures.

A 2nd period scoring out-burst, which saw the Comets out-score the Purples 30-11 to turn a 6-pt. deficit into a 13-pt. halftime lead, proved to be the key to the Comet victory.

Carlisle hit on 35/79 fgs. for 44% and 8/13 fts. for 61%, while Bowling Green netted 28/77 fgs. for 35%, and 8/12 fts. for 67%. Bowling Green outrebounded the Comets, 47/37.

Carlisle……..…..13 43 67 78
Bowling Green…..19 30 43 64

Carlisle (78)
Woods 28, Carter 4, Jenkins 8, J. Martin 24, Garrett, R. Martin 12, Hendrix 2, S. Martin, DeJarnett, Terry, Stacey, Partin.

Bowling Green (64)
Johnson 4, Kirby 10, J. Holland 4, Deeb 6, Cullon 7, Dillion 11, Willford 2, M. Holland 4, Anthony 2, Hampton 8, Barnett, Boone 3, Jones.

Carlisle Co. Guns Down
Pleasure Ridge Park

Carlisle Co. 93
P. R. P. 90
01-26-74 - Away

Fourth ranked Carlisle County overcame severe foul problems in the fourth period here Saturday night, and overtook Pleasure Ridge 93-90.

The Comets lost Greg Carter, Thomas Jenkins, David Garrett and Robert Martin to fouls, but still outscored the host school 28-20 in the final stanza to pull out the victory.

The two teams were deadlocked at 22 at the end of the first period, but the Comets slipped to a 48-42 advantage at the half. The Panthers turned the game around in the third period taking a 70-65 lead, but Carlisle County rallied again in the last frame.

The triumph capped a successful road trip to central Kentucky for the Comets.

Carlisle County blasted highly regarding Bowling Green, 78-64, Friday night.

The two victories boosted the Comets' winning streak to seven games, and upped Carlisle's seasonal worksheet to 19-3.

Jenkins and John Martin paced the Comets with 21 points each. Carter contributed 17 and Mike Woods had 14.

Carlisle County hit 38 of 78 field goal attempts and counted 17 of 20 free throws. Pleasure Ridge Park sank 32 of 69 shots from the floor and added 26 of 33 charity tosses. The Comets held a 39-36 rebound advantage.

Carlisle County goes after victory No. 20 at home Friday against Fulton Co.

Carlisle.....22 48 65 93
Pleasure Ridge....22 42 70 90

Carlisle (93)
Woods 14, Carter 17, Jenkins 21, J. Martin 21, Garrett 9, S. Martin 2, Hendricks 3, R. Martin 6, Partin.

P. R. P. (90)
Jefferys 24, Emberton 26, Bettingfield 26, Peerce 5, Thomas 5, Crabtree

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Second-Ranked
Bluemen Turn Back Comets

Carlisle Co. 82
Tilghman 91
02-02-74 - Away

Answering the home court call with dominating play under the baskets, Paducah Tilghman's second ranked Blue Tornado zipped past third rated Carlisle County, 91-82, last night.

Playing before a near-capacity crowd of more than 3,000 screaming fans, the two First Region cage powers battled each other head to head from the opening tip until the final horn.

Often time, ragtag basketball filtered its way into the action slowing the click of the scoreboard but never the action itself.

And action was furious.

It was a physical clash, especially under the boards, despite the fact that officials whistled a total 46 fouls and sent three players to the side lines with five personals. Both units went at it as if it were the final game of the Regional and it kept the Tornado gym rocking with excitement.

Tilghman, after scoring just 16 points in the opening quarter and dropping five points off the pace, rebounded with eight-minute counts of 25,27 and 23, the rest of the way to crash the 90 point barrier. Carlisle after opening with 21 tapered off to 15 and 17 in the next two frames before surging back with 29 in the last canto.

And it was that 29-23 scoring in the final eight minutes that brought all that excitement to a head.

Tilghman moved to a five point lead at the half (41-36) by out scoring the Comets by 10 pts. in the second period. Then, the Bluemen steadily pulled away by again claiming a 10-point advantage in the third stanza. Leading by 15 (68-53) with a quarter to go, Tilghman pushed it out to 20 during the upper half of the final period and seemly was surging toward an easy triumph.

But, Carlisle went to work midway through the frame, scoring nine straight points during a one minute stretch and erased some of that deficit. After that 20 point Tilghman lead and a subsequent Carlisle time out the Comets claimed a furious 21-10 advantage the rest of the way.

However, Tilghman's early lead proved too much for the smaller Carlisle quint to overcome. Six free throws and a pair of driving layups, were all the Bluemen needed down the stretch to ice away the win.

In the end it was a solid 45-26 rebounding edge, produced by the Bluemen, that did the Comets in. Tilghman made 19 mistakes, but Carlisle committed 18 of their own, so there was no room for improvement. The rebounding deficit was just too much.

Senior forward Larry Flatt, and junior guard Charles Robertson, combined to help Tilghman dominate the boards. Robinson, who had 14 points, pulled down a game-high 15 rebounds. Reserve center Mike Whitehead, a 6-2 senior, had nine points and eight rebounds for Tilghman, while starting pivot Don Menifee finished with 12 points.

Carlisle countered with three players in double figures, with 5-10 junior center Thomas Jenkins leading the way with 21, and 6-2 senior forward Mike Woods backing him with 19. John Martin, a 5-8 senior sparkplug guard, cashed 14. Jenkins, working against the taller Bluemen inside, cashed in eight of his nine field attempts.

Tilghman didn't shoot quite as well, making almost 45 percent of its shots from the floor by hitting 33 of 74 tries, but the Tornado reversed the trend at the stripe by hitting 25 of 35 attempts.

Dunbar, a driving force in Tilghman's win at Lone Oak Friday night, did it again last night. The little guard twisted his way through the Comet defense for 12 of his 23 points in the second quarter. It was his offensive rebound and putback that gave the Bluemen the lead for good, at 28-27 with 3:48 to go, and his floor-length drive a half minute later, that started the host quint toward its victory.

Earlier, the score had been tied four times, and the lead had switched hands seven times.

It was Tilghman's fourth straight win and 12th in its last 4 games. Coach Berny Miller, now 13-6, hadn't played at home in two weeks, but the return trip produced a sweet victory. Coach Tom Buchanan's Carlisle Yellowmen, the winingest team in the Region with a 19-4 worksheet, saw a 7–game victory streak snapped.

Carlisle…..21 36 53 82
Tilghman.....16 41 68 91

Carlisle (82)
Woods 19, Carter 9, Jenkins 21, J. Martin 14, Garrett 8, Hendricks 7, R. Martin 2, S. Martin 2.

Tilghman (91)
Flatt 26, Robinson 14, Menefee 12, Dunbar 23, Paschall 7, Whitehead 9, Goodwin.

Flatt got 11 Retrieves As Lakers
Notch Victory Over No. 3 Comets

Carlisle Co. 66
Calloway Co. 74
02-05-74 - Home

Calloway County posted its seventh consecutive win here Tuesday night, as the Lakers defeated host Carlisle County, 74-66.

The contest was marred by a fight which resulted in one player being ejected, while another missed the entire second half because of injuries. The fisticuffs involved Calloway County's 6-8 junior center James Wells, and Carlisle's 5-10 junior center Thomas Jenkins.

Wells was ejected from the contest by officials, while Jenkins suffered a cut over his eye, and left the gym to receive medical attention.

Wells netted 16 points, before his departure.

Calloway County took an early 18-10 lead and appeared to have the game well in hand, before the host Comets staged one of their patented fourth period rallies, that carried them within two points of the Lakers in the final minutes of the action.

A pair of free throws by Carlisle's Robert Martin cut the Lakers lead to 66-64 with 1:43 left on the clock.

Calloway's David Williams responded with a pair of freebies of his own at the 1:05 mark, as the Laker's upped at their margin to 68-64.

Seconds later, Calloway's Tommy Futrell, a 5-8 freshman, went into his noted dribbling act for about 30 seconds, before hitting Randy Shelton inside with a pass. Shelton found the mark, and the Lakers had a rather comfortable 70-64 lead with 33 seconds left.

Carlisle added another basket, and Calloway chipped in with four points in the final seconds of action.

Senior forward Greg Howard fueled the Lakers attack with 20 points, while Rick Scarbrough added 12 and Williams 10.

John Martin bombed the nets for 23 points, while brother Robert was only a point behind at 22.

The victory was Calloway's 11th against six losses, while the loss dropped Carlisle's record to 19-5, and was the second setback in a row for Coach Tom Buchanan's quintet.

Calloway is unbeaten in 1974 as the Lakers prepare to host Benton's Indians Friday night.

Carlisle…..10 31 43 66
Calloway.....18 38 54 74

Carlisle (66)
Woods 8, J. Martin 23, Jenkins 4, R. Martin 22, Garrett, Carter 5, Hendricks.

Calloway (74)
Wells 16, Shelton 8, Howard 20, Furtrell 8, Williams 10, Scarbrough 12.

Fourth-Rated Comets Stop
Tenth-Rated South Marshall

Carlisle Co. 77
South Marshall 71
02-08-74 - Away

Fourth-rated Carlisle Co. held off a gritty South Marshall quint, 77-71, here Fri. night.

The 10th-rated Rebels, who played without injured Larry McGregor, fell 2 pts. down at the 1st stop, and 6 behind at the half, but fought the Comets even the rest of the way.

Both teams had 5 men in double figures. Robert Martin of Carlisle led all scorers with 21 markers. Mike Woods chipped in 14 for the Comets, followed by John Martin with 13, Thomas Jenkins with 11 and Greg Carter with 11.

Mike Ivey was high for South Marshall with 19, Mike Reed was a notch back at 18, Gary Mitchell canned 12 and Henry Beasley and Donnie Dickerson both had 10.

South Marshall out shot the Comets from the floor, 50% to 42%. Carlisle, however, cashed 11/16 fts., while the Rebels hit 7/12 opportunities. South held a slim 37-33 rebound edge.

Carlisle…….....18 42 61 77
S. Marshall.....16 36 54 71

Carlisle (77)
Jenkins 11, R. Martin 21, Woods 14, J. Martin 13, Garrett 4, Carter 10, Hendrix 4.

S. Marshall (71)
Reed 18, Beasley 10, Ivey 19, Mitchell 12, Dickerson 10, Mathis 2.

Carlisle Co. Get 21st
Victory With Win Over Pilots

Carlisle Co. 85
Fulton Co. 64
02-09-74 - Home

Fourth-ranked Carlisle Co. notched its 21st win of the season with an 85-64 romp over district rival Fulton Co. here Sat. night.

The Comets, who have lost but 5, streaked to a 24-12 margin in the 1st period, upped the difference to 35 at the half, and never were threatened. Coach Tom Buchanan emptied the bench in the final stanza.

Robert Martin led a 4-man double figure attack for Carlisle with 23 pts. Mike Woods chipped in 18 markers and Thomas Jenkins and David Garrett sacked 10 each.

Preston Pearson of Fulton Co., the region's leading scorer, claimed game honors with 31 pts.

The Comets hit a blistering 55% from the field, 34/61, while Fulton Co. sank 23/53 fgs. for 44%. Carlisle out rebounded the Pilots, 43-30.

Carlisle……...24 48 67 85
Fulton Co…...12 23 36 64

Carlisle (85)
Jenkins 10, R. Martin 23, Woods 18, J. Martin 9, Garrett 10, Carter 4, Hendrix 6, S. Martin 3, DeJarnett 2.

Fulton Co. (64)
Pearson 31, Winters 7, Charles Kinney 6, McClanahan 6, Connell Kinney 8, Cross 4, Hickerson 2.

Bazzell's Timely Markers
Lift Mayfield By Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 68
Mayfield 70
02-12-74 - Away

Mayfield's Greg Bazzell tallied only 6 pts. against Carlisle Co. last night, but the timely markers came in the last minute-and-a-half of the game, enabling the 3rd-ranked Cardinals to take a 70-68 decision over the visiting Comets.

With Mayfield holding a slim one-pt. advantage, 62-61, at 1:43, Bazzell, a 6-2 junior forward, was fouled by the Comets' David Garrett. He stepped to the ft. line, and completed both ends of a bonus situation, to up his team's advantage to 3.

The Carlisle quint countered with a ft. by Thomas Jenkins at 1:21.

The fouling problems continued for Carlisle as senior guard John Martin was called for fouling the Cardinals' Keith Pyle, who promptly cashed another 2 pts. to give his team a 66-62 lead with 1:03 remaining to play in the game.

With 49 seconds remaining, Jenkins brought the Comets to within 2 with a layup, but 13 seconds later, Brazzell pushed the Mayfield margin back to four, 68-64, on a putback.

Following a layup by Garrett at 0:22, Bazzell stepped to the ft. line with 11 seconds left, and cashed in his 5th and 6th pts. of the evening by hitting 2 foul shots. Mayfield's final pts. came on a short jumper by Jenkins with 3 seconds remaining.

The contest was close throughout the evening with neither team holding more than a 6-pt. advantage.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets tallied the first 6 markers in the 1st period, but Mayfield fought back to force ties at 10, 12, 14 and 16, before taking a 2-pt. advantage at the quarter's end.

The Cardinals grabbed their largest lead of the game, when forward Eddie Williams and Larry Sanderson popped in two pts. each to push the Mayfield lead to six, 22-16, at 7:13 of the 2nd quarter.

Carlisle scored 7 straight pts. to claim a 1-pt. advantage, 23-22, at 5:55, and the Comets hung on to take a 31-28 lead into the dressing room at intermission.

The lead switched hands several times in the 2nd half with neither team taking more than a 5-pt. advantage,

Williams pulled down game-scoring honors with 23 pts. and Sanderson was a point back at 22. Pyle was the only other Cardinal in double figures with 13.

The Comets, now 21-6 on the season, landed 4 players in double figures with Robert Martin leading the way with 19, John Martin netted 15, and forward Mike Woods and Jenkins added 13 and 11 markers, respectively.

Both teams bagged equal number of tries from the field, 29, with Mayfield attempting 63 shots as compared to Carlisle's 62. The Cardinals, who did not get a single ft. in the 1st half, wound up with 12/17 for 70%. The Comets hit 10/15 fts. for 67%.

The taller Redbirds out rebounded the Comet quint, 34-26, as Williams led the way with 11.

Carlisle…….....16 31 48 68
Mayfield.…..…..18 28 49 70

Carlisle (68)
R. Martin 19, J. Martin 15, Woods 13, Jenkins 11, Carter 8, Garrett 2.

Mayfield (70)
Williams 23, Sanderson 22, Pyle 13, Bazzell 6, Hubbard 4, Wilson, Roberts 2.

Second Period Burst
Keys Carlisle Rout

Carlisle Co. 119
Fancy Farm 63
02-15-74 - Home

Scoring 43 pts. in the 2nd period, 5th-ranked Carlisle Co. vaulted to a 119-63 triumph over visiting Fancy Farm here Fri. Night.

The 2nd quarter burst sent Carlisle into halftime with a 40 pt. lead, 72-32, and the Comets breezed the rest of the way. Coach Tom Buchanan substituted freely and 14 Yellowmen saw action.

Sparked by Thomas Jenkins' game-high 25 pts., Carlisle placed 5 men in double figures. Greg Carter netted 16, John Martin sacked 12 and Mike Woods and Jimmy Hendrix each collected 11.

Ricky Hobbs topped the Fancy Farm scoring with 13, David Elliott added 11 and Mike Kilcoyne had 10.

Carlisle…..…..29 72 90 119
Fancy Farm....13 32 43 63

Carlisle (119)
Woods 11, R. Martin 5, Jenkins 25, J. Martin 12, Garrett 6, Carter 16, Hendrix 11, S. Martin 4, DeJarnett 8, Partin 4, Gaddie 2, Stacey 6, Terry 2, S. Martin 7.

Fancy Farm (63)
Cissell 7, M. Kilcoyne 10, R. Elliott 2, Hobbs 13, D. Elliott 11, K. Kilcoyne 4, R. Kilcoyne 3.

Comets
Rip Bombers

Carlisle Co. 93
Ballard Co. 79
02-19-74 - Home

John Martin and Thomas Jenkins tallied 28 and 20 pts., respectively, to lead 5th ranked Carlisle Co. to a 93-79 triumph over Ballard Co., here Tuesday night.

Mike Woods and David Garrett also reached double figures for the Comets with 18 and 10 markers, respectively,

Ballard Co. was led in scoring by Paul Henderson with 24 pts.

Senior Leo Henderson tallied 22 pts. to push him over the 1,500 pt. career mark with 1,508 pts. and established the 5-11 forward as the all-time leading Ballard scorer.

Carlisle…..…..17 33 61 93
Ballard.…..…..14 40 55 79

Carlisle (93)
Woods 18, R. Martin 5, Jenkins 20, J, Martin 28, Garrett 10, Carter 6, Hendrix 6, S. Martin, Stacey.

Ballard (79)
Hammonds 10, L. Henderson 22, P. Henderson 24, Cavanaugh 2, Edwards 6, Stewart 13, C. Henderson 2.

Carlisle
Burns Heath

Carlisle Co. 101
Heath 73
02-22-74 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets ended their regular cage campaign on a winning note by defeating the Heath Pirates 101-73 at Heath Fri. night.

It was the 24th victory of the season for coach Tom Buchanan's quintet, which has lost only 6 games.

Heath too, rang down the curtain on the 1973-74 season as the Bucs dropped their 20th start in 24 outings this season.

The Comets, building up steam for a shot at another district and possible regional crown, hit 35/75 fgs. and added 31/44 from the ft. line.

Heath, meanwhile, hit 26/59 fgs., but only 21/35 fts.

John Martin, Carlisle's 5-8 senior guard, fueled the Comet attack with 22 pts. Thomas Jenkins added 20. Robert Martin chipped in with 16 pts. and Greg Carter registered 12.

Heath's Steve Frazier fired in 27 pts., good for game scoring honors. Champ Webb netted 15 and Steve Wright connected for 12 pts.

Carlisle……...25 52 72 101
Heath…….....14 28 47 73

Carlisle (101)
Woods 8, R. Martin 16, Jenkins 20 J. Martin 22, Garrett 4, Carter 12, Hendrix 5, S. Martin 3, Partin 6, Terry 5

Heath (73)
Wright 12, Frazier 27, Elrod 6, Klope 2, Hargrove 5, Morehead 2, Jett 2, Hines 2, Weig 1, Webb 15, Watson, Nance, Harris.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Comets
Top Bulldogs

Carlisle Co. 87
Fulton City 77
02-28-74 - Away

Thomas Jenkins blistered the nets for 35 pts. to lead Carlisle Co. to an 87-77 triumph over Fulton City in the opening game of the First District tourn. here Thursday night.

The Comets, winners of the First District last year, jumped to a 20-8 advantage at the 1st stop, but the Bulldogs fought back, finally whittling the halftime margin to 7 pts., 38-31. Carlisle pushed the gap out to 15 at the end of the 3rd period, but a battling Fulton City quint refused to say die.

The Bulldogs trimmed the margin to 6 pts. midway of the final period but ran out of steam in the closing moments, falling 10 pts. back, as the game came to an end.

Three other players reached twin figures for the Comets. Mike Woods netted 16, John Martin canned 15 and Greg Carter added 13. Robert Patton led Fulton with 25 pts. Scott Curtis dropped in 20 and Rick Dalton and Milton Dean added 11 apiece.

The Bulldogs cashed 55% of their fgs., while Carlisle managed only 39% from the floor. But the Comets claimed a 50-34 advantage on the boards as they claimed their 25th victory.

Carlisle……..20 38 64 87
Fulton City……..8 31 49 77

Carlisle (87)
Woods 16, R. Martin 2, Jenkins 35, J. Martin 15, Garrett 6, Carter 13, Hendrix, S. Martin, Partin, Terry, Stacey, Gaddie.

Fulton City (77)
Shell 4, Patton 25, Dalton 11, Curtis 20, Dean 11, Wade 4, Gamble 2, Edmondson.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Falcons Douse
Comet Flame

Carlisle Co. 51
Hickman Co. 55
03-02-74 – Away

Hickman Co. won the war of attrition and the First District Tourn. championship here Sat. night with a 55-51 overtime triumph over defending champion Carlisle Co.

The two aggressive quints ran into foul trouble early, and at times there were as many reserves on the floor as starters. In the end, those players not on the floor were as big a factor in the outcome as those on the court.

Carlisle stung the Falcons with a tight man-to-man defense and led by as much as 13 in the 1st half. But, the Comet aggressiveness soon took its toll in fouls, and Carlisle had to struggle to keep its lineup intact.

Coach Tom Buchanan's quint limited Hickman to only 2 fgs. in the 1st period and 3 in the 2nd, but led only 30-25 at intermission, and 3 Comet starters were in serious foul trouble.

None of the 3 saw much action in the 2nd half, and all 3 were whistled to the sidelines before the overtime period began.

Carlisle forward Mike Woods scored 8 pts. in the opening period to propel the Comets out front for most of the 1st half. The 6-1 hustler sacked 6 pts. in the first 3 minutes of play to spark Carlisle to a 9-3 advantage.

Two fts. by guard David Rodgers and a fg. by Tim Larkins cut the gap to 9-7, but Larkins' bucket at 4:24 was the last 2-pointer for the Falcons for more than 10 minutes.

Hickman managed only 2 fts. the rest of the quarter and Carlisle eased to a 15-9 advantage at the stop.

Both teams had difficulties in the opening minutes of the 2nd stanza, but the Comets got the best of the first fireworks. Robert Martin picked up his 3rd personal, and went to the Carlisle bench in the first minute of the frame, but Hickman was tagged for 3 technicals and Ricky Weatherspoon was called for his 2nd and ordered to the bench.

As a result, Carlisle out pointed Hickman 9-1 in the first 4 minutes of the canto, and burst to a 24-11 lead. Then, the black cloud floated over to the Comet side of the bench.

Starting guard David Garrett collected his 3rd foul at 4:23, and went to the sidelines for Carlisle. A minute later, center Thomas Jenkins exited with his 3rd foul also.

The Carlisle attack bogged down on Hickman's leakless zone as a result, and the Falcons zoomed back. Carlisle still led by 13 with 3½ minutes remaining, but Hickman reeled off 6 straight pts. to close within 26-19.

A tip-in by Larkins at 2:15 capped the spurt, and ended the Falcon fg. drought. Hickman chipped 2 more pts. off the margin, before intermission to trail only 30-25 at the half.

Carlisle bagged 7 more fgs. than Hickman in the 1st half, but the Falcons made the best of their frequent trips to the ft. line, sinking 15/23 to stay alive.

Hickman upset the Comets with zone pressure early in the 2nd half, and battled back on top. Furthermore, the speedy Falcons continued to check the Carlisle man-to-man and pick up fouls.

Carlisle counted a single fg. against the tough Hickman defense, tops in the region against scoring, in the first 5 minutes.

Hickman, confusing the Carlisle defense, outscored Carlisle 10-2 in the 5 minute surge, and roared to a 35-32 lead at 4:31. Woods, who led the Comets with a game-high 19 pts., revived the Comets briefly, piling 6 pts. around a bucket by Larkins.

Woods' spree shuffled Carlisle on top, 38-37, but a pair of fts. by Joe Spraggs gave Hickman the lead back, before the end of the quarter.

Hickman continued to charge in the final stanza. The Falcons ran up a 46-40 lead, before Coach Buchanan sent the Martin brothers and Jenkins back into the action.

With its starting unit intact, Carlisle battled back to tie at 46, but lost all 3 players for good in the next 2 minutes.

A jumper by reserve Bob Partin put Carlisle out front 48-46, but Robert Barclay knotted the score again with a 12-footer and put the Falcons ahead with 2 fts. at 1:13.

A putback by Partin with 54 seconds remaining, deadlocked the scoreboard at 50, and neither team was able to score again in regulation play.

Carlisle didn't score in the extra period until one second remained on the clock. A 3-pt. play by Spates, at 2:08, gave the Falcons the lead for keeps and 2 fts. by Rodgers, a full 2 minutes later, decided the issue.

Barclay and Rogers shared scoring honors for Hickman with 14 pts. each. Spates, who led the Falcons to a 35-31 edge on the boards, contributed 13.

John Martin was the only Comet besides Woods to reach double figures. The 5-8 guard bagged 11.

Carlisle hit only 28% from the field against the Hickman defense. The Comets sank 20/71 fgs. and 11/19 fts. The Falcons collected 5 fewer fgs., 15/39 for 39%, but stripped 25/38 fts.

Both teams will advance to next week's First Region Tourn.

Carlisle….15 30 38 50 51
Hickman….9 25 39 50 55

Carlisle (51)
Woods 19, R. Martin 2, Jenkins 4, J. Martin 11, Garrett 4. Carter 6. Hendrix 1, S. Martin, Partin 4.

Hickman (55)
Amos 1, Spates 13, Larkins 6, Weatherspoon 3, Barclay 14, Spraggs 4, Rogers 14.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
John Martin Keys
Carlisle Co. Romp Over Mayfield

Carlisle Co. 65
Mayfield 52
03-07-74 - Away

Breaking away from a 29-29 deadlock in the early goings of the third period, Carlisle County's Comets took a 65-52 decision over the Mayfield Cardinals in the final upper bracket quarterfinal match of the First Region Tourney Wed. night.

Coach Tom Buchanan's Comets, now 26-7 on the season, thus moves into a semifinal showdown against Tilghman, which whipped Calloway Co, 60-46.

Carlisle, which found itself behind only at the end of the 1st period, was paced by the shooting and defensive play of 5-8 senior guard John Martin.

Martin led his team in the scoring column with 6 pts. in each of the first 2 periods of action.

The Cardinals took a 4-pt. lead at 7:47 of the 2nd quarter on a layup by Eddie Williams.

But the Redbirds suffered through a 3-minute scoring drought from the field as Carlisle fought back with 2 fgs, and a pair of fts. by Greg Carter, to take its first lead of the contest, at 17-15. Following a fg. by John Martin that gave his team a 21-17 advantage, the 2 squads swapped baskets the rest of the period as Carlisle took a 29-27 margin into the dressing room at intermission. Eddie Williams, the Redbirds' 6-4 standout forward, bagged 14 markers in the 1st half to lead all scorers, but it was probably the absence of the Cards' other forward, Larry Sanderson, that slowed down the Mayfield attack. Sanderson picked up his 3rd personal foul at 2:25 of the opening period, and finished the half without a marker.

The Redbirds pulled into what would be the final deadlock of the contest, when Williams bagged a jumper in the 3rd quarter.

The Comets began to pull away in the next 2 minutes, when they scored 4 consecutive buckets to the Redbirds' none. Those buckets came from Carter, Mike Woods, Carter again and junior Robert Martin. That scoring spree gave the Carlisle quint a 37-29 lead at 5:30.

Mayfield trimmed that deficit in half, following a timeout, as Sanderson logged his first pts. of the evening on consecutive buckets.

But once again, the Cardinals were to suffer through a cold-shooting spell as John Martin piled up 6 of the Comets' next 7 pts. to give his team a 44-33 advantage at 2:10.

Forward Greg Bazzell and Williams sandwiched a pair of buckets around a ft. by Thomas Jenkins as Mayfield headed into the final period of action down by 8.

The Cardinals cut the gap to 6 in the final period, when Sanderson again bucketed a pair of fgs. to fire his team to a 48-41 lead at 5:43.

But it was Carlisle the rest of the way as the Comets outscored the Redbirds, 17-11. The largest advantage of the game for Carlisle came with 2 seconds remaining to play, on a putback by Carter.

The 3rd-ranked Cardinals of Coach Bob Sparks wind out their 1973-74 campaign with a 23-6 mark. They had met the Comets twice during the regular season, taking a 70-68 decision at Mayfield in Feb., while dropping a 57-56 squeaker in their own Christmas Tourn.

John Martin led all scorers with 24 markers, 7 above his average, while Carter bagged 19 and Robert Martin finished with 10.

Williams finished with 18 for Mayfield, getting only 4 in the 2nd half. Guard Jeff Wilson was the only other Cardinal in double figures with 13. Sanderson managed only 8 pts. which is 8 below his average.

The Comets outshot the Cardinals from the field, getting 28/57 fgs. for 49%. Mayfield canned 23/55 fgs. for 42%.

Carlisle managed only 9/20 fts. for 45%, while Mayfield hit 6/10 for 60%. Robert Martin led the Comets to 40-26 rebounding advantage with 11 retrieves. Williams also hauled down 11 for Mayfield.

Carlisle…….....11 29 45 65
Mayfield…….....13 27 37 52

Carlisle (65)
J. Martin 24, Woods 4, R. Martin 10, Garrett 2, Jenkins 6, Carter 19.

Mayfield (52)
Sanderson 8, Pyle 5, Roberts, Williams 18, Hubbard 4, Wilson 13, Bazzell 4.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Bluemen Squeeze By
Comets In Semi-Final Shootout

Carlisle Co. 64
Tilghman 69
03-09-74 - Away

Just about everybody who came expected a shootout … and that's exactly what Tilghman and Carlisle Co. delivered.

More than 8,000 screaming fans – possibly 8,500 – swelled Murray State University's Sports Arena Fri. night for the opening semifinal clash of the 1974 1st Region Tournament. 2nd-ranked Tilghman and 4th-ranked Carlisle were the objects of attention in the opening show … and what a show it was.

Tilghman, going to the boards with authority when it counted most, led almost all the way during the rivalry match, yielded the lead briefly midway through the final quarter, but recovered to capture a 69-64 victory.

Denied a Regional Tourn. berth just a year ago, when they were upset in the 2nd District Tourn. opener by Lone Oak, Coach Berny Miller's Bluemen moved only one step away from winning it all this time around. The key triumph over Carlisle was the 5th straight for Tilghman, and upped the Tornado count to 22-8.

Carlisle, winding out a 26-8 campaign for Coach Tom Buchanan, led only one brief stint in the 1st half, but stayed with the physically strong Tornado, until finally reclaiming the lead with 4:45 left in the game.

It had been a long, hard road to recovery, and the hustling Comets didn't have enough left to retain the lead more than 3 minutes. Tilghman, coming on strong late in the action, could have blown the game wide-open during the last 2 minutes, but missed repeatedly from the ft. stripe. The Tornado failed on 4 bonus tosses down the stretch, but still had enough to hold off the Comets.

Then, after victory had been decided and all the seconds gone off the clock, Tornado guard Kevin Paschall went to the ft. line for a bonus situation that proved successful. Pascal's two tosses made in front of the jubilant Tilghman cheering section, simply widened the final count from 3 pts. to 5.

Tilghman, although failing at the stripe down the stretch, still had enough touch at the free line to produce the final margin of victory. Both teams counted 29 fgs. – Tilghman 29/57 tries for a game percentage of 51% and Carlisle 29/64 shots, a 45% total.

But, the Bluemen hit 11/18 fts., while the Comets counted only 6/12.

And, as the shooting figures would indicate, both teams enjoyed amazing success.

In fact, several times during the action, the game turned into a personal shootout of long jumpers between Tilghman's Charlie Dunbar and Carlisle's entire team. Dunbar a 5-10 junior who awed the over-capacity crowd with his touch from the 20 to 30 foot floor range, finished with the upper hand, hitting 9/20 shots for a game-high 22 pts.

Carlisle countered with long shooting from Mike Woods and the Martin boys – John and Robert. Woods finished with 17 pts., John Martin added 14 and Robert Martin added 12. The trio measured up outside Tilghman's 1-3-1 zone, but couldn't match up inside.

Tilghman's forward wall of 6-3 Larry Flatt, 6-3 Cliff Robinson and 6-2 Don Menefee accounted for 18, 12, and 11 pts., to compliment Dunbar's outside touch. In addition, the Tilghman "inside" trio pulled off a total of 21 rebounds, almost as many as the entire Carlisle effort.

The Tornado, a 91-82 high-scoring winner over the Comets just 5 weeks ago in their only other meeting, didn't try to run-and-gun with Carlisle this time around. Consequently, the two high-scoring quints – Tilghman owns a 78 pt. average and Carlisle an 81 pt. average. – settled for a brilliant working game offensively.

But, because of obvious strong defensive maneuvers by each unit, those outside shots were necessary.

By the quarters, Tilghman claimed an 18-12 advantage in the opening canto, Carlisle took a slim 18-17 edge in the 2nd, and each team counted 19 and 15 pts., respectively, during the final 2 periods. And, except for a couple of brief Tilghman leads, the score was tight as a jug all the way.

The 1st quarter, for example, flashed 5 deadlocks before the enthusiastic gathering. Carlisle led only 8-6, an advantage that wilted 17 seconds later, before Tilghman's 1-3-1 zone. Then, the Tornado broke away from the 5th tie at 10 with Flatt scoring 3 baskets inside, and owned an 18-12 count at the stop, their widest lead to that point.

It took the Tornado less than two minutes to pull out by 8 pts. early in the 2nd quarter, but the Comets called time and elected to return to warfare. Two more minutes later, the score was tied again at 22.

That was the first of 3 straight deadlocks forced by Carlisle, but the Comets couldn't take the lead. Dunbar, who scored 9 pts. during a red-hot 2-minute stretch late in the frame, broke the final tie at 26 with a 3-pt. play off a 15-footer with 1:42 to go in the half. The Comets twice cut it back to one, but still couldn't regain the upper hand.

Tilghman pulled away by 8 pts. again with just over 2 minutes left in the 3rd period. And, it was a long jumper by Dunbar that produced that count, 51-43. At that point in the half, the sizzling Bluemen had burned the nets on 8/12 shots, while Carlisle was doing the same at the other end of the court, hitting to the tune of 6/9.

During the opening 5 minutes of the 3rd frame, Tilghman's lead steadily jockeyed back and fourth from 4 to 6 pts. Then, after Dunbar's jumper stretched it to 8, Carlisle battled back to within 3 on 2 trips, before settling for a 5-pt. deficit, 54-49, at the stop.

Then, the hectic 4th quarter rolled around.

Carlisle outscored the Bluemen 8-2 during the early stages of the final canto, taking the lead at that mark, when John Martin took a driving layup home to complete a brilliant fast break. Flatt quickly regained the lead for Tilghman with a short baseliner, but the streaking Comets weren't through.

Woods followed Flatt's effort with a 3-pt. gem only 16 seconds later, and the Comets were back in control. Never leading by more than 3 pts., Carlisle held that upper hand until Dunbar – the thorn in their sides all night – came through again.

After Tilghman had missed back-to-back bonus tosses that could have regained it the lead, Dunbar completed a steal and raced the length of the floor. But, instead of going all the way on the break, he fired from the ft. line, hitting the bottom for a 65-64 Tornado lead with 1:22 to go.

The Tornado never trailed again, for Carlisle didn't score again. In fact, the Comets didn't score another pt. after Woods took a perfect feed from David Garrett in for a layup with 2:15 to go. It produced a 64-61 Carlisle lead, much to the delight of Comet followers, but that ended it for the maroon-and gold-clad hustlers.

Menefee scored a key putback with 38 seconds left, stretching the Tornado lead out to 3 pts. and all but insuring the triumph.

Carlisle…….....12 30 49 64
Tilghman…….....18 35 54 69

Carlisle (64)
J. Martin 14, Woods 17, R. Martin 12, Carter 8, Jenkins 11, Garrett 2.

Tilghman (69)
Flatt 18, Menefee 11, Paschall 6, Robinson 12, Dunbar 22, Goodwin.

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	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	Calloway Co.	Ballard Co.	South Marshall	St. Mary	Lowes	Murray	Fulton City	Lone Oak	Calloway Co.	Mayfield	Murray	St. Mary	Ballard Co.	Heath	Hickman Co.							
John Martin	19	11		11	9	20	23	27	19	25	9	11	19	14		6	20							
David Garrett	6	2	12	12	16	3	5	9	2	4	6	5	4	1	10	8	2							
Robert Martin	23	8	14	21	4	22	8	11	22	2	23	14	28	20	26	0								
Greg Carter	8	10	13	6	15	4	6	8	19	16	22	4	2	12	21	12	6							
Mike Woods	16	13	18	29	12	14	12	12	12	4	12	10	4	10	20	23	11							
Jimmy Hendrix	6	8	2				5			4	2	0	0	1	0	13	4							
Thomas Jenkins	6	19	8	13	6	9	15	8	21	16	7	13	8	5		14	20							
Randy DeJarnett				0	5				10		4	0		0		1								
Mike Terry				0	0						0				0	4								
Bobby Partin				0	0		3		2		2		0		2	3								
Mike Stacy				0					2		0					3								
Steve Martin				2	0		4		2		2		0		2	7	6							
Roy Lee Gaddie							1																	
Kenny Morgan							0																	
PaulAllen							2																	

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	Sedalia	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Bowling Green	Louisville P.R.P.	Tilghman	Calloway Co.	South Marshall	Fulton Co.	Mayfield	Fancy Farm	Ballard Co.	Heath	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Mayfield	Tilghman				Games	Pts.	Avg.
John Martin	20	24	20	24	21	14	23	13	9	15	12	28	22	15	11	24	14				32	552	17.25
David Garrett	6	2	8	0	9	8	0	4	10	2	6	10	4	6	4	2	2				34	190	5.59
Robert Martin				12	6	2	22	21	23	19	5	5	16	2	2	10	12				31	403	13.43
Greg Carter	14	5	12	4	17	9	5	10	4	8	16	6	12	13	6	19	8				34	352	10.35
Mike Woods	33	26	13	28	14	19	8	14	18	13	11	18	8	16	19	4	17				34	511	15.03
Jimmy Hendrix	2	6	8	2	3	7	0	4	6		11	6	5	0	1						26	106	4.08
Thomas Jenkins	16	10	33	8	21	21		11	10	11	25	20	20	35	4	6	11				32	450	14.06
Randy DeJarnett	2	0	0	0					2		8										13	32	2.46
Mike Terry	0		0	0							2		5	0							11	11	1
Bobby Partin	2		0	0	0						7		6	0	4						16	31	1.93
Mike Stacy	0	0	0	0							6	0		0							11	11	1
Steve Martin		5	2	0	2	2			3		4	0	3	0	0						20	46	2.3
Roy Lee Gaddie	2										2			0							4	5	1.25
Kenny Morgan																					1	0	0
PaulAllen																					1	2	2
				Team Record - 26-8							Per Game Avg. - 79.47									Total Pts.		2702	

Career	Games		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
John Martin	102			341	613	552	1506	14.76
Mike Woods	88			64	382	511	957	10.87
Jimmie Hendrix	43			24	43	106	173	4.02
Kenny Morgan	5				6	0	6	1.2

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HEAD COACH - JIMMY HENLEY

ASSISTANT COACH - BOB WARD

TROPHIES WON

ST. MARY TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

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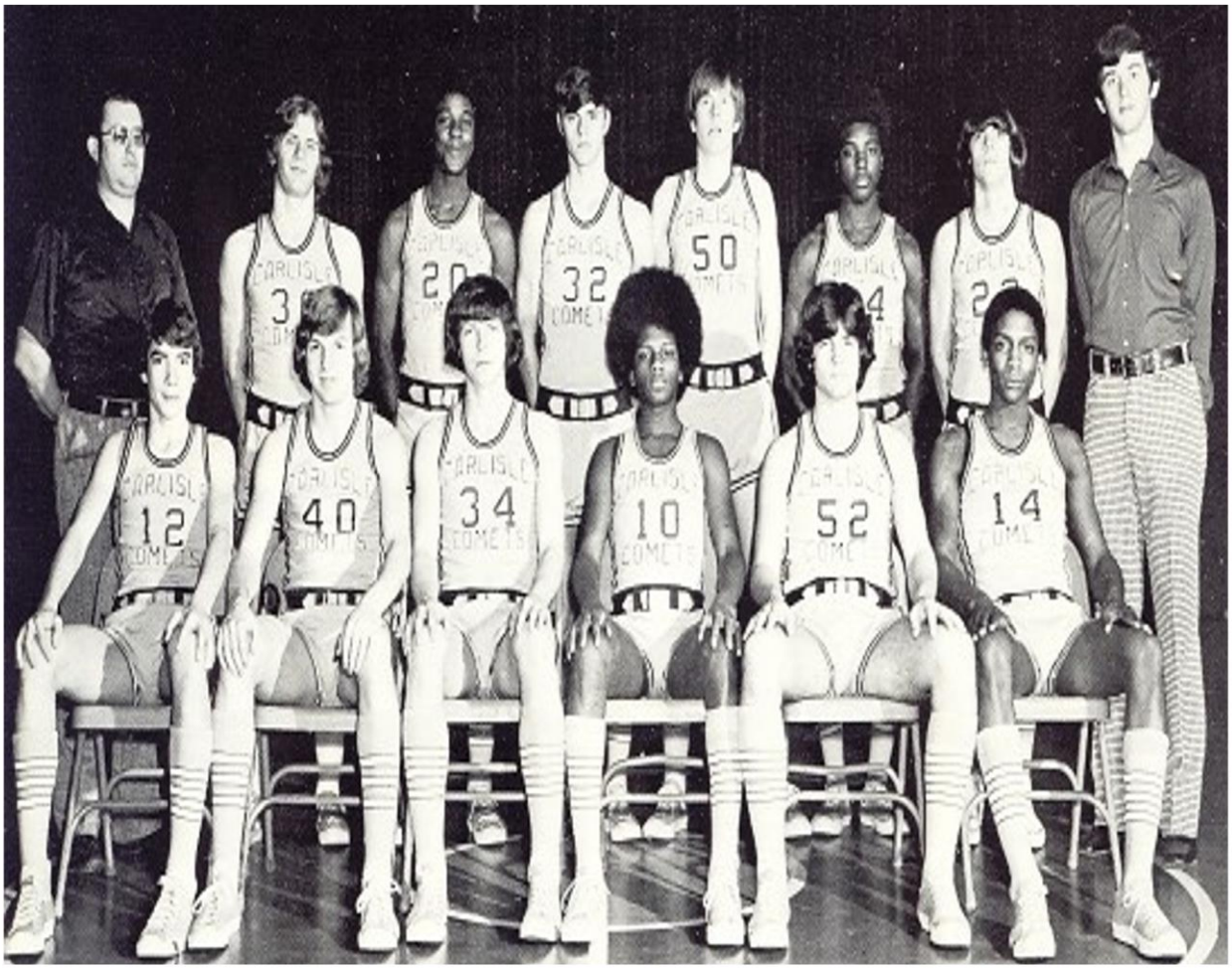
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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-12-74	Lowes	104-68	H	
11-22-74	St. Mary	**81-86**	A	
11-27-74	Ballard Co.	109-83	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-29-74	Lowes	85-81	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-30-74	St. Mary	70-67	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-03-74	Hickman Co.	68-55	H	
12-06-74	Lowes	93-86	A	
12-10-74	Murray	104-66	A	
12-13-74	Fulton City	113-48	H	
12-18-74	Calloway Co.	**56-69**	A	- **MAYFIELD TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-26-74	St. Mary	**70-81**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-02-75	Fulton Co	98-80	H	
01-07-75	Fulton City	104-69	A	
01-10-75	Marshall Co.	85-77	A	
01-14-75	Hickman Co.	72-52	A	
01-17-75	Ballard Co.	105-89	H	
01-24-75	Mayfield	**73-76**	A	
01-31-75	Fulton Co	**79-81**	A	
02-01-75	Tilghman	**63-74**	H	
02-04-75	Reidland	96-78	H	
02-07-75	Marshall Co.	**90-96 ot**	H	
02-11-75	Mayfield	**76-91**	H	
02-14-75	Fancy Farm	112-66	A	
02-15-75	St. Mary	89-61	H	
02-21-75	Heath	63-52	A	
02-25-75	Ballard Co.	78-70	A	
02-28-75	Lone Oak	**65-67**	H	
03-06-75	Fulton City	96-63	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-08-75	Hickman Co.	68-55	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-11-75	Murray	68-59	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-14-75	Mayfield	76-74	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**
03-15-75	Tilghman	63-53	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-19-75	Lexington. Henry Clay	**59-86**	A	- **KY. STATE TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 23-10

1975 Comets
District Champion – Regional Champion



Coach Jim Henley, David Garrett, Robert Martin, Randy DeJarnett, Roy Lee Gaddie, Steve Martin, David Martin, Asst. Coach Bob Ward, Jeff Davis, Greg Carter, Mike Terry, Kenny Martin, Bobby Partin, Thomas Jenkins

1974-1975

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FINAL RECORD - 23-10

1974-75 COMET ROSTER:
Thomas Jenkins, Robert Martin, Greg Carter, David Garrett, Steve Partin, Mike Terry, Randy DeJarnett, Jeff Davis, Paul Allen, Roy Lee Gaddie, Mike Stacy, Kenny Martin, David Homer, Greg Nelson.

Tilghman Tops
Pre-Season Cage List

No sooner than the battle for First Region Class AA football honors had been decided, Paducah Tilghman and Mayfield are at it again, standing 1-2 in the First Region Coaches' pre-season poll.

Coach Berny Miller's Blue Tornado, which finished runner-up to First Region champion Murray High last season, easily outdistanced the Redbirds, picking up 16 first place votes to Mayfield's three. Tilghman rolled up 191 points to Coach Bob's Spark's Cardinals 158.

Grabbing a first place vote and third place in the balloting is Carlisle County, coached by Jim Henley, who took over for last year's coach Tom Buchanan. The Comets pile up 135 points, 3 pts. ahead of fourth ranked Calloway County.

The Lakers, also operating with a new coach this year, return the regions biggest man in 6-9 James Wells. Coach David Kings quint picked up no first places votes, but still managed to latch onto the Number 4 spot with 76 points.

A pair of Second District schools hold down the fifth and sixth spots, respectively. St. Mary, which returns four of five starters off last season's team, owns the other first place vote, and has 128 votes. Lone Oak, on the other hand, stands sixth with 76 points.

One point behind the Purple Flash are the Pilots of Fulton County, who amassed 75 points. And still another pt. behind the Pilots at eighth is Hickman County.

The first varsity team of Marshall Co. High School has been tabbed ninth with 71 points while the Reidland Greyhounds wind up the top ten with 43 pts.

First Region
Pre-season poll
1. Tilghman (16).....191
2. Mayfield (3).....158
3. Carlisle Co. (1).....135
4. Calloway Co.....132
5. St. Mary (1).....128
6. Lone Oak.....76
7. Fulton Co.....75
8. Hickman Co.....74
9. Marshall Co.....71
10. Reidland.....43

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Murray High 38, Ballard Co. 15, Farmington 5, Lowes 6, Fulton City 2, Heath 2.

Carlisle Comets Blows Lowes
Away In Season Opener

Carlisle Co. 104
Lowes 68
11-12-74 - Home

Third ranked Carlisle County recorded an impressive win Tuesday night over Lowes as both teams opened their 1974 high school cage seasons.

The Comets, under the new direction of Coach Him Henley, rolled to an easy 104-68 victory over visiting Lowes.

Carlisle's Robert Martin led the Comets with 28 points and 12 rebounds, which was good for game honors in both categories. The hosts had 4 other men in double figures, including Greg Carter with 22, David Garrett with 16, Thomas Jenkins with 14 and Steve Martin with 12 pts.

Lowes' Ed Wyatt paced the Blue Devils with 18 pts., while Bruce Wyatt and Gary Miller added 16 and 10, respectively.

The Comets hit on 37/88 fgs. and cashed 30/41 fts. for 72%. The Blue Devils, meanwhile, tossed in 25/64 fgs. for 39% and hit 18/33 foul shots for 77%.

Carlisle.....27 56 74 104
Lowes.....15 26 45 68
Carlisle (104)
R. Martin 28, Carter 22, D. Garrett 16, T. Jenkins 14, S. Martin 12, DeJarnatt 5, Stacey 3, B. Partin 2, Gaddie 2, M. Terry, J. Davis, K. Martin.
Lowes (68)
Wyatt 18, B. Wyatt 16, Miller 10, Jones 7, Simmons 4, Goins 4, Lynn 4, Ray 3, Matheny 2.

Carlisle Suffers First Loss Of
The Season. Fifth-Ranked
St. Mary Upends Comets.

Carlisle Co. 81
St. Mary 86
11-22-74 - Away

A hustling St. Mary squad utilized good ball handing and hot scoring hands from three players to repeatedly crack a full court press by Carlisle County late in the game for a narrow 86-81 victory over the visiting Comets Friday night.

Led by the 31 point effort of senior Rick Cochran, the fifth rated Vikings claimed their second win of the season, while Carlisle County now stands 1-1.

Cochran, a 5-8 senior, tallied just two field goals in the final eight minutes of action, but he managed to connect on 10 of 10 tries from the charity stripe to help his team hold a lead, which it never relinquished in the fourth period.

Senior pivotman John Weglicki netted 8 points, and junior Gene Roof added seven in the final stanza, that saw the Vikings cling to anywhere from a nine point lead to a one point margin.

Down by one, 34-33, at intermission, coach Dennis Gourley's Vikings took a brief one point lead at 6:47 on a bucket by guard Russ Cochran.

Russ Cochran followed with two quick buckets, before Carlisle's Bobby Partin countered with 2 points.

St. Mary claimed the advantage for good by scoring the final three baskets of the period to take a 53-50 lead into the fourth period. Weglicki canned a layup as did Roof, and Rick Cochran hit a 20 footer with 5 seconds showing.

In that last period, the Comets went to Jenkins' offensive punch, and the 5-11 senior responded with three field goals, and two free throws shots, which moved his team up one.

But the Vikings pushed the margin up again, and the Comets could get no closer than 5 points in the final moments.

Carlisle.....16 34 50 81
St. Mary.....16 33 53 86
St. Mary (86)
Rick Cochran 31, Russ Cochran 18, Weglicki 18, Roof 13, Vinson 4, Russell 2, Lansing 1.
Carlisle (81)
R. Martin 26, Jenkins 16, S. Martin 14, Carter 12, Garrett 9, Partin 2, Terry 2, DeJarnatt.

Carlisle Co. Opens Bid
For Fifth St. Mary Crown

Third ranked Carlisle County begins its quest for an unprecedented fifth straight St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament title tonight and the Bombers of Ballard Co. are the first obstacle in the Comet path.

Carlisle County and Ballard Memorial, neighbors of the Mississippi River, collide at 7 p.m. in the turkey lid lifter. Graves County rivals Symsonia and Lowes square off in the nightcap.

Carlisle County has won the title the past four years under Coach Tom Buchanan, who is now at Ballard. Jim Henley, who was the assistant under Coach Buchanan, is now at the Comet reins.

The Bombers won the tournament the year before Carlisle County began its string, and has since been a championship game victim of the Comets.

Ballard Co. won in 1969 over Hickman County, and made it back to the title match in 1972, only to lose to Carlisle County. Host St. Mary, which shares the favorite's role with the Comets in this year's classic, fell to Carlisle County in the championship battle in both 1970 and 1973. The Comets downed Symsonia in a wild 102-100 shootout for the honors in 1971.

Carlisle County is 1-1 on the season. The Comets blitzed Lowes 104-68 before bowing to St. Mary 86-81.

Since dumping Brookport, ILL., Ballard has dropped a three-point decision to Lowes, and suffered a five point setback at Hickman County.

Lowes and Symsonia have both been to the title match, but only the Blue Devils have taken home a championship trophy. Lowes won the inaugural tournament in 1965. The Rough Riders lost the shootout with Carlisle County in their only trip to the finals.

Coach Don Butler's Symsonia quint has yet to be beaten. The Rough Riders sport victories over third district foes Fancy Farm and Sedalia. Lowes has won three in a row to climb to 3-2. After falling to Carlisle County and Wingo, Lowes came back to whip Ballard, Cuba, and Fancy Farm.

First-round action continues Thursday night. Livingston Co. and Heath tangle in the 7 p.m. opener, and Lone Oak and St. Mary clash in the nightcap. The semifinals will be played Friday night and the championship battle will be staged Saturday.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Trounce Bombers
En Route To Semi-Finals

Carlisle Co. 109
Ballard Co. 83
11-27-74 - Away

Prior to this year, a Tom Buchanan coached basketball team has won four consecutive St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament titles.

That was of course when Buchanan was the head coach at Carlisle County. And during that time his teams have won some close battles in tournament action as well as some easier victories.

Buchanan's team won't be participating in this year's tourney finale because Ballard Co., where Buchanan now coaches, was eliminated in the opening game of the 10th annual tournament Wednesday night, by the Comets.

The hustling Carlisle squad employed a familiar fast break offense and used a tight full-court defense from the beginning, that appeared to rattle the Ballard squad. The Comets jumped out on top 4-0, before Buchanan called a time out with just 40 seconds elapsed in the game.

But the game was not to be Ballard's as Carlisle County jumped out to an early first period lead, and were never seriously threatened again in the contest.

Coached by Jim Henley, the Comets rolled to their second victory in three outings. In both triumphs Carlisle has passed the century mark. Its lone loss came at the hands of St. Mary, last Friday night.

The Comets jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead in the first quarter before Ballard's Shaunza Henderson bucketed a fielder at 6:43 to close the gap to four, the closest the Bombers would get the rest of the evening.

In the second canto, Charles Henderson picked up two personal fouls in the first 4½ minutes of action and the starting guard was assessed with his third at 7:03 of the second quarter.

Carlisle County's biggest lead of the first half (27 points), came when Bobby Partin connected on a layup at 3:57 of the second period, as the Comets grabbed a 46-19 lead.

Carlisle out scored Ballard, 34-19, in the third period with the aid of 14 field goals. It's largest advantage came with 37 seconds remaining when Greg Carter netted two points to give his team an 85-55 lead.

Carlisle passed the century mark with 1:15 left on the clock, when reserve Mike Stacy dribbled the length of the floor, and canned a 20 footer from the left side of the court to push his team ahead, 101-74.

A player from each team fouled out in the fourth period, Carlisle's Garrett and Ballard's Charles Henderson.

Carlisle.....29 57 92 109
Ballard.....28 45 68 83

Carlisle (109)
Jenkins 23, R. Martin 23, S. Martin 13, Carter 8, Terry 7, Stacy 2, Davis 2, DeJarnatt 2, K. Martin 2, Garrett 23, Partin 4, Gaddie.

Ballard (83)
Cavanaugh 18, Charles Henderson 12, Powell 13, Stewart 9, Russell 6, Stone 2, Edwards 4, Shaunza Henderson 12, Taffer, Moss 4, Russell 6, Denton.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Edges
Blue Devils

Carlisle Co. 85
Lowes 81
11-29-74 - Away

Heavily favored Carlisle County weathered a late Lowes scoring thrust of eight straight points to defeat the Blue Devils 85-81 in semifinal action of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament Friday night.

With just 2:15 remaining in the final quarter, the Comets held a seemingly insurmountable 83-73 lead. But Coach Jim Long's Blue Devils fought back, scoring eight straight points in the ensuing minute and 26 seconds to cut the Comets' margin to a single basket.

With under 40 seconds left, forward Thomas Jenkins drew a foul while bringing the ball down the court for Carlisle. Jenkins missed the one-and-one situation, and Lowes forward David Jones grabbed the rebound.

The Blue Devils missed the shot, and Comet forward Robert Martin and Lowes center Gary Miller scrambled for the ball out of rebounds. In the following jump, the Comets grabbed the tip, and taking it back down to Carlisle territory, decided to buy a little time.

Lowes almost tied it back up in the first frame, but fell prey to a pair of lay-ups by Robert Martin and Greg Carter, and a free throw by Jenkins, giving the Comets a 17-12 edge with 1:41 left in the period.

Carlisle.....27 42 69 85
Lowes.....29 49 71 81

Carlisle (85)
R. Martin 24, Jenkins 10, S. Martin 14, Carter 22, Garrett 6, K. Martin 2, Partin 3, Terry, Stacy, Davis 4, .

Lowes (81)
E. Wyatt 12, B. Wyatt 19, Miller 6, Jones 22, Knight 16, Rives, Matheny, Simmons, Goins 4, Lynn 4, Ray, Mabry,

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St. Mary Tourn.
Championship
Comets Win 5th
Straight Turkey Title

Carlisle Co. 70
St. Mary 67
11-30-74 - Away

Linus Van Pelt may wait in vain forever to see the "Great Pumpkin." But if he's looking for the "Great Turkey," he can find him just about any year somewhere down in Carlisle Co.

The "Great Turkey" drops by Bardwell once a year to spread around a few goodies, and the juiciest tidbit in the bag is the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tourn. trophy.

The unflappable Carlisle Comets won a waiting game with the clock and turned back St. Mary 70-67, Sat. night, to capture a remarkable 5th straight crown.

The Comets, ranked 3rd in the First Region, headed into the final quarter with a 10-pt. spread, but the Vikings sliced the deficit in half, before Carlisle Coach Him Henley called for a more deliberate style of play with 3 minutes remaining.

Although the Comets made only 4 pts. thereafter and missed 4 fts., 3 of them the first try in a bonus situation, it was enough to salvage the title, before a thunderous full house in the St. Mary gymnasium.

Robert Martin, who sat out 10 minutes of the 1st half with foul problems, slipped into the lane for a short jumper at 2:57, that provided a 68-61 Comet advantage.

St. Mary guard Rick Cochran erased that 2-pointer with a pair of fts. 8 seconds later, but it was a full minute before either team scored again. Carlisle missed a ft., the Vikings lost the ball on a turnover, and the Comets went back to the slowdown.

Thomas Jenkins finally slipped behind the Viking zone, and David Garrett buzzed a pass inside for an easy bucket that again opened a 7-pt. Carlisle lead. After 2 more unsuccessful trips down the court, and another minute had elapsed, Russ Cochran rang in a 20-footer to pull St. Mary within 70-65, with 45 seconds left to play.

The Vikings sent Garrett to the line twice in the next 30 seconds, but he missed both opportunities, and Rick Cochran cut the gap to 3 with a 20-footer. Only 5 seconds remained, however, and time ran out on St. Mary.

The championship was the first for Carlisle under Coach Jim Henley, who stepped into the post from his position as assistant when Coach Tom Buchanan moved to Ballard Co.

For St. Mary, which has never won its own tourn., it was the 4th setback in the title match. The Vikings also lost in the finals to Carlisle last year, and in 1970. The defeat was also the first of the season for the Vikings, 88-81 winners over the Comets a week before the tourn., after 4 wins. Carlisle is also 4-1.

Jenkins led a balanced Comet attack with 16 pts. Greg Carter canned 15, Steve Martin collected 13, Robert Martin picked up all 12 of his total in the second half, and Garrett finished with 10.

The Cochran brothers combined for 43 pts. for St. Mary. Russ, a 5-11 junior, claimed game honors with 22 markers, one more than Rick. Gene Roof bagged 12 to give the Vikings 3 men in doubles figures.

Carlisle eased out front by 7 pts. in the opening quarter behind a sticky, aggressive man-to-man defense. After ties at 2 and 4, Carter put the Comets on top with a jumper from the top of the circle. St. Mary pulled back within a point at 8-7, but Carlisle shut off the Vikings for 2 minutes, and reeled off 6 straight pts.

Two fts. by Jenkins and fielders by Steve Martin and Garrett lifted the Comets on top 14-7 with 2:16 to go in the period. Back-to-back jumpers by John Weglicki awoke the Vikings, but Steve Martin answered a pair of fts. by David Vinson, and Jenkins hit from the lane to give Carlisle an 18-13 lead at the stop.

The Comets, unable to penetrate the St. Mary zone, lost the touch from outside briefly in the 2nd quarter, and the Vikings battled back twice to go ahead. Rick Cochran canned 4 pts., and Roof added a pair of fts., that sent the Vikes on top, 23-22, with 4:04 left in the half.

Jenkins worked under for a lay-up, but Roof countered with a jumper as the lead quickly changed hands twice. But a 15-footer by Carter, and a long jumper from the right corner by Steve Martin regained the lead for Carlisle, and the Comets held it the rest of the way.

Following a turnaround jumper by Weglicki, Carter and Bobby Partin teamed for 4 in a row to up the Carlisle edge to 5 pts., and the Comets led 36-32 at intermission.

Robert Martin returned to spark the Carlisle offense in the 3rd stanza, while Jenkins and Garrett tightened the noose on the smothering man-to-man defense. Jenkins held Roof to 4 pts. in the 2nd half and Garrett limited Rick Cochran to 6, until he picked up his 4th personal foul in the final stanza.

Carlisle.....26 40 56 70
St. Mary.....28 42 53 67

Carlisle (70)
Jenkins 16, R. Martin 12, S. Martin 13, Carter 15, Garrett 10, Partin 4.

St. Mary (67)
Rick Cochran 21, Russ Cochran 22, Weglicki 8, Roof 12, Vinson 4, Halicks.

Carlisle Co. 68
Hickman Co. 50
12-03-74 - Home

Third ranked Carlisle Co. smashed No. 8 Hickman Co. in a battle of First District unbeatens Tuesday night.

The Comets, fresh from their 5th straight St. Mary Thanksgiving Tourn. title, dismantled Hickman County's deliberate game with a full-court press, and broke away to an 68-50 triumph.

The Carlisle Co. Comets put their full-court press into action in the 3rd quarter, and pulled away from Hickman Co.

Hickman led at the 1st quarter horn by 12-10, but the Comets came back in the 2nd period to claim a 29-24 margin at the half.

With the 3rd frame, came the pressure, and the Comets burst to a 49-37 advantage at the end of the quarter.

Thomas Jenkins led Carlisle with 19 pts., while Robert Martin was close behind with 18. David Garrett and Greg Carter added 15 and 10, respectively.

Tim Larkins led the Falcons with 26 pts.

The Comets hit 33/67 fgs. for 49% and cashed 2/8 fts. for 25%, while Hickman hit 23/56 fgs. for 41%, and cashed 4/10 fts. for 40%.

Carlisle.....10 29 49 68
Hickman.....12 24 37 50

Carlisle (68)
Jenkins 19, R. Martin 18, Garrett 15, Carter 10, S. Martin 4, Stacey 2, Partin, Gaddie, Davis.

Hickman (50)
Larkins 26, Barkley 6, Rogers 2, Humphrey 9, Weatherspoon 7, Harper, Workman.

Comets Rally
To Nip Lowes

Carlisle Co. 93
Lowes 86
12-06-74 - Home

Carlisle Co. used a second-half surge to skip past a threatening Lowes unit for a 93-86 victory over the host Blue Devils, Fri. night.

The Blue Devils had revenge in their grasp, but fell prey to the powerful Comet press, and hot-handed shooting of Thomas Jenkins.

Lowes had vaulted to a 47-33 advantage at intermission, but Carlisle returned from the dressing room with the deadly full court press, which caused the Blue Devils to turn the ball over 16 times in the second half. The Comets tied it up at 69 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Jenkins scored 32 pts. to lead Carlisle, with 26 of the markers coming in the explosive second half.

Steve Martin hit 10, Greg Carter tallied 20, and David Garrett added 10 more.

Lowes' David Jones captured game honors with 35 pts., and brothers Ed and Bruce Wyatt hit 18 and 10, respectively.

Carlisle.....16 33 69 93
Lowes.....20 47 69 86

Carlisle (93)
Jenkins 32, Terry 6, R. Martin 10, Gaddie 2, Partin 4, Garrett 10, DeJarnatt 9, Carter 20.

Lowes (86)
Miller 8, E. Wyatt 18, Goins 4, B. Wyatt 10, Jones 35, Knight 3, Simmons 3.

Carlisle Co. 104
Murray 66
12-10-74 - Away

Thomas Jenkins and Greg Carter teamed for 62 points to spark third ranked Carlisle County to a sixth consecutive victory.

Jenkins, a 5-11 senior for the Comet team, had 32 markers for their last win, but this time he poured in 37 points at the Murray game. Also, 6-2 senior Greg Carter, added 25 points.

Steve Martin and David Garrett also reached double figures for Carlisle with 13 pts. each.

Phil Miller was high for Murray with 17. Frank had 16 and Hudspeth had 10.

Both teams fired the same number of shots from the floor, but Carlisle hit 16 more than Murray. The Comets sacked 41/72 attempts for 57%. The Tigers hit 25/72 for 35%.

The Comets cashed 22/30 fts. while Murray hit 16/26. Carlisle held a 46-38 rebound advantage, and profited from 29 Murray turnovers.

Neither Robert Martin of Carlisle, or Bob Wilder of Murray, both of whom have been ill, played in the game.

Carlisle.....23 48 80 104
Murray.....16 31 39 66

Carlisle (104)
Jenkins 37, S. Martin 13, Partin 2, Garrett 13, Terry 5, Carter 25, Stacey 2, DeJarnatt 2, Gaddie 4, J. Davis 1.

Murray (66)
Frank 16, L. Hudspeth 10, Richardson 2, Miller 17, M. Williams 8, D. McCuiston 4, Simms 9.

Comets Blast
Fulton City

Carlisle Co. 113
Fulton City 48
12-13-74 - Home

Thomas Jenkins used his torrid shooting for Carlisle, by firing in 32 pts., to pace the Comets to their 8th victory in their last 9 games.

The decision marked the fourth time that Jim Henley's squad has passed the century mark this season.

Jenkins, who has collected 100 pts. in his last 3 games, chipped in 8 of 8 fts. He has now hit 20 consecutive fts.

Other Comets in double figures were Robert Martin and Greg Carter, who netted 18 markers each, and David Garrett, who chipped in 12.

R. Martin led the Comets in rebounds with 12, while brother Steve hauled down 11. Carter was credited with 10.

Carlisle netted 48/82 fgs. for 59% and added 17/25 fts. for 68%. The Bulldogs connected on 21/68 fgs. for 31% and 6/10 fts. for 60%. The Comets out rebounded the Bulldogs, 52-26.

Carlisle.....22 51 80 113
Fulton City.....8 28 34 48

Carlisle (113)
Jenkins 32, R. Martin 18, Carter 18, Garrett 12, S. Martin 8, Partin 8, Terry 4, DeJarnatt 4, Davis 3, Allen 2, Gaddie, Stacy 2.

Fulton City (48)
R. Patton 20, Ragsdale 8, Curtis 6, Gamble 6, Schell 4, B. Patton 4, Dean.

Mayfield Tourn.
1st Round
Lakers
Outmuscle Comets

Carlisle Co. 56
Calloway Co. 69
12-18-74 - Away

The Calloway Co. Lakers muscled their way to a 69-56 upset victory over No. 2 Carlisle Co. in the second 1st-round game of the Mayfield Christmas Invitational Tourn. here Wed. night.

The victory snapped a 4-game losing streak for King's Lakers, while the setback broke a 7-game winning streak for the Comets, who entered the contest with the First Region's winningest record, and second best offensive average, 92.0 pts.

Carlisle took a 3-pt. advantage, 30-27, into the dressing room at halftime, mainly on the shooting of seniors Thomas Jenkins and Robert Martin.

Calloway, however, took control of the game in the opening moments of the 3rd quarter. Forward Mark Miller brought the Lakers to within one, 30-29, before Jenkins pushed his team's margin back to 3 on a lay-up at 7:04.

The Calloway squad managed its first lead since the early goings on buckets by forward David Thorne, and 6-8 pivot man James Wells.

Laker guard Tommy Futrell, who continually cracked the Carlisle full-court defense, sandwiched a lay-up on an assist by Wells, between a pair of baskets by Martin, as Carlisle held its last lead of the game, 36-35, at 4:59.

Thorne netted 2 straight turnaround jumpers as Calloway took the lead for good at 39-36 with 2:53 remaining in the canto. Forward Steve Martin connected on a short jumper, and the Comets closed to within one for the last time at 39-38, at the 2:28 mark.

A Steve Martin fielder turned out to be the last 2-pointer that the Comets would score in the final 2 minutes and 28 seconds of the 3rd period. The Lakers out-tallied Carlisle 10-3 the rest of the way to take a 51-41 lead into the final 8 minutes of action.

Futrell, Calloway's 5-7 hustling guard, started a drive up the entire length of the court with 6 seconds left on the clock, and scored 2 pts. on a driving lay-up with 2 seconds showing.

The Lakers managed just 4 fgs. in the 4th quarter, but they did net 10/15 tries from the charity stripe to hold on for the victory.

Wells, taking an assist from Futrell, gave his team an early 12-pt. lead with a fielder at the 7½ mark.

Robert Martin countered with a pair of baskets to narrow the Lakers' lead to 8, 53-45.

Following a timeout called by Coach Jim Henley, the Comets inched even closer at 53-47, when Jenkins scored on a jumper with 6:04 remaining.

Jenkins was whistled to the bench with his 5th foul, after he fouled Wells. And during that drive up the floor, Carlisle lost a second player vie the injury route. Guard David Garrett suffered a severe ankle sprain.

The closest the Comets could get to the Lakers came at 54-50 on a field goal by Greg Carter at 4:17.

After 2 pts. by David Thorne, the Lakers maintained from 6 to 8 to 10 pt. leads, before scoring the last 3 pts. of the contest for the 13-pt. margin of victory.

In the final 4 minutes of the contest, Futrell bagged 7/8 fts., while Wells connected on 2/2 tries.

Calloway drew first blood in the opening minutes of the game by jumping out to a 4-0 lead on baskets by Miller and Futrell.

The 2 teams exchanged baskets until the Lakers built up a 5-pt. lead, 12-7, on a lay-up by Thorne.

But the Comets suddenly found the range from the field, and connected on 6 consecutive baskets (3 by Jenkins and 1 each by Garrett, Carter and Robert Martin).

Calloway's 3-minute cold spell, combined with the streak of the Comets, cost the Lakers the lead as Carlisle took a 19-14 lead into the second period.

Carlisle moved its margin to 12 as Robert Martin scored one, and Jenkins two from the floor at 6:47.

But the Lakers fought back to close to within 3 at intermission.

Futrell led the Calloway scoring attack with 20 pts., 15 of which came in the second half. Thorne chipped in 20. Wells and Miller each accounted for 12.

The Comets were led by Robert Martin's 23 and Jenkins' 15.

The Lakers netted 11/18 fts., while Carlisle managed 10/17 fts.

Calloway connected on 29/63 fgs. for 46% while the Comets hit 23/53 fgs. for 43%.

Carlisle turned the ball over 22 times as compared to Calloway's 15 miscues.

Wells led the rebounding charge for the Lakers, pulling down 15 retrieves. He also blocked 6 shots and was called for goaltending 3 times. Robert Martin and Jenkins paced the Comets with 12 and 10 retrieves, respectively, but Carlisle lost the rebounding battle, 37-33.

Calloway.....14 27 51 69
Carlisle.....19 30 41 56

Calloway (69)
Futrell 20, Thorne 18, Wells 12, Miller 23, Wells 5, D. Williams 2.

Carlisle (56)
R. Martin 23, Jenkins 15, Carter 7, Garrett 4, S. Martin 3, Partin 2, DeJarnatt 2.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
Cochran Nets 31 To Fuel
Vikings In Upset Of Carlisle Co.

St. Mary 81
Carlisle Co. 70
12-26-74 - Away

Senior Rick Cochran scorched the nets for 31 pts. as the St. Mary Vikings marched to an 81-70 victory over Carlisle Co, in the first lower-bracket quarterfinal contest of the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Invitational Tourn. Thursday night.

The Vikings advanced to the tourney's second semifinal game tonight against host Tilghman, an 81-70 victor over Mayfield Thursday night.

Cochran didn't score in the 1st quarter, but added 8 in the second frame before exploding for 18 in the 3rd period, and winding up with 5 in the final stanza.

The two teams were meeting for the 3rd time this season, and each was looking to gain the advantage in the series. The Vikings took an 86-81 victory over a visiting Carlisle squad on Nov. 22nd, but the Comets gained a measure of revenge with a 70-67 win in the finals of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tourn. on Nov. 30th.

St. Mary took an early 4-2 lead, but the Comets of Coach Jim Henley, connected for 6 consecutive buckets to gain a 14-4 advantage with 2 minutes left to play in the 1st quarter. Four of those baskets came from Thomas Jenkins and Greg Carter. Steve Martin and David Garrett each chipped in one fielder each.

But the Vikings took their turn at "streaking" and tallied 9 consecutive markers to close the gap to 14-13 as the period ended. Senior forward David Halicks successfully converted a 3-pt. play with 7 seconds showing on the clock to narrow the Comet lead.

Cochran canned a 20-footer at 7:42 to give his team its first lead since the early goings, and teammates David Vinson and Gene Roof added fielders as the Vikings stretched their lead to 5, 19-14, with 6:35 left to play.

St. Mary's biggest lead was 7, 23-16, as Roof bagged a lay-up, after stealing the ball from a Carlisle player.

Carlisle roared back, and took a 2-pt. lead on a pair of charity tosses by Jenkins with 4 seconds showing on the clock.

But Cochran brought the score to a 36-36 deadlock by hitting a 25-foot jumper, just as the buzzer sounded.

Cochran opened the quarter with a lay-up to give his team a 38-36 lead. But the Comets came back with a 3-pt. play by Jenkins to regain the lead, 39-38.

The margins stayed close for the two teams, before the Comets took a 49-46 lead with 3:53 left to play in the 3rd period.

But Cochran took over, and netted St. Mary's final 7 buckets of the stanza, the last a 25-footer, with 2 seconds showing on the clock, to give the Vikings a 60-58 lead going into the final 8 minutes of action.

The St. Mary quint out-tallied the Comets, 21-12, in the 4th period.

Carlisle moved to within four, 70-66, on a fg by Carter at 4:29, but St. Mary reeled off 6 straight pts. to take a 76-66 advantage at 2:29.

The Vikings biggest lead came after Roof scored on a lay-up with 53 seconds showing on the clock. Carter sank 2 fts. as the Comets closed the final margin to 11.

In addition to Cochran's 31, Roof finished with 21, and Vinson added 18 for St. Mary.

Carlisle was led by Jenkins with 24, and Robert Martin and Greg Carter, who netted 16 and 12 respectively.

Each team recorded 44 rebs. as Robert Martin pulled down 14, and Jenkins hauled in 11 for the Comets. Roof retrieved 10 and was credited with 8 steals, while John Weglicki, Halicks and Vinson were credited with 9 rebs. apiece for St. Mary.

St. Mary.....13 36 60 81
Carlisle.....14 36 58 70

St. Mary (81)
Roof 21, Weglicki 4, Rick Cochran 31, Vinson 18, Halicks 5, Lansing, Greer, Russell 2.

Carlisle (70)
Jenkins 24, R. Martin 16, S. Martin 6, Garrett 2, Carter 12, Partin 2, Gaddie 8, DeJarnatt, Stacy, Davis, Terry.

Jenkins' 34 Paces
Comets Past Fulton Co.

Carlisle Co. 98
Fulton Co. 80
01-02-75 - Home

Seniors Thomas Jenkins and Robert Martin sparked third ranked Carlisle County past No. 10 Fulton County Friday night.

Jenkins and Martin combined for 58 points to ignite the Comets to a 98-80 triumph over the Pilots.

Jenkins, a 5-11 center, keyed the Carlisle County explosion with 34 points and Martin, a 6-0 forward, added fuel to the fire with 24 markers.

Greg Carter chipped in 16 points to give the Comets three men in double figures.

Preston Pearson was high for Fulton County with 15 points, followed by Wray with 12 and Dan McClanahan with 11.

Carlisle County made good on 35 of 83 field goal attempts and counted 28 of 44 free throws. Fulton County sank 29 of 67 shots from the field, and 28 of 44 charity tosses. The Pilots were whistled for 31 fouls, and the Comets were charged with 29.

Carlisle County held a commanding 46-30 edge on the backboards. Jenkins led the way with 13 retrieves.

Carlisle.....30 57 74 98
Fulton Co.....13 33 54 80

Carlisle (98)
Jenkins 34, R. Martin 24, Carter 16, S. Martin 6, Partin 9, Gaddie 4, Terry 2, DeJarnatt 8.

Fulton Co. (80)
Pearson 15, Wray 12, McClanahan 11, Busby 10, Kinney 8, Caldwell 7, Ervin 7, Marney 6, Kinney 4.

Carlisle Co 104
Fulton City 69
01-07-75 - Away

Robert Martin, Thomas Jenkins and Greg Carter combined for 61 pts. as the Comets rolled up their 10th victory against 3 setbacks. Martin led the charge with 23 pts. and Jenkins and Carter finished with 21 and 19, respectively. Steve Martin had 11 and Jeff Davis had 10.

Scott Curtis paced the Bulldogs with 20 pts., and Robert Patton canned 16, Ragsdale had 12 and Wade had 11.

The 3rd-ranked Comets out rebounded Fulton City, 58-26, with Jenkins pulling down 16, R. Martin 12 and S. Martin 10.

Carlisle bagged 46/87 fgs. for 53% as compared to Fulton City's 23/63 for 36%. The Bulldogs did a good job at the ft. line, hitting 23/27 for 85%. Carlisle hit 13/18 for 67%.

Carlisle.....21 49 76 104
Fulton City.....20 39 51 69

Carlisle (104)
Jenkins 21, S. Martin 11, R. Martin 23, Davis 10, Carter 17, Garrett 6, Partin 4, DeJarnatt 6, Terry 4, Gaddie 2.

Fulton City (69)
Patton 16, Dean 4, Curtis 20, Wade 11, Ragsdale 12, Mulcahy 4, Neely 4.

Martin Nets 38 For
Comets In Win Over Marshall Co.

Carlisle Co. 85
Marshall Co. 77
01-10-75 - Away

Robert Martin paced Carlisle County to its 11th victory of the season against just three losses. Greg Carter aided the Comets with 23 points, but the First Region's fifth leading scorer, Thomas Jenkins, was held to 10, 12 below his average.

The No. 3 scorer in the region, Larry McGregor, poured in 29 points for the Marshall's and Dale Lovett chipped in 19.

Marshall County, now 3-6, got to within five points of the lead in the fourth period, but the Comets salvaged the victory.

Carlisle.....19 41 61 85
Marshall.....11 31 51 77

Carlisle (85)
Jenkins 10, S. Martin, R. Martin 38, D. Garrett 6, Carter 23, DeJarnatt 8, Terry, Gaddie.

Marshall (77)
Rosa 8, Reed 8, Lovett 19, McGregor 29, Sewell 2, Morris 2, Clapp 9, Phelps, Smith, Ivey.

Comets Extend Win
Streak To Four Games

Carlisle Co. 72
Hickman Co. 52
01-14-75 - Away

Greg Carter, a 6-2 guard, led the fourth ranked Comets past the Falcons.

Thomas Jenkins and Robert Martin added 16 and 14 markers, respectively.

Carlisle County jumped out to a 24-7 first period lead, and were never threatened again. The Comets connected on 67 percent of their free throws as compared to the Falcons' 47 percent.

Carlisle.....24 44 60 72
Hickman.....7 28 36 52

Carlisle (72)
Jenkins 16, S. Martin 5, R. Martin 14, Garrett 4, Carter 25, Partin 2, DeJarnatt 4, Gaddie 2.

Hickman (52)
Barclay 5, Larkins 14, Harper 7, Workman 6, Humphries 7, W. Weatherspoon 3, Pruitt 2, Dixon 4, McClure 2, Thorpe 2.

Carlisle Destroys Ballard Win Skein

Carlisle Co. 105
Ballard Co. 89
01-17-75 - Home

A four game thrust, initiated by the Bombers as 1975 got underway, was brought to at least a temporary standstill by Carlisle County as the Comets shot 53 percent from the field, and passed the century mark for the sixth time.

Thomas Jenkins led the Carlisle barrage with 23 points, while Steve Martin and Greg Carter hit 20 apiece, and Robert Martin contributed 16.

The Comets hit 39 of 74 fielders and cashed 27 of 37 free throws for 72 percent from the line. The bombers hit 42 of 91 fielders for 46 percent from the floor, and connected on five of nine foul shots for 55 percent. Carlisle pulled twice as many rebounds off the glass, tallying 54 to Ballard's 27.

Carlisle County, 13-3, travels to No. 2 Mayfield Friday night, while Ballard, 5-10, hits the road en route to Reidland.

Carlisle.....28 55 83 105
Ballard.....26 49 65 89

Carlisle (105)
Jenkins 23, S. Martin 20, R. Martin 16, Garrett 9, Carter 20, Partin 7, DeJarnett 4, Gaddie 2, Terry 2, J. Davis, K. Martin 2.

Ballard (89)
Cavanaugh 18, C. Henderson 12, Stewart 8, Stone 7, Edwards 6, S. Henderson 8, Taffer 4, Moss 4, Russell 6, Denton 6.

Mayfield Surges Past Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 73
Mayfield 76
01-24-75 - Away

The second-rated Cardinals made up a six-point deficit at the half to tie it at the third quarter horn, and then moved out in front in the final frame to take their seventh straight victory.

Six-five center Eddie Williams poured in 30 points, and pulled 14 rebounds off the glass to pace to the Redbirds. Otis Sherrill followed with 15 tallies, and Greg Bazzell and Trey Hawkins both accounted for 10.

Robert Martin led the Comets with 25 points and six rebounds, while Jenkins hit 19 points, Greg Carter and Steve Martin hit 12 and 11, respectively.

Mayfield, 13-2, hosts Fancy Farm Tuesday in third District action, while the Comets, 13-4, travels to Fulton County Tuesday.

Mayfield.....14 32 55 76
Carlisle.....19 38 55 73

Mayfield (76)
Williams 30, Bazzell 10, Hawkins 10, Sherrill 15 Wilson 9, Berhow 2.

Carlisle (73)
Jenkins 19, R. Martin 25, S. Martin 11, Garrett 2, Carter 12, DeJarnett 4.

Carlisle Co. 79
Fulton Co. 81
01-31-75 - Away

Busby and Pearson keyed the Pilot win with 24 pts. each, but Drebon Ervin hit the 16-foot desperation jumper with four seconds showing on the clock to put Fulton Co. over the top.

The Comets went into the final period of play with a 17 pt. deficit, but the turnover-spawning Carlisle press, gave the Pilots quiet a few headaches, and the visitors finally caught up with 40 seconds left in the game on a pair of fts.

The Pilots brought it down the floor and missed a shot, and Carlisle failed to connect on a bonus ft. opportunity at the other end of the floor seconds later.

Fulton Co. rebounded and Ervin went into his heroics.

Ervin followed Busby and Pearson with 18 total pts. and 9 rebs.

R. Martin paced the Comets with 20 pts., while Carter added 18, and Jenkins had 14.

Fulton Co.....24 51 64 81
Carlisle.....21 34 47 79

Fulton Co. (81)
Pearson 24, Busby 24, Ervin 18, Wray 6, Kinney 3, McClanahan 4, Caldwell 2.

Carlisle (79)
Jenkins 14, R. Martin 20, S. Martin 12, Garrett 4, Carter 18, Partin 2, DeJarnatt 7, Gaddie 2.

Tilghman Handles Carlisle For 9th Straight Victory

Carlisle Co. 63
Tilghman 74
02-01-75 - Home

Top-ranked Tilghman thumped 4th-rated Carlisle Co., 74-63, here Sat. night and claimed its 9th consecutive win.

Coach Bernie Miller's Bluemen fashioned a 15-pt. lead over the first three periods, but had to nurse severe foul difficulties through the 4th stanza, and shake off a cat-quick Comet press to log its 17th triumph in 18 outings.

Carlisle opened the final stanza in the full-court press, and shut off the Blue Tornado for 2 minutes. Furthermore, Steve Martin and Thomas Jenkins hit back-to-back jumpers for the Comets to cut the margin to 62-51, and Bluemen Cliff Robinson, and Tyrone Goodwin were assessed with their 4th personal fouls.

With 4 on Robinson and Goodwin, and 3 on 6-5 forward James Greer, Coach Miller called time with just over 6 minutes remaining, and went into a 4-corner offense.

The strategy nullified Carlisle's pressure tactics, and the Comets were no closer than 11 the rest of the way. After the time out, Tilghman ran almost a minute off the clock, before Greer slipped behind the Carlisle defenders for an unmolested lay-up. And, the last 5 minutes of the game followed the same pattern.

A put-back by Anthony Proctor, and lay-up off a fast break by Charlie Dunbar with 2:56 remaining, rebuilt a 15-pt. spread. Steve Martin came back with 2 straight baskets to chop it back to 11, and the 2 First Region powers swapped baskets the rest of the way.

All 5 Tilghman starters reached double figures. Dunbar, a 5-10 senior guard, led the way with 21. Proctor sacked 15, Tyrone Goodwin bagged 14 and Robinson and Greer each collected 12. Greer pulled off 16 rebs., and Proctor snared 11 to provide the Bluemen with a decisive 44-26 edge in rebounding.

Game scoring honors went to Jenkins, the Comets' hard-working 5-11 pivoter, with 24 pts. Greg Carter chipped in 13 for Carlisle, and Robert Martin had 12.

Five quick pts. by Jenkins in the opening stanza, shuffled the Comets on top 5-2, but Tilghman surged to a 10-pt. lead before intermission on the strength of its backboard control, and the shooting of Goodwin. Upsetting Carlisle with half-court pressure, the Bluemen followed Jenkins' streak with 6 unanswered pts. to squeeze ahead, 8-5.

The Comets, however, piled 8 pts., 4 each by Jenkins and Robert Martin around a jumper by Dunbar to regain the lead at 13-10 with 2:32 showing.

Carlisle didn't score again in the 1st period, and Tilghman rang up 10 pts., before the horn. After 4 fts. and a lay-up by Proctor, Dunbar hit a 25-footer. Goodwin picked off a Comet pass at mid-court, took a couple of steps past the center line, and threaded a 35-footer at the buzzer to give Tilghman a 20-13 advantage.

The Bluemen threatened to pull away in each of the next 2 periods, even though Greer and Robinson picked up their 3rd personal fouls less than 2 minutes into the second stanza. Robinson stayed in the lineup the rest of the way, and Greer only set out 3 minutes, but the gritty Comets refused to fold.

Three fts. pulled Carlisle within 20-16 in the second quarter, but the Bluemen piled 6 pts. around another to ease out front, 28-19.

Buckets by Jenkins and Robert Martin shaved the margin to 5, before Goodwin ignited another Tilghman spurt. A 6-0 junior, Goodwin scored 6 pts. in an 8-3 surge that opened a 10-pt. margin, and the Bluemen still led by 9 40-31, at the break.

Six straight pts. by Greer early in the second half, boosted Tilghman on top, 50-37. Jenkins brought the Comets back, however, with 6 pts. in a drive that closed the gap to 54-47 with 2 minutes remaining.

Again the Comets failed to score in the final 2 minutes of the period, and Tilghman plied up 8 pts. to charge to a 62-47 cushion after 3 periods.

The Bluemen connected on 33/75 fgs. for 44% and cashed 8/12 fts. Carlisle shot 47% on 28/60 fgs. and the Comets sank 7/12 fts.

Tilghman.....20 40 62 74
Carlisle.....13 31 47 63

Tilghman (74)
Roberts 19, Juan 16, Martin 14, Riley 9, Painter 10, Wilson 7.

Carlisle (63)
Jenkins 24, R. Martin 12, S. Martin 9, Garrett 2, Carter 13, Partin 1, DeJarnett 2.

Martin Directs Carlisle Co. To Victory Over Reidland

Carlisle Co. 96
Reidland 78
02-04-75 - Home

In the only First District contest Tuesday, Carlisle County snapped a three game losing streak with a 96-78 win over Reidland.

Robert Martin fueled the Comet attack with a game high 32 points, and 20 rebounds. Joining Martin in the heavily armed scoring battery were

Jenkins, who turned in 22 pts., and Carter, who had 16.

Four Greyhounds finished in double figures. Barry Snow led the pack with 26 pts. while his brother Larry threw in 16, and Benjie Sydboten and Tim Threatt both added 14.

The Comets hit 44/82 fgs. for 54% and 10/13 fts. for 76%.

Reidland netted 34/69 fgs. for 49% and 8/16 fts. for 50%.

Carlisle.....22 47 69 96
Reidland.....18 30 50 78

Carlisle (96)
Jenkins 22, R. Martin 32, S. Martin 5, Garrett 8, Carter 16, DeJarnett 1, Gaddie 6, Terry 4, Davis 2, Partin.

Reidland (78)
B. Snow 26, L. Snow 16, Syboten 14, Threatt 14, Austin 2, Lawson 4, Sowash 2.

Marshall's Surprise Comet's

Marshall Co. 96
Carlisle Co. 90

02-07-75 - Home

The Comets mounted a 14-point advantage during the second half, and in the fourth quarter began making use of the four-corners offence tactic.

The four-corners apparently had some rough edges as the hosts continually turned the ball over, allowing the Marshall's to overtake them, and knot the score at 86-all at the end of regulation play.

The surging Marshall's reeled off 8 pts. in the extra period, while Carlisle only managed 4.

Rosa paced the Marshall Co. scoring with 25 pts. McGregor was close behind with 24, Phelps contributed 21 and David Reed accounted for 16.

Greg Carter led the Comets with a game-high 28 markers. Thomas Jenkins added 21 and Robert Martin turned in 19.

The Marshall's hit 40/78 fgs. for 51% and cashed 14/19 fts. for 73%, while Carlisle sank 40/87 fgs. and netted 10/15 fts. for 66%.

Marshall.....22 40 58 86 96
Carlisle.....18 45 70 86 90

Marshall (96)
Rosa 25, Reed 16, Lovett 4, McGregor 4, Phelps 21, Morris 4, Clapp 2.

Carlisle (60)
Jenkins 21, S. Martin 8, R. Martin 19, Carter 28, Garrett 7, Partin 4, Terry 2.

First-Year Coach Henley, Has Guided Carlisle Comets To 14-7 Record

For the past few years, the Carlisle Co. basketball program has reigned as one of the area's finest.

The Comets have produced winning seasons with outstanding players. They have captured 5 consecutive St. Mary Thanksgiving Tourn. titles.

And, so far, this season is no different – except for one major detail.

This season, the Carlisle Co. varsity squad is operating under new 1st-year head coach Jim Henley. Henley assumed the duties after Tom Buchanan decided to become head coach at Ballard Co. prior to this season.

Henley, who graduated from Murray State University, after graduating from the old Clinton Central High School in Hickman Co., has guided the Comets to a 14-7 record going into tonight's game with visiting Mayfield.

The solid starting lineup includes Thomas Jenkins, the Martin brothers, Robert and Steve, David Garrett and Greg Carter.

Jenkins, a 5-11 senior forward, is termed by Henley as "The smallest big man around."

"Thomas is a top-notch defensive player," Henley said.

"He is real tough, because he has good jumping ability."

Jenkins hits the nets at a 21-pt. clip, and he's also responsible for 10 rebs. per contest.

Holding down the center position is senior Robert Martin. The 6-2 standout is averaging just over 21 pts. per game, and is credited with 11 retrieves.

"Robert is going to make some school a fine college player," Henley said. "He has great body control, and he always knows where he is putting the ball."

A good ball handler, Martin is connecting on 60% of his fgs. and is adding 76% fts.

"Robert could play guard for some college because he is such a find ball handler," the head coach added.

Martin's brother, Steve, is the other Comet forward. A 5-11 junior, he averages approximately 10 pts. per contest.

"Steve is coming along and is quite a bit improved this year," Henley said. "He had no varsity experience at all last season, but he is jumping real good, and his shooting has improved a great deal."

Greg Carter, a 6-1 senior, is one of the 2 senior guards for Carlisle. He is the third-leading scorer on the squad with a 17-pt. average.

"Greg is our outside shooter, and he connects on 52% of his shots. We rely on him for our outside game, but when we do send him inside, he does a fine job on the boards (with a 7.1 rebs. average)," Henley said.

The other starting guard is David Garrett, who stands 5-10. He is scoring at an 8.6 clip, but he leads the club in assists with 6 per game.

"David is a real tough defensive player, and he is hustling out on the floor all the time," Henley stated.

Garrett was sidelined for a few games earlier this season when he suffered an ankle injury in the Comet's loss to Calloway Co. in the Mayfield Christmas Tourney.

According to Henley, Garrett, who was averaging 10 assists per outing before the injury, has finally rounded back into shape.

The injury kept him out of the starting lineup for Carlisle's next encounter with St. Mary in the Tilghman Christmas Tourney the following week.

Leading the squad of reserves are senior Bobby Partin and junior Randy DeJarnett.

Partin, a 5-10 guard, gives the team a pickup when he enters the contest. "Bobby is a 110% hustler, who goes beyond giving a little bit more than what I ask for," the head coach said.

DeJarnett, a 6-0 forward, doesn't have a lot of experience, according to Henley, but "he doesn't back off from anybody." He is a 85% ft. shooter.

Other top reserves are senior Mike Terry, 5-11 guard, forward; center, Roy Gaddie, a 6-2 junior, and Jeff Davis, a 5-9 junior guard.

As a team, the Comets are pulling down 39 rebs. per game, about 3 more than their opponents.

The Comets are 2nd in the region in scoring with an 86.4 average, while their opponents are getting 73.5 pts. per outing.

Williams Bags 32 In Mayfield Romp

Mayfield 91
Carlisle Co. 76

02-11-75 - Home

Eddie Williams sparked Mayfield to a 14-pt. advantage in the first, half and the two first region powers played nearly even the rest of the way.

Three other Redbirds scored in double figures. Sherrill pumped in 19, Bazzell netted 16 and Hawkins had 15.

Jenkins and R. Martin combined for 43 of Carlisle's points. Jenkins led the way with 23, and Martin had 20. Carter also collected 15 for Carlisle.

Mayfield shot a sizzling 59% from the floor on 40/68 fgs. Carlisle hit on 32/78 for 41%.

Mayfield.....24 45 65 91
Carlisle.....19 31 51 76

Mayfield (91)
Williams 32, Bazzell 16, Hawkins 15, Sherrill 19, Mitchell 4, Berhow 5.

Carlisle (76)
Jenkins 23, S. Martin 9, R. Martin 20, Garrett 5, Carter 15, Partin 4.

Carlisle Co. 112
Fancy Farm 66

02-14-75 - Away

The 5-ranked Comets rolled up their 2nd highest pt. total of the season en route to their 15th win of the season against 8 losses.

Carlisle was off and running in the opening frame, taking a 28-9 advantage over the Golden Gophers. The Comets held a 20 pt. margin at the intermission, a 36 pt. bulge at the end of the 3rd period, and finished with a final 46 pt. margin.

Jenkins paced the Comets with 26 pts., R. Martin had 23, Carter with 22 and Garrett finished with 17.

Andy Elliot was the top scorer for Fancy Farm, with 17 pts. Ricky Hobbs added 17 and Ken Kilcoyne managed 11.

Carlisle connected on 24/33 fts. for 73%, while the Gophers netted 16/25 tries for 64%

Carlisle.....28 54 79 112
Fancy Farm.....9 25 43 66

Carlisle (112)
Jenkins 28, S. Martin 8, R. Martin 23, Garrett 17, Carter 22, Partin 2, Gaddie 2, Terry 5, Davis 2, K. Martin 1, Allen 2.

Fancy Farm (66)
R. Elliott 7, A. Elliott 17, K. Kilcoyne 11, Hobbs 15, D. Elliott 9, R. Kilcoyne 3, Painter 2, Redden 2.

Carlisle Co. Trounces St. Mary

Carlisle Co. 89
St. Mary 61

02-15-75 - Home

The Carlisle Co. Comets evened the score with a vengeance on a season-long feud between the 5th-ranked Comets, and No. 2 ranked St. Mary Vikings, by handing the visiting Vikings an 89-61 thrashing.

Carlisle had played St. Mary 3 times during the season, before last night's romp, but had managed only one victory out of the 3 meetings, a 70-67 championship win in the finals of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tourn. in Nov.

The loss snapped an 8-game St. Mary winning streak as the Vikings turned in their lowest total pt. performance of the year.

The Comets raced to a 44-29 halftime lead, behind the hot outside shooting of guard Greg Carter and boards domination of Thomas Jenkins and Robert Martin.

Carter and Martin, both hit 26 pts. to lead Carlisle, while Jenkins threw in 15 and David Garrett added 10.

The Comets sizzled from the field hitting 42/69 fgs. for 60%. Carlisle tallied 5/8 fts. for 62%.

St. Mary, meanwhile, had one of their poorest nights of the year from the floor, netting just 26/63 fgs. for 41% and cashing 9/12 fts. for 75%.

Carlisle.....22 44 68 89
St. Mary.....13 29 43 61

Carlisle (89)
Jenkins 15, S. Martin 6, R. Martin 26, Garrett 10, Carter 26, Partin 2, Gaddie 4.

St. Mary (61)
Rick Cochran 13, Weglicki 14, Russ Cochran 12, Halicks 2, Vinson 10, Roof 10.

Carlisle Co. 63
Heath 52
02-21-75 - Away

Robert Martin led the Comet attack with 20 points and 11 rebounds, while guard Greg Carter hit 19 markers, and Robert Martin's brother Steve added 13.

Steve Wright was the only Pirate in double figures with 22.

Both teams had miserable nights from the floor. Carlisle hit just 22/66 fgs. for 33% and Heath hit 22/64 for 34%.

The Comets sacked 19/27 fts. for 70% and the Bucs sank 8/10 for 80%.

Carlisle.....21 36 47 63
Heath.....12 29 37 52

Carlisle (63)
Jenkins 7, S. Martin 13, R. Martin 20, Garrett 4, Carter 19, Partin, Gaddie, Terry, K. Martin, Homer.

Heath (52)
Morehead 8, Travis 5, Tilford, Elrod 6, Wright 22, Jett 9, Harris 2, Nance.

Comets Win
Squeaker Over Bombers

Carlisle Co. 78
Ballard Co. 70
02-25-75 - Away

Carlisle's Comets out-tallied the host Ballard Bombers, 16-8, in the 3rd period en route to a 78-70 victory.

Carlisle cashed in on 26/39 trips to the line en route to it's 8 pt. decision over the host Bombers.

The Comets trailed 46-44 at halftime, but forged ahead in the final 2 periods of action.

R. Martin paced the invaders with 21 pts., Carter added 18, Jenkins 17 and Garrett 13.

Cavanaugh and Stone shared scoring honors for the hosts with 15 pts. each. Powell also added 10 pts. for Ballard.

Carlisle.....25 44 60 78
Ballard.....18 46 54 70

Carlisle (78)
R. Martin 21, Carter 18, Jenkins 17, Garrett 13, DeJarnett 6, Partin 2, S. Martin 1.

Ballard (70)
Cavanaugh 15, Stone 15, Powell 10, C. Henderson 9, S. Henderson 6, Moss 6, Stewart 6, Taffer 3.

Oakers Slip
By Comets

Lone Oak 67
Carlisle Co. 65
02-28-75 - Home

Lone Oak squeezed out a 67-65 triumph over Carlisle Co., which shared 4th-place with Lone Oak in the rankings, behind Ronnie Goode's 22, Reeves' 16, and Casey's 10 pts.

Kevin Casey and a Lone Oak press assured the victory for the 4th-ranked Purple Flash. With 20 seconds left, and the score knotted at 65-all, the 6-3 center canned a field goal to put Lone Oak back in front.

As a Carlisle guard brought the ball back down the floor for the Comets, the Oakers' full court pressure paid off, trapping the ballhandler, and making it impossible for him the clear the ten-second stripe in time.

Thomas Jenkins hit 18 to pace Carlisle, while Robert Martin netted 15, Greg Carter tallied 13, and David Garrett contributed 11.

The Oakers sank 29/62 fgs. for 46%, and the Comets managed just 24/64 fgs. for 38%. Lone Oak cashed 9/15 fts. for 60%, while Carlisle hit 17/25 fts. for 68%.

The Oakers, ending the year with a 4-game winning streak, and a 17-4 record overall, take on the winners of the St Mary-Reidland game in semifinal action of the 2nd District Tourn. Thursday night.

The Comets, 18-9, play the No. 4 seeded Fulton City Bulldogs in 1st District play Thursday.

Lone Oak.....17 37 50 67
Carlisle.....18 34 51 65

Lone Oak (67)
Casey 10, Goode 22, Deluna 12, Smithmier 8, Reeves 16, Edwards 2.

Carlisle (65)
Jenkins 18, R. Martin 15, Garrett 11, Carter 13, S. Martin 6, DeJarnett.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Crushes
Fulton City

Carlisle Co. 96
Fulton City 63
03-06-75 - Home

Carlisle County earned a Regional Tournament berth by blasting Fulton City's Bulldogs 96-63 in First District Tourney action here Thursday night.

The victory advances the Comets to Saturday night's championship game against the winner of tonight's Hickman Co.-Fulton Co. contest.

The Comets got 20-plus performances from 2 players – Greg Carter and Robert Martin. Other Comets in double figures included Garrett 14, and S. Martin 13.

Fulton City's Robert Patton, however, walked off with game scoring honors as he pumped in 25 pts. in a losing cause. Wade added 12 for the Bulldogs.

The hot-shooting Comets hit a sizzling 60% fgs., 41-68, and 14/21 at the line.

Fulton City had a hard time finding the hoop as the Bulldogs hit only 25/67 fgs. for 37% and 13/20 at the line.

The Comets won the board battle 54-27 with R. Martin pulling down 18 to lead both teams.

Carlisle.....24 50 67 96
Fulton City.....8 26 42 63

Carlisle (96)
Jenkins 9, S. Martin 13, R. Martin 22, Garrett 14, Carter 24, DeJamett 4, G. Nelson 4, K. Martin 4, Homer 2.

Fulton City (63)
Shell 2, R. Patton 25, Dean 6, Curtis 6, Wade 12, Robertson 8, Ragsdale 4.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Comets Cop First District Honors
With Triumph Over Hickman Co.

Carlisle Co. 68
Hickman Co. 55
03-08-75 - Home

The shooting of Carlisle's Greg Carter and a Carlisle County full court press, overcame a determined quint of Hickman County Falcons as the Comets rolled to a 68-55 victory for the championship of the First District last night

Carter sacked a 14-foot jump shot just one minute into the contest, and Carlisle led the rest of the way. Taking the upper hand during the first quarter, the Comets started a scoring barrage with 4:54 in the stanza, and outscored the Falcons, 13-6, to take a comfortable 19-8 lead into the second frame.

The second quarter was more of the same as Hickman Co., although superior in size, was totally out-classed on the glass by the Carlisle leapers, Robert and Steve Martin. The Comets went into the half-time dressing room with a 34-17 lead on the heels of 3 fielders by reserve Randy DeJarnett.

The Falcons made their only serious comeback effort late in the third quarter, and drew to within 11 pts. at the 2:49 mark, after successive 8-footers by 6-5 center Tim Larkins, and 5-10 guard Kenny Humphreys. But the infamous Carlisle full-court press instantly went into action, and following 3 steals by the Martins, and 9 straight pts., the Comets raced out to their biggest lead of the evening, 47-27.

The 2 teams played more or less on as even keel during the final canto. The Comets canned 9/10 fts. to maintain a strong lead of between 18 and 21 pts. throughout the period, and never were in any real danger.

Carter paced Carlisle with 18 pts. to grab game scoring honors, while Jenkins netted 16 and S.. Martin accounted for 10.

Reserve guard James Harper matched Carter's performance to share game honors. Larkins had 15 and R. Barkley turned in10.

The Comets head into the Regional Tourn. with a 20-9 record.

Carlisle.....19 34 49 68
Hickman.....8 17 31 55

Carlisle (68)
Jenkins 16, S. Martin 10, R. Martin 7, Garrett 6, Carter 18, Partin 2, DeJamett 6, Homer 2, Terry.

Hickman (55)
Rogers, Barclay 10, Larkins 15, Humphreys 6, Weatherspoon, Workman 2, McClure 4, Harper 18, W. Weatherspoon.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Jenkins Nets 28 As Carlisle Trips
Defending First Region Champs

Carlisle Co. 68
Murray 59
03-11-75 - Away

The Murray High Tigers got a quick, but through lesson on astronomy here Tuesday night.

After observing the lightning quickness of Comet Thomas Jenkins, the Tigers concluded that you can only see a Comet once, and then its gone. Carlisle Co. bore this lesson out as it handed Murray High a 68-59 1st round defeat, and advanced to a semifinal berth in the 1st Region Tourn.

In the only season contest staged between Carlisle and Murray, the Comets literally knocked

the Bengal's' stripes off with a 104-66 thrashing Dec. 10th.

Had it not been for the foul-line finesse, and timely defensive work of the 5-11 Jenkins, however, the streaking Comets might have turned in a repeat performance of the phantom comet "Kahoutek" – a highly-touted and much awaited astronomical sensation of 1974 which failed to show. Jenkins, a scrappy senior forward who turned in an excellent offensive performance of 28 pts. to claim game honors, almost single-handedly turned back 2 Murray comeback thrusts in the 4th quarter to assure the Carlisle victory.

Heading into the final period with a comfortable 52-39 lead, the Comets almost succumbed to a persistent Murray press as the Tigers sandwiched 7 tallies around a single Carlisle pt. to slice the deficit to 7 pts.

With the score 53-46, and just over 5 minutes left in the game, Murray sparkplug Raymond Sims ripped off a Comet pass, but the Tigers missed the fg. opportunity, and were assessed with a pushing-off foul during the ensuing struggle underneath for the rebound.

Comet center Robert Martin then appeared to put the stopper on the Tigers' drive by connecting on both ends of the bonus situation, and extending the Carlisle lead to 9, but Sims canned back-to-back 20-footers, and Comet Coach Jim Henley hurriedly called time-out with his advantage trimmed to a slim 5 pts.. 55-50.

Following the time out, the Comets missed, Murray got control, and also failed.

Jenkins hauled down the defensive rebound, took it the length of the court, and waded through the Tiger defense for the lay-up.

On the next trip down court, the scrappy forward grabbed another Murray miss, was fouled, and hit both fts.. Twenty seconds later, the entire scene was repeated and Jenkins had put the Tiger's hopes on ice, pushing the Carlisle lead to 11 pts., 61-50, at the 2:59 Mark.

Murray made one more attempt, coming within 6 pts. on a 12-footer by reserve Andre Parry, but Jenkins sank 4 more fts. in the space of 9 seconds to assure the Comets of a chance against Mayfield in the semifinals Fri. night.

In the early goings, neither team dominated until late in the 1st quarter, when Carlisle guard David Garrett hit a jumper from the baseline to break a 15-15 deadlock. Martin connected on a turn around jumper from the right wing at the hom to give the Comets a 19-15 lead going into the 2nd stanza, and Murray never caught up.

The Tigers managed to stay within three and five pts. throughout the latter part of the half, until Martin caned a lay-up, and half of a bonus ft. opportunity, giving the Comets a 32-24 advantage at intermission.

In the first 2 minutes of the 3rd canto, the Tigers again drew within 5 on 4 straight pts. by Perry, but 4 Carlisle starters, Martin, Garrett, Jenkins and Martin's brother Steve, combined for 8 unanswered tallies, and the Comets were off and running.

For the game, Carlisle had a hot night from the floor, connecting on 24/41 fgs. for 59%, and 20/29 fts. for 69%. Jenkins paced the assault with 8/12 fgs. and 12/16 fts. Robert Martin was the only other Comet in double digits with 19 markers on 7/7 fgs. and 5/8 fts.

Murray, meanwhile, had a miserable night from the field. The Tigers hit just 23/70 fgs. for a lame 33% and netted 13/18 fts. for 72%. Perry led with 17 pts., and Sims contributed 15.

Carlisle held a 43-35 rebs. edge. Robert Martin was credited with 11, while Jenkins pulled 9 off the glass. Perry was high for Murray with 8 retrieves.

The victory hikes the Comets' worksheet to 21-9, qualifying them as members of the elite group of 20-plus winners on the year.

Carlisle.....19 32 52 68
Murray.....15 24 39 59

Carlisle (68)
Jenkins 28, S. Martin 6, R. Martin 19, Garrett 8, Carter 2, DeJarnett 5.

Murray (59)
Frank 6, Wilder 4, Miller 4, Hudspeth 8, Sims 15, Tabers, Williams 4, Perry 17.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Co. Rallies
To Nip Mayfield

Carlisle Co. 76
Mayfield 74
03-14-75 - Away

Seniors Robert Martin and Thomas Jenkins combined in the final 36 seconds of the ballgame to bring Carlisle Co. a 76-74 come-from-behind victory over Mayfield in the upper bracket semifinal contest of the First Region Boys' Basketball Tourn. here Friday night.

Martin put the Comets ahead to stay at the 36-second mark by successfully completing a 3-pt. play, and Jenkins sealed the decision with a pair of fts. with just 7 seconds remaining on the clock.

Thus, with the victory, Carlisle Co. avenged a pair of earlier setbacks at the hands of the Redbirds – a 76-73 loss at Mayfield on Jan. 24th , and a 91-76 trouncing on the Comet floor on Feb. 11th.

Coach Jim Henley's Comets found the going rough in the opening half against the Mayfield quint. Three starters were hit with 3 personals apiece, including Robert Martin, his brother Steve and Greg Carter. But Carlisle's troubles were somewhat offset, when Mayfield's Eddie Williams was tagged with his 3rd foul at the 2:48 mark of the second quarter.

Coach Bob Sparks' Redbirds jumped to a quick 4-0 advantage on baskets by forward Greg Bazzell, and guard Otis Sherrill.

Carlisle's Steve Martin lifted a high-arched shot over the leaping body of Mayfield's Eddie Williams.

Williams made up for the missed block on the next trip down court with a turn-around jumper at 6:17.

David Garrett netted a short fielder, before Williams pushed the Mayfield margin to 6, 10-4, with 2 fgs.

The Comets, however, retaliated and out pointed the Redbirds, 12-4, in the final 4 minutes of the period to gain a slim 2-pt. lead, as the first 8 minutes came to an end.

Steve Martin picked up 2 fouls in the 1st quarter, and teammate Garrett was assessed with his 3rd at the canto's 30-second mark.

In the second period, Robert Martin and Jenkins poured in 8 pts. each as the two teams struggled to 7 ties, before Mayfield went in front to stay in the 1st half.

The deadlocks came at 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27 and 29, before Mayfield's Otis Sherrill notched a pair of baskets to push his team to a 4-pt. margin, 33-29, with 1:47 left before intermission.

Williams went to the bench with his 3rd foul, but his replacement, junior Eric Berhow canned 2 fielders around fts. by Jenkins to give the Redbirds a 39-33 lead with 21 seconds showing on the clock.

But Jenkins cut that lead to 4 with a long jumper just 3 seconds, before the period ended.

Robert Martin picked up his 3rd foul at 7:01, and Carter was whistled for his 3rd at the 46-second mark.

The two teams exchanged baskets in the first 3½ minutes of action in the 3rd quarter, before Robert Martin went high to tip the ball through the hoop to cut the deficit to two, 43-41, at 4:49.

Martin tossed in 4 additional fielders in the stanza, but the Comets could not gain much ground on the Redbirds. Williams netted 3 fgs. in the frame as Mayfield took a 56-51 lead into the final quarter.

Martin opened the period by dropping in 2 fgs. that cut the Mayfield lead to one, 56-55, at 6:25.

But forward Jeff Wilson and Sherrill put the Cards back on top with 4 pts. each as Mayfield gained a 64-59 advantage at 4:46.

After Robert Martin hit the second of a 2-shot foul situation, Williams canned a lay-up as the Redbirds grabbed a 66-60 lead with 3:49 remaining on the clock.

But Carter, who did not tally a single marker in the 1st half, scored 2 fgs. around 2 fts. by Steve Martin to push Carlisle out to a 66-66 deadlock with just over 3 minutes left.

Coach Bob Sparks signaled for a timeout, and when action resumed, Wilson sank a 15-footer at 2:46, which was countered by a Garrett bucket 12 seconds later.

Wilson made another fg. But Garrett could manage just a ft. as Mayfield held a one-pt. lead, 70-69, with 2 minutes to play. Forward Trey Hawkins moved that advantage to three, 72-69, at 1:46.

With 1:29 showing on the clock, Sherrill had an opportunity to stretch that lead even further on a bonus situation, after being fouled by Steve Martin.

The senior guard failed, however, on the first toss and Robert Martin pulled down the rebound. The Comets brought the ball into their own court, and put up a shot which went astray.

But Steve Martin went high in the air for a tip-in that cut the Mayfield margin to one, 72-71, at 1:07.

Sparks called another timeout to set up a play. When play resumed, Robert Martin intercepted the inbounds pass, and dribbled down court for a lay-up with 36 seconds showing on the clock. The 2 pts. were good, and Martin, after being fouled by Sherrill on the play, sank the free toss to push the Comets on top by two, 74-72.

The Cardinals got 2 shots off on their next trip, but Steve Martin hauled down the rebound.

Jenkins brought the ball into his team's own territory, and Hawkins clipped him with 7 seconds showing on the clock. The Comet player calmly sank both ends of a bonus situation to wrap up the Carlisle victory.

Williams scored an uncontested basket as the Cardinals narrowed the final margin to 2.

Robert Martin led all scorers by hitting 12/20 fgs. and 2/3 fts. for 26 pts. He also led the Comets in rebounds with 7.

Jenkins tallied 18 markers by bagging 7/11 fgs. and 4/4 fts. Garrett was the only other Carlisle player in double figures with 11 pts.

Williams tied Wilson for team scoring honors with 19 pts. each. Williams canned 7/11 fgs. and 3/4 fts., and Wilson managed 9/11 fgs. 1/4 fts.

Sherrill finished with 16 pts., and Greg Bazzell added 10 for the Redbirds.

Both teams collected 32 fgs. – Mayfield getting its in 56 tries for 57% and Carlisle getting its in 58 attempts for 56%.

The Comets netted 12/14 fts. for 86% as compared to the Cardinals' 11/18 performance for 61%.

Mayfield ended the season with a 25-5 mark. The Cardinals out rebounded the Comets, 30-29. Both teams committed 18 turnovers apiece.

Carlisle.....16 35 51 76
Mayfield.....14 39 56 74

Carlisle (76)
Jenkins 18, R. Martin 26, S. Martin 8, Garrett 11, Carter 6, Partin, DeJarnett 7.

Mayfield (74)
Williams 19, Bazzell 10, Hawkins 4, Sherrill 16, Mitchell, Wilson 19, Berhow 6.

1st Region Tourn.
Championship
Comets Stun BlueMen
In Regional Final

Carlisle Co. 63
Tilghman 53
03-15-75 - Away

Carlisle Co. limited Tilghman to 25 pts. in the second half here Sat. night, and stormed from behind to overturn the top-ranked Blue Tornado, 63-53, in the finals of the First Region Boys Basketball Tourn..

Strangling Tilghman with aggressive man-to-man pressure, the Comets touched off a rambunctious mid-court celebration by strafing the Bluemen 28-15 in the final quarter and winning the regional title, their first year under coach Jim Henley.

"We wanted it real bad," coach Henley said amid the handshaking and backslapping of ecstatic Carlisle fans among the 5,200 in the Murray State University Sports Arena.

"We knew we had to hook up and play good defense. We did, and they weren't able to get the ball inside like they usually do."

Carlisle Co., 22-9 after gunning down Mayfield and Tilghman on successive nights, will advance to the Ky. High School State Boys Basketball Tourn. for the second time in 5 years. The Comets last went to the "Sweet Sixteen" in 1971 and they downed a Blue Tornado team in the finale that year, too.

The Comets will meet Lexington Henry Clay in the opening game of the state tourn. Wed. night. Henry Clay, ranked 3rd in the statewide Associated Press Poll, squeezed by Lexington Bryan Station, 70-64, in the 11th Region Championship game Sat. night.

Despite the effectiveness of Carlisle's gritty defense, the Comets were unable to take command until the 4th quarter, when they hit 18/20 fts.

Coach Bernie Miller's Tilghman quint, which wound up 29-3, led 38-35 heading into the final period. Thomas Jenkins, a crafty 5-11 senior, twice pulled the Comets within one, before the ft. barrage began.

Carlisle surged into the lead with an 8-pt. sprint early in the last stanza, and 6 of its pts. came on fts. Greg Carter sank one of a bonus chance, and David Garrett stripped 2 straight with 5:40 left to play to deadlock the count at 42. Furthermore, Tilghman floor general, Tyrone Goodwin, who keyed Tilghman comebacks in preliminary games in the tourn., fouled out on the violation on Garrett.

Jenkins, who led all scorers with 22 pts., reeled off 5 straight pts. over the next minute, and the Comets were never challenged down the stretch. A 3-pt. trip by the hard-working forward, and a pair of fts., fired the Comets out front 47-42, and 6 straight pts. shortly thereafter decided the issue.

Back-to-back buckets by Cliff Robinson and Brandon Warren narrowed the difference to one pt. with 4 minutes remaining, but the 6 unanswered Carlisle pts. that followed took the wind out of the Blue Tornado.

Greg Carter launched the payoff blow with a 12-footer from the right baseline. The Comets controlled a jump at the other end, and finished off the Bluemen with a 4-pt. play. Carter was fouled in a scramble for the ball, and the Bluemen were assessed with a technical for protesting the call. Carter made 2 fts. off the calls, and Randy DeJarnett slipped under for a lay-up, after the inbounds pass to open a 53-46 spread with 2:48 remaining.

The Comets went into a 4-corner offense the rest of the way, and Tilghman was never closer than 6 pts. again.

Jenkins hit 7/18 fgs. and 8-9 fts. for his game-leading pts. total. Carter, a 6-0 guard, chipped in 17 and pulled down 11 rebs., and Robert Martin contributed 14 markers.

Robinson was high for the Tornado with 20 pts., but no other Tilghman player reached double figures.

The Blue out-rebounded the Comets, 37-34, and out shot Carlisle from the field, but the difference came at the charity stripe. The Comets shot 25/29 fts., while Tilghman counted 5/10. Both teams attempted 55 fgs. Tilghman hit 24, 5 more than Carlisle.

The Bluemen turned the ball over 15 times against the Carlisle defense, while the Comets limited their floor mistakes to 8.

Neither team led by more than 6 pts. in the 1st half. A 4-pt play shuffled the Comets on top early in the game, but Carlisle led briefly only 4 times before intermission.

Robert Martin missed a ft., and a chance for a 3-pt. play, but Jenkins went high to tip-in the stray to complete the 4-pt., play and give the Comets a 7-6 lead.

Back-to-back jumpers by Charlie Dunbar and Anthony Proctor lifted Tilghman ahead again, before Carlisle stacked 6 pts. around a 15-footer by Robinson. A long jumper by Martin, who had 4 of the 6 markers, at 3:45, provided Carlisle a 21-10 edge, their last of the half.

Tilghman came back with 6 straight pts., and the Comets played catch-up most of the 2nd period. A short looping bucket by Robinson, who had 12 pts. before intermission, and a pair of quick fielders by Goodwin, and James Greer boosted the Bluemen out front, 16-12, and they led by 4 at the stop.

A driving basket in the lane by Robinson hiked the margin to 6 pts. in the first 15 seconds of the stanza. After Goodwin cancelled a bucket by Jenkins, however, Tilghman struggled through a 2-minute scoring drought, and Carlisle hustled back within one at 22-21.

Two-Pointers by Proctor and Greer brought Tilghman to life, but a ft. by Carter, and a jumper in the lane by Jenkins, tied the count at 26. Martin offset a lay-up by Robinson, and the 2 teams went to the dressing room deadlocked 28-28.

Fielders by David Garrett and Carter in the first 1½ minutes of the 2nd half, put Carlisle on top for the first time since the opening stanza. An 8-footer by Barrett provided a 34-30 margin with 5:08 showing.

Carlisle.....14 28 35 63
Tilghman.....18 28 38 53

Carlisle (63)
S. Martin 2, Jenkins 22, R. Martin 14, Garrett 6, Carter 17, DeJarnett 2, Partin.

Tilghman (53)
Robinson 20, Proctor 8, Greer 8, Dunbar 7, Goodwin 4, Warren 2, Whitehead, Harvey 2, Walden 2.

Comets To Meet Tourney
Co-Favorite Henry Clay In 1st Round

Carlisle County's Comets appears over Louisville every 4 or 5 yrs. And, while the frequency of the Comet sightings has been remarkable, the timing has been something less than perfect.

Carlisle is preparing for its 3 appearance in the Ky. State High School Basketball Tourn. in the past 9 years, and for the 3rd time the Comets will be matched against one of the "Sweet Sixteen" favorites in the opening round.

In 1966, Carlisle was paired with Central City, the 7th-ranked team in the state, in the tournament's opening game and succumbed 87-75.

In 1971, the Comets were matched against Louisville Central, the No. 1 team in the Commonwealth, and eventual state champion, and bowed, 82-62.

This year, the Comets face the No. 3 team in Ky. in the "Sweet Sixteen" opener, and will have to have a super effort to avoid another 1st-round blitz. Carlisle meets Lexington Henry Clay at noon, Wed., and Comet coach Jim Henley thinks the Blue Devils may be stronger than the past 2 state championship teams.

"Tom Buchanan did the scouting on them in the 11th Region final Sat. night, and he felt they were stronger than Shawnee (1973 champion) or Central (1974 Champion)," he explained.

"They are real quick and physical on the boards. They come off the boards with elbows working, and they rebound offensively very well. They are 6-4, 6-3, 6-1, 6-0, and 6-0 and their first sub is 6-7."

Henry Clay, 27-3 on the season, likes to run and gun and play pressure defense, a style of play with which Comet teams have been comfortable with for several years.

"Henry Clay doesn't like to hold the ball too long," coach Henley observed. "They like to clear out one side, and let Elliott (Kenny) work one on one.

"He's the key man. They get the ball off the defensive board, and look to mid-court for Elliott."

A 6-1 senior, Elliott was a starting guard when the Blue Devils last appeared in the state tourn. in 1973. Now, he's the leading scorer with a 24-pt. average. Keith Evans, 6-1 and the other guard, contributes 15 pts. per outing.

At forward, the Blue Devils go with 6-0 Donnie Moore and 6-3 Larry Jenkins. Craven Leach, 6-4, playing in the pivot in place of 6-7 Billy Thomas, who was side-lined with illness during the tournaments, may have won the starting assignment. Leach led the team in rebounding, and was named to the all-regional tourn. team.

"They like to pressure you man-to-man all over the floor," Coach Henley pointed out. "One scouting report says their defense is similar to Mayfield's, but a lot quicker. They trap you wherever they can."

Henry Clay, which has been to the state tourn. 18 times, and won the championship 5 times (all before 1925), won 15 games in a row at one

stretch, and has lost only to Louisville Ballard, Louisville Male and Lexington Lafayette.

Although the scouting report is ominous, and ratings favor Henry Clay by as much as 23 pts., adversity and long odds are nothing new to the 1974-75 Comets. They had to struggle out of a late-season slump, and climb over the defending champion, and the No. 1 and No. 3 teams in the region, to reach the "Sweet Sixteen."

Carlisle Co., which is currently 23-9, lost 5 of 6 games during a 2-week stretch in Feb., and Coach Henley feels the series of setbacks strengthened his team.

"The loss to Marshall Co. (96-90 on Feb. 11) turned it around," he explained, "We had an 18-pt. lead, lost the lead and then lost the game in overtime.

"After our post-game talk, the players realized they had to hook up the whole game, and not just part of it. They started playing a smarter game, smarter defense, and made up their mind not to lose any more."

The Comets have almost lived up to that vow. Since that setback, they have won 9 of 10 games, losing only a 67-65 decision against a hot-shooting Lone Oak quint.

"We felt we got the worst end of the draw in the regional tourn.," the 1st-year coach continued. "We had the worst road to go, but we rose to the occasion."

"After we came back against Mayfield in the semifinals, we felt confident we would beat Tilghman."

Both Mayfield (76-73 and 91-76) and Tilghman (74-63) beat the Comets during the regular season, but Carlisle stormed from behind in the final quarter to overturn both in regional tourn. play.

Carlisle outscored Mayfield 25-18 in the final stanza, and squeezed to a pulsating 76-74 decision in the semifinals. The Red Birds were ahead 72-71 and in a stall with just 40 seconds to play, when Robert Martin stole the ball and came up with a 3-pt. play to put the Comets on top. Thomas Jenkins sewed up the victory with a pair of fts., 30 seconds later. In the championship match, Carlisle blistered the top-ranked Bluemen 28-15 in the last quarter, and made off with a 63-53 decision.

Jenkins and Martin, both 3-year starters, are averaging better than 20 pts. a game. Martin leads an attack which averages 85 pts. a game with 21.1 pts. per outing. Jenkins is a notch back at 20.2. Senior Greg Carter contributes 17 pts. per game to give the Comets 3 men in double figures.

David Garrett chips in 9.7 pts. per game and Steve Martin, Robert's brother, adds 8.5. Randy DeJarnett is the top reserve.

"To beat Henry Clay, we'll have to screen off the boards well, and handle their pressure," Coach Henley observed. "We talked about those things today, and hope we can make a respectable showing."

Jenkins, inch-for-inch one of the toughest players in the region, and the Martin brothers will carry the rebound burden, although they'll get help from Carter. Carter led the Comets in rebounding against a Tilghman team that was 6-5, 6-3, 6-1 across the front line.

Carter will also be called upon to help Garrett beat the press and Garrett, who limited Tilghman standout Charlie Dunbar to 7 pts., will be assigned to stopping Elliott.

Coach Henley expects a large contingent of Carlisle rooters to make the trip to Louisville for the game. The Comets left this morning at 9 o'clock, and plan to work out at Thomas Jefferson High School this afternoon. The team will stay at the Churchill Airport Inn near Standiford Field.

"We had a short pep rally today," Coach Henley said Monday. "People were in school, but there wasn't much school going on. It will probably be the same tomorrow."

Carlisle, which has an enrollment of 364 students, is the only team besides Tilghman, which has been to the state tourn. more than twice in the past 15 yrs.

Ky. State Tourn.
1st Round
Henry Clay
Topples Comets

Henry Clay 86
Carlisle Co. 59

03-19-75 - Away

History does not suggest what might have happened to the shepherd David, had he only stunned the giant with the missile from his sling.

But Coach Jim Henley, whose Carlisle Co. Comets tackled one of the giants in the 58th Ky. State High School Basketball Tourn. Wed., thinks Lexington Henry Clay provided more then sufficient insight.

"I kept thinking it looked like David and Goliath out there," Henley explained. "Only this time David didn't win.

Enraged by a staggering 1st half Comet punch, Henry Clay battered Carlisle 29-7 in the third stanza and exploded to an 86-59 triumph in the opening "Sweet Sixteen" skirmish in Louisville's Freedom Hall.

Shooting a breezy 57.6% in the 1st half, Carlisle erased an early 12-pt. deficit and hustled into a 36-32 lead at intermission.

Henry Clay, No. 2 in the state-wide rankings, cooled the Comets with zone traps in the 3rd stanza, however, and thundered away like the bull stung by the bumblebee.

Coach Al Prewitt's Blue Devils regained the lead less than 2 minutes into the 2nd half. After a jumper by reserve Randy DeJarnett provided a 38-37 Carlisle lead, Henry Clay poured in 10 straight pts., and the Comets were never close again.

"After they went into the 1-3-1 and 2-1-2 traps, we never could get the ball inside again," Henley observed. "We thought we were ready for the 1-3-1, but they were able to recover more quickly than we thought they would.

"You just can't beat quickness. We kept trying to get it inside, but they recovered well when we did. We just didn't get the shots in the last half."

Carlisle was only able to get off 9 shots against the traps in the 3rd quarter, and 21 in the second half. The Comets hit only 6 of those for a 29% showing after the break. For the game Carlisle hit 21/47 fgs. for 44.6%.

Henry Clay shot 48.1% fgs., connecting on 39/81 attempts, but the Blue Devils percentage climbed in the 2nd half as a result of numerous lay-ups off the fast break.

"We played with them under the boards, when they were in a man-to-man in the 1st half," Henley noted. "But the zones caused us to turn the ball over more frequently."

"Whenever they got the ball out, we didn't have anyone quick enough to get out and get in front of them."

Blue Devil guards Kenny Elliott and Donnie Moore keyed the Henry Clay fast break, and combined for 50 pts. Elliott bagged 14/27 fgs. for a game-high 28 pts. Moore sank 10/16 fgs. and 2/3 fts. for 22 markers.

Craven Leach chipped in 15 pts. and pulled down 18 rebs. for the Blue Devils, and Keith Evans had 11 pts.

Moore and Evans fueled the breakaway. A free throw by Leach and buckets by Moore and Evans shuffled Henry Clay, now 28-3, on top. After DeJarnett's jumper, Elliott hit from the top of the circle, and Evans banged in a pair of long jumpers. Snowbirds by Billy Thomas and Moore, both following Comet turnovers, completed the 10-pt. streak, and fired the Blue Devils out front 47-38, with 3:23 left in the 3rd stanza.

Henry Clay answered another bucket by DeJarnett with 6 more pts., and poured 8 around a field goal and free throw by Thomas Jenkins to up the margin to 61-43 after 3 periods.

Carlisle was never closer than 17 pts. in the final period, and reserves played much of the quarter for both teams.

Jenkins and Robert Martin paced the Comets. Jenkins canned 5/8 fgs. and 6/13 fts. for 16 pts. Martin sacked 5/12 fgs. and 2/2 fts. for 12 pts. DeJarnett and Carter each wound up with 10 pts.

Martin and Jenkins sparked Carlisle's gutsy 1st half drive with 12 and 10 pts., respectively. Henry Clay ran out to an 18-6 advantage in the first 5 minutes, but Carlisle went to work on the boards and quickly hustled back.

A short jumper by DeJarnett touched off an 8-pt. charge that narrowed the gap to 4 pts. at the end of the period. Martin homed in a 20-footer, David Garrett found an opening in the lane, and Jenkins hit from the free throw line.

After a put-back by Moore, Jenkins stripped a pair of fts. to shave the deficit to 20-16 at the stop.

The Comets caught up and went ahead for the first time with another 8-pt. flurry, early in the second stanza. Following a lay-up by Elliott, Greg Carter canned a pair of jumpers, and Martin and Jenkins each hit one to lift Carlisle on top 24-22 with 5:15 to go in the half.

The score was tied 4 more times, before a jumper by Martin and 4 straight fts. produced the 36-32 halftime count.

Carlisle, bowing out in the 1st round for the 3rd time in as many trips to the state tourn., finished its season with a 22-10 worksheet.

Henry Clay.....20 32 61 86
Carlisle.....16 36 43 59

Henry Clay (86)
Moore 22, Leach 15, Elliott 28, Evans 11, Thomas 2, Clay 4, Shelby 2, Williams 2.

Carlisle (59)
Jenkins 16, S. Martin 4, R. Martin 14, Carter 10, Terry 3, DeJarnett 10, Garrett, Partin, K. Martin, Gaddie, Jeff Davis.

Sweet Sixteen
Impressions

Promoters call the Ky. State High School Basketball Tourn. the "Greatest show on Earth." They pirated the phrase, of course, from P.T. Barnum's big top, but it does accurately reflect the spectacle, the drama and the many appeals of the Commonwealth's unequaled "Sweet Sixteen."

The state tourn. is far more than the culmination of a series of eliminations, which began nearly 3 weeks ago, and eventually narrows the state's prep cage teams to one champion. The thrill of competition notwithstanding, the appeals of the state tourn. are as diverse as the teams that comprise the roster of combatants. Here are a few Freedom Hall impressions:

-The state tourn. is both a private and public party … the ultimate celebration … a holiday for

students whose teams qualify. A chance to scream and yell and act silly, while most of the other students around the state are squirming in classrooms … a family vacation … Carlisle countians 1,000 strong … a community picnic.

-The state tourn. is a colorful pageant … cheerleaders and basketball players in sparkling finery … bands battling one another from the upper reaches of opposite corners of Freedom Hall … 13,000 fans caught up in the rhythm of "Rock Around the Clock" and "When the Saints Go Marching In" … a fashion review.

-The state tourn. is a carnival …. "Get a license plate with your school nickname. Just tell us the name and we'll have it ready for the bumper in ten minutes" … hawkers in the lobby … trinkets, jewelry and T-shirts, all of which can be imprinted with school names, colors and the like … peanuts, popcorn and candy.

-The state tourn. is a child's dream … a 12-year-old with a towel offering his services to the officials … a soft drink cup scrimmage around a trash receptacle … "I'm Flenoil Crook. Watch me sky" … "That's nothing man. If I was Jerry Britt, you'd never catch me … "Would too" … unbridled imagination.

-The state tourn. is a market place … college coaches everywhere … halftime radio guests … buttonholed on press row … trying not to let the cat out of the bag and give a rival coach a prospect … checks by names in the program … making a pitch to the star when his team is eliminated.

-The state tourn. is an exhibition of talent … a 13-year-old young lady with braces who belts out the National Anthem like Pearl Bailey … flips, handstands and cheerleader pyramids … a Louisville Central team that looks like it could finish no worse than third in the Ohio Valley Conference … a Warren East guard who can single-handedly break any press yet conceived, and consistently sinks double-clutch, back pocket lay-ups among the giants … defensive team play that limits an opponent to 7 pts. in 9 minutes.

Put them all together and you have one of the most unique, most exciting and most entertaining sports spectaculars anywhere, and this is why they call it "The Greatest Show On Earth."

Comet Coaches

Jim Henley is the third Carlisle Co. coach to guide a Comet team to the state tourn., and the 1st-round setback at the hands of touted Henry Clay won't tarnish the success of his initial season as skipper. Not many coaches make it to the "Sweet Sixteen" in their first season.

Tom Adkins (1966) and Tom Buchanan (1971) also produced state tourn. teams at Carlisle Co., and both of them lost to squads rated among the favorites too. Coach Henley was here before as an assistant under Coach Buchanan in 1971. That Carlisle team lost to eventual champion Louisville Male. The bracket makers haven't been doing the Comets any favors.

Nonetheless, Coach Henley's Comets made a respectable showing against a Lexington Henry Clay team that is expected to have little trouble reaching the finals. The Blue Devils were bigger, physically stronger and far quicker than the Comets. Nonetheless, they went to the dressing room with a 36-32 handicap and a severe case of the shakes.

"Maybe they were overconfident and didn't look for much out of us," Henley observed. "But they found out we could play, and they had to hook up and go to work.

"Our kids put out everything we ask of them. They had to play one heck of a game, just to stay with them for a half."

"One of the keys was that they were so much more physical or aggressive than we were," he continued. "The officiating is so much different up here. They (the officials) don't call it as close as they do in our region, and we just weren't ready for the battering under the boards.

"I don't think a little school like ours will ever win the state tourn. again, unless they go to classes."

Coach Henley is a native of Hickman Co. and attended Clinton Central High School (now incorporated into Hickman Co. High School).

After 3 years of playing basketball in the U.S. Navy, and graduation from Murray State University, he spent 3 years at Columbus Junior High, before joining the coaching staff at Carlisle Co.

Coach Henley took the assistant Comet coaching position the year after Carlisle's first trip to the "Sweet Sixteen," and served 3 years under Bobby Hoskins and 5 under Coach Buchanan, who is now at Ballard Co. He attributes his first-year success to those 8 years training, particularly the 5 under Coach Buchanan, and a combination of other favorable factors.

"I had good players with which to work, a good administration, and a good assistant coach," he noted.

Now, however, Coach Henley is stuck with the problem of what to do for an encore to his first season.

"I hope they don't expect this every year," he laughed.

Carlisle Co. Team Emphasizes Its Coach's Desire For Class System

Carlisle High Coach Jim Henley is one who favors a form of segregation separating the big from the little in Kentucky high school basketball. To be specific, he thinks the commonwealth should be divided into classes based on school population.

Lexington Henry Clay, a "big wall" ousted Carlisle County 86-59 in the first round of the Kentucky High School tournament yesterday, reinforcing Henley's theory that equality of opportunity to win a state title is a myth.

Henley said before the tournament that he plans to bring the possibility of classes to the attention of his state representative, when he gets back to Carlisle County. That intention hardly rings the chimes of the Kentucky high school commissioner, Joe Billy Mansfield.

It was the 1974 Legislature that decreed there must be a tournament for the girls as well as the boys.

"Actually, the legislature was a year, behind us," Mansfield said during a tournament break yesterday. "The Kentucky High school Athletic Association's Delegate Assembly the previous year had authorized the board of control to set up a girls state tournament. We had to wait until this year to start it, because we had to find how to budget for it and set up regulations for conducting it. What the legislature did was the fact, really."

There may be some dispute over whether the state legislature can force the KHSAA to go to Classes in basketball.

"We're a voluntary association of member schools not under the control of the State Department of Education," Mansfield said. "The only way the State Department of Education would be able to concern themselves with our operation, is to insure that federal court orders about discriminations are carried out."

Mansfield is concerned about the possibility of the Legislature moving onto KHSAA turf.

"I could name you a couple of states where the legislature tried to enact bills that would have determined athletes' eligibility," he said. In one example, they wanted to make any student enrolled in school, regardless of age or academic standing, eligible for athletics," he said. "Even in Kentucky, in the past, there have been attempts by both senators and representatives to put pressure on the KHSAA concerning the eligibility of an athletic."

Bobby Flynn, a former state legislature from Lexington, is emphatic on the legislature's role in the KHSAA activities.

"They ought to stay out," he declares vehemently. "There are some things, I've always said, that the legislature should do, and some things they shouldn't. This is one of the things they shouldn't.

Politicians have discovered a captive audience in the crowds at the state tournament. Workers for two candidates for lieutenant Governor talked to tournament-goers yesterday. One of them offered a flyer that showed the candidate shaking hands with John Bill Trfivette, the Pikeville coach of an earlier day.

Its been suggested that the current Louisville Central team, which waxed Warren East 97-81 in the opening round last night, is stronger offensively than last year's Central State champions. Central coach Bob Graves holds to that option.

"We have better shooters and more of them," Graves said, after Central took 86 shots and made 45 of them last night against the 4th Region title holders. Flenoil Crook, the Central whiz with the first name that sounds like a crankcase additive, rang up 35 pts. and hit 17/24 shots. Did you notice his rebounding statistics? Crook had 19, and the whole Warren East team had 24.

Central's 97 pts. were the most scored in a tourn. game since 1972, when Central flogged Tilghman 123-87. Only 3 teams have gone over the century mark in tourney play, and Central has done it twice.

Owensboro owns the record for the most times played in a state tourn. with 27. It also owns the most times losing in the opening round.

When Shelbyville registered a mild 75-58 upset over Owensboro in last night's nightcap, it marked the 13th time that Owensboro, a two-time state champion, stumbled in the first round.

1974-75

	Lowes	St. Mary	Ballard Co.	Lowes	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	Lowes	Murray	Fulton City	Calloway Co.	St. Mary	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Marshall Co.	Hickman Co.	Ballard Co.							
Thomas Jenkins	14	16	23	10	16	19	32	37	32	15	24	34	21	10	16	23							
Robert Martin	28	26	23	24	12	18	10		18	23	16	24	23	38	14	16							
Greg Carter	22	12	8	22	15	10	20	25	18	7	12	16	17	23	25	20							
David Garrett	16	9	23	6	10	15	10	13	12	4	2		6	6	4	9							
Steve Martin	12	14	13	14	13	4		13	8	3	6	6	11	0	5	20							
Bobby Partin	2	2	4	3	4	0	4	2	8	2	2	6	4		2	7							
Mike Terry	0	2	7	0			6	5	4	0	0	2	4	0		2							
Randy De Jarnett	5	0	2				9	2	4	2	0	8	6	8	4	4							
Jeff Davis	0		2	4		0		1	3		0		10			0							
Paul Allen									2														
Roy Lee Gaddie	2		0			0	2	4	2		8	4	2	0	2	2							
Mike Stacy	3		2	0		2		2	2		0												
Kenny Martin	0		2	2												2							

1974-75

	Mayfield	Fulton Co.	Tilghman	Reidland	Marshall Co.	Mayfield	Fancy Farm	St. Mary	Heath	Ballard Co.	Lone Oak	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Murray	Mayfield	Tilghman	Lex. Henry Clay				Games	Pts.	Avg.
Thomas Jenkins	19	14	24	22	21	23	28	15	7	17	18	9	16	28	18	22	16				33	659	19.97
Robert Martin	25	20	12	32	19	20	23	26	20	21	15	22	7	19	26	14	14				32	648	20.25
Greg Carter	12	18	13	16	28	15	22	26	19	18	13	24	18	2	6	17	10				33	549	16.64
David Garrett	2	4	2	8	7	5	17	10	4	13	11	14	6	8	11	6	0				32	273	8.53
Steve Martin	11	12	9	5	8	9	8	6	13	1	6	13	10	6	8	2	4				32	273	8.53
Bobby Partin		2	1	0	4	4	2	2	0	2			2		0	0	0				28	71	2.53
Mike Terry				4	2		5		0				0				3				19	46	2.42
Randy De Jarnett	4	7	2	1						6	0	4	6	5	7	2	10				25	108	4.32
Jeff Davis				2			2										0				12	24	2
Paul Allen							2														2	4	2
Roy Lee Gaddie		2		6			2	4	0								0				18	42	2.33
Mike Stacy																					7	11	1.57
Kenny Martin							1		0			4					0				8	11	1.37
David Homer									0			2	2								3	4	1.33
Greg Nelson												4									1	4	4
								Team Record - 23-10						Per Game Avg. - 81.42						Total Pts.		2727	

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Thomas Jenkins	126	145	436	450	659	1690	13.41
Robert Martin	99	4	371	403	648	1426	14.4
Greg Carter	81		71	352	549	972	12
David Garrett	97	2	88	190	273	553	5.7
Bobby Partin	49		5	31	71	107	2.18
Mike Terry	34		4	11	46	61	1.79
Mike Stacy	22		7	11	11	29	1.31
David Homer	3			4		4	1.33

1975-76

HEAD COACH - JIM HENLEY

ASSISTANT COACH - BOB WARD

FINAL RECORD - 12-18

1975-76

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-14-75	Calloway Co.	83-77	H	
11-21-75	St. Mary	**76-89**	H	
11-26-75	Livingston Co.	66-59	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-28-75	Lowes	**65-71**	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-02-75	Hickman Co.	48-46 **ot**	A	
12-05-75	Lowes	**60-66**	A	
12-09-75	Murray	**76-102**	H	
12-12-75	Warren Central	**63-82**	A	
12-13-75	West Hardin	**44-75**	A	
12-16-75	Fancy Farm	**68-76**	A	
12-26-75	Mayfield	**57-90**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-02-76	Fulton Co	**80-101**	A	
01-06-76	Fulton City	86-68	H	
01-09-76	Marshall Co.	**72-74**	A	
01-13-76	Hickman Co.	**54-63**	H	
01-16-76	Ballard Co.	**78-80**	A	
01-23-76	Sedalia	87-83	A	
01-27-76	Calloway Co.	83-74	A	
01-30-76	Fulton Co	**83-88**	H	
01-31-76	Tilghman	**61-92**	A	
02-06-76	Marshall Co.	97-96	H	
02-07-76	Reidland	**81-89**	A	
02-10-76	Mayfield	88-87 **ot**	H	
02-13-76	Fancy Farm	**80-91**	H	
02-14-76	St. Mary	**84-105**	A	
02-17-76	Fulton City	75-70	A	
02-20-76	Heath	78-77	H	
02-24-76	Ballard Co.	97-89 **ot**	H	
02-27-76	Lone Oak	64-63	A	
03-04-76	Fulton Co	**81-95**	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 12-18

1976 Comets



Kevin Davis, Tim Mathis, Jeff Davis, Kenny Martin, Randy DeJarnett, Roy Lee Gaddie, Tim Wilson, Steve Martin, Mike Massey, Paul Allen, Mike Hoskins

1975-1976

HEAD COACH - JIM HENLEY

ASSISTANT COACH - BOB WARD

FINAL RECORD - 12-18

1975-76 COMET ROSTER:
Randy DeJarnett, Steve Martin, Tim Wilson, Kenny Martin, Jimmy Gore, Tim Mathis, Jeff Davis, Mike Hoskins, Kevin Davis, Roy Lee Gaddie, Greg Nelson, Paul Allen, Kevin Hays, Mike Massey

Tilghman Boys Are No. 1
In Preseason Cage Poll

The boys basketball team at Paducah Tilghman, sport the top ranking in the season's initial poll of First Region coaches.

The Tilghman boys received 14 1st place votes, and rolled up 185 total pts. to out-distance 2nd place St. Mary, which received 4 votes for the top spot and 157 pts. total.

The Vikings have already played one game, a Nov. 11th date at Livingston Co., where they smashed the Cardinals, 97-68.

In 3rd place are the Hickman Co. Falcons, who collected two 1st place votes, and 138 pts. The Falcons are 1-0 after a season-opening 64-53 win over Wingo.

The Reidland Greyhounds stand 4th with the remaining vote for the top spot and 127 pts.

Marshall Co. holds onto 5th place and Mayfield's young Cardinals sit in the No. 6 position.

Just 3 pts. behind the Redbirds are the Fulton Co. Pilots in 7th place, and another 3 pts. back is Murray High, in 8th place.

The third First District team and the fourth Second District team anchor the final two positions in the ratings. Carlisle Co., the defending First Region champion, is 9th ,and Lone Oak winds up 10th.

1. Tilghman (14)....185
2. St. Mary (4).....157
3. Hickman Co (2).138
4. Reidland (1).....127
5. Marshall Co.....110
6. Mayfield.....83
7. Fulton Co.....80
8. Murray.....77
9. Carlisle Co.....76
10. Lone Oak.....49

Martin And DeJarnett
Pace Comets' Victory

Carlisle Co. 83
Calloway Co. 77
11-14-75 - Away

Comet cagers Steve Martin and Randy DeJarnett combined for 60 points, and 16 rebounds here Friday night to lead Carlisle County over Calloway County, 83-77. It was the first game of the season for both teams.

The game was decided on the free throw line where the Comets accumulated 31 points to 21 for the Lakers. Four Laker players fouled out of the contest. The Comets lost two players via fouls.

Martin was the leading scorer in the game with 33 points. DeJarnett netted 27, and they both had eight rebounds. Tommy Futrell, the Lakers 5-8 junior guard, led the visitors in scoring with 31 points.

From the field Carlisle hit 26 of 54 shots for 48 per cent. The Comets added 31 foul shots in 42 attempts for 74 per cent from the free throw line. Calloway County shot 28 for 68 from the field for 41 per cent, and hit 21 of 25 for 85 per cent. The Comets out rebounded the Lakers 35-34.

Carlisle.....25 49 64 83
Calloway.....20 37 59 77

Carlisle (83)
DeJarnett 27, S. Martin 33, T. Wilson 11, K. Martin 8, Gore 5, Mathis, J. Davis, M. Hoskins, K. Davis.

Calloway (77)
Beane 9, Wells 11, Futrell 31, Williams 19, Stunson 4, Lamb 3, D. McCuiston, S. McCuiston, Lovett, McCallon, Barrett, Byers.

No. 2 Vikings
Crush No. 9 Comets

St. Mary 89
Carlisle Co. 76
11-21-75 - Home

Russ Cochran ripped the nets for 30 points, and teammates Gene Roof and Benjie Sydboten each added 23 to lead St. Mary to its second victory of the season. Roof also led in rebounds, pulling down a game high 15.

The Vikings shot 61% from the field hitting 37/56 fgs. Randy DeJarnett was top shot for the Comets accumulating 24 pts. Kenny Martin came in second in the Carlisle scoring race with 17 pts.

Carlisle was 30/68 from the field for 44%. The Comets were especially good from the charity stripe sinking 16/20 free throws for an 80 per cent record. The Vikings were 15 of 23 in the foul shot category for 65 per cent.

St. Mary….....22 43 65 89
Carlisle.....18 34 47 76

St. Mary (80)
Cochran 30, Roof 23, Sydboten 23, Russell 10, Hunt 3, Greer, Scheer.

Carlisle (76)
DeJarnett 24, S. Martin 15, K. Davis 4, T. Wilson 4, J. Davis 12, K. Martin 17, Mathis, M. Hoskins.

St. Mary Tourney
Pairings Are Set

Area basketball fans won't have to wait long for a chance to compare contenders in the Second District. Three Second District teams will be in the same bracket when the St. Mary Thanksgiving Basketball Tourn. gets underway.

The Tourn. will be staged Nov. 26-29 at the St. Mary High School. Pairings were set at a meeting Wed. night.

Livingston Co. will take on defending champion Carlisle Co. in the Tourn. opener at 7 p.m. on Wed. Nov 26. The Comets have captured the championship each of the last five years.

Coach Jim Long will send his Lowes Blue Devils after Frank Wright's Heath Pirates in the nightcap. Long formerly played at Heath under Coach Wright.

On Thursday, Nov. 27, Ballard Co. will tackle Symsonia at 7 p.m., and McCracken Co. neighbors Lone Oak and St. Mary will lock horns at 8:45 p.m.

The semifinals will be played Fri. night, and the championship will follow on Sat.

Trophies will be presented to the two teams which reach the finals, and the champion will receive the game ball.

Admission prices will be $2 for adults and $1 for students.

Officials for the Tourn. are Lyman Brown, Buddy Poe, L.V. McGinty, and Dwight Mills.

Cliff Simmons of Carlisle Co. was selected Tourn. timer at the Wed. meeting, and Bill Buckingham of Lone Oak was chosen official scorer.

St Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Defending Champs
Carlisle Co. Stalls Livingston Co. Rally

Carlisle Co. 66
Livingston Co. 59
11-26-75 - Away

Carlisle County, invincible in the St. Mary Thanksgiving Invitational over the past five years, repelled a fiery Livingston Co. comeback Wednesday night, and clipped the Cardinals, 66-59, in the 1975 tournament opener.

The victory was the 13th straight in tournament play at St. Mary for the Comets, who have won the championship an unprecedented five straight times. Carlisle County will continue its bid for a sixth crown in Friday's semifinal against unbeaten Lowes.

Coach Jim Henley's Comets were cruising along with a ten point advantage two minutes into the final quarter, when Livingston coach Don Ringstaff sent the Cardinals into a zone. The maneuver cooled the Carlisle County offence and the Comets went the next 4½ minutes without a field goal. Junior forward Glenn Ringstaff, meanwhile, triggered a Redbird scoring splurge that quickly erased most of the deficit.

Carlisle County led by ten at the third-quarter stop, and were still on top 57-47, when Livingston Co. started to tighten the defense noose. The Comets managed but four free throws during the scoring drought, and the Cardinals filled the basket.

Ringstaff stripped a free throw, and Billy Fondaw and Chug Black answered two free throws by Steve Martin with two-pointers. Then Ringstaff, a 6-0 sharpshooter, pilled three 15-foot jumpers around two gratis tosses by Jeff Davis to pull Livingston Co. within 60-57 with 2:40 remaining in the game.

But Randy DeJarnett broke the Carlisle scoring lull with a 12-footer, and rescued the Comets. Bill Hill scored from ten feet away to close the gap to three again. DeJarnett came back with a putback, and the Cardinals didn't score again in the final two minutes of play.

DeJarnett, a 6-2 senior forward, was the games leading scorer with 23 points, although he spent much of the fourth quarter on the bench in foul trouble. Steve Martin and Jeff Davis both chipped in 13 for Carlisle County.

Ringstaff was high for Livingston Co. with 20 makers. Fondaw and Richard Jones both sacked 10.

Carlisle County hustled to an 8-5 lead in the first quarter, behind 6 points by DeJarnett. He was called for charging on the third basket, however, and went to the bench with his third personal two minutes into the game.

Livingston Co. closed to within 12-11 midway of the period on a bucket by Jones, but Davis sacked seven markers over the last three minutes to preserve the Carlisle County lead.

Back-to-back jumpers by Jeff Davis in the last 35 seconds opened a 22-16 spread at the quarter break.

Bill Hill and Ringstaff sandwiched fielders around a jumper by Davis to cut the margin to 24-20, before the Cardinals were temporarily shipwrecked by the Comets' 1-3-1 zone.

In a 4½ minute stretch, Livingston Co. counted only a jumper by Fondaw, and Carlisle County raced out front 35-23. Fondaw triggered a six point Red Bird burst with two straight baskets, however, to slice the deficit to seven, and the Comets still led by seven, 39-32, at the half.

Carlisle County hiked its record to 2-1, while Livingston Co. slipped to 1-5.

Carlisle….....28 39 54 66
Livingston.....20 32 44 59

Carlisle (66)
S. Martin 13, DeJarnett 23, J. Davis 13, K. Martin 4, T. Wilson 6, Mathis 2, Gaddie 5, Hoskins.

Livingston (59)
G. Ringstaff 20, Hill 8, Black 7, Jones 10, Johnson 4, Harrington, R. Ringstaff, Fondaw 10.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round
Lowes Ends Carlisle Co.
Reign Behind Bruce Wyatt's 32 Markers.

Carlisle Co. 65
Lowes 71
11-28-75 - Away

The Lowes Blue Devils took advantage of a cold shooting spell by Carlisle County in the final three minutes of the ballgame to rally and deal the Comets a 71-65 setback in the first semi final game of the St. Mary's Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament, Friday night.

Lowes, in picking up its sixth consecutive victory of the season, eliminated Carlisle County's hope for a sixth consecutive title in the 11-year history of the tournament.

Junior Bruce Wyatt provided the big spark for the Blue Devils throughout the contest, finishing with 32 points, after tallying 20 in the first half of action.

It appeared for a while in the fourth period that the Comets would be making there seventh appearance in the St. Mary finals, but it was a combination of a tough defensive effort by Lowes, and poor shooting by the Comets, that dashed the Carlisle County hopes.

Carlisle County managed to net just three field goals in the final period, but the Comets held onto the lead for most of the period.

Carlisle's biggest lead in the final eight minutes of action came at 6:09, when junior Jimmy Gore hit both ends of a bonus situation to put his team on top by eight, 60-52.

But the Blue Devils rallied on a putback by sophomore Timmy Knight, a lay-up by Wyatt, who took an assist from Gary Miller, and a fielder by forward Jeff Jones to move to within 60-58, with 4:21 showing on the clock.

Gore bucketed a field goal seconds later, but that proved to be the last two-pointer the Comets would tally in the contest.

Carlisle County's Randy DeJarnett canned three of four charity tosses around a field goal by Lowes' Miller to give the Comets a 65-62 advantage with 3:32 left to play.

Jones' layup at 3:03 brought the Blue Devils to within one point of the lead, and a turnaround jumper by sophomore Greg Johnson gave Lowes a 66-65 lead it never surrendered.

With 48 seconds showing on the clock, pivotman Mark Goin looped a long lead pass to Jones, who netted the easy layup. Knight sealed up the victory by sinking two free throws with 20 seconds showing on the clock, and Goin gave his team its final point of the night with a last second charity toss.

Wyatt, a 6-1 guard, scored 10 of Lowes' 14 points in the first period, but the Blue Devils found themselves behind by two, 16-14, as the period ended.

With the Comets leading by 22-19 in the second quarter, Lowes outscored the Carlisle County quint 9-2, to move on top by four at 4:24.

The Blue Devils doubled that advantage on two consecutive tallies by Wyatt, that boosted the Lowes' lead to eight, 34-26, at the 2:11 mark.

Carlisle County railed on the strength of two charity tosses by forward Steve Martin, and a pair of buckets by Jeff Davis, before Lowes' Goin canned two free throws to move his team back on top by four, 36-32, as the quarter was completed.

Wyatt's three jumpers at the start of the second half, sandwiched around a put-back by Tim Wilson of Carlisle County, gave the Blue Devils a 42-34 lead at 5:12.

But Carlisle County countered with 10 consecutive markers to regain the lead at 44-42, and the Comets held that advantage until the stanza ended.

Jones was the only other Blue Devil besides Wyatt in double figures with 11 points. Steve Martin netted 22 for the Comets and DeJarnett finished with 17.

Lowes…….....14 36 45 71
Carlisle.....16 32 50 65

Lowes (71)
Matheny 11, Wyatt 32, Miller 6, Lynn 2, Rives, Goins 6, Johnson 6, Knight 4.

Carlisle (65)
DeJarnett 17, S. Martin 22, T. Wilson 4, J. Davis 4, K. Martin 8, Gore 4, Gaddie 6.

Comets
Bushwhack Falcons

Carlisle Co. 48
Hickman Co. 46
12-02-75 - Away

The Comets surprised Coach Dale Ray's Falcons, and dealt Hickman County its first set back of the year, after three consecutive triumphs.

The Comets edged Hickman in overtime, after a see-saw bout. Randy DeJarnett's field goal capped the win. DeJarnett led Carlisle's scoring with 14 markers.

Tim Larkins had game-high honors for the Falcons with 16.

Carlisle hit 10 of 22 free throws, Hickman sank 10 of 19.

The Comets record stands at 3-2, while Hickman's dropped to 3-1.

Carlisle visits Lowes and Hickman travels to Fulton Co. Friday

Carlisle…....7 18 31 44 48
Hickman.....12 22 32 44 46

Carlisle (48)
DeJarnett 14, Mathis, S. Martin 7, Gaddie 6, T. Wilson 5, J. Davis 6, K. Martin 10.

Hickman (46)
Barclay 8, McClure 4, Harper 8, Dixon, Larkins 16, Workman 6, Humphrey 4.

Lowes Belts
Carlisle Co.

Lowes 66
Carlisle Co. 60
12-05-75 - Away

The Blue Devils of Jim Long raised their season record to 8-1, beating Carlisle County for the second time in a week. Lowes last beat the Comets 76-65 in the semi-final round of the St. Mary Thanksgiving tournament.

Walter Lynn of Lowes, and the Comets' Steve Martin shared game scoring honors with 19 points a piece. Gary Miller and Jeff Jones each added 14 to the Blue Devil total.

Miller also led in rebounding with 11. Randy DeJarnett pulled down seven rebounds for the Comets.

Lowes will return to action Tuesday night, when the Blue Devils travel to Farmington. Carlisle County will tackle eight-ranked Murray in a home contest Tuesday.

Lowes…….....22 30 47 66
Carlisle….....15 26 37 60

Carlisle (60)
DeJarnett 8, S. Martin 19, Gaddie 5, T. Wilson 4, J. Davis 10, K. Martin 12, Hoskins, Gore, Mathis.

Lowes (66)
Wyatt 6, Miller 14, Lynn 19, Rives 6, Jones 14, Edwards 4, Knight 3, Matheny.

Sims And Perry Key
Murray's First Win

Murray 102
Carlisle Co. 76
12-09-75 - Home

Carlisle County held its ground under the assault by Sims and Perry in the first half, and only trailed by six, 40-34, at the break.

Murray high outscored the Comets 33-12 in the third period, however, to put the game out of reach.

Bob Wilder and David Frank joined Sims and Perry in double features with 11 and 12 points, respectively.

Randy DeJarnett poured in 29 markers in a losing effort. Steve Martin sacked 15 and Roy Gaddie had 14.

Murray high hit 47 of 81 field goal attempts for a sizzling 58 per cent, and added 8 of 15 from the charity line. Carlisle County shot 40 per cent from the field, connecting on 27 of 67 attempts, and threaded 22 of 34 charity tosses.

The Bengal's outrebounded Carlisle County, 38-27.

The Comets, 3-4, travel to Central Kentucky for games Friday and Saturday. Carlisle County visits Warren Central Friday, and West Harden Saturday.

Murray High is idle until next Tuesday, when the Bengal's play host to Symsonia.

Murray….....19 40 73 102
Carlisle.....11 34 46 76

Murray (102)
Sims 30, Richardson 6, Wilder 11, Perry 26, Hudspeth 6, Frank 12, Kurz 5, Tabors 2, Harcourt 2, Williams 2.

Carlisle (76)
DeJarnett 29, Mathis 5, S. Martin 15, Gaddie 14, J. Davis 2, Hoskins 5, K. Martin 6.

Warren Central 82
Carlisle Co. 63
12-12-75 - Away

In its loss to Warren Central Friday night, Carlisle County was led in scoring by Randy DeJarnett with 20 points and Steve Martin with 19.

Warren….....20 39 59 82
Carlisle.....15 26 37 63

Warren (82)
Ray 13, Lee 11, Resch 25, Fleenor 3, Sharp 9, Dalton 3, Hines 2, Pearson 6, Anderson 2, Harris 8.

Carlisle (63)
DeJarnett 20, Mathis 2, S. Martin 19, Allen, Gaddie 6, Wilson 2, J. Davis 3, Hoskins, K. Martin 9, K. Davis 2.

West Hardin 75
Carlisle Co. 44
12-13-75 - Away

The Comets could only muster five points in the third period as West Hardin out scored them 18-5 to sew up the victory. Only one player, Roy Gaddie, landed in double figures with 10 points.

Carlisle County hit just 17 of 55 field goal attempts for 26 percent, as compared to West Hardin's 29 of 62 for 47 percent. The Comets canned just 10 of 27 charity tosses for 37 percent while their hosts hit 15 of 22 tries for 68 per cent.
West Hardin.....19 36 58 75
Carlisle….....12 23 28 44
Carlisle (44)
DeJarnett 5, Mathis, S. Martin 6, Allen, Gaddie 10, Wilson 2, J. Davis 4, Hoskins 4, Hayes 5, K. Davis 4.
W. Hardin (75)
Stiles 2, Smallwood 9, Risner 25, Lucas 6, Morgan 14, Riggs 2, Tarl 8, Priddy 2, Hurbert 4, Lynn 2, Oldham 1.

Gophers Surprise
Carlisle's Comets

Carlisle Co. 68
Fancy Farm 76
12-16-75 - Away

The Fancy Farm Golden Gophers shocked perennial First Region powerhouse Carlisle County Tuesday night.

The victory was the Gophers' seventh in 11 outings, while the reeling Comets lost their fifth consecutive decision.

Fancy Farm held a 50-28 halftime advantage, but had to hold off a second-half Carlisle County rally for the win.

The Elliott cousins, Andy and Steve in particular, are turning into pyromaniacs in basketball uniforms as they continue to burn the nets for the Fancy Farm Golden Gophers.

Andy Elliott was the main hero in leading the Gophers past Carlisle's Comets as he scored 36 points. However, Steve and David Elliott managed to squeeze into sub hero rolls scoring 19 and 9 points, respectively.

The win boosted Fancy Farm's record to 7-4, where it will remain until Jan. 6, when the Gophers host Cairo Camelot.

Carlisle County is 3-7 going into the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament, which will be played Dec. 26-27.
Fancy Farm.....25 50 60 76
Carlisle.....….20 28 48 68
Carlisle (68)
DeJarnett 19, S. Martin 13, Gaddie 6, K. Martin 15, J. Davis 7, Hoskins 2, Wilson 2.
Fancy Farm (76)
S. Elliott 19, Carrico 4, A. Elliott 36, Hayden 2, Redden 2, Painter 2, D. Elliott 9.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
Mayfield Crushes
Carlisle's Comets

Carlisle Co. 57
Mayfield 90
12-26-75 - Away

The Mayfield Cardinals, paced by the double-figured scoring of five players, stormed to a 90-57 victory over struggling Carlisle County in the opening of the annual Paducah Tilghman Christmas Invitational, Friday afternoon.

The victory was Mayfield's third in six outings, while the Comets dropped their sixth consecutive decision to fall to 3-8 on the season.

Following an early 6-6 deadlock, the Red Birds out tallied Carlisle County 18-4 in the final 3:16 of the first period, to set the stage for the runaway.

Four Mayfield starters, plus one reserve, landed in twin figures. Starting forward Spencer Byrn led the attack with 19 points, while reserve forward Joey Shelton was one back at 18. Starting pivotman Don Hubbard was next at 17, while forward Jeff Hill and guard Glenn Mitchell, both starters, contributed 13 and 11 points, respectively.

In that first-period spurt, Byrn, a 6-2 senior, and Shelton, a 6-3 sophomore, led Mayfield's runaway by pouring in seven and six points, respectively.

The Cardinal defensive unit held the Comets without a field goal in the opening four minutes of the period, until Carlisle's Randy DeJarnett canned a field goal to break the cold spell.

But, in the meantime, Mayfield had tallied nine points, (five by Byrn) during the same time span to boost its margin to 20, 33-13.

The Comets' defense, however, tightened up, and paced by the shooting of guard Kenny Martin and DeJarnett, Carlisle County moved back to within 14 points of the Red Birds' lead at 37-23.

Martin, a 5-9 junior, connected on two field goals, and added a pair of free tosses, while DeJarnett, a 6-2 senior forward, chipped in two buckets.

Shelton connected on two consecutive buckets, and the Cardinals moved to a 41-23 advantage with 49 seconds showing on the clock. Mayfield took a 42-25 lead into the dressing room at intermission.

Mayfield outtalllied the Comets 17-14 in the 4th period, to take a 59-39 lead at the third stop.

A pair of Comet starters, Kenny Martin and guard Jeff Davis, fouled out of the contest in the fourth quarter as Carlisle County was outpointed 31-19 in the final eight minutes of action.

A field goal by sophomore guard James Williams at the 2:25 mark of the contest gave Mayfield its largest lead of the ballgame, 35 points at 84-49.

The Williams bucket followed the successful completion of a three-point play by Hill.

With reserve guard Jimmy Gore scoring six points, Carlisle County out pointed a group of Mayfield's reserves, 8-5, in the final two minutes of the game to close the final margin to 90-57.

The Cardinals canned 32 of 63 attempts from the field for 51 per cent, and they added 26 of 39 charity tosses for 67 per cent.
Mayfield.…....24 42 59 90
Carlisle.....10 25 39 57
Mayfield (90)
Hill 13, Byrn 19, Hubbard 17, Mitchell 11, Stratton, Shelton 18, Rains, Berhow, Buck, Youngblood 5, Williams 4, Creason 2, Sims 1.
Carlisle (57)
DeJarnett 19, S. Martin 14, Gaddie 4, J. Davis 2, K. Martin 8, Gore 6, Wilson, Hayes 2, Hoskins, Allen, Massey.

Fulton Co. 101
Carlisle Co. 80
01-02-76 - Away

The Pilots hit the century mark in their romp over visiting Carlisle County.

Connell Kinney paced the winners, ripping the nets for 27 points. Ricky Wray hit 16, while Glen Busby and Gerald Marney each had 15.

Kenny Martin led the Comet's effort with 24 points. Steve Martin and Jeff Davis had 17 a piece.

The Pilots hit 52 per cent of their shots from the floor, 44 of 86, and hit 11 of 30 free throws for 38 per cent.

Carlisle County bagged 27 of 86 fielders, and hit 26 of 43 free shots for 60 per cent.

Carlisle County's record dropped to 4-8. The Comets try to break a loosing streak by hosting Fulton City Tuesday.
Fulton Co.....23 48 76 101
Carlisle.....13 33 47 80
Carlisle (80)
DeJarnett 5, S. Martin 14, J. Davis 14, K. Martin 24, Wilson 4, Gore 4, Hays 9, Hoskins 4, Mathis 2.
Fulton Co. (101)
Wray, Kinney 27, Busby 15, Jackson 10, Hickerson 2, Cheris 2, Martin 2, Robertson 2, Caldwell 10.

Comets Snap
Seven-Game Tailspin

Carlisle Co. 86
Fulton City 68
01-06-76 – Home

It was Dec. 2 when Carlisle County won its last battle on the hardwood, but the Comets had a little trouble in regaining the winning touch as they subdued Fulton City's Bulldogs.

Steve Martin, with 24 points, led a quintuplet of double figure scorers for the Comets. Others in the set were Randy DeJarnett 16, Tim Wilson 17, Kevin Davis 10, and Kenny Martin 15.

Carlisle hit only 40 per cent its field goals, 32 of 81, while the Bulldogs were connecting on 30 of 71 for 42 per cent. However, the Comets made up the percentage deficit, sinking 88 per cent of their foul shots, 22 of 25. Fulton hit 8 of 14 from the charity stripe for 57 per cent.

Tim Wilson pulled in 14 rebounds to lead the Comets. He was followed by Steve Martin who had 11. The Comets out rebounded the Bulldogs 44-21.

Robert Patton, the regions leading scorer, was high point man for Fulton City with 22.

Carlisle's next contest will be Friday at Marshall County. The Comets have a 4-9 record.

Fulton City will travel to Lowes Thursday. The Bulldogs' record stands at 0-7.
Carlisle.....17 37 55 86
Fulton Co.….....14 25 42 68
Carlisle (86)
DeJarnett 16, S. Martin 24, Wilson 17, J. Davis 10, K. Martin 15, Allen 2, Hays 2, Mathis, Hoskins, Gore, Massey.
Fulton City (68)
Shell 8, Patton 22, Ragsdale 10, Neeley 1, Sullivan 2, Robertson 9, Gambill 14, Smith 2.

Marshals
Rip Comets

Carlisle Co. 72
Marshall 74
01-09-76 - Away

Seventh- ranked Marshall County upped its record to 7-4 Friday night after a tough tussle with Carlisle County.

The Marshals found the going rough, before nipping the visiting Comets 74-72, at North Marshall.

Marshall County battled back from a six point deficit at the half, trailed by one point at the

end of the third frame, and then edged the Comets for the win.

Mike Rosa scored 24 points enroute to the win. Larry Schaper hit 19 and David Reed added 13.

Steve Martin and Kenny Martin bagged 27 and 26 points, respectively, for the Comets effort.

Marshall County out rebounded Carlisle County 46-27. The Marshall's hit 43 per cent of the field goals and 18 of 28 free throws.

Carlisle County netted 39 per cent of its field goals and hit 24 of 36 free throws.

Marshall County takes its 7-4 slate to St. Mary on Tuesday.

The Comets now have a 4-11 mark. The team hosts Hickman County Tuesday.

Marshall.....12 26 49 74
Carlisle.....9 32 50 72

Carlisle (72)
DeJarnett 8, S. Martin 27, Wilson 5, Gore, J. Davis 2, Hays 4, K. Martin 26.

Marshall (74)
Lovett 8, Schaper 19, Phelps 4, Reed 13, Rosa 24, Bradon.

Falcons Turn
Back Comets

Hickman Co. 63
Carlisle Co. 54
01-13-76 - Home

Hickman County had to quell a late uprising by the Comets.

Carlisle County, which was burdened with foul trouble to starters Steve Martin and Jeff Davis, trailed 45-37 at the third stop, but closed to within one point in the final stanza, before tumbling.

David Dixon sparked a balanced Falcon attack with 16 points. Tim Larkin chipped in 15 points for Hickman County, and Robert Barclay added 13.

Randy DeJarnett paced the Comets with 16 points. Kenny Martin wound up with 14 and Steve Martin had 11.

Hickman.....14 31 45 63
Carlisle.....6 22 37 54

Carlisle (54)
DeJarnett 16, S. Martin 11, Wilson 9, J. Davis 2, K. Martin 14, Mathis 2, Hayes.

Hickman (63)
Barkley 13, Dixon 16, Larkin 15, Workman 6, Humphrey 7, Harper 4, Pruitt 2.

Ballard Co. 80
Carlisle Co. 78
01-16-76 - Away

With 1:40 to go in the game, Ballard Co. held a comfortable 12-point lead, but Carlisle went to a full court press, and within 90 seconds, had pulled within 2 points.

Kevin Denton had the ball for the Bombers as they set up their offense, and he was fouled. Denton sank both ends of a one-plus-one effort, his only points of the night, to give Ballard a four-point advantage. Carlisle scored again before time ran out, but Denton's icing held Ballard's victory cake together.

Randy DeJarnett took game scoring advantage with 26 points. He was followed by Jeff Davis with 14, and Steve Martin and Tim Wilson, who each scored 10.

Allen Russell was high scorer for Ballard with 22. Mike Moss added 15 points, Kevin Stewart pitched in 12, and Larry Powell tailed 11.

Russell was the games leading rebounder with 14. DeJarnett retrieved 10 loose balls.

Carlisle, 4-12, will play Sedalia Friday. Ballard, 8-6, returns to action Friday, hosting Reidland.

Ballard.....14 44 59 80
Carlisle.....13 33 50 78

Carlisle (78)
DeJarnett 26, J. Davis 14, S. Martin 10, Wilson 10, K. Martin 8, Mathis 6, Hayes 4.

Ballard (80)
Russell 22, Moss 15, Stuart 12, Powell 11, Mills 8, Newton 4, Hammonds 4, Henderson 2, Denton 2.

Carlisle Co. 87
Sedalia 83
01-23-76 - Away

Carlisle County scored 13 of its 23 fourth quarter points at the charity stripe to notch a come-from-behind victory.

Besides DeJarnett's game leading 35 pt. total, double-figure scorers included Kenny Martin with 19, Steve Martin with 10, and Jeff Davis with 11.

Wayne Flint and Dale Towery each tailed 22 points for Sedalia and Mike Flint and Mark Dublin pitched in 16 and 15 points, respectfully.

Carlisle.....19 46 64 87
Sedalia.....13 38 66 83

Carlisle (87)
DeJarnett 35, S. Martin 10, Wilson 6, K. Martin 19, J. Davis 11, Allen 6, Mathis, Gore, Hoskins, Hayes.

Sedalia (83)
Dublin 15, W. Flint 22, Forester 4, Dale Towery 22, M. Flint 16, Vincent 1, Wray 3, Darvin Towery, Dobson.

Free Throws Lift
Comets Over Lakers

Carlisle Co. 83
Calloway Co. 74
01-27-76 - Away

Carlisle County's Randy DeJarnett notched 21 points, Steve Martin put in 19, Kenny Martin added 18, and Tim Wilson tailed 15 to lead the Comets to victory.

Scoring in double figures for Calloway County were, David Williams with 24, Tommy Futrell with 13, and Greg Byers, Mike Wells and Terry Beane all with 11.

The Comets won the contest at the charity stripe, where they hit 21 of 32 foul shots for 66 per cent. Calloway hit only 8 free throws of 15 offered.

The Lakers out scored the Comets from the field, 33 field goals to 31.

Calloway County also held the edge in rebounding, 56-32. Bean had 15 rebounds and Byers and Williams each had 12.

Wilson had 11 rebounds for the Comets.

Calloway County, 4-10, will play host to Cairo, ILL., on Friday. Carlisle County, 6-12, will entertain Fulton County Friday.

Carlisle.....24 50 70 83
Calloway.....11 33 53 74

Carlisle (83)
S. Martin 19, Allen 2, DeJarnett 21, K. Martin 18, J. Davis 8, Wilson 15, Gore.

Calloway (74)
Byers 11, Williams 24, Wells 11, Futrell 13, Beane 11, Stunson 4, McCuiston.

Fulton Co. 88
Carlisle Co. 83
01-30-76 - Home

The Pilots battled from a deficit in the fourth quarter to edge host Carlisle County and take the win.

The Comets had held a narrow lead at every stop until the last stanza.

Gerald Marney led the Pilots with 18 points followed by Ricky Wray and Connell Kinney with 17 a piece, and Glen Busby's 16. Joe Jackson and Ricky Cheirs each added 10.

Steve Martin had scoring honors for the Comets with 20 points. Tim Wilson fired in 18, Randy DeJarnett had 18, and Kenny Martin sacked 16.

Fulton County made good on 22 of 30 free throw attempts for 73 per cent, and 33 of 60 field goal attempts for 55 per cent.

Fulton Co.....20 44 63 88
Carlisle.....21 46 66 83

Carlisle (83)
DeJarnett 18, S. Martin 20, Allen, Wilson 19, Gore 4, K. Martin 16, Hoskins, J. Davis 2, Hayes 4.

Fulton Co. (88)
Wray 17, Kinney 17, Marney 18, Winters, Jackson 10, Cheirs 10, Busby 16.

Top Ranked
Blue Blast Comets

Carlisle Co. 61
Tilghman 92
01-31-76 - Away

Paducah Tilghman coasted to its 13th cage victory of the season as the top-ranked Blue Tornado pounded Carlisle County 92-61 Saturday night at the Tilghman gym.

Tornado guard Delbert Shumpert provided another of his now-common scoring displays pumping in 28 markers for the winners, good for high-point honors. Tilghman maintained a lead throughout the contest, with the exception of a 2-2 tie at 6:43 in the initial frame and a 9-9 deadlock at 4:00 in the same quarter.

Although leading, the Blue was able to take a commanding advantage in the opening period. A six-point Tornado lead quickly was reduced to three on a series of Comet free throws, and at :32 Tilghman held a 21-18 lead.

At that point, Charlie Whitehead entered the game. His presence would be felt in the second quarter.

Tilghman hit two more field goals in the final 32 seconds, one by James Greer and another by Brandon Warren, to capture a 25-18 lead at the buzzer.

The second frame was a different story. With Whitehead bulling his way up the middle for eight markers, and Shumpert popping in another eight from the outside, Tilghman roared to a 51-32 halftime lead. Warren and Doug Williams also contributed four a piece during the second stanza.

Carlisle County suffered from cold shooting in the first half, hitting only 9 of 36 field goal attempts.

Guard Kenny Martin provided the only Comet scoring punch in the first half, picking up seven points in the first frame, and four in the second quarter.

With Shumpert pumping in 10 markers in the third frame, Tilghman belted out 24 points to 10 for Carlisle, putting the game out of reach 75-42, in favor of the Blue.

Tornado Coach Bernie Miller emptied his bench in the final frame as did Carlisle County coach Jim Henley.

Tilghman shot 45 per cent from the field, hitting 39 of 87 attempts. Carlisle notched 19 of 66 field goal attempts for 29 per cent.

Double-figure scorers for Tilghman, besides Shumpert, were Williams with 14 and Warren with 12. Kenny Martin had 16 markers for the Comets,

Randy DeJarnett scored 11 and Tim Wilson had 10.

Tilghman now stands at 13-4 and Carlisle County dropped to 6-14.

Tilghman….....25 51 75 92
Carlisle…….....18 32 42 61

Carlisle (61)
DeJarnett 11, Mathis 4, S. Martin 8, Wilson 10, K. Martin 16, Gore 4, J. Davis 8, Allen, Hoskins, Hayes, Massey.

Tilghman (92)
Warren 12, Williams 14, Shumpert 28, Goodwin 8, Greer 9, Whitehead 8, Cash 4, Walden 2, Gardner 2, Owen 2, Moss 1, Davis 2, Ragsdale, Kelly, Sutton.

Carlisle Co.
Upsets Marshal Co.

Carlisle Co. 97
Marshall Co. 96
02-06-76 - Home

Carlisle County overcame a one-point deficit in the final period, and a 34-point assault by Marshall County guard Mike Rosa.

The closely fought match was tied 21 times.

Randy DeJarnett and Kenny Martin fired in 28 points apiece for the winners. Tim Wilson contributed 15 and Davis finished with 14. Three other Marshals reached double figures. Larry Schaper struck for 24 points, and George Phelps and David Reed each bagged 12 points apiece.

Carlisle County hit 42 of 80 shots from the field for 53 per cent, and connected on 13 of 21 free throws. Marshall County hit 39 of 80 field goal attempts for 49 per cent and counted 18 of 26 free shots.

Marshall County, now 9-8, travels to Murray on Tuesday. Carlisle County improved its record to 7-14 with the victory.

Carlisle…….....23 48 73 97
Marshall.....…...24 44 74 96

Carlisle (97)
DeJarnett 28, S. Martin 5, Wilson 15, K. Martin 28, Hoskins 4, J. Davis 14, Hayes 3, Mathis, Allen.

Marshall (96)
Lovett 9, Schaper 24, Phelps 12, Reed 12, Rosa 35, Copland 2, Peck 2, Brandon.

Reidland 89
Carlisle Co. 81
02-07-76 - Away

Barry Snow paced the Greyhound attack with 25 points. Teammates Billy Tidwell, Mike Puckett, Robbie Sowash and Keith Vasseur pitched in 18, 16, 13 and 13, respectively.

Behind DeJarnett in scoring were Kenny Martin with 15, and Steve Martin with 13.

Behind 65-63, entering the final frame, Reidland used a balanced scoring attack to claim the victory. The hosts took the lead for good with 3:30 remaining in the contest.

Reidland, 14-5, will travel to Heath Tuesday. Carlisle County, 7-15, will entertain Mayfield Tuesday.

Reidland…..…..22 44 63 89
Carlisle.....…….20 49 65 81

Carlisle (81)
DeJarnett 35, S. Martin 13, Wilson 8, Gore 3, K. Martin 15, J. Davis 6.

Reidland (89)
B. Snow 25, Vasseur 13, Puckett 16, Sowash 13, Tidwell 18, L. Snow 2, Swain 2.

Comets Nips
Mayfield In Overtime

Carlisle Co. 88
Mayfield 87
02-10-76 - Home

Carlisle County's Comets were out shot from the field 36-32, but made up the difference plus one at the charity stripe.

The Comets were down by 11 at the half, 43-32. In the third frame Steve Martin netted two field goals, and eight consecutive free throws to key a comeback drive, which put Carlisle on top by one.

Steve Martin was also the games leading rebounder with 13.

Don Hubbard scored 28 for the Cardinals, Glen Mitchell accounted for 18 points, Joey Shelton poured in 16 and Jeff Hill netted 10.

Behind Steve Martin and DeJarnett were Tim Wilson with 14, Kenny Martin with 12, and Jeff Davis with 10 for Carlisle.

Mayfield, 9-10, will play at Calloway County Friday, while Carlisle County, 8-15, is entertaining Fancy Farm.

Carlisle.....20 32 66 80 88
Mayfield.....20 43 65 80 87

Carlisle (88)
DeJarnett 23, S. Martin 29, Wilson 14, K. Martin 14, J. Davis 10, Hayes.

Mayfield (87)
Hill 10, Byrn 9, Hubbard 28, Mitchell 18, Shelton 16, Youngblood 4, Stratton 2, Berhow, Sims.

Golden Gophers
Rip Comets

Fancy Farm 91
Carlisle Co. 80
02-13-76 - Home

Cousins Andy and Steve Elliott scored 22 and 20 points, respectively, while collecting 15 and 23 rebounds, respectfully, to pace the Golden Gophers to victory.

Three other Fancy Farm players reached double figures. Marty Painter and Ken Kilcoyne each put in 14, and David Elliott punched in 11.

Kenny Martin led the Comets with 27 points, Randy DeJarnett notched 21, and Tim Wilson sacked 10.

Fancy Farm, 12-7, will host Sedalia Tuesday. Carlisle County is now is 8-16.

Fancy Farm.....16 39 64 91
Carlisle.....…….18 36 60 80

Carlisle (80)
DeJarnett 21, S. Martin 7, Wilson 10, Gaddie 4, K. Martin 27, Hayes 2, J. Davis 9, Mathis, K. Davis.

Fancy Farm (91)
S. Elliott 20, Painter 14, A. Elliott 22, Kilcoyne 14, D. Elliott 11, Carrico 2, Redden 8.

St. Mary 105
Carlisle Co. 84
02-14-76 - Away

Gene Roof and Robert Russell combined for 63 points and 48 rebounds for St. Mary.

Roof, the regions leading scorer, poured in 36 points and grabbed 19 rebounds.

Benjie Sydboten scored 20 for the Vikings, and Ronnie Scheer had 16.

Randy DeJarnett bucketed 32 points to lead the Comets. Steve Martin finished with 20, and Kenny Martin had 15.

St. Mary, 16-7, after sweeping four games in five days, welcomes Calloway County Tuesday. Carlisle County, 8-17, goes to Fulton City.

St. Mary…….....25 50 80 105
Carlisle…….....26 45 61 84

Carlisle (84)
DeJarnett 32, S. Martin 20, Wilson 7, K. Martin 15, Hayes 2, J. Davis 8.

St. Mary (105)
Roof 36, Russell 27, Sydboten 20, Scheer 16, Hunt 4, Alexander 2.

DeJarnett Paces
Comet Win

Carlisle Co. 75
Fulton City 70
02-17-76 - Away

Randy DeJarnett ripped the nets for 34 points in leading the visiting Comets past Fulton City.

Kenny Martin reached double figured scoring for the Comets with 14 points.

Robert Patton was high man for Fulton City with 24 points, followed by Bill Robertson with 12.

Carlisle County held a narrow lead throughout most of the last half.

The Comets hit 28 of 68 field goals, and 19 of 31 free throws. The team out-rebounded Fulton City 42-28.

Fulton City made good on 32 of 61 field goal attempts, and 6 of 15 free throws.

Carlisle County, now 9-17, hosts heath on Friday. Fulton City, 4-15, plays at Fancy Farm on Friday.

Carlisle…….....15 37 57 75
Fulton City.....16 31 51 70

Carlisle (75)
DeJarnett 34, S. Martin 14, Wilson 9, Gaddie 9, J. Davis 6, Hayes 2.

Fulton City (70)
Patton 24, Robertson 12, Gamble 8, Shell 8 Sullivan 7, Neeley 6, Ragsdale 5.

Carlisle Co. 78
Heath 77
02-20-76 - Home

Carlisle and Heath both tied in number of field goals made, the Comets sinking 32 of 61 for 52 per cent, and Heath hitting 32 of 66 for 48 per cent.

The Comets' advantage came at the charity stripe, where they canned 14 of 19 attempts, while Heath managed only 13 in 20 efforts.

Randy DeJarnett paced the Comets with 24 points. Kenny Martin and Jeff Davis hit 14 each for Carlisle.

Greg Travis scored 19 for the Pirates, Terry Fletcher notched 16 and Greg Jett tallied 15.

Carlisle…….....19 39 56 78
Heath…….....24 43 57 77

Carlisle (78)
DeJarnett 24, Gaddie 16, Wilson 3, K. Martin 19, J. Davis 14, Greg Nelson 2, Mathis, K. Davis.

Heath (77)
Jett 15, Travis 19, Tilford 4, Nance 4, Klope 3, Harris 16, Fletcher 16, Weig.

Comets Whip Ballard
Despite Stewart's 39 Pts.

Carlisle Co. 97
Ballard Co. 89
02-24-76 - Home

The Comets battled from an eight-point deficit going into the last quarter to finally take the win in overtime.

Steve Martin and Kenny Martin sparked the Comet win with 23 points apiece. Randy DeJarnett hit 16 and Tim Wilson added 13.

Allen Russell fired in 23 points for the visiting Bombers.

Carlisle County hit 35 of 68 field goal attempts for 51 per cent, 27 of 31 free shots for 87 per cent, and grabbed 44 rebounds.

Ballard Co. connected on 32 of 74 shots from the floor, 23 of 28 free throw attempts, and 34 rebounds.

Carlisle County, 11-17, visits Lone Oak on Friday to finish its season. Ballard Co. is now 8-14, and travels to Marshall County on Thursday.

Carlisle.....17 40 58 82 97
Ballard.....28 48 66 82 89

Carlisle (97)
DeJarnett 16, S. Martin 23, Wilson 13, Gaddie 8, K. Martin 23, J. Davis 8, Nelson 6, Hayes, K. Davis.

Ballard (89)
Stewart 39, Moss 7, Russell 23, Powell 5, Denton 4, Mills, Newton, Henderson.

Carlisle Co.
Surprises Lone Oak

Carlisle Co. 64
Lone Oak 63
02-27-76 - Away

Steve Martin sank a two-pointer with 25 seconds to go to edge Lone Oak by one point, and take the win.

The host Purple Flash hit one of two free throw attempts with 36 seconds left in the match to take the lead 63-62, but couldn't hang on in a game that swapped leads 11 times.

Steve Martin and Kenny Martin each scored 16 to pace the winners, while Randy DeJarnett added 14. Jeff Davis reached double figures with 10 points.

Tony DeLuna had a game high for Lone Oak with 23 points. Jim Houser and Jim Champion added 16 and 10 points, respectfully.

Carlisle County had 31 field goals, compared to 21 for Lone Oak.

The win gave the Comets a 12-17 record for the season. Lone Oak ended its season with 11-11 slate.

Carlisle…….....14 31 46 64
Lone Oak…....12 28 48 63

Carlisle (64)
DeJarnett 14, S. Martin 16, Wilson 8, K. Martin 16, J. Davis 10, Gaddie.

Lone Oak (63)
Montgomery 8, DeLuna 23, Charlet 4, Houser 16, Champion 10, Tidwell 2, Blackman.

Comets Begin Play
Friday Night

The regular season ended for the Comets last Friday night. The Big Gold Machine ended the season with a four game winning streak, and six wins out of the last eight games.

The first obstacle in the Comets' path of defending their first Region title will be the District Tournament.

The Comets will play tournament hosts, Fulton County, in the second game, Friday. Fulton County's Pilots may have a big job in stopping the high spirited Comets. In their last meeting the Goldmen led all the way, until they ran into foul trouble in the fourth canto, and bowed to the Pilots, 88-83.

Leading the Comets will be 6'2" Randy DeJarnett, who is averaging 20.3 points and 8.2 rebounds a game. Steve Martin, a 5'11" senior, follows with a 15.1 scoring clip, and a 6.6 rebounding average. Close behind Steve is his younger brother Kenny Martin, who is averaging 14.9 points, and is the Comets assist leader with 111 for the season.

Senior guard Jeff Davis and sophomore Tim Wilson round out the starting five. Jeff is averaging close to double figures and is the second leading Comet in assists. Tim, a 6'3" center, is averaging above seven points a game and six rebounds.

The Goldmen have a young bench with the exception of 6'4" senior Roy Gaddie who has been hampered with knee injuries this season. Greg Nelson has also suffered a broken foot and is still weak. Junior, Tim Mathis, Mike Massey and Jim Gore, who is out with a broken hand, are gaining experience for the next season.

Sophomores, Kevin Hayes, Mike Hoskins, Kevin Davis, and Mike Massey round out the Comet reserves.

Coach Jim Henley feels the Comets have finally jelled. "Because of our last four victories the momentum is going to be with us. Even though we are playing Fulton County on their court, the pressure is going to be on them. The team is really up and ready and they finally believe in themselves."

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Tenth Ranked Pilots Clout
Defending Champion Comets

Carlisle Co. 81
Fulton Co. 95
03-04-76 – Away

The Carlisle County Comets lived up to their nickname Friday night as they shone bright for a while, and then dimmed, and then came back to shine again.

But, their up and down performance was not good enough, for the Fulton County Pilots used a steady performance to slip past the Comets, 95-81.

The Pilot victory set up a showdown with the Hickman County Falcons to settle the First District Championship.

Fulton County Coach Jim Whitby praised his team for the good game that it played and noted that, "Carlisle County really took it to us. We were fortunate to win the game," added Whitby. "We tried to do things that we have been working on the whole season," he noted.

During the foul plagued ballgame, 72 fouls were called during the game, five Carlisle County players fouled out as the Comets were whistled for 37 fouls. The Pilots were called for 35 fouls and had one player to foul out.

"We had expected a large number of fouls," noted Whitby. "We lost the district last year because of fouls," he added.

The Pilots and Comets exchanged baskets in the first quarter with Fulton County keeping the lead, but never was able to pull away.

The fouls began to show in the second quarter as 35 free throws were shot during the second quarter. The Pilots came out on top of this exchange as they scored 13 of their 27 points in the second quarter from the free throw line.

Fulton County jumped out to a 55-40 lead in the third quarter and dominated the boards. The Comets' luster seemed to tarnish even more as Jeff Davis fouled out with 2:30 left in the third quarter, and Steve Martin followed him out at the 1:40 mark in the third quarter.

After Martin left the game, the Comets seemed to rise again as they scored four unanswered to pull back to a 71-54 score.

Glen Busby opened the scoring in the fourth period for the Pilots, but the Comets were destined to shine again. The Comets scored ten quick points behind the shooting of Tim Wilson and Randy DeJarnett to pull within 10 of the Pilots with 4:51 left in the quarter.

Connell Kinney nipped the Comet rising as he scored six unanswered points. Tim Wilson notched a basket for the Comets to cut the margin to 13, but that was as close as the Comets would come the rest of the game.

The fouls started to show themselves again as Kenney went to the Pilot bench with his fifth foul and was followed shortly by Wilson., Greg Nelson and Kenny Martin.

Carlisle…..…..18 37 54 81
Fulton Co…....20 47 71 95

Carlisle (81)
J. Davis 11, DeJarnett 19, Gaddie 8, S. Martin 10, K. Martin 12, Mathis 4, Nelson 6, Wilson 8, Hayes 6 Allen 1, K. Davis, Hoskins.

Fulton Co. (95)
Wray 21, Marney 15, Kenney 15, Busby 22, Cheirs 11, Caldwell 4, Jackson 2, Ramey 1, Winters 5, Hickerson, Robertson, McClure.

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	Calloway Co.	St. Mary	Livingston Co.	Lowes	Hickman Co.	Lowes	Murray	Warren Central	West Hardin	Fancy Farm	Mayfield	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Marshall Co.	Hickman Co.										
Randy DeJarnett	27	24	23	17	14	10	29	20	5	19	19	5	16	8	16										
Steve Martin	33	15	13	22	7	19	15	19	6	13	14	14	14	27	11										
Tim Wilson	11	44	6	4	5	4		2	2	6	0	4	17	5	9										
Kenny Martin	8	17	4	8	10	12	6	9		15	8	24	15	26	14										
Jimmy Gore	5			4		0					6	4	0	0											
Tim Mathis	0	0	2		0	0	5	2	0			2	0		2										
Jeff Davis	0	12	13	4	6	10	2	3	4	7	2	14	10	2	2										
Mike Hoskins	0	0	0			0	5	0	4	2	0	4	0												
Kevin Davis	0	4						2	4																
Roy Lee Gaddie			5	6	6	5	14	6	10	6	4														
Greg Nelson																									
Paul Allen								0	0		0		2												
Kevin Hays									5		2	9	2	4	0										
Mike Massey											0		0												

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	Ballard Co.	Sedalia	Calloway Co.	Fulton Co.	Tilghman	Marshall Co.	Reidland	Mayfield	Fancy Farm	St. Mary	Fulton City	Heath	Ballard Co.	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.						Games	Pts.	Avg.
Randy DeJarnett	26	35	21	18	11	28	35	23	21	32	34	24	16	14	19						30	609	20.3
Steve Martin	10	10	19	20	8	5	13	29	7	20	14		23	16	10						29	446	15.38
Tim Wilson	10	6	15	19	10	15	8	14	10	7	9	3	13	8	8						29	274	3.44
Kenny Martin	8	19	18	16	16	28	15	12	27	15		19	23	16	12						29	420	15
Jimmy Gore		0	0	4	4		3														19	30	2.5
Tim Mathis	6	0			4	0			0			0			4						18	27	1.5
Jeff Davis	14	11	8	2	8	14	6	10	9	8	6	14	8	10	11						30	230	7.66
Mike Hoskins		0		0	0	4									0						15	19	1.18
Kevin Davis									0			0	0		0						8	10	1.25
Roy Lee Gaddie									4		9	16	8	0	8						15	107	7.13
Greg Nelson												2	6		6						3	14	4.66
Paul Allen		6	2	0	0	0									1						10	11	1.1
Kevin Hays	4	0		4	0	3		0	2	2	2		0		6						17	45	2.64
Mike Massey					0																3	0	0
							Team Record - 12-18					Per Game Avg. - 74.73									Total Pts.	2242	

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Randy DeJarnett	76	21	32	108	609	770	9.87
Steve Martin	81		46	273	446	765	9.44
Jeff Davis	42			24	230	254	6.04
Roy Lee Gaddie	37		5	42	107	154	4.16
Kevin Davis	8		10			10	1.25
Mike Massey	3			0		0	0

1976-77

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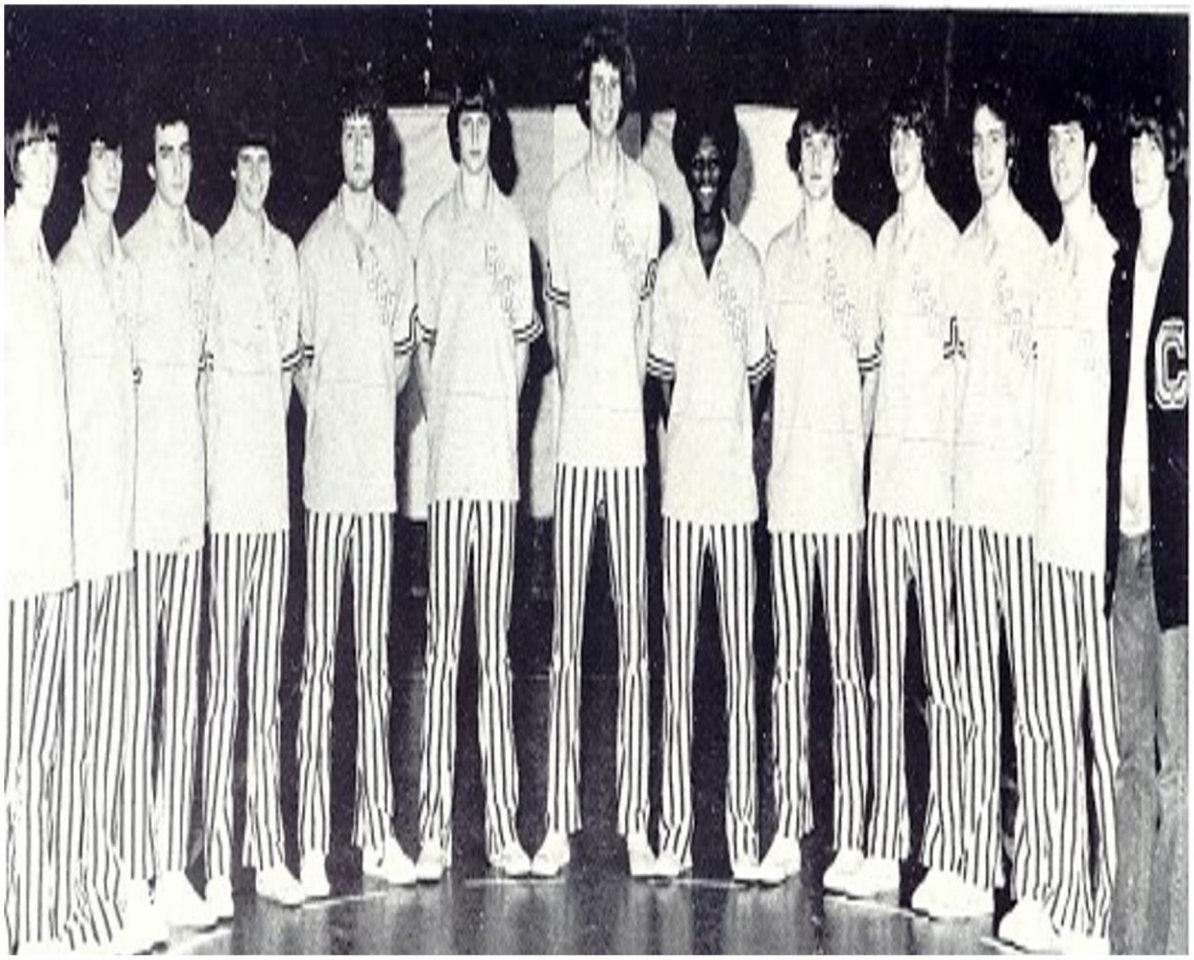
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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-12-76	Calloway Co.	69-67	A	
11-16-76	Fancy Farm	74-61	H	
11-19-76	St. Mary	84-80	A	
11-24-76	Symsonia	**63-74**	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-30-76	Hickman Co.	**57-59**	H	
12-03-76	Lowes	**84-87**	H	
12-07-76	Murray	**77-96**	A	
12-11-76	Warren Central	**67-91**	A	
12-14-76	Heath	63-47	A	
12-16-76	Murray	**57-72**	A	- **CALLOWAY CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-04-77	Fulton City	72-50	A	
01-22-77	Sedalia	82-69	H	
01-25-77	Calloway Co.	**56-67**	H	
01-28-77	Fulton Co	**61-63**	A	
01-29-77	Tilghman	**74-96**	H	
02-01-77	Reidland	73-67	H	
02-04-77	Marshall Co.	**47-82**	A	
02-05-77	Ballard Co.	87-72	H	
02-08-77	Mayfield	**51-91**	A	
02-11-77	Fancy Farm	**57-60**	A	
02-12-77	St. Mary	66-60	H	
02-14-77	Fulton Co	**73-86**	H	
02-15-77	Fulton City	86-66	H	
02-18-77	Heath	**68-69**	H	
02-19-77	Hickman Co.	**52-62**	A	
02-22-77	Ballard Co.	**90-101**	A	
02-26-77	Lone Oak	**74-86**	H	
03-04-77	Fulton Co.	**65-85**	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD – 10-18

1977 Comets



Mike Hoskins, Kevin Hays, Shawn Hook, Bob Thomason, Greg Nelson, Kelvin York, Willie Wilson, Kenneth Martin, Chuck Hayden, Paul Allen, Tim Mathis, Jimmy Gore, Timmy Hickerson (Manager)

1976-1977

HEAD COACH - RAY WILSON

ASSISTANT COACH - BRADY HOWLE

FINAL RECORD - 10-18

1976-77 COMET ROSTER:
Kenny Martin, Jimmy Gore, Mike Hoskins, Paul Allen, Tim Wilson, Kevin Hays, Greg Nelson, Tim Mathis, Chuck Hayden, Barry Thomason, Mike Hogancamp, Kevin York, Shawn Hook.

Mayfield Is Pre-Season Pick Of Area Coaches

The Mayfield boys lead the pack in the pre-season poll of teams in the First Region by a narrow margin.

Several area teams have already begun regular-season play, but the majority of the ballots were returned to the Sun-Democrat more than a week ago.

In the poll the second place team actually received more votes for first place than did the leader, but their overall strength was not strong enough to push them into the top spot.

The Cardinals picked up 6 first-place votes and 180 pts. to slip past Paducah Tilghman, which compiled 8 votes for the top spot and 176 pts.

In third place with 4 first-place votes is Murray with 147 pts. Lowes is fourth with 2 first-place votes and 135 pts.

Lone Oak, which hauled in the remaining No. 1 vote, wound up sixth with 105 pts.

Marshall Co. and Hickman placed seventh and eighth with 102 and 46 pts., respectively, while Carlisle Co. and Reidland round out the top 10 by sharing the No. 9 position with 24 pts. apiece.

1.....Mayfield (6)..... ….180
2. Tilghman (8).....176
3. Murray (4).....147
4. Lowes (2).....135
5. Symsonia.....109
6. Lone Oak (1).....105
7. Marshall Co.....102
8. Hickman Co.....46
9. Carlisle Co.....24
Reidland.....24

Carlisle Co. 69
Calloway Co. 67
11-12-76 - Away

Kenny Martin preserved the win for Coach Wilson and the Comets with 3 fts. in the closing minute of play.

The Comets held slim leads at the end of the first three quarters, but Calloway Co. rallied to close within 66-65. Two free throws by Martin hiked the difference to 68-65 and another put the game out of reach.

A 5-10 senior guard, Martin sparked Carlisle Co. with 21 points and three teammates also reached double figures. Greg Nelson chipped in 14 points followed by Jim Gore with 13 and Tim Wilson with 11.

Tommy Futrell and Mike Wells teamed for 42 points for Calloway County. Futrell, a 5-8 senior, claimed game honors with 22 points and Wells, a 6-2 senior, contributed 20.

Jimmy Lamb, a 6-1 junior, scored 15 points and grabbed 21 rebounds for the Lakers.

Carlisle Co. cashed 21 of 36 free throws attempts and Calloway County hit 21 of 43.

The Comets host Fancy Farm Tuesday. Calloway County returns to action next Friday at home against Cuba.

Carlisle.....15 35 54 69
Calloway.....12 30 51 67
Carlisle (69)
K. Martin 21, Gore 13, M. Hoskins 2, Allen 2, T. Wilson 11, Hays 2, G. Nelson 14, Mathis 4.
Calloway (67)
Lamb 15, Futrell 22, Wells 20, McCallum 6, Olive 4.

Carlisle Co. 74
Fancy Farm 61
11-16-76 - Home

Kenny Martin and Greg Nelson led the Comet scoring with 16 points apiece.

Tim Mathis, Kevin Hays, and Jim Gore each added 10 markers for Carlisle County.

David Redden was the high scorer for Fancy Farm with 18 points. Steve Elliot and Marty Painter each chipped in 16 for the Golden Gophers.

Carlisle connected on 18 of 28 from the foul line for 64 percent, while Fancy Farm canned 11 of 23 charity tosses for 47 percent.

Carlisle.....12 33 52 74
Fancy Farm.....18 36 47 61
Carlisle (74)
K. Martin 16, M. Hoskins 1, T. Wilson 7, G. Nelson 16, Mathis 10, Hays 10, Allen 4, Gore 10, C. Hayden.
Fancy Farm (61)
Elliott 16, Redden 18, Carrico 3, Higdon 4, Painter 16, Rowe 4, Mills.

Carlisle Co. 84
St. Mary 80
11-19-76 - Away

The Comets got a 29 point performance from Kenny Martin, but they had to hold off the Vikings in the final quarter to post the victory.

St. Mary roared to a 25-17 lead at the end of the first quarter, but was outscored in the second frame, 23-11, as the Comets rushed to a 40-36 lead at intermission.

Carlisle County built its lead to 10, 62-52, as the third quarter came to an end. Willie Wilson added 17 points to the Comet's attack and Gregg Nelson finished with 14. David Scheer chipped in 16 for St. Mary.

Carlisle County canned 27 of 37 free throw attempts for 75 percent and St. Mary made 24 of 34 gratis shots for 70 percent.

Carlisle.....17 40 62 84
St. Mary.....25 36 52 80
Carlisle (84)
K. Martin 29, T. Wilson 17, M. Hoskins 6, G. Nelson 14, Mathis 8, Hays, C. Hayden, Gore.
St. Mary (80)
Sullivan 8, R. Scheer 16, D. Scheer 26, Quigley 7, Dannenmueller 3, Reidfort 9, Vinson 8, Matchem 3, Hammett.6, Allen 4.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Free Throws Spell Margin Of Victory For Symsonia

Carlisle Co. 63
Symsonia 74
11-24-76 - Away

Symsonia won the battle of free throws and defeated Carlisle County 74-63 in the opening game of the 12th annual St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament Wednesday night.

Both teams scored 23 field goals, but the Rough Riders connected on 28 of 44 from the charity stripe as compared to 17 of 21 charity tosses for the Comets.

Fouls were whistled 52 times in the contest with Carlisle County committing 32 and Symsonia 19.

The Rough Riders took a quick 5-0 lead in the first quarter on a free throws by Mark McManus and Mike Jones.

Carlisle then scored the next 6 points on two field goals by Kenny Martin and one by Mike Hoskins to take a 6-5 lead with 5:24 left. The Rough Riders countered with five straight points on a three point play by James Whittemore, who added another field goal to put Symsonia ahead, 10-6.

During the five point streak, Allred picked up his third foul and was benched. Symsonia built a 10-point lead at 17-7, but scored only three points in the last two minutes, while Carlisle County scored eight to cut the lead to 20-15.

The second quarter was a see-saw battle with the Comets taking the lead, 23-21, on a field goal by Jim Gore with 6:55 remaining. Carlisle held the lead until Mark McManus hit a fielder that put Symsonia ahead 28-27.

The lead changed hands until two baskets by Whittemore, sandwiched around a basket by Roger McManus, put the Rough Riders in front 38-31. Symsonia carried a six-point advantage, 43-37, into the locker room at half time.

The Comets opened the third quarter with a pressing defense that forced numerous Symsonia turnovers and that bolted Carlisle County into a 49-47 lead.

Symsonia coach Don Butler said of the Carlisle press, "They (Carlisle County) kept changing presses on us and they're very quick. It took us some time to adjust to it and break it with our extra size."

Symsonia tied the score in the third stanza at 49-all on a basket by Whittemore and the Rough Riders took the lead on four charity tosses by Roger McManus to lead, 53-49, at the end of the quarter.

The Rough Riders led throughout the fourth period, although the two teams each tallied only four field goals. The Comets had three players foul out in the period and Symsonia hit on 13 of 20 charity tosses in the stanza to ice the contest.

Mark McManus led the Symsonia scoring with 21 points and Whittemore, who had 15 rebounds and six blocked shots, tallied 20 points.

Jim Gore was high for the Comets with 16 points and Tim Wilson and Kevin Hays chipped in 10 markers apiece.

Symsonia connected on 23 of 49 shots from the field for 47 percent. The Rough Riders pulled down 39 rebounds.

Carlisle County hit 23 of 49 field attempts for 47 percent and was credited with 17 rebounds.

Symsonia, now 5-0, will play Ballard Co. in the first semifinal game Friday night. Carlisle County falls to 3-1 with the setback and will host Hickman County Tuesday night.

Symsonia.....20 43 54 74
Carlisle.....15 37 46 63
Symsonia (74)

Allred 1, Whittemore 20, Jones 7, M. McManus 21, R. McManus 10, Downing 7, McClure 6, Ramage 2.

Carlisle (63)
Martin 9, Hoskins 6, Wilson 10, Nelson 6, Mathis 6, Gore 16, Hays 10, Allen, B. Thomason.

Carlisle Co. 57
Hickman Co. 59
11-30-76 - Home

Hickman County's David Dixon scored 25 pts. and James Harper added 13 pts. to lead Hickman Co. over Carlisle Co.

Kenny Martin led Carlisle Co. with 20 points and Tim Wilson chipped in 9 markers.

Hickman Co. hit 21 of 27 from the foul line for 78 percent. Carlisle Co. connected on 17 of 23 charity tosses for 74 percent.

Hickman Co. now 2-2 hosts Fulton Co. Friday, while Carlisle Co. now 3-2 hosts Lowes Friday.

Hickman.....11 31 47 59
Carlisle.....16 22 41 57

Hickman (59)
Pruitt 4, Johnson 2, Deberry 10, Workman 5, Harper 13, Dixon 25, Pirtle.

Carlisle (57)
Martin 20, Hoskins 6, Wilson 9, Nelson 5, Mathis 2, Gore 5, Allen 4, Hays 6.

No. 4 Lowes Outlasts
No. 9 Carlisle County

Carlisle Co. 84
Lowes 87
12-03-76 - Home

Lowes outlasted ninth-ranked Carlisle County's scrappy Comets 87-84.

The Blue Devils hung on to a slim lead throughout the game for the win. Gary Miller and Bruce Wyatt each produced 25 pts. en route to victory. Greg Johnson had 12.

Tim Wilson led Carlisle with 18 pts. and 16 rebounds. Kenny Martin added 15 markers.

Lowes connected on 25 of 32 fts. for 78% and 31 of 50 fgs. for 62%.

Lowes…….....21 43 66 87
Carlisle…….....8 41 55 84

Lowes (87)
Wyatt 23, Rives 6, Miller 25, Jones 9, Johnson 12, Matheny 4, Morris 2, Goins 4, Edwards.

Carlisle (84)
Martin 15, Hays 9, Wilson 18, Allen 2, Gore 3, Mathis 8, Nelson 27, Hoskins 2.

Sims Pours In 40
For Murray High

Carlisle Co. 77
Murray 96
12-07-76 - Away

Murray High's Raymond Sims scored 40 points Tuesday night to highlight third and fourth district action.

Sims, a senior and a member of last year's All-Purchase Team, connected on 16 of 25 shots from the field and a perfect 8 for 8 from the charity stripe for his 40 markers.

The 40 points is the highest output so far this season in the First Region.

Bill McHugh added 12 for Murray and Frank Gilliam and Richie Richardson chipped in 11 and 10 markers, respectively.

Kenny Martin led the Comets with 17 points. Jim Gore and Chuck Hayden added 12 markers each for Carlisle County.

The Tigers hit 45 of 73 field goal attempts for 62 percent and 14 of 23 charity tosses for 61 percent. Murray pulled down 32 rebounds.

Carlisle County connected on 22 of 68 from the field for 32 percent and 33 of 40 foul shots for 82 percent. The Comets had 27 rebounds.

Murray.....22 45 73 96
Carlisle.....15 35 52 77

Murray (96)
Sims 40, McHugh 12, B. Harcourt 1, Gilliam 11, E. Harcourt 4, Kursave 1, Hudspeth 8, Richardson 10, Thompson 2, Perry 5, Thurman 2, Wilson.

Carlisle Co. (77)
Martin 17, Hays 7, Wilson 5, Mathis 2, G. Nelson 8, Gore 12, Allen 4, M. Hoskins 8, Hogancamp 2, Hayden 12, B. Thomason.

Carlisle Co. 67
Warren Central 91
12-11-76 - Away

The home team, Warren Central, boasted two 6-5 men in the starting line-up, and they seemed to grow throughout the contest.

Warren Central had a balanced scoring attack with four men landing in double figures. Kenny Martin was high scorer for the game, finishing with 20 pts.. Michael Hoskins had six assists.

The Dragons scorched the nets from the field, hitting 40 of 78 for 51%. The Comets shot 38% from the field.

Neither team did well from the free throw line. Carlisle hitting 59%, while Warren Central made half of those attempted.

Carlisle (67)
Martin 20, Hays 8, Wilson 10, G. Nelson 12, Mathis 2, Allen 2, Gore 4, Hoskins 3, Hogancamp 2, Hayden 4, Thomason.

Warren Central (91)
Dalton 14, Carter 13, Ray 14, Jewell 6, Whitmen 4, Butler 2, Anderson 16, Hazel 2, Fleenor 8, Rhoades 7, Ray, Roberson, Jewell, Peters, Douglas, Buram.

Carlisle Co. 63
Heath 47
12-14-76 - Away

Kenny Martin and Tim Wilson led the Comets with 18 and 16 points, respectively.

Bob Wrinkle and Danny Grief had 13 markers each for the Pirates.

Carlisle County hit on 22 of 40 from the field for 55% and 19 of 26 charity tosses for 73 percent. The Comets had 24 rebounds.

Heath connected on 19 of 40 from the floor for 38 percent and 9 of 19 from the line for 47 percent. The Pirates pulled down 18 rebounds.

Carlisle County, now 4-4, is in the Calloway Co. Invitational Thursday, while Heath, now 2-4, hosts Fancy Farm Friday.

Carlisle.....14 33 52 63
Heath.....8 22 30 47

Carlisle (63)
Hays 8, K. Martin 18, M. Hoskins 4, Mathis 8, G. Nelson 5, T. Wilson 16, Gore 2, Allen 2, M. Hogancamp, C. Hayden, B. Thomason, Kevin York.

Heath (47)
Klope 6, Wrinkle 13, Grief 13, Nirmaier 4, Owsley 1, Lewis 6, Baker 4, Liner, Smith, Ellis.

Calloway Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Murray Defeats
Comets In Laker Tourney

Carlisle Co. 57
Murray 72
12-16-76 - Away

Murray High defeated Carlisle Co. in first round action in the Laker Invitational Tournament, here Thursday night.

The top-ranked Murray boys roared past the ninth-rated Carlisle County boys 72-57.

Frank Gilliam and Brett Harcourt had 18 markers each for the Tigers and Raymond Sims and Bill McHugh each added 12 points.

Kenny Martin led the Comets with 15 points and Greg Nelson and Tim Wilson chipped in 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Murray.....16 39 47 72
Carlisle.....15 33 47 57

Murray (72)
Sims 12, Perry 8, McHugh 12, Gilliam 18, Hudspeth 4, B. Harcourt.

Carlisle (57)
Martin 15, Gore 9, Hays 4, Wilson 10, G. Nelson 13, Mathis 6, M. Hoskins, Allen, York, Hayden.

No. 10 Comets
Breeze Past Fulton City

Carlisle Co. 72
Fulton City 50
01-04-77 - Away

The Comets used a balanced attack in subduing Fulton City. Kenny Martin topped the scoring with 18 pts. while Jim Gore was a notch back at 17. Greg Nelson had 16 markers and grabbed 9 rebounds.

Carlisle County took control in the final quarter and coasted in.

Donnel Taylor led Fulton City with 16 points. Carlisle County bagged 12 of 21 free shots and 30 of 61 from the floor for 49 percent. The Comets out rebounded Fulton City 46 to 37.

The Comets are 5-6 with the win and hosts Marshall County Friday. Fulton City, 2-2, hosts Lowes on Thursday.

Carlisle.....12 31 52 72
Fulton City.....15 27 39 50

Carlisle (72)
Hoskins, Hays 5, York 2, Nelson 16, Mathis 4, Gore 17, Martin 18, Wilson 4, Allen 5.

Fulton City (50)
Ragsdale 7, Sullivan 8, R. Taylor 6, Taylor 16, Parker 6, Rose 4, King 4.

Carlisle Co. 82
Sedalia 69
01-22-77 - Home

Kevin Hays propelled Carlisle County to victory with 24 points.

Tim Wilson and Greg Nelson had 13 and 12 points, respectively.

The Comets iced the game in the final quarter rally by outscoring Sedalia 20 to 12.

Mike Flint paced Sedalia with 25.

Carlisle County bagged 14 of 20 free shots for 70 percent. Sedalia managed 21 of 32 for 65 percent.

Carlisle…….....14 39 62 82
Sedalia…….....19 34 57 69

Carlisle (82)
Martin 8, Hays 24, Wilson 13, Mathis 8, Gore 4, Nelson 12, Hoskins 8, Kevin York 3, Allen 2.

Sedalia (69)
Dublin 8, W. Flint 7, Key 8, Wray 12, M. Flint 25, Dobson 4, Vincent 5.

Calloway Co. 67
Carlisle Co. 56
01-25-77 - Home

Randy McCallon added 15 points for Calloway County.

Kenny Hays and Jimmy Gore led Carlisle County with 15 and 11 markers, respectively.

Calloway County connected on 25 of 69 from the field for 36 percent and 15 of 18 from the line for 83 percent.

Carlisle County hit 22 of 65 from the floor and 12 of 16 gratis tosses for 75 percent.

Calloway County plays Murray High at Murray State University Saturday, while Carlisle County now 6-7 travels to Fulton County Friday.

Calloway.....18 30 48 67
Carlisle.....10 25 39 56

Calloway (67)
Lamb 8, Wells 24, Futrell 20, McCallon 15, Darnell, Olive.

Carlisle (56)
Martin 6, Hays 15, Wilson 6, Nelson 4, Mathis 4, Gore 11, Hoskins 2, Kevin York 2, Hayden 6.

Fulton Co. 63
Carlisle Co. 61
01-28-77 - Away

The Pilots logged their third consecutive triumph to raise their record to 5-8.

Ralph Akers poured in 22 points and Darvell Holder tallied 19. Joe Warren finished with 12 markers.

A trio of Comets, Mike Hoskins, Tim Wilson, and Greg Nelson, scored 12 points each.

Fulton Co.....15 34 51 63
Carlisle.....16 34 50 61

Fulton Co. (63)
Akers 22, Holder 19, Warren 12, Jackson 4, McKinney 3, Cheirs 3, Duncan, Winters, Bloodworth.

Carlisle (61)
Hoskins 12, Wilson 12, Nelson 12, Hayes 9, Gore 8, Martin 2, Mathis 4, Kevin York 2.

Bluemen
Rip Comets

Carlisle Co. 74
Tilghman 98
01-29-77 - Home

The outcome of the Carlisle Tilghman game might well have been decided by halftime. The score at the time read 63-40, a margin not too different from the one when the final horn sounded.

But earlier in the game, it appeared that the Tornado might have its hands full as the hosting Comets jumped out to a 5 pt. lead and Tilghman didn't catch up with their opponents until 5:20 remained in the first quarter.

The score at that time was knotted at 9. From that point, Paducah went on to claim a comfortable 29-19 lead.

Carlisle Co. came out fired-up for the second quarter and when the clock read only 6 minutes left in the half, the score margin had been narrowed to one point, 31-30.

Comet forward Jim Gore had spurred his team on by bucketing 6 pts. in that time period. Carlisle guard Michael Hoskins was hurt and taken out of the game at this juncture. By the time Hoskins was brought back into the game, Tilghman held a 49-34 advantage

Tilghman…….9 63 81 96
Carlisle.....19 40 54 74

Tilghman (96)
Shumpert 23, Davis 18, Abraham 9 Sutton 14, Kelly 10, Moss 13, Williams 6, Gardner 1, Trail 2, Stambaugh, Roberson, Cash, Owen 2, Shy.

Carlisle (74)
Hoskins 5, Hays 4, Wilson 11, Gore 9, Nelson 8, Mathis 3, Allen 2, Hayden 6, Hook 4.

Comets Speed
By Hounds

Carlisle Co. 73
Reidland 67
02-01-77 - Home

Reidland lost its 11th game in a row as Carlisle County won easily in basketball, Tuesday Night.

Carlisle County edged Reidland 73-67. The Greyhounds have not won since December 7th.

Carlisle County, hitting 28 of 64 field goal tries, was led by Greg Nelson with 19 pts. and Tim Wilson was the only other Comet to score in double figures with 14.

Tim Knecht poured in 22 points for the Greyhounds, while McIntosh scored 12. Reidland averaged 42% in the field goal department.

From the free throw line the Comets were 68% effective, 15/22 and Reidland hit 13/16 for 81%

Reidland plays host to Symsonia and Carlisle visits Marshall County this Friday.

Carlisle.....14 34 53 73
Reidland.....15 27 39 67

Carlisle (73)
Nelson 19, Wilson 14, Hayden 9, Hays 8 Gore 8, Mathis 8, Hoskins 6, Allen 1.

Reidland (67)
Knecht 22, McIntosh 12, Ellington 9, Hayden 8, Neal 6, Swift 4, Swain 4, Wiggins 2.

Marshall Co. 82
Carlisle Co. 47
02-04-77 - Away

George Phelps poured in 11 point and pulled down 14 rebounds for the Marshall's while Jeff Brandon scored 10 markers and was credited with 13 retrievers.

Greg Nelson topped the Comets with 13 points.

The Marshals who out rebounded the Comets 63-28 connected on 34 of 70 field goal shots for 48% and added 14 of 29 charity tosses for 48%.

Carlisle County sacked 23 of 60 shots from the floor for 35% and added 15 of 31 gratis tosses for 48%.

Marshall.....15 41 61 82
Carlisle.....15 24 30 47

Marshall (82)
Phelps 11, Schwinghammer 8, Moss 5, Copeland 21, Brandon 10, Schaper 6, Sampler 3, Orr 7, Foust 4, Ford 2, Thompson 3, Dunn 2.

Carlisle (47)
Hays 2, Hoskins 4, Wilson 8, Gore 8, Nelson 13, Mathis 2, Allen 4, York 4, Hayden 2, Thomason, Hook.

Carlisle Co. 87
Ballard Co. 72
02-05-77 - Home

Last Saturday night, at Carlisle, the Comets defeated Tom Buchanan's Ballard Bombers 87-72.

The Bombers had previously defeated Marshall County, a top-rated team.

Tim Wilson led all scorers with 27 points. Kevin Hays added 17 markers. Three other Comets were also in double figures.

The Comets shot 75% from the free throw line, bettering Ballard's percentage of 52%.

Carlisle.....…...18 36 66 87
Ballard.…..…..17 34 60 72

Carlisle (87)
Wilson 27, Hayes 17, Nelson 14, Gore 12, Mathis 11, Hoskins 6, Hayden, Kevin York, Allen, B. Thomason, Hook.

Ballard (72)
B. Mills 15, Newton 14, McGowan 13, Buchanan 12, Russell 8, Scott 6, Curtis 2, Geveden 2, Mills, Smith, Turner, King.

Mayfield Logs
Sixth Straight Win

Carlisle Co. 51
Mayfield 91
02-08-77 - Away

Six-ranked Mayfield won its 6th game in a row to highlight basketball action Tuesday night.

Don Hubbard scored 21 pts. to lead the Cardinals to it's 12th win of the year as they defeated 10th ranked Carlisle, 91-51.

Joey Shelton and David Youngblood added 16 pts. apiece for Mayfield and Jeff Hill chipped in 12 markers.

Jim Gore had 12 pts. for Carlisle and Tim Mathis and Tim Wilson added 11 and 10 markers, respectively.

Mayfield hit 43 of 61 from the field for 70% and 11 of 16 fts. for 70%.

Carlisle Co. connected on 17 of 54 from the floor for 31% and 17 of 24 gratis tosses for 71%.

Carlisle.....…..19 29 39 51
Mayfield.….....28 48 74 91

Carlisle (51)
Hays 2, Hoskins 2, Wilson 10, Nelson 6, Mathis 11, Gore 12, York 2, Hayden 3, Martin 3.

Mayfield (91)
Hubbard 21, Shelton 16, Youngblood 16, Buck 6, Wyatt 1, Creason 2, Hill 12, Climber 4, Sims 8, Bennett 3, Manning 2.

Fancy Farm
Stuns Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 57
Fancy Farm 60
02-11-77 - Away

Fancy Farm played host to 10th rated Carlisle Co. and surprised the Comets, 60-57.

Marty Painter paced the victorious Gophers with 23 pts. and Steve Elliott, who was credited with 15 rebs, tallied 16 pts.

Jimmy Gore scored 19 pts. to lead the Comets and Tim Wilson chipped in 10.

Fancy Farm canned 23/48 fgs. for 48% and 14/20 fts. for 70%. The Gophers outrebounded Carlisle, 31-24.

The Comets converted 24/70 fgs. for 34% and made 7/10 fts. for 70%.

Carlisle ….…..13 24 46 57
Fancy Farm…..12 32 51 60

Carlisle (57)
Hays 7, Hoskins 6, Wilson 10, Nelson 8, Mathis 1, Gore 19, Martin 6, Allen.

Fancy Farm (60)
Kilcoyne 9, Redden 8, S. Elliott 16, Rowe 4, Painter 23, Carrico.

Comets
Edge Vikings

Carlisle Co. 66
St. Mary 60
02-12-7 - Home

Kevin Hays of the Comets was the top scorer in the game with 22 markers, while Viking Jeff Riedfort paced St. Mary with 20.

Greg Nelson added another 17 for Carlisle and Steve Dannenmueller bucketed 10 for St. Mary.

From the field the Comets connected on 26/55 fgs. for 47% and St. Mary was 28/56 for 50%.

Carlisle.....12 30 44 66
St. Mary.....10 24 44 60

Carlisle (66)
Hays 22, Nelson 17, Wilson 9, Mathis 6, Hoskins 4, York 2.

St. Mary (60)
Riedfort 20, Dannenmueller 10, D. Sheer 9, Vinson 8, R. Sheer 6, Quigley 4, Sullivan 3.

Pilots
Overpower Comets

Carlisle Co. 73
Fulton Co. 86
02-14-77 - Home

Fulton County ambushed tenth-ranked Carlisle County.

Joe Warren and Rick Duncan teamed for 45 pts. and Darvell Holder and Ricky Cheirs added 16 and 12 markers, respectively, for Fulton County. Joe Jackson added 10 markers.

Jimmy Gore led the Comets with 17 points and Kevin Hays added 15 markers, while Greg Nelson and Tim Mathis chipped in 13 and 10 points respectively.

Fulton County connected on 33 of 62 from the field for 53 percent and 20 of 27 gratis tosses for 74 percent.

Carlisle County hit 30 of 54 from the floor for 56 percent and 13 of 25 foul shots for 56 percent.

Fulton County, now 7-10, treks to Paducah Tilghman Saturday, while Carlisle County now, 9-13, hosts Fulton City Tuesday.

Carlisle….....12 26 53 70
Fulton Co.....19 38 60 86

Carlisle (70)
Hays 15, Hoskins 8, Nelson 13, Mathis 10, Gore 17, Martin 6, Hayden 4, York.

Fulton Co. (86)
Duncan 19, Warren 26, Holder 16, Cheirs 12, Jackson 10, Akers 1, Bloodworth,, McKinney.

Carlisle Co. 86
Fulton City 66
02-15-77 – Home

Tenth-ranked Carlisle Co. got 19 pts. from Kevin Hayes and defeated Fulton City.

Greg Nelson and Paul Allen added 16 and 11 markers for the Comets.

Parker and Ragsdale had 14 and 10 points for Fulton City.

Carlisle County hit 36 of 67 from the field for 54% and 12 of 20 from the line for 60 percent.

Fulton City hit 30 of 63 field goal attempts for 48 percent and 6 of 14 foul shots for 33 percent.

Carlisle County, now 10-12, travels to Heath Friday, while Fulton City, now 3-9, hosts Fancy Farm Friday.

Carlisle….....17 41 59 86
Fulton City…...14 31 47 66

Carlisle (86)
Hayes 19, Hoskins 10, York 6, Mathis 8, Gore 4, Nelson 16, Martin 2, Allen 11, Hayden 6, Thomason 2, Hook 2.

Fulton City (66)
Patton 8, Ragsdale 10, Sullivan 8, R. Taylor 8, D. Taylor 8, Parker 14, King 2, Huddleston 2, Laurie

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Grief, Smith
Key Pirate Win

Carlisle Co. 68
Heath 69
02-18-77 - Home

Greg Smith hit a fg. with 20 seconds left to provide the winning margin for the Pirates.

Jimmy Nirmaier and Richie Feezor added 10 pts. each for Heath.

Kevin Hays led the Comets with 19 pts. and Greg Nelson and Jimmy Gore added 12 and 10 markers, respectively.

Heath hit 28/57 fgs. for 49% and 11/26 fts. for 42%.

Carlisle canned 22/49 fgs. for 45% and 24/32 fts. for 75%.

Heath.....13 30 50 69
Carlisle.....12 29 49 68

Heath (69)
Klope 9, Wrinkle 2, Feezor 10, Grief 23, Nirmairier 10, Lewis 8, Baker 2, Liner 2, Smith 3.

Carlisle (68)
Wilson 3, Hays 19, Hoskins 6, York 4, Nelson 12, Mathis 6, Gore 10, Martin 6, Allen 2.

Falcons Surprise
No. 10 Comets

Carlisle Co. 52
Hickman Co. 62
02-19-77 - Away

David Dixon had 22 pts. as Hickman Co. shaded 10th ranked Carlisle Co., 65-52.

Tony Workman and Edward Deberry added 14 and 13 pts., respectively, to help power Hickman over Carlisle in cage action last night.

Kevin Hays and Greg Nelson led Carlisle with 11 and 10 pts., respectively.

Hickman netted 22/46 fgs. for 48% and 18/27 fts. for 67%. The Falcons had 30 rebs. and 13 turnovers.

Carlisle connected on 16/57 fgs. for 28% and 20/25 fts. for 80%. The Comets pulled down 25 rebs. and committed 9 floor mistakes.

Hickman.....11 29 42 62
Carlisle.....6 20 35 52

Hickman (62)
Dixon 22, Workman 14, Deberry 13, Johnson 7, Berry 2, Rhoades 2, Deweese 2, Pruitt.

Carlisle (52)
Hays 11, Nelson 10, Martin 8, Mathis 6, Wilson 5, Allen 4, Hoskins 6, Thomason 2, Hayden.

Carlisle Co. 88
Ballard Co. 101
02-22-77 - Away

Scott McGowan scored 24 pts. to lead Ballard Co. over Carlisle Co., 101-88.

Also scoring double figures for the Bombers was Ricky Scott with 20 and Allen Russell and Brad Mills 15 each, as well as Tony Newton with 14.

Kenny Martin led the Comets with 22 pts., while Tim Mathis poured in 19.

Greg Nelson added another 17 and Tim Wilson left the game with 12.

Ballard shot 50% fgs. hitting 35/70 and Carlisle shot 40% fgs. hitting 35/88 .

In the rebounding contest, the Bombers had 41 and the Comets snagged 44.

Carlisle….....20 39 55 88
Ballard.….....23 44 76 101

Carlisle (88)
Martin 22, Mathis 19, Nelson 17, Wilson 12, Hoskins 9, Gore 5, Hays 2, Allen 2.

Ballard (101)
McGowan 24, Scott 20, Russell 15, Mills 15, Newton 14, Buchanan 9, W. Mills 2, Geveden.

Carlisle Co. 74
Lone Oak 86
02-26-77 - Home

Lone Oak broke away from a narrow 22-19 first quarter lead en route to a 12 pt. victory.

Kevin Hays had 16 pts. for Carlisle and Kenny Martin added 15 pts., while Tim Wilson and Jimmy Gore added 12 and 10 pts., respectively.

Lone Oak hit 35/70 fgs. for 50% and 16/19 fts. for 63%.

Carlisle connected on 31/70 fgs. for 44% and 12/19 fts. for 63%.

Lone Oak outrebounded Carlisle 42-32.

Carlisle….....19 34 52 74
Lone Oak.....22 42 58 86

Carlisle (74)
Hays 16, Martin 15, Wilson 12, Gore 10, Mathis 3, Nelson 8, Hoskins 8, Thomason 2, York, Hayden.

Lone Oak (86)
Montgomery 4, Dreher 28, DeLuna 24, Houser 2, Tidwell 20, Wilkins 8.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 65
Fulton Co. 85
03-04-77 - Away

Fulton Co. defeated Carlisle Co., 85-65, in the first round game of the First District Tourn.

Carlisle held a slim first quarter lead, before the Pilots outscored the Comets 28-13 in the second quarter en route to the win.

Darvell Holder poured in 28 pts., 22 of them in the second half, and pulled down 11 rebs. to lead Fulton Co..

Jimmy Gore led Carlisle with 17 pts. and Tim Wilson and Kevin Hays added 14 and 12 markers, respectively.

Fulton connected on 36/58 fgs. for 62% and 13/23 fts. The Pilots pulled down 38 rebounds and committed 16 turnovers.

Carlisle hit 24/62 fgs. for 39% and 17/25 fts. The Comets had 29 rebs. and 18 turnovers.

Carlisle.....15 28 50 65
Fulton Co.....14 42 63 85

Carlisle (65)
Hays 12, Hoskins 4, Wilson 14, Nelson 6, Gore 17, Mathis 9, Martin 3, Allen, York.

Fulton Co. (85)
Duncan 7, Akers 11, Cheirs 4, Holder 28, Jackson 16, Warren 12, McKinney 7.

1976-77

	Calloway Co.	Fancy Farm	St. Mary	Symsonia	Hickman Co.	Lowes	Murray	Warren Central	Heath	Murray	Fulton City	Sedalia	Calloway Co.	Fulton Co.									
Kenny Martin	21	16	29	9	20	15	17	20	18	15	18	8	6	2									
Jimmy Gore	13	10	0	16	5	3	12	4	2	9	17	4	11	8									
Mike Hoskins	2	1	6	6	6	2	8	3	4	0	0	8	2	12									
Paul Allen	2	4	4	0	4	2	4	2	2	0	5	2											
Tim Wilson	11	7	17	10	9	18	5	10	16	10	4	13	6	12									
Kevin Hays	2	10	6	10	6	9	7	8	8	4	5	24	15	9									
Greg Nelson	14	16	14	6	5	27	8	12	5	13	16	12	4	12									
Tim Mathis	4	10	8	6	2	8	2	2	8	6	4	8	4	4									
Chuck Hayden		0	0				12	4	0	0			6										
Barry Thomason				0			0	0	0														
Mike Hogancamp							2	2	0														
Kevin York									0	0	2	3	2	2									

1976-77

	Tilghman	Reidland	Marshall Co.	Ballard Co.	Mayfield	Fancy Farm	St. Mary	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Heath	Hickman Co.	Ballard Co.	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.						Games	Pts.	Avg.
Kenny Martin					3	6		6	2	6	8	22	15	3						23	285	12.39
Jimmy Gore	9	8	8	12	12	19		17	4	10		5	10	17						26	245	9.42
Mike Hoskins	5	6	4	6	2	6	4	8	10	6	6	9	8	4						28	144	5.14
Paul Allen	2	1	4	0		0			11	2	4	2		0						23	57	2.59
Tim Wilson	11	14	8	27	10	10	9			3	5	12	12	14						26	283	10.88
Kevin Hays	4	8	2	17	2	7	22	15	19	19	11	2	16	12						28	279	9.96
Greg Nelson	8	19	13	14	6	8	17	13	16	12	10	17	8	6						28	331	11.82
Tim Mathis	3	8	2	11	11	1	6	10	8	6	6	19	3	9						28	179	6.39
Chuck Hayden	6	9	2	0	3			4	6		0		0							16	52	3.25
Barry Thomason			0	0					2		2		2							9	6	0.66
Mike Hogancamp																				3	4	1.33
Kevin York	2		4	0	2		2	0	6	4			0	0						16	29	1.81
Shawn Hook	4		0	0					2											4	6	1.5
				Team Record - 10-18							Per Game Avg. - 67.85								Total Pts.		1900	

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Kenny Martin	60		11	420	285	716	11.93
Jimmy Gore	45			30	245	275	6.11
Paul Allen	37	4	4	11	57	76	2.05
Tim Mathis	46			27	179	206	4.47
Kevin York	16				29	29	1.81

1977-78

HEAD COACH – ROBERT SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH – BRADY HOWLE

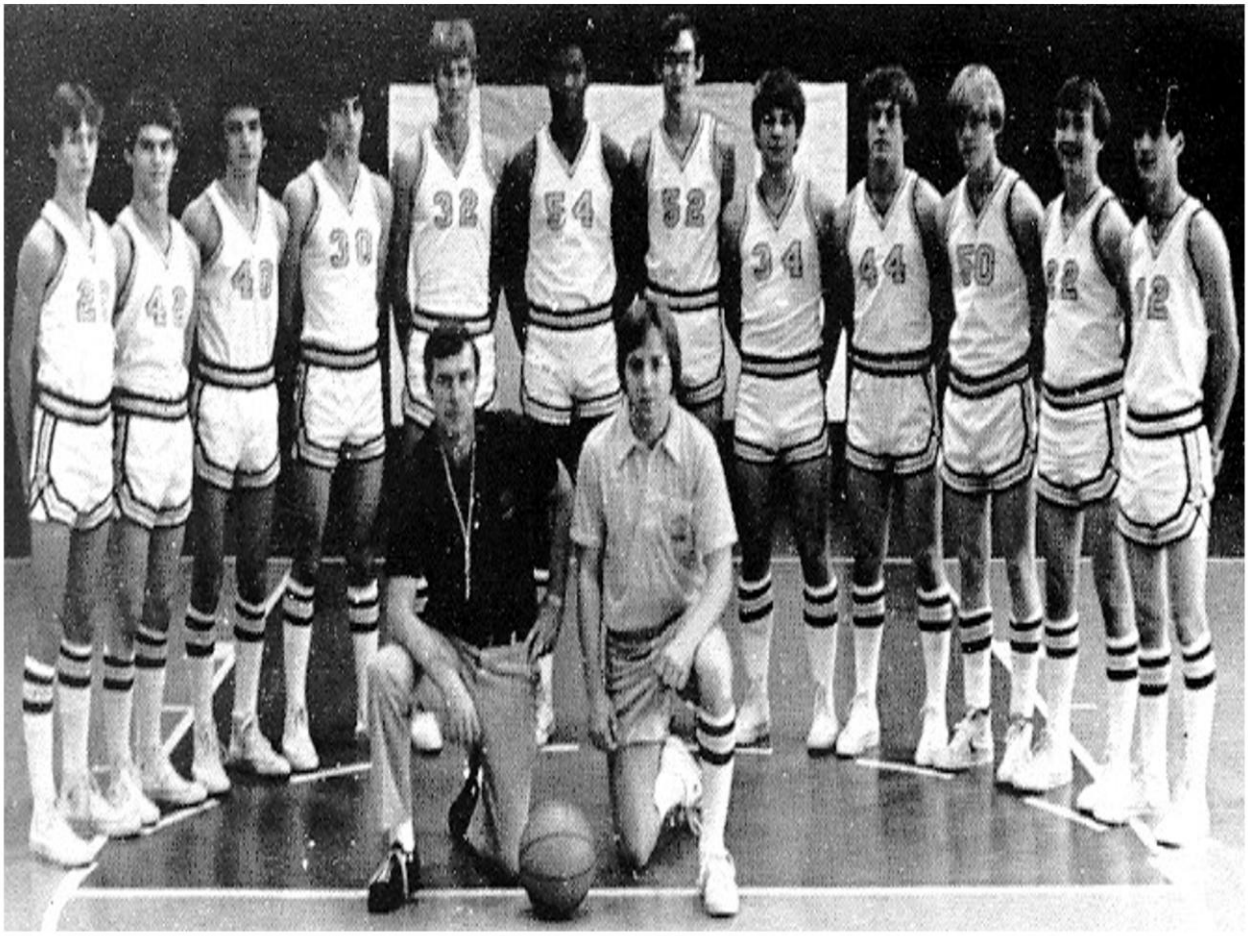
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1977-78

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP	SITE	
11-08-77	Farmington	94-62	H	
11-15-77	Fancy Farm	69-61	A	
11-18-77	St. Mary	**84-91**	H	
11-24-77	Lowes	81-70	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-25-77	Livingston Co.	**81-90**	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-29-77	Hickman Co.	49-42	A	
12-02-77	Lowes	**68-85**	A	
12-09-77	Sedalia	74-65	A	
12-10-77	Calloway Co.	87-83	H	
12-13-77	Heath	84-70	H	
12-17-77	Warren Central	74-67	H	
01-03-78	Fulton City	83-80	A	
01-07-78	Fulton Co	88-65	H	
01-10-78	Hickman Co.	**58-60**	H	
02-03-78	Marshall Co.	67-63	H	
02-07-78	Mayfield	**66-73**	H	
02-10-78	Fancy Farm	104-78	H	
02-11-78	St. Mary	**74-77 ot**	A	
02-14-78	Fulton City	**82-91**	A	
02-17-78	Heath	**61-64 2ot**	A	
02-20-78	Fulton Co	**87-100**	A	
02-21-78	Ballard Co.	75-73	H	
02-24-78	Lone Oak	**66-75**	A	
02-25-78	Calloway Co.	**52-66**	A	
03-03-78	Hickman Co.	**49-56**	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD – 13-12

1978 Comets



Bart Thomason, Marsh Hunt, Shawn Hook, Mike Hogancamp, Tim Wilson, Nathan Hall, Paul Crowley, Chuck Hayden, Greg Nelson, Ronnie Nelson, Michael Hoskins, Kevin Hays, Coach Sloane and Coach Howle

1977-1978

HEAD COACH – ROBERT SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH – BRADY HOWLE

FINAL RECORD - 13-12

1977-78 COMET ROSTER:
Mike Hoskins, Greg Nelson, Kevin Hays, Nathen Hall, Paul Crowley, Chuck Hayden, Marsh Hunt, Tim Wilson, Ron Nelson, Shawn Hook, Mike Hogancamp.

Mayfield Boys
Unanimous Choice By
Coaches In Preseason Poll

The Mayfield boys hold a big lead in the Sun-Democrat's preseason poll of area basketball coaches.

Mayfield, with new head coach Roger Fields, topped the voting by receiving 16 of 19 possible 1st place votes and holds a 186-164 lead over runner-up Paducah Tilghman.

Tilghman was named tops on 2 of the 4 remaining 1st place ballots, while the other two No. 1 votes went to Lone Oak, which finished with 137 pts. for the 3rd place position.

Marshall Co. is 4th and Symsonia stands 5th with 132 and 109 pts., respectively.

The Lowes boys collected 85 pts. to claim the 6th spot, well ahead of No. 7 Murray, which compiled 56 pts.

Fulton Co. grabs the No. 8 position with 52 pts., while Carlisle Co. is 9th with 41 pts.

St. Mary rounded out the top 10 in the final spot with 40 pts.

1. Mayfield (16).....186
2. Tilghman (2).....164
3. Lone Oak (20.....137
4. Marshall Co.....132
5. Symsonia.....109
6. Lowes.....85
7. Murray.....56
8. Fulton Co.....52
9. Carlisle Co.....41
10. St. Mary.....40

Carlisle Co. 94
Farmington 62
11-08-77 - Home

Behind the scoring of Michael Hogancamp (28) and Chuck Hayden (22), Carlisle blitzed Farmington in the third stanza and broke the game wide open for the win.

Farmington…...19 40 51 62
Carlisle…..25 47 74 94

Carlisle (94)
M. Hoskins 10, G. Nelson 2, Hays 14, N. Hall 2, Crowley 6, C. Hayden 22, M. Hogancamp 28, M. Hunt 10.

Farmington (62
Wagner 8, Cochram 6, Piper 10, Smith 11, Britain 6, Jackson 5, Kendall 16.

Carlisle Co. 69
Fancy Farm 51
11-15-77 - Away

Chucky Hayden and Tim Wilson led the Comets to victory with 19 and 21 pts., respectively. Kevin Hays added 13 markers for the Comets.

John Rowe led Fancy Farm with 14 points and Joe Higdon and Billy Mills chipped in 12 points each. Higdon also pulled down 9 rebounds.

Carlisle County hit 28 of their 64 shots from the field for 44% and 13 of 26 from the line for 50%. The Comets had 41 rebounds and 21 floor mistakes.

Fancy Farm connected on 21 of 68 from the floor for 31% and 9 of 26 from the charity stripe for 35%. The Golden Gophers pulled down 38 rebounds and committed 26 turnovers.

Carlisle County, now 2-0, hosts St. Mary Friday, while Fancy Farm, now 0-4, hosts Lowes Friday.

Carlisle…….....14 31 50 69
Fancy Farm.....8 22 35 51

Carlisle (69)
M. Hogancamp 7, M. Hoskins 2, C. Hayden 19, T. Wilson 21, G. Nelson 7, Hays 13.

Fancy Farm (51)
E. Elder 2, Higdon 12, D. Elder 4, Mills 12, Carrico 5, Rowe 14, Hobbs 2.

Carlisle Co. 84
St. Mary 91
11-18-77 - Home

In a battle of ranked teams, No. 10 St. Mary got 26 pts. from Donald Vinson and shaded 9th-ranked Carlisle Co.

The Vikings led after each quarter stop en route to the win over the Comets.

Jeff Riedfort added 17 points for St. Mary and James Watson chipped in 15 Markers. David Hammet and Gaylord Quigley added 14 and 10 points, respectively, for the Vikings.

Kevin Hays led Carlisle County with 25 points.

Tim Wilson added 15 markers and Michael Hoskins and Chuck Hayden chipped in 14 points each.

St. Mary, now 2-0, plays Livingston Co. Thursday in the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament. Carlisle County, now 2-1, faces Lowes Thursday in the same tourney.

Carlisle…..…13 33 55 84
St. Mary…..21 47 65 91

Carlisle (84)
M. Hoskins 14, M. Hogancamp 4, Hays 25, Hunt 2, T. Wilson 15, G. Nelson 8, R. Nelson 2, C. Hayden 14.

St. Mary (91)
Vinson 26, G. Quigley 10, Cooper 9, Riedfort 17, Hammet 14, Watson 15, R. Quigley.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
No. 9 Carlisle Co.
Rips No. 6 Lowes

Carlisle Co. 81
Lowes 70
11-24-77 - Away

Ninth ranked Carlisle County turned the foul line into a lethal weapon and dealt a fatal blow to No. 6 Lowes in the first round of action at the 13th annual St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament, Thursday night.

The Comets, outscored by 8 points from the field, threaded 25 of 41 gratis tosses while the Blue Devils could only manage 6 of 13 from the line and the resulting edge gave Carlisle County a 81-70 victory.

The leader of the Comets charity stripe assault was junior Chuck Hayden, who canned 15 of 20 from the line en route to a 23-point performance.

Carlisle County was the first club to run into foul problems, however, when starters Kevin Hays and Mike Hogancamp picked up three fouls in the first quarter.

The foul situation gave Coach Slone one more reason to go to a zone defense, the first one being to shut off Lowes forward Jeff Jones.

Although the Comets burned the net in the first quarter and hit 11 of 15 field goal attempts, they could only manage a slim 23-21 lead at the end of the period.

Lowes, powered by 6 points each by Timmy Knight and Shane Terry, came back in the second quarter and held a seven point lead, 38-28, with 4:03 left in the period.

Carlisle then put on a streak of its own, outscoring the Blue Devils 11-4 the last 3:57 of the period, including a 15-foot jumper by Jim Wilson at the buzzer to deadlock the score at. 39-39.

With Lowes ahead 51-50 with 3:11 left in the third quarter, the Comets, with the help of a smothering press, ripped nine straight points to bolt to a 59-51 advantage.

Carlisle never relinquished the lead after that point and used a steady parade to the foul line and a slow-down offense the last quarter to gain the victory.

Tim Wilson added 20 markers for the Comets and Greg Nelson chipped in 14.

Jones headed the Blue Devils scoring with 18 markers. Terry added 16 points and Chip Edwards and Charles Morris chipped in 12 markers each. Knight finished with 10 for Lowes.

Carlisle County hit 28 of 52 from the floor for 54%. The Comets had 16 turnovers.

Lowes netted 32 of 74 field goals for 43% and committed 17 floor mistakes.

Carlisle…….....32 39 65 81
Lowes…….....21 39 57 70

Carlisle (81)
Hayden 23, Hogancamp 2, Wilson 20, G. Nelson 14, Hayes 7, Crowley 3, Hunt 4.

Lowes (70)
Jones 18, Terry 15, Edwards 12, Morris 12, Knight 10, Dawson 2, Wilkerson, Mabry.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round
Success At Charity Stripe
Keys Livingston Triumph

Carlisle Co. 81
Livingston Co. 90
11-25-77 - Away

Livingston basketball coach Don Ringstaff expressed concern Thursday night, after his team missed several critical fts. to scrape by St. Mary 66-64 in the St. Mary Thanksgiving Basketball Tourn.

However, it was a different story Friday night. In fact the coach was elated. The Cardinals had just shot 83% from the charity stripe, hitting 26 of 31 tries, to overpower Carlisle County 90-81 in the tourneys second semifinal game.

Carlisle County had a good night from the line as well, collecting 11 of 14 for 78%, but the number of fouls committed spelled out the Comet's fate.

Without belaboring the issues, it should be pointed out that both teams were 100 % from the charity stripe the first three quarters.

When Ringstaff talks about his Second Region shooters, he is referring to the individual performances in the game.

Take 5-10 guard Jeff Johnson, for instance, he led the game Friday night with 28 points and Thursday night he had 10 points, as did 5-8 forward teammate William Hill.

Hill was the second leading scorer for the Cardinals Friday night with 22 markers and he was 10 for 10 from the charity stripe against Carlisle County.

It was Johnson's outside shooting that helped Livingston in the first period. He saved the Cardinals from having to penetrate the Comet zone and canned 5 field goals from the 15-20 foot range. Two more free throws gave him 12 points in the first quarter.

The Comet's weren't blessed with effective outside shooting during the first period and had to contend with working the ball underneath the goal as the first period score told the story. Livingston Co. led 20-13.

Johnson was still hitting in the second period and collected 9 additional points for a total of 21 in the first half.

The Cardinals held a 10 point margin three times in the period, before a three-point play by Paul Crowley brought the halftime score to 43-36.

Carlisle County pulled within one point, 47-46, of the Cardinals with 4:18 remaining in the third period on a 20 footer by Greg Nelson, who netted 15 points in the game.

Livingston widened the lead, but Carlisle crept back to within 53-50, before Ringstaff sent forward Gary Blaine, who had stayed on the bench with an ankle injury during the St. Mary game, back into the fray.

Blaine wasn't in the game 10 seconds, before he competed a three point play. The Cards went on to establish a 62-52 margin as the period concluded.

Carlisle threw on a full court press in the final period, cutting the lead to 6 points with 7:10 remaining, but the Cardinals overcame the strategy and expanded the lead to 11 at 4:20 on a 15-footer by Blaine.

I thought we played good defense, especially in the first half," Ringstaff said. "We had another good shooting night from the field. And their press didn't seem to bother us as much as it did last night (against St. Mary).

"Before the game, we went over the things we were going to do against the press. We haven't been able to press in this tourn. because of injuries to our players.

"We've got four players we have to tape up before each game," Ringstaff continued. "It takes me 35-40 minutes to tape everybody up. But we seem to be doing pretty well."

Carlisle……..13 36 52 81
Livingston…...20 43 62 90
Carlisle (81)
Hayden 22, Wilson 17, G. Nelson 15, Hays 14, Hogancamp 4, M. Hoskins 4, Crowley 3, N. Hall 2, Hunt.
Livingston (90)
Johnson 28, Hill 22, Ringstaff 18, Black 10, Blaine 9, Kimbro 3, Vaughn.

Carlisle Co. 49
Hickman Co. 42
11-29-77 - Away

The Comets stormed from a 6-6 tie at the end of the first quarter to lead 29-19 at the half, en route to the win.

Chuck Hayden led Carlisle County with 13 points and Kevin Hays added 12 markers. Tim Wilson and Greg Nelson each chipped in 10 points for the Comets.

Edward Deberry had 17 points for the Falcons and Roger Rhodes added 11 markers.

Carlisle County connected on 18 of 35 from the field for 53% and 13 of 15 from the line for 86%.

Hickman County hit 18 of 54 from the floor for 30% and 6 of 15 gratis tosses for 40%.

Carlisle, 4-2, travels to Lowes Friday, while Hickman, 0-4, travels to Fulton Co. Friday.

Carlisle……..6 29 36 49
Hickman…..…6 19 29 42
Carlisle (49)
Hogancamp 2, Hayden 13, Wilson 10, Hays 12, Hoskins 2, G. Nelson 10, Hunt.
Hickman (42)
Rhodes 11, Deberry 16, Scott 7, Deweese 6, Cruse 2.

Lowes
Crushes Carlisle Co.

Lowes 85
Carlisle Co. 68
12-02-77 - Away

Jones, a 6-3 senior forward, led the Blue Devils with 26 points and 16 rebounds, while Knight, a 5-8 junior guard, pumped in 22 points.

Carlisle County held a 20-16 lead at the end of the first quarter, but Lowes outscored the Comets from the floor for 41% while adding 21 of 41 free throws for 51%. The Blue Devils out rebounded the Comets, 51-46.

Carlisle County sank 19 of 68 field goal attempts for 28% but connected on 30 of 47 gratis attempts for 64%.

Lowes, 3-2, visits Farmington. While Carlisle hits the road to Sedalia Friday.

Carlisle……20 31 44 68
Lowes…….16 33 61 85
Carlisle (68)
Hoskins 5, Hogancamp 9, Hays 2, Wilson 18, Crowley 2, G. Nelson 6, Hayden 11, N. Hall 5.
Lowes (85)
Jones 26, Knight 22, Terry 9, Wilkerson 5, Morris 10, Dawson 7, Edwards 6.

Carlisle Co. 74
Sedalia 65
12-09-77 - Away

Chuck Hayden and Kevin Hays turned in identical scoring performances for the Comets with 18 points apiece.

Carlisle's Tim Wilson and Greg Nelson added 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Sedalia's 6-0 senior center, Steve England, gave the Lions 29 pts., while senior guard Dale Seay contributed another 22 markers.

Carlisle…..17 34 52 74
Sedalia…….12 39 54 65
Carlisle (74)
Hogancamp 3, Hayden 18, Wilson 13, Crowley 3, Hays 18, Hoskins 8, G. Nelson 11.
Sedalia (65)
Dublin 4, Seay 22, Marine 22, England 29, McBee 6, Pritchard 2, Davis.

Carlisle Co. 87
Calloway Co. 83
12-10-77 - Home

Greg Nelson and Chuck Hayden had 19 markers each for the Comets. Michael Hoskins added 18 markers, while Kevin Hays and Tim Wilson chipped in 15 and 11 points, respectively, for Carlisle County.

Daryl Bushrod had 22 points for the Lakers. Randy McCallon and Jim Lamb added 15 markers each for Calloway County.

Carlisle County, 6-3, hosts Heath Tuesday.

Carlisle……25 46 63 87
Calloway……..18 39 59 83
Carlisle (87)
Hayden 19, Wilson 11, Crowley 5, Hays 15, Hoskins 18, G. Nelson 19.
Calloway (83)
Olive 6, McCallon 15, Bushrod 22, Lamb 15, Lockhart 14, Garland 11.

Carlisle Co. 84
Heath 70
12-13-77 - Home

The Pirates held a 16-10 lead after one quarter, but the Comets came back for the win.

Greg Nelson and Michael Hoskins added 12 and 11 points, respectively, for Carlisle County.

Jimmy Lewis poured in 26 points for Heath. Donnie Ellis added 14 markers and Freddie Morris chipped in 10 points.

Carlisle County canned 28 of 57 from the floor for 49% and 26 of 32 from the line for 81%. The Comets had 27 rebounds.

Heath hit 18 of 25 charity tosses for 72%.

Carlisle County, 7-3, hosts Warren Central Saturday, while Heath, 3-3, travels to Marshall County.

Heath……...16 35 57 70
Carlisle……10 37 58 84
Carlisle (84)
Hayden 24, Wilson 8, Hays 29, Hoskins 11, Nelson 12.
Heath (70)
Lewis 26, Wrinkle 9, Klope 7, Ellis 14, Morris 10, Dickey 1, Skinner 3.

Carlisle Co. 74
Warren Central 67
12-17- 77 - Home

Carlisle County broke away from a 10-10 deadlock after the first period to hold a 36-25 halftime lead.

Tim "Willie" Wilson led Carlisle County with 23 markers and Chuck Hayden chipped in 16 markers.

Rod Anderson had 21 points for Warren Central and Chris Jewel added 16 markers.

Warren Central…..10 25 46 67
Carlisle……...10 35 58 74
Carlisle (74)
Hogancamp 2, Hayden 20, Wilson 23, Hays 4, Hoskins 9, Nelson 16.
Warren Central (67)
Anderson 21, Butler 2, C. Jewell 16, Bonds 6, Horn 4, K. Jewell 8, Ray 6, Robinson 4.

Carlisle Co. 83
Fulton City 80
01-03-78 - Away

Tim Wilson and Kevin Hays poured 23 and 22 points, respectively, to boost the Comets over the Bulldogs.

Chuck Hayden poured in another 17 markers for Carlisle County, while Greg Nelson had 11 and Michael Hoskins contributed another 10.

Carlisle……25 44 61 83
Fulton City…...22 44 55 80
Carlisle (83)

Hayden 17, Wilson 23, Hays 22, Hoskins 10, G. Nelson 11.

Fulton City (80)
M. Taylor 9, King 12, D. Taylor, Rose 20, Sullivan 10, Workman 10, Huddleston 10.

Comets
Thrash Pilots

Carlisle Co. 88
Fulton Co. 65
01-07-78 – Home

The Comets rebounded from a 22-16 first-quarter deficit to crush the Pilots.

Kevin Hays and Tim Wilson scored 25 pts. and Mike Hoskins added 15 points for Carlisle County. Chuck Hayden and Greg Nelson chipped in 11 and 10 markers, respectively.

Ralph Akers headed Fulton County's attack with 17 points. Willie McKinney added 14 markers while Ricky Duncan fired in 12 points. Darvell Holder and Joe Warren scored 11 points each for the Pilots.

Carlisle County threaded 33 of 55 field goal attempts for 60%. The Comets had 39 rebounds, 13 steals, and 8 assists.

Fulton Co….....22 36 54 65
Carlisle.....16 39 63 88

Carlisle (88)
Hayden 11, Wilson 25, Crowley 2, Hays 25, Hoskins 15, G. Nelson 10.

Fulton Co. (65)
McKinney 14, Holder 11, Akers 17, Warren 11, Duncan 12.

Carlisle Co. 58
Hickman Co. 60
01-10-78 - Home

Falcon junior forward Ed Deberry paced Hickman County with 19 points and Jim Berry chipped in 10.

Chuck Hayden, the only Comet to score double figures, finished the game with 23 markers.

Hickman.....14 20 37 60
Carlisle.....13 31 47 58

Hickman (60)
Berry 10, Allen 5, Deberry 19, Scott 8, Deweese 4, Rhodes 12, Witherspoon 2.

Carlisle (58)
Hogancamp 8, Hayden 23, Wilson 6, Hoskins 6, Hays 9, Hunt 4, G. Nelson 2.

Comets Stun
Marshall's

Carlisle Co. 67
Marshall Co. 63
02-03-78 - Home

The Comets led after every stop in corralling the Marshals.

Kevin Hays headed Carlisle County with 20 points.

Jeff Copeland led Marshall Co. with 20 pts. Jeff Brandon and Jeff Capps added 15 and 11 markers.

Carlisle County hit 40% from the floor and 70% from the line.

Marshall County connected on 32% from the field and 44% from the charity stripe.

Carlisle County, 11-4, hosts Mayfield Tuesday,

Marshall.....13 27 47 63
Carlisle.....14 38 56 67

Marshall (63)
Copeland 20, Foust 4, Brandon 15, Capps 11, Dunn 1, Orr 6, Thompson 6.

Carlisle (67)
Hayden 6, Wilson 11, Crowley 6, Hays 21, Hoskins 16, G. Nelson 7.

Cards Survive
Speed-O-Rama

Carlisle Co. 66
Mayfield 73
02-07-78 - Home

Third ranked Mayfield edged unrated Carlisle County 73-66 here Tuesday night and Redbird coach Roger Fields felt like he'd just pulled off a major upset.

Mayfield, nor any other team in the First Region, is accustomed to winning in the Carlisle County gymnasium, regardless of the odds. One needs racing slicks instead of sneakers and roll bars instead of wrist bands to play the Comets running game.

"That was wild and woolly, wasn't it?" asked Fields, after the Cardinals survived a typical endurance race in the Carlisle Co. speed-o-rama.

"When you win a game down here, you have "WON" a game. We've only won here twice in the last eight years. They've really got a good ballclub.

"They're overlooked. I don't know why everyone has been overlooking them. They're a fine ballclub. They really get after you.

Carlisle County went after Mayfield like piranhas on a picnic. But the Redbirds came equipped more for power than speed with 6-7 David Youngblood and 6-5 Don Hubbard at the center of the attack, kept the advantage and weathered all the pressure, flash and power the Comets could muster.

And, they did it by playing the running game Carlisle Co. ordered. However, the Comets did not play it just the way coach Robert Slone ordered it.

"We felt the only thing we could win on was hustle," he said. "They are a hard team for us to play because of their size. Our only two big kids (6-5 sophomore Paul Crowley and 6-5 freshman Nathan Hall) are young and inexperienced. The short time they played they did a good job, but they weren't in there very long.

"We started in a press because they were starting two different guards. That didn't help us any. When we started, we were pretty tight. We were forcing it and making turnovers. I guess we were up for the game too much. If we had been a little bit more calm, it would have helped. "

"We wanted to take the ball to their big people and get them in foul trouble. We did that, but our shots were off and I'm sure it was because of their size."

Hubbard went to the bench with his second foul in the opening period and the Comets stormed back to tie it at 15. When he reentered the game in the second stanza, however, Hubbard scored 5 pts. in a one minute flurry, which rocketed Mayfield on top 36-26.

"We played with them without our big guys in there together a lot," Fields noted. " I don't think either one of them played more than half the game."

"We got into a running game and that really wasn't what we wanted to do. We like to run and we felt we could get it off the boards against them. But ours is a controlled run. We didn't read it a lot of times and put the ball up when nobody was under the basket, but we ran with them pretty well.

"Their pressure didn't bother us a lot. I can't even remember two bad passes. We had a couple of walks, but we got in too big a hurry. But they didn't hurt us with it at all.

Carlisle County pulled within a point in each of the final two quarters on the strength of pressure tactics. After Youngblood exited with his fourth foul in the second half, the Comets limited the Cardinals to four points over five minutes and cut the gap to 45-44.

A lay-up down the lane by Greg Nelson with 5:47 left in the game, closed the margin to 57-56 and the Comets bobbled away the opportunity for which Slone had been waiting.

"We made a crucial turnover when it was 57-56," he explained. "If we had scored and got the ball, we'd have iced it. We'd have put it away. I have a lot of confidence in our kids holding the ball.

"If we had taken a lead at any time, we'd have been very cautious. I guess we should have played more deliberate the whole game.

Carlisle County never took the lead, however, because Fields sent Youngblood back into action and two big men at the same time were more than the Comets could handle.

Youngblood, who sacked 12 points, scored on a tip-in and Hubbard, who took game honors with 19, followed with a basket inside. The Cardinals, 10-3, were never in danger thereafter.

Mark Buck contributed 14 points to the Mayfield effort and Joey Shelton added 13. Kevin Hays was high for Carlisle County with 16 markers, followed by Tim Wilson with 15, Mike Hoskins with 12 and Chuck Hayden with 11.

Mayfield bagged 29 of 52 field goal attempts for 56 percent and counted 15 of 22 charity tosses. Carlisle County, 11-5, connected on 27 of 63 shots from the floor for 43 percent and sank 12 of 19 gratis tries.

The Cardinals enjoyed a 35-28 edge on the boards, behind 14 rebounds by Hubbard. Wilson, at 6-3, the only Comet starter over 6-0, led Carlisle County with 10.

The Comets host Fancy Farm Friday. Mayfield visits Murray Saturday in a makeup game.

Mayfield.…...21 41 53 73
Carlisle.....….....19 34 48 66

Carlisle (66)
Hogancamp, Hayden 11, N. Hall 2, Wilson 15, Hays 16, Hoskins 12, G. Nelson 8, Hunt 2.

Mayfield (73)
Wyatt 6, Mills 9, Buck 14, Clymer, Youngblood 12, Hubbard 19, Shelton 13.

Carlisle Co. 104
Fancy Farm 78
02-10-78 - Home

Chuck Hayden poured in 31 pts. as Carlisle Co. defeated Fancy Farm 104-78. The Comet win overshadowed a 45 pt. performance by Golden Gopher John Rowe

Tim Wilson had 22 points for the Comets. Greg Nelson chipped in 19 markers, while Kevin Hays and Mike Hoskins fired in 14 and 12 markers.

Carlisle.....…..29 55 80 104
Fancy Farm…13 30 57 78

Carlisle (104)
Hogancamp 6, Hayden 31, Wilson 22, Hays 14, Hoskins 12, Nelson 19.

Fancy Farm (78)
Higdon 5, Elliott 3, Carrico 8, Elder 4, Mills 7, Hayden 6, Rowe 45.

Carlisle Co. 74
St. Mary 77
02-11-78 - Away

Fourth ranked St. Mary shaded Carlisle Co. 77-74 in overtime in basketball play in the First and Second Districts Saturday night.

Carlisle County fought back to tie the score at 67-67 with 11 seconds left in regulation time on a field goal by Kevin Hays, but faltered in the extra period as the Vikings picked up the win.

Donald Vinson had 21 points and 11 rebounds, hitting 9 for 11 from the field for St. Mary.

Chuck Hayden headed the Comet attack with 20 markers. Mike Hoskins added 17 points, while Hays and Nelson sacked 14 markers each for Carlisle County.

Carlisle canned 20 of 28 from the charity stripe.

St. Mary….12 34 52 67 77
Carlisle.....12 26 47 67 74

Carlisle (74)
Hayden 20, Hoskins 14, G. Nelson 14, Wilson 9, Hays 14.

St. Mary (77)
Vinson 21, Quigley 14, Hammet 13, Watson 12, Scheer 11, Reidfort 8.

Fulton City 91
Carlisle Co. 82
02-14-78 - Away

The Bulldogs trailed the Comets the first three periods of the game, but out scored their opponents 22-15 in the final quarter.

Donnell Taylor paced Fulton City with 22 points and 9 rebounds.

Chuck Hayden kept the Comets going with 26 points and 10 rebounds. Greg Nelson and Kevin Hays had 16 each and were followed by Tim Wilson with 14 and Mike Hoskins with 10.

Carlisle.....23 45 68 82
Fulton City.....22 44 66 91

Carlisle (82)
Hayden 26, G. Nelson 16, Wilson 14, Hays 16, Hoskins 10, Hogancamp.

Fulton City (91)
M. Taylor 12, D. Taylor 22, Rose 8, Sullivan 10, Parker 14, Huddleston 10, Workman 5, King.

Heath 64
Carlisle Co. 61
02-17-78 - Away

With 3 seconds to go in regulation play, Carlisle County held a 57-55 lead when Pirate Greg Wright got the rebound off a missed Heath free throw and made a basket to send the game into overtime.

Only two points were scored by each team in the first overtime. Kevin Klope scored for Heath, while Tim Wilson hit for Carlisle County.

In the final overtime, Jimmy Lewis who finished the game with 16 markers, scored four points for Heath and Dennis Dickey had 1.

Chuck Hayden chipped in one field goal for the Comets.

Hayden paced Carlisle with 17 points and Greg Nelson chipped in 16. Tim Wilson contributed 10 while Kevin Hays had 11.

The Comets connected on 22 of 59 shots from the floor for 37%, while counting 19 of 30 free throws for 63%.

Carlisle……..17 36 47 57 59 61
Heath……..17 39 49 57 59 64

Carlisle (61)
Hayden 17, Hays 11, Hoskins 7, Hunt, Crowley, G. Nelson 16, Wilson 10.

Heath (64)
Lewis 16, Wrinkle 12, Klope 3, Mills 2, Morris 6, Wright 4, Dickey 8, Skinner 12.

Fulton Co. 100
Carlisle Co. 87
02-20-78 - Away

Senior forward Rickie Duncan poured in 25 pts. and pulled down 6 rebounds to lead four other Pilots in double figure scoring. Ralph Akers contributed 22 pts. and 6 rebounds, while Darvel Holder added 18 pts. and Joe Warren and Willie McKinney had 14 and 12, respectively.

Chuck Hayden paced the Comets with 26 points, scoring 14 in the final period, while Mike Hoskins chipped in 16. Greg Nelson and Kevin Hays had 12 each and Tim Wilson added 11.

Carlisle.....20 37 55 87
Fulton Co…...27 51 73 100

Carlisle (87)
Hayden 26, G. Nelson 12, Crowley 2, Wilson 11, Hayes 12, Hoskins 16, R. Nelson 8, Hogancamp.

Fulton Co. (100)
McKinney 12, Holder 18, Akers 22, Duncan 25, Warren 14, Curtis 8, White 1, Parker, Westbrook, Sadler, Cheirs, Mays.

Comets Slip
Past Ballard Co.

Carlisle Co. 75
Ballard Co. 73
02-21-78 - Home

Carlisle County rebounded from a 55-47 third quarter deficit to down the Bombers.

Chuck Hayden led the Comets with 17 points. Kevin Hays added 15 markers, while Tim Wilson and Greg Nelson fired in 12 and 11 points for Carlisle County.

Wade Buchanan had 21 pts. for Ballard Co. Kim Geveden and Joe Curtis added 16 pts. each, while Tony Newton tossed in 10 markers for the Bombers.

Carlisle County, 13-8, travels to Lone Oak Friday.

Carlisle….....13 31 47 75
Ballard.....…..15 34 55 73

Ballard (73)
Newton 10, Geveden 16, Curtis 16, Buchanan 21, McGowan 9.

Carlisle (75)
Hayden 17, G. Nelson 11, Crowley 2, Wilson 12, Hays 15, Hoskins 9, Hunt 4, R. Nelson 5.

Lone Oak 75
Carlisle Co. 66
02-24-78 - Away

Top-Ranked Lone Oak won its 16th game of the year by downing ninth-rated Carlisle Co. 75-66 in basketball play last night.

Barry Tidwell had 22 markers and Brent Dreher added 21 for the Oakers, now 18-2.

The Oakers broke away from a 16-16 first quarter deadlock to defeat the Comets.

Stan Shuemaker and David Wilkins added 14 markers each for Lone Oak.

Chuck Hayden and Greg Nelson headed the Comet attack with 17 points each. Mike Hogancamp chipped in 16 markers and Ron Nelson fired in 12 points for Carlisle.

Lone Oak hit 13 of 21 from the line for 62

Carlisle canned 4 of 9 from the charity stripe for 44%.

Carlisle.....….....16 32 49 66
Lone Oak….....16 37 57 75

Carlisle (66)
Hayden 17, R. Nelson 12, Crowley 4, G. Nelson 17, Hogancamp 16, Hook.

Lone Oak (75)
Tidwell 22, Wilkins 14, Brent Dreher 21, Shuemaker 14, Felker 4, Bruce Dreher.

Calloway Co. 66
Carlisle Co. 52
02-25-78 - Away

Randy McCallon led the Lakers with 19 points. Glenn Olive added 17 points for them. Daryl Bushrod contributed 12 pts. and 20 rebounds while Jimmy Lamb scored 11 pts. and pulled down 15 rebounds.

Greg Nelson and Chuck Hayden scored 16 and 15 markers for Carlisle County.

Carlisle County canned 16 of 43 from the field for 37% and 20 of 26 from the line. The Comets collected 37 rebounds.

Carlisle….....15 24 37 52
Calloway.....14 22 40 66

Carlisle (52)
G. Nelson 16, Hayden 15, Hoskins 7, R. Nelson 6, Crowley 4, Wilson 4.

Calloway (66)
McCallon 19, Olive 17, Bushrod 12, Lamb 11, Garland 5, Lockhart 2.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Falcons Stun
Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 49
Hickman Co. 52
03-03-78 - Away

The Hickman County Falcons gained a berth in the First Region Tournament with a semi-finial win in the First District Tournament here Friday night.

Edward Deberry scored 21 points to lead the Falcons past the Comets 56-49.

Hickman County came back from a 14-8 first quarter deficit to down the Comets.

Jim Berry added 12 markers for Hickman County and Roger Rhoades had 10.

Greg Nelson scored 19 markers for Carlisle County, before fouling out early in the fourth quarter. Chuck Hayden chipped in 13 points for the Comets.

Carlisle County canned 13 of 18 charity tries.

Hickman.....….8 23 35 56
Carlisle.....…..14 22 28 49

Carlisle (49)
M. Hoskins 4, Hays 4, T. Wilson 7, G. Nelson 19, C. Hayden 13, R. Nelson 2, Hunt, Crowley.

Hickman (56)
Berry 14, Deberry 21, Scott 3, Rhoades 10, Deweese 6, Allen 2.

1977-78

	Farmington	Fancy Farm	St. Mary	Lowes	Livingston Co.	Hickman Co.	Lowes	Sedalia	Calloway Co.	Heath	Warren Central	Fulton City
Mike Hoskins	10	2	14	8	4	2	5	8	18	11	9	10
Greg Nelson	2	7	8	14	15	10	6	11	19	12	16	11
Kevin Hays	14	13	25	7	14	12	2	18	15	29	4	22
Nathen Hall	2				2		5					
Paul Crowley	6			3	3		2	3	5			
Chuck Hayden	22	19	14	23	22	13	11	18	19	24	20	17
Mike Hogancamp	28	7	4	2	4	2	9	3			2	
Marsh Hunt	10		2	4	0	0						
Tim Wilson		21	15	20	17	10	18	13	11	8	23	23
Ron Nelson			2									

1977-78

	Fulton Co.	Hickman Co.	Marshall Co.	Mayfield	Fancy Farm	St. Mary	Fulton City	Heath	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Lone Oak	Calloway Co.	Hickman Co.	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Mike Hoskins	15	6	16	12	12	17	10	7	16	9		7	4	24	232	9.66
Greg Nelson	10	2	7	8	19	14	16	16	12	11	17	16	19	25	298	11.32
Kevin Hays	25	9	21	16	14	14	16	11	12	15			4	23	332	14.43
Nathen Hall				2										4	11	2.75
Paul Crowley	2		6					0	2	2	4	4	0	14	42	3
Chuck Hayden	11	23	6	11	31	20	26	17	26	17	17	15	13	25	455	18.2
Mike Hogancamp		8		0	6		0		0		16			15	91	6.06
Marsh Hunt		4		2				0		4			0	10	26	2.6
Tim Wilson	25	6	11	15	22	9	14	10	11	12		4	7	22	325	14.13
Ron Nelson									8	5	12	6	2	6	35	5.83
Shawn Hook											0			1	0	0
					Team Record - 13-12							Per Game Avg. - 73.6			Total Pts	1847

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Mike Hoskins	67		19	144	232	395	6.89
Greg Nelson	57	4	14	331	298	647	11.35
Kevin Hays	68		45	279	332	656	9.64
Tim Wilson	77		274	283	318	875	11.36

1978-79

HEAD COACH - CRAYNOR SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH - MARK COOPER

TROPHIES WON

ST. MARY TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 20-12

1978-79

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-07-78	Farmington	82-78	A	
11-14-78	Fancy Farm	58-50	H	
11-17-78	St. Mary	64-58 **ot**	A	
11-22-78	Symsonia	64-55	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-24-78	Lone Oak	66-61	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-25-78	Livingston Co.	**52-69**	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
11-28-78	Hickman Co.	54-47	H	
12-01-78	Lowes	72-54	H	
12-09-78	Tilghman	**72-80**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-12-78	Heath	**48-49**	A	
12-16-78	Reidland	53-52	A	
12-19-78	Fulton Co	**50-64**	A	
12-28-78	Tilghman	**63-80**	A	
01-02-79	Fulton City	68-62	A	
01-03-79	Hickman Co.	**54-71**	A	
01-04-79	Ballard Co.	74-58	H	
01-05-79	Sedalia	75-55	A	
01-24-79	Ballard Co.	74-52	A	- **BALLARD CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-26-79	Mayfield	**58-68**	A	- **BALLARD CO. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-31-79	Reidland	63-55	A	
02-02-79	Marshall Co.	**52-67**	A	
02-03-79	Fulton Co	64-61	A	
02-06-79	Mayfield	**64-82**	A	
02-13-79	Fulton City	65-55	A	
02-16-79	Heath	47-46	H	
02-20-79	Ballard Co.	48-41	A	
02-21-79	St. Mary	**68-79**	H	
02-23-79	Lone Oak	77-72 ot	H	
02-28-79	Fulton Co	69-57	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-01-79	Hickman Co.	**51-61**	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-05-79	Murray	47-46 2ot	A	- **1st REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-09-79	Mayfield	**51-66**	A	- **1st REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 20-12

1979 Comets – District Runner-Up



Coach Slone, Rodney Nelson, Nathan Hall, Paul Crowley, Rodney Crice, Chuck Hayden, Mgr., Bill Henshaw, Kevin Hoskins, Marsh Hunt, Shawn Hook, Bart Thomason, Kirk Milner

1978-79

HEAD COACH - CRAYNOR SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH - MARK COOPER

TROPHIES WON
ST. MARY TOURN. - 2ND PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 20-12

1978-79 COMET ROSTER:
Mike Hoskins, Greg Nelson, Kevin Hays, Nathen Hall, Paul Crowley, Chuck Hayden, Marsh Hunt, Tim Wilson, Ron Nelson, Shawn Hook.

Mayfield Leads Pack
In First Region Preseason Poll

The Mayfield boys received the nod for 1st place in the Paducah Sun-Democrat preseason poll of area basketball coaches.

Mayfield received 15 1st place votes and outpolled the field with a total of 185 pts.

Tilghman polled 160 pts. including one 1st place ballot and placed 2nd. Third place went to St. Mary with three 1st place ballots and a 142 total.

Lone Oak's Purple Flash received one vote as the top team and totaled 113 pts. for 4th place.

The remaining squads in the top 10 and their total pts. were Fulton Co. 110; Murray 92; Marshall Co. and Carlisle Co. tied with 78; Hickman Co. 35; and Heath, 34.

1. Mayfield (15).....185
2. Tilghman (1).....160
3. St. Mary (3).....142
4. Lone Oak (1).....113
5. Fulton Co.....110
6. Murray.....92
7. Marshall Co.....78
   Carlisle Co.....78
8. Hickman Co.....35
9. Heath.....34

Carlisle Co. 58
Farmington 50
11-07-78 - Away

Chuck Hayden paced the Comets attack with 24 points, while teammates Paul Crowley and Bart Thomason each chipped in 14. Mike Hoskins added 13 and Mike Hogancamp contributed 11 markers.

The Comets held hefty leads at the end of the first three quarters, but the Wildcats rallied in the final stanza, before falling short of the win.

Don Brittian was the game's high scorer with 32 points for Farmington and teammates Alan Cochrum and Mike Kendall finished with 12 and 10, respectively.

The Comets connected on 25 of 60 field goals attempted for 40 percent and netted 24 of 37 charity tosses for 65 percent.

Farmington sank 27 of 64 shots from the floor for 42 percent and 28 of 39 free throws tries for 68 percent.

The Wildcats out rebounded Carlisle County 38-33.

Carlisle.....17 44 64 82
Farmington.....9 30 50 78
Carlisle (82)
C. Hayden 24, M. Hogancamp 11, Crowley 14, K. Hoskins 13, B. Thomason 14, Ron Nelson 2, M. Hunt 4.
Farmington (78)
Kendall 10, Fuqua 6, Waggoner 9, Cochrum 12, Britain 32, West 7, Jackson 2.

Comets
Remain Unbeaten

Carlisle Co. 58
Fancy Farm 50
11-14-78 - Home

Carlisle Co. measured Fancy Farm behind a balanced scoring attack. Only four points separated the totals of the top five Comets scorers.

Kevin Hoskins, 5-10 senior guard, led the way with 13 points. Chuck Hayden and Bart Thomason each contributed 11 markers and Paul Crowley and Rodney Crice added 9 apiece.

Fancy Farm also divided up its scoring. Paul Carrico, a 6-0 senior, shared game honors with Hoskins with 13 points. Mike Hayden sacked 12 points, followed by Joe Higdon with 11 and Tim Elliott with 10.

Carlisle County broke on top 16-9 in the opening stanza and opened a 10-point advantage at the half. The Golden Gophers shaved the deficit to 41-35 at the third stop but were unable to overtake the Comets.

Both teams will be in action on the road Friday. Carlisle County goes to St. Mary and Fancy Farm, 2-2, journeys to Lowes.

Carlisle.....16 33 41 58
Fancy Farm.....9 23 35 40
Carlisle (58)
C. Hayden 11, B. Thomason 11, Hook 4, Crowley 9, K. Hoskins 13, Crice 9, N. Hall 1
Fancy Farm (40)
Carrico 13, Elliott 10, Higdon 11, Black 4, Hayden 12.

Carlisle Co. 64
St. Mary 58
11-17-78 - Away

Nathan Hall, a 6-6 sophomore center, scored four points in overtime and guard Kevin Hoskins added the other two as the Comets blanked St. Mary 6-0 in the extra period.

St. Mary held as much as 10-point lead in the third frame, before the Comets rallied for their third straight win.

Senior Chuck Hayden paced the Comets with 15 points, while K. Hoskins added 12. Nathan Hall and guard Bart Thomason each bucketed 10, while Paul Crowley, a 6-6 junior forward, finished with 9.

Ronnie Scheer paced the Vikings, 1-2, with 23 points and Quinton Matchem added 19 markers.

Carlisle.....12 24 43 58 64
St. Mary.....18 32 45 58 58
Carlisle (64)
C. Hayden 15, Ron Nelson 4, B. Thomason 10, Crowley 9, N. Hall 10, K. Hoskins 12, Hunt 4.
St. Mary (58)
Reidfort 8, Matchem 19, Scheer 23, Cash 2, H. Quigley 6, Wurth, Hayden, Cooper.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Withstand Rally
To Overcome Symsonia

Carlisle Co. 64
Symsonia 55
11-22-78 - Away

Chuck Hayden's 19 points and a perfect night at the free throw line helped power the Carlisle County Comets to a 64-55 victory over Symsonia in the opening round of the St. Mary Thanksgiving basketball tournament, Wednesday night.

The victory means that the Comets will meet Lone Oak in a semifinal clash at 7 p.m. Friday. The Comets will be trying to win their first holiday tourn. since 1974.

Hayden went to the free throw line nine times and connected on each attempt. In fact, it was the charity stripe that helped the Comets defeat the Rough Riders.

Coach Craynor Slone's squad hit 24 of 33 free throws for an average of 72 percent, while the Rough Riders hit only 19 of 36 for 55 percent.

The Comets hit on 20 of 58 attempts from the field for 34 percent while the Rough Riders hit 18 of 45 for 40 percent.

Hayden, a 5-10 senior forward, scored 19 pts. for the game-high total and Symsonia's Dale Beach, a 6-0 junior guard, had 16 points.

The Rough Riders, coached by Robert Slone, attempted a fourth quarter comeback surge, but were unable to make up a 17-point deficit, which Carlisle had built with 5:30 left in the game.

The comeback hope was led by David Long, a 6-1 senior forward, who scored 6 points in a minute and a half, before fouling out with 2:50 left to play. Long was the only Rough Rider able to get inside on the taller quintet.

The Comets used an offensive surge in the opening quarter to jump to a 22-11 lead, which was led by Bart Thomason, a 5-10 senior guard, who scored 10 of his game total 14 points in that stanza.

It was the shooting from the gratis stripe (8 for 8) in the opening quarter, that helped build the margin. The Comets' offensive drive was slowed during the rest of the match as the Rough Riders' defense attempted to adjust to the taller Comet squad.

It was the first opening round loss by Symsonia since 1974, when it lost to Lowes. Symsonia won the championship in 1975 and was the runner-up in the 1971 and 1976

Carlisle.....22 33 47 64
Symsonia.....11 20 32 55
Carlisle (64)
Hayden 19, Ron Nelson 2, Thomason 14, Crowley 4, Hall 4, Hoskins 10, Hook 2, Hunt 5, Crice 2, Hogancamp 2.
Symsonia (55)
Long 12, Henderson 10, Jones 7, Riley 2, Beach 16, Mathis 2, Barnes 6.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 66
Lone Oak 61
11-24-78 - Away

Carlisle County took a semifinal victory in the St. Mary Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament Friday night.

The Comets squeezed past defending champion Lone Oak 66-61.

Two free throws by Lone Oak's Bruce Dreher, with only 15 seconds left in Friday night's first game, pulled the Flash of Don Butler to within one point at 62-61.

But when the Comets broke the press Lone Oak threw at them and got the ball to 6-6 junior center Paul Crowley for an easy layup with four ticks left on the clock, the contest was over.

Kevin Hoskins, a 5-10 senior guard, who tallied 20 points for the Comets, stole Lone Oak's

in-bounds pass, after Crowley's basket, and laid in the final two points as the buzzer sounded to end the action.

The final eight minutes began with the Comets of Craynor Slone holding a 48-45 advantage. Lone Oak got the first points of the quarter on two charity tosses by Stan Shumaker, who canned a game-high 24 points, including 8 for 8 from the line.

But Carlisle County responded with three straight baskets by 5-10 senior Bart Thomason, who got 10 of his 17 points in the final stanza, to move out to a 54-47 lead.

Both squads found the other's defense to their liking all night. The Comets blistered the chords 28 times in 42 attempts for a torrid 67 percent. Lone Oak, which stayed close to the Comets with a near perfect 15 of 17 from the free throw line, connected on 50 percent of its fielders with a 23-for-46 showing.

The Comet foul shooters could not match the accuracy which they demonstrated from the field, hitting only 10 of 23 for a poor 44 percent.

"Lone Oak is a fine, well-coached team and it took a good team effort and good balance to beat them," said Slone. "We're very pleased with this win."

After the Comets moved out by seven, the Flash began to chip away at the lead. They moved within two at 59-57 at the 2:11 mark and within one at 1:14.

Coach Don Butler's Purple Flash had an opportunity to tie or take the lead with 48 seconds left, but missed the front end of a one-and-one. Thomason then came down to put in his fifth goal of the quarter and give his squad a 62-59 lead.

"We just couldn't seem to get over the hump," Butler noted. "We had our chances, but didn't take advantage of them."

"They have a number of fine players," Butler said. "But I'm very impressed with the way (Chuck) Hayden took it to us inside."

The win placed the undefeated Comets in Saturday night's championship game against the Livingston Central Cardinals, who also remained undefeated with a 67-39 rout of the host St. Mary squad.

Carlisle.....16 31 48 66
Lone Oak.....16 31 48 61

Carlisle (66)
Hoskins 20, Thomason 17, Hayden 11, Crowley 14, Hunt 4, Ron Nelson.

Lone Oak (61)
Shuemaker 24, Dreher 16, Houser 10, Hagan 5, Hobbs 4, Hancock 2, Ellington, Bickerstaff.

St. Mary Tourn. Championship

Livingston Reigns In Viking Tourney

Carlisle Co. 52
Livingston Co. 69
11-25-78 - Away

Livingston Co.'s Coach Don Ringstaff switched to a 1-3-1 zone defense at the start of the second half of Saturday night's game and his undefeated Cardinals went on to dump Carlisle County's Comets, 69-52, to earn their initial crown in the St. Mary Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament.

The play flowed back and forth in the first 16 minutes of the contest as the score was knotted three times and the lead changed hands nine times.

The winners were forced to use the shooting of Ricky Ringstaff, their 6-0 senior guard, who canned 18 of his game-high 23 points in the first two periods, to pick up the needed scoring punch, after 6-3 forward Gary Blaine, who scored a tourney-leading 30 points Friday night, was forced to the bench early in the second period with his third personal foul.

But the Comets had foul trouble of their own, with starting forward Chuck Hayden and center Paul Crowley carrying three personals apiece.

Starting the second half, Ringstaff was fouled as he drove to the basket for two points. His free throw completed a three-point play and gave his team a 32-31 lead.

The Comets regained the lead on a lay-up by Hayden, but on the ensuing trip down the floor, the 5-10 strongman committed his fourth foul and Slone brought him to the bench with 7:21 left in the quarter.

It was to be the last time the Comets were to lead and was one of only two field goals they would score in the quarter as the Cardinals' new defensive alignment took its toll and helped Livingston Co. run off an 18-4 string to put the contest on ice.

After the game, Slone said he felt his squad's inability to adjust to the defensive change was the key factor, although he noted the foul situation on Hayden was also critical.

Slone's team shot 46 percent from the floor hitting 25 of 54 attempts, but slipped to 2 of 12 in the decisive third period.

Ringstaff's quintet finished with 51 percent, hitting 26 of 51, but enjoyed a substantial margin from the line where it hit 17 of 26 to only 2 of 11 for the Comets.

Carlisle's Bart Thomason dropped in 19 points, nine of them in the last quarter, when the Comets drew within 10, at 62-52. Hayden, who fouled out at the 3:01 mark, netted 13.

The Comets, who are now 5-1 on the year, had been seeking their sixth tourney title, having won five straight from 1970 through 1974.

Carlisle.....15 18 35 52
Livingston.....15 29 47 69

Carlisle (52)
Thomason 19, Hayden 13, Crowley 10, K. Hoskins 10, Hunt, Ron Nelson, Hall.

Livingston (69)
Ringstaff 23, Travelstead 13, Frallex 11, Blaine 10, Kimbro 6, Davis 4, McCracken 2, Harmon.

Comets Run Record To 6-1

Carlisle Co. 54
Hickman Co. 47
11-28-78 - Home

Marsh Hunt paced the Comets with 14 points, while Bart Thomason and Chuck Hayden finished with 12 points and 10 points, respectively.

Edward Deberry claimed game-scoring honors for Hickman Co. with 22 points and Roger Rhodes was next with 10 markers.

Carlisle held a slim 3-point lead at the end of the third quarter, but outscored the Falcons 19-15 in the final quarter to secure the victory.

The Comets play host to Lowes Friday night while the Falcons entertain Fulton County.

Carlisle.....14 26 35 54
Hickman.....9 18 32 47

Carlisle (54)
Hayden 10, Thomason 12, Crowley 8, K. Hoskins 8, Hunt 14, Hall 2, Hook.

Hickman (47)
Berry 9, Deberry 22, O. Allen 4, Rhodes 10, Floyd 2, Dixon, Weatherspoon, Cruse.

Comets Knock Off Lowes

Carlisle Co. 72
Lowes 54
12-01-78 - Home

Bart Thomason led a balanced Carlisle County scoring attack as the 7th rated Comets belted Lowes, 72-54.

Thompson bucketed 17 points, while Chuck Hayden finished with 15. Kevin Hoskins pitched in 12 and Marsh Hunt added 11 to round out the double figure scoring for the Comets in their homecoming victory.

Shane Terry scored 17 points and Craig Hopkins added 10 to lead the Lowes attack.

The Comets outscored Lowes 26-13 in the fourth quarter to wrap up the victory.

Carlisle County, 6-1, entertains Sedalia Friday night, while Lowes, 2-3, plays host to Farmington Tuesday night.

Carlisle.....16 31 46 72
Lowes.....10 23 41 54

Carlisle (72)
Hayden 15, Thompson 17, Crowley 8, K. Hoskins 12, Hook 9, Hunt 11.

Lowes (54)
Terry 17, Madry 4, Dawson 5, Wilkerson 4, Hopkins 10, Daughtry 3, Whits 7, Spicer 2, Myers 2.

Blue Tornado Make Comets First Victim

Carlisle Co. 72
Tilghman 80
12-09-78 - Away

Paducah Tilghman built a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter< but then had to hold off a furious Carlisle County rally in the final four minutes to gain its first win of the year with an 80-72 decision over the Comets.

"We really needed to win", said Tilghman's Berny Miller, following the game. "And we needed it against someone tough like Carlisle County."

"We got a good strong team effort tonight and we played a strong defensive game. It would be difficult to single out any one player. We played eight boys and they all preformed well for us."

When Richard Abraham, the Blue Tornado's 6-3 senior center, got inside for a two pointer off the glass with 4:03 showing on the clock, Tilghman led 71-61.

But a basket by Carlisle's Kevin Hoskins cut the margin to eight points and full court pressure forced two straight Tilghman turnovers, which the visitors converted into baskets, cutting the score to 71-67.

Tilghman then managed to break the press and David Davis, a 5-9 sophomore guard playing for Larry Beard, who was on the bench with four fouls, got the ball inside to Abraham to stop the Comet string.

Carlisle cut it back to four points on a driving layup by forward Bart Thomason, who finished with 21 points for the night.

Tilghman's Davis then hit both ends of a one-and-one and the Tornado moved out by six again.

The Comets' Nathan Hall matched Davis' foul shooting and pulled his squad back within four points with only 39 seconds left.

Tilghman guard Greg Overstreet was fouled on the inbounds play as the Comets fought for the ball and he calmly sank both free throws to make the score 78-72.

Following a Carlisle turnover, Overstreet was fouled once again with only 16 seconds left in the contest. The slim junior, who ran the Tornado offence and dished out 11 assists, again sank both ends of his one-and-bonus to close out the scoring and pick up his 15th and 16th points of the night.

Carlisle County opened the game going inside to 5-10 forward Chuck Hayden. The Tornado defenders sent Hayden to the line eight times in the first quarter as they were unable to stop the Comet strongman without fouling him. Hayden responded by hitting six out of eight charity tosses.

Tilghman was forced to switch from it's man-to-man to a zone defense to deny the Comet strategy.

The Tornado defensive adjustments proved effective and the Bluemen were able to break a 16-16 first period tie and move out by at intermission, 38-33. Hayden got 14 of his game-high 26 points in the first half of play.

Tilghman came out after intermission and outscored Carlisle 12-6 to build a 12-point lead but Thomason went to work for the Comets who are now 6-2 for the year.

With Thomason tallying 11 points, the Comets outscored the Bluemen 13-4 and closed to 55-52 with only 46 seconds remaining in the quarter. However, a hoop by Abraham and a driving layup by Overstreet as the horn sounded, gave the Tornado a seven-point bulge at the end of the three periods.

Beard led the Tilghman scorers with 22 and Abraham added 20 in addition to grabbing 11 rebounds. David Lambert, Tilghman's 6-3 forward, snared 13 caroms to lead the Tornado in rebounding.

Tilghman shot a solid 55 percent from the field on 33 of 60 and connected on 14 of 21 free throws.

Carlisle.....16 33 52 72
Tilghman.....16 39 59 80

Carlisle (72)
Hayden 26, Thomason 21, Crowley 6, Hunt 6, K. Hoskins 5, Hook 4, Hall 4.

Tilghman (80)
Beard 22, Abraham 20, Overstreet 16, Lambert 10, Allen 6, Morrison 2, Davis 4, York.

Carlisle Co. 48
Heath 49
12-12-78 - Away

The Pirates and Comets battled from the opening jump to the final second when a desperation shot by Carlisle County failed to connect.

The Comets got off to an early lead and enjoyed a seven-point lead in the first half, but the Pirates caught up at the end of the third quarter and built a four-point advantage with 4½ minutes left in the game.

The visiting Carlisle County Comets, pulled back to within one point at 49-48 and had an opportunity to win, when a Heath turnover gave Carlisle the ball out of bounds under its own goal with one second left in the contest. When the attempt failed, the Comets dropped their second straight decision and are now 6-3 on the year.

Both squads connected at 17 field goals with Heath firing up 42 attempts and Carlisle County getting off 47 tries.

The Pirate margin came at the foul stripe, where it was 15 of 20 for the Comets.

The Pirates, whose record is now 3-2, will meet Marshall County Friday night at Heath in their next game.

Carlisle.....10 27 36 48
Heath.....8 24 36 49

Carlisle (48)
Hayden 10, Thomason 8, Crowley 10, Hall 2, K. Hoskins 12, Hook 2, Hunt 4

Heath (49)
Morris 16, Dickey 9, Bobo 7, Lakin, Skinner 6, Christian 9, Wright 2, Earl, Fletcher.

Comets Outlast
Greyhounds

Carlisle Co. 53
Reidland 52
12-16-78 - Away

Reidland had the lead for most of the game in its contest with Carlisle County, but the Comets managed to collect a basket with five seconds left to win 53-52.

The Greyhounds called time out, then and got a jumper off as the buzzer went off, but it bounced harmlessly off the rim.

With two minutes left in the third quarter, Reidland had managed to pull out to a nine-point advantage, 36-27, after a halftime lead of 26-21. Carlisle came back, however, and were down only one point, 38-37, at the end of the third quarter.

Nathan Hall sank a jumper from the baseline to give the Comets their eighth win against three losses. Reidland is now 1-5.

"You've got to give Reidland credit," said Carlisle coach Craynor Slone. "They made us play, but we didn't play well." Slone added that his team hasn't played well in three games. "It was just a fluke that we won," he said.

The Comets' Bart Thomason led all scorers with 13 points. Teammate Paul Crowley was right behind him with 12.

Reidland was paced by Mark Santa Cruz, who collected 12 points. Three other Greyhounds, Chris Cartwright, Lewis Lawson and David Rodgers, each added 10 points.

Carlisle.....17 21 37 53
Reidland.....14 26 38 52

Carlisle (53)
Hayden 6, Thomason 13, Crowley 12, Hall 4, K. Hoskins 10, Hunt 8, Ron Nelson, Hook.

Reidland (52)
Cartwright 10, Wiggins 8, Santa Cruz 12, Lawson 10, Rogers 10, Merry 2.

Unbeaten Pilots
Thump Rival Comets

Carlisle Co. 50
Fulton Co. 64
12-19-78 - Away

Fifth-ranked Fulton County raised its record to 6-0 Tuesday night by whipping No. 7 Carlisle County 64-50 in First District boys action.

Darvell Holder, a 6-4 senior, poured in 20 points to pace the Pilots, who claimed the Championship of the Calloway County Invitational Tournament over the weekend.

Ralph Akers and Gary White chipped in 12 points for Fulton County.

Bart Thomason was the lone player in double figures for Carlisle County with 12 points.

The Pilots held a 15-9 lead at the end of the first frame and upper their margin 32-21 at intermission. They moved from a 49-31 advantage at the end of the third quarter to the final 14-point winning margin.

Carlisle.....9 21 31 50
Fulton.....15 33 49 64

Carlisle (50)
Hayden 9, Thomason 12, Crowley 5, K. Hoskins 8, Hunt 2, Hall 8, Hook 6.

Fulton Co. (64)
McKinney 6, Akers 12, White 12, Holder 20, Warren 8, Curtis 6.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 63
Tilghman 80
12-28-78 - Away

The final game of the night in the Tilghman Christmas Tourn., saw Tilghman dump Carlisle County for the second time this season. Tilghman won the earlier meeting 80-72 with the help of 20 points from center Richard Abraham, since sidelined with an ankle injury.

Following the game, Tilghman coach Berny Miller indicated there is no longer any swelling and the 6-foot-3, 235-pounder is able to put his weight on his ankle now.

According to Miller, there are still other medical opinions pending as to the length of time the recent University of Kentucky football signee will be sidelined, but Miller is optimistic for a return in the next couple of weeks.

The Bluemen took control of the contest with a second-quarter outburst.

Carlisle.....13 23 46 63
Tilghman.....15 34 57 80

Carlisle (63)
Hayden 15, Crice, Thomason 14, Ron Nelson 2, Crowley 11, Hall 6, Hoskins 8, Hook 4, Hunt 3, Milner

Tilghman (80)
Overstreet 20, Beard 22, York 13, Lambert 8, Morrison 9, Davis 6, Hatcher 2, Van Cleave, Barnett, Baker, Cox, Pope, Sykes.

Carlisle Co. 68
Fulton City 62
01-02-79 - Away

Bart Thomason scored 20 pts. to lead Carlisle Co. over Fulton City. Paul Crowley added 17 points for the Comets and Kevin Hoskins had 10.

Mack Workman led the Bulldog scoring with 21 points. Anthony Parker had 16 and Wes Huddleston 10.

Carlisle County hit 14 of 27 from the foul line for 52 percent and collected 49 rebounds.

Fulton City went 25 of 59 from the floor for 43 percent and 12 of 18 from the line for 67 percent. The Bulldogs pulled down 45 rebounds.

Carlisle County, 9-4, travels to Fulton County and Fulton City, 2-5, hosts Farmington Friday.

Carlisle.....10 35 54 68
Fulton City.....12 26 47 62

Carlisle (68)
Hayden 7, Thomason 20, Crowley 17, Hall 6, Hoskins 10, Hook 6, Hunt 2

Fulton City (62)
Huddleston 11, Parker 16, Workman 21, Jolley 8, Bizzle 2, Sullivan 2, Pearson 2.

Carlisle Co. 54
Hickman Co. 71
01-03-79 - Home

Ed Deberry scored 32 pts. and Otis Allen added 19 points for the Falcons.

Bart Thomason and Kevin Hoskins had 17 and 15 points, respectively, for the Comets.

Carlisle.....18 35 46 54
Hickman.....19 40 51 71

Carlisle (54)
Hayden 6, Thomason 17, Crowley 8, K. Hoskins 15, Hook 4, Hunt 4.

Hickman (71)
Dixon 2, Berry 2, Allen 19, Deberry 32, Rhodes 8, Cruse 2, Crume 6.

Carlisle Co. 74
Ballard Co. 58
01-05-79 - Home

Carlisle County rolled to a 74-58 decision over Ballard Co. Thursday night in a make-up game, forced by bad weather earlier in the year.

Carlisle County got 18 points from Bart Thomason and Chuck Hayden as the Comets picked up their 10th win of the year.

Carlisle.....10 35 51 74
Ballard.....14 24 34 58

Carlisle (74)
Crowley 4, Thomason 18, Hall 4, Hunt 9, K. Hoskins 10, Hayden 18, Crice 2, Hook 9, Ron Nelson, Milner.

Ballard (58)
King 8, Moss 22, Bowles 7, Allen 2, Gough 2, Myers 14, Cavanaugh 1, Story 2.

Carlisle Co. 75
Sedalia 55
01-05-79 - Away

The Comets got 23 points from center Paul Crowley to pick up their 11th win against six losses.

Carlisle County grabbed a 21-11 first quarter lead and was never really challenged the rest of the way.

David Seay's 22 points topped Sedalia scorers. Joe Ben Pritchard added 17 in the losing cause.

Carlisle.....21 36 46 75
Sedalia.....11 15 31 55

Carlisle (75)
Crowley 23, Hayden 9, Thomason 10, Hall 4, Crice 2, Hunt 6, Hook 7, K. Hoskins 12, Milner 2.

Sedalia (55)
McBee 10, Davidson 2, Lamb 2, Seay 22, Pritchard 17, Lowes.

Ballard Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 74
Ballard Co. 52
01-24-79 - Away

The Ballard-Carlisle game was the kind that causes the fans to continually check the scoreboard to see if there had been some error.

Carlisle County's Comets, were much stronger than Ballard, but at the end of three quarters, they only held a 42-32 advantage.

"I don't know what took us so long to get rolling," said Carlisle's Craynor Slone. "We missed an awful lot of opportunities to move away early in this one. We just had trouble getting the ball to fall through."

But the Comet woes seemed to vanish in the final quarter and during the first three minutes of the period the Comets outscored the Bombers 15-6 to put the contest out of reach.

Comet forward Bart Thomason led all scorers with 22 points.

Paul Crowley, Kevin Hoskins and Shaun Hook all scored 12 points for the winners, who hit 28 of 52 shots from the field. Ballard was led in scoring by Hal Moss with 18.

The Comets were out-rebounded 35-33 by the Bombers, but had the game's top rebounder in Crowley who grabbed 11. Tim Bowles, who scored 14 points, led the Bomber rebounders with nine grabs.

Carlisle.....12 25 42 74
Ballard.....6 16 32 52

Carlisle (74)
Crowley 12, Hayden 9, Thomason 22, Hunt 2, K. Hoskins 12, Hook 12, Hall 2, Ron Nelson, Milner 2.

Ballard (52)
Myers 3, King , Moss 18, Bowles 14, Allen 2, Givens, Gough 2, Cavanaugh 7, Lane, Story 4, Giles, Clouser.

Ballard Co. Tourn.
2nd Round
Slow Starting Cards
Win In Second Round

Carlisle Co. 58
Mayfield 68
01-26-79 - Away

"We played the entire first half without emotion, had no movement and no boardwork," said Roger Fields, following Wednesday night's win over Carlisle Co.

The victory sends the Cardinals against Marshall County, a 77-70 winner over Murray in the first game Wednesday night, into the championship game of the tournament at 7 p.m. Monday.

"We came out on the floor like we were here only because we happened to be in a semi-final game and really didn't care. Then we just stood around waiting for Carlisle Co. to collapse," Fields said.

The Comets finally collapsed, after Mayfield got its offense untracked midway through the third quarter.

With 4:43 left the period and Mayfield trailing 40-38, the Cardinals finally began to play like the regions No. 1 ball club.

Wes Mills, the game's top scorer with 18 points, hit a basket to tie the score and ignite a run of 13 straight points for Mayfield.

The Mayfield defense held Carlisle County without a point until the 1:46 mark, when sophomore Nathan Hall, a 6-foot-5 center, scored inside to trim Mayfield's lead to 51-42.

The Comets scored again on a basket by Paul Crowley, but then the two teams traded baskets the remainder of the quarter, making the score 56-46 Mayfield at the end of the period.

But the Cardinals were not finished.

After the teams exchanged baskets to begin the final period, Mayfield ran off another string of seven points to build a 63-48 lead at the 4:54 mark.

In a span of 7 minutes and 49 seconds, the Cardinals outscored the Comets 27-8 to lock up the victory.

"We played right with them for the first half," said Carlisle County's Craynor Slone. "But their strength and muscle finally showed. I know it's an understatement, but Mayfield is really a fine ball team."

During the Mayfield explosion, Mills accounted for seven points. David Youngblood, who finished with 16 points for the game, and David Wyatt, playing in place of the injured Jeff Boyd, scored five. David Clymer and George Williams scored four each, and Marcus Moss added two.

Mayfield finished the evening hitting 26 of 62 from the floor for 42 percent and 16 of 23 from the foul line for 70 percent.

Kevin Hoskins scored 14 points to lead the Comets. Chuck Hayden had 11 and Bart Thomason added 10.

The Comets hit 37 percent from the field on a 23 of 61 performance and were 12 of 19 at the free throw line for 63 percent.

The Comets out rebounded the Cardinals 35-32. Crowley, who finished with eight points, had a game-high 12 rebounds.

Mayfield's Youngblood and George Williams, who scored 14 points each had 11 rebounds.

Carlisle.....14 32 46 58
Mayfield.....14 30 56 68

Carlisle (58)
Crowley 8, Hayden 11, Thomason 10, Hunt 2, Hook 4, K. Hoskins 14, Hall 9.

Mayfield (68)
Williams 14, Wyatt 9, Youngblood 16, Mills 18, Clymer 4, M. Moss 5, Parrott 2.

Carlisle Co. 63
Reidland 55
01-31-79 - Away

Bart Thomason scored 19 points to help the ninth- ranked Comets subdue Reidland.

Reidland held a 13-11 first-quarter lead, but fell behind by eight at halftime.

Jeff Wiggins, who topped all scorers with 20 points, led the way as Reidland closed to within four points at the end of three periods.

But the Comets outscored the Greyhounds 22-18 in the final period to lock up the win.

Carlisle.....11 29 41 63
Reidland.....13 21 37 55

Carlisle (63)
Crowley 6, Hayden 11, Thomason 19, Hunt 2, Hoskins 12, Hook 7, Hall 6.

Reidland (55)
Cartwright 9, Merry 11, Wiggins 20, Santa Cruz 6, Lawson 7, Rogers 2.

Marshall Co. 67
Carlisle Co. 52
02-02-79 - Away

Marshall County jumped to a 16-7 first quarter lead and extended it to 35-17 at halftime. Carlisle got within 10 points at the end of three periods but could get no closer.

Orr and Dunigan each scored 21 points, high in the game to pace the Marshall's win.

Chuck Hayden scored 15 points to lead the Comet scorers. Paul Crowley added 12 points for Carlisle County.

Marshall County shot 53 percent from the floor, hitting 20 of 38 attempts. The Marshall's were 27 of 43 at the free throw line. The Comets hit 16 of 47 from the floor for 34 percent and 20 for 38 in the free throw department.

Orr and Kevin Munro each grabbed nine rebounds to help give the Marshall's a 43-25 rebounding advantage.

Carlisle.....7 17 37 52
Marshall.....14 35 47 67

Carlisle (52)
Crowley 12, Hayden 15, Thomason 2, Hunt 6, Hoskins 9, Hook 8, Ron Nelson, Hall, Crice, Milner.

Marshall (67)
Orr 21, D. Ridley 5, Munro 7, Dunn 4, Dunigan 21, B. Ridley 9, Steele, Hall, Smith, Noles.

Carlisle Co. 64
Fulton Co. 61
02-03-79 - Away

The Comets overcame a five-point deficit in the final quarter en route to their win over district rival Fulton County.

Chuck Hayden and Paul Crowley paced Carlisle County with 18 and 17 points, respectively. Bart Thomason added 12 points.

Ralph Akers led Fulton County, now 13-3, with 18 points. Joe Warren had 16 points, and Willie McKinney added 12.

Carlisle.....12 29 48 64
Fulton.....14 23 35 61

Carlisle (64)
Crowley 17, Hayden 18, Thomason 12, Hunt 4, Hoskins 7, Hook 4, Hall 2.

Fulton Co. (61)
Akers 18, McKinney 12, Bishop 2, White 2. Warren 16, Alexander 8, Darrell Holder 2.

Williams Fuels
Mayfield's Win

Carlisle Co. 64
Mayfield 82
02-06-79 - Away

Mayfield moved out to an 11-point first-quarter lead and extended it to 20 points at halftime en route to its 21st win in 22 games.

In addition to Williams' game-high total, the Cardinals got 18 points from Wes Mills and 12 from David Youngblood. Chuck Hayden scored 18 points to pace the Comets. Bart Thomason had 14 points for Carlisle Co., which is now 14-9.

Carlisle.....9 24 40 64
Mayfield.....20 44 66 82

Carlisle (64)
Hayden 18, Thomason 14, Crowell 2, Hunt 6, Hoskins 6, Hook 10, Ron Nelson 2, Hall 6.

Mayfield (82)
Williams 22, Wyatt 8, Youngblood 12, Mills 18, Clymer 7, Beale 6, T. Moss 1, Pyle 2, Parrent 6, M. Moss, Biggers.

Carlisle Co. 65
Fulton City 55
02-13-79 - Home

Ninth-ranked Carlisle County rallied from a 16-12 deficit, after the first quarter to batter Fulton City 65-55.

The Comets, now 15-8, outscored Fulton City 21-8 in the second quarter to take a 33-24 halftime lead and they weren't threatened again in the contest.

Senior forward Chuck Hayden was the Comets' top scorer with 18 points and was followed by senior guard Kevin Hoskins and 6-foot-6 junior Paul Crowley, who scored 14 and 12 points, respectively. Dickerson was Fulton City's leading scorer with 20 points.

Carlisle.....12 33 52 65
Fulton City.....16 24 41 55

Carlisle (65)
Crowley 12, Hayden 18, Thomason 9, Hunt 6, Hoskins 14, Hall 6.

Fulton City (55)
Patterson 2, Parker 12, Workman 6, Jolley 11, Sullivan 4, Dickerson 20, Bizzle, Wade, Patton.

Carlisle Co. 47
Heath 46
02-16-79 - Home

The Pirates, who trailed 44-35 at the end of three periods, rallied in the last quarter to pull within a point, but never managed to regain the lead from the Comets.

Chuck Hayden scored 14 points to lead the Comets. The Pirates' Hal Skinner took top honors with 16 pts.

Carlisle County, now 16-9, hit five of 10 shots from the foul line. The Pirates hit 12 of 19 free throws.

Carlisle.....10 34 44 47
Heath.....14 25 35 46

Carlisle (47)
Crowley 4, Hayden 14, Thomason 10, Hunt 9, Hoskins 4, Hook, Hall 6.

Heath (46)
Morris 14, Dickey 8, Bobo, S. Lakin 2, Christian, H. Skinner 16, Earle 2, Wright 4.

Carlisle Co. 48
Ballard Co. 41
02-20-79 - Away

Ninth-ranked Carlisle County put together an 11-point scoring spurt in the final three minutes of the game to overtake Ballard Co. for a 48-41 victory.

The Bombers held a two-point advantage at the three-minute mark, before the Comets rallied to take the seven-point victory.

Bart Thomason paced the Comets with 17 points and was followed by Kevin Hoskins and Chuck Hayden, who scored 15 and 10 points, respectively. Blake King topped the Bombers with 16 points and Kit Givens added 12.

Carlisle County hit 12 of 14 free throws for 86 percent. Ballard Co. hit 5 of 8 free throws for 62 percent and 18 of 39 field goal attempts for 46 percent.

Carlisle County plays host to Lone Oak Friday, while the Bombers, 2-13, entertain Hickman County Thursday night.

Carlisle.....8 17 29 48
Ballard.....9 18 27 41

Carlisle (48)
Thomason 17, K. Hoskins 15, Hayden 10, Hunt 4, Crowley 2.

Ballard (41)
King 16, Givens 12, Cavanaugh 9, Boaz 2, Allen 2, Myers.

St. Mary 79
Carlisle Co. 68
02-21-79 - Home

No. 4 St. Mary outlasted Carlisle Co. behind a 22-pt. efforts by Jeff Riedfort and Ronnie Scheer.

The two teams were deadlocked at 33-33 at intermission, but the Vikings took control by outscoring the Comets 19-13 in the third period.

Marcus Cooper and Donald Vinson added 17 and 11 points, respectively, to the St. Mary attack.

Chuck Hayden topped Carlisle County 18-9 with 15 points and Kevin Hoskins and Bart Thomason added 14 and 12, respectively.

St. Mary…..…17 33 52 79
Carlisle.....15 33 46 68

Carlisle (68)
Crowley 8, Hayden 15, Thomason 12, Hoskins 14, Hunt 4, Hook 8, Hall 7.

St. Mary (79)
Riedfort 22, Scheer 22, Cooper 17, Hayden 2, Vinson 11, Rust 1, Matchem 4, York R. Quigley.

Carlisle Co. 77
Lone Oak 72
02-23-79 - Home

Carlisle County rallied from a 57-50 deficit at the end of the third quarter to knot the score at 68 at the end of regulation.

Bart Thomason had 20 points for the Comets. Kevin Hoskins added 17 points and Chuck Hayden had 13.

The Comets finish the regular season with a 18-10 mark.

Carlisle.....18 40 50 68 77
Lone Oak....16 39 57 68 72

Carlisle (77)
Crowley 6, Hayden 13, Thomason 20, Hoskins 17, Hunt 4, Hook 9, Hall 8.

Lone Oak (72)
Dreher 18, Shuemaker 11, Hancock 16, Houser 11, Hobbs 4, Ellington 12, Hagan.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Stuns
Fulton Co.

Carlisle Co. 69
Fulton Co. 57
02-28-79 - Home

Paul Crowley and Chuck Hayden combined for 34 points and sophomore Nathan Hall came off the bench to score 10 second half points to lead ninth ranked Carlisle County to a 69-57 decision over seventh ranked Fulton County Friday night in the First District tournament.

The Comets jumped ahead 12-5 at the end of the first period, but the Pilots closed to within a basket at 27-25 at intermission, the game was tied four times in the third quarter, the last at 35-35, but the Comets out scored the Pilots 8-2 the remainder of the quarter to take a 47-37 lead.

"We were very patient on offense," said Comets coach Craynor Slone. "We just worked the ball until we got a good shot. We played good defense and kept them off the boards."

Hall, a 6-foot-5 sophomore scored all 10 of his points in a 4½ minute period at the end of the third quarter and the opening of the fourth as the Comets pulled away for their 19th win in 29 games. Crowley, a 6-6 junior and Hayden, a 5-11 senior, each scored 17 points for the winners.

"Fulton County got out of their zone and went man-to-man near the end of third quarter. We got a couple of quick easy buckets and took the lead," said Slone.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Comets went into a delay offense, forcing Fulton County to foul in an attempt to gain possession. Carlisle County was then able to widen the margin.

The Comets finished with a 62 percent mark from the field hitting 26 of 42 shots. At the foul line, they were 17 of 27 for 62 percent.

"We believed we could win," said Carlisle's Craynor Slone. "But we also knew it would take a super effort. We've played a number of good games this year, but this was our best."

Fulton County hit 25 of 52 shots from the floor for 48 percent and 7 of 13 free throws for 54 percent.

Carlisle.....12 27 43 69
Fulton Co.....5 25 37 57

Carlisle (69)
Crowley 17, Hayden 17, K. Hoskins 11, Thomason 6, Hunt 4, Hook 4, Hall 10, Crice, Milner, Ron Nelson.

Fulton Co. (57)
Akers 11, Darvell Holder 20, McKinney 14, Curtis 8 Darrell Holder 4, Warren, White.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Patience Pays Off
In Falcon Victory

Carlisle Co. 51
Hickman Co. 61
03-01-79 - Home

Carlisle County started the game with a torrid eight-for-eight shooting performance from the field and jumped out quickly to a 16-6 lead.

Hickman County's game is a deliberate brand of ball, taking only the wide open shot or drawing the foul and Saturday night the Falcons worked it to perfection.

They began a run at the end of the first quarter, that saw them outscore the Comets 20-2 over the next six minutes, to take control of the game.

The loss was Carlisle County's 11th in 30 contests and the second loss in three games to the Falcons.

Carlisle.....16 22 30 51
Hickman.....10 28 40 61

Carlisle (51)
Crowley 11, Hayden 8, Thomason 6, Hoskins 11, Hunt 9, Hook 6, Hall, Crice,

Hickman (61)
Berry 8, Dixon 11, Deberry 20, Rhodes 9, O. Allen 12, Weatherspoon 1, Crume.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Patience Helps Carlisle
Operate On Murray In Two Overtime's

Carlisle Co. 47
Murray 46
03-05-79 - Away

The ninth-ranked Comets managed only one field goal to Murray's seven in the first quarter, but hit 9 of 12 free throws to trail only 15-11 at the break.

But Murray capitalized on the Comets' poor shooting in the second quarter and jumped to a 26-18 halftime lead. Carlisle County hit only 4 of 17 from the floor for 23 percent.

For the game, Carlisle County hit 19 of 28 from the line for 68 percent, while Murray hit only four of seven for 57 percent.

Crowley led Carlisle County with 14 points, 12 of them in the second half.

Carlisle County hit 14 of 35 from the floor for 40 percent, while Murray hit 21 of 58 for 36 percent. Murray out-rebounded Carlisle Co. 36-34.

Carlisle…..11 18 31 38 41 47
Murray…..15 26 34 38 41 46

Carlisle (47)
B. Thomason 4, Hunt 2, K. Hoskins 7, N. Hall 4, Hook 6, C. Hayden 9, Crowley 14.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Mayfield Dims
Comets Light

Mayfield 66
Carlisle Co. 51
03-09-79 - Away

Worried that his team might not be able to match baskets for the last six minutes, Mayfield Coach Roger Fields went to a defense that hadn't worked for him earlier, a 2-1-2 zone.

"We had to do something," he said "They were whipping us man-to-man. We felt we had to make some kind of change. We'd go down and score. Then they'd do it, too. We had to make them take the outside shot.

When the top-ranked Cardinals went to the 2-1-2, they led 48-40. A quick basket by Carlisle County sophomore Nathan Hall trimmed the margin to five points, but that was a close as the Comets would get.

Aided by David Youngblood's 6 points and George Williams' 5, Mayfield outscored Carlisle 12-4 over a five-minute stretch to wrap up its 28th win in the 32 games and the 50th career victory for fields.

Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone, whose team ended the season at 20-12, agreed that Mayfield's defense caused the Comets problems, but he said its wasn't the 2-1-2 that hurt them.

"What hurt us was their man-to-man defense, while they were in it," he said. "They really ran us out of our offense. Their man-to-man pressure wouldn't let us do what we wanted to do."

Carlisle County was led by Chuck Hayden's 14 points and Hall's 13.

Carlisle County hit 24 of 54 field goals for 44 percent and 3 of 7 free throws.

Carlisle.....8 26 38 51
Mayfield.....14 30 44 66

Carlisle (51)
B. Thomason 4, Hunt 2, K. Hoskins 6, N. Hall 13, Hook 4, Ron Nelson, Crice, C. Hayden 14, Crowley 6, Milner 2.

Mayfield (66)
Pyle 1, Moss, Beale 3, Wyatt, Youngblood 18, Williams 30, Boyd 8, Clymer 6.

1978-79

	Farmington	Fancy Farm	St. Mary	Symsonia	Lone Oak	Livingston Co.	Hickman Co.	Lowes	Tilghman	Heath	Reidland	Fulton Co.	Tilghman	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Ballard Co.							
Chuck Hayden	24	11	15	19	11	13	10	15	26	10	6	9	15	7	6	18							
Paul Crowley	14	9	9	4	14	10	8	8	6	10	12	5	11	17	8	4							
Kevin Hoskins	13	13	12	10	20	10	8	12	4	12	10	8	8	10	15	10							
Bart Thomason	14	11	10	14	17	19	12	17	21	8	13	12	14	20	17	18							
Ron Nelson	2		4	2	0	0					0		2			0							
Marsh Hunt	4		4	5	4	0	14	11	6	4	8	2	3	2	4	9							
Shawn Hook	4			2			0	9	4	2	0	6	4	6	4	9							
Nathen Hall		1	10	4		0	2		4	2	4	8	6	6		4							
Rodney Crice		9		2									0			2							
Mike Hogancamp	11			2																			
Kirk Milner													0			0							

1978-79

	Sedalia	Ballard Co.	Mayfield	Reidland	Marshall Co.	Fulton Co.	Mayfield	Fulton City	Heath	Ballard Co.	St. Mary	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Hickman Co.	Murray	Mayfield					Games	Pts.	Avg.
Chuck Hayden	9	12	11	11	15	18	18	18	14	10	15	13	17	8	9	14					32	427	13.34
Paul Crowley	23	9	8	6	12	17	2	12	4	2	8	6	17	11	14	6					32	306	9.56
Kevin Hoskins	12	12	14	12	9	7	6	14	4	15	14	17	11	11	7	6					32	346	10.81
Bart Thomason	10	22	10	19	2	12	14	9	10	17	12	20	6	6	4	4					32	414	12.91
Ron Nelson		0			0		2						0			0					13	12	0.92
Marsh Hunt	6	2	2	2	6	4	6	6	9	4	4	4	4	9	2	2					31	152	4.9
Shawn Hook	7	12	4	7	8	4	10		0		8	9	4	6	6	4					26	139	5.34
Nathen Hall	4	2	9	6	0	2	6	6	6		7	8	10	0	4	13					27	134	4.96
Rodney Crice	2				0								0	0		0					9	15	1.66
Mike Hogancamp																					2	13	6.5
Kirk Milner	2	2			0								0			2					7	6	0.85
								Team Record - 20-12						Per Game Avg. - 61.37						Total Pts.		1964	

Career	Games		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Chuck Hayden	73			52	455	427	934	12.79
Kevin Hoskins	32					346	346	10.81
Bart Thomason	32					414	414	12.93
Shawn Hook	31			6	0	139	145	4.67
Mike Hogancamp	20			4	91	13	108	5.4

1979-80

HEAD COACH – CRAYNOR SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH - MARK COOPER

TROPHIES WON

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 24-7

1979-80

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-13-79	Fancy Farm	46-30	A	
11-17-79	St. Mary	56-36	H	
11-22-79	Lone Oak	**45-46 ot**	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-27-79	Hickman Co.	64-44	A	
12-03-79	Lowes	58-40	A	
12-07-79	Sedalia	78-44	A	
12-10-79	Tilghman	68-62	H	
12-11-79	Heath	73-45	H	
12-14-79	Ballard Co.	67-49	A	
12-18-79	Fulton Co	50-42	A	
12-28-79	Heath	52-51	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-29-79	Lone Oak	**53-57**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-04-80	Tilghman	59-58	A	
01-05-80	Fulton City	74-45	H	
01-08-80	Hickman Co.	47-32	H	
01-19-80	Sedalia	92-45	H	
01-24-80	Murray	77-55	A	- **BALLARD TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-26-80	Mayfield	**47-56**	A	- **BALLARD TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-29-80	Reidland	81-59	H	
02-02-80	Fulton Co	69-47	H	
02-11-80	Mayfield	65-58	H	
02-12-80	Fulton City	**49-53**	A	
02-16-80	Heath	32-29	A	
02-19-80	Ballard Co.	79-54	H	
02-20-80	St. Mary	**63-71**	A	
02-23-80	Lone Oak	**54-62**	A	
02-26-80	Fancy Farm	77-44	H	
03-08-80	Fulton Co	59-56 **2ot**	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-09-80	Fulton City	63-56	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-15-80	Farmington	64-40	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-17-80	Marshall Co.	**60-61**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 24-7

1980 Comets – District Champion



Coach Mark Cooper, Kirk Milner, David Henley, Phillip Hall, Ronnie Nelson, Kenny Gibson, Paul Crowley, Nathan Hall, Rodney Crice, Robert Nelson, Phil Elliott, Coach Craynor Sloane, Chris Guhy, Marsh Hunt, Joe Dunn.

1979-1980

HEAD COACH – CRAYNOR SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH - MARK COOPER

TROPHIES WON
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 24-7

1979-80 COMET ROSTER:
Paul Crowley, Marsh Hunt, Ron Nelson, Kenny Gibson, Nathen Hall, Rodney Crice, Rob Nelson, Phillip Hall, Kirk Milner, Chris Guhy, Phil Elliott, David Henley, Joe Dunn.

Tilghman Isn't Likely To Be 'Disappointing' This Time. Carlisle Co. Is 3rd In First Coaches Poll Of The 1979-80 Season

Perhaps no high school basketball program in western Ky. has enjoyed as much success in recent years as Paducah Tilghman. The Blue Tornado have been synonymous with winning in the First Region.

In his 11 years as head coach at the school, Berny Miller has guided Tilghman teams to 4 State Tourn. appearances and 9 District Championships. During that period, the Blue Tornado failed only once to qualify for the regional tourn.

That's why Miller can call last year's 16-11 record a disappointment. "Last year was the poorest record that I'd ever had," he said recently.

"That's the first time we hadn't won 21 games in a season."

Mayfield, it seems, has been stealing all the basketball thunder in these parts for the past few years. Coach Roger Fields' Cardinals have made two consecutive trips to the "Sweet Sixteen."

But, David Youngblood, Mayfield's 6-8 All-State center, has gone to Southern Illinois University to play for the Salukis. Two other starters from last year's regional champions have graduated, too.

"I think Mayfield, with their quickness and experience, will have an excellent team," said Miller.

"Mayfield would have to be second," added Slone of Carlisle Co. "I know how quick they are. They'll be knocking on the door, take my word for it."

The Carlisle Co. coach returns 2 starters from a club that went 20-12 last year. Back are 6-7 center Paul Crowley and 5-8 guard Marsh Hunt.

Crowley averaged 10 pts. and 8 rebs. per game last year, while Hunt hit 6 pts. Slone can also call on Kenny Gibson and 6-6 Nathan Hall at forward.

"We may be the biggest team, but that doesn't mean you'll be good," said Slone. "Our kids could be good by the end of the year. We have size, but those people need experience.

Crowley has been averaging 13 pts. per game in Carlisle County's first 2 games – both wins – and the Comet coach said his skinny center could become quite a player.

"He needs to get stronger," said Slone. "He only weighs 170 pounds. He's definitely one of the best players in the region."

1. Tilghman (17)....188
2. Mayfield (2).....169
3. Carlisle Co. (1)..152
4. Marshall Co.....128
5. Heath.....78
6. Murray.....60
7. Livingston.....59
8. Lone Oak.....58
9. Hickman Co.....44
10. Lyon Co.....34

Carlisle Co. 46
Fancy Farm 30
11-13-79 - Away

The Comets got balanced scoring in their opening game of the year.

Ronnie Nelson led the way with 12 points, while Paul Crowley and Marsh Hunt had nine a each. Nathan Hall added six points for the winners.

Carlisle Co. started slowly, leading 8-4 after one period and 20-11 at the half. In the third period, the Comets outscored the Gophers 12-8 and led 32-19 at the end of the quarter.

Fancy Farm, still looking for its first victory after four games, was led by Walter Rowe, who had 12 points.

The Comets were 18 for 56 from the field and 10-for-14 at the line. Fancy Farm hit 12 of 37 field goal attempts and sank 6 of 12 attempts from the free throw line. The Comets held a 31-25 advantage in rebounding.

Carlisle……..8 20 32 46
Fancy Farm…..4 11 19 30

Carlisle (46)
Nelson 12, Gibson 4, Crowley 9, Crice 5, Hunt 9, N. Hall 6, Guhy 1.

Fancy Farm (30)
Rowe 12, Black 4, Toon 3, Carrico 2, Curtsinger 6, Richard 3.

Carlisle Trio Guns Down St. Mary

Carlisle Co. 56
St. Mary 36
11-17-79 - Home

Paul Crowley, Nathan Hall, and Kenny Gibson combined for 42 points Friday night to power Carlisle County past St. Mary, 56-36.

Crowley, who also grabbed 14 rebounds, was the leading scorer in the game with 16 points. Hall finished with 14 and Gibson had 12 for the Comets, who are undefeated in two games this season.

Carlisle County was 26 of 50 from the floor and 4-for-9 at the free throw line. St. Mary had 13 field goals and sank 10 of 18 tries at the foul line.

Carlisle……..16 32 42 56
St. Mary……..6 18 29 36

Carlisle (56)
Crowley 16, N. Hall 14, Gibson 12, Hunt 7, Ron Nelson 3, Rob Nelson 2, P. Hall, Guhy, Milner, Henley, Dunn.

St. Mary (36)
Hayden 10, Cooper 10, Matchem 7, York 4, Shelby 4, Quigley 1, Rust.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 45
Lone Oak 46
11-22-79 - Away

When coach Craynor Slone goes back to work after the Thanksgiving holidays, it's a pretty good bet he will ask the Carlisle County school board to add a new course to the high schools curriculum - free throw shooting.

The Comets showed a need for it in the first game of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament Thursday night as they bowed 46-45 in overtime to Lone Oak.

Had Carlisle County, ranked No. 3 in the recent Sun coaches' poll, been a little more accurate with its free throws, it would have averted overtime and its first loss of the season.

With the score tied at 44, and only four seconds left in the final period, Carlisle's Kenny Gibson, a senior playing his first season since his freshman year, went to the foul line for two shots.

Gibson missed both shots and the game went into overtime.

It's hard to lay the blame on the 6-foot-5 forward, though, because none of Slone's players were able to connect from the line in the fourth quarter.

The Comets had eight trips, but missed all eight, two of them in 1-and -1 situations.

In the overtime, Ronnie Nelson got his chance to put Carlisle ahead when he was fouled, but he too missed the first of his one-and-one.

Seconds later Hagen gave Lone Oak a 46-44 lead with an 18-foot jumper, the 6-2 Nelson was given another opportunity.

This time he hit the first shot, making the score 46-45, but missed the second. Carlisle got off the last two attempts from the floor before the game ended – but it was just not the Comets' night.

The Comets made 28 visits to the foul line during 35 minutes of play but hit only 11. Lone Oak fared a little better, hitting 10 of 20 foul shots.

The two teams played to a 21-21 tie at the half, and Carlisle led 30-27, after three periods of play. The Comets extended their lead to 34-29 at the 6:37 mark of the final quarter.

Lone Oak managed to battle the towering Comets on even terms during the first two quarters. Carlisle had 15 rebounds to 14 for Lone Oak.

Following the intermission Slone's troops controlled the boards, finishing with a 38-24 advantage. The big margin was at the Carlisle end of the floor, where the Comets out-rebounded Lone Oak 21-11.

Carlisle…..15 21 30 44 45
Lone Oak…12 21 27 44 46

Carlisle (45)
Crowley 14, Gibson 12, Nelson 7, Crice 4, Hunt 1, N. Hall 7, Guhy, P. Hall.

Lone Oak (46)
Bickerstaff 6, R. Cruse 8, Baker 8, Hagan 4, Shuemaker 20, Reed 5, M. Cruse, McIntosh, Clark.

Carlisle Co. 64
Hickman Co. 44
11-27-79 - Away

Paul Crowley scored 25 points and Marsh hunt added 19 as third-ranked Carlisle County rolled past First District rival Hickman County.

The Comets now 3-1, led by six points 17-11 at the end of the first quarter, and extended the margin to 11 at halftime, before-winning by 20.

Carlisle…….17 33 46 64
Hickman……..11 22 34 44

Carlisle (64)
Crowley 25, Ron Nelson 2, Crice 7, Hall 8, Hunt 19, Milner 2, Robert Nelson 2.

Hickman (44)
Dixon 14, Crisp 2, Floyd 8, Walker 4, Allen 10, Cruse.

Crowley Poses
Big Problem

Paul Crowley, center for the Carlisle County High School basketball team, is having a hard time seeing eye-to-eye with anybody this season.

Not that the senior pivotman is the contrary type. Actually, he's an honor student with a 3.97 grade point average, who seems to be a rather agreeable fellow. Crowley just hasn't met any other 6-foot-8 people playing basketball in Western Kentucky this year.

"I haven't played against anybody my size," he said recently by telephone.

And because he's so much taller than any of his opponents, people are having a hard time handling Crowley this year. He's averaging 16 points, 13 rebounds and about three blocked shots per game for the Comets.

His best game to date came Tuesday night, when he scored a season-high 25 points in a 64-44 win over Hickman County – Carlisle County's third victory in four games.

"My shots were just falling," said Crowley. "And that's a big rivalry."

Hickman County coach Dale Ray was impressed.

"He's got good size, and looks like his stamina and strength have increased some," he said. "He actually hurt us outside. Seventy or 80 percent of his damage was from outside. We couldn't give him the 16-to-18 footer. He can stick it, and he gets the ball to his teammate's real well, too."

"I like to shoot outside especially a baseline jumper," said Crowley. "My shooting is stronger outside than inside. When you've got 6-6 Nathan Hall and 6-5 Kenny Gibson inside, you can afford to play outside. You can take more chances when you have someone to help underneath."

Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone, who has the First Region's tallest front line, said he isn't a one-man team by any means.

"Paul isn't the only player we have," he said. "We don't set up anybody. We run our offense and look for everybody. He's not going to score if somebody doesn't get the ball to him. But, Marsh Hunt is doing a good job at guard for us.

"Paul 's going to get better as the season goes along. He got started off kind of slow. I think he'll play better. He can shoot inside or outside, either one. He's not an exceptional jumper, but he blocks out well."

The Comet coach said his big man will be even better once he puts more weight on his skinny 170-pound frame.

He's picked up seven or eight pounds since last year," said Slone. "He needs more strength, no doubt about that. He's just one of those kids who won't pick up any weight until he gets some age on him."

"I've always been thin," said Crowley. "I tried to gain weight this summer, I lifted weights, but it just wasn't me."

Although being tall can be an advantage on the basketball court, it can have its drawbacks elsewhere, he said.

"I have a bed that is six inches longer than a regular bed," Crowley said. "And most of the time I have to get my clothes out of J.C. Penney tall man's catalogue. I don't usually find too much in any one year."

The big Comet center said he has always been taller than his classmates at school.

"I was an inch over 6-foot my freshman year," Crowley said. "It's been a gradual thing, I didn't grow all that much in any one year."

After averaging 10 pts .and eight rebounds for Carlisle County last year, Crowley was picked by many area coaches as one of the region's top players. Because of that, he is receiving a lot of added attention by opponents this year.

"Zones collapse on me," he said. "When we played Lone Oak, they sagged a lot. I believe there'll be a lot of that this year. We're expecting it."

Crowley said he hopes to play college basketball after graduation. "It's always on your mind," he said. "I haven't made up my mind for sure, we'll have to wait and see how the season goes."

Carlisle Co. 58
Lowes 40
12-03-79 – Away

Four Carlisle County shooters scored in double figures as the Comets sent Lowes to its second loss in five games this season.

Ronnie Nelson paced Craynor Slone's Carlisle County club with 14 points, while Kenny Gibson, Nathan Hall and Marsh Hunt scored 10 each.

Dale Mabry led Lowes in scoring with 13 points, while Mark Whitis also reached double figures with 10. Lowes suffered a cold shooting night, connecting on only 14 of 44 field goal attempts. Carlisle County hit 24 of 53 from the field.

Lowes won the battle of the boards, pulling down 23 rebounds to 19 by Carlisle County.

Carlisle……..14 22 35 58
Lowes……..4 14 27 40

Carlisle (58)
Crowley 7, Ron Nelson 5, Gibson 10, N. Hall 10, Rob Nelson 14, Hunt 10, Crice.

Lowes (40)
Spicer 2, Wilkerson 4, Mabry 13, Whitis 10, Adams 6, Dunn 2, Sears 3.

Carlisle Co. 78
Sedalia 44
12-07-79 - Away

Paul Crowley, Carlisle County's 6-foot-8 senior center, led the third ranked Comets to a convincing win over Sedalia with 23 points, while forward Kenny Gibson helped with 17 points. Ronnie Nelson also hit double figures for Carlisle County with 10 points.

Sedalia was paced by Kenny Davidson with 13 points, while Joe Ben Pritchard had 12. Carlisle County sank 14 of 25 free throws and Sedalia hit 22 of 38.

Carlisle…..…...21 38 58 78
Sedalia ……....10 21 36 44

Carlisle (78)
Crowley 23, Hunt 8, Ron Nelson 10, Gibson 17, Milner 2, N. Hall, Crice 2, Rob Nelson 6, Guhy 1, P. Hall 9, Henley.

Sedalia (44)
Pritchard 12, Davidson 13, Lamb 2, Rose 4, Allen 2, Page 4, Mason 5, Motheral, Wiggins 2, Garland.

Carlisle Dances With
Joy After Beating Tilghman

Carlisle Co. 68
Tilghman 62
12-10-79 – Home

Win or lose, there would have been dancing at Carlisle Saturday night. But the Comets' 68-62 win over top-ranked Paducah Tilghman undoubtedly made the homecoming festivities all the sweeter.

"You bet I'm gonna dance tonight," said Comets' coach Craynor Slone. "We really needed the win."

"We didn't play well in the St. Mary tournament, and we needed this one. But let me say right off the top, that Tilghman had to play without (Larry) Beard. It might have been a different game with him."

Beard, Tilghman's high-scoring forward, sat out the entire game with an ankle injury suffered in the third quarter of Friday night's 61-50 win over Blytheville, Ark.

With Beard on the bench next to his coach, the scoring load fell on Troy York. The 6-foot-3 junior center was up to the task, scoring a game-high 29 points, but was unable to offset the balanced scoring of the Carlisle team.

Paul Crowley, Kenny Gibson, and Marsh Hunt all had 16 points for the third-ranked Comets, and Nathan Hall added 14.

Crowley, a 6-8 center hit 8 of 16 field goals, mostly from the 15-foot range. Gibson, a 6-5 senior who hasn't played for the past to two years, showed an excellent touch from just off the key, hitting 7 of the 12 field goals for the night.

Hall planted his 6-6 frame in the middle and hit 7 of his 11 attempts.

Tilghman got 13 points from Greg Overstreet and 11 from David Lambert, but Tim Barnett and Eddie Norris, filling in for the missing Beard, managed only three points between them.

But the victory was not an easy one for the Comets, who got into deep foul trouble in the final period.

After a basket by Hunt put the Comets ahead by four, Hall picked up his fourth foul. A few minutes later, Gibson got his fourth personal, and at the 5:15 mark with his team leading 60-53, Crowley committed his fourth.

With the game in the balance, Slone decided to stay with all three of his big men. "I just told them they'd have to play."

All three managed to stay in the game until Hall was whistled with the Comets leading by six points and 3:44 remaining.

Crowley was the next to go.

The Comet center grabbed a rebound off Tilghman's backboard, his 13th of the night, but as he turned and headed up court, he ran over a Tornado defender with 2:04 showing.

Tilghman managed to pull within four points at 64-60 and again at 66-62 with 26 seconds left, but Hunt made the final margin six with a basket at the buzzer.

"I was very pleased with our defense tonight," said Slone of his third-ranked Comets. "And how about Gibson. He's really going to help us with his outside shooting. He's just a sophomore as far as eligibility, and he's just now learning to move away from the basket.

Carlisle's big three was jubilant in the dressing room after the game.

"We got No. 1." Said a smiling Hall. "I've been hoping for this all week."

"It sure was," echoed Hall. "It took all of us to get them."

The loss was the first in four games for Tilghman, while the win upped Carlisle's season mark to 6-1.

Carlisle finished with 30 field goals in 68 attempts, while Tilghman ht 24 of 46.

Neither team did particularly well from the foul line. The Comets hit 8 of 16, the Tornado 14 of 27.

Carlisle …..15 37 52 68
Tilghman…...16 35 50 42

Carlisle (68)
Crowley 16, Hunt 16, Ron Nelson 2, Gibson 16, Hall 14, Crice 4.

Tilghman (62)
Overstreet 13, Barnett 3, Davis 6, York 29, Norris, Lambert 11.

Carlisle Co. 73
Heath 45
12-11-79 - Home

Coach Craynor Slone's third-ranked Carlisle County Comets lived up to their preseason billing, taking their seventh win in eight games. The Comets were paced by Ronnie Nelson and Nathan Hall who scored 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Heath (4-2) was led by Hal Skinner's 21 points, while Ronald Christian added 11.

Carlisle…..…..14 31 57 73
Heath…..…..…...8 16 27 45

Carlisle (73)
Crowley 9, Hunt 9, Ron Nelson 16, Gibson 7, Milner 2, N. Hall 15, Crice 8, Rob Nelson 2, Elliot 1, P. Hall 4.

Heath (45)
Skinner 21, Christian 11, G. Wright 7, Lakin 1, Shelley 2, D. Wright 3, Rodgers.

Carlisle Co. 67
Ballard Co. 49
12-14-79 - Away

Third-ranked Carlisle County rolled over Ballard Co., behind the 24-point performance of senior forward Kenny Gibson. Paul Crowley, the Comets' 6-8 center, added 17 points, and Ronnie Nelson chipped in 11.

Sophomore forward Keith Myers paced Ballard Memorial with 18 points, and Barry Stevens added 10.

Carlisle…..…...14 34 46 67
Ballard…...…...11 24 36 49

Carlisle (67)
Crowley 17, Hunt 6, Ron Nelson 11, Gibson 24, Milner, N. Hall, Crice 7, Rob Nelson 2, P. Hall.

Ballard (49)
Beardsley 5, Brewington 1, Buchannan, Cavanaugh 7, Gilea, Babb 2, Mitchell 2, Myers 18, Stevens 10, Story, Taffer 4, Thomas.

Carlisle Co. 50
Fulton Co. 42
12-18-79 - Away

Third-ranked Carlisle County outscored Fulton County 18-10 in the second quarter en route to its victory. Ronny Nelson led the way with 17 points, and Marsh Hunt added 12.

Fulton County, now 3-5, was led by Joe Warren's 17 points and Darrell Holder's 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Carlisle……..10 28 36 50
Fulton Co…...12 22 28 42

Carlisle (50)
Crowley 8, Hunt 12, Nelson 17, Gibson 9, N. Hall 2, Crice 2, P. Hall.

Fulton Co. (42)
Warren 17, Cheirs 7, White 2, Mays 4, Holder 12, Donlow.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Guards
Steal Victory From Heath

Carlisle Co. 52
Heath 51
12-28-79 – Away

Carlisle County sports the First Region's biggest front line, but Thursday afternoon it was the guards who really stood tall.

Trailing Heath by three points with 11 seconds left in the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament, the Comets rallied to dump the Pirates 52-51. In the other afternoon first-round contest, Lone Oak edged Marshall County 63-62.

Heath, which trailed by as many as eight points in the second half, finally managed a 47-46 lead with 2:40 left against second-ranked Carlisle. And when Greg Wright hit two free throws, with 45 seconds remaining, the Pirates led 50-46.

"I'll have to admit I was thinking about the next game at that point," Carlisle coach Craynor Slone later said.

But he received a pleasant surprise. The minds of his players, particularly those of guards Marsh Hunt and Ronnie Nelson, were apparently still on this one.

First, Nelson hit a jump shot from the outer limits with 30 seconds left. And after Ronald Christian and Dwane Wright hit just one of three free throws between them for Heath, Nelson flipped in two free throws to make it 51-50 Heath. But only 11 seconds remained.

"I never thought it was over," said Nelson, who finished with a game-high 20 points. "We knew we had to just go after the ball and get it back quick."

Speak of the devil. Hunt, at 5-foot-8 a full seven inches below the average height of the Carlisle front line, came up with a clean steal at mid-court and tossed to a grateful Nelson, whose lay-up boosted the Comets ahead by the final margin.

With four seconds left, a desperate Heath pass deflected off a Carlisle player, and the Pirates were awarded the ball under their own basket with two seconds left.

The inbounds pass found Dwane Wright, who launched an 18-foot jumper. But Nelson smothered the shot, the horn sounded, and the Comets had their 10th victory in 11 games and a spot in tonight's semifinals against Lone Oak.

"I was afraid I would get called for the foul," Nelson said of the block. "But I didn't hear a whistle. And I didn't wait around for it either."

The Heath defense did a credible job on the towering Comets inside, limiting 6-8 Paul Crowley, 6-6 Nathan Hall and 6-5 Kenny Gibson to 23 points between them – 14 by Gibson.

"That zone of theirs gave us plenty of problems," said Slone. "But I think we just got complacent. The worst thing we could have done was beat this team 28 points like we did earlier this year. I was afraid of what would happen this time."

What *did* happen, at least in the first quarter, was predictable. Carlisle, out-rebounding Heath 13-3 in the period, raced to a 13-8 lead. Of its 6 baskets, 5 came off offensive rebounds.

Heath, though, outscored the Comets 12-7 to open the second quarter, forcing the game's seventh and final tie. But Hunt flicked in a 15-foot jumper and Nelson and Gibson hit two free throws each for a 26-20 halftime Carlisle lead.

"We should have been up by more," said Slone. "We didn't hit free throws well at all (6/11 in the half), and we didn't take advantage of many opportunities."

Carlisle was opportunistic enough to own a 38-35 lead after three quarters and a 44-37 advantage early into the fourth, before Heath went to work. Paced by forward Hal Skinner's four points, the Pirates outscored the Comets 10-2 with 2:40 left for their first lead since the opening half.

But then came Nelson, and a Carlisle victory. "I'll tell you, I was nervous shooting those free throws," the 6-2 senior said. "I just wanted to make the first one. To me, that was the big one."

Carlisle…..…...13 26 38 52
Heath…..…..…..8 20 35 51

Carlisle (52)
Crowley 7, Gibson 14, Crice, Hall 2, Nelson 20, Hunt 9.

Heath (51)
Skinner 16, D. Wright 8, Christian 8, G. Wright 15, Rodgers 4, Shelley.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round

Lone Oak Press Takes
The Starch Out Of Comets

Carlisle Co. 53
Lone Oak 57
12-29-79 – Away

For those fans who skipped Friday night's semifinal round of the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament in anticipation of Saturday night's shootout between the region's top two teams, condolences are in order. That shootout was postponed, courtesy of coach Steve Speed and his Lone Oak Purple Flash.

Top-ranked Paducah Tilghman reached Saturday's championship game, edging Mayfield 64-55 in overtime. But No. 2 Carlisle County, which had beaten Tilghman earlier this year, fell victim to Lone Oak's devastating press, 57-53.

It is difficult to blame any misguided souls who looked elsewhere for their Friday night entertainment, for the match-ups in the semifinals didn't promise much in the way of excitement.

Mayfield, a 75-50 loser to Tilghman earlier this month on the Cardinals' home floor, could hardly have been expected to fare better with two of its starters, Charles Parrott and Chris Pyle, out of the lineup.

Parrott was being disciplined by his coach and Pyle suffered a fracture in Mayfield's opening round game against Murray.

And what about Lone Oak?

A season-opening 46-45 win over Carlisle County got Lone Oak off to a 6-0 start. The Purple Flash, however, lost four of its next five games, including a 30-point drubbing by Tilghman, and appeared to offer little real challenge to the towering Comets.

To most, a rematch between Tilghman and Carlisle County was inevitable. Not to Speed's crew, though.

After a poor-shooting first quarter, that saw Lone Oak hit only 2 of 14 field goal attempts, the Purple Flash went to a full-court press that literally destroyed the Comets.

In the face of the Lone Oak press, the game rapidly became a comedy of errors for the Comets, who stepped on the end line, took 11 seconds in backcourt, lobbed passes that Wilt Chamberlain couldn't reach standing on his VW, charged into defenders or bounced the ball off one another's ankles.

Carlisle had led 20-18 after the first 3:13 of the quarter, but the tenacious Lone Oak defenders held the Comets without a field goal the rest of the period.

The Purple Flash outscored Carlisle 17-4 to take a 36-24 halftime lead. Only four free throws by Paul Crowley, who finished with 13 points, enabled the Comets to avert a shutout over the final 4:47 of the half.

"I was surprised at the effectiveness of our press," said Speed, whose team got by Marshall County 63-62 to reach the semifinal round. "The ball bounced our way, but I don't want to call the win luck. I thought we played hard and deserved to win."

In the final quarter, it was the Carlisle press which began to turn the tide, allowing the Comets to pull within a point at 53-52 when Kenny Gibson scored on a tip-in with 1:40 remaining.

Stan Shuemaker, who topped all scorers with 20 points, then scored for Lone Oak, making the score 55-52.

After Gibson, who led the Comets with 15 points, hit the second of two free throws to trim the margin to two again, Rodney Crice made a steal and began a drive for what would have been a tying lay-up.

But Crice, who came off the bench to hit two of Carlisle's three field goals in the abortive second quarter, missed his twisting attempt, giving Lone Oak the ball and opportunity to go into a stall.

Carlisle…..…...13 24 36 53
Lone Oak…... 11 36 46 57

Carlisle (53)
Crowley 13, Hunt 4, Ron Nelson 5, Gibson 15, N. Hall 8, Crice 6, Rob Nelson 2, P. Hall.

Lone Oak (57)
Baker 9, Bickerstaff 7, R. Cruse 3, McIntosh 2, Shoemaker 29, M. Cruse 3, Hagen 11, Reed 2.

Area
Supremacy Clouded

Carlisle Co. 59
Tilghman 58
01-04-80 – Away

Someone should offer thanks that these two teams won't meet again during the regular season, if only so that no more damage will be done to aching backs and the credibility of the "We're No. 1" chant.

Anyone near the basket when a shot was attempted by either Carlisle County or Paducah Tilghman Friday night, might prescribe to the latter. "Some fouls were called," said Tilghman coach Berny Miller. "A lot weren't."

And the "We're No. 1" cry? It shouldn't hold much stock now, not after Carlisle's pulsating 59-58 victory over host Tilghman that made anyone foolish enough to try to tab the First Region's best team take a step backward.

Tilghman has now lost 2 games in 11, both to Carlisle. Carlisle has lost 2 games in 13; both to Lone Oak. And Lone Oak, the conqueror of the streaking Comets, has lost twice to Tilghman.

"I still think we're the best," said Tilghman guard Larry Beard, who scored a game-high 20 points.

"We've got to be considered one of the best, at least," said Carlisle center Paul Crowley, who led his team with 18 points.

"Don't ask me," said Carlisle coach Craynor Slone, who refused to bite at the "Who's No. 1" bait. "I don't think either team played that well."

Many fans were licking their lips at the thought of a rematch of the two teams, which have been picked one-two by area coaches, as the region's best. Top-ranked Tilghman traveled to Bardwell in early December, minus an injured Beard, to tackle Carlisle. It came away a six-point loser.

The rematch was expected to be last week in Tilghman Christmas Tournament. But Lone Oak aborted Carlisle's march in the semifinals and turned the Comets into a bumbling, fumbling unit with a devastating press. Tilghman won the title by beating the Purple Flash in the final.

So the second meeting was postponed a week, but it lost none of its intensity. "We had some people remind us that Beard would make a big difference for them," said Slone. "There's no doubt he did."

The game was four quarters of elbows, shot blocking and lane clearing rebounds. Beard, a slight 6-2 senior, was on both ends of most of it.

In the first half, as Tilghman assumed leads as large as nine points, he saw two of his twisting lay-up attempts reverse directions after meeting the fly swatter hand of a Carlisle player.

Then, in the fourth quarter and the game tied at 45-all, he spiked the layup of a Carlisle player taller in height into the seats to spoil a two-on-one Carlisle fast break. But it gave Slone heartburn, who admitted, "I thought it was goaltending to be truthful."

Only a few minutes earlier Tilghman had been in full command. The Blue Tornado increased their 7 pt. halftime lead by outscoring Carlisle 8 to 4. But at 35-24, the Comets began to streak.

They outscored Tilghman 14-4 over the final 4 minutes of the third quarter to edge within 40-39. And when Crowley's soft jump shot from 15 ft. fell through to start the fourth, Carlisle owned its first lead of the game.

That surge came despite a Tilghman full-court pressing defense that Miller obviously hoped would produce the same results as Lone Oak's had a week earlier. "Hey, were not that bad against the press," said Sloan. "Not like we were against Lone Oak."

Carlisle guard Marsh had a good deal to do with his teams effectiveness in breaking it. Whereas Lone Oak had intercepted Comet passes with rapid-fire regularity, Tilghman didn't get the chance

Hunt usually dribbled out of trouble with one or two Tilghman players hot on his heels. "That's exactly what we feel like we have to do," said Slone, "We need Hunt handling the ball a lot and opening up things for pass."

Hunt did more than dribble, though. He hit seven of nine shots from the field, mostly in the 15-20 foot range, and finished with 14 points.

Tilghman regained the lead twice more in the fourth quarter; the final time when Beard grabbed a rebound, stuffed it back in, and was fouled and hit a subsequent free throw for a 45-43 advantage with six minutes left.

Hunt, however, found junior reserve Rodney Crice with a pass that brought an uncontested lay-up and the second of the game's four ties. After the two teams traded two baskets, Hunt sank a driving eight-footer, Crice hit a short jumper and Hunt followed with a lay-up that brought a six-point Carlisle lead with 1:26 left and began the trickle of "We're No. 1."

"Their outside shooting, especially Hunt, made a big difference for them," Miller said.

Tilghman, down by six with 37 seconds left, wouldn't give up. Beard hit a free throw and sank a lay-up after grabbing the rebound off his missed second attempt.

Carlisle missed an opportunity to improve a 59-56 edge with eight seconds left by missing a free throw. Following the rebound, Tilghman guard Greg Overstreet drove for a lay-up and tried to draw a foul.

But Carlisle players gave him the basket uncontested and watched the last two seconds of the clock to strengthen its claim that it's the best team in the region.

"Sure, we wanted to prove that we could beat them with Beard," said Crowley. "But it doesn't make any difference when we play them. It's Tilghman. That's incentive enough."

Tilghman……..15 28 40 58
Carlisle ……..10 21 39 59

Carlisle (59)
Crowley 18, N. Hall 6, Gibson 9, Crice 10, Robert Nelson 2, Ronnie Nelson, Guhy, Hunt 14.

Tilghman (58)
Beard 20, York 6, Lambert 14, Overstreet 10, Davis 6, Barnett.

Carlisle Co. 74
Fulton City 45
01-05-80 - Home

Nathan Hall headed Carlisle County with 17 points. Marsh Hunt and Kenny Gibson had 13 points each for the Comets. Paul Crowley and Robert Nelson scored 12 apiece.

Russell Patton had 14 for Fulton City.

Carlisle…..……...10 29 48 74
Fulton City…... 9 14 27 45

Carlisle (74)
Crowley 12, Hunt 13, Gibson 13, Milner 2, Hall 17, Nelson 12, Guhy 1, Hall 2, Henley 2.

Fulton City (45)
Jolley 4, Huddleston 8, Sullivan 2, Dickerson 9, Patton 14, Greer 6, Douglas 2.

Carlisle Co. 45
Hickman Co. 32
01-08-80 - Home

Hickman County's slow down tactics worked well enough for the Falcons to forge an 8-8 tie after one quarter, but the taller Comets broke open the game in the fourth quarter by out pointing Hickman county 19-9.

Paul Crowley led the winners, now 13-2, with 14 points, while Marsh Hunt finished with 10. Tim Dixon paced the Falcons with 13 points.

Carlisle…..……..8 19 25 45
Hickman…..……...8 15 23 32

Carlisle (45)
Crowley 14, Gibson 7, Hall 5, Ronnie Nelson 9, Hunt 10, Robert Nelson, Guhy.

Hickman (32)
Dixon 13, Crisp 4, Walker 2, Floyd 5, Allen 6, Cruse 2, Beard, Cooley.

Carlisle Co. 92
Sedalia 45
01-19-80 - Home

Senior center Paul Crowley, the region's tallest player at 6-8, scored 12 points and hauled in 15 rebounds for Carlisle as the Comets recorded their 14th victory in 16 games.

The Comets hit 57 percent of their shots from the field (41 of 72) and out-rebounded Sedalia 48-22, which fell to 5-11.

Kenny Gibson and Ronnie Nelson added 17 and 16 points, respectively, for Carlisle. Eddie Page led Sedalia with 15 points.

Carlisle Co…...18 41 61 92
Sedalia…….……...10 23 26 45

Carlisle (92)

Crowley 12, Hunt 10, Ron Nelson 16, Gibson 17, Milner 2, N. Hall 12, Crice 12, Rob Nelson 1, Elliott 2, Guhy 6, P. Hall 2.

Sedalia (45)
England 2, Pritchard 6, Lamb 6, Rose 2, Page 15, Mason 10, Wiggins, Shelby 4.

Ballard Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 77
Murray 55
01-24-80 - Away

The Comets opened up the Ballard Invitational Tournament against the Murray Tigers defeating them 77-55. The Comets played tenacious defense. Ronnie Nelson played a tremendous game stealing the ball out front for lay-ups. Nelson led all scores with 25 points, while Crowley chipped in 16 points.

The Comets shot 53 percent from both the field and the free-throw line. The Tigers shot 41 percent from the field while they shot 70 percent from the free-throw line. The Comets out-rebounded the Tigers 50-22.

This victory advanced the Comets to the semi-finals to battle against the number 3 ranked Cardinals of Mayfield, who defeated the St. Mary Vikings on Thursday 50-40.

Carlisle……...10 29 55 77
Murray……..10 25 37 55

Carlisle (77)
R. Nelson 25, Crowley 16, Hunt 10, N. Hall 8, Gibson 5, Guhy 4, Crice 2.

Ballard Co. Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 47
Mayfield 56
01-26-80 - Away

The Comets have been playing good basketball lately, except at tournament time. The Comets have lost three ballgames, all in tourneys, with fifteen wins.

The Comets decided that they had better get on the "ball", as they outscored the Cardinals 22-11 in the second quarter.

Then in the third quarter the Cardinals made a strong comeback as they held the Comets to 9 points as they scored 23 points. The Cardinals then went on to defeat the Comets 56-47.

The Cardinals went to the foul line and they connected on 16 of 24 for 67 percent, while the Comets only shot 7 of 16 for 44 percent. Each team connected on 20 field goals, leaving free throws the difference in the ballgame.

Kenny Gibson led the Comets offensively with 16 points and Paul Crowley added 13 points.

Carlisle……..8 30 39 47
Mayfield……13 24 47 56

Carlisle (47)
Gibson 16, Crowley 13, Ron Nelson 9, Hunt 6, N. Hall 3, Guhy, Crice, Rob Nelson.

Mayfield (56)
Parrot 16, Williams 16, Flood 14, Beale 8, Wastell 2, Barnes, Graham, Redd, Prince, Wynn.

Carlisle Co. 81
Reidland 59
01-29-80 - Home

Carlisle County used a third-quarter scoring blitz to secure the victory. With a 40-31 lead after two quarters, the Comets outscored Reidland 28-10 in the third period.

Marsh Hunt led Carlisle County with 19 points. Paul Crowley finished with 16 and Ronnie Nelson and Kenny Gibson added 15 and 10 points respectively.

Mark Knecht claimed game-scoring honors for Reidland with 21 points. Barry Puckett and Chris Riddle chipped in 14 and 11 points respectively.

Carlisle ……20 40 68 81
Reidland……...14 31 41 59

Carlisle (81)
Crowley 16, Hunt 19, Gibson 10, Ron Nelson 15, Crice 4, N. Hall 4, Milner 2, Guhy 6, P. Hall 5.

Reidland (59)
Knecht 21, Reeves 8, Puckett 14, Riddle 11, Robinson 4, Harned 1.

Carlisle Co. 69
Fulton Co. 47
02-02-80 – Home

Carlisle Co. defeated Fulton Co. 69-47 in a First District game.

Carlisle led by 1 pt. at the end of the first quarter and increased their lead at every quarter stop after that to win by 22 pts.

The Comets were led in scoring by Ron Nelson with 17 pts., followed by Crowley with 16.

Carlisle…..…...17 35 48 69
Fulton Co…...16 30 33 47

Carlisle (69)
Crowley 16, Hunt 9, Ron Nelson 17, Gibson 12, Milner, N. Hall 5, Crice 5, Rob Nelson 2, Elliott, Guhy 3, P. Hall, Henley

Fulton Co. (47)
Cheirs 2, Warren 9, White 11, Mays 6, Holder 8, G. Bishop 7, Spears 2, McIntee 2.

Carlisle Co. 65
Mayfield 58
02-11-80 –Home

The Comets came from a defeat in the Ballard Co. Tournament by Mayfield to get revenge Monday night.

Both teams shot a close percentage from the field as the Comets shot 46% to Mayfield's 42%.

The Comets out shot the Cardinals from the charity stripe. The Comets hit on 17 of 26 for 65% as the Cardinals hit 14 out of 25 for 56.

The Comets pulled down 32 rebounds with Crowley being the leading rebounder, grabbing 9. The Cardinals pulled down 26 rebounds.

The Comets were led offensively by Crowley with 22 points while Hunt chipped in 17. Rodney Crice added 14 points for the Comets.

Mayfield was led by Williams with 18 points.

Carlisle……...16 31 49 65
Mayfield……17 31 45 58

Carlisle (65)
Crowley 22, Hunt 17, Crice 14, Gibson 6, P. Hall 4, N. Hall 2, Guhy.

Mayfield (58)
Williams 18, Parrott 13, Flood 9, Mills 8, Ben Lee 6, Prince 3, Wastell 1.

Fulton City 53
Carlisle Co. 49
02-12-80 - Home

Fulton City used a solid defensive effort Tuesday night to win its eighth game in a row by downing seconded-ranked Carlisle County 53-49.

The win improved the Bulldog's season mark to 10-5, and tied Fulton with Carlisle at 5-1 in First District play.

"Defense did it for us," said Fulton coach Don Call. "We were able to shut down their inside game."

Mike Sullivan, Russell, Patton and David Dickerson all hit double figures for the winners. Sullivan finished with a game-high 14, Patton added 12 and Dickerson chipped in with 11.

Dickerson, Sullivan and Wesley Huddleston each grabbed 12 rebounds for the Bulldogs, who had dropped an earlier 74-45 decision to the Comets.

Rodney Crice and Marsh Hunt paced the Carlisle scorers. Crice had 12 points and Hunt had 11. The loss dropped the Comets to 18-4.

Fulton City …...10 23 37 53
Carlisle…..…...8 21 31 40

Fulton City (53)
Jolley 4, Huddleston 6, Sullivan 14, Dickerson 11, Wade, Patton 12, Greer 6.

Carlisle (49)
Crowley 8, Hunt 11, Ron Nelson 6, Gibson, N. Hall 5, Crice 12, Guhy 8.

Carlisle's Slowdown
Tactics Successful Against Heath

Carlisle Co. 32
Heath 29
02-16-80 – Away

Heath faced its second slowdown game of the week when it hosted Carlisle County Friday night, but the end result was different the second time around.

Heath outlasted Hickman County's tactics Tuesday for a win at the buzzer, but couldn't get the lead form Carlisle County.

The No. 2 rated Comets won their 19th ballgame of the season with a 32-29 victory over No. 6 Heath (12-8).

"I was surprised," Heath coach John Waggoner said after the game. "Carlisle County played very deliberately. They played just like Hickman County."

Ronnie Nelson led the Carlisle Comets scoring with 14 points. Hal Skinner, Heath's 6-foot-5 senior center, took game honors with 22.

Carlisle hit 10 field goals in 24 attempts, while Heath got 11 of 33. At the line Heath was 7 of 12 and Carlisle connected on 12 of 20.

Carlisle ……..6 16 23 32
Heath…..…..5 11 17 29

Carlisle (32)
Crowley 3, Hunt 5, Ron Nelson 14, N. Hall 6, Crice, Rob Nelson 4.

Heath (29)
Christian 2, H. Skinner 22, G. Wright, Lakin, Slone Rodgers 3, D. Wright 2, S. Skinner.

Carlisle Co. 79
Ballard Co. 54
02-19-80 - Home

Carlisle County senior guard Marsh Hunt hit a perfect 8-of-8 from the field for 23 points to lead the No. 2 Comets' to a landslide victory over Ballard Co. Hunt also dished out seven assists as the second-ranked Comets established a 20-4 season record.

Ballard Co. threatened to surprise the Comets in the first half when they rushed to a 17-12 first quarter advantage. The taller Comets finally took command in the second period, behind the rebounding and scoring of Paul Crowley and Kenny Gibson. Both hauled down 12 rebounds.

Carlisle County finally gained control of the lead by halftime and blitzed to a 54-40 third period advantage to bury the Bombers. Sophomore Todd Beardsley scored 19 and Keith Myers added 14 for the Bombers.

Carlisle…..…...12 33 54 79
Ballard…..…..17 29 40 54

Carlisle (79)
Crowley 14, Hunt 23, Gibson 14, N. Hall 4, Crice 10, Ron. Nelson 12, Guhy 2.
Ballard (54)
Beardsley 19, Buchanan 4, Mitchell 4, Myers 14, Stevens 5, Thomas 4, Babb 3, Phillips 1.

Carlisle Co. 63
St. Mary 71
02-20-80 - Away

Senior Paul Crowley poured in a season high of 30 points against the St. Mary Vikings. That still wasn't enough. The Comets picked up their fifth loss in 25 games.

The Comets trailed the whole game, fighting back to gain the lead, but failed.

The Comets shot 47 percent to the Vikings 54 percent. The Vikings hit on 25 of 28 for 89 percent, while connecting on 5 of 14 for 35 percent.

The Comets out-rebounded the Vikings 39-21.

Carlisle……..14 31 47 63
St. Mary……..18 28 42 71
Carlisle (63)
Crowley 30, Ron Nelson 11, Hunt 6, Rob Nelson 6, N. Hall 4, P. Hall 3, Gibson 3, Crice 2, Guhy.
St. Mary (71)
Quigley 20, York 14, Cooper 11, Rust 9, Wurth 9, Matchem 8.

Lone Oak's Press, Free Throws,
Tumble Carlisle To Second Straight Loss

Carlisle Co. 54
Lone Oak 62
02-23-80 - Away

The only thing falling for Coach Craynor Slone's Carlisle County Comets the past few days, has been the floor right out from underneath them. The second-ranked Comets dropped their second contest in as many nights against Lone Oak 62-54 Friday night.

Lone Oak needed the assistance of seniors Stan Shuemaker and Mark Bickerstaff to overcome Carlisle County's 30-26 half-time lead. Shuemaker canned eight of his team high 18 points in the pivotal third period as the Purple Flash took a 45-42 lead. Bickerstaff got all 11 of his points, also in the second half Purple Flash rally.

Coach Steve Speed also gave credit to junior Wes Hagan's 12 point first quarter, that kept the Purple Flash in reach. A tight Lone Oak defense also helped turn the tables in the second half.

Lone Oak……..12 26 45 62
Carlisle……..12 30 42 54
Lone Oak (62)
Baker 7, Bickerstaff 11, McIntosh 8, Shuemaker 18, Hagen 14, Reed 4.
Carlisle (54)
Crowley 20, Hunt 6, Ron Nelson 10, Gibson 6, N. Hall 2, Crice 6, Guhy, P. Hall.

Carlisle Co. 77
Fancy Farm 44
02-26-80 – Home

Carlisle defeated Fancy Farm 77 to 44 in their last home game of the season.

The Comets had five graduating seniors to play their last game on the Comet court. They were Paul Crowley, Marsh Hunt, Ronnie Nelson, Kenny Gipson, and Kirk Milner.

It took the Comets a while to get started as they were down 12 to 11, after the first quarter. The Comets then started sending the Gophers' "to their hole" as they outscored them 20 to 4 in the second quarter.

It was Rodney Crice who lifted up the crowd when he went for a dunk attempt that barely missed. Ronnie Nelson was the next man to try a dunk, but he also was unsuccessful and finally Crowley jammed one down through the hoop with a thunderous roar. The crowd came to their feet and nearly brought the house down.

Leading the Comets in scoring was Ronnie Nelson with 18.

Carlisle……..11 31 47 77
Fancy Farm…..12 16 27 44
Carlisle (77)
Nelson 18, N. Hall 15, Crowley 13, Hunt 11, Crice 6, Gipson 6, Guhy 4, Milner 2, Elliot 2.
Fancy Farm (44)
Elliot 15, Carrico 6, Ellegood 5, B. Toon 5, Cash 4, Richard 2, R. Toon 2, Rowe 2.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
The Night Is A Long
One For Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 59
Fulton Co. 56
03-08-80 – Away

Robert Nelson came off the bench in the fourth quarter for Carlisle County, but it took him until the second overtime to become the games hero.

The junior forward almost won the game in regulation by hitting two free throws with 56 seconds left. But two free throws by Fulton County's Joe Warren with 18 seconds on the clock tied the score 50-all. Nelson went to the line with three seconds on the clock and missed.

But all was forgiven when with 2:22 still to go in the second extra period, Nelson took an eight footer along the baseline that hit the target and put the Comets up 54 to 52.

Later, with 36 seconds on the clock, Nelson got one of two at the stripe, and Carlisle coach Craynor Slone breathed a sigh of relief.

Even with two successful free-throw attempts by Fulton County's Curt Donlow, Fulton was forced to foul and Carlisle hit its free throws.

"We were tight," Slone said afterward. "I thought we played tight. They played extremely well. I've got to give them credit."

We had about three chances to win the game in the overtimes," said Pilot Coach Stan Watts, but just couldn't get over the hump. We finally had to foul them and they put the ball in the hole."

"We got back into the game when we switched from our zone, which we played all night long, to a man to man. That forced them to make some turnovers and set up some lay-ups. I don't know if our defense was that much better, or if our kids just hustled better to get themselves back into the game.

Whatever the reason, the Pilots pushed the No. 3 Comets into the overtime periods.

Leading Comet scorer was N. Hall with 14.

Carlisle……..14 28 40 50 52 59
Fulton Co…..13 24 35 50 52 56
Carlisle (59)
Crowley 8, Hunt 14, Nelson 13, Gipson 4, N. Hall 5, Crice 10, Nelson 5.
Fulton Co. (56)
Cheers 4, Warren 16, White 15, Mays 3, Holder 15, Bishop, Spears, Donlow.

1st District Tourn.
Championship

Carlisle Co. 63
Fulton City 56
03-09-80 - Away

Carlisle County should have just picked up the floor boards at the Fulton County gym and taken them home. It owned the court all night. The Comets swept every first honor available in the First District tournament here Saturday night, highlighted by a 63-56 victory over Fulton City in the boys' finals.

The Comets had to survive some anxious moments in the second half before they were able to prove ownership of the boys' title against the Bulldogs. Fulton City kept nipping at the Comets' heels through three tight quarters before the Comets found a way to fend them off.

Carlisle County center Paul Crowley provided the offensive fuel, just when the Comets appeared ready to run out of gas. Crowley hit 10 of his 25 points in the final period, which allowed Carlisle to ride a more comfortable lead through the last minutes.

Crowley canned three straight buckets in the opening two minutes of the fourth quarter, that broke up a two point game. Fulton City had battled within two points at 43-41, when the third quarter ended it trailed by eight, after Crowley had finished.

"We started sneaking Crowley under the basket and we got some lobs over them for easy lay-ups," said Carlisle coach Craynor Slone. "We were looking for the lob all night, but our boys just didn't see it earlier."

"I tell you, Fulton City had a real rough ball club. Just watch out for them in the regional," Slone said.

Carlisle……..12 26 45 62
Fulton City …..10 22 41 56
Carlisle (63)
Crowley 25, Robert Nelson, Gibson 12, Crice 6, N. Hall, Ronnie Nelson 11, Hunt 9, Guhy.
Fulton City (56)
Huddleston 2, Creep 8, Dickerson 13, Wade 2, Sullivan 2, Jolley 5, Patton 24.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Quiet Wildcat
Duo In Early Going

Carlisle Co. 64
Farmington 40
03-15-80 - Away

Saturday night's second game of the First Region Tournament was almost over before it started as a tight Farmington team failed to score in the first quarter, and Carlisle County ran off to a 13-0 lead en route to a 64-40 win.

"I think our defense in the beginning of the game was the difference," said Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone. "The job Marsh Hunt did on (Don) Brittan was the key. We knew we had to stop Brittan. We felt like we stopped (Alan) Cochrum too."

Farmington's high scoring Brittan-Cochrum duo, which normally accounts for better than 40 points an outing, got barely half that many against the Comets. Cochrum was the Wildcats' only double figure scorer with 14 points and Brittan finished with 8 as the team managed only 14 of 50 from the field.

But Farmington coach Louis Sims felt his team's tightness, more than Carlisle's defense, was the key.

"We were tight coming up on the bus," he said. "We got down early and we weren't moving.

The team was kind of intimidated with all those big men underneath."

Farmington got untracked in the second quarter to outscore the Comets 18-17, and trailed 30-18 at intermission. But the Wildcats hit another scoring slump with only four points in the third quarter to fall behind by 22, going into the final period.

While Slone was pleased with his team's victory, his satisfaction was far from total. "We're still not hitting the basket like we should," he said, "We need to hit the basket better than we are."

Paul Crowley, Carlisle's 6-foot-8 frontliner, led the Comets with 16 points. Hunt and Nathan Hall added scoring balance with 9 points each.

The win advances Carlisle into the tournament's semifinal round against Marshall County, a 65-56 victory over Ballard Co. in the first game Saturday night.

"Marshall County is tall and quick and it should be a good game," said Slone, thinking ahead to Monday night.

Carlisle…..13 30 44 64
Farmington…..0 18 22 40

Carlisle (64)
Crice 6, Gibson 6, Crowley 16, Ron Nelson 6, P. Hall 1, N. Hall 9, Guhy, Elliott, Milner.

Farmington (40)
Cochrum 14, Kendall 2, Coleman 2, Brittian 8, Coleman 4, Colley 6, Pigg, S. Smith, Derrington 2, Edwards 2.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Third-Ranked Carlisle
Victim Of Marshall Rally

Carlisle Co. 60
Marshall Co. 61
03-17-80 - Away

The front door looked ready to shut on Daniel Lassiter and Marshall County, so Lassiter knocked on the back and slammed the Marshals into tonight's First Region boys final.

Lassiter drove the baseline with 47 seconds remaining Monday night and squeezed a reverse layup between a pair of Carlisle County players that gave Marshall County the edge for a 61-60 upset victory over the No. 2 ranked Comets.

"I knew I couldn't get the ball over that first guy," said Lassiter, who led a balanced Marshall lineup with 12 points. "I didn't think anything about the layup. I practice that shot all the time, and I got fouled on it, but they didn't call it."

"That last bucket was a super move," said Marshall County coach Bobby Toon. "He took it to the hoop and used the basket to protect his shot."

The basket gave Marshall County a 60-58 lead over Carlisle County, and the advantage got even more protection with 11 seconds left when Comet Ronnie Nelson was called for an offensive foul under the basket, and away from the ball to put Marshall Vincent Doom on the line.

Doom hit the first of his one-and-one situation for the deciding point, and Carlisle's Marsh Hunt got another bucket just before time expired to provide the final margin.

"We knew they were going to try to get the ball inside with a lob and look for a three-point play," said Toon. "We just didn't want to foul them."

Comet coach Craynor Slone refused to comment on the last foul, or on the 24-13 foul difference, which plagued his taller Comets through most of the semifinal contest. Marshall County shot 20 more times and hit 11 more than Carlisle County at the free-throw line.

"Definitely the fouls were the biggest factor in the game," admitted Toon, "but our defense had a bit to do with it. Our defense had a terrific job of blocking out and we were able to cut off their big men. We held that front-line of 6-8, 6-7 and 6-6 to just 22 combined points."

Vincent Doom and Bruce Ford joined Lassiter in double figures with 10 points each for the Marshals, while Ron Nelson and Hunt led Carlisle County with 14 and 13, respectively.

For at least two of the game's last three minutes it appeared neither team was anxious to move into the finals tonight. When Paul Crowley sank an eight-foot jumper with 3:22 left in the game to knot the score at 58, both teams began a parade of mistakes. Each suffered three turnovers through the stretch before Lassiter finally gave Marshall County the lead for good.

"We just wanted to win," explained Toon about his team's rash of errors in the final minutes. "We play to win, we don't play to not lose. We wanted to take it to the bucket. We made some mistakes down the stretch, but they made some costly errors to. We caused them to make mistakes."

Carlisle County jumped up by as much as eight points in the first half, until Martin Clapp shot the Marshall's back into the game from the line.

The Comets led 22-14 on a bucket by Rodney Crice, when Clapp began his string of shots. He managed to get 6-8 Crowley to foul him, which was also Crowley's third foul (four Comets were on the bench with three fouls by halftime.) When Slone protested, he was hit by a technical, and Clapp canned four straight foul shots to get Marshall County back within four points.

Clapp managed to get his hands on the ball again when Carlisle County lost the ball to Marshall County's full court press. Clapp was fouled by Nathan Hall this time, and sank two more foul shots. Bruce Ford stole still another pass, and his basket tied the score at 22-all.

"We turned the game around by coming back like that," said Toon. "That gave us the momentum."

Carlisle County never got it back. It managed to survive the next five minutes of a foul-line-to-foul-line waltz with a 32-30 halftime lead, and never lost the lead in the first half. But when reserve Barry Smith hit two foul shots at 3:08 in the third period, he set up the Marshals' first lead.

Marshall ……...11 30 51 61
Carlisle…..…....16 31 50 60

Marshall (61)
Hall 7, Doom 10, Clapp 8, Ford 10, Lassiter 12, Lovett 8, Smith 4, Anderson 2.

Carlisle (60)
Crowley 8, Rob. Nelson 6, Gibson 8, Crice 6, Ron. Nelson 14, Hunt 13, P. Hall, N. Hall 1, Guhy,

1979-80

	Fancy Farm	St. Mary	Lone Oak	Hickman Co.	Lowes	Sedalia	Tilghman	Heath	Ballard Co.	Fulton Co.	Heath	Lone Oak	Tilghman	Fulton City	Hickman Co.								
Paul Crowley	9	16	14	25	7	23	16	9	17	8	7	13	18	12	14								
Marsh Hunt	9	7	1	19	10	8	16	9	6	12	9	4		13	10								
Ron Nelson	12	3	7	2	5	10	2	16	11	17	20	5	0	12	9								
Kenny Gibson	4	12	12		10	17	16	7	24	9	14	15	9	13	7								
Nathen Hall	6	14	7	8	10	0	14	15	0	2	2	8	6	17	5								
Rodney Crice	5		4	7	0	2	4	8	7	2	0	6	10										
Rob Nelson		2		2	14	6		2	2			2	2		0								
Phillip Hall		0	0			9		4	0	0		0		2									
Kirk Milner		0		2		2		2	0					2									
Chris Guhy	1	0	0			1							0	1	0								
Phil Elliott								1															
David Henley						0						1		2									
Joe Dunn		0																					

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	Sedalia	Murray	Mayfield	Reidland	Fulton Co.	Mayfield	Fulton City	Heath	Ballard Co.	St. Mary	Lone Oak	Fancy Farm	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Farmington	Marshall Co.					Games	Pts.	Avg.
Paul Crowley	12	16	13	16	16	22	8	3	14	30	20	13	8	25	16	8					31	448	14.5
Marsh Hunt	10	10	6	19	9	17	11	5	23	6	6	11	14	9	9	13					30	311	10.4
Ron Nelson	16	25	9	15	17		6	14	12	11	10	18	13	11	6	14					30	328	10.9
Kenny Gibson	17	5	16	10	12	6	0		14	3	6	6	4	12	6	8					29	294	10.1
Nathen Hall	12	8	3	4	5	2	5	6	4	4	2	15	5	0	9	1	;				31	199	6.41
Rodney Crice	12	2	0	4	5	14	12	0	10	2	6	6	10	6	6	6					28	156	5.57
Rob Nelson	1		0		2			4		4			5	0	6	6					18	60	3.33
Phillip Hall	2			5	0	4				3	0				1	0					16	30	1.87
Kirk Milner	2			2	0							2			0						11	14	1.27
Chris Guhy	6	4	0	6	3	0	8		2	0	0	4		0	0	0					21	36	1.71
Phil Elliott	2				0							2			0						5	5	1
David Henley					0																4	3	0.66
Joe Dunn																					1	0	0
				Team Record - 24-7						Per Game Avg. - 60.77										Total Pts.		1436	

Career	Games		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Paul Crowley	77			42	306	448	796	10.3
Marsh Hunt	71			26	152	311	489	6.88
Ron Nelson	49			35	12	328	375	7.65
Kenny Gibson	29					294	294	10.1
Kirk Milner	18				6	14	20	1.11
Joe Dunn	1					0	0	0

1980-81

HEAD COACH - CRAYNOR SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH - MARK COOPER

TROPHIES WON

ST. MARY TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

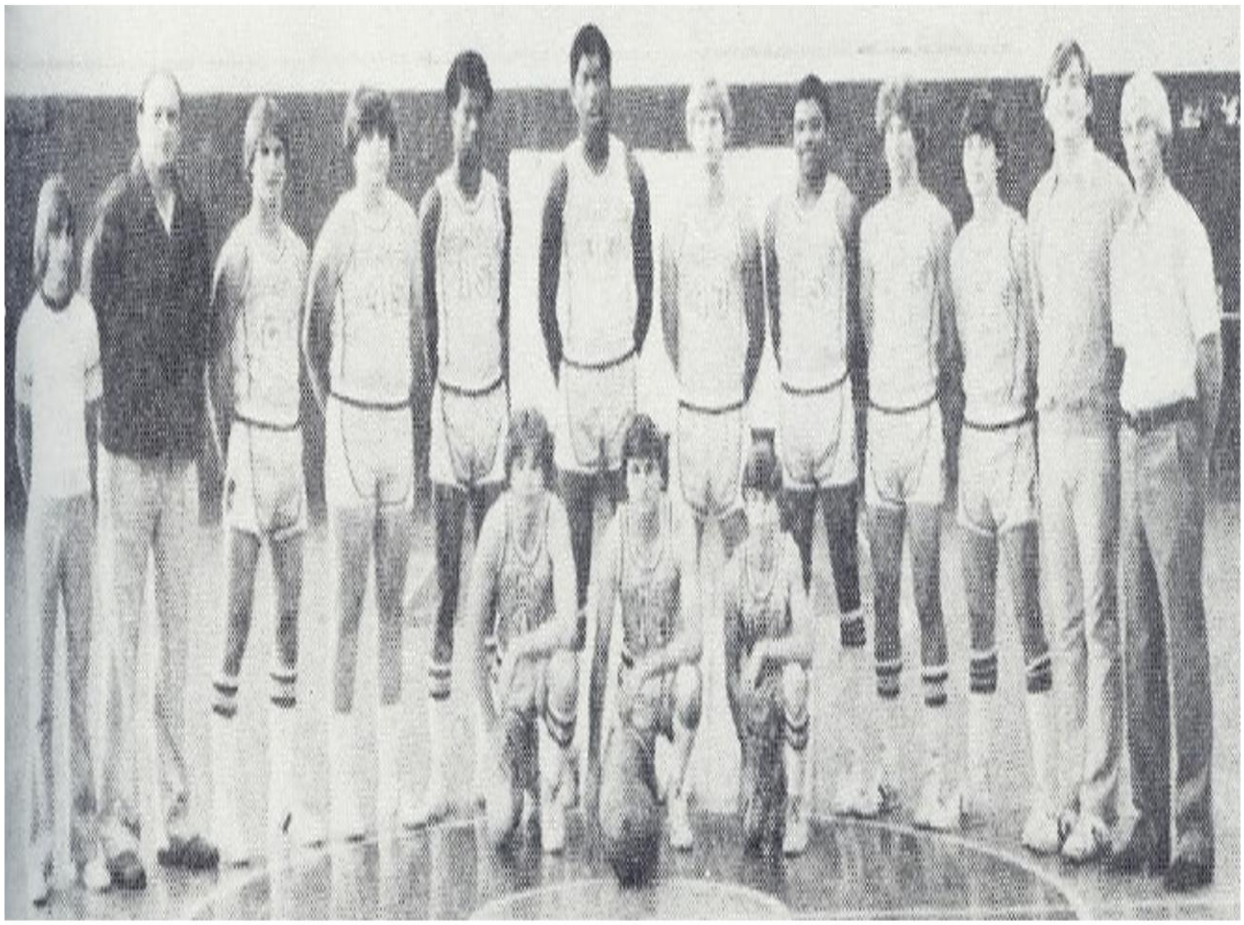
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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-18-80	Hickman Co.	53-42	H	
11-21-80	St. Mary	67-48	A	
11-26-80	Heath	50-49	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-27-80	Lone Oak	65-57	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-29-80	Lowes	56-53	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-02-80	Marshall Co.	**53-58**	A	
12-05-80	Lowes	49-47	H	
12-12-80	Sedalia	84-59	A	
12-16-80	Heath	**59-61 ot**	A	
12-19-80	Fulton Co	84-58	H	
12-26-80	Ballard Co.	65-57 **ot**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-27-80	Marshall Co.	**57-59**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-03-81	Tilghman	**67-71**	A	
01-06-81	Hickman Co.	56-52	A	
01-10-81	Fulton City	83-44	A	
01-13-81	Lone Oak	72-43	H	
01-16-81	Ballard Co.	66-65	H	
01-17-81	Fulton Co	67-46	A	
01-20-81	Sedalia	73-36	H	
01-28-81	Heath	65-58	A	- **BALLARD TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-30-81	Mayfield	**62-73**	A	- **BALLARD TOURN. 2ND RD.**
02-03-81	Mayfield	**63-64**	A	
02-10-81	Marshall Co.	71-64	H	
02-13-81	Tilghman	**69-78**	H	
02-17-81	Fulton City	103-38	H	
02-20-81	Heath	66-57	H	
02-26-81	Ballard Co.	**67-72**	A	
02-27-81	St. Mary	71-64	H	
03-05-81	Fulton City	73-42	A	- **1st DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-07-81	Hickman Co.	55-45	A	- **1st DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-11-81	Tilghman	**57-58**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 22-9

1981 Comets - District Champion



Richard Hobbs (Manager), Coach Craynor Slone, Chris Guhy, Keith York, Rodney Crice, Nathan Hall, Robert Nelson, Phillip Hall, David Henley, Phil Elliott, Bill Henshaw (Manager), Coach Mark Cooper, Rick Williams, Bradley Haskins, David Rambo

1980-1981

HEAD COACH - CRAYNOR SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH - MARK COOPER

TROPHIES WON
ST. MARY TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 22-9

1980-81 COMET ROSTER:
Nathen Hall, Rodney Crice, Ron Nelson, Phil Elliott, Chris Guhy, Phillip Hall, David Henley, Keith York, John Tyler, Ricky Williams, Bradley Hoskins, David Rambo, Greg Wilson.

With Three Veterans Gone, Comets' Key Digit Is '10'

There are some known quantities and some unknown quantities at Carlisle County this season, but the common denominator to the boys' basketball equation seems to be "10."

That's "10" as in the number of points, on the average, that are back from last year's 24-7 team that advanced to the region semifinals. Seniors Nathan Hall, Rodney Crice, and Robert Nelson are the experience from last year, that combined, averaged 10 points a game. Carlisle as a team managed 67 points a ballgame, on the average.

That's also "10" as in the current class Carlisle coach Craynor Slone will turn to, to fill the spots left by last year's graduation. Paul Crowley, Kenny Gibson, Ronnie Nelson, and Marsh Hunt are gone. Sophomores will be moving along the Comet ladder, filling the bottom rungs.

And of the 17 people Slone lists on this year's basketball squad, 10 of them are sophomores.

The absence of the experienced offense and presence of sophomores aplenty are concerns for Slone as he prepares to embark on the 1980-81 season. "It's hard for sophomores to play teams like we do," he said.

Teams like Marshall County and Paducah Tilghman have at least two games with Carlisle this year, Slone noted, not counting potential meetings in tournaments. "You just don't know how sophomores will react against that competition," he said.

"Really, we've got a good bunch of sophomores. We expect them to play, blend in, and have a pretty good year. But you just don't know. I guess that's why they call them sophomores."

Besides the youthful appearance of most of the roster, Carlisle's top eight players, as listed by Slone, contain mostly upperclassmen. Besides Hall, Crice, and Nelson, senior Phil Elliott also figures in Slone's immediate plans. Chris Guhy is the lone junior on the team, and he's up there too.

Then come the sophomores. Phillip Hall, David Henley, and Keith York are Slone's pick to fill the remaining holes.

In addition to having new faces, Carlisle fans will get another change this year, this one in terms of elevation. The Comets, as a team, won't be quite so tall this year.

Nathan Hall, at 6-foot-6, hasn't shrunk, the rest of the first eight off the bench have, by comparison to last year.

"We've lost a lot of rebounding strength," Slone admitted. "We had a big ball club last year." That put some restrictions on the Comets, however, especially if they fell behind. With the increase in size, there was a decrease in quickness, Slone said.

The quickness is back. "Even though we were 24-9 last year, we may be more enjoyable to watch this year," he said.

Slone is hoping the defense is one thing that *won't* change with the change in personnel. "Everybody has to play good defense," he insisted, noting the offensive scoring lost to graduation.

Last year Carlisle County was able to hold its opponents to an average of 48 points per game. "I think we'll be able to play defense as well as we did last year," the coach said.

The Comets' begin their season Nov. 18 at home against Hickman County, and so far, even with all the variables, things look good to Slone. "We expect to have a good ball club," he said.

1980-81 Roster
Seniors - Nathan Hall 6-6 c, Rodney Crice 6-3 f, Robert Nelson 6-0 f, Phil Elliott 5-10 f, Bradley Hoskins 5-6 g.
Juniors - Chris Guhy 5-10 g.
Sophomores - Phillip Hall 6-1 g, David Henley 6-0 g, Keith York 6-0 f, David Rambo 5-2 g, Ricky Williams 5-7 g, Mike Tyler 6-6 c, Greg Wilson 6-1 f, Thurman Bailey 6-1 c, Ken Barriger 5-10 g, Tommy Clayton 6-2 f.
Freshman - John Tyler 6-5 c.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co.	**50**
Heath	**49**

11-26-80 - Away

Nobody pointed the finger at Carlisle County's Robert Nelson, but the ball managed to find its way into his hands when it counted, much to Comet coach Slone's pleasure.

Nelson hit five of his seven points in the final three minutes to help the Comets overcome a fourth-quarter Heath lead and defeat the Pirates.

Carlisle Co.	**53**
Hickman Co.	**42**

"We didn't tell them to go to him but they went to him because he was the senior," said Slone, as the Comets won their third straight game.

"I think that Nelson got the points that made the difference."

Heath won't argue with that. They watched Nelson sink a free throw that cut the Pirates' three-point lead to two. With 3:20 left in the game, they watched him sink a short jumper that knotted the score at 46.

Finally, it was Nelson's jumper with three minutes left that gave the Comets the two-point edge they never relinquished. Carlisle added another bucket and Heath managed three more points down the stretch that weren't enough.

The Comets were led by Rodney Crice's 14 points and Nathan Hall's 13. Nathan Hall and Phillip Hall, two of the Comets' big men at 6-6 and 6-1, respectively, both fouled out in the final quarter. Heath took the lead soon after.

Meanwhile, Heath's Dwane Wright took scoring honors with a 20-point performance. Chris Shelley added 13 for the Pirates, who trailed by a point at halftime, 20-19.

Carlisle.....10 20 36 50
Heath.....10 19 35 49
Carlisle (50)

11-18-80 - Home

Nathan Hall saved his best for last and helped carry Carlisle County to a victory over Hickman County in the Comets' season opener. Hall scored 16 points and grabbed a dozen rebounds.

Half of Hall's points came in the fourth quarter when the Comets held off Hickman's defensive pressure. The Comets got off to a big lead of 18-8 in the first period, and carried it much of the game.

Rodney Crice and Robert Nelson gave Hall a hand with 12 and 11 points, respectively, while David Henley handed out five assists.

Tim Dixon more than matched Hall with 20 points, and Ted Walker with 13.

Hickman.....8 18 28 42
Carlisle.....18 27 35 53
Hickman (42)
Dixon 20, Walker 13, Cooley 2, Crisp 4, Beard 1, Duffy 2, Prince.
Carlisle (53)
N. Hall 16, Crice 14, Robert Nelson 11, Elliott, Guhy, P. Hall 7, Henley 5, York.

Carlisle Press
Too Much For Vikes

Carlisle Co.	**67**
St. Mary	**48**

11-21-80 - Away

A furious Comet press thwarted the St. Mary Viking ball handlers and turned a close game into a Carlisle County rampage as the Comets dropped St. Mary, 67-48.

St. Mary managed to take a narrow 25-24 halftime lead despite Ronnie Crice's 10-point first quarter for the Comets. In the second half, the Comets spread their defense across the whole court with an effective press.

Guards Chris Guhy, Keith York and Phillip Hall combined for 20 points in the decisive third period. Their scoring burst helped the Comets take a 49-32 lead before the final quarter.

Crice finished up with 22 points to lead the Comets and Nathan Hall added 14 as Carlisle County won its second game in as many outings. St. Mary, led by Shane Boudreax's 15 points, dropped to 1-1.

Carlisle.....18 24 49 67
St. Mary.....15 25 32 48
Carlisle (67)
N. Hall 12, Crice 22, Robert Nelson 1, Elliott 1, Guhy 8, P. Hall 8, Henley 7, York 8.
St. Mary (48)
Wurth 11, York 2, Rust 8, Weitlauf 11, S. Bourdeax 15, K. Bourdeax 1, Joseph, Woeltz.

Nelson 7, Crice 14, N. Hall 13, Henley 2, P. Hall 5, Elliott, York, Guhy.

Heath (49)
Wright 20, Shelley 13, Linkin 4, Rodgers 4, Fletcher 4, Simons 4, Skinner, Chriswell.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets Record
Semifinal Win

Carlisle Co. 65
Lone Oak 57
11-27-80 - Away

Perched on the edge of disaster in the first quarter, Lone Oak coach Steve Speed watched his Purple Flash scramble back to respectability, before falling from the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament 65-57 to Carlisle County in Friday's semifinals.

Afterwards, Lowes managed to push Livingston Central out the tournament door with a 65-58 victory in the other semifinal game.

Initially, it seemed the defending tournament champion Lone Oak was headed for a humiliating exit, when Carlisle jumped up 20-2 in the opening period. But Speed injected a Purple Flash press that quickly got things back in control.

"The first five minutes we just stood around and watched them beat us," said Speed. "When you get down that far it takes a lot out of you to come back. We came back, but at halftime I could see we were tired."

With the press forcing the Comets into mistakes, Lone Oak managed to cut that impossible margin to just 11 points, before the second period began. Eventually they even turned the tables on Carlisle County, and actually held a 37-34 halftime lead and a one-point lead after three periods.

"We were out of gas though," said Speed. "We missed four free throws in the fourth quarter, that kept us from keeping the score really close, and we probably missed them because we were tired."

In the final quarter, Carlisle County finally regained their composure and out-dueled the Flash by nine points in the final minutes. The Comets eventually wore the Flash out with their big front line and 62 percent shooting. Rodney Crice, 6-3, and Nathan Hall, 6-6, managed to hit 17 and 16 points, respectively, for the Comets. Phillip Hall added a dozen points.

Sophomore Andy Gilland led the Oakers with 21 points and senior Wes Hagan added 16.

Lone Oak.....13 37 48 57
Carlisle.....24 34 47 65

Lone Oak (57)
Reed 2, Gilland 21, Dreher 5, Hayden 3, Hagan 16, Clark 8, Freeman 2, Presley, Carney, Shannon, Snelling

Carlisle (65)
Nelson 5, Crice 17, N. Hall 16, P. Hall 12, Henley 9, Guhy 6, Elliott, Tyler, York, Williams, Hoskins.

St. Mary Tourn.
Championship
York's Shot Lifts
Comets To Tourney Title

Carlisle Co. 56
Lowes 53
11-29-80 - Away

After watching Carlisle County's center Nathan Hall sweep over Lowes' defense all night, sophomore reserve Keith York had no intention of trying to repeat the show he was seeing.

When the big senior fouled out with 3:54 left in the fourth quarter of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament, York had only one goal.

"I just tried to get in there and play the good defense," said the 6-0 York. "I was nervous."

Those shaking hands steadied at the right moment.

With just three seconds remaining and the score tied at 53, York broke loose as the Comets cracked a full court Lowe's press and sank a lay-up over Lowe's Don Spicer, that capped Carlisle County's 56-53 victory over the Blue Devils.

"We wanted to get the ball to senior Rodney Crice," claimed Comet coach Craynor Slone. "Rodney's a good one-on-one player and he's hard to guard. He's the one we wanted."

York was the one he got. "Fortunately we got it to the one that was open and he made it."

Just eight seconds earlier Blue Devil reserve Jeff Crowley sank both ends of a one-on-one foul situation to tie the game at 56. Those foul shots helped Lowes recover from a seven-point deficit in the final quarter, but left too much time for the Comets to score.

Although Hall's reserve eventually sank the winning shot, it was the 6-6 center that created the most danger for the Comets.

"There's no doubt he was the dominating player," said Slone. "I've never seen him play this good before. It hurt to have him out in the end, but this isn't a one-man team."

Hall commanded the middle of Lowes' defense all night and scored 26 points on his short turn-around jumpers and jump-hooks. And when he finally departed on an offensive foul, senior Rodney Crice scored three of his 14 points that kept Lowes at bay.

Fouls also determined much of Lowe's destiny, especially for senior Craig Burgess. Plagued by fouls through much of the second half, Burgess finally got off the bench in the fourth period and helped Lowes recover from a rapidly deteriorating situation.

Down 47-40, Burgess sank one foul shot and sophomore Dale Ray recovered the missed second shot and scored a bucket. After Spicer blocked a Crice jumper, Ray hit another bucket to cut the lead to two points.

Hall then sank a pair of foul shots, but fouled out after a Lowes turnover, when he pushed off Burgess. Burgess sank two foul shots, then rolled in a short shot with 3:30 left, that tied the game. A dozen seconds later he had also fouled out of the game.

Crice got his three points in the last three minutes, but Spicer sank two foul shots with 1:10 left that got Lowes back within two points at 53-51. Both teams had chances to score in those last minutes, and a Lowes turnover with 29 seconds left, appeared to give the game to the Comets, who still owned that two-point lead.

Only Carlisle returned the turnover favor with 16 seconds left and Crowley was fouled trying to drive the lane, just five seconds later. His free throws tied the game.

Burgess finished with a dozen points and Ray ended as the Lowes (4-1) leading scorer with 18. Spicer added 13.

The game was tied six times. Lowes managed a 26-25 halftime advantage, but watched that fall apart on two jumpers by Hall, and a 15-foot jumper from Chris Guhy.

Carlisle County had reached the finals by ousting defending champion Lone Oak on Friday, while Lowes beat Livingston Central. Nathan Hall was named the tournament's MVP with 45 points in three games.

Carlisle.....13 25 45 56
Lowes.....11 26 40 53

Carlisle (56)
Nelson 4, Crice 14, N. Hall 26, Guhy 7, P. Hall 2, Henley 1, York 2.

Lowes (53)
Whitis 2, Spicer 13, Burgess 12, Ray 18, Crowley 4, Adams 4, Oliver.

Fouls Take Toll On Carlisle Finish,
As Crowd Inspires Marshall Victory

Carlisle Co. 53
Marshall Co. 58
12-02-80 - Away

Bobby Toon heard victory in the rumbling of the crowd. Craynor Slone listened to a different tune coming from the referee's whistle.

Toon's Marshall County basketball team came back to beat Slone's previously unbeaten Carlisle County squad 58-53, Tuesday night in the Marshall gym, but whether it was enthusiastic fans or energetic foul-calling that turned the game is still at issue.

For Slone, who lost players Nathan Hall and Phillip Hall to fouls in the fourth quarter, who watched Marshall overtake Carlisle on the free throw line, after the Comets had led the entire second half, and who saw his team drop its first game in six outings, after it out shot the Marshals 23-19 in field goals, the difference was definitely drawn at the line.

"In critical situations, fouls were called that weren't fouls," he said, indicating that calls had gone against both teams. "The fouls were called in critical situations, and we missed the foul shots."

Marshall County took 11 free throws in the fourth quarter and made eight. Carlisle shot eight times from the line, sinking four. For the game, Marshall connected on 20/28 free throw attempts (71%), while Carlisle struggled, hitting 7/17 tries (41%).

So when Martin Clapp went to the line with 4:19 left in the game and sank two free throws to put the Marshals ahead 48-47, and when Nathan Hall left the game with five fouls 14 seconds later, Slone saw the carefully executed game slipping away under the whistle.

Toon agrees with the time the momentum changed, it's just the method he differs with. "I've got to give it to the crowd," he said. "They got us up, got us going."

It all started, Toon recalled, when senior guard Bruce Ford forced a jump ball with Carlisle senior Rodney Crice in the fourth quarter. The tip went to the Marshals, and Clapp ended up with the ball under the Marshall basket. There he drew the foul that sent him to the line to make the free throws that put Marshall ahead.

Carlisle.....14 30 45 53
Marshall.....10 28 42 58

Carlisle (53)
Nelson 3, Elliott, Crice 15, N. Hall 10, York 6, P. Hall 5, Guhy 4, Henley 10.

Marshall (58)
B. Ford 10, Clapp 16, Doom 7, Lassiter 8, Lovett 11, Anderson 6, Harrison.

Carlisle Rolls
Over Lowes

Carlisle Co. 49
Lowes 47
12-05-80 - Home

Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone wanted the ball in the hands of either Rodney Crice or

Robert Nelson in the last 11 seconds of the Comets' game with Lowes Friday.

The ball went to Nelson, and the 6-foot senior forward knew what to do with it, scoring the winning basket as Carlisle edged Lowes in the second meeting between the two teams this season, the second win for Carlisle and only the second loss for the Blue Devils (4-2).

"I wanted him (Nelson) or Rodney Crice to go one-on-one with the basketball," said Slone of his strategy during a timeout before the final shot. Nelson hit a driving lay-up to win the game.

Lowes.....7 21 32 47
Carlisle.....7 30 39 49

Carlisle (49)
Crice 12, Guhy 3, N. Hall 4, P. Hall 9, Henley 9, Nelson 7, York 5, Tyler.

Lowes (47)
Adams 7, Burgess 10, Crowley 5, Ray 6, Spicer 8, Whitis 11.

Carlisle Co. 84
Sedalia 59
12-12-80 - Away

No. 2 Carlisle outscored Sedalia 22-5 in the third quarter and coasted to its seventh victory in eight games.

Sedalia, which slumped to 3-4, trailed 16-15 after one quarter and 36-32 after the next, before Carlisle's height advantage took over.

Nathan Hall, Carlisle's 6-6 senior center, led the way with 20 points, and Rodney Crice and David Henley added 19 and 16 points.

Sedalia was paced by Steve Lamb's 17 points.

Carlisle.....16 36 58 84
Sedalia.....15 32 37 59

Carlisle (84)
Crice 19, Guhy 6, N. Hall 20, P. Hall 8, Henley 16, Hoskins, Nelson 9, Williams 2, York 4.

Sedalia (59)
Allen 4, Davidson 4, Garland, K. Lamb, Mason 11, S. Lamb 17, D. McClure 8, Motheral, G. McClure, Pritchard 7, Rose 8, Todd.
Records: Carlisle 7-1, Sedalia 3-4

Heath's Wright Applies
Final Touch In Overtime

Carlisle Co. 59
Heath 61 ot
12-16-80 - Away

It took some heroics from Dwane Wright Tuesday night, but when the contest was over Heath had broken a four-game losing streak to Carlisle County with a 61-59 overtime victory.

The Pirates and Comets, were both tied at No. 2 in last week's *Sun* poll.

Heath jumped to an early lead, and held the advantage until the third quarter, when the Comets moved ahead by a basket. The two teams battled on even terms through the remainder of the quarter, and on into the final period.

Trailing 55-53 with 13 seconds remaining, Heath asked for a timeout and setup its final play. With eight seconds on the clock, Wright connected on a 15-foot jumper to send the contest into overtime.

With 18 seconds left in overtime, Heath again called timeout to again set up a play to Wright, who scored from 10 feet as time ran out.

"Dwane did an excellent job of ball handling and he got the points when we needed them," said winning coach John Waggoner, whose team is now 3-2. "It's about time we beat them in a close one."

Wright finished with 17 points, but Chris Shelley was the leading scorer for the Pirates with 19 points. Shelley, who hit 8-of-11 shots from the field, fouled out of the contest in the fourth quarter.

Carlisle, now 7-2, was led by Rodney Crice with 25 points.

Heath hit 25 of 42 from the field and 11-of-16 from the foul line. The Comets were 22 of 65 from the floor and 15 of 30 from the line. Carlisle held a 39-17 rebounding advantage.

Carlisle.....7 25 39 55 59
Heath.....15 30 41 55 61

Carlisle (59)
Crice 25, Guhy 5, N. Hall 8, P. Hall 7, Henley 6, Nelson 8, York.

Heath (61)
Lakin 9, Rodgers 10, Shelley 19, Simons, Skinner 6, Stuart, Wright 17.
Records: Carlisle Co. 7-2, Heath 3-2.

Carlisle Co. 84
Fulton Co. 58
12-19-80 - Home

The Comets easily built up a 13-point halftime lead and extended it to 16 in the lopsided victory over the Pilots.

Sophomore Phillip Hall scored 24 points, and brother Nathan Hall added 18 for the Comets.

Darrell Holder, Larry Jackson and Bernard McIntee all scored a dozen points for the Pilots.

Carlisle.....14 38 61 84
Fulton Co.....12 25 48 58

Carlisle (84)
Crice 14, Elliott 2, Guhy, N. Hall 18, P. Hall 24, Henley 6, Hoskins 2, Nelson 8, Rambo 2, York 8.

Fulton Co. (58)
Argo 1, G. Bishop 1, F. Bishop 4, Childers 10, Holder 12, Jackson 12, Mangold 3, McIntee 12, Nall 3.
Records: Carlisle Co. 8-2, Fulton Co. 2-4.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Uses
Different Route To Win

Carlisle Co. 65
Ballard Co. 57
12-26-80 - Away

The Comets enjoyed an 11-point lead with 6:54 left in the fourth quarter, but the game was far from over.

With 1:06 left, the Bombers trailed by only a basket at 57-55, after a three-point play by Keith Myers.

Ballard pressed trying to get the ball and fouled Phillip Hall as he brought the ball up the court. But Hall missed the first shot of the one-plus-one and the Bombers asked for a timeout, after grabbing the rebound.

When play resumed, Ballard looked for Myers and the 6-5 junior launched his 22-footer with eight seconds remaining. The ball went through to tie the score and send the contest into overtime.

"We wanted to get the ball to Myers," said Ballard coach B.B. Kendrick. "But we didn't want him shooting from out there. We did want the shot to come with enough time for a rebound if we missed."

During the Ballard rally the Comets accommodated by putting up some poor shots and then fouling at the other end of the court. Several times Myers, the game's leading scorer with 23 points, was fouled as he tried to shoot from the 20 to 25-foot range.

"When we were up by 11 points, we just stopped doing the things that got us there," said Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone. "With two minutes left, we were still playing with three sophomores much of the time and our inexperience showed."

In the three minute overtime period it was all Carlisle as the Comets held the Bombers scoreless and poured in eight points of their own. Six of the eight points came from the foul line.

Rodney Crice led the Comets with 19 points and Phillip Hall was right behind with 18. Eight of Hall's points came on free throws. "He hit some big ones for us," said Slone. "He had a good game."

"We just didn't do the right things when we needed to," said Kendrick. "When we needed the rebound or free throw, we couldn't get it. But we're going to get better. We're still a very young team and we're still looking for a floor leader."

In winning its 9th game in 11 tries, Carlisle County hit 24 of 58 field goal attempts and 17 of 25 free throws. Ballard, now 4-4, was 20 for 47 from the floor and 17 of 29 at the line. Ballard had 28 rebounds, while Carlisle hauled down 23.

Carlisle.....16 27 40 57 65
Ballard.....16 24 35 57 57

Carlisle (65)
Nelson 2, Elliott 3, Crice 19, N. Hall 10, York 2, P. Hall 18, Guhy 5, Henley 6.

Ballard (57)
Myers 17, Stevens 9, Beardsley 12, Buchanan 4, Taffer 4, Brewington 2, Dunning, Babb, Mitchell 3, Denton.

Tilghman Tourn.
2ndt Round
Lucky Marshals
Nip Shorthanded Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 57
Marshall Co. 59
12-27-80 - Away

Marshall County held the lead only one time Saturday against Carlisle County, but that was enough to give the Marshals a 59-57 decision over the Comets in semifinal action of the Paducah Tilghman Invitational Christmas Tournament.

A 12-foot jump shot made by Matt Lovett tied the contest at 55-all with 1:04 left, but the Comets reclaimed the lead when Nathan Hall hit a lay-up.

With only 28 seconds remaining, Martin Clapp, the Marshal's 6-5 guard, drove the lane to knot the score at 57-all.

Carlisle County, which had to go into overtime to defeat Ballard Co. in Friday's opening round game, asked for a timeout following the basket by Clapp.

As the Comets put the ball into play, the Marshals swarmed the ball, and David Anderson knocked the ball away from a Comet player and back across mid-court toward his own basket.

The Marshals got the ball and tried a field goal as time slipped away. The attempt rolled off, but Bruce Ford was there for a successful follow shot with three seconds showing. The Comets got off a final shot in desperation, but it was wide.

The defeat, which dropped Carlisle to 9-3 on the year, was the second at the hands of the Marshals, who earlier took a five-point decision from the Comets at Marshall County.

"They played us tight," said Marshall coach Bobby Toon. "We weren't looking ahead against them, they just played a good defensive game against us."

Toon felt the absence of Robert Nelson, who sprained an ankle during Friday's contest, probably hurt the Carlisle effort.

In addition to the loss of Nelson, Phillip Hall fouled out of the contest early in the fourth quarter, leaving the Comets even more shorthanded.

"Anytime you lose a player like Hall and have to play without someone like Nelson, it's got to hurt you," said Toon.

With 1:28 left in the game, Carlisle led 54-49 and seemed in control. But a basket by Lovett and two free throws by Anderson, sandwiched around a free throw by Carlisle's Keith York, took only 12 seconds and made the score 55-53.

A floor error by the Comets gave Marshall County possession and the opportunity, which it quickly seized, to tie the score.

The Marshals, now undefeated, finished with 21 field goals on 51 attempts and 17 free throws in 26 trips. The Comets were 23 of 52 from the field and 11 of 13 at the foul line.

"We won the game at the foul line and we didn't even shoot a good percentage," noted Toon. "I guess we were just in the right place at the right time. We were lucky to win."

Marshall.....11 23 36 59
Carlisle.....11 26 43 57

Marshall (59)
Ford 14, Clapp 18, Anderson 6, Lassiter 2, Lovett 14, Doom 5, Harrison.

Carlisle(57)
Elliott, Crice 13, N. Hall 8, York 11, P. Hall 5, Guhy 8, Henley 12.

Records: Marshall 9-0, Carlisle 9-3.

Tilghman Counters Carlisle
By Turning York 'Inside-Out'

Carlisle Co. 67
Tilghman 71
01-03-81 - Away

When you can't get the ball inside to your resident big man, it can cause real problems, unless your big man is Paducah Tilghman's Troy York.

After the first four minutes Saturday night, Carlisle County led 11-0 and York, a 6-foot-4 forward, had scarcely touched the ball. But following a timeout and a brief discussion with coach Berny Miller, York went outside to play guard.

York responded to the move by scoring a game-high 20 points and leading Tilghman, ranked No. 2 in the *Sun* poll, to a 71-67 triumph over the third-ranked Comets.

"They (Carlisle) stopped our original setup," said Miller. "They had us well-defended. We couldn't get the ball inside to Troy, so we brought him outside to give it to him."

At the end of the first quarter Tilghman cut the margin to 16-11 and caught up at 27-27 with 3:41 left in the half, when James Teague took an outlet pass from York and outraced the Comet defenders for a lay-up.

Nathan Hall, Carlisle's 6-6 center who led the Comets with 17 points, got inside seconds later to put the Comets back on top, but Eddie Norris and David Davis collaborated for two straight baskets. On both scores Norris broke off a pick and Davis lobbed the ball even before his target turned to look. On the second basket, Norris was fouled, his free throw to complete the three-point play, gave Tilghman its initial lead of the game as 39-32.

"We work on that play a lot in practice," said Miller. "It's tough to stop, but it is also very difficult for David to know when to release the ball."

Tilghman moved out to a 37-31 lead with 1:17 left in the half, but a free throw by Rodney Crice cut the margin to a single point at intermission. Crice had 16 points in the losing cause.

The battle continued on even terms through the third quarter, and into the final period with Tilghman protecting a 54-52 advantage.

Norris hit a basket and York added two, while Carlisle got only a free throw from Phillip Hall, the younger brother of the Comet center to give the Tornado a 60-53 advantage. Tilghman still led by seven at 68-61 with 1:57 remaining, when Davis converted two free throws, after being fouled by P. Hall, who was forced to leave the game with five fouls.

"He's (Hall) going to make some fouls as aggressive as he is," said Carlisle coach Craynor Slone. "But he's only a sophomore and he'll learn to stop making the unnecessary fouls. He'll know when he has three or four fouls on him. Sometimes that's difficult for a young player."

With time running out, Tilghman went to a spread offense forcing Carlisle to foul to get the ball. The Comets obliged, but Tilghman also became very cooperative, missing three straight opportunities and allowing Carlisle to narrow the gap to 68-65.

But with 16 seconds left, York got the ball and sank two free throws when he was fouled. Crice added an uncontested basket for the Comets and Gary Cox sank a free throw for Tilghman for the final margin.

"Carlisle is a particularly good group of individuals," said Miller. "They are a fine team. They play better than they look. He (Slone) is doing a good job with them."

Carlisle.....16 36 52 67
Tilghman.....11 37 54 71

Carlisle (67)
Elliott 1, Crice 16, Tyler, N. Hall 17, York 4, P. Hall 9, Guhy 7, Henley 13.

Tilghman (71)
York 20, Norris 19, Cox 8, Davis 12, M. Cooper 4, Teague 7, Miller, J. Cooper 1.

Records: Tilghman 9-2, Carlisle 9-4.

Carlisle Co. 56
Hickman Co. 52
01-06-81 - Away

When the Comets needed the points most, 6-6 Nathan Hall took over and led Carlisle County to its 10th victory this season. Hall scored 10 of his 19 points in the second half.

Sophomores Phillip Hall and David Henley combined for 22 points to assist in the difficult victory.

Carlisle got the early lead, but never held a comfortable margin over Hickman County.

James Crisp and Tim Dixson topped Hickman County with 15 and 10 points, respectively.

Carlisle.....13 25 40 56
Hickman.....8 22 33 52

Carlisle (56)
Crice 9, Guhy 2, N. Hall 19, P. Hall 12, Henley 10, Nelson 2, York 2.

Hickman (52)
Bizzle 6, Crisp 15, Cooley 2, Dixson 10, Duffy 8, Scott 3, Walker 8.

Records: Carlisle 15-4, Hickman 4-10.

Carlisle Co. 83
Fulton City 44
01-10-81 - Away

Rodney Crice scored 17 of his points in the second half as the Comets marched to a 39-point victory over Fulton City. Crice led all scorers with 24 points, but Phillip Hall added 18 and Nathan Hall 13 for the Comets.

The Comets jumped up 16-2 in the first period and held a commanding lead for the entire game as they picked up their tenth victory this year. Russell Patton led Fulton City with 11 points.

Carlisle.....21 40 60 83
Fulton City.....13 23 36 44

Carlisle (83)
Crice 24, Elliott, Guhy 5, N. Hall 13, P. Hall 18, Henley 6, Nelson 5, Rambo 1, Tyler, Wilson 1, York 4.

Fulton City (44)
Cordwell 1, Dean 1, Douglass 3, Greer 8, Jones 6, McAlister 2, Patton 11, Pearson 10, Bransford 2, Clauser.

Records: Carlisle 11-4, Fulton City 3-5.

Carlisle Co. 72
Lone Oak 43
01-13-81 - Home

Sophomore David Henley scored a career-high 18 points, while leading the Comets past the Oakers. Henley scored mainly from outside as the Comets strolled to a 36-15 halftime lead in their 12th victory.

Senior Nathan Hall matched Henley's 18 points and Rodney Crice added 16 for the third-ranked Comets. Clifford Clark managed 15 points as the only double-figure Oaker scorer.

Lone Oak.....4 15 32 43
Carlisle.....9 36 53 72

Lone Oak (43)
Reed 6, Clark 15, Dreher, Hayden 5, Hagan 4, Wheatley 7, Presley 4, Carney 2.

Carlisle (72)
Nelson 4, Crice 16, N. Hall 18, P. Hall 8, Henley 18, Elliott 1, York 3, Guhy 6.

Carlisle Co. 66
Ballard Co. 65
01-16-81 - Home

A basket that wasn't, or at least didn't appear to be, a pair of ejections and 56 fouls highlighted this shootout at Ballard.

The mystery basket belonged to Ballard's Keith Myers, who was fouled while shooting, and got credit for a basket even though both benches agreed the ball didn't go through. Later Myers and Carlisle's David Henley were thrown out after a skirmish on a loose ball.

Ballard made best use of its trips to the line, hitting 21 of 26 free throws, while Carlisle settled for 22 of 40. Rodney Crice and Nathan Hall had a pair of 21-point outings for the Comets, while Jeff Brewington's 19 paced the Bombers.

Ballard.....8 24 38 65
Carlisle.....16 28 49 66

Ballard (65)
Babb 4, Beardsley 10, Brewington 19, Buchanan 2, Dunning 4, Denton 2, Myers 6, Stevens 2, Taffer 14, Mitchell 2.

Carlisle (66)
Crice 21, Guhy 3, Nathan Hall 21, Phillip Hall 6, Henley 6, Nelson, Tyler 1, York 8.

Records: Carlisle 13-4, Ballard 6-6.

Carlisle Co. 67
Fulton Co. 46
01-17-81 - Away

The No. 3-rated Comets led by only two points at halftime 29-27, but they lowered the defense boom in the second half and pulled out to a 23-point victory.

Carlisle was led by Rodney Crice with 20 points. Keith York had 14 and Nathan Hall 11 for the Comets.

Darrell Holder had 15 for the Pilots.

Carlisle.....15 29 52 67
Fulton Co.....11 27 39 46

Carlisle (67)
Crice 20, Elliott, Guhy, N. Hall 11, P. Hall 2, Henley 7, Hoskins, Nelson 4, Rambo, Tyler, York 14.

Fulton Co.(46)
Argo 1, G. Bishop 2, Childers 8, F. Bishop 6, Holder 15, Mangold 2, McIntee 11, Nall, Tucker 1, Coffey, Simmons.

Carlisle Co. 73
Sedalia 36
01-20-81 - Home

The Comets took on the Sedalia Lions last Tuesday night at home.

Carlisle was down by four at the end of the first quarter. But the Comets got their act together and were on top 34-25 by the end of the first half. The Comets maintained that lead throughout the remainder of the game and pulled off a 37-point victory over the Lions.

David Henley, Phillip Hall and Chris Guhy were Carlisle's top scorers with a combined total of 39 points. None of Sedalia's players were in double figures.

Sedalia hit 63 percent from the free throw line to Carlisle's 58 percent.

Carlisle.....8 34 52 73
Sedalia.....12 25 30 36

Carlisle (73)
Henley 16, P. Hall 13, Guhy 10, N. Hall 9, Nelson 7, Crice 6, Elliott 4, Tyler 4, York 2, Williams 2.

Sedalia (36)
Pritchard 8, Mason 6, McClure 6, Lamb 5, Rose 4, Motheral 3, Allen 2.

Ballard Co. Tourn.
1st Round
Heath Victim Of
Carlisle's Quickness

Carlisle Co. 65
Heath 58
01-28-81 - Away

When Heath and Carlisle County squared off Wednesday night in the opening game of the Ballard Invitational Tournament, it was a match-up of size against quickness.

And for the second time in three meetings between the two clubs, it was quickness which told the story as the Comets downed the Pirates, 65-58.

Carlisle County, ranked No. 3 in the *Sun* poll, found itself in possession of a 39-29 lead with 3:52 remaining in the third quarter, when Heath coach John Waggoner asked for a timeout.

When the Pirates returned to the floor they had abandoned their zone defense in favor of a man-to-man.

Tony Fletcher cut the gap to eight points for the Pirates, when he followed a teammate's miss. Then came a pair of baskets by the Pirates' Chris Shelley and now it was Craynor Sloane's turn to have his Comets signal a timeout.

"They hadn't been in the man-to-man all night," Slone said. "We were doing a good job of attacking it, so I asked for time." But it took the Comets a little time to adjust and that allowed Shelley to put in his third straight basket to pull Heath within two points at 39-37.

The Comets missed a field goal attempt in the ensuing possession, but the Pirates were unable to capitalize. After a missed field goal by Heath, Rodney Crice, who led Carlisle with 16 points, was fouled en route to the goal.

The basket by Crice put the Comets ahead 42-37, and when he missed the foul shot on his three-point try, Phillip Hall grabbed the rebound, scored, and was fouled.

Hall's free throw was on the mark and the Comets were now comfortably ahead, 44-37.

"We had a chance to tie," said Waggoner, "but instead they got a chance at two three-point plays."

Much of the game the Comets were able to beat the Pirates to balls as they bounced off the backboard. "It's their quickness," said Waggoner. "That was the big factor in the game. They play good team basketball. They fit well together. They really have four guards and one center out there. They're not awesome, but they're a good team."

Sloan felt his team's withstanding the Heath rally was the turning point in the game. "It might have been different if they had managed to tie it and take the lead," he said.

The game was a physical battle from the opening tip and both clubs quickly found themselves in foul trouble. At the half, with the score favoring Carlisle 30-25, three Comets had been whistled for three fouls apiece. The trio: Crice, Nathan and Phillip Hall. Fletcher of the Pirates had four fouls and 6-foot-4 forward Billy Rodgers had three.

Nathan Hall, a 6-6 senior center, picked up his second foul in the first quarter, forcing Slone to go to his bench where he found Keith York.

York, who looks less like a basketball player than a defensive tackler for the Oakland Raiders, lumbered onto the court to score 12 points. With York picking up the scoring slack, Slone was able to keep his big pivot-man safely on the bench.

Heath, which suffered its sixth loss in 12 outings, added eight points in the closing minutes, but Carlisle, now 16-4, matched that total on two more baskets by Nathan Hall and four free throws by his younger brother Phillip.

Carlisle.....11 30 48 65
Heath.....13 25 41 58

Carlisle (65)
Crice 16, Elliott, Guhy 6, N. Hall 11, P. Hall 14, Henley 2, Nelson 4, York 12.

Heath (58)
Fletcher 6, Lakin 13, Rodgers 6, Shelley 17, Simons 6, Skinner 10, Stuart, Wright.

Records: Carlisle 16-4, Heath 6-6.

Ballard Co. Tourn.
2nd Round

Mayfield 73
Carlisle Co. 62
01-30-81 - Away

Mayfield may have set the right example for Ballard in the first game. It used the same inside-outside scoring to run up a comfortable 33-23 halftime edge on Carlisle County. In Mayfield's version, it was Jeff Flood connecting from the outside and Charles Parrott operating on the inside.

Parrott scored 23 points and Flood added 20, while Carlisle's Nathan Hall scored 20 points, 14 of them free throws.

"That was our best game this year," said Cardinal coach Roger Fields. "We got good guard play, the 16-footer from a strong inside defense from Joe Prince and the usual good effort from Parrott."

The downfall developed for Carlisle at the start of the second quarter, after the Comets tied the game at 14. Parrott hit four baskets, Flood two, and Parrott added two assists as Mayfield outscored the Comets 15-1 during one stretch.

Carlisle.....13 23 36 62
Mayfield.....14 33 47 73

Carlisle (62)
Nelson 7, Crice 9, N. Hall 20, Phillip Hall 5, Henley 14, Elliott, York 2, Guhy 5.

Mayfield (73)
Parrott 23, Sanderson 12, Prince 4, Flood 20, Graham 12, Owens, Wastell 2, Gray.

Records: Carlisle 16-5, Mayfield 11-6.

Mayfield Tips
Carlisle Again

Carlisle Co. 63
Mayfield 64
02-03-81 - Away

With 19 fouls in the first quarter, the pace of Mayfield's battle with Carlisle County Tuesday night hardly matched the effort the two teams produced last Friday in the Ballard Invitational Tournament.

And though Mayfield's patience wasn't the same, said coach Roger Fields, the result was a 64-63 upset victory for Mayfield over the Comets, ranked No. 3 in the *Sun* poll.

"We weren't very patient the last four minutes of the game," said Fields, to explain Carlisle's rally from a seven-point deficit. The Comets cut the Cardinal lead to just a point with 24 seconds left and had the ball, but Rodney Crice's shot with eight seconds left wouldn't fall.

Jeff Flood was fouled two seconds later and hit both free throws in a bonus situation to give Mayfield a three-point lead. David Henley scored Carlisle's final basket on a lay-up that Mayfield conceded.

Flood and Charles Parrott combined for 14 of Mayfield's points in the last period, when it rallied from a 47-45 deficit.

Parrott scored 16 points and Flood 15 for Mayfield. Nathan Hall scored 16 points for Carlisle.

Carlisle.....14 28 47 63
Mayfield.....16 29 45 64

Carlisle (63)
Crice 10, Guhy 8, N. Hall 16, P. Hall 10, Henley 12, Nelson, Tyler 2, York 5.

Mayfield (64)
Flood 15, Graham 10, Owens 2, Parrott 16, Prince 4, Sanderson 14, Wastell 3.

A Comet Hits The Steak.
Defense, Fans Enable
Carlisle To Tip Marshall

Carlisle Co. 71
Marshall Co. 64
02-10-81 - Home

Carlisle County didn't cut down the nets when it won the St. Mary Thanksgiving basketball tournament back in November. "They're a funny bunch," said coach Craynor Slone. "I guess they didn't feel like it."

After Tuesday night's game with Marshall County the Comets felt like it. So they did.

Carlisle ranked, No. 3 in *The Sun* poll, not only knocked off the top-rated Marshals, previously the state's only unbeaten boys team, it also ended Marshall's 19-game winning streak with a 71-64 victory.

Slone picked up three technical fouls and an automatic ejection from the game midway through the second quarter. He didn't get to see much of his team's victory, but he thought he knew how it came about. "Defense had to be different," he said

Assistant coach Mark Cooper, who guided the team during Slone's absence agreed. "We kept them out of their offense," he said. We didn't let them get into their offensive pattern.

Slone got one more vote for Carlisle's man-to-man defense from Marshall Coach Bobby Toon. "They came out and made us play their type of ball game, he said. "We never did settle down and start running our offense. They just outplayed us tonight."

The technical fouls not only limited Slone's viewing time, it also got the Carlisle fans going. "The technical fouls were the turning point," Toon said. "That got Carlisle's momentum up."

Slone's protest came after Marshall's Matt Lovett made a basket from the lane that pushed Marshall County ahead 23-22, only its second lead of the night. Lovett was calling for a charging foul on the play, but Slone said he thought Lovett had traveled before he made the basket and that's why he approached the officials.

Nathan Hall went to the line on the charging foul after Slone had been ejected and missed the front end of the bonus. Then Marshall's Martin Clapp shot six technical foul shots in front of the cheering, jeering, crowd, and made five. With 3:07 left in the first half, Marshall led by six, 28-22.

It proved to be a small six-point lead. Fueled by the crowd, Carlisle forced two quick turnovers and came back to tie the score with just 1:19 left, after Clapp's free throws, on a jump shot by David Henley, a put back by Keith York, and a lay-up by Rodney Crice.

The Comets took the lead back 34-32 on a basket by Phillip Hall with a 19 seconds left in the half, a lead they never gave up. Marshall tied the score once in the third at 42-42, but Carlisle pulled out by four at the end of the quarter and led by as many as 14 points 65-51 in the final period.

Crice, Carlisle's 6-3 senior forward who led the team scoring with 18 points, said the team pulled together when Slone was ejected. And the crowd? "They definitely helped," he said. The crowd kept us going the whole game".

Carlisle, still undefeated at home this season, needed its fans the whole game. The Comets lost two previous meetings with Marshall, the last coming in the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament. In that game Carlisle led throughout, only to have Marshall County come back to win 59-57 on the last shot of the game.

It looked like that might happen again when Marshall cut the 14 point lead back to seven 65-58, with 1:28 left in the game, on baskets by Daniel Lassiter, Bruce Ford and David Anderson and a Lovett free throw.

But it didn't happen again. The Marshals, forced to foul, sent the Comets to the line where they hit 6-of-6 free throws.

"This time we kept our composure," said Crice. "We stayed in our offense a lot better."

Cooper said the lineup, which often includes three sophomores, has profited by experience since Christmas. "When they (Marshall) beat us up there we were still pretty young, new to the system. You can see the difference.

York, a 6-foot sophomore made a big difference in the first half for the Comets, coming off the bench to get eight points. He led Carlisle scoring at halftime and finished with 14 for the game. "He's been doing that all year," said Cooper. "He's a good sixth man."

Crice finished with 8 of 11 field goal attempts and 2 of 2 free throws in the game. Lassiter led Marshall County with 22 points on 8 of 15 from the field and 6 of 8 from the line.

Carlisle, now 17-6, outshot the Marshals from the field 47 percent (28-59) to 41 percent (21-51), and outrebounded them, led by 6-6 Nathan Hall with 12. Marshall (19-1) hit 22 of 28 free throws for (79%) to Carlisle's 15 of 25.

Marshall.....12 32 44 64
Carlisle.....15 34 48 71

Marshall (64)
Ford 10, Clapp 10, Anderson 6, Lassiter 22, Doom 2, Lovett 14, Harrison, Solomon.

Carlisle (71)
Nelson, Elliott, Crice 18, Tyler, N. Hall 14, York 14, P. Hall 13, Guhy 8 Henley 4

Tilghman Holds Its Poise,
Stops Giant Killer Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 69
Tilghman 78
02-13-81 - Home

Sure, Tilghman came back to take the lead away from the Sun's third-ranked teams, Carlisle County in the second quarter Friday night, so things looked bad for the Comets.

But when Tornado leading scorer Eddie Norris fouled out with over six minutes left to play, and Tilghman leading by just five in the game at Carlisle, the Comets' hopes must have soared.

Only to be dashed.

No. 2 Tilghman held onto the lead even after the Norris exit and the Comets wound up losing their first game at home this season and their second of the year to the Tornado, this time, 78-69.

The victory for Tilghman came just three days after giant-killing Carlisle knocked off top-ranked and previously unbeaten Marshall County 71-64.

Friday night, Tilghman got the lead when it started pressing Carlisle in the second quarter. Tilghman opened the quarter trailing by seven 21-14, and ended by seven 41-34 as it outscored the Comets 27-13 in the period.

Norris, who had 11 points in the first half, finished his foul shortened outing with 19 points. Troy York followed with 15, Mark Cooper had 14, while both David Davis and James Teague got 12. Tilghman shot 25 of 59 from the field in the game and made up a one field goal deficit at the line, hitting 28 of 38 free throws.

Carlisle was 26 of 48 from the field and 17 of 23 from the line. Nathan Hall led the Comet scoring with 13 points in the first half and 20 for the game. Phillip Hall got 16.

Tilghman.....14 41 57 78
Carlisle.....21 34 54 69

Tilghman (78)
M. Cooper 14, Cox 6, Davis 12, Norris 19, Teague 12, York 15.

Carlisle (69)
Crice 8, Elliott 7, Guhy 20, N. Hall 20, P. Hall 16, Henley 6, Nelson 8, York 4.

Carlisle Co. 103
Fulton City 38
02-17-81 - Home

Sophomore David Henley scored 20 points for Carlisle, one of five players to reach double figures.

The Comets commanded a 31-6 lead in the first quarter to end any doubts about the outcome.

Rodney Crice scored 17 points and Nathan Hall 13 for the Comets. Sophomore Mitch Dean scored 15 for Fulton City.

Fulton City.....6 14 26 38
Carlisle.....31 54 77 103

Fulton City (38)
Dean 15, McAlister 1, Scearance 2, Huthinson 8, Tibbs 8, Lawrence 2, Caldwell 2.

Carlisle (103)
Crice 17, Elliott 3, Guhy 4, N. Hall 13, P. Hall 8, Henley 20, Hoskins 4, Nelson 11, Rambo 3, J. Tyler 8, Williams 2, York 10.

Carlisle Co. 66
Heath 57
02-20-81 - Home

John Tyler, a 6-6 freshman center, came off the bench to score nine fourth-quarter points and help the second-ranked Comets fight off an upset threat by the eight-rated Pirates.

Tyler, who finished with 11 points, was pressed into action when three Carlisle starters got into foul trouble. Nathan Hall, Phillip Hall and Robert Nelson, all sat through much of the final period with four fouls each.

The Pirates jumped on top 15-11 after one period and held a 33-29 advantage at the half. The Comets outscored the Pirates 16-13 in the third quarter to pull within a point at 46-45.

Heath went to its full court press in the final period, but the Comets were able to break the press and get the ball to Tyler for some easy baskets.

David Henley led the Carlisle scorers with 16 points. Mike Lakin topped the Pirates with 15. The win improved the Comets' record to 19-7, while the loss dropped Heath to 9-9.

Heath.....15 33 46 57
Carlisle.....11 29 45 66

Heath (57)
Criswell 1, Fletcher 10, Lakin 15, Rodgers 6, Shelley 8, Skinner 9, Wright 8.

Carlisle (66)
Crice 6, Guhy 8, N. Hall 13, P. Hall 7, Henley 16, Nelson, Tyler 11, York 5.

Ballard Finds Range,
Trips No. 3 Comets

Carlisle Co. 67
Ballard Co. 72
02-26-81 - Away

Ballard Co. was due against Carlisle County anyway.

The Bombers had played Carlisle twice before Thursday night, and they had lost both games by a total of nine points, including one in overtime.

They didn't lose the third one.

Paced by 70 percent shooting and an edge in free-throw shooting, Ballard upset The Sun's third-ranked team 72-67 and improved its record to 16-8.

Ballard didn't miss many shots, and one player, junior Jim Taffer, didn't miss any. He took five shots from the field, six from the free throw line and hit them all for 16 points. Keith Myers, however, paced Ballard with 22 points.

Carlisle, now 19-8, outscored Ballard by eight points from the field, but it was out pointed 26-13 in free throws. The Comets missed only two of 15 foul shots, while Ballard hit 26 of 36.

Rodney Crice scored a game high 24 points for Carlisle, and David Henley and Phillip Hall had 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Both teams field goal shooting figures were impressive, through Ballard's was brilliant. While Carlisle hit 27 of 47 attempts for 57 percent, Ballard was 23 of 32.

Carlisle.....8 31 45 67
Ballard.....16 36 51 72

Carlisle (67)
Crice 24, Elliott, Guhy 4, N. Hall 10, P. Hall 12, Henley 13, Rambo 2, M. Tyler, York 2.

Ballard (72)
Beardsley 10, Brewington, Buchanan 14, Dunning, Myers 22, Stevens 10, Taffer 16.

Carlisle Co. 71
St. Mary 64
02-27-81 - Home

Nathan Hall went inside in the second quarter and came away with a lead Carlisle Co. held the rest of the night.

Hall picked up six pts. in the period, four of those coming from the line as the Vikings fouled him.

Phillip Hall took the honors in the Carlisle scorebook with 21 pts., followed by Nathan Hall's 16. Other Comets in double figures included David Henley with 11 and Robert Nelson with 10.

St. Mary got 17 pts. from Denis Quigley, 15 from Kevin Weitlauf and 14 from Eric Rust.

Carlisle….....14 30 54 71
St. Mary….....14 24 44 64

Carlisle (71)
Crice 4, Guhy 7, N. Hall 16, P. Hall 21, Henley 11, Nelson 10, York 2.

St. Mary (64)
Noonan 4, Quigley 17, Rust 14, Weitlauf 15, Wurth 6, York 6.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 73
Fulton City 42
03-05-81 - Away

"It sure feels good to know we'll at least be there," said Slone about Carlisle's opening round victory that insures it a regional appearance. "The good thing about the seeding is we (Carlisle was seeded first) get an easier team in the first game."

The third-ranked Comets, now 21-8, had to wait until the second quarter before putting many points between them and Fulton City. The Bulldogs trailed by only six points after the first frame, but Carlisle outscored them 19-12 in the second quarter for a 35-22 lead.

Phillip Hall was the top scorer in a balanced Comet attack that had four players in double figures. Hall scored 13, Chris Guhy 12 and seniors Rodney Crice and Nathan Hall had 11 each.

Fulton City (6-17) did recover in the third quarter and closed within eight points behind the scoring of senior Russell Patton, who scored 11 of his team-high 19 points in the period.

Carlisle….....16 35 52 73
Fulton City…...10 22 38 42

Carlisle (73)
Crice 11, Elliott 5, Guhy 12, N. Hall 11, P. Hall 13, Henley 8, Hoskins, Nelson 4, Rambo 2, Tyler 3, Williams, York 4.

Fulton City (42)
Abbot, Cordwell, Dean, Douglas, Greer 10, William, McAlister, Patton 19, Pearson 10, Sceone 2, Brunsford 1, Lawence.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
It's Free Throws That Enable
Carlisle Co. To Clip Falcons

Carlisle Co. 55
Hickman Co. 45
03-07-81 - Away

Carlisle County free throw shooting under pressure proved good enough to preserve its earlier offensive efforts and earn it the First District title.

Carlisle hit nine free throws in the last three minutes, and that was plenty to beat Hickman County 55-45 here last night.

"We've been shooting about 68 percent toward the end of the season, which I think is pretty good," said Comet assistant coach Mark Cooper. The Comets did even better in the game, however hitting 21 of 28 attempts for 75 percent.

Senior Rodney Crice started the parade to the line. At 3:01 in the last quarter, he hit two free throws to put Carlisle County ahead by seven 47-40. From that point, only one field goal was scored in the game.

Carlisle led by six at the end of the first quarter 8-2, and led by as many as 10 points in the half before Hickman found the basket.

The momentum shifted in the second quarter when Falcon senior guard Tim Dixon pulled Hickman County back within four, hitting three free throws and a lay-up. The half ended with Hickman trailing by five.

With 6:04 in the fourth quarter Slone picked up a technical on a disputed call with the score 37-30. Dixon hit the technical free throws and sophomore guard Phillip Hall hit an eight-foot jump shot and followed with a steal and a lay-up with 4:22 left in the game to put Carlisle up by seven.

From there the game went to its free-throw mode. Crice scored all 10 of his points in the last quarter to keep the Comets in the lead.

"We ran our man-to-man offence better than we have all year." said Comet head coach Craynor Slone. "No single player won it for us tonight, everyone played well."

The winners were led by Phillip Hall with 17 pts. Dixon had 17 and Crisp 12 for Hickman.

Carlisle beat Hickman twice during the regular season. Carlisle now finishes undefeated in the district.

Carlisle now has a 3 game winning streak going into the game. Hickman had a 3 game winning streak, their longest of the season, before running into Carlisle in the finals.

Carlisle is the defending district champ and ranked No. 3 in the Sun poll.

Carlisle goes to the Region Tourn. with a 22-8 record.

Carlisle….....8 18 33 55
Hickman.....2 13 28 45

Carlisle (55)
Nelson 2, Crice 10, Tyler 2, N. Hall 8, York 2, P. Hall 17, Guhy 4, Henley 10.

Hickman (45)
Dixon 17, Walker 7, Cooley 9, Crisp 12, Prince, Beard.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Tilghman's Davis Takes Pressure
In Stride, Secures 58-57 Victory

Carlisle Co. 57
Tilghman 58
03-11-81 - Away

He said he didn't feel any pressure. And to prove it, David Davis, a senior guard for Tilghman, hit two free throws with 14 seconds left to clinch his team's 58-57 victory over Carlisle Thursday night in the First Region Tourn.

The biggest fts. of his career? "No" he replied. "I've been shooting pressure free throws since I was in Junior High School."

For the night, Davis scored 16 pts. second on the night to Troy York's 17, and was a perfect 8 for 8 from the line.

Carlisle played the final 7:07 of the game without Phillip Hall who fouled out. And though two other Comets sat on the bench with four fouls, Carlisle tied the score at 47-all on a basket by Rodney Crice with 3:25 left.

But seconds later as Tilghman's James Teague drove for the basket, Nathan Hall, the Comets 6-6 Center, fouled out too. Teague's basket was good and his ft. put the Tornado ahead 50-47.

Chris Guhy got only two fgs. for the Comets, but he chose just the right moment. His first basket cut the lead to 50-49 and his second, after Gary Cox connected for Tilghman, made it 52-51 with 3:22 remaining.

Davis, who had 12 first half pts., but failed to score in the third quarter, put Tilghman back up by 3 with a pair of fts.

A basket by Crice and another by Robert Nelson, following a Tilghman turnover against the Comet press, put Carlisle in front with 2:14 to go. It was the first Carlisle lead since the Comets led 10-8 in the first quarter.

"Their crowd really got behind them," said Davis. "It didn't bother us, but it really seemed to help them."

As Tilghman worked the ball into it's own court, Crice fouled Teague, who promptly hit both shots of the bonus to send the Tornado back into the lead.

"I just feel a little sick," said Carlisle Coach Craynor Slone. "We really felt we could beat them. But the fouls hurt us. Nathan played only a little over a quarter of the game."

Slone's team seemed to be out of the contest on several occasions, but it battled back each time.

Tilghman led 14-12 at the end of the first quarter and extended the margin to 9 pts. at 27-18 and again at 29-20. But Phillip Hall scored 8 straight pts. and Henley added a basket to cut the margin to 31-30, with 7 seconds left in the half. A basket by Norris just before the buzzer gave Tilghman a 3 pt. lead at the half.

During the second quarter, sophomore Phillip Hall scored 14 of his teams 18 pts., hitting 3 fgs. and 8 of 11 fts. Hall led all scorers with 22 pts. "He's going to be a great one." said Slone.

With 2 minutes remaining in the third quarter, Carlisle was within a basket at 41-39, but Tilghman got baskets from Gary Cox and York to go up by 6 as the period ended.

"I thought we would do better after we got the lead," said Tilghman coach Bernie Miller. "But we seemed to let up when their subs came in. I don't know why. They have played in foul trouble all year and the kids have been coming off the bench and doing a good job for them. They battle like this every time we play them."

The game was the third meeting between the two clubs this season. Tilghman won all three contests.

Asked if his team is playing up to the level he expected, Miller replied, "No, definitely not, but were still going into the semi-finals of the regional and we couldn't be any father along right now if we had won all our games."

Tilghman outshot Carlisle from the field, hitting 19/38 for 50% while the Comets were 21/46 for 46%. The margin of victory came at the foul line where Tilghman hit 20/26 fts., compared to 15/24 for Carlisle.

Tilghman had 28 rebs., while Carlisle finished with 26. Teague and Phillip Hall led their respective teams with 8 each.

Carlisle….....12 30 39 57
Tilghman.....14 33 45 58

Carlisle (57)
Crice 10, Nelson 6, Henley 11, P. Hall 22, Guhy 4, York, J. Tyler, N. Hall 4.

Tilghman (58)
York 17, Cox 6, Norris 6, Davis 16, Teague 13, Cooper, Arterburn.

1980-81

	Hickman Co.	St. Mary	Heath	Lone Oak	Lowes	Marshall Co.	Lowes	Sedalia	Heath	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Marshall Co.	Tilghman	Hickman Co.	Fulton City								
Nathen Hall	14	12	13	16	26	10	4	20	8	18	10	8	17	19	13								
Rodney Crice	14	22	14	17	14	15	12	19	25	14	19	13	16	9	24								
Rob Nelson	11	1	7	5	4	3	7	9	8	8	2			2	5								
Phil Elliott	0	1	0	0		0				2	3	0	1		0								
Chris Guhy	0	8	0	6	7	4	3	6	5	0	5	8	7	2	5								
Phillip Hall	7	8	5	12	2	5	9	8	7	24	18	5	9	12	18								
David Henley	5	7	2	9	1	10	9	16	6	6	6	12	13	10	6								
Keith York	0	8	0	0	2	6	5	4	0	8	2	11	4	2	4								
John Tyler				0			0						0		0								
Ricky Williams				0				2															
Bradley Hoskins				0				0		2													
David Rambo										2					1								
Greg Wilson															1								

1980-81

	Lone Oak	Ballard Co.	Fulton Co.	Sedalia	Heath	Mayfield	Mayfield	Marshall Co.	Tilghman	Fulton City	Heath	Ballard Co.	St. Mary	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Tilghman					Games	Pts.	Avg.
Nathen Hall	18	21	11	9	11	20	16	14	20	13	13	10	16	11	8	4					31	441	13.78
Rodney Crice	16	21	20	6	16	9	10	18	8	17	6	24	4	11	10	10					31	469	14.66
Rob Nelson	4	0	4	7	4	7	0	0	8	11	0		10	4	2	6					28	143	4.93
Phil Elliott	1		0	4	0	0		0	7	3		0		5							20	28	1.33
Chris Guhy	4	3	0	10	6	5	8	8	20	4	8	4	7	12	4	4					31	177	5.53
Phillip Hall	8	6	2	13	14	5	10	13	16	8	7	12	21	13	17	22					31	344	10.75
David Henley	18	6	7	16	2	14	12	4	6	20	16	13	11	8	10	11					31	310	9.68
Keith York	3	8	14	2	12	2	5	14	4	10	5	2	2	4	2	0					31	148	4.62
John Tyler		1	0	4			2	0		8	11	0		3	2	0					15	31	2.06
Ricky Williams				2						2				0							5	6	1.2
Bradley Hoskins			0							4				0							6	6	1
David Rambo			0							3		2		2							6	10	1.66
Greg Wilson																					1	1	1
						Total Record - 22-9						Per Game Avg. - 68.19								Tota Pts.		2114	

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Nathen Hall	93		134	199	441	774	8.32
Rodney Crice	68		15	156	469	640	9.41
Rob Nelson	46			60	143	203	4.41
Phil Elliott	25			5	28	33	1.32
Bradley Hoskins	6				6	6	1

1981-82

HEAD COACH - CRAYNOR SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH - MARK COOPER

TROPHIES WON

ST. MARY TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

TILGHMAN TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

LUDLOW CLASS A TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 30-5

1981-82

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP,	SITE	
11-17-81	Hickman Co.	47-36	A	
11-20-81	St. Mary	68-37	A	
11-25-81	Symsonia	70-38	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-27-81	Ballard Co.	64-50	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-28-81	Livingston Co.	58-45	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-01-81	Marshall Co.	69-51	H	
12-04-81	Lowes	**50-51**	A	
12-11-81	Sedalia	76-55	A	
12-15-81	Heath	74-42	H	
12-18-81	Fulton Co	75-55	A	
12-28-81	Livingston Co.	56-48	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-29-81	Tilghman	60-48	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-30-81	Ballard Co.	57-55 **ot**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-05-82	Hickman Co.	51-37	H	
01-09-82	Fulton City	76-40	H	
01-15-82	Ballard Co.	50-44	A	
01-16-82	Fulton Co	75-41	H	
01-22-82	Lowes	74-53	H	
01-26-82	Lone Jack	69-59	A	- **LUDLOW "A" TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-27-82	St. Patrick	69-51	A	- **LUDLOW "A" TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-28-82	Cumberland Co.	54-48	A	- **LUDLOW "A" TOURN. 3RD RD.**
01-30-82	Bellvue	48-47	A	- **LUDLOW "A" TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
02-02-82	Mayfield	43-41	H	
02-09-82	Marshall Co.	**47-50**	A	
02-12-82	Tilghman	**46-65**	A	
02-16-82	Fulton City	61-29	A	
02-19-82	Heath	83-39	A	
02-20-82	Lone Oak	67-45	A	
02-23-82	Wingo	70-56	H	
02-25-82	Ballard Co.	**52-56**	H	
02-26-82	St. Mary	61-48	A	
03-04-82	Hickman Co.	59-34	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-06-82	Fulton City	56-30	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-11-82	Farmington	79-47	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-15-82	Ballard Co.	**55-58 ot**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 30-5

1982 Comets – District Champion



Coach Craynor Sloane, Ken Barriger, David Henley, Thurman Bailey, Greg Wilson, Mike Tyler, John Tyler, Keith York, Phillip Hall, Jerry Byassee, Kerry Davis, Richard Hobbs, Assistant Coach Mark Cooper, Ricky Williams, Chris Guhy, David Rambo

1981-1982

HEAD COACH - CRAYNOR SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH - MARK COOPER

TROPHIES WON
ST. MARY TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
TILGHMAN TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
LUDLOW CLASS A TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 30-5

1981-82 COMET ROSTER:
Chris Guhy, Ken Barriger, David Henley, Greg Wilson, Mike Tyler, Keith York, Phillip Hall, Jerry Byassee, Ricky Williams, David Rambo, John Tyler, Kerry Davis, Thurman Bailey.

Carlisle Co. 47
Hickman Co. 36
11-17-81 - Away

Hickman County dictated play with a patient offense, but the Comets still won their season opener 47-36 at Clinton.

The Comets helped their own cause by hitting 19 of 43 field goals for 44 percent and 9 of 13 free throws. The taller Comets also out rebounded the Falcons 31-15

Junior guard Phillip Hall paced the Carlisle attack with 15 points. He was followed by David Henley with 12 and Chris Guhy with 6.

The Falcons, now 1-4 were led by Nate Beard and Henry Vinson. Each scored 10 points.
Carlisle……..15 27 39 47
Hickman……...12 23 29 36
Carlisle (47)
Bailey, Barriger, Guhy, 6 Hall 15, Henley 12, Rambo, J. Tyler 4, M. Tyler 4, Williams, York 4, Wilson 4.
Hickman (36)
Beard 10, Cooley 2, Duffy 4, Jenkins 1, Prince 9, Vinson 10.

Carlisle Co. 68
St. Mary 37
11-20-81 - Home

Phillip Hall scored all 18 of his points by halftime; 13 in the first quarter, as the Comets (2-0) easily handled St. Mary. Hall's efforts gave Carlisle County a 20-8 advantage in the first period.

Carlisle went ahead 38-16 by halftime and got 16 points from junior guard David Henley. Sid Joseph led the Vikings (0-2) with a dozen points.
St. Mary…..8 16 23 37
Carlisle.....…20 38 57 68
St. Mary (37)
Averill 7, Boudreaux 4, Hammet 2, Joseph 12, Leidecker 6, Smith 2, Woeltz 2, Wurth 2.
Carlisle (68)
Bailey 6, Byassee 2, Guhy 7, Hall 18, Henley 16, Rambo 1, J. Tyler, M. Tyler 4, Williams 4, York 6, Wilson 2.

Comets Seek 7th Crown
In 17th Viking Tourney

Carlisle County will be trying to capture its record seventh St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament when the defending champions open play against Symsonia at 6:30 Wednesday night.

The Comets beat Lowes 56-53 in the 1980 title game to recapture the championship they had won five straight years, starting in 1970.

Carlisle coach Craynor Slone said the balance and strength of teams in this year's tournament will make his team's task difficult.

"Ballard is strong and has five starters returning from the previous year. I think some of those kids are starting for their third year. Lowes was runner-up in the region and has three starters back and they sure have a chance to win it," Slone said "Livingston Central is undefeated in five games. Heath has started off slow, but they're going to be a good ball club, and Lone Oak is good so it looks like a pretty even tournament."

Slone said he is unsure what to expect from Symsonia since the Roughriders are young. Carlisle has already beaten tourney host St. Mary.

Slone said his team is still learning after losing three starters from last year. His Comets are 2-0 after beating the Vikings and Hickman County.

Ballard Co. takes on Lowes in Wednesday's nightcap in what could be a preview of First Region powers.

Ballard returns five starters from last year's second district title team while Lowes has three starters back from its regional runner up team.

"We saw them (Lowes) play Wingo the other night and they have three good players, but they also have two or three other players that come off the bench and help out. So we're expecting a tough game," said Bomber head coach B.B. Kendrick.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle's Tyler
Corrals Riders
Carlisle Co. 70
Symsonia 38
11-25-81 - Away

John Tyler's stature may not match his height, but the 6-foot-7 sophomore giant from Carlisle County, was a heavy problem for Symsonia in the opening game of the St. Mary Thanksgiving tournament Wednesday night.

Tyler, a slim sophomore, stood well above the Rough Riders' sophomore and junior lineup, lifting the Comets to a 70-33 victory.

"He's a very good defensive player," said Comets coach Craynor Slone. "That's his strong point at this time. We went to him early in this game and he got some easy points against them.

"Symsonia's a pretty young ball team and they don't have much height, so he was able to give them plenty of trouble."

Two defending district champions met in the second game with Ballard Co. taking a 65-57 victory over the Lowes Blue Devils. Ballard Co. and Carlisle will meet in Friday's first semifinal game

Tonight, Heath plays Lone Oak at 6:30 with Livingston Central battling St. Mary in the nightcap.

Although junior guard Phillip Hall eventually led the Comets' scoring with 18 points, it was Tyler's intimidation in the middle of the key, which crushed the hopes of Symsonia.

Symsonia's height and speed disadvantages showed up immediately, with the Comets jumping ahead 3-0 off the opening tap by Tyler. Tyler continued to control under the basket, finishing with 10 points and seven rebounds by halftime.

Symsonia managed to trim the lead to 7-4 early in the first quarter, but a string of 13 straight Comet points gave Carlisle a 20-4 lead with 1:37 left.

Keith York started the string with a lay-up, and then Tyler blocked a shot that set up David Henley's fast-break lay-up.

Tyler blocked another shot and sank two offensive putbacks to complete the surge. The last two points came off a tip by a pair of Symsonia players. Tim Whitis finally ended the string with a 15-foot shot after another Tyler block.

Only when John Tyler, Phillip Hall and David Henley were forced to leave the floor with 4:32 left in the half was Symsonia able to play even. The Comets held a 28-10 lead at the time, and held onto their 32-16 halftime edge without the three starters.

Bobby Purcell and David Parker rallied the Rough Riders in the final three minutes, Purcell finishing the half with eight points and led the team with 15 in the game. Parker scored 6.

When Hall and Henley returned to open the second half, the Comets jumped back ahead 44-20 with half of the third quarter gone. Carlisle's 6-6 junior center Mike Tyler controlled the middle for them

Hall took command in the final stages of the third and early minutes of the fourth using his defensive efforts to set up some easy fast break baskets before the reserves took over the game.
Carlisle…..22 32 50 70
Symsonia…..6 16 28 38
Carlisle (70)
Guhy 9, Hall 18, Henley 8, J. Tyler 12, M. Tyler 8, York 2, Byassee 4, Wilson 3, Williams 2, Bailey 4, Barriger, Rambo 2.
Symsonia (38)
Frick 5, Whitis 6, Purcell 15, Parker 6, Holt 2, Scott 2, Canter, Cope 2, Copland.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Co. 64
Ballard Co. 50
11-27-81 – Away

In the Courier Journal pre-season polls Ballard was ranked 16th in the state and was a favorite over the Comets.

The game was a total surprise. Not so surprising is the fact that Carlisle beat Ballard, but the margin in which they did so.

The Comets rolled to a 19 pt. lead at half-time and led by as much as 21 points during the game.

Phillip Hall had a game high of 27 points. Followed by Ballard's Keith Meyers, who had 21 points in a losing effort, as Carlisle went on to a 64-50 victory.

Carlisle……..14 37 43 64
Ballard……..6 18 28 50

Carlisle (64)
Hall 27, York 6, J. Tyler 8, Henley 11, Guhy 8, Barriger 2, Byassee 2.

Ballard (50)
Stevens 6, Buchanan 4, Meyers 21, Brewington 2, Beardsley 2, Taffer 6, Babb 8, Mitchell.

St. Mary Tourn.
Championship

Carlisle Co. 58
Livingston Co. 45
11-28-81 - Away

Carlisle Co. defeated the Cardinals of Livingston Co. in the finals of the St. Mary Tourn.

Even though the Comets game was not up to par, the Cardinals just couldn't handle Carlisle's defense. Carlisle captured a 58-45 victory and the Tournament Championship.

The Comets not only took home the first place trophy, but the Sportsmanship Trophy as well.

Carlisle…….7 25 39 58
Livingston.....10 23 35 45

Carlisle (58)
Hall 14, Wilson 2, York 14, J. Tyler 5, Henley 16, Guhy 7.

Livingston (45)
Mitchell 11, Johnston 12, Oliver 1, Jones 4, Riley 11, Kimbro 2, Ringstaff 4.

Hot Comets Add
Marshals To List Of Victims

Carlisle Co. 69
Marshall Co. 51
12-01-81 - Home

The Comets moved to 6-0 for the season behind a 20 point offensive burst and nine-point lead in the first period, initiated by guard Phillip Hall and center John Tyler. Hall finished with 26 and Tyler 12.

Marshall County, now 1-1, got a strong effort from senior David Anderson with 19 points and 9 rebounds. The Marshall's dropped behind by 10 permanently, early in the second half.

Marshall…….11 26 36 51
Carlisle……29 36 54 69

Marshall (51)
Harrison 8, Anderson 19, Stone 6, Thompson, Ford 2, Naughton 10, Hudson 6, Moss.

Carlisle (69)
Bailey 2, Barriger 1, Byassee, Guhy 7, Hall 26, Henley 4, Rambo, J. Tyler 12, M. Tyler 7, Williams, York 10.

Blue Devils' Defense
Deals Carlisle First
Loss Of Season

Carlisle Co. 50
Lowes 51
12-04-81 - Away

When two teams line up and meet head on, strength versus strength, some interesting things can happen.

Lowes and Carlisle County did just that Friday night when both teams played aggressive man-to-man defenses.

The Comets defense had helped build a perfect 6-0 record going into the game. But the Blue Devils did some strong defending of their own as they edged the Comets 51-50.

"I thought our defense looked a lot better than it's been looking. It was the key to the games," was winning Coach Jim Long's simple explanation of the Lowes victory.

While the Blue Devils were putting on the defense, 6-foot-5 senior center Don Spicer provided plenty of offense with 21 points while collecting eight rebounds.

Carlisle, meanwhile, got even scoring, but came up one point shy at the end. John Tyler, the Comets' 6-7 sophomore center led the team with 11 points, while Chris Guhy, Phillip Hall and David Henley had 10 each.

The game was close all the way with the biggest lead either team had being Lowes' six-point margin in the third period.

The Blue Devils, now 4-1, got scoring help from Ronnie Meyer, who had 10 points.

Carlisle …….14 29 41 50
Lowes……..11 31 41 51

Carlisle (50)
Guhy 10, Hall 10, Henley 10, J. Tyler 11, Mike Tyler 2, Williams, York 7, Wilson.

Lowes (51)
Adams 4, Dowdy, Ellegood 6, Meyer 10, Oliver, Ray 6, Spicer 21, Thompson 4.

Carlisle Takes No. 1
In Initial Sun Top 20

Craynor Slone admits he has plenty of faith in his youthful Carlisle County boys' basketball team. Enough faith to consider them among the top four or five teams in the first five districts of western Kentucky.

"I think we have played well enough to be considered up there," Slone said about his choices as the Purchase area's top basketball teams.

"If I was voting for number one right now I'd vote for Paducah Tilghman. I'd say we should be in the top three places, but I wouldn't want to say which place."

According to the statistical information used for The Sun Top, 20 the Comets deserve the top spot on the 20-team listing. The rankings consider all 25 teams in the first five districts.

Slone believes the honor may be a bit premature, especially after only 9 games, of which the Comets have won 8. Only a one-point loss at Lowes, which is ranked fourth, has spoiled Carlisle's record.

"I really am surprised," he said. "This early you don't really know who No. 1 should be. It's just a little too early to have any accurate poll, but you have to start somewhere

The only unbeaten team in the area, Trigg County (4-0), just edged out Ballard Co. for second spot on the poll. Lowes was placed fourth, followed by traditional powers Mayfield and Tilghman, who play at Mayfield tonight.

Caldwell County ranks seventh, Sedalia eighth, Marshall County ninth and Livingston Central tenth.

Murray, Reidland, Lone Oak, Calloway County, Wingo, Fulton city, Lyon County, Farmington, Fulton County and Hickman County round out the first 20 teams.

Of course, that ranking also carries extra responsibility.

"That gives everyone else some extra incentive, when they play us,"
said Slone. "But I think it will help our kids play a little harder too.

"I don't think coaches pay as much attention to rankings as fans do. The players pay attention a little bit, at least more than the coaches do.

"I'd still rather be voted around one-two than last. The most important thing is, however, who is in first place at the end not the beginning. Now I have to make the kids realize that and play a lot harder now.

Carlisle Co. 76
Sedalia 55
12-11-81 - Away

Carlisle spent most of the night at the free throw line where it shot 59 times, hitting 22, and got balanced scoring to whip the Lions.

The Comets were led by David Henley's 14 points, while Phillip Hall chipped in 13, and John Tyler 11.

Chris Morris and John Motheral had 10 each for the Lions.

Carlisle……..11 33 57 76
Sedalia……...11 20 30 55

Carlisle (76)
Hall 13, York 7, J. Tyler 11, Henley 14, Guhy 4, Wilson 5, M. Tyler 4, Rambo 2, Williams 7, Barriger 4, Byassee 5.

Sedalia (55)
Mason 6, Jones, B. Todd 2, Wiggins, Lamb 5, Page 10, McClure 2, Garland 6, Britt 6, Motheral.

Carlisle Co. 74
Heath 42
12-15-81 - Home

The Comets guard trio of Chris Guhy, David Henley and Phillip Hall took command soon after the second quarter tip to forge a 16-point halftime lead for Carlisle (8-1). Henley and Guhy scored 16, Hall 13 for the Comets, who shot 56 percent from the field.

Heath, crippled by injuries, managed to stay within six points of the Comets in the first quarter.

Heath…….8 15 28 42
Carlisle……..14 31 49 74

Heath (42)
Colson 4, Criswell 5, Lanier 1, Rodgers 32.

Carlisle (47)
Bailey 4, Byassee 2, Guhy 16, Hall 13, Henley 16, Rambo 7, J. Tyler 6, M. Tyler 8, York 2
Record-Carlisle 8-1, Heath 1-6

Carlisle Co. 75
Fulton Co. 55
12-18-81 - Away

The Pilots (3-4) fell victim to a balanced Comets scoring attack.

Carlisle (9-1) got 17 points from Keith York, 13 from Chris Guhy and 10 from David Henley.

Carlisle…….15 37 59 75
Fulton Co……...7 26 39 55

Carlisle (75)
Davis 2, Guhy 13, Hall 8, Henley 10, Rambo 3, J. Tyler 8, M. Tyler 6, Williams 2, York 17, Wilson 6.

Fulton Co. (55)
Argo 12, Bishop 2, Childers 8, Coffey 5, Mangold 3, Mclntee 16, Nail 9.
Record-Carlisle County 9-1, Fulton County 3-4.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 56
Livingston Co. 48
12-28-81 - Away

With 2:53 left in the third quarter and the score knotted at 32-all, Carlisle County's Mike Tyler went to work.

The 6-6 center got inside for two straight baskets to put the Comets ahead 36-32, and the teams traded free throws to make it 38-34 going into the final period.

"Mike was the difference," said Comet coach Craynor Slone. "If we hadn't played smart, we'd have gotten beat."

By playing smart, Slone meant going inside.

Carlisle continued to look for Tyler in the fourth quarter and he responded with three more baskets and a pair of free throws giving him a team-leading 16 points for his night's work.

"Keith York's passing was another big factor," noted Slone. "Keith got the ball to Mike on three or four of those inside plays."

When the Comets began to use their height advantage, the Cardinals, who lost to Carlisle in the finals of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament, were unable to keep up.

When Tyler sank his free throws with 2:30 to go, it gave the Comets, now 10-1, their biggest margin of the contest at 51-38.

Carlisle…..16 25 38 56
Livingston.....12 24 34 48

Carlisle (56)
Hall 10, York 4, M. Tyler 16, J. Tyler 7, Henley 14, Guhy 5, Williams.

Livingston (48)
Kimbro 8, Mitchell 8, Oliver 2, Riley 12, Johnson 18, Ringstaff, Driskill.

Records - Carlisle County 10-1, Livingston 11-4.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle's Aggressive Comets Give
Host Tornado A Defensive Education

Carlisle Co. 60
Tilghman 48
12-29-81 - Away

The flailing hands and fast-moving bodies Paducah Tilghman players saw swirling about them last night were no mirage.

The maroon and gold images were all very real. Real enough to power a 60-48 Carlisle County win over the Tornado in the Tilghman Christmas Tournament.

The Comets used an aggressive ball-control and rebounding game to drop Tilghman and advance to tonight's 7:30 title game match up with Ballard Co.

For Tilghman coach Berny Miller, the Comet blitz was no surprise.

"They play that way all the time. There's nothing wrong with the way they played. They just played hard," Miller said after watching his team, rated 11th in the latest Associated Press Poll, drop to 9-3.

The Comets, who led most of the first half before trailing 30-26 at halftime, took a 31-30 lead early in the third period and never looked back in recording their 11th win in 12 games.

Both Miller and Comet coach Craynor Slone agreed that Carlisle's time of possession was crucial.

"We kept possession of the ball and just looked for the real good shot," said Slone. "(Tilghman's Eddie) Norris is not going to be handling the ball if he doesn't have the ball. He's terrific if he gets the ball, but I don't think he handled the ball that much tonight."

Norris, who is Tilghman's leading scorer, got 14 points. More importantly, the Tornado, which played its 9th ballgame in 16 days, had enough turnovers to make Carlisle's task easier.

"They got the ball from us more times that I thought they would. That's about it. That was the difference in the ballgame. I expected it to be a real close ballgame and if they hadn't gotten the ball that many times," Miller said with a shrug. "We had somewhere around 20 turnovers."

Two of those Tilghman turnovers came early in the second half and allowed the Comets to go ahead for good.

With the score 30-27 Tilghman's favor, Carlisle's Phillip Hall stole the ball and missed a lay-up. But David Henley, who led all scorers with 22 points, tipped in the missed shot. On Tilghman's return trip down court, Henley picked a Tornado pocket and drove for a lay-up and the lead.

Carlisle, which is top-ranked in *The Sun* Top 20 poll and No. 14 in the latest AP poll, eventually stretched its lead in the third and fourth periods. But when Tilghman pulled to within six on Mark Cooper's tip-in with 44 seconds left, it was Henley's two free throws that gave his team a 56-48 lead. For good measure, Henley added a half court shot at the buzzer for the final margin.

"One thing about David is that he won't shoot the ball,' Slone said of his junior floor leader." "We want him to shoot the ball, but sometimes I just have to tell him, you're going to have to shoot the ball. Tonight he did."

Henley's 10 for 11 marksmanship at the free throw line, led his team to a 20 for 27 showing there.

Hall was the only other Comet in double figures, with 11 while Mark Cooper matched Norris with 14.

Carlisle…..16 26 46 60
Tilghman…..12 30 40 38

Carlisle (60)
Hall 11, York 8, M. Tyler 8, J. Tyler 3, Henley 22, Guhy 8, Williams.

Tilghman (48)
Teague 8, J. Cooper 8, Arterburn 4, M. Cooper 14, Norris 14, Young.

Tilghman Tourn.
Championship
'Super' Play Hands Carlisle
Fourth Tilghman Tourney

Carlisle Co. 57
Ballard Co. 55
12-30-81 - Away

"Great Caesar's Ghost!" Perry white would have said had he seen the play that won the Paducah Tilghman Christmas tournament.

For only superman could have accomplished what two Carlisle County ballplayers accomplished at the Tilghman gymnasium last night.

Although neither David Henley nor Mike Tyler wear a large "S" on their chest or claim to possess super-human powers. These two executed the feat that gave the Comets a 57-55 win over Ballard Co. in the 37th annual affair.

With but a single tick of the clock remaining, Henley rocketed a length-of-the court pass towards Tyler and the basket. The 6-foot-6 center outstretched Ballard's Keith Myers for the ball, came down, returned immediately to the air and sank the game-winning points.

According to the junior pair, the feat wasn't as easy as it looked.

"We've been practicing that play for about two years and like I told Mike, it's the first time it's probably worked in two years," said Henley who led both teams in scoring with 18 points.

A happy Carlisle coach Craynor Slone said the play was like a gift from heaven.

"We were just very fortunate to win the ballgame because we missed some foul shots in critical situations," he said. "That pass that Henley made just had to be perfect. It had to be there and it was. Of course you win a few like that and you lose a few like that and we were just happy to come out winning."

The game was sent into overtime when Chris Guhy, the only senior on the Carlisle team, hit the second of two free throws with 59 seconds left in regulation. Prior to Guhy's tying toss, the Comets had missed six of eight charity shots since the 3:32 mark of the final quarter.

In the overtime, Myers scored six points and Carlisle's Phillip Hall scored five, including a three-point play that put his team up 55-53.

After both teams missed scoring opportunities, Russ Buchanan hit Myers for a lay-up with three seconds left and Carlisle called timeout to set up the winning play.

Ballard coach B.B. Kendrick, who saw his team slip to 7-4, wasn't so sure that the play was all that super.

"We were down 10 going into the fourth quarter so we felt we were fortunate to be in the overtime and it's just anybody's ballgame when it goes there," he said.

"Whether the last shot was good or not anybody knows. Carlisle threw it right where we wanted them to. We just didn't get up there and slap the ball out of bounds. I think that we have some film showing that the basket probably didn't count, but that doesn't make any difference now."

The Carlisle victory wasn't official until about a minute after Tyler's basket. When neither official could decide if the shot had gone in before the buzzer sounded, official timer Bill Shelton ruled that it had.

Tyler, who didn't play basketball last season, scored six points in the contest.

The Comets expanded the lead they carried for most of the game when, aided by five straight Ballard turnovers, they outscored the Bombers 8-2 to take a 29-22 halftime lead.

The losers didn't threaten that lead until six minutes left in the game with the score 41-31. Bomber Barry Stevens hit for six straight points and Myers, who led Ballard with 16 points, added four to pull within two before Jeff Brewington's putback, and Todd Beardsley's free throw gave Ballard a 46-45 lead, their first since 6-4.

Carlisle.....15 29 37 46 57
Ballard…...12 22 29 46 55

Carlisle (57)
Guhy 5, Hall 16, Henley 18, J. Tyler 10, M. Tyler 6, York 2, Williams.

Ballard (55)
Babb 2, Beardsley 13, Brewington 5, Buchanan 5, Myers 16, Stevens 8, Taffer 6.

Kendrick Slone Match Wits
Until Final Bomb Ends Strategy

The play that gave Carlisle County its fourth Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament title Wednesday night was a master stroke of genius accomplished through execution.

The play, which resulted in a last-second basket that edged Ballard Co. 57-55 in overtime, was just one of several tactical moves by both team's coaches.

Like two master chess champions look in a game of minds, Carlisle coach Craynor Slone and Ballard coach B.B. Kendrick directed their players in hopes of gaining even the slightest advantage.

Slone appeared to make the first move when he switched from a man to man defense to a trapping 1-3-1 zone after a 6-all tie.

The zone caused two Ballard turnovers, which Carlisle turned into five points, and 11-6 lead.

One of Slone's best moves however was made before the game even started. That's when he assigned junior guard David Henley to guard Ballard star Keith Myers.

Covering Myers like a glove, Henley held the high-scoring Bomber to four points in the first half.

"David does a good job guarding Keith every time we play them," Slone said "They've been playing each other since they were young kids and David has always done a good job."

"I just denied him the ball," was Henley's explanation. "He's real tough inside. He can jump over you and shoot and he did that a couple of times. I let him shoot two or three outside. If he's going to hit out there, I just have to let him have it."

Henley's defense and the 1-3-1 trap sprung right before halftime, afforded Carlisle a 29-22 lead at the half.

The Comets padded their lead to 41-31 with six minutes left in the game, when Kendrick solved the Carlisle trap and directed his troops into position.

"We started moving the ball in a little deeper on them into the zone then passing the ball back out to the foul line and Barry Stevens sandwiched three shots around a lone Comet basket, the score stood at 43-39.

The Bombers starting fouling the Comets and that move paid off when Carlisle missed enough free throws to allow Ballard to send the game into overtime.

Both teams drew even in the overtime before the game's final play – a full-court pass from Henley to Mike Tyler for a lay-up that won the game.

The loss left Kendrick disappointed. But like any good competitor, he was looking toward to the next match up.

"We're not going to worry about this loss. Carlisle is still the only team in the region to beat us," he said. "We're still one of the best teams in the region and we'll prove that later on down the line. One good thing about basketball is that you have another chance the next time out," he said.

Carlisle's Patience
Outlasts Hickman Co.

Carlisle Co. 51
Hickman Co. 37
01-05-82 - Home

Carlisle County, The Sun's No.1 boy's basketball team, lived up to its billing Tuesday with a 51-37 win over Hickman County, but it took some patience before the Comets stole the show.

The Falcons used a deliberate offense to keep the game close in the first quarter. But some big Carlisle steals in the second period widened the score and opened the door for the win.

Carlisle's Keith York, a 6-foot-2 forward, and Chris Guhy, a 5-10 guard, came up with steals that the Comets converted into scores as the hosts stretched a 12-11 first quarter deficit into a 21-14 halftime lead.

"Hickman played real slow and kept the ball a lot," said Carlisle coach Craynor Slone. "it kept them in the game for a half."

The Comets put matters to rest at the start of the third period when they scored six straight points for a 27-14 lead.

"We got the tip and scored three baskets real close together," said Slone, "But they kept it at an 11-to-12 point game most of the way."

Carlisle, rated 12th in the Associated Press state poll, raised its record to 13-1 behind David Henley's 18 points, Phillip Hall's 16 and Guhy's 12.

Hickman….....12 14 22 37
Carlisle….....11 21 41 51

Hickman (37)
Beard 7, Cooley 6, Duffy, Prince 6, Walker 6, Vinson 11.

Carlisle (51)
Byassee, Guhy 12, Hall 16, Henley 18, Rambo, J. Tyler, M. Tyler 2, Williams, York 3, Wilson.

Carlisle County
Rolls To 14th Victory

Carlisle Co. 76
Fulton City 40
01-09-82 - Home

Carlisle County's Comets, the top-ranked team in The Sun top 20 rankings, had little trouble with Fulton City Saturday night, rolling to a 76-40 decision over the Bulldogs.

The Comets placed five players in double figures, led by Phillip Hall with 14. Chris Guhy and David Henley contributed 13 apiece from the guard positions, and center Mike Tyler added a dozen.

Carlisle, now 14-1 on the season, roared to a 12-4 first quarter advantage and was never challenged.

Fulton failed to place a player in double figures.

Fulton City…...4 16 26 40
Carlisle.....….....12 32 55 76

Carlisle (76)
Bailey 2, Barriger 2, Byassee 2, Guhy 13, Hall 14, Henley 13, Rambo 1, J. Tyler 6, M. Tyler 12, Williams, York 11, Wilson.

Fulton City (40)
R. Abbott 4, M. Bransford 8, W. Bransford 8, Herring, Lawrence 2, Littleton 6, McAlister, Taylor 6, Tibbs 6.
Records - Carlisle County 14-1, Fulton City 1-7.

Lowes, Murray Joins
State Prep Leaders

Unbeaten Clinton County downed four foes in a busy week and cracked the top 20 in this week's Associated Press boy's high school basketball poll.

The Bulldogs ran their streak to 14-0 with victories of 93-38 over Russell County, 67-42 over Danville, 70-67 over Pulaski County and 49-40 over Monticello and were accorded the No. 17 ranking by sportswriters and broadcasters.

Other newcomers to the standings were No 19 Lowes 8-2, and No.20 Murray 7-2 Balloting was conducted prior to Monday games

North Hardin a 63-46 winner over west Hardin, remained atop the ratings at 13-1. The Trojans earned six of nine first-place ballots and finished four points ahead of Lexington Bryan Station, which received two.

The Defenders improved to 11-1 with a 75-42 rout of Boone County and remained No. 2. Third-ranked Virgie, 10-2 also held ground.

Elsewhere, Louisville Male pounded Jeffersontown 61-50, and Louisville Iroquois 76-46, and jumped from sixth to fourth at 7-1

Also climbing was No. 5 Shelby County, which edged Lexington Henry Clay 58-56 and bombed Frankfort Western Hills 68-37. The Rockets, 9-1, were eighth a week ago.

Boyd County romped on Ashland Holy Family 80-58, and moved up a notch to No. 6 at 12-1

Lexington Catholic turned in a shocking 57-35 rout of Laurel County, which dropped to 8-2, but bounced back with a 70-51 clubbing of Estill County

Henry Clay, which also lost an 83-73 decision to Rowan County, dropped from fourth to eighth at 11-6

The remaining first-place vote went to Carlisle County, 14-1 which moved from 12th to 9th, by whipping Hickman County 51-37 and despite a 55-54 loss to Lowes

Paducah Tilghman 10-3 bombed Paducah St. Mary 63-46, but dropped three spots to 12th

The big loser in the ratings was Fort Thomas Highlands, which survived a 26-24 slowdown against Covington Holmes before losing a 73-65 decision to Conner. The Bluebirds, 13th last week, fell to 18th at 9-2.

Lowes and Murray, a 77-61, winner over Wingo, replaced Louisville Manual and Pulaski County, respectively. Also bowing out was Ballard Co. which was 17th last week.

Dedicated Defensive Efforts
Carry Comets Above Most Opponents

Defense is not just another pretty face at Carlisle County. Defense isn't tucked away in the corner only for use in Comet emergencies.

At Carlisle County, defense is a way of life.

"I think we have to play good defense to win," said Comet basketball coach Craynor Slone.

Lately Carlisle has been doing both: playing good defense, and winning.

The two have proved to be compatible companions. The Comets continue to lead area teams in the defensive statistics, holding opponents almost 14 points below what they usually score. They score more points against an opponent (63 points, on the average) than its opponents normally allow (59).

Play like that has led the team to championships in both the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament and the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament. Good defense can mean happier holidays.

It can also mean some recognition. The Comets, currently 14-1, are ranked No. 9 in the Associated Press statewide high school poll, and No. 1 in The Sun Top 20 ranking of area teams.

Slone gives a lot of the credit for the team's success to the part of the game on which he places the most emphasis. "The Defense."

"We have a goal to try to hold everybody at 54 points or under," said Slone, well aware his team is, on the average, eight points better than its goal.

"We feel like if we hold a team to 54 or less we can win. Of course it doesn't hold true all the time, but most of the time it will."

One of the many times it has held true was earlier this season in a 69-51 victory over Marshall County. Marshall Coach Bobby Toon remembers Carlisle's defense well.

"The night they beat us his (Slone's) defense was the thing that got him more points than his offense," recalled Toon. "We played a pretty good defensive game against them, but they were able to get a fast break or a run out on it."

The one time Slone's "54-or-less" rule hasn't worked this season was the team's only loss, a 51-50 decision by Lowes on a last-second shot.

Defense worked that time, too, Slone admitted, except it was the Lowes defense that was working. "Lowes, on that particular night, just outplayed us," Slone said. "They played better defense than we did and just deserved to beat us.

"They got after us like we normally do."

Okay, so defense can win basketball games. It has been a suspect all along. The question is how does a coach convince his players to forsake, or at least diminish, the glamour of offense for defensive drudgery?

Craynor Slone starts at the beginning. Of practice, that is.

"Rather than start out with offensive drills," Slone said. "I'd say 90 percent of the time we start with defensive drills, so it lets the kids know that we think it's important. Sooner or later, they begin to realize that too."

Carlisle juniors Phillip Hall and David Henley usually draw the tougher defensive assignments out of the Comet man-to-man defense, said Slone, but depending on the scouting report it might be senior Chris Guhy.

"They've got three good guards with pretty good quickness," said Toon, "and with the big boys (6-foot-6 Mike Tyler and 6-7 John Tyler) inside they're able to play a little more aggressively on the perimeter.

"Anytime you've got a big kid inside with some timing, then you can play a little more recklessly out front."

"We try to help each other out on defense," Slone said. "Rather than have one person. And of course all of the players play good defense."

But quickness, or any other alleged defensive trait, is only as good on defense as the player makes it, Slone contends. "I've seen some quick kids who didn't play very good defense simply because, I imagine, that they haven't been told the importance of it."

Rest assured, the Carlisle County basketball team has been told.

"The main thing," Slone said, "is that we have to instill in the player how important it is to play defense."

After Third Meeting, Grounding Bombers Is Carlisle Specialty

Carlisle Co. 50
Ballard Co. 44
01-15-82 - Away

Carlisle County has somehow attained exclusive winning rights to all Ballard-Carlisle ballgames, and Ballard coach B.B. Kendrick said he's anxious to find out why—at least by season's end.

The Comets, *The Sun's* top-rated team, beat the home standing Bombers for the third time this season with a 50-44 win Friday night. After the game, Kendrick was optimistic his team could develop the success predicted for it in preseason.

"I don't think it's a have-to-win situation for us yet, but then we don't have to play Carlisle again until the end of the season," Kendrick said.

"We're just trying to prepare for the district tournament. If you take Heath out of our schedule, we haven't played a team that's out of the top 20 in the state."

Ballard, No. 8 in *The Sun* ratings, returned five starters off last year's Second District winners, but has had trouble so far this season, especially against the Comets.

Carlisle's two previous wins over the Bombers have come in the St. Mary Thanksgiving and Paducah Tilghman Christmas tournaments.

"Carlisle has a good ball club. You can't take anything away from them. They play great together and they play a tough, aggressive type game. The best part of their play is that they take advantage of other people's mistakes," said the third-year coach after seeing his team drop to 8-6.

Ballard's mistake Friday was shooting. While the Bombers were hitting 35 percent of their floor shots, the Comets were connecting on 58 percent.

"We've been in a shooting slump for the past three ballgames," said Kendrick. "Tonight was no exception. We just didn't shoot well at all. We had seven turnovers and outrebounded them 25-24, so if we'd outshot them we'd have won."

Carlisle's Chris Guhy scored six first-quarter points to help his team to a 16-10 lead and the Comets, now 15-1, were never headed.

Ballard's Barry Stevens cut the Comet lead to four in the final period, but the Comets hit their free throws, when Ballard was forced to foul.

"We're going to win some games down the line. There are just some things on our team that we have to straighten out that I won't get into right now," Kendrick concluded.

Carlisle ……....16 24 39 50
Ballard.…..…....10 23 30 44

Carlisle (50)
Guhy 8, Hall 15, Henley 13, J. Tyler 2, M. Tyler 6, York 6.
Ballard (44)
Babb 2, Brewington 4, Beardsley, Buchanan 3, Myers 14, Stevens 9, Taffer 12.

Carlisle Co. 75
Fulton Co. 41
01-16-82 - Home

Carlisle jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter, and the game was never close after that.

Leading the Comets in scoring was York with 16, Hall with 14, and Henley with 12.

Fulton Co…..…..5 16 26 41
Carlisle….....16 32 51 75

Fulton Co. (41)
Childers 12, Bishop, Coffey 2, Argo 3, McIntee 14, Nall 2, Strong 2, M. Tucker 5, S. Tucker 1.
Carlisle (75)
Hall 14, York 16, J. Tyler 7, Henley 12, Guhy 9, Wilson 5, M. Tyler 4, Barriger 4, Byassee 2, Bailey, Williams.

Slone Knew Good Times Were Ahead But Not This Good

Carlisle Co. 74
Lowes 53
01-22-82 - Home

Before the season began, Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone couldn't imagine his team would go 16-1.

Not because the Comet coach was pessimistic but because he's realistic.

"I felt like we'd have a good ball team because these kids have played together for three years, but I didn't think they were mature enough to go 16-1" said Slone

So when the Comets whipped Lowes, the only team to beat them 74-51, at Carlisle Friday night, the maturity continued

"We're very consistent. We had three starters that graduated, three good ballplayers and we didn't know how these young ballplayers would come through, but they've really accepted the challenge." Said Slone.

The Sun's top-rated Comets aided by atrocious Lowes foul shooting (the Blue Devils hit 13 of 29 free tosses for 45 percent) had a nine-point lead at halftime and a 10-point lead after three quarters before blowing out the visitors, now 9-2, in the final period.

"It was a good win for us and I think we were ready to play," Slone added. "Of course Lowes had a big win over Mayfield (Thursday night) and I'm sure they weren't as ready to play tonight as they were against Mayfield.

Defense once again made the difference for the Comets. Slone credited Ricky Williams and Chris Guhy with holding Blue Devil floor leader Mark Adams to four points and John Tyler with stopping center Don Spicer, who averages 16 points a game, but scored 10.

While the Comets trio did the job defensively, guard David Henley and swingman Phillip Hall provided the offensive power with 20 and 18 points, respectively

Lowes…..…....13 25 37 53
Carlisle…..…..15 34 48 74

Lowes (53)
Ray 9, Thompson 8, Spicer 10, Adams 4, Ellegood 9, Mathis 4, Oliver 2, Dowdy 2, Hargrove 3.
Carlisle (74)
Hall 19, York 9, J. Tyler 9, Henley 20, Guhy 3, M. Tyler 5, Wilson 7, Byassee 3.

Ludlow "A" Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 69
Lone Jack 59
01-26-82 – Away

Carlisle Co. disposed of Lone Jack in the first round of the Ludlow Class A Tourn. Wednesday night. A big third quarter was the turning point in the game.

Leading Comet scorer was Hall with 19 pts.

Carlisle….....16 31 50 69
Lone Jack.....20 32 39 59

Carlisle (69)
Guhy 9, Henley 10, Hall 19, York 15, Wilson 2, M. Tyler 2, J. Tyler 12.
Lone Jack (59)
Balley 19, Jackson 2, Phllpot 8, Lefevers 3, Brock 3, T. Blevins 16, C. Blevins 4.

Ludlow "A" Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Puts On Class "A" Showing

Carlisle Co. 69
St. Patrick 51
01-26-82 - Away

When officials of the Class "A" Classic at Ludlow decided last year to include Carlisle County in this year's 16-team tournament, they didn't know what a bargain they were getting.

The tournament was designed to showcase some of the state's best basketball teams among schools with an enrollment of 400 or less.

So when the Comets blasted Maysville St. Patrick 69-51 Thursday night, they upheld their high state ranking and continued their role as tournament favorite.

Carlisle, rated seventh by the associated press, jumped to a 25-10 first-quarter lead over Maysville St. Patrick, and was never threatened thereafter.

"We were up about 25 points and I put five new kids in and we kept up the lead more or less for much of the game," said Comets coach Craynor Slone.

The win puts Carlisle into Friday's 6 p.m. (CST) semifinal contest with Cumberland County. The Comets now 18-1, disposed of Lone Jack 69-59 Wednesday night.

Phillip Hall scored 19 points for the second straight night, to power the Comets win. David Henley added 13 and John Tyler 12.

Slone said regardless of how the Comets finish, he's happy to get some competition from other than first region teams

"Its good for the kids to get away and play," Slone said. "It's good experience and we play four games regardless of how we do Friday."

Slone said Cumberland County is one of the tournament favorites.

If the Comets win tonight they will play for the championship at 8 p.m. (CST) Saturday night, if they lose, they play a consolation game.

Carlisle ….…..25 42 58 69
St. Patrick…..…10 26 39 51

Carlisle (69)
Guhy 7, Hall 19, Henley 13, J. Tyler 12, M. Tyler 6, York 10.

St. Patrick (51)
McKay 6, Williams 12, Pawsat 24, Larkin 4, Walton 4.

Records - Carlisle 18-1, St. Patrick 10-9.

Ludlow "A" Tourn.
3rd Round

Carlisle Co. 54
Cumberland Co. 48
01-28-82 - Away

Despite leading scorer Phillip Hall and starting center John Tyler on the bench for most of the game because of foul trouble. Carlisle (20-1) stopped Cumberland and advanced to the finals of the Class "A" Classic in Ludlow

Carlisle held a two- point halftime advantage, then a 5-point edge (37-32) after three periods of play.

David Henley helped pick up the slack by scoring a team-high 18 points, and grabbed 10 rebounds.

"We're winning but we're not playing well," said Comet coach Craynor Slone. "Both teams didn't play as well as they are capable of playing."

With two Carlisle starters on the bench, Mike Tyler and Ricky Williams stepped in and played well," Slone said.

Carlisle shot 42 percent from the field (19-45), while Cumberland hit 30 percent.

Chris Guhy added 11 points for Carlisle, while John Tyler and Keith York chipped in eight each.

Carlisle…..…..10 20 37 54
Cumberland…..10 18 32 48

Carlisle (54)
Guhy 11, Hall 6, Henley 18, J. Tyler, M. Tyler 8, Williams 3, York 8, Wilson.

Cumberland (48)
McDonald 4, Claywell 20, Killman 18, Spear 2, Young 1, Burburidge 3.

Records - Carlisle County 20-1, Cumberland 16-8.

Ludlow "A" Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle Captures All "A" Classic Title
Behind York's Play, Winning Shot

Carlisle Co. 48
Bellvue 47
01-30-82 - Away

Carlisle County defeated Bellvue 48-47 Saturday night to win the all "A" Classic in Ludlow for its 21st win of the season with one loss

Junior forward Keith York worked inside for a lay-up with less than a minute left in the game for the winning score.

York played what Carlisle coach Craynor Slone called "the best game of his career," scoring a game-high 17 points.

Neither team led by more than three points in the contest

Bellvue had a chance to tie the game with seven seconds remaining, but missed a field goal.

Phillip Hall was the only other Comet in double figures with 14 points.

Carlisle….....14 28 42 48
Bellvue.....14 31 39 47

Carlisle (48)
Byassee, Guhy 4, Hall 14, Henley 6, J. Tyler 6, M. Tyler, Williams 1, York 17.

Bellvue (47)
Mager 10, Crittendon 16, Bosse 2, Schulte 11, Miller 8.

Carlisle Coach Questions
Splitting Tourney Into Classes

Craynor Slone's team won a 16-school class A tournament last weekend at Ludlow, but the Carlisle County coach is not necessarily in favor of splitting Kentucky's basketball teams into classes.

"All of the schools up there (in the tournament) were in favor of classes, but I just don't know," Slone said yesterday, "I've been around the State Tournament (a 16-team affair with all schools in one class) so long that I'd hate to see it change."

Ohio divides its team into two classes A and AA, but Slone doesn't like the format of the Buckeye state's tournament "eight teams, four in class A and four in AA go to Columbus, and that's what they call their State tournament, and it didn't have the enthusiasm our tournament has."

Slone said the main purpose of the 16-team class A tourney his team won, was to see how it would draw. "It was the first time for 16 teams, they had eight teams last year." He said

"It was a real good experience for our kids, playing on the road four straight games, but I don't know how the tournament did financially," Slone said "they had a full house of about 1,500 at the gym we played in but I don't know how the other place drew. They played the first round at four sites, like the LIT (Louisville Invitational Tournament) does."

Even though beating Lone Jack 69-59, St. Patrick 60-51, Cumberland County 54-48, and Bellevue 48-47, Carlisle County slipped from fourth to eight place in the Courier Journal Likenhous Ratings

A school with only 265 students in the upper four grades, Carlisle County has won 21 of 22 games and owns a 15-game winning streak.

Among the schools Slone's team has beaten are Marshall Co., the largest school in the First Region with 1,500 students in grades 10-12, and Paducah Tilghman another big school that is a perennial regional power. Carlisle County, a team with only one senior on its roster, beat Marshall County 69-51 on Dec. 1 and Tilghman 60-48 on Dec. 29

"Bellevue played us down to the wire and so did Cumberland County." Slone said. "Everyone expected us to walk through the tournament because of our rating, but we had some tough games up there"

If the format was right Slone could accept having classes in Kentucky.

"If we could keep the enthusiasm and still determine an overall state champion, then maybe it would be OK." he said. "I just like the way we have it in Kentucky right now."

The last vote the Kentucky high school Athletic Association conducted on classification was in June 1980, 149 schools voted against it 144 voted for it.

Unsung York Solves
Problem With Cardinals

Carlisle Co. 43
Mayfield 41
02-02-82 - Home

Fatigue might have been one of Craynor Slone's worries after an active weekend in eastern Kentucky, but it quickly faded away when he faced a more practical problem Tuesday, "Mayfield."

It took an unlikely hero to weather the storm.

"He does a lot things nobody's ever seen," was Slone's Carlisle County coach's description of 6-2 Comets forward Keith York.

"He's a good passer and defensive player, and he scores when he has to."

After Mayfield jumped ahead by as many as six points in the fourth quarter, York led a Comets rally in the final minutes that gave the sun's top-rank team a 43-41 victory.

"Any time you're down to Mayfield you're gonna be worried because they are too good a team to get behind," said Slone who was also concerned about his team's hectic schedule in the Ludlow Invitational last weekend.

"It doesn't matter if you're tired or not, when you're behind Mayfield you're in trouble."

Those troubles never really ended until York sank a basket with 53 seconds remaining for a 42-41 Carlisle lead, its first. Mayfield got off a last shot. But missed.

Mayfield jumped ahead 24-16 in the first half as Carlisle hit only 4 of 13 shots from the field. "Most of our troubles were caused by Mayfield, not fatigue," said Slone.

Jeff Flood led all scorers with 21 points for Mayfield (8-7) and Phillip Hall tied Keith York with 12 each, for Carlisle County.

Mayfield…….10 24 33 41
Carlisle…….10 16 29 43

Mayfield (41)
Flood 21, Owens, Prince 8, Sanderson 6, Sherrill 2, Wiman 4.

Carlisle (43)
Guhy 2, Hall 12 Henley 8, J. Tyler 6, M. Tyler 1, York 12, Wilson 2.

Comets Dance To
Marshals' Toon

Marshall Co. 50
Carlisle Co. 47
02-09-82 - Away

Turnabout is fair play, even when it takes a year to turn things about.

"They popped our bubble last year," said Marshall County coach Bobby Toon about Carlisle County. "We got them this year."

Marshall held Carlisle, ranked No. 1 in the *Sun* Top 20, to three points in the fourth quarter as it beat the Comets 50-47 Tuesday night in the Marshall gym

The loss at Marshal ended a 17-game win streak for Carlisle. Last year Marshal was rated No. 1, and riding a 19-game streak, when Carlisle put the brakes on. Toon didn't let his team forget that.

"They'd been reminded," he said "They also felt pretty bad about the way they played Saturday (in a 44-43 loss to St. Mary.

Marshall was behind by eight (44-36) at the end of the third quarter and still trailed by a point with 30 seconds to go, when junior Scott Stone was fouled inside. "The ball went in to him and the (Carlisle) guard slapped at it and hit him on the arm." Toon said.

Stone made the free throws around a Carlisle timeout, to give Marshal the lead, 48-47. Backcourt pressure slowed the Comets from

bringing the ball down in the final seconds, but when Phillip Hall finally did get off a shot, it missed.

Marshal's David Anderson got the rebound and was fouled. He made the free throws for the final margin.

"We made some big free throws." Toon agreed. "It was a big win for us."

Anderson scored 8 points in the last quarter and 20 for the game. Stone netted 12 points for the Marshall's.

Keith York paced the Comets with 15 points while John Tyler and David Henley had 10 each.

Marshall (9-9) shot 20 of 37 from the floor and 10 of 13 from the line, while Carlisle (22-2) made 19 of 35 field goals and 20 of 37 free throws.

Carlisle.....…..11 32 44 47

Marshall.....…...8 23 36 50

Carlisle (47)

Guhy 3, Hall 9, Henley 10, J. Tyler 10, M. Tyler, Williams 4, York 15, Wilson 2.

Marshall (50)

Anderson 20, Ford 2, Gold, Harrison 8, Moss, Naughton 6, Owens 2, Stone 12.

Records - Marshall County 9-9, Carlisle County 22-2.

Tilghman Gets A
Carlisle Rematch

Paducah Tilghman coach Berny Miller says Carlisle County is one of the top teams in the state. Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone says the same thing about Tilghman.

If what both say are true, and all indications say they are, then tonight's Comet-Tornado clash in Paducah should be one of the state's top matchups.

Carlisle is rated No. 9 in the latest statewide Associated Press poll and Tilghman No. 19. In *The Sun's* Top 20 ratings, which cover five western Kentucky districts, Carlisle is No. 1 and Tilghman No. 3.

Adding fuel to the fire, Carlisle is the only First Region team to beat Tilghman, and that came in the semifinals of the Tornado's own Christmas tournament.

"We made too many mistakes the first time that they beat us," Miller flatly stated. "I don't want to make any excuses but us having to play nine games in 16 days at the time had an effect on us. We were mentally tired and emotionally drained.

"However, they played well and beat us. There was no doubt about it. It wasn't any fluke. They beat us. They played exceptionally well. They took us out of our game plan and held us to our second lowest scoring game this year," he added.

Slone said the 60-48 victory depended largely on his team keeping a jumping jack Tilghman team screened away from rebounds.

"What we try to do is keep them off the boards, which is hard to do. We try to keep them from getting two or three shots at the basket. If we don't do that this time there could be a different tale to the ballgame," said Slone.

The Comets will be counting on 6-foot-7 John Tyler and 6-6 Mike Tyler to do that. The twin towers spell each other at center. Forward Keith York, a 6-2 junior, is also expected to add muscle underneath, but Carlisle's other three starters, Phillip Hall, David Henley and Chris Guhy, are guards.

Tilghman also uses guards, four of them according to Miller, but they all jump and rebound well and have 6-5 center Eddie Norris to count on. Norris is one of the region's leading scorers and easily leads the area in dunks, a testimony to his leaping ability.

Carlisle recently came down to earth after a 50-47 setback at Marshall County. The loss was only its second in 24 games, but Slone said his team isn't down.

"I can't tell anything is different. They know that they played poorly and Marshall County played real well. We only shot the ball 32 times and we should have shot the ball more than that," he said.

Miller said Tilghman is playing its best ball of the season, thanks to some unselfish play.

"We're playing a lot better basketball now than we were at the time (of the Carlisle loss). We're more of a team-oriented group than we were at the time. We're making more passes within the good shot range. We're getting more of a team effort and we're thinking more of lets win as a team instead of thinking as individuals."

Tornado On Key While
Carlisle Hits Sour Note

Tilghman 65
Carlisle Co. 46
2-12-82 - Away

Arms waving signals and concern painted on his countenance, Berny Miller continues to direct his Tilghman Tornado on an upbeat tempo, seemingly aiming for a crescendo two weeks away in the district tournaments.

Craynor Slone's top-ranked Carlisle County Comets have dropped onto a gentler tune.

"It's way too early yet to start worrying about things," said Slone after his Comets (22-3) dropped their second straight game after winning 16 straight through December and January, this time 65-46 to Tilghman Friday night.

"For some reason we haven't been hitting the basket lately. That's the only thing we need to do. It's not time to panic."

Today District Tournament drawings will be made for most Kentucky high school basketball districts, yet most coaches continue to downplay the build for the sudden-death finish of Kentucky State Tournament play.

However, with much of the regular season in the past, success in these final games gains authority, both coaches admitted.

"Especially against someone like Tilghman. You want to do well against them this time of year," said Slone after his team shot only 33 percent in the first three quarters, falling behind 38-25.

"We've still got six or seven games to take care of those things (shooting), but we're doing the other parts of the game well."

"We try to play every game, at the start or the end of the season hard, but maybe we were a little more dedicated tonight against Carlisle because they are the only team to beat us around here," said Miller about the confidence-building win.

Miller has the Tornado (19-5) building on a seven-game winning chorus now against some of the area's top-ranked teams (Marshall County, Murray, Ballard Co. and the Comets). Tilghman has won 10 of a dozen games since losing to Carlisle in the Tilghman Christmas Tournament semifinals. The two losses have come to schools outside the First Region.

Miller contends that the rising tempo begins long before the first tip-off and continues, note after note, through the entire season.

"We try to build on our offense and defense all through the season. Every day in practice we put in something and try to get all of our offense in by the end of the season," said Miller.

"We may work on something for several days in practice and never show it until the end, but it's there and it's available and we know how to use it."

One of the chords that struck a sour note for the Comets was Tilghman's defense, an aggressive match up zone that paralyzed Carlisle's offense (6 of 21 shooting from the field in the first half.). It also forced nine Comet turnovers and recovered three steals. Keith York's 12 points topped the Comets.

Eventually, the Tornado seemed to find the rhythm it needed offensively as well, with Gil Arterburn and Eddie Norris leading Tilghman to a 19-point edge in the fourth quarter.

That pair scored all but two of Tilghman's 18-10 third period scoring edge, with Norris scoring nine points. Norris finished with 21 points, Arterburn added 16.

After Saturday's battle with Marshall County, Tilghman will withdraw its composition from the inquisitive ears of its First Region foes, another part of Miller's preseason concert planning.

"Sure there's a reason for it (scheduling non-region foes the last two weeks of the season)," Miller agreed.

"We don't want to play someone tonight then again next week before we play anyone around here again.

"None of the teams we play in the tournament will have played against us, but they haven't played against us, either."

In a master conductor's words, they've seen the score on paper, but they haven't heard the music. "Yet."

Carlisle…..…....6 15 25 46

Tilghman.....…....6 20 38 65

Carlisle (46)

Hall 12, Henley 9, Guhy 2, J. Tyler 7, York 12, M. Tyler 2, Wilson 2, Williams, Byassee.

Tilghman (65)

M. Cooper 7, Arterburn 16, Teague 8, Norris 21, Young 2, Shumpert 3, Thomas, Miller, Deshler, Overstreet.

Record - Tilghman 19-5, Carlisle County 22-3

Carlisle Co. 61
Fulton City 29
02-16-82 - Away

Bully Carlisle seemed to take the pain of two straight losses out on poor Fulton City, said Bulldog coach David Elliot, leaving them with a 3-13 mark this season.

Elliot was happy about one quarter when his Bulldogs outscored the Comets (23-3) 10-9 in the second period. However, that couldn't offset the damage done in the other three periods.

David Henley scored 11 and John Tyler 13 to lead a bench full of players for Carlisle. Nobody among the Pilots saw double-digits, but Kevin Littleton managed eight points.

Carlisle.....…….17 26 46 61

Fulton City……..5 15 19 29

Carlisle (61)

Bailey 2, Barriger, Byassee 4, Davis 2, Guhy 7, Hall 3, Henley 11, Rambo 2, J. Tyler 13, M. Tyler 5, Williams 2, York 6, Wilson 4.

Fulton City (29)

K. Abbott 1, R. Abbott 5, M. Bransford 4, Herring 2, Lawrence 2, Littleton 8, McAlister 1, Taylor 4, Tibbs, Hatfield 2.

Carlisle Co. 83

Heath 39
02-19-82 - Away

By the time Phillip Hall had quit for the night, at halftime, the Pirates were ransacked and decimated by the top-ranked Comets (24-3). Hall scored 17 points in the first period, giving the Comets a 27-8 lead in the initial quarter.

Although Heath narrowed the gap to 12 points at halftime (34-22) the Comets expanded the margin to 30 in the third period.

Carlisle…..27 34 60 83
Heath…….8 22 30 39

Carlisle (83)
Bailey 2, Barriger 6, Byassee 6, Davis 2, Guhy 8, Hall 29, Henley 14, Rambo 2, J. Tyler, M. Tyler 2, Williams 3, York 2, Wilson 7.

Heath (39)
Colson 6, Criswell 2, Lanier 4, Powell 3, Rodgers 7, Skinner 8, Relmms 3, Crabtree 4, Perkins 2.
Record - Carlisle 23-3, Heath 2-16.

Carlisle Co. 67
Lone Oak 45
02-20-82 - Away

Phillip Hall scored 26 points as the Comets took command of a close first-quarter contest for a 28-20 halftime lead. Carlisle sank 58 percent from the field and out pointed Lone Oak by just two points in the first period.

Andy Gilland scored 16 for the Oakers, with David Henley adding 19 points to the Comets efforts.

Carlisle…….....12 28 42 67
Lone Oak…....10 20 30 45

Carlisle (67)
Hall 26, York 6, Tyler 5, Henley 19, Guhy 2, Wilson 7, Barriger 2.

Lone Oak (45)
Gilland 16, Reed 8, Snelling 4, Wheatley 6, Norris 4, Presley 2, Davis 1, Overton 2, Luther 2.

Carlisle Co. 70
Wingo 56
02-23-82 - Home

The Indians clung to the top ranked Comets shirttails through the first halftime. A Comet senior guard, and lengthy sophomore, finally shook the Indians loose.

Senior Chris Guhy scored 18 points, a season high, for the Comets.

Keith York also added 16 for the Comets.

Barry Adair scored 15 and Greg Stephens 13 for Wingo.

Wingo…….....14 20 32 56
Carlisle.....…..14 25 42 70

Carlisle (70)
Guhy 18, Hall 10, Henley 4, J. Tyler 16, William 2, York 16, Wilson 4.

Wingo (56)
Abbott 2, Adair 15, Duke 10, Graves 4, Miller 6, Raley 6, Stephens 13.
Records - Carlisle County 26-3, Wingo 10-13.

Ballard Decided Time
For A Change Against Carlisle

Ballard Co. 56
Carlisle Co. 52
02-25-82 - Home

Perhaps it was a matter of pride. It's awful hard to swallow four losses to one team in a single season.

So when Ballard Co. visited Carlisle County Thursday night and came out victorious 56-52, it avoided stomaching four losses this year to the rival Comets.

The Bombers combined a cold-shooting Comet third quarter with good shooting and good rebounding to upset *The Sun's* top rated team.

The Bombers outscored the Comets 14-6 in the third period to get back into the game, and take a 36-34 lead entering the final period.

The lead changed hands many times in the fourth quarter, but with the game tied a 52-all, the Bombers gained the upper hand. Greg Mitchell hit two free throws, and after the Comets failed to score, Keith Myers added two more to seal Ballard's 18th win in 27 games.

"We just didn't hit the basket, that's all that happened," said Comet coach Craynor Slone. "It (the reasons for the loss) was nothing they did or anything, we just didn't hit the basket."

Carlisle hit 20 of 46 shots for the game (43 percent) while Ballard hit 24 of 49 (49%). Ballard also outrebounded the Comets 23-19.

Carlisle took a 28-22 halftime lead behind Phillip Hall's 13 points, but the junior guard cooled down in the second half and ended the game with 18. The Comets second-leading scorer, David Henley, was limited to six points.

Myers led Ballard with 18 points, eight coming in the final period, while Jim Taffer chipped in 12 and Jeff Brewington 10.

Ballard…….....10 22 36 56
Carlisle…..…….15 28 34 52

Ballard (56)
Babb 6, Brewington 10, Buchanan 2, Mitchell 6, Myers 18, Phillips 2, Stevens, Taffer 12.

Carlisle (52)
Guhy 11, Hall 18, Henley 6, Tyler 9, Williams, York 8, Wilson.
Records - Carlisle 26-4, Ballard 18-9.

Vikings Can't
Quite Stop The Comets

Carlisle Co. 61
St. Mary 48
02-26-82 – Away

When the final gauntlet of the season includes 4 of the top 8 ranked boys teams in the region, one has to always look at the brighter side of life.

"As long as you use the games positively and make your kids understand that they are playing hard and doing well, it will help you," claims St. Mary coach Larry Hopper.

"We try to schedule the tough clubs late in the year. You might as well play the best at the end, and if you win a couple it could give you a lot of confidence."

With Ballard Co., Lowes, Mayfield and Carlisle Co. waiting in the Vikings last two weeks, and one starter out for the season with an injury, St. Mary has missed any chance for an upset, but played well Hopper claims.

Friday night, they even pushed top-ranked Carlisle Co. until the final quarter, but closed their season with a 61-48 loss to the Comets.

Although the Vikings couldn't ever catch Carlisle, they were able to rally from a 12-2 disadvantage in the 1st period, trailing only 28-24 at halftime.

"When you get down like that you have to regroup real quick and get something going," said Hopper. "In a way, it's a plus in our favor to do so well against these types of teams late in the season. You have to build on the positive."

The Vikings even trimmed the lead to just 3 pts. in the final quarter, before the Comets again took command for their 27th victory this year, the most in the region. Junior Keith York led the final rally, scoring 19 pts. in the game. Phillip Hall added 11 and Chris Guhy 10.

The Vikings Sid Joseph scored 17 pts. with Kerry Boudreaux and Phillip Smith each scoring 10.

Carlisle.....14 28 43 61
St. Mary…….....8 24 36 48

Carlisle (61)
Guhy 10, Hall 13, Henley 9, J. Tyler 8, M. Tyler 2, York 19, Wilson.

St. Mary (48)
Boudreaux 10, Colgan 2, Hammet 4, Joseph 17, Smith 10, Woeltz 5, Wurth.
Records - Carlisle 27-4, St. Mary 9-16.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Comets Awaiting
Foe For Championship Game

Carlisle Co. 59
Hickman Co. 34
03-04-82 - Away

Phillip Hall, Keith York, and David Henley combined for 38 points Thursday night to lead the Carlisle County's Comets to a 59-34 triumph over Hickman County.

The Carlisle-Hickman contest started slowly with both squads concentrating on defense. But the Comets got their offense untracked first, to take a 10-2 first quarter advantage.

The Falcons managed to put in 11 second quarter points, but Carlisle added 16 to its total and led 26-13 at intermission. That was as close as the Falcons would be the rest of the game as they just couldn't get their shots to fall.

Denis Scott was Hickman's only double figured scorer with a dozen points as the Falcons closed out their season with a 10-17 mark.

Hall led the Comets with 15 points. York had 12 points and Henley clipped in 11.

The Comets, now 28-4 will now meet the winner of tonight's game between Fulton County - Fulton City

Hickman…….....2 13 21 34
Carlisle…….....10 26 38 59

Hickman (34)
Beard 9, Cooley, Duffy 4, Jenkins 1, Prince 2, Scott 12, Walker 6.

Carlisle (59)
Barriger 2, Davis 1, Guhy 7, Hall 15, Henley 11, J. Tyler 5, M. Tyler 4, York 12, Wilson 2.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle Nullifies Fulton
City Plan By Keeping Lead

Carlisle Co. 56
Fulton City 30
03-06-82 - Away

Fulton City knew it had to take an early lead if its game plan was to work against Carlisle County in the First District boy's championship game here Saturday night.

The Bulldogs planned to spread their offense and take only the best of shots once they got ahead. There was only one catch, the Bulldogs never got that lead. Fulton City's game plan looked good on paper, but once on the court, Carlisle County tore it to shreds, claiming a 56-30 win.

The Comets broke away from an early 8-7 lead by outscoring the Bulldogs 12-0 to go ahead 29-7. Fulton City never recovered

"Fulton City had a good plan trying to slow the ballgame down, but in order to win, they needed to get out in front and they never did," said Comet coach Craynor Slone

"During that stretch we played pretty good defense and had a chance to double-team the ball a couple of times."

Those double-teams caused double-trouble for Fulton City a couple of times."

Comet Phillip Hall's steal and layup at the 5:44 mark of the first period, gave his team a 14-7 lead. Hall came through again moments later, feeding Keith York for a layup after another Carlisle steal. Chris Guhy completed the streak when he hit a fast break layup.

Fulton City hurt its own cause by missing several shots during the Comet rally.

"We just didn't execute at critical points in the game." said losing coach David Elliott. "If we had, I felt it would have been a lot closer ballgame than what it was."

Carlisle never let the Bulldogs back in the game, stretching its lead to 20 points with 4:01 left, after York's putback of his own missed shot.

The Comets biggest lead of the game was 26 points. The Comets went up by that margin on Kerry Davis' two free throws with 1:52 left, and again on Jerry Byassee's score inside at the 1:19 mark, before ending the game with the margin.

York led the Comets in scoring with 19 points while Hall added 17. The Comets played the game without starting guard David Henley, who was injured in Carlisle's win Thursday over Hickman County.

"We needed to play against something like this because if anybody tries to hold the ball on us anymore we've had this good practice against it," added Slone.

Fulton City which ended its season at 7-15 didn't have a player in double figures. Kevin Littleton led the Bulldogs with nine points while Mike Bransford and Jeff Herring added eight apiece.

"We weren't very smart on offense," said Elliott. "If we can correct that, we will give somebody some trouble in the regional."

The Bulldogs weren't very smart from the free throw line hitting just 4 of 13 there, while Carlisle connected on 12 of 19.

The Comets are now 29-4.

Carlisle……....10 26 38 56
Fulton City.....7 11 21 30

Carlisle (56)
Hall 17, York 19 John Tyler 1, Guhy 4, M. Tyler 2, Rambo 2, Barriger 7, Davis 4 Henley, Wilson, Bailey, Williams, Byassee.

Fulton City (30)
Littleton 9, Abbott 1, Taylor 2, M. Bransford 8, Tibbs 3, W. Bransford 2, Berring 8, Lawrence, McAlister, Hatfield, Forrester
Records – Carlisle 29-4, Fulton City 7-15.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Comets' Demonstration
Witnessed By Wildcats

Carlisle Co. 79
Farmington 47
03-11-82 - Away

Although it wasn't official, but it was somewhat planned, a basketball camp was held here Thursday night by Carlisle County.

Carlisle started instruction in the second half of its contest with Farmington, and didn't stop until game's end. The Comet's proved to be a good teacher, pounding out a 56-34 win.

The topic of conversation and demonstration was the fast break. The Comets ran the break so fluidly that connoisseurs of the game could only be pleased.

Carlisle held a 10-point halftime lead against the stingy Wildcats and their one-man scoring machine Rusty Pigg. But once Farmington started to press in defense, Carlisle took them straight to the classroom.

"Once they had to get back in it, they started pressing us and we broke the press. We took it to the block, that's what we try to do," said Comet Craynor Slone.

When Phillip Hall, who had 16 points, stole a pass and drove the length of the court for a layup, the Comets had a 20-point 48-28 lead. The basket was Carlisle's sixth of the half, compared with one for Farmington.

The Comets just kept on running thereafter. When Jerry Byassee took a pass from David Rambo for a fast-break layup, the clinic was over and Carlisle had its biggest lead, the final score.

"It (winning) was a lot easier than we thought it would be because Farmington did take Mayfield into two overtimes (in the Third District title game)," said Slone. "Our kids were ready to play and that's probably the best we've played in quite a while."

The win setup a Carlisle showdown with rival Ballard Co. in one of Monday's semifinal games. Carlisle beat the Bombers three out of four games this season, but Ballard won the last contest, a four-point win on the Comets floor."

"All those games when we played Ballard have been even games, with the exception of the first game, and you can just throw that one out," said Slone.

"We beat them four points at their place, they beat us four points at our place, then we beat them two points in the final of the Tilghman (Christmas) tournament. So I look for it to be that kind of ballgame.

"I think they are going to the boards better that any team I've seen here lately. They've really getting on the offensive boards. So we're going to have to get on the boards."

Carlisle didn't have to get on the offensive boards much against Farmington in the first half, mainly because there were few offensive rebounds. Carlisle hit 16 of 29 shots the first half for 55 percent. The Comets did have to get on Pigg, however.

The 6-foot-3 senior, who led the First Region in scoring, accounted for 26 points, many of those coming when he was covered by several defenders. But he couldn't do it all. Only one other Wildcat (Todd Smith) scored in double figures (11).

Pigg did most of his damage in the first half to keep the Wildcats close when he scored 13 points on three field goals and 7 of 10 shooting from the free throw line.

Carlisle's toiler, meanwhile, was Keith York. The portly 6-2 junior finished with a game-high 17 points and seven rebounds. Hall hit 7 of 11 shots from the field and handed out six assists.

"Keith has been playing real well the last part of the season," said Slone. "He's been doing a good job on the boards and he's been hitting the basket more."

Despite all 12 players getting in the game for Farmington, only four players scored.

"It seemed like we were flat, just nervous or something," said Wildcat coach Louis Sims, whose team reached the regional two years ago.

"They (Carlisle) are super quick and they're strong and they get the ball out on the fast break and just do a good job, that's all I can say."

Farmington ended its season 13-16.

Carlisle…..15 34 56 79
Farmington.....13 24 34 47

Carlisle (79)
Barriger 8, Byassee 3, Davis, Guhy 9, Hall 16, Henley 4, Rambo 6, J. Tyler 5, M. Tyler 6, Williams 1, Wilson 4, York 17.

Farmington (47)
Coleman, Colley, Creason, Derrington 0, Moreland 8, Nance, Pigg 26, Riley, T. Smith 11, Schaffer 2, Waggoner, Darnell
Records – Carlisle 30-4, Farmington 13-16.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Words Fail Slone After Carlisle's
Overtime Loss To Ballard Bombers

Carlisle Co. 55
Ballard Co. 58 ot
03-15-82 - Away

B.B. Kendrick had plenty to say. Craynor Slone was speechless.

That's because Kendrick's Ballard Co. team beat Carlisle Co. 58-55, in overtime here Monday night, to advance to tonight's First Region championship game against Paducah Tilghman at 7:30.

The Bombers iced the 3 extra minute contest from the free throw line, after the Comets rallied from a 12 point third quarter deficit to push the game into overtime.

It was a game marred with fouls. By the time the final buzzer sounded, 46 personals were whistled. As a result, the Comets lost three starters, Phillip Hall, John Tyler and David Henley, while Ballard kept its squad intact.

While Slone refused to comment after the loss, which ended the Carlisle season with a 30-5 slate, his on court antics during the contest were self-explanatory.

As the game crept into the extra period, the Carlisle coach stalked the sidelines. One trip brought him past the Ballard bench to protest a call. Kendrick, however was displeased with the action, but understood.

"Craynor Slone is a good friend of mine," said Kendrick. "Basketball is a game of breaks and we got a few tonight. We got some breaks, but there certainly were a few that went their way too."

Ballard Co., which had leading scorer Keith Myers saddled with his fourth foul with 5:50 left to go in the fourth quarter, gained its biggest lead of the evening with 21 seconds remaining in the third stanza. Jeff Brewington put in a missed shot to give the Bombers a 41-29 edge.

David Henley added a bucket before time expired to cut that lead to 41-31 as the final eight minutes began.

Free throws by Phillip Hall and a bucket by Henley cut the Bombers' lead to two (49-47) as the final furious minute of regulation play was staged.

With 1:04 left, Russ Buchanan streaked through the Comet defense for an uncontested layup, to give his team a 4-point edge. A Ballard victory, it appeared, was just a stall away.

But the Comets, the Sun's top-ranked team for most of the season, were not going to go down without at fight.

Henley added a bucket with 40 seconds left to cut the Ballard lead to two, then Chris Guhy stole the inbounds pass and quickly laid it in to tie the score at 49-all with 36 seconds left.

It was not over yet. Hall quickly stole the ball from Ballard and streaked the length of the court as Bomber Barry Stevens attempted to stop his drive towards the basket. Hall went to lay the ball in and the two players crashed to the floor as the Carlisle guard overpowered the back-peddling defender.

Hall was called for a charge, much to the displeasure of Slone and his team and Ballard was awarded the ball in the backcourt.

Ballard worked for the game winning shot but missed sending the game into overtime.

Carlisle…...12 20 31 49 55
Ballard…....10 25 41 49 58

Carlisle (55)
Hall 13, York 6, J. Tyler 7, Henley 16, Guhy 8, Williams, M. Tyler 3, Wilson 2, Rambo.

Ballard (58)
Taffer 18, Brewington 10, Myers 9, Stevens 3, Buchanan 7, Mitchell 2, Babb 9.

1981-82

	Hickman Co	St. Mary	Symsonia	Ballard Co.	Livingston Co.	Marshall Co.	Lowes	Sedalia	Heath	Fulton Co.	Livingston Co.	Tilghman	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Fulton City	Ballard Co.	Fulton Co.						
Thurman Bailey	0	6	4			2			4						2		0						
Ken Barriger	0		0	2		1		4							2		4						
Chris Guhy	6	7	9	8	7	7	10	4	16	13	5	8	5	12	13	8							
Phillip Hall	15	18	18	27	14	26	10	13	13	8	10	11	16	16	14	15	9						
David Henley	12	16	8	11	16	4	10	14	16	10	14	22	18	18	13	13	12						
David Rambo	0	1	2			0		2	7	3				0	1								
John Tyler	4	0	12	8	5	12	11	11	6	8	7	3	10	0	6	2	7						
Mike Tyler	4	4	8			7	2	4	8	6	16	8	6	2	12	6	4						
Ricky Williams	0	4	2			0	0	7		2	0	0	0	0	0		0						
Keith York	4	6	2	6	14	10	7	7	2	17	4	8	2	3	11	6	16						
Greg Wilson	4	2	3		2		0	5		6				0	0		5						
Jerry Byassee		2	4	2		0		5	2					0	2		2						
Kerry Davis										2													

1981-82

	Lowes	Lone Jack	St. Patrick	Cumberland Co.	Bellvue	Mayfield	Marshall Co.	Tilghman	Fulton City	Heath	Lone Oak	Wingo	Ballard Co.	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	Fulton City	Farmington	Ballard Co.			Games	Pts.	Avg.
Thurman Bailey								2	2						0						10	22	2.2
Ken Barriger								0	6	2				2	7	8					13	38	2.92
Chris Guhy	3	9	7	11	4	2	3	2	7	8	2	18	11	10	7	4	9	8			34	263	7.73
Phillip Hall	19	19	19	6	14	12	9	12	3	29	26	10	18	13	15	17	16	13			35	523	14.94
David Henley	20	10	13	18	6	8	10	9	11	14	19	4	6	9	11	0	4	16			35	415	11.86
David Rambo									2	2						2	6	0			14	28	2
John Tyler	9	12	12	0	6	6	10	7	13	0	5	16	9	8	5	1	5	7			35	243	6.94
Mike Tyler	5	2	6	8	0	1	0	2	5	2				2	4	2	6	3			30	145	4.83
Ricky Williams				3	1		4	0	2	3		2	0			0	1	0			25	31	1.29
Keith York	9	15	10	8	17	12	15	12	6	2	6	16	8	19	12	19	17	6			35	334	3.54
Greg Wilson	7	2		0		2	2	2	4	7	7	4	0	0	2	0	4	2			26	72	2.76
Jerry Byassee	3				0			0	4	6						0	3				16	35	2.18
Kerry Davis									2	2					1	4	0				6	11	1.83
					Team Record - 30-5					Per Game Avg. - 61.71										Total Pts		2160	

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Chris Guhy	86		36	177	263	476	5.53
Thurman Bailey	10				22	22	2.2

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ST. MARY TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
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KY. STATE TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

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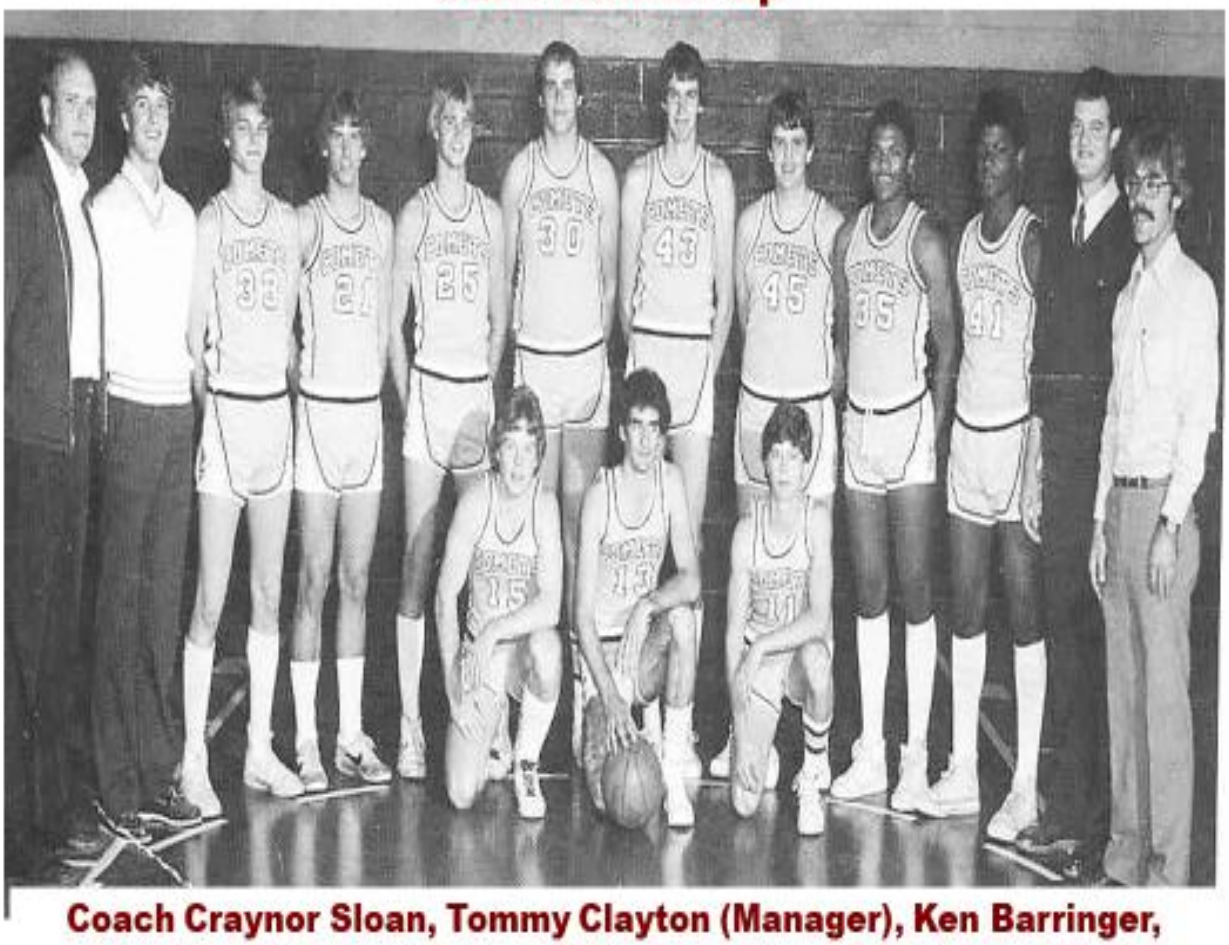
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11-16-82	Hickman Co.	73-45	H	
11-24-82	Symsonia	71-29	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-26-82	Lowes	82-36	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-27-82	Livingston Co.	61-41	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
11-30-82	Marshall Co.	63-47	A	
12-03-82	Fulton Co.	75-42	H	
12-10-82	Sedalia	80-49	A	
12-14-82	Tilghman	75-64	H	
12-16-82	Calloway Co.	89-58	H	
12-18-82	Cawood	66-49	A	- **KING OF THE BLUEGRASS TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-20-82	Jeffersontown	48-39	A	- **KING OF THE BLUEGRASS TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-21-82	Pulaski Co.	60-55	A	- **KING OF THE BLUEGRASS TOURN. 3RD. RD.**
12-22-82	Baltimore Dunbar, MY.	**48-65**	A	- **KING OF THE BLUEGRASS TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-27-82	Tilghman	53-51	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-28-82	Marshall Co.	58-46	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-29-82	Livingston Co.	62-44	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-08-83	Fulton City	85-62	A	
01-11-83	Lone Oak	73-48	H	
01-14-83	Ballard Co.	90-46	H	
01-15-83	Fulton Co	80-48	A	
01-18-83	Louisville Waggener	58-48	A	- **L. I. T. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-19-83	Shelby Co.	50-40	A	- **L. I. T. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-20-83	Louisville Male	**36-39**	A	- **L. I. T. TOURN. 3RD RD.**
01-21-83	Louisville Ballard	**41-57**	A	- **L. I. T. TOURN. CONSOLATION**
01-25-83	St. Mary	65-48	A	
01-28-83	Hickman Co.	66-35	A	
02-01-83	Mayfield	63-41	A	
02-04-83	Knox Central	68-51	A	
02-08-83	Marshall Co.	71-57	H	
02-11-83	Tilghman	65-61	H	
02-14-83	Calloway Co.	71-54	A	
02-15-83	Fulton City	61-39	A	
02-22-83	Wingo	89-54	H	
02-24-83	Ballard Co.	73-39	A	
02-25-83	St. Mary	96-50	A	
03-02-83	Fulton City	75-40	H	- **1st DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-04-83	Hickman Co.	66-43	H	- **1st DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-08-83	Murray	47-46	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-11-83	Tilghman	56-54	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**
03-12-83	Calloway Co.	86-59	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-16-83	Breathitt Co	78-66	A	- **KY. ST. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-18-83	Scott Co.	60-44	A	- **KY. ST. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
03-19-83	Owensboro	51-49	A	- **KY. ST. TOURN. 3RD RD.**
03-19-83	Lexington Henry Clay	**33-35 3ot**	A	- **KY. ST. TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**

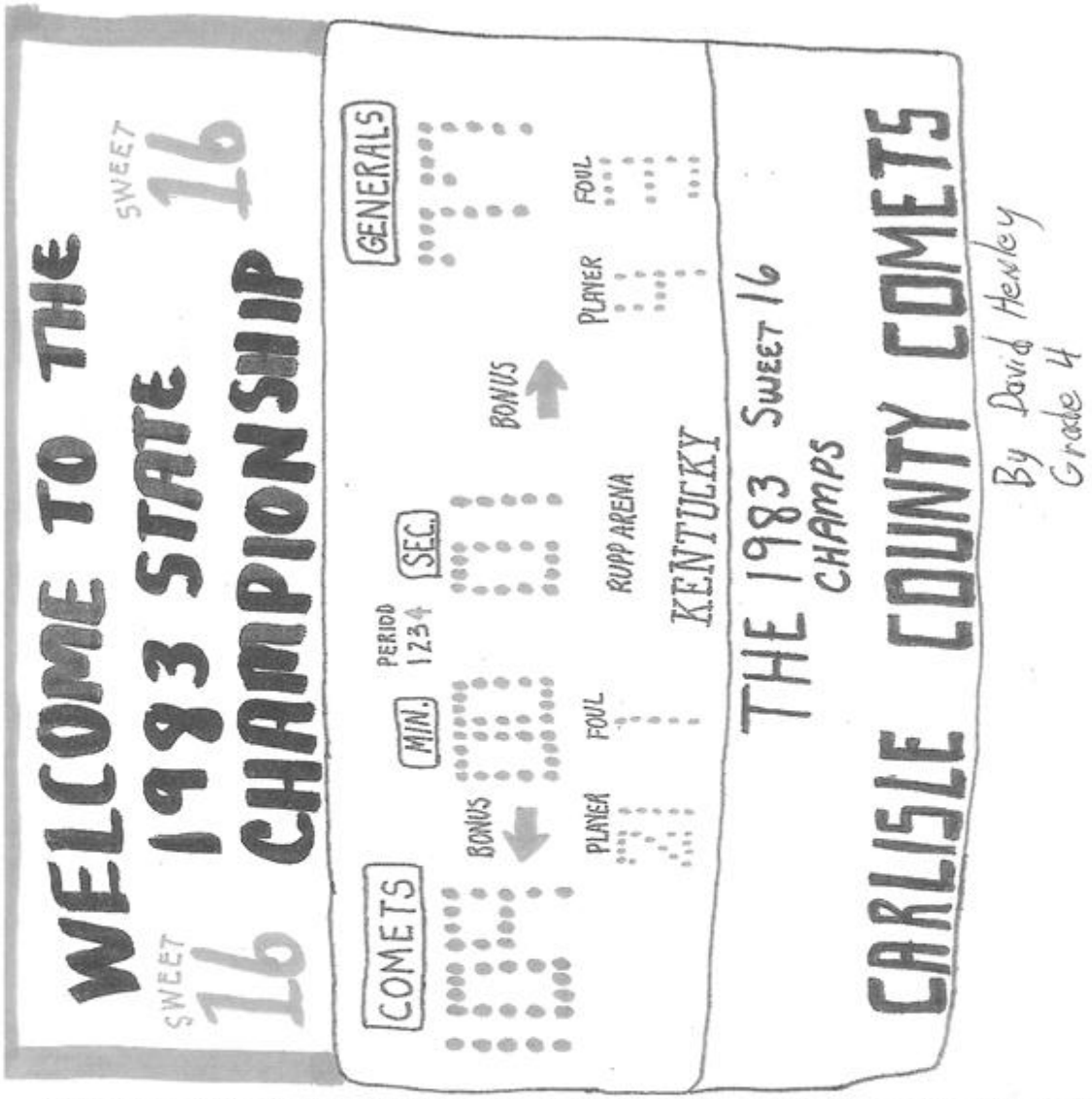
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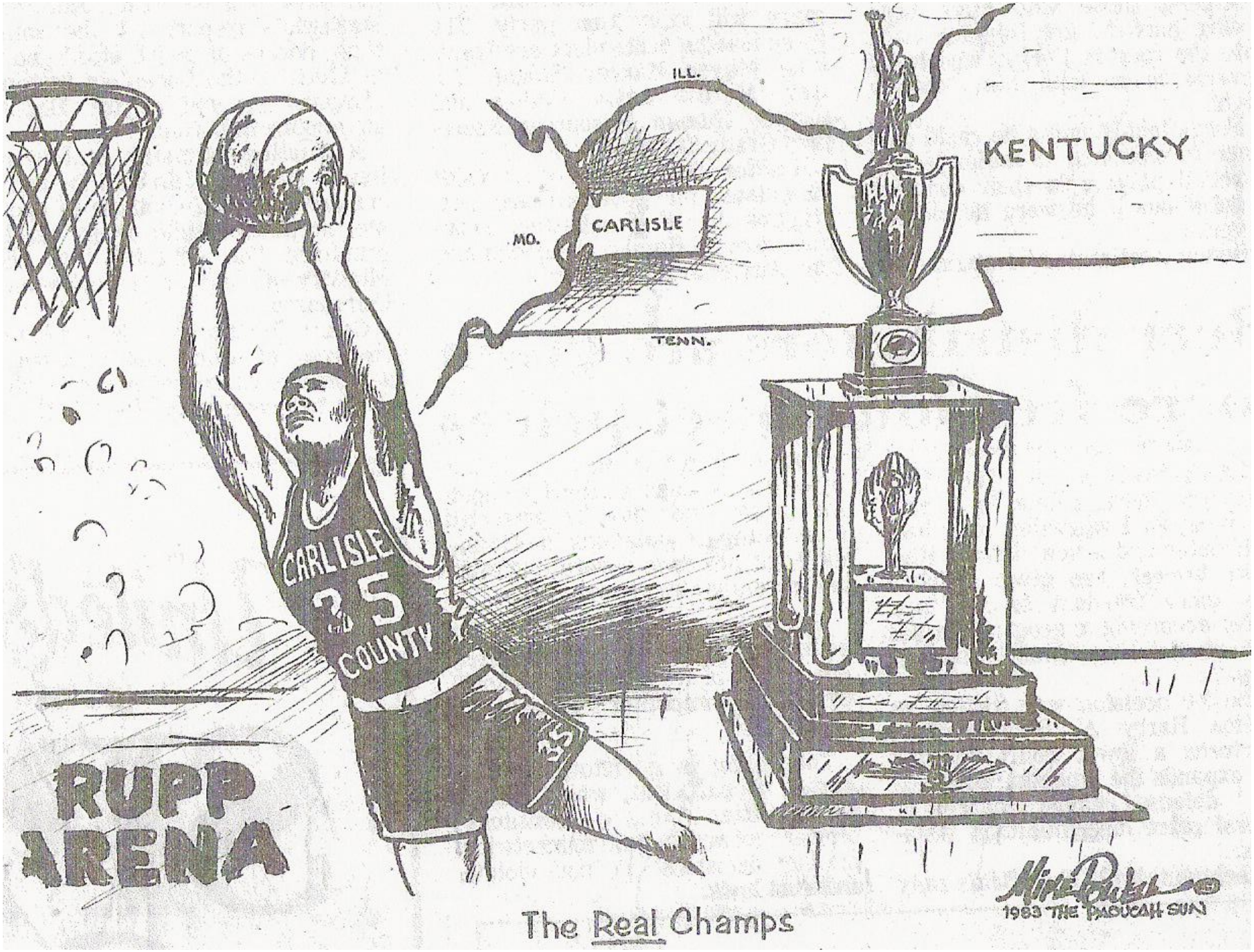
District Champs, Regional Champs, State Runner-Up



Coach Craynor Sloan, Tommy Clayton (Manager), Ken Barringer, David Henley, Greg Wilson, Mike Tyler, John Tyler, Keith York, Phillip Hall, Dewayne Hall, Coach Todd Johnson, Coach Frankie Brazzell, Ricky Williams, Jerry Byassee, David Rambo



This is an actual picture that David Henley drew, while he was in school one day in the 4th grade. There was no doubt what his dream was even back then. His prediction of the final score was not close, but his dream that the Comets would one day win the state tournament, came within a few seconds of becoming reality.


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1982-83 COMET ROSTER:
Ken Barriger, David Henley, Greg Wilson, Mike Tyler, Keith York, Phillip Hall, Jerry Byassee, Ricky Williams, David Rambo, John Tyler, DeWayne Hall, Mike Sams.

Top Spots Locked;
Rest Up For Grabs.

The only clear thing about the boys 1st District title chase is who should finish on top. After that it's a madhouse.

Carlisle Co. is the clear favorite to dominate on the boy's side.

CAN CARLISLE
BE STOPPED?

Coach Craynor Slone's maroon and gold avengers are back after the 1st Region title that eluded them the past year. In order to get back to the tourn., there are minor obstacles in Fulton Co., Fulton City and Hickman Co.

The question around the 1st District is not who will beat the Comets but who will come closest to beating them. With 4 starters back from a 30-5 team, Carlisle appears invincible.

That's too bad for the other teams because each will be better than last season. But who will finish second fiddle to Carlisle is anybody's guess.

Fulton City defeated Hickman Co. to gain last year's district final. Both teams return 4 starters. Fulton Co. could be just as strong, returning 3 starters, including its top 2 scorers and rebounders.

New Year,
New Goals

Last season, with 4 underclass starters, Carlisle Co. went 30-5, won 4 of 5 tournaments and was the 1st Region's top-rated team.

So what does a team do for as encore?

That's an easy question for Comet coach Craynor Slone. His team's only loss in a Tourn. game last yr., was its most important. The Comets fell in the semi-finals of the 1st Region tourn., thus ending any hopes of being the first Carlisle team since 1975, to reach the Sweet Sixteen.

Reaching the regional finals has been frustrating for Slone's Carlisle teams. In 3 of his 4 yrs. at Carlisle, his teams have gotten to the semi-finals, but no further. In 1981, Carlisle lost to Tilghman in the opening round. In each yr., the season-ending loss came by 1 pt.

Slone admits his team is favored to reach the title game this yr., but he also knows it won't be easy.

"Everybody will be shooting for us. Everybody will have their guns loaded and gunning for us, I guarantee that," said Slone. "I wouldn't be surprised if we had some state recognition when the polls come out. That's good in a sense, but it also makes everybody play harder against you."

Slone said his team again will rely on good defense. He also listed team play and experience as team strengths. Nine of the team's 11 varsity members are seniors, including Phillip Hall, David Henley and Keith York, all 3 yr. starters.

"I hope that we can improve on hitting the offensive boards. That's one area we're going to have to be more aggressive," said Slone. Slone said one of his biggest problems will be replacing graduated starting guard, Cris Guhy. With 6 seniors vying for the position, that shouldn't be to much of an obstacle.

Directing the Comet attack will be one of the region's and state's best guard combinations. Phillip Hall and David Henley, both 6-2 sharp-shooters, are expected to make the Carlisle machinery function smoothly. Hall was an All-Purchase selection last year, while averaging 16 pts. a game, while Henley averaged 14.

The other starter is Keith York, a 6-2 senior forward who averaged 11 pts. a game and was voted the team's Most Valuable Player. Starting at center is 6-7 junior John Tyler, who averaged 7 pts. and led the team in rebounding.

1982-83 Comet Roster
Coach – Craynor Slone
Assistant Coach – Todd Johnson
Assistant Coach – Frankie Brazzell
Seniors: Phillip Hall, Keith York, David Henley, Greg Wilson, Mike Tyler, Jerry Byassee, Ricky Williams, David Rambo, Ken Barriger
Junior: John Tyler
Sophomore: DeWayne Hall.
Freshman: Mike Sams.

Carlisle Wins
First Game Of Season

Carlisle Co. 73
Hickman Co. 45
11-16-82 - Home

It may have been a homecoming for Hickman Co. coach Mark Cooper, but Carlisle County was not a very gracious host.

Cooper had served several years as Carlisle assistant coach, before taking the head job at Hickman County, this year. But that didn't slow the Comet players in the least.

Carlisle opened a seven point first quarter lead and extended the margin to 21 at intermission as Cooper's team managed only a single point in the second quarter.

"Except for that second quarter, they played right with us," said Carlisle coach Craynor Slone, whose team is considered one of the top clubs in the region.

"They didn't hit anything," Slone continued. "I don't think it was our defense. They just went cold."

Hickman….....8 9 18 45
Carlisle.....15 30 44 73

Hickman (45)
Beard 15, Duffy 10, Scott 8, Estes 4, Batts 1, Cooley 4, Knox 3.

Carlisle (73)
York 8, Wilson 8, P. Hall 23, Barriger 2, J. Tyler 10, M. Tyler 4, Henley 9, Rambo 2, Byassee 4, D. Hall 3, Williams.

Thanksgiving Prediction
On Chartable Comet Course

Astronomers spend years predicting when comets will become visible to viewers on Earth. At the St. Mary annual Thanksgiving basketball tournament, there are some Comets, Carlisle Co., you don't need charts to predict.

When the 18th annual event begins Wednesday night, Coach Craynor Slone's Comets will be out to claim their third straight championship, from the eight-team field. And with four-of-five starters back from 1981-82's 30-5 team, Carlisle County will be the odds-on favorite to win again.

In the 17 previous meetings, Carlisle County has been the dominant team. To date, the Comets have won seven times in eight final game appearances. No other team in the field can boast a success rate of that caliber.

"When you look at Carlisle and the rest of the field, you have to say Carlisle is the favorite," said St. Mary coach Larry Hooper. "On a given night, there are several clubs that could beat them. But you certainly can't over-talent them."

While Carlisle is expected to be the team to beat, Livingston Central is expected to join the Comets in the final game. Coach Don Ringstaff's Cardinals are off to a 3-1 start and have made it to the championship game four of the last five years.

"Carlisle and Livingston are the favorites," said Hopper, whose Vikings open the tournament against the Cardinals Thursday night at 8. "I think there are some dark horses, too. I think Lone Oak is one and I think we (St. Mary) are."

Hopper can afford to be optimistic about the Vikings' chances going into the Thursday night battle. St. Mary is 0-1 having lost 57-53 to the Cardinals to open the season in Burna. With under four minutes left in that game, the Vikings held a four-point lead after trailing by 12 in the second quarter. "They are much bigger than us inside and that is what hurt us early in the game," reflected the St. Mary coach. "They hurt us on the boards."

Reidland is a newcomer to the tournament, replacing Heath. The Greyhounds open the season tonight hosting Crittenden County. Thursday, they face Lone Oak (0-1) in the 6:30 p.m. game.

Wednesday, tourney favorite Carlisle County (1-0) takes on unbeaten Symsonia (3-0) at 6:30 p.m., while Ballard Memorial opens the season against Lowes (2-0) at 8.

While St. Mary is the host of the tournament, the Vikings have never won it. Four times ('68, '70, '73, and '74) they have reached the final game.

The first round winners advance to Friday's games. The Carlisle-Symsonia winner takes on the survivor of the Ballard-Lowes game at 6:30 p.m. The winner of Lone Oak-Reidland meets the victor of the St. Mary–Livingston Central contest at 8.

The championship game is Saturday night at 7:30. Admission is $2 for adults and $1.50 for students with ID cards. The admission for students without ID cards is $2.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Look Sharp
In St. Mary Opener

Carlisle Co. 71
Symsonia 29

11-24-82 - Away

It would have taken a big, strong and experienced team to deal with Carlisle County Wednesday night.

The Rough Riders of Symsonia were short on all counts as they tried to cope with the talented Comets, who earned a berth in Friday's semifinal round of the St. Mary Thanksgiving tournament with a 71-29 victory.

The Comets will play Lowes in the 6:30 p.m. opener of Friday's semifinal round, after Lowes defeated Ballard Memorial 68-55 in Wednesday night's second game.

Tonight, Lone Oak opens up the action with a 6:30 p.m. battle against Reidland and St. Mary completes the first-round action in a struggle with Livingston Central.

Symsonia broke on top 4-0 on a pair of baskets by Jeff Holt, who got all six of his points in the game's early minutes. Following Holt's baskets, Keith York answered for Carlisle, cutting the lead to 4-2. But baskets by David Henley and Phillip Hall, and two free throws by Henley, put the Comets ahead 8-4.

Holt hit his final basket seconds later and Jackie Frick matched scores with Carlisle's 6-foot-7 John Tyler to make it 10-8 with 1:58 left in the opening period. The Comets retaliated with four straight points to close out the quarter with a six-point advantage.

A 15-2 second-quarter run gave the Comets a 29-10 advantage with 1:35 left in the first half and insured them their second win in as many games this season.

During the scoring spurt, the Comets got the ball inside consistently, or managed to use their bulk for put-backs. Carlisle hit 8 of 16 fielders in the quarter, while Symsonia manager only 2 of 11 attempts.

At intermission, Carlisle, the tournaments defending champion, was 14 of 31 from the field and had hit 4 of 6 free throws. Symsonia had 6 field goals on 18 attempts and had two points in four trips to the foul line.

The Comets owned a 16-9 rebounding advantage and had 5 turnovers to 11 for the Rough Riders.

Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone began to substitute freely as his team extended its advantage to 30 points, 49-19. Slone cleared his bench for the final quarter.

"I don't know what to say about a game like this," said Slone. "We were just too big and too strong for them, but they played hard all the way."

York was Carlisle's leading scorer with 15 points. Tyler and Henley were the other Comets in double figures with 10 apiece. Bobby Purcell led Symsonia with nine.

Symsonia…….....8 14 19 29
Carlisle.....……....14 32 49 71

Symsonia (29)
Holt 6, Purcell 9, Whitis, Frick 4, Canter, Cope 8, Baumgardner 2, Copeland, Cunningham, Thompson, Stoke, Scott.

Carlisle (71)
York 15, Wilson 4, P. Hall 5, Barriger 2, J. Tyler 10, M. Tyler 5, Henley 10, Rambo 6, Byassee 8, D. Hall 6, Williams.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets Flight
Leaves Foes In A Whirl

Carlisle Co. 82
Lowes 36
11-26-82 - Away

Basketball is normally a fast pace contest with action swirling up and down the floor.

But for Carlisle County's two opponents in the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament, the games have seemed interminable. Not because the Comets, who rolled into Saturday nights championship against Livingston Central following Wednesdays 71-29 win over Symsonia and Friday nights 82-46 triumph over Lowes, have a tendency to delay play.

In fact nothing can be further from the truth. The Comets like to run and have had too many opportunities to do just that. The defending tournament champions literally sprinted away from the pair of previously unbeaten Graves County teams.

Coach Craynor Slone has an experienced, tall and talented group that is capable of intimidating younger clubs, which both Symsonia and Lowes happened to be.

In Friday night's game against Lowes, the Blue Devils hit a streak midway through the first quarter where they couldn't get the ball into their court for a shot.

With Carlisle leading 11-2, after Lowes' first basket at the 5:22 mark, the game took on the atmosphere of a Chinese fire drill.

First a Carlisle error, then a mistake by Lowes and another by the Comets. Two minutes later, Carlisle got a basket by Keith York, who tallied 14 of his 19 points in the opening period to make the score 13-2. In between, Lowes had committed five turnovers, while Carlisle had only one less.

But the Blue Devils weren't finished. Five more Lowes mistakes allowed Carlisle to dominate the game for another 11 points, and a 24-2 first quarter lead. Counting the five errors Lowes made in the first few minutes, the Blue Devils had 14 turnovers in the initial eight minutes of play.

While the competition thus far has not given Slone a true picture of his team, the Comet coach has been able to give everybody on the bench plenty of playing time. In the tournament, the substitutes have as many quarters toward a varsity letter as the starters.

The Comets are as yet untested, something Slone readily admits. "But," he said, thinking about the championship meeting with the Second Region's Livingston Co. "we will be tomorrow night. They (Livingston Co.) match up with us pretty well"

The two teams played an overtime game in an earlier scrimmage.

In the hospitality room, between games Friday night, a number of area coaches were just shaking their heads. "They'll (Carlisle County) do that to a lot of teams said one coach.

"B.B. Kendrick is the smartest coach in the region," said another, noting it was Kendrick's Ballard Co. Bombers, who lost to Lowes in the opening round, thus avoiding a confrontation with the Comets.

There is little doubt that Carlisle County is the top choice in the First Region. But Murray High and Paducah Tilghman could have something to say about that before the season reaches a conclusion.

Lone Oak, which bowed to Livingston Co. 48-42 in the second game Friday night, is another First Region team which might muster a challenge to the Comets before many other weeks pass.

Carlisle…….24 36 56 82
Lowes ……..2 13 24 36

Carlisle (82)
York 19, P. Hall 11, J. Tyler 4, Rambo 4, Henley 10, Wilson 6, Barriger 10, Byassee 4, Williams 4, D. Hall 8.

Lowes (36)
Ray 14, Terry 6, Mathis, Rust 5, Hargrove 1, Thurston 2, Andrews, Wilson 1, Ellegood, Apperson, Cope 4, Williams 3.

St. Mary Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle's Defense
Overpowers Cards

Carlisle Co. 61
Livingston Co. 41
11-27-82 - Away

The fans don't shout, "**DEFENSE, DEFENSE, DEFENSE**." Their cry instead is, "**COMETS, COMETS, COMETS**." But either word would do the job, they mean virtually the same thing.

Livingston Central coach Don Ringstaff unwillingly joined the Carlisle County crowd, following Saturday night's 61-41 loss to the Comets in the championship of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament. It was Carlisle's 3rd, and the school's 8th in the 18-year old tournament.

"Just too much defense," said Ringstaff, who watched his Cardinals drop behind the unbeaten Carlisle squad 18-8 after one quarter of play.

Ringstaff's team hit 3-of-4 free throws to lead the contest 3-1 with less than two minutes gone. But before the Cardinals scored again, they trailed by 11 points.

A basket by 6-foot-6 Mike Tyler, who had come off the bench seconds before to replace his 6-7 brother John, tied the score with 6:07 showing on the clock.

The Carlisle defense forced a jump ball on the ensuing Livingston possession and the Comets took advantage of the opportunity to take the lead. Phillip Hall, who led both teams with 15 points, got the basket.

A missed shot, a Comet rebound and a three-point play by Keith York put Carlisle ahead by five. Another miss by Livingston, and Mike Tyler's basket to make the score 10-3, forced Ringstaff to signal for a timeout.

But the Cardinal coach apparently didn't have a solution. A steal by Carlisle's Hall and his lay-up boosted the margin to nine. The turnover was the first in a string of six the Cardinals would make before Doyle Driskill finally found the range for a 2-pointer with 59 seconds remaining.

In the closing seconds of the quarter, Todd Mitchell added a basket and a free throw for Livingston, but Carlisle's David Henley hit a pair of jumpers from the top of the key, the last at the buzzer to make the score 18-8.

In the second quarter, Ringstaff had his Cardinals switch from their zone defense to a man-to-man. The change seemed to worry the Comets and Livingston was able to pull within five points.

"We almost got back in it," said Ringstaff. "Had our offense kept us in the game, it might have been different. But their defense wouldn't let us."

In the second quarter, Carlisle hit only 2 of 13 attempts from the field. "We didn't adjust to their defensive change," said Slone. "I don't think we're playing as well as we can. We've had a lot of turnovers and we aren't hitting our foul shots."

A basket by Hall, just before the buzzer sending the teams to the dressing room, made the score 25-18.

At the half, Carlisle was 10 of 26 from the field and 5 of 10 from the foul line. The Comets

had 8 turnovers to 13 for the Cardinals, who hit 6-of-14 fielders and 6-of-10 free throws.

As the second half began, Carlisle upped its margin to 11. The lead increased to 14 late in the period, before a free throw by Darren Williams with 28 seconds showing cut it back to 13. It was, however, the closest the Cardinals would come the rest of the way.

Carlisle……..18 25 44 61
Livingston……...8 18 31 41

Carlisle (61)
York 13, P. Hall 15, J. Tyler 6, Henley 15, Rambo 1, M. Tyler 7, Wilson 1, Barriger 1, Byassee, Williams, D. Hall 4.

Livingston (41)
Riley 5, Ringstaff 7, Oliver 7, Mitchell 11, Williams 13, Driskill 8, Ramage, J. Davidson.

Fgs.; Carlisle 23/46 for 50%, Livingston 13/34 for 41.2%, Rebs.; Carlisle 29, Livingston 20, Turnovers; Carlisle 17, Livingston 21.

Comets Doing
Quick Work

Carlisle Co. 63
Marshall Co. 47
11-30-82 – Away

Carlisle Co. seems to have found a basic winning strategy – take the lead early, then keep it.

In 5 games this young season, the Comets have been ahead after the 1st quarter and the last, and all the time in between. A prime example of the technique was displayed Tuesday night. Carlisle visited the bright orange Marshall gym, where plenty of orange-clad Marshall fans were given a first-hand demonstration.

After one period of play, the fans had seen enough. Carlisle was ahead 20-8. At the end it was 63-47 Carlisle, but it wasn't really that close.

"The 1st quarter was "the ballgame," said Marshall coach Bobby Toon. "The game was over after the 1st quarter. After that, it was just a matter of when he (Carlisle coach Craynor Slone) wanted to let us score. We were down about 30 pts. with about 3 minutes to go before we outscored them at the end."

The First District champion Comets took a 7-0 lead, when lanky 6-foot-7 center John Tyler scored inside. Marshall lit their side of the scoreboard up when Cary Owens got 2 pts., but Carlisle got 2 more baskets, the second another inside shot by Tyler, that made the score 11-2.

When Comet All-Purchase guard Phillip Hall recorded a put-back minutes later, the score was 16-4. Both teams then traded baskets before the quarter ended. Carlisle ended the quarter hitting 9/14 of their shots.

"They jumped us early and had us down 20-8 and that just took us out of our offense," said Toon. "They played real tough defense and we just couldn't seem to get anything going."

Carlisle took a 20-pt. lead, 30-10, on a steal and lay-up in the 2nd period. The Marshall's finished with a flurry to cut the score to 32-19 at the half, but Toon said his team didn't stand much of chance in the 2nd half.

Hall led Carlisle in scoring with 18 pts., while David Henley had 13 and Keith York added 12. The Comets also hit 28/58 fgs., while Marshall hit 20/52 fgs. Carlisle owned a 34-19 rebounding advantage.

Scott Stone and Owens each led Marshall with 10 pts.

Carlisle.....20 32 50 63
Marshall.....8 19 29 47

Carlisle (63)
Barriger 1, Byassee 2, D. Hall, P. Hall 18, Henley 13, Rambo, J. Tyler 9, M. Tyler 2, Williams, Wilson 2, York 12.

Marshall (47)
Allen, Butler, Goheen 6, Lovett, McGregor 6, Miller 2, Naughton 5, Owens 10, Powell 6, Stone 10, Thompson, Weaver 2, Willis.

Carlisle Co. 75
Fulton Co. 42
12-03-82 - Home

Carlisle County used a tenacious defensive game to keep its record perfect (6-0) for the season with an easy win over visiting Fulton County.

After three quarters, the Comets held a commanding 65-28 edge and coasted through the final stanza.

David Henley paced the Comets with 20 points and got double-digit support from Keith York (13), Phillip Hall (12), and Mike Tyler (11).

Fulton County, now 0-2, was led by Bernard McIntee's 21 points while Alan Coffey added 13.

Fulton Co……....4 16 28 42
Carlisle.....18 36 65 75

Carlisle (75)
Barriger 2, Byassee 2, D. Hall, P. Hall 12, Henley 20, Rambo, J. Tyler 8, M. Tyler 11, Williams, Wilson 7, York 13.

Fulton Co.(42)
Childers 4, Coffey 13, Mangold 2, McIntee 21, Simmons 2.

Carlisle Co. 80
Sedalia 49
12-10-82 - Away

Unlike many of the Comets previous opponents, the Lions at least survived the first quarter without a mountainous lead to overcome. Unfortunately, by half time the Comets were building a kind of edge they have become familiar with, to up their record to 7-0.

"We played a little zone and held onto them for a while," said Lion coach Ken Wray. "We did a lot of hustling in the beginning of the game but Phillip Hall and Keith York took over. Those two are the Comets big ones."

York scored 9 out of his 18 points in the second quarter and Hall added 21 for the game as Carlisle turned a 9 point first quarter lead into a 40-21 halftime edge. Mike Tyler added 11 points for Carlisle.

Jeff Britt scored 15 points and Danny Rogers scored 10 points to lead Sedalia.

Carlisle……....19 40 56 80
Sedalia……....11 21 30 49

Carlisle (80)
Barriger 8, Byassee 4, D. Hall 2, P. Hall 21, Henley 4, Rambo, J. Tyler 6, M. Tyler 11, Williams, Wilson 6, York 18.

Sedalia (49)
Anderson 8, Brinkley, Britt 15, Copeland, England, Jackson 5, Morris Rickman 2, Rogers 10, Wiggins 2, McAplin 7.

Carlisle Co. Fifth
In Boys State Ratings

First Region powerhouse Carlisle County is No. 5 in this week's associated press boy's high school basketball poll, that is headed by Louisville Male High School.

Male, 3-0, collected 9 of 11 first-place votes to beat out Lexington Henry Clay, also 3-0, for top honors, by nine votes, 159-150. Male, led by senior forward Winston Bennett, defeated St. Xavier 64-59 in its last outing while Henry Clay, which received one first place vote, demolished Montgomery County 75-41.

The Laurel County boys team, (5-0) ranked third, by state sportswriters and broadcasters, with 112 total points. Shelby County, 1-0 and Carlisle County round out the top five with 92 and 82 points, respectively. The Comets are undefeated in seven games this season.

Owensboro, which tied for sixth in this week's poll with Louisville Ballard, received the other first place vote. Owensboro, 3-1, and Ballard, 2-1, received 82 points each.

Rounding out the top ten are No. 8 Lexington Bryan Station; 8-0; No. 9 Warren Central; 7-1; and No. 10 Ashland, 2-1.

The third five is topped by No. 11 Fort Thomas Highlands, 2-0. The rest of the final group includes No. 12 Lexington Tates Creek; 4-2; No. 13 Greenup County; 5-1; No. 14 Clark County; 4-0; and No. 15 Louisville Valley; 4-0.

Boys Prep Poll

The top fifteen teams in the Kentucky Associated Press Boys high school basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records and total points.

1.	Lou. Male (9)	3-0	150
2.	Lex. Henry Clay (1)	3-0	150
3.	Laurel Co.	5-0	112
4.	Shelby Co.	1-0	92
5.	Carlisle Co.	7-0	88
6.	Lou. Ballard.	2-1	82
7.	Owensboro (1).	3-1	82
8.	Lex. Bryan Station.	8-0	71
9.	Warren Central.	7-1	49
10.	Ashland .	2-1	46

Carlisle's Second
Half 'Fun' Sinks Tilghman

Carlisle Co. 75
Tilghman 64
12-14-82 - Home

Basketball is supposed to be a fun game. And that's what Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone emphasized to his team after the Comets trailed Tilghman, 35-30, at the intermission.

The end result from those words of wisdom was a 75-64 Carlisle County victory, as the Comets emerged on top in the first meeting of the First Region powers.

"I told our kids at the half that we weren't that far behind," said Slone. "I told them I thought Tilghman out-hustled us the first half. We just needed to get in our offense and be patient. We had to wait for the people to post up and get their screens.

"I thought we played really good the second half," said Slone. "The third quarter was the difference in the game. We started working the ball around and waited for the picks to get the ball inside."

It was in the third quarter where the game turned in the Comets' favor before a jam-packed house here Tuesday night. With the Carlisle offense operating in full gear, the Comets scored on five straight lay-ups and took the lead at 40-39 when John Tyler scored with 4:32 left in the stanza.

Moments later, Tilghman guard Terry Shumpert set fire to the nets, with two long range bombs, to give the Tornado their last edge in the contest at 45-42 with 2:44 remaining in the third quarter.

David Henley hit the front-end of a one-and-one to tie the game for the final time at 45. Then Carlisle rattled off eight unanswered points, topped by an electrifying slam dunk by Tyler, to lead, 53-45, heading into the final eight minutes.

Carlisle stretched that cushion to 10 twice in the early moments of the fourth quarter but Tilghman rallied to cut that lead to four points, 61-57, on Sam Arterburn's two free-throws at the 3:01 mark.

Carlisle broke for two straight baskets. Phillip Hall drove the length of the court for a lay-up and Henley took a length of the court assist from Tyler, to thwart the Tilghman hopes and hand the Tornado their first loss in six outings.

"We wanted to beat them," said Tyler, who poured in 17 points, grabbed 7 rebounds and blocked six shots. "Coach Slone told us at the half that Tilghman was playing harder than we were. We knew we had to settle down and play our game."

"We were trying to post up on them and weren't able to the first half," said Keith York, who poured in 12 points for the Comets. "They were guarding us pretty close. We started to run the offense and things started to open up for us."

Hall, who was a member of the 1982 All-Purchase team, believes the defensive play by the Comets aided in the victory. "We knew we had to play hard defense," said the Comets' leading scorer with 28 points, boosted by a 12 of 14 performance from the free throw line. "I think we sort of overlooked them at first. When we're able to get the ball down to Keith (York) and John (Tyler) it really opens things up for us."

Tilghman coach Berny Miller could not fault his team's effort. "They were executing better than us. We made some mistakes that hurt us. We didn't play all that bad. I think both teams played well.

"Anytime you get two teams together of this caliber, you expect a hard-fought game. I expect we will play three of four times this year."

Not counting a possible regional tournament match-up, the Tornado and Comets will play again on Dec. 27 at 9 p.m. in the first round of the Tilghman Christmas Tournament.

"I like that a lot," said Hall. "I think this game will give both teams some incentive. This was the biggest win of the season for us, so far."

"Tilghman is going to be tough, they already are, later in the season," said Slone. "I would say this is the biggest win of the season. Before this game we have been beating everybody to death. It feels good to get a good win.

Miller said fouls hampered his team's play the second half. At intermission, four Tornado starters had three personals. "We weren't able to play as aggressive a defense because we were afraid of getting more fouls," he said.

"On offense, we weren't able to penetrate because we were afraid of picking up a charge. It didn't allow us to put pressure on the basketball.

Carlisle…..…...18 30 53 75
Tilghman….....20 35 45 64

Tilghman (64)
Arterburn 16, Cooper 8, Deshler 2, Miller 2, Overstreet 3, Shumpert 21, Thomas 6, Young 6.

Carlisle Co. (75)
Byassee, Hall 28, Henley 13, Rambo 2, J. Tyler 17, M. Tyler 3, Wilson, York 12.

Comets Enjoy
Early Swap

Carlisle Co. 89
Calloway Co. 58
12-16-82 - Home

When Craynor Slone's Comets finally dealt equally with the Lakers, the terms of the deal were already heavily in Carlisle County's favor. A 29-9 advantage in the first period made sure of that.

"We got ahead in the first quarter and the rest of the game we just traded baskets with them," said Slone, who allowed that first period swap to lead Carlisle to a 89-58 victory Thursday night, its ninth without a loss.

Phillip Hall was the winner in the night's trading, scoring 24 points to lead the Comets, who play next in the King of the Bluegrass tournament in Louisville Saturday night against Cawood.

Keith York contributed 20 points while David Henley and John Tyler added 10 apiece. Carlisle led by 25 at halftime.

Two Lakers reached double digits topped by Craig Darnell's 19 points.

Calloway…….9 24 39 58
Carlisle……..29 49 69 89

Carlisle(89)
Byassee 4, D. Hall 6, P. Hall 24, Henley 10, Rambo, J. Tyler 10, M. Tyler 9, Williams, Wilson 6, York 20, M. Sams.

Calloway (58)
Anderson 2, Butterworth 4, Darnell 19, Duncan 3, Garrison 7, Lovett 7, Ray 4, Skinner, Foster 2, Sheridan 10.

Bluegrass Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Victorious
In Bluegrass Tourney

Carlisle Co. 66
Cawood 49
12-18-82 - Away

Keith York scored a season-high 22 points as Carlisle County defeated Cawood 66-49 Saturday night in a first-round game of the King of the Bluegrass Holiday Classic in Louisville.

Carlisle, now 10-0, led by seven at the half but outscored Cawood 36-26 the final half for its 17-point victory.

The win pits the Comets against Jeffersontown in a 5:30 p.m. game Monday. Jeffersontown was a 58-56 double overtime winner over Ashland Saturday.

Phillip Hall added 18 points and David Henley 10 to the Comet attack.

Carlisle…..…...16 30 50 66
Cawood ….…....8 23 35 49

Carlisle (66)
York 22, Wilson 6, P. Hall 18, J. Tyler 4, M. Tyler, Henley 10, Williams, Rambo 5, Byassee, D. Hall 1.

Calloway (49)
G. Hensley 4, Hatfield 8, Miniaro 8, Sanford 12, Eads 10, Ball, Branton, K. Hensley 3, Napier 2.

Bluegrass Tourn.
2nd Round
When Shooting Fails,
Carlisle Turns To Defense

Carlisle Co. 48
Jeffersontown 39
12-20-82 - Away

It was apparent to Craynor Slone that his team wasn't shooting well in Monday nights contest with Jeffersontown.

The Comets couldn't seem to find the ring in their quarterfinal encounter at the King of the Bluegrass Basketball Classic in Louisville.

Was Slone worried? Yes, but he still had his ace.

Despite having a "terrible night" from the field, Slone said a stingy defense shut down the charges for a 48-39 victory.

"Both teams played real good defense," said Slone. "If we hadn't played such good defense, we would've gotten beat because we didn't hit the basket as well as we should have."

Carlisle is the only team remaining in the 16-team field ranked in the top 15 clubs in Kentucky. The fifth-rated Comets play at 7 tonight against Pulaski County, which beat M.C. Napier 74-73 Monday afternoon. Carlisle is now 11-0, Jeffersontown 15-3.

The Comets hit 21 of 47 shots from the field for 44 percent, three percent better than the Chargers. Jeffersontown kept close at the free throw line, hitting 11 of 17, compared with 6 of 9 for Carlisle.

Carlisle's point total was its lowest all season. The Comets had averaged 73.1 points per game in their 10 previous contests.

With guard Phillip Hall (4 of 13) and center John Tyler (1 for 10) having poor shooting nights, guard David Henley picked up the slack. Henley, a 6 foot 1 senior, hit 9 of 12 shots from the floor to match a season-high 20 points.

The Comets never trailed, gaining a 6-0 lead on baskets by Henley, Hall and Keith York. After taking a 10-8 first quarter advantage, the Comets went up 12-8, and Jeffersontown never got closer than two points.

"I think Henley kept us in the ballgame most of the game. Even though we didn't shoot well as a team, he did," said Slone. "Sometimes a good ball club makes you shoot badly."

With Tyler grabbing seven rebounds and Greg Wilson five, Carlisle took a 22-20 board edge. Hall and York each pitched in eight points for the winners while Tyler had four. Four other Comets scored four each.

Carlisle…..…..10 22 34 48
Jeffersontown….8 18 26 39

Carlisle (48)
Byassee 2, P. Hall 20, Henley 20, Rambo 2, J. Tyler 4, M. Tyler 2, Wilson 2, York 8.

Jeffersontown (39)
Whitlow 10, Jaggers 1, Harris 6 Ziegler 12, Curry 6, Eisert 4 .

Bluegrass Tourn.
3rd Round
Comets Not Win-Starved
But Want One More Victory

Carlisle Co. 60
Pulaski Co. 55
12-21-82 - Away

Craynor Slone relishes winning. Through 12 games this season, his Carlisle County Comets have been more than happy to comply.

The Comets' diet has been one of steady wins. But when Carlisle faces Baltimore Dunbar tonight in the finals of the King of the Bluegrass Basketball Classic, it may have bitten off more than it can chew.

"They're only the number one team in the country," said Slone when asked about his opponent. "They got one kid that's already committed to Wake Forest, Reginald Williams."

Where does he play, Coach?

"Anywhere he wants to," said Slone.

The 12-0 Comets set up their 7 p.m. battle with the powerful Baltimore club by defeating Pulaski County 60-55 Tuesday night. Dunbar whipped host Louisville Fairdale 80-46.

Carlisle defeated the Maroons much in the same way it has its 11 other opponents this season. Relying on a well-balanced attack, the Comets jumped ahead and never trailed.

Keith York, a 6-foot-2 forward, led Carlisle with 17 points while David Henley pitched in 15 and Phillip Hall and David Rambo had 10 each.

York also had a team-high eight rebounds as the Comets and the Maroons managed a 22-all standoff in rebounds.

The Comets used a 6-0 spurt to begin the game. After one quarter, the Comets led 16-8, but Pulaski closed the gap to three, at 25-22, by halftime. Carlisle began the third quarter as it did the first, and held a nine-point lead entering the final stanza.

"We just got out to a lead and kept it. That's about all I can say," said Slone. "It was one of those games where the teams were evenly matched. Everybody up here has a good team."

Both teams zeroed in at the foul line, Carlisle canning 12-of-15 shots and Pulaski 13 of 15. The difference came at the field, where the Comets made 24 of their 49 attempts while the Maroons made 21 of 55.

"We played about the same as we've been playing. We didn't play very well," Slone said. "We've been in a motel since Friday. Its hard to stay in a motel and keep going."

Carlisle ….…..16 25 45 60
Pulaski…….…..8 22 34 55

Carlisle (60)
Hall 10, Henley 15, Rambo 10, J. Tyler 6, Wilson 2, York 17.

Pulaski (55)
Tarter 10, Hutchinson 2, A. Hanson 17, Wood 14, Molen 4, B. Hanson 6, Ping 2.

Bluegrass Tourn.
Championship
***It** Takes One*
Of The Nations
"Best" To Stop Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 48
Baltimore Dunbar, MY. 65
12-22-82 - Away

There's a big difference in number one in the country and number one in Kentucky's First Region, but Carlisle County closed the gap Wednesday night.

The Comets faced Baltimore Dunbar, touted as the top prep team in the United States, in the finals of the King of the Bluegrass Basketball Classic at Louisville. Although the Comets lost 65-48, Carlisle coach Craynor Slone found solace.

"Nobody came within 35 points of them (Dunbar) in the tournament, so I'm pretty happy. We played as well as we could play," said Slone, whose Comets are the only First Region team state-ranked (5th).

"My players were pretty upset because they really thought that they could win the game. They played pretty hard. I'm proud of the way they played."

Although the Comets never led, they pulled to within 50-44 with six minutes left on a basket inside by Keith York, a 6-2 junior who tallied a team-high 18 points. But Carlisle failed to score on it next possession and Dunbar began holding the ball.

The Comets were forced to foul and Dunbar went to the free throw stripe where it widened the lead. Dunbar hit 19-of-28 free throws, with most coming in the final quarter, Slone said.

Dunbar entered the game undefeated in 10 contests and possessing a 39-game win streak. Dunbar has three players it's pushing as All-Americans – 6-foot-6 Reggie Williams, 6-7 Tim Dawson and 5-10 Jim "Mugsy" Bogues, who has already said he will play in college at Wake Forest.

"We weren't intimidated. We just went out there and played with them and that really pleased me because all the other teams in this tournament have been intimidated by them," said Slone, his team now 12-1 after suffering its first defeat since the semifinals of last year's First Region tournament. "I'm just real proud of my team. I'm pleased with the way they played, especially against a team like that."

After trailing by three following the first period, the Comets trailed by 12 at halftime (34-22) before getting back in the game with a third-quarter scoring burst. With Keith York pumping in 11 points, Carlisle outscored Dunbar 20-15 to trail by seven. But two minutes into the stanza, Dunbar began its stall.

Slone said a stifling man-to-man defense kept the Comets in the game and pulled the team close in the third period. Dunbar turned the ball over 19 times, Carlisle 12. Slone was especially pleased with the job his defense did on Williams, who got a game-high 23 points and is considered Dunbar's best player.

"In the tournament, the Williams kid had hit 12-of-12 shots one game and 14 of 16 in another one," said Slone. "Against us, he hit 8 of 14. Phillip Hall guarded him and, at 6-2, we thought Hall played real tough against Williams."

Slone said his team had shot poorly throughout the tournament, but came alive with 51 per cent last night. However, Dunbar canned 23-of-38 fielders for a sizzling 60 percent. The Comets also fared well at the free throw line, making 12 of 16. Carlisle battled Dunbar even on the boards as both teams claimed 19 rebounds.

David Henley added 11 points for the Comets, while Hall chipped in eight. Hall and Henley, 6-2 senior guards, were named to the 10-player all-tourney team.

Carlisle's deliberate offense made Dunbar work for the Bluegrass title

For any other team winning by 17 points would be cruising. Not for Baltimore Dunbar.

Consider the way the nation's No. 1 ranked high school basketball team power manhandled its first three opponents in the King of the Bluegrass Holiday Classic tournament. Wednesday night's 65-48 championship-game victory over previously unbeaten Carlisle County was a nail-biter.

Even though Dunbar extended its unbeaten streak to 11 games this season and 39 over two seasons, Coach Bob Wade wasn't satisfied with his team's play in the championship game witnessed by 1,200 fans in the Fairdale gym.

"We didn't execute well offensively and Carlisle County made us work hard on defense," Wade said. "They did a good job spreading us out and dumping the ball off inside. We didn't box out well and that enabled them to get second and third shots on us."

In its three previous tournament games, Dunbar rolled over Warren Central 93-57, Vanguard of Ocala, Fla., 85-57 and Fairdale 80-45.

Carlisle County played a deliberate-style offense, and it paid off. Once trailing by 15 (32-17) late in the first half, Carlisle County rallied within 49-43 and 51-45 early in the fourth quarter.

That's when Dunbar turned over the ball to Tyrone "Mugsy" Bogues. He dribbled around and through the Carlisle County players. Standing only 5 feet 3, Bogues could have dribbled under some of his opponents, but he didn't.

What he did was draw fouls. In the last quarter, Dunbar scored only two field goals. At the free-throw line, the Poets were 12/14 in the last eight minutes, with Bogues tossing in seven foul shots himself.

"All we were trying to do was neutralize the fouls and get in the bonus as quickly as we could," Wade said. "When you give Tyrone the ball, you can chalk it up."

Bogues, who has signed with Wake Forest University, made eight of 13 free throws and scored 12 points.

"My ambition was to run some time off the clock, hit the free throws and control the tempo," Bogues said. "The refs were making some bad calls, but we just have to deal with that. Carlisle County gave us a great game."

Reggie Williams, Dunbar's 6-7 All-America forward, scored 21 points to give him 102 for the four tournament games.

Tim Dawson, the 6-6 center, muscled his way for 17 points before being ejected from the game with one second remaining. Dawson threw an elbow at Carlisle County reserve Dewayne Hall after several players wrestled on the floor for a loose ball.

"The guy jumped on my back and that (throwing the elbow) was my first reaction," Dawson said. "That's not me and I'd like to apologize to everyone. I'm sorry it happened."

Later, Dawson apologized to Hall in the Carlisle County locker room.

Keith York, a chubby 6-2 forward, used his 230 pounds to good advantage under the basket and led Carlisle County (12-1) with 18 points. He scored 11 in the third quarter, including seven in a row that cut his team's deficit from 44-29 to 44-36.

"I just tried to turn around and put the ball in the hole as best I could," York said.

After Carlisle County closed within 51-45 with 5:56 left, Dunbar ran off seven straight points, three on free throws by Bogues, a slam dunk by Dawson and a goal by substitute guard Darryl Wood.

Another basket by York cut it to 58-47 with 2:15 to play, but Dunbar scored seven more points in a row, the last four on free throws by Bogues, to take a 65-47 lead.

"I thought we played well," Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone said. "We felt we had to be more patient than normally. I don't believe you can go out and run with them. We wanted to make them work hard and play some defense."

"I don't know how you judge whose No. 1 in the nation, but Dunbar's definitely one of the best teams I've ever seen," Slone said.

Carlisle……..12 22 42 48
Baltimore D….15 34 49 65

Carlisle (48)
York 18, P. Hall 8, J. Tyler 4, Henley 11, Rambo 6, Wilson, Williams, Byassee, D. Hall 1.

Baltimore Dunbar (65)
R. Williams 21, Brown 4, Dawson 17, James 8, Bogues 12, Wood 3, D. Lewis, Green, R. Lewis.

Tilghman, Carlisle
Rematch Keys Tilghman
Christmas Tournament.

When the First Region's most prestigious regular season basketball tournament begins Monday, two teams figure to be on the minds of most fans.

Paducah Tilghman had dominated its own 39-year-old Christmas Tournament with Carlisle County running a distant second. In an eight- year span from 1967 to 1974, either Tilghman or Carlisle won the tourney. Carlisle won in 1970 and 1971, and Tilghman the other years. Tilghman has captured the title 10 times and Carlisle 4, including last year.

So it seems natural the two are favored in the eight-team, three day affair. However, after the completion of first-round play, only one will

remain. That's because the two meet at 9 p.m. Thursday.

Tilghman coach Berny Miller said the tournament has been seeded in the past, but not this year. So the Tornado-Comet matchup is the "luck of the draw."

Tilghman is 6-1 this year with its only loss coming against Carlisle in Bardwell. The Comets are 12-1, their lone setback administered by Baltimore Dunbar in the finals of the King of the Bluegrass Classic.

The defending First Region Champion's 75-64 loss to the Comets Dec. 14th, confirmed what Miller already knew.

"Carlisle just showed us what we thought – that they're a quality ball club," said Miller. "They're tough. They have good athletes, they have experience, they play good defense and they're patient on offense. They have four starters back and return 11 of their 12 players from last year."

Miller said the Carlisle loss also shed some light on his own team.

"I thought we showed a lot of skill by staying with them as long as we did," he added. "We led them for a long time in the game. We played well until late in the game, when we made mistakes and they took advantage, just like they've been doing to a lot of people."

The Carlisle scoring attack revolves around 6-foot-2 seniors Phillip Hall, Keith York and David Henley. Hall, an All-Purchase selection last season, leads the team with 16.1 points per game while York is right behind at 12. Henley averages 12.4.

The Comets took last year's title game against Ballard Co. when Henley threw a 'Hail Mary' pass to Mike Tyler, who laid the ball in, as time expired, for a 57-55 overtime victory. The Comets had defeated Tilghman 60-48 in the semifinals.

The Tornado's are led by Terry Shumpert and John Cooper. Shumpert, a 6-2 junior guard, averages 19 points per contest while Cooper, a 6-2 forward, averages 17.9.

"We're not good re-bounders and we're not as quick as we have been," said Miller. "But we are very intelligent and we handle the ball very well. We take good shots and take advantage of everything we can. Of course, experience is something we're having a problem with, but I think midway through the season that won't be a factor."

Miller says the tournament's other match-ups appear even. In Monday's opening round game at noon, Livingston Central takes on Mayfield followed by Lone Oak against St. Mary. At 7:00 p.m. that night, Hickman County plays Marshall County followed by the Carlisle-Tilghman match up.

The tournament's semifinal games with be at 7 and 9 Tuesday night with the title game 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Claim 2nd
Win Over Tilghman

Carlisle Co. 53
Tilghman 51

12-27-82 - Away

Carlisle County took a big step toward a goal that had eluded it the previous week. Winner of three regular-season tournaments last year, the Comets fell in the title game of last week's King of the Bluegrass Classic.

So on to the Paducah Tilghman Christmas tournament. Who of all teams would be the Comets' first round opponent but the Big Blue, always-tough Tornado?

Forget that Carlisle had spent five days last week in Louisville cramped in a motel during the day and playing strange teams before strange crowds at night.

"Of course beating a team like Tilghman is always one of our goals," said Carlisle's Greg Wilson. "But we want to win the tournament. Winning a tournament is one of our biggest goals."

After the Comet forward sank two free throws with one second left in a 53-51 victory, against the Tornado Monday night, goal one is mission accomplished.

Wilson, a 6-foot-2 sixth man who led his team with 13 points, admitted he had never been in such a pressure filled situation. "I was a little bit nervous," he said after watching his first shot roll around the rim and through before his second hit cleanly.

The victory places Carlisle, the state's third-rated team at 13-1, in a semifinal match up with Marshall County; a 54-44 winner over Hickman County, in Monday night's initial game. The defending champion Comets take on the Marshall's at 9 tonight. In the other semifinal, Livingston Central plays Lone Oak at 7.

Who could blame Wilson for being shaky? After all, Tilghman had just about brought the roof down on a packed house with a furious last-minute rally. Trailing by 11 after three periods, the Tornado sliced the Comet lead to 2 points with one minute left, then tired the game at 51 on Joe Young's lay-up with 10 seconds left. But when Young was fouled on the play and missed the free throw, the Comets had a final chance.

David Henley got the inbounds pass and maneuvered up court where he zipped the ball to Wilson, who was about seven feet from the basket on the left side. Wilson fired once and missed. When he hauled in the long rebound and shot again, he was fouled by John Deshler.

The ensuring free throws purged the Comets of a ghastly performance at the line, especially during the waning minute. Carlisle totaled 12-of-23 free tosses, but missed 3 of 4 from 26-to-17 seconds remaining. And all were bonus shots.

"We were tired. We've just been playing so much ball lately," said Carlisle coach Craynor Slone. "I think it really showed in the last quarter and at the foul lines. The kids that normally would've hit those foul shots were missing them. Of course I'm not going to take anything away from Tilghman, they've shown that they can play with anybody, like we did up at the Bluegrass Tournament.

At 6-2, both Tornado losses have come to Carlisle. The Comets won 75-64 Dec 15th at Bardwell, in a game which Tilghman trailed by four with three minutes to go.

Despite seeing his team rally, Tilghman coach Berny Miller wasn't very comforted. "I don't think a loss ever helps you. I don't believe that stuff about a loss helping a team. I think it would have been better off if we would have beaten them and then won the tournament," said Miller.

"We played tough tonight. We can compete with most anybody, but whether or not we can beat them, I don't know. Competing with people doesn't do any good unless you beat them."

According to Miller, Tilghman, at the time, did just as good a job at beating itself as did Carlisle.

"We missed some shots right underneath the basket and if we'd hit those, we wouldn't have been down six points at the half," Miller said.

That six-point advantage was the largest by either team in the first two quarters and gave the Comets a needed halftime boost.

Both squads played on equal terms for the first 13 minutes. When Tilghman's Joe Young took a pass from teammate Terry Shumpert and glided in for a lay-up, he created a tie at 20, the game's fifth such standoff.

But the Comets answered in fashion. First, Wilson popped a jumper from the left of the key. After the teams swapped misses, Carlisle's 6-7 center John Tyler cram-blocked a Deshler field-goal attempt, then returned down-court to float in a 10-foot jumper, for a 24-20 lead with 1:30 left. When Tilghman turned the ball over, Carlisle held on for the last shot, which Keith York made good inside, on a pass from Henley.

"I felt like we needed something going into the half because we knew Tilghman was going to be ready to play the second half and we needed an edge," said Slone.

With Carlisle changing from a man-to-man defense to a 1-3-1 zone trap and with Tyler scoring 6 of his 12 points, the Comets outscored the Tornado 12-7 in the third quarter, for a 38-27 advantage. Tyler, known mostly for his defense, was a welcome relief offensively for the Comets, especially with leading scorer Phillip Hall riding the bench in foul trouble.

Miller said the game got tighter after his team solved the Carlisle zone. When Kelly Miller hit from 20-feet with 3:33 remaining, Tilghman had pulled to within 40-37. The game was then nip-and-tuck until the end.

Tilghman, which suffered through 37 percent shooting (19 of 51) compared to 46 percent for Carlisle (18 of 39), the Tornado lost season-leading scorers Terry Shumpert and John Cooper to foul disqualification in the final quarter. The Comets effectively shutdown the pair. Shumpert, averaging 19 points, was held to 11 and Cooper, averaging 18, was held to 7.

Tornado junior center Sam Arterburn picked up the slack, scoring 18 while Young added 11.

Carlisle…..…...10 26 38 53
Tilghman.....….9 20 27 51

Carlisle (53)
York 9, Wilson 13, Hall 6, M. Tyler, Henley 7, Rambo 6, J. Tyler 12.

Tilghman (51)
Cooper 7, Shumpert 11, Arterburn 18, Young 11, Deshler 0, Overstreet 0, Thomas 0.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 58
Marshall Co. 46

12-28-82 – Away

Welcome to the 20-foot Club. Members only please

Carlisle Co. doesn't generally try to win basketball games by shooting from that magic area called "the outside," but sometimes there isn't any choice.

Marshall Co. gave Carlisle that single option Tuesday night. The Comets took it, chucked the ball in from somewhere outside the ozone layer, and came away with a 58-46 victory in the semifinals of the Paducah Tilghman Christmas tournament.

Marshall coach Bobby Toon said he ordered his team to use a tight 2-1-2 zone that would deny any inside attack. "We figured if they beat us, they

were going to have to beat us outside. Well they did," said Toon.

David Henley and Phillip Hall, executive members of the long-range gang, knew exactly what to do with the Marshall game plan. Henley popped from above the free-throw stripe, Hall pumped from the left of the key, then Henley did the same for an 11-5 lead. At quarter's end, Carlisle led 18-7.

Midway through the second quarter, Henley tipped a Marshall player's dribble to Greg Wilson who lobbed the ball back to Henley for a fastbreak layup and a 17-pt. lead.

At the half, Henley hadn't missed a shot. He had 10 pts. and Hall had 11 for all but 10 of the Comets' first half total.

Carlisle hit 14 of 20 shots the first two quarters and was 22 of 38 total. Marshall hit 16 of 40.

"We had wide open shots that didn't fall for us and Carlisle had wide open shots and knocked the bottom out," said Toon. "They're just a better ballclub than we are."

The Comets' senior bombers eventually had the defense looking for the outside shot. But when the Marshall's began looking outside, the ball started going inside.

"Marshall tried to lag back but D.A. (Henley) and Phillip hit and that opened things up inside for us," said Keith York, the Comets' 6-foot-2 forward and a recipient of several inside feeds.

"At first Marshall was really dropping in and then they brought some fresh guards in and tried to pressure us and we got the ball inside," added Henley, who finished with a game-high 18 pts.

Marshall pulled to within 9 pts. in the opening minutes after halftime, but Henley answered with two straight jumpers.

The victory gives the Comets a chance to take their second consecutive Tilghman tourney title. Carlisle, 14-1, faces Livingston Co., which is considered one of the Second Region's best tea ms.

"They're quick jumpers and they make you throw your shot off," said Henley. "They make you try to get that extra arch on the ball."

Carlisle.....18 31 42 58
Marshall.....7 21 29 46

Carlisle (58)
York 9, Wilson 4, P. Hall 15, Barriger 1, J. Tyler 6, M. Tyler, Williams, Rambo 2, Byassee 1, D. Hall 2, M. Sams.

Marshall (46)
Weaver 3, Powell 10, Stone 14, Naughton 4, Owens 6, Thompson, Allen, Goheen 9.

Tilghman Tourn.
Championship
Tyler's Scoring Brings
Carlisle Tilghman Crown

Carlisle Co. 62
Livingston Co. 44
12-29-82 - Away

For the past two Christmas's Santa Claus has been very good to Mike Tyler and his Carlisle County teammates.

Last yuletide the Comets won the Paducah Tilghman Christmas tournament on Tyler's final-second shot in overtime.

This year the rotund, ruddy-cheeked gift giver dropped off another Tilghman title and Tyler, who must have been a very good boy, got the biggest present.

The 6-foot-6 Carlisle substitute was a surprise package Wednesday night, scoring 18 points, 10 in the crucial third quarter, as the state's third-ranked team snowed Livingston Central 62-44.

As the Comet players celebrated adding the championship to the one they harvested at the St. Mary Thanksgiving tourney, visions of other titles danced in their heads.

"We want to go to the state tournament," said a joyful Phillip Hall, who scored eight points. "And I hope we get invited to the LIT (Louisville Invitational Tournament) so we can go up there and win that."

Carlisle, 15-1 may be invited to the prestigious January classic which will feature 16 of the state's top teams.

Coach Craynor Slone's maroon and gold group didn't give the Cardinals a chance, jumping ahead 8-0. But it was Tyler's third-quarter presence that really buried the losers.

With Carlisle leading by eight at the period's 6:17 mark, Tyler entered the game to join his brother John and form a formidable frontline. John a 6-7, 185-pound junior, intimidated the Cardinals on defense while Mike, who weighs 245, took over on offense.

Receiving lobs over the smaller Livingston defenders, Mike laid in 10 of his team's final 12 points in the quarter to double the lead, 46-30. Livingston never recovered.

"Mike eats all the vegetables before I can get to them," John cracked.

"Livingston was trying to play close on me defensively so I wouldn't score. So their players slacked off on Mike and we started dumping the ball off to him underneath. It's kind of hard for them to guard both of us."

Mike averaged six points per game in Carlisle's first nine contests, but had scored just two points in his last four games before facing Livingston.

"This season it seems like we've always had somebody to come off the bench and do a pretty good job," said Slone. "It was the Tyler kid's turn tonight and I think he was the difference in the ballgame. The game was a lot closer when he went in, than what it was when he came out."

The older Tyler continued his torrid streak in the fourth period, tacking on eight more markers. Mike's three-point play with 4:42 left gave the Comets their first 20-point lead at 54-34. When forward Keith York tipped in a missed Hall lay-up a minute later, Carlisle had its biggest advantage, 58-36.

Mike made 8-of-11 shots as the Comets registered 48 percent from the field (26 of 54) while limiting Livingston to 34 percent (15 of 44).

York added 11 points and David Henley, who hit 3-of-6 fielders and all four of his foul shots, added 10. Henley and Hall had 10 of the Comets' 14 assists and each had two steals. John Tyler and York had seven rebounds each as Carlisle edged Livingston 25-24 on the boards.

Carlisle, playing its seventh game in 14 days, hit 10/21 free throws. Livingston, 12-4, hit 14 of 18.

The Comets got off on the right foot behind a patient, consistent offense and a harassing defense.

York opened the scoring by returning a missed shot to the basket and Henley made it 4-0 with two free throws. After three straight Cardinal turnovers, John had two put-backs for an 8-0 lead.

"Carlisle's the kind of team that's real hard to get back at if they get you down. Falling behind early is the one thing we didn't want to happen, but it did. They did the same thing against us in the St. Mary tournament," said Livingston coach Don Ringstaff.

Carlisle jumped ahead 18-8 in the championship game at St. Mary en route to a 61-41 thrashing.

The Cardinals finally scored when Todd Mitchell sank a pair of free tosses after eight minutes. When Kent Riley hit a running 10-foot jump shot as the buzzer sounded, Livingston trailed 11-6.

Carlisle…..11 28 46 62
Livingston ….....6 20 30 44

Carlisle (62)
York 11, Wilson 4, P. Hall 8, Barriger, J. Tyler 9, M. Tyler 18, Henley 10, Williams, Rambo, Byassee 2, D. Hall, M. Sams.

Livingston (44)
Riley 12, Ringstaff 4, Oliver 4, Mitchell 10, Driskill 4, Williams 4, Ramage, Davidson, Howard, Bughlig, Gilbert, Henson.

Comets Convince Bulldogs
About Kentucky Ranking

Carlisle Co. 85
Fulton City 62
01-08-83 - Away

Carlisle County made Fulton County coach David Elliott a believer Saturday night.

"I think they are the best team in Kentucky," said Elliott after the 16-1 Comets beat the Bulldogs 85-62. "They are much better then we are."

David Henley led the Carlisle attack with 21 points while Keith York added 17 and Phillip Hall had 16. Johnny Taylor scored 21 for the Bulldogs.

Carlisle ….....21 50 70 85
Fulton City…...10 22 40 62

Carlisle (85)
Barriger 9, Byassee 6, D. Hall, P. Hall 16, Henley 21, Rambo 4, J. Tyler 4, M. Tyler, Williams, Wilson 8, York 17, M. Sams.

Fulton City (62)
Abbott 10, Atwill 4, Bransford 14, Caldwell, Clouser 4, Forrester 1, Lawrence, Luker, Ragsdale, Taylor 21, Tibbs 8.

Carlisle Accepts
L.I.T. Bid

Carlisle County is in Kentucky's most prestigious regular-season boys' basketball tournament, but Coach Craynor Slone doesn't care who his team will play. He's just glad his Comets are going.

When the First Region's top-rated team treks to the Jan. 18th-21st Louisville Invitational Tournament, they will be he first Carlisle team to do so since 1971. Tilghman and Mayfield have also been invited in recent years.

"It really doesn't make a whole lot of difference who we play because all the teams that will be there are good. There won't be any easy teams in the tournament," said Slone.

Carlisle will know Wednesday who it will face among 16 of the state's best teams. The L.I.T. committee will take the 10 top-rated Louisville teams from today's Likenhous ratings and pair them with the six non-Jefferson County teams already picked – Lexington Henry Clay, Owensboro Senior, and Laurel, Clark, Shelby, and Carlisle counties.

Carlisle was invited to the tournament Wednesday and immediately accepted. The school's Board of Education decided the team could go despite two casualties. The Comets have to reschedule Monday's game with Calloway County and had to cancel their Jan. 21st contest with Lowes.

"I think our kids will learn a lot from it and I'm glad our Board of Education will let us go,"

said Slone. "The players were all pleased because they knew that you don't get an opportunity to play in a tournament like this that often. Some schools never get to play in it."

Of the six schools outside the Louisville area, Lexington Henry Clay is highest-ranked, holding down the No. 1 spot in today's Associated Press poll. Carlisle was third, followed by Clark and Laurel Co. Owensboro was No. 7 and Shelby No. 8. Louisville Male was the top-ranked Louisville squad at No. 2.

The tourney will be played at Louisville Atherton, Manual, Ballard, and Pleasure Ridge Park gyms, with Thursday's and Friday's finals being held at Freedom Hall.

The Comets have already played in one Louisville tournament, the King of the Bluegrass Classic, where they finished runner-up, and Slone thinks it will help.

"I think that tournament will benefit us because the players have already been through all that tournament stuff," said the fifth-year Comet coach.

Slone said his team has a chance of wining the tournament, if it gets past the first round.

"I feel like if we can get by the first game we will have a good chance because the first game is the big one in a tournament like this. If you get the first game under your belt it seems like your players start playing better," he said.

Carlisle Displays Defensive
Prowess For Purple Flash

Carlisle Co. 73
Lone Oak 48
01-11-83 - Home

It was just another day at the office Tuesday, for the Carlisle County Comets, the First Region's top-ranked team.

The Comets of Craynor Slone ranked No. 1 by The Sun and No. 3 by The Associated Press state prep poll exceeded their 67.4 point scoring average. Defensively, the 48-points by Lone Oak were right in line with the 48.2-point figure that the Comets have been allowing opponents.

"It's their defense," said Lone Oak coach Steve Speed. "There's no secret about that, everybody knows it. They put so much pressure on you that you can't run an offense. We just couldn't get anything going."

While Slone, without hesitation agrees that defense is his team's strong suit, the Comets are not a team that holds the ball to keep scores down. Carlisle County is a legitimate defensive powerhouse and at the same time is capable of generating a solid offensive effort.

In their previous 17 games, sixteen of which have been Comet victories, Slone's defenders have held opponents 15 points under their normal scoring figure, while at the other end, Carlisle County scored nearly 10 more points than those 17 opponents had been allowing.

Three starters, led by Phillip Hall, average in double figures. Hall carries a 14.5 mark, Keith York 14 and David Henley 13. On a given night, any of the three is apt to be the team's leading scorer. John Tyler, a 6-foot-6 center who carries an 8.2 scoring mark, is also a threat to hit double digits.

The size, scoring balance and experience - there are nine seniors on the team - are all factors in the Comet success. But defense is still the key element.

"That's my job," said Slone. "Getting them to play defense. After they realize its going to win for them, they start having fun with it."

"We have three goals going into a game," said Slone. "We want to hold the other team to less than 50 points, hit 70 percent of our free throws and have 12 or less turnovers We hit one goal on the points and we had 12 turnovers, but our free throw shooting was only 48 percent (13-of-27). That was the only bad thing about the game."

In Saturday's game against Fulton City, Carlisle County's defense gave up 62 points to the Bulldogs. That meant more work for the Comets on defense in practice Monday.

Lone Oak was the victim of that extra effort.

Carlisle opened the scoring on a basket by Tyler. When Tony Snelling responded for Lone Oak, few in the crowd thought it would be the only tie of the contest. But a 6-0 Comet spurt made the score 16-4 at the 1:52 mark of the first quarter.

"We got in trouble early when we couldn't hit some shots we normally hit," said Speed.

Over the quarter's final minute and a half, Lone Oak outscored Carlisle 4-2 to cut the margin to 10.

During the second quarter, the Purple Flash improved its shooting from the first quarter's dismal 4 of 14 to a more respectable 5 for 9. But the Comets increased their advantage at the half to 18 points with a 9 for 16 performances from the floor.

Lone Oak managed another 10 points in the third quarter on five field goals, while the Comets hit eight fielders and six free throws for 22 points and a 58-28 lead.

The fourth quarter gave both coaches an opportunity to clear their benches and Lone Oak was able to pare five points off the final margin.

Henley was Carlisle's leading scorer with 22 points. Hall finished with a dozen, while York and Tyler contributed 10 apiece.

Lone Oak was paced by Andy Gilland's 12 points. Gilland, the team's leading scorer with a 17.4 average, fouled out of the contest at the 6:16 mark of the final period. He was followed two minutes later by Snelling.

Lone Oak finished the contest with 23 field goals on 57 attempts and (disturbing to Speed) two points in three trips to the foul line. "I can't believe we shot only three foul shots with the type of pressure defense Carlisle uses," said Speed. "The officials didn't beat us, but it was bad."

Carlisle……..18 36 58 73
Lone Oak……...8 18 28 48

Lone Oak (48)
Gilland 12, Wheatley, Snelling 8, Davis 6, Norris 10, Overton 8, Seay 2, Lawrence, Dowdy, Clark, Joiner, Hayden 2.

Carlisle (73)
York 10, Wilson, P. Hall 12, Barriger 5, J. Tyler 10, M. Tyler 5, Henley 22, Williams, Rambo 5, Byassee 2, D. Hall 2, M. Sams.

Carlisle Comets Can Smell
A Dream Coming True

"It was back in grade school," Phillip Hall smiled.

"That's when we got together and decided we'd go to the state tournament our senior year."

"We" is Hall, David Henley, David Rambo, Mike Tyler, and Keith York - basketball buddies since Carlisle County Elementary days.

They're seniors now at Carlisle County High School.

Hall expects the quintet to be in uniform at Kentucky high school tourney time next March.

"If we go all the way - win it all - we'll be 40 and one," added Hall, a 17 year-old six-footer plus two inches.

"I'm not saying we will. I mean we could."

So far, Carlisle County has lost but once in 16 games - to an undefeated Baltimore Dunbar, MD. team, touted as the best prep contingent in the country.

The Comets currently are rated the best in this end of Kentucky.

They're tops in the First Region, having recently won the Paducah Tilghman High School Christmas Tournament.

Statewide, the Comets are ranked fifth.

Just before Christmas, the Carlisle Countians were runners-up in the prestigious King of the Bluegrass Basketball Classic at Louisville.

They lost to Baltimore Dunbar by a score of 65 to 48.

The Marylanders clobbered everybody else they played by 35 points or better.

"A lot of people might have thought we were going to get blown out up there," said Hall. "But we held our own."

"Maybe they'd never heard of us before. They probably know who we are now."

For anybody who still doesn't: Carlisle County, swept by the Mississippi River, is about as far west in Kentucky as you can go.

Few places in the commonwealth, either, are farther removed from Kentucky's Bluegrass basketball heartland of Louisville and Lexington.

The Comets have never claimed a state crown. Hall plans to help change that.

His is a dream common to legions of youthful Kentuckians - kids who grew up aiming basketballs at net-less hoops nailed to trees or garage roofs above backyard courts worn grassless by determined play.

"State tournament. 'Sweet 16," he chuckled. "That'd be nice."

Plenty of dyed-in-the-maroon-and-gold-wool Carlisle County fans doubtless would agree.

"They'll help us out a lot," said Hall.

"I bet there were 300 of them in Louisville. Fans can give you energy when you don't have it."

The Comets aren't as large physically as some teams they've bested, and maybe not as quick.

Still, it's hard to argue with the kind of success reflected in the record book.

"I guess it's because we've been playing so long together," Hall said. "We know what to do and when to do it."

Hall is quick to praise his fellow seniors.

York: "Eats them up day in and day out."

Henley: "A pretty shooter, a complete player."

Rambo: "He works them to death."

Tyler: "A bread-and-butter player."

Hall, born and reared in Bardwell, the Carlisle Co. seat, hopes to earn a college scholarship once he's hung up his Comet jersey for the last time.

"It'll be great if I get to play in college, but I'll miss Carlisle Co. We (the seniors) have been friends and together so long," he said.

"Comets Burn Hot."

Carlisle Co. 90
Ballard Co. 46
01-14-83 - Home

Carlisle County, the Sun's No. 1-ranked team, wasted no time with rival Ballard Co. By the time the first quarter ended, the Comets were on top, 18-6 and by half it was 45-17.

That scoring binge can be attributed to torrid shooting by the Comets. For the game, Carlisle County had hit 60 percent of its shots (37 of 62)

from the field and was rolling to its 18th win in 19 outings.

Phillip Hall and Greg Wilson led the Carlisle attack with 20 points each. Hall, meanwhile, scored all of his points in the first half.

Carlisle……..18 45 59 90

Ballard ……..6 17 26 46

Carlisle (90)

Barriger 5, Byassee 4, D. Hall 4, P. Hall 20, Henley 10, Rambo 4, J. Tyler 8, M. Tyler 1, Williams 4, Wilson 20, York 11, M. Sams.

Ballard (46)

Cooper 8, Jennings 4, Miller 2, Pickett 2, Renfrow 4, Terrell 6, Thomason 14, Rogers 2, Reid 4, Dalton.

Carlisle Smothers
Pilots With Defense

Carlisle Co. 80
Fulton Co. 48

01-14-83 - Away

Richard Henson understands the might of Carlisle County's muscle. It comes from defense and squeezes opponents senseless.

"They just swarm all over you," said the Fulton County coach Saturday night.

"They destroyed us with it and it took us right out of the game."

After blowing ahead 20-8 in the first period, the Comets enhanced their record to 19-1 with an 80-48 victory in Saturday prep basketball action.

The worst part came in the third period when the Comets outscored the Pilots, now 5-7, 26-2. "We were disgusted and couldn't do anything against that defense," said Henson.

Senior guard David Henley led the Comets with 18 points while John Tyler, a 6-7 center, added 14 points. Phillip Hall scored 12 and Keith York 10.

Alan Coffey, a 6-4 junior forward, led the Pilots and 23 points. He was the only double figure scorer.

Carlisle……..20 46 62 80

Fulton Co……..8 23 25 48

Carlisle (80)

D. Hall 6, P. Hall 12, Henley 18, Rambo 4, J. Tyler 14, M. Tyler 6, Williams 2, Wilson 7, York 10.

Fulton Co. (48)

Childers 6, A. Coffey 23, H. Coffey 2, Major 2, Mangold 5, McIntee 8.

Carlisle Still Tops
In Sun's Rankings

Only the remainder of the state is left to be convinced that the Carlisle County Comets rank as one of the finest high school boys' basketball teams in Kentucky. The western half of the state rarely has doubted it.

Neither has the computer rankings used by The Sun to rate boys' squads in the first five Kentucky districts. For the third straight week, the Comets stand well above the remaining 25 teams with its superb 19-1 record.

With the Louisville Invitational Tournament beginning today, the Comets will get their chance to convince the remaining skeptics in Kentucky. Carlisle plays Louisville Waggener in its first game tonight in a tournament that includes most of the state's best teams.

Carlisle has yet to lose to a Kentucky team this season. Its only loss came to Baltimore Dunbar, the nation's highest ranked prep team in some polls.

Although Paducah Tilghman, the second-ranked team, was able to close a couple of points, the Comets still have a 26-point edge on the Tornado, thanks mainly to two victories over Tilghman this year.

Statistically, the Comets defense is by far the best in the area. Holding opponents to just 48.1 points a game, Carlisle ranks four points better than its nearest competitor in defense. Meanwhile, the Comets rank second in offense with a 69.4 mark.

Tilghman holds the edge in offensive exploits with a 79.4 average per game. Standing eighth in defense, the Tornado rates 22 points better than third-ranked Livingston Central in the Sun's rankings.

After Carlisle and Tilghman, the rankings bunch up, with Fulton City the only school to move much since last Tuesday's rankings. The Bulldogs dropped from fifth to seventh after a loss to Hickman County.

Marshall County held onto its narrow edge in the fourth slot with its 10-4 record, but Murray has drawn within a point of the Marshall's after a Fourth District victory over Mayfield last week improved its record to 7-4.

Despite its loss to Tilghman, Calloway County moved up into the sixth slot, holding a two-point edge on Fulton City, at 7-5. Mayfield ranks eighth with a 8-3 record while Hickman County used First District victories over Fulton City and Fulton County to move to ninth.

Lowes completed the top 10 schools, well behind the first nine, with an 8-4 season record.

L .I. T Tourn.
1st Round

Comets Take LIT
Win Despite "Lag"

Carlisle Co. 58
Louisville Waggener 48

01-18-83 - Away

World travelers often suffer jet lag flying across the globe.

Carlisle County's basketball team, however, was feeling 'van lag' when it fought its way to a 58-48 victory over Louisville Waggener in the first round of the Louisville Invitational Tournament here Tuesday night.

"We were a little sluggish," described Comet guard David Henley who scored 8 points, as his team upped its record to 20-1. "All we did all day was lay around the hotel. When you fly, they call it jet lag. I guess you could say we had van lag."

That idleness is something Carlisle coach Craynor Slone was trying to correct for tonight's second round game with Shelby County. Tuesday, Slone wanted to have a team practice but couldn't find a gym.

"On a trip like this, you have to keep up a routine," said Slone. "We can't just lie around the hotel all day."

While the usual Comet proficiency was missing in the win over the 6-6 Wildcats, the victory went down in the school's history. It marked the first time in three trips that Carlisle had won in the prestigious tourney.

Slone was not pleased with his team's effort. "I think the best thing is we won, though we played bad. You expect a game like this, but you have to be happy if you win," he said.

Waggener, which has upset Louisville Trinity and Eastern, rattled the Comets with intense defensive pressure. At the end of the first quarter, the Wildcats held a 13-10 edge.

By halftime, aided by the return of starters Phillip Hall and Henley, saddled with two quick first quarter fouls, the Comets had come back to lead 30-21.

In the second half, the Comets upped their advantage to 13 on three occasions before Waggener made a late-minute charge at the state's No. 3-ranked team. Hall's 8-foot jumper with 4:01 remaining gave Carlisle a 46-33 cushion.

A minute later, Hall was on the receiving end of a fast break pass, scored a lay-up, was fouled, and completed the 3-point play. With 2:52 left, Carlisle was on top, 49-37.

Though Waggener was able to cut the advantage to 49-42 at the 1:29 mark, Carlisle secured the victory by hitting 8 of 9 free throws in the last 3 minutes.

The Comets hit 18 of 23 from the line, one of the best performances of the season for Slone's team.

"That (free throw shooting) was one of the few things I was pleased with," said Slone.

"I don't mean to take anything away from Waggener. I thought they played well. Anytime you go out there and play hard and scrappy, you are going to be in the ballgame."

"They are the best coached team I have seen this season," said Waggener coach Don Hottman. "He (Slone) has really done a super job. They don't have great quickness, but they are very patient on offense and their offense really blends well. They are smart and it's very hard to rattle them. They are as good as anybody we have played."

Hall, who led Carlisle with 18 points despite being saddled most of the game with fouls, thinks the Comets would fare better in a second meeting with the Wildcats. "I think because it was our first game with them, and not knowing much about them, had something to do with it. It was the first game jitters," said Hall.

Besides Hall, Keith York, and John Tyler had 10-point efforts. Tyler a 6-foot-7 junior also blocked four shots and led the Comets with 7 rebounds.

Tonight (7:45 CST), at Manual High, the Comets face a tall and talented team in Shelby County, 9-2. The Rockets only two losses this season have come to No. 1 rated Lexington Henry Clay. The winner will advance to the semi-finals which begin Thursday night at Freedom Hall.

"They are very big and very quick," said Slone. "We are going to have to play well to beat them."

Carlisle…..…..10 30 40 58

Waggener…....13 21 29 48

Carlisle (58)

York 10, Wilson 4, P. Hall 18, Tyler 10, Henley 8, Rambo 3, Byassee 5.

Waggener (48)

Milby 6, Grinter 7, Kurt 2, Bicker 4, Henry 14, Shelby 2, Stroud 13, Nally, Jones.

L. I. T. Tourn.
2nd Round

Extra Incentives Help
Push Carlisle Past Shelby

Carlisle Co. 50
Shelby Co. 40

01-19-83 - Away

Winning and advancing to the final four of the prestigious Louisville Invitational Tournament, was only one of the things that motivated Carlisle County in its 50-40 victory over Shelby County Wednesday night. Certainly, reaching the semi-finals did provide an adequate goal for the Comets, but there was an added incentive.

By beating the Rockets here at Manual High, the Comets wrapped up a trip to Freedom Hall. And by advancing, insured themselves of two more

games and as many more days out of school in one of the state's most star-studded tournaments.

Tonight, the Comets tackle Louisville Male, the state's No. 2 ranked team, at 6 (CST). The Bulldogs, who got 45 points from University of Kentucky-bound forward Winston Bennet, downed previously undefeated Clark County, 91-67.

Getting by Shelby County, of course, was a main concern. But two more days away from the classroom provided additional motivation.

"That added a little to it," said Keith York, who had led the 21-1 Comets with 20 points. "We came out ready to play tonight."

"It feels great," said senior Phillip Hall about the upcoming trip to Freedom Hall. "Getting a couple of more days out of school had something to do with it."

John Tyler, who joined Hall with 10 points, admitted a couple of more days out of school was inviting. "I wouldn't say it was the main thing, but it was something we thought about."

Craynor Slone, the Comets' coach, thought the idea of playing at Freedom Hall provided enough incentive for his team. "I think they really wanted badly to play at Freedom Hall. I know they were excited. And after watching Male, the kids wanted to play them," said Slone.

Using a tenacious defense, and red-hot first half shooting, the Comets took control of the game midway through the first quarter. Hall drove the baseline for an easy bucket to put Carlisle up for good (9-8) at the 4:08 mark of the first stanza.

By quarter's end, after hitting 8-of-12 shots from the field, the Comets led 17-12. At half, after finishing the first 16 minutes hitting 65 percent, Carlisle enjoyed a 31-22 edge.

David Henley gave the Comets their biggest lead in the contest (48-32) when he hit both ends of a one-and-one with 2:12 left. After that, Slone substituted freely.

"I think there are four reasons we won the game," said Slone. "We were patient on offense, made them play defense, blocked out well on the boards and we didn't let them fast break."

"At the half, coach Slone told us to go out there and play hard for 16 more minutes," said Henley, who scored 4 points.

That's just what Slone wanted to do with a 9-point advantage and a trip to Freedom Hall at stake. "I told them to take their time and work for the good shot. We wanted them to have to foul us or get the real good shot. I was real pleased with the way our kids played. I think they gave an outstanding effort," said Slone.

Carlisle County and Male play in the first game tonight with Louisville Ballard facing Owensboro in the second game. Owensboro upset No. 1 ranked and previously undefeated Lexington Henry Clay, 56-51, while Ballard ousted defending state champion Laurel County, 71-60.

Slone thinks Male is probably the best of the teams left in the tournament. He is quick to add though, "they're good if they've made it this far."

The winners of tonight's games advance to the championship, which will be played at 7:45 (CST) Friday night. The losers will play in the consolation game at 6.

Carlisle……..7 31 42 50
Shelby……..12 22 28 40

Carlisle (50)
York 20, Wilson 4, P. Hall 10, J. Tyler 10, Henley 4, Byassee 2, Rambo, M. Tyler, Barriger, D. Hall, Williams.

Shelby (40)
White 5, Cardwell 2, Stoner 6, Wiley 4, Moore 12, Beach 2, Page 4, Stone 4.

L. I. T. Tourn.
3rd Round
Missed Free Throws
Costly To Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 36
Louisville Male 39
01-20 83 - Away

Craynor Slone's best-laid plans had one missing ingredient in Carlisle County's 39-36 loss to Louisville Male in the Louisville Invitational Tournament here Thursday night.

Before the contest, the Comet coach wanted to keep the score low and not allow the Bulldogs High School All-America Winston Bennett, to score at will. Both goals would have to be reached if his team was to advance in the championship game and become the first 1st Region team since Cuba in 1952 to achieve such a feat.

His 21-2 team did not reach those objectives. But the one thing that carried the Comets to opening victories over Louisville Waggener and Shelby County - 75 percent free throw shooting - failed to materialize.

Carlisle made only 6-of-14 shots from the charity stripe while Male hit 9-of-16 to account for the final margin.

"There's no doubt the turning point of the game was in the third quarter when we missed those free throws," said Slone, whose Comets face Louisville Ballard in the consolation game tonight at 6 (CST) in Freedom Hall. "We hit 1 of 8 in the third quarter and in a low scoring game like this, you have to hit your free throws."

Male jumped out to a 15-4 lead early in the second quarter, when Carlisle failed to score a bucket in a 6½ minute stretch. By halftime, the Comets trailed 21-16 as Phillip Hall and Greg Wilson provided the offensive firepower in the comeback stretch.

Even though the score was tied at 27 heading into the last quarter, the Comets missed the chance to gain the lead by cold shooting from the free throw line.

In the third quarter, Hall started things off by missing a one-shot technical toss when Bennett was called for hanging on the rim. Keith York followed by missing four times on two-shot fouls. Hall hit the front end of a one-and-one with seven seconds left in the stanza to tie the score, but missed the bonus. And finally, John Tyler failed to hit the front end of the bonus a second later.

But even with those misses, Hall hit three out of four tosses in a 30-second span to bring the Comets within a point, 37-36, with 1:05 left in the game.

Male called time out and immediately turned the ball over on an over and back violation.

Slone called time out and mapped the strategy needed to win the game with 43 seconds left.

Taking the last-second shot was not the plan, says Slone, but no other opportunities opened up as the Comets worked the ball patiently. With three seconds left, the pass came to Hall who put up a 10-foot jumper from the left side, which hit the rim and missed. On the battle for the rebound, David Henley fouled Roger Johnson who hit two free throws with a second remaining to account for the final margin.

Carlisle……..4 16 27 36
Male……..13 21 27 39

Carlisle (36)
York 2, Hall 22, J. Tyler 2, Henley, Rambo 2, Wilson 6, M. Tyler 2, Byassee.

Male (39)
Bennett 12, Johnson 2, Woodford 13, Berryman 10, Phelps 2, Bradley.

L. I. T. Tourn.
Consolation
Rare Double Loss
Ends Comet's Trip

Carlisle Co. 41
Louisville Ballard 57
01-21-83 - Away

Senior guard Phillip Hall scored a game-high 26 points but it wasn't enough to keep Carlisle County from suffering its second straight loss in the Louisville Invitational tournament at Freedom Hall Friday night.

The Comets fell 57-41 to Louisville Ballard in the consolation contest.

Carlisle trailed the entire game and found itself down 12-8 after one quarter of play. The Comets were outscored by Ballard every quarter and trailed by nine points, 36-27, entering the final period. But the fourth quarter was Ballard's best as it outscored Carlisle 21-14, to seal the game.

Hall, a 6-foot-2 swingman, had little scoring help. Senior guard David Henley was the next most productive Comet with 6 points while John Tyler had 4, David Rambo 2, Jerry Byassee 2 and Greg Wilson 1. And, double figure scorer Keith York was shutout.

Ballard, 13-3 and the state's No. 8 rated team, got 15 points from senior Terry Stewart, 12 from center John White and 10 from Doug Olsen.

Coach Craynor Slone's third ranked Comets are now 21-3. The back-to-back losses are the first for Carlisle since it dropped two straight games in the latter stages of last season's 30-5 campaign.

Carlisle……..8 17 27 41
Ballard……..12 24 36 57

Carlisle (41)
York, P. Hall 26, J. Tyler 4, M. Tyler, Henley 6, Rambo 2, Wilson 1, Byassee 2, D. Hall, Williams, M. Sams, Barriger.

Louisville Ballard (57)
Stewart 15, Iler 8, White 12, Olsen 10, Shelton, Cheek 8, Swain 4, Franklin, Wright, Harington, Kitchen, Bacon.

Vikings Have Hard Time
Dancing To Comets' Tune

Carlisle Co. 65
St. Mary 48
01-25-83 - Away

Carlisle County is like a broken record. It plays the same tune over and over again. First Region coaches, like St. Mary's Larry Hopper, are trying to change the sound with little success.

Tuesday night the Comets traveled to Paducah to play the Vikings. And just as they have done to 16 other area teams, Carlisle blazed to an early lead then relied on a sticky defense. The Comets beat the Vikings 65-48.

"Looking at the scorebook, I see that Carlisle outscored us 14 points in the first quarter, then they outscored us by three in the second and by one in the third and we outscored them in the final quarter," said Hopper.

"They do that to us like they do to everybody else. The first quarter is the key to their game because they play so tough. Then they get their confidence when they're up and they start playing that tough defense."

Keith York, a 6-foot-2 senior forward, took the ball to the hoop early, working inside for a three-point play at the 5:19 mark that put the Comets up 11-4. York was especially effective the

first-half, gaining 17 of his game-high 22 points in the two opening quarters.

When senior guard Phillip Hall, who finished with 16, hit a jump shot from the top of the key with 33 seconds left, before the end of the first quarter, Carlisle led 23-9.

The Vikings kept the game from being a blowout by connecting at the free throw line. St. Mary hit 20 of 24 shots there for 83 percent. Pat Hammett, a 6-1 junior forward, had a team-leading 16 points for the Vikings.

Carlisle, the Sun's top-ranked team all season, got 13 additional points from 6-7 center John Tyler.

Carlisle.....22 39 48 65
St. Mary.....9 22 30 48

Carlisle (65)
Barriger, Byassee 2, D. Hall, P. Hall 16, Rambo 4, J. Tyler 13, M. Tyler 2, Williams, Wilson 6, York 22, M. Sams.

St. Mary (48)
Boudreaux 8, Colgan 2, Haas 2, Hammet 16, Rodgers 4, Roof 6, Smith 10, Wurth, Wooten, Kupper.

Carlisle Co. 66
Hickman. Co. 35
01-28-83 - Away

Carlisle continued its dominations over First Region teams as Comet coach Craynor Slone trounced a Hickman team led by Mark Cooper, Slone's Carlisle assistant last season.

The top-ranked Comets reached their scoring average. And on defense, they held Hickman 12 points below their area-leading defense, which had been giving up 47.8 points a contest.

Phillip Hall, a 6-2 All-Purchase selection last year, led the way for the Comets scoring a contest-leading 21 points. He was backed by forward Keith York's 15.

The Comets led by four after one period, but exploded for 16 points in the second quarter while holding their host to four. Hickman repeatedly sent the Comets to the foul line, where they hit 20 of 28.

Hickman, the area's eighth-rated team, got 11 points from 6-5 center Dicky Cooley, but no other Falcon was in double figures.

Phillip Hall had 21 points to lead the Comets to a victory over Coach Mark Cooper's Falcons, 68-35. Amidst his points was an awesome slam dunk that brought Comet fans to their feet. He was fouled on the dunk and converted the three-point play.

At the half the Comets led 32-14. The only other Comet in double digits was Keith York with 15 points.

From the line the Comets sank 20 of 28 for 71 percent while Hickman County hit 9 of 17 for 51 percent. The Comets nailed 43 percent from the field, once again outdoing the Falcons who sank only 29 percent of their shots.

Carlisle.....16 32 44 66
Hickman 10 14 25 35

Carlisle (66)
York 15, Wilson 4, P. Hall 21, Barriger 2, M. Tyler 4, Williams 2, J. Tyler 6, Rambo 5, Byassee 7.

Hickman (35)
Duffy 2, Scott 6, Prince 4, Estes 3, Cooley 11, Knox 8, Jenkins, Robinson, Burgess, Emerson 1.

Cards Can't Spoil Comet Enjoyment

Carlisle Co. 63
Mayfield 41
02-01-83 – Away

If winning is fun, then Carlisle County is having a blast.

The Comets let the good times roll at Mayfield Tuesday night, drumming the Cardinals 63-41.

Case in point: Carlisle guard Phillip Hall comes up with what seems like the millionth Comet steal. He races down court and spots teammate David Rambo streaking just ahead, left. Hall hesitates at the free throw line and starts to lob a short pass to Rambo, but changes his mind in mid-flight when the defender doesn't move. Hall's body contorts, looking like a bullfrog in a leaping contest. At the last second he sends an awkward shot toward the hoop. It goes in. Fun?

"Yeah," says Hall, a 6-foot-2 senior guard. "The shot went in. I don't believe it went in."

The basket was the next to last one in a 17-1 Carlisle run that buried the Cardinals in the final quarter.

Seconds after his prayer shot, Hall gets another steal. He turns to the basket, takes a couple of long strides and springs toward the goal bent on slamming the ball through. But the attempted dunk misses, sailing off the back of the rim.

Still fun?

"It would've been if I'd hit it," says Hall. "I just missed it, but I'll get the next one."

Hall scored a game-high 22 points as Carlisle gained its 24th victory in 27 games.

That's a lot of games with a month of regular season left. But Coach Craynor Slone scoffs at the idea that his Comets could burn out.

"Did they look tired?," Slone asked. "They looked like they were having fun out there. When you hit 11-of-16 field goals in the fourth quarter, that's not tired."

Of the three Comet losses, none have come to First Region teams and two have come to Kentucky teams. Carlisle is top-ranked in Kentucky's first five districts by The Paducah Sun, and is rated fourth in the state by the Associated Press.

The Comet camp was still merry last night despite the absence of starting guard David Henley, who is expected back in the line-up Friday if a pulled groin muscle has healed.

Coach Roger Fields' Mayfield teams have been known to play their best ball in the season's second half. Fields says that's just what his team is doing. But against the Comets, it wasn't good enough.

"We are playing good basketball right now," said Fields, his 9th-rated team now 10. "But when you're up against Carlisle County, who's played all the top teams in the state and some in the nation, well…."

Slone admitted his team began the game sluggishly letting the Cardinals take the early edge. Despite a height disadvantage, Mayfield surprised the Comets by scoring inside.

When 5-7 guard Ronnie Gray slid by a pick for a lay-up with seconds gone in the second period, Mayfield took its only lead of the contest, 10-9.

Carlisle quickly regained the advantage when Keith York, who hit 6-of-9 fielders, took a Rambo pass and powered inside for a short jumper.

The Cardinals stayed close, pulling to within 20-19 when Frankie Sanderson hit the front end of a bonus free throw after getting fouled on an offensive rebound.

Slone, seeing his team burned in its man-to-man defense, ordered the Comets into a 1-3-1 half-court trap.

The result was eight straight Carlisle points before halftime and a 28-19 lead.

"Mayfield was running the man-to-man offense against us better than anyone has this season," said Slone. "Then we switched to the zone and we stole the ball."

The Comets stayed in the trap in the third quarter, but when Mayfield hinted a comeback, presto, Carlisle went back to the man-to-man and back to a comfortable lead.

After Gray canned a jumper from 15 feet to cut the lead to five, 36-31, Carlisle went back to it's man-to-man. The defense proved impregnable. When York hit inside three minutes later, Carlisle had outscored the hosts 17-1 for a 53-32 lead.

The Cardinals got a stellar effort from Cary Sherrill for 14 points.

Carlisle.....9 28 36 63
Mayfield.....8 19 29 41

Carlisle (63)
York 13, Wilson 4, P. Hall 22, J. Tyler 4, M. Tyler 3, Williams 2, Rambo 9, Byassee 4, D. Hall, M. Sams 2.

Mayfield (41)
Sanderson 5, G. Owens 8, Sherrill 14, Gray 6, Parrott, Mathis 3, P. Owens 2, Carlisle 2, Tyler 1.

Sun's Choices Continue Ranking's Dominance; Steadfast Success Keeps Carlisle's Grasp Over Boy's Challengers Firm

Some things never seem to change. Like cold winter days, or the 6 o'clock news, or Carlisle County's stay atop The Sun rankings.

The Comets' two-year reign as the top-rated boys' team in the Jackson Purchase and the Fifth District remains steadfast. Although Paducah Tilghman has been lurking in the No. 2 spot, the Tornado is always a few points shy.

Carlisle improved to 24-3 with wins over rated teams Hickman County and Mayfield to amass 167 points, two better than last week. Tilghman, 13-3, retained its 165 points despite three victories. One of the wins was against a team out of the area (North Hardin) and another against a non-ranked area team (Ballard Memorial).

The Comets continue to base their success on solid defense. Carlisle leads the area in fewest points allowed – 47 a game. That's almost five fewer than the next best defensive squad is giving up.

Carlisle was at its best Tuesday limiting Mayfield to 41 points and held Hickman to 35 Friday.

The next two spots remain unchanged. Livingston Central is 16-5 at No. 3, but fourth-place Marshall County is close, trailing by four points, 132-128.

Murray jumped into the fifth spot, ousting Fourth District rival Calloway County. The Tigers won their last two games and are 10-6 while Calloway was 1-1 the past week facing Tennessee teams.

Mayfield is one of two teams that moved up two notches in the top 10. The Cardinals made it past Fulton City and Hickman into seventh.

While Hickman dropped one spot to eighth, Fulton City was the biggest loser in the poll. The Bulldogs, losers of four straight games and six out of their last eight, plummeted five places to 14th.

Wingo joined the top 10 for the first time this season. The Indians have won three straight contests and move into ninth with 100 points. Lyon County held onto 10th with 88 points.

Lone Oak, up one spot, heads the second 10 followed by Lowes, also up a place. Fulton County, winner of four straight games, recorded

the biggest jump in the ratings, flying past three teams into 13th.

Reidland heads the final five teams, followed by St. Mary, up two places, Caldwell County, Trigg County, Symsonia and Sedalia.

Prep Basketball
Sun rankings
Boys Top 10

	TEAM	W-L	Pts.
1.	Carlisle	24-3	167
2.	Tilghman	13-3	154
3.	Livingston.	19-5	132
4.	Marshall	13-6	128
5.	Murray	10-4	124
6.	Calloway	11-7	117
7.	Mayfield	10-5	108
8.	Hickman	12-8	105
9.	Wingo	9-4	100
10.	Lyon	11-10	88

Carlisle Co. 68
Knox Central 51
02-04-83 - Home

The visitors from Barbourville gave the Comets a scare in the first quarter when Coach Craynor Slone's team fought to a 14-13 advantage.

But by half, the Sun's No. 1 rated team had rallied for a 35-22 advantage.

Junior center John Tyler paced the Comets with 18 points while Keith York pitched in 16 as Carlisle went to 25-3. Mike Tyler rounded out the Comet scoring with 12.

Knox.....13 22 37 51
Carlisle.....14 35 52 68

Carlisle (68)
Barriger 2, Byassee 2, P. Hall 9, Rambo 3, J. Tyler 18, M. Tyler 12, Wilson 4, York 16, M. Sams 2.

Knox Central (51)
Gray 10, Owens 4, Sowdens 4, Hampton 13, Bledsoe 6, Martin 2, Davidson 5, Ore 7.

Marshall's Sight One Too
Many Comets, As Upset Bid Fails

Carlisle Co. 71
Marshall Co. 57
02-08-83 - Home

Comets, at least the kind astronomers track, appear in regular cycles.

But, here at Carlisle County, there are plenty of 'Comet' sightings as Marshall County found out Tuesday night in a 71-57 setback to the hosts.

It was because of the multitude of basketball Comets, the Marshall's were unable to upset the Sun's No.1-ranked team.

After the Marshals, ranked No. 4 with a 14-7 mark, battled on near even terms in the first quarter and trailed 17-13, things were looking up for coach Bobby Toon's team. Midway through the second quarter, Comet starters' Phillip Hall and John Tyler were benched with their third foul.

In fact, it was Hall's third foul which put Terry Weaver on the line for two shots which he made to tie the game at 21 with 5:48 left.

With two starters on the bench for Carlisle County, things appeared right for Marshall County to jump ahead. But in came Mike Tyler and David Henley to operate the Comet's attack. While the Marshals were thinking of taking advantage of the change, Carlisle County outscored them, 11-2, to take a 32-23 lead at the intermission.

In fact, Mike Tyler took a pass from David Rambo and scored a short jumper to put Carlisle in the lead for good, (23-21) at the 4:46 mark in the second quarter.

"Marshall County played good," said Comets' coach Craynor Slone, whose team upped its record to 26-3. "They played two different guards since we played them last time. I think the bench was the difference. Mike Tyler came in and had a good offensive game and Greg Wilson played his best game since we've started him. Jerry Byassee came in and played well and made some big free throws down the stretch."

Toon thought the second quarter spurt was the difference. "We did not take advantage of our opportunities. We gave them so many easy bunnies (lay-ups) by not getting in position. They've got two big men to run in and we get the first one on the bench (John Tyler), and the second one comes in and hurt us. We started standing around when he (Mike Tyler) came in."

While the Carlisle County bench strength showed, Toon says he may have prematurely rested some players which allowed the Comets to streak to the halftime advantage. "We changed the lineup because I wanted to get more quickness. But we had one boy playing a position he never has, and all of a sudden they jumped from four-to-nine points up."

In the second half, Weaver scored eight strait points to keep the Carlisle County advantage to seven in the third quarter, and Jerry Powell's bucket with 24 seconds left in the stanza, once again cut that lead to seven (44-37). But the Comets led by nine (48-39) when the fourth quarter began.

In the final quarter, Hall took charge scoring 12 of his game-high 23 points to subdue the Marshals. He scored three buckets and got the final six points from the free throw line.

"We've got a good bench," said Hall, a 6-foot-2 senior. "I know if we get in foul trouble, we have a good bench to come and help out. They (Marshall County) are a lot better than the first time we played them. They started pressing us and we were able to get a lot of fast breaks from it.

"Greg (Wilson) started playing like he should be," said Hall about the senior forward who scored 14 points, 10 of which came in the first half. "He had a little trouble getting started at the first of the year, but now he is playing like he's capable."

"Lately, we have been playing well enough (to win)," said Slone. "Some of these teams we've played have made some changes since the first time we played them. I think making the free throws late in the game was another thing that won the game for us."

In the fourth quarter, when the Marshals were applying full-court pressure and fouling the Comets to try and get back in the game, Carlisle County made 11-of-13 attempts from the free throw line and connected on 21 of 27 for the game.

Besides Hall and Wilson, Keith York added 13 points for the Comets.

Marshall County was led by Barry Goheen's 16 points while Weaver added 13 and Scott Stone had 12.

Marshall.....13 23 39 57
Carlisle.....17 32 48 71

Carlisle (71)
Byassee 4, Hall 23, Henley 2, Rambo 2, J. Tyler 4, M. Tyler 9, Wilson 14, York 13.

Marshall (57)
Allen 4, Goheen 16, Naughton 8, Powell 2, Stone 12, Owens, Thompson 2, Weaver 13.

Carlisle County Seeks To
Beat Tilghman Third Time

If Carlisle County, the state's sixth-ranking high school basketball power, were to win every game from now until the end of the State Tournament in March, the Comets would wind up with an incredible 41-3 record.

"And they think they're going to," Paducah Tilghman coach Berny Miller said with a chuckle yesterday.

Carlisle County is 26-3 going into tonight's game against second-ranked Tilghman (15-3) at Paducah. The Comets have six more regular-season games, then possibly two in district tournament play, three more in regional action and then four in the state meet, should they get that far.

Tilghman, a young team with six juniors among its top eight players, has lost to Carlisle County twice – by 75-64 on Dec. 14th at Carlisle County and by 53-51 on Dec. 27th in the Tilghman Christmas Tournament. A packed house of 3,500 is expected for tonight's game.

"It's a tremendous game for the fans, but it's not a do-or-die situation, although I don't like for anybody to beat us three times," Miller said. "Everybody says we'll play a fourth time (in the First Region Tournament), but neither of us is in the regional yet."

Tilghman, the defending regional champion, is averaging 86 points a game. Leading Tilghman's offense are 6-foot-2 senior John Cooper and 5-11 junior Terry Shumpert, each averaging 20 points a game. The other starters are 6-5 junior Sam Arterburn (16 points a game), and 6-0 senior Joe Young and 6-3 junior Kelly Miller (10 points each). Kelly is Bernie's son.

"We do a good job shooting the ball and putting pressure on the ball," Miller said. "We're hitting 54 percent as a team."

Tilghman has won eight straight games since losing to Newport Catholic 62-61 in the Famous Recipe Tournament at Covington. Carlisle County is on a five-game winning spree since losing to Male and Ballard in the Louisville Invitational Tournament.

"I like a good challenge, and Carlisle County certainly presents that," Miller said. "It'll be a good one to get ready for the district and regional tournaments."

With 3rd Defeat Of Tornado
What's Left For Carlisle Team?

Carlisle Co. 65
Tilghman 61
02-11-83 - Away

While the Comets of Carlisle County – unlike Alexander the Great – have no tears in their eyes, they nonetheless have a similar problem.

The regular season has nothing left to offer. After beating Tilghman 65-61 Friday night, the Comets' third win of the season over the Tornado. Carlisle has virtually run out of "worlds to conquer"

Friday night's confrontation was a battle right up to the closing minutes. Tilghman gave Carlisle every opportunity to fold, but the Comets refused.

At intermission, Carlisle owned a 31-27 advantage and still led by four points, 51-47, at the end of three periods.

In the third quarter, Tilghman appeared to recover from an error plagued second quarter to catch the Comets at 37-all. The game was also tied at 39, 41, and 43.

With two minutes remaining in the third quarter, Derrick Thomas, who had come into the game when Tilghman center Sam Arterburn picked up his third foul, put in an offensive rebound to give Tilghman a 45-43 lead.

But Carlisle ran off the next eight points to claim a 51-45 advantage. John Tyler accounted for

four points with two field goals. Greg Wilson contributed a basket and Phillip Hall two free throws in the run.

"After they (Tilghman) got the lead we wanted to take only real good shots," said Carlisle County Craynor Slone. "We wanted to go inside to Tyler."

A basket by Terry Shumpert pulled Tilghman within four as the quarter ended.

Carlisle claimed the jump to start the final period, but a turnover gave the ball to Tilghman and Shumpert scored again to cut the Comet lead to 51-49.

Another Carlisle turnover and a field goal by Joe Young tied the score with 7:37 remaining.

Tilghman hit five of its first six shots in the period, the last by Shumpert with 5:12 showing on the clock to tie the game for the 13th time.

A pair of Carlisle turnovers led to two straight baskets by Tilghman. With 3:15 left, the Tornado owned a 61-57 advantage.

David Henley connected on a jumper to cut the margin in half. Tilghman got off two shots in its next possession but failed to score and fouled Hall as he rebounded the second miss. But Hall who hit only 6-of-13 from the line, missed and Tilghman claimed the rebound.

Tilghman gave the ball right back on a turnover, but the Comets failed to score and the Tornado once again had the ball with a two-point lead.

When Tilghman failed to score, Carlisle came down to tie the game for the final time. It was Henley, who has been suffering from a groin pull and didn't start the game, who hit to make it 61-all with 2:25 left.

After Tilghman committed its 15th turnover, a foul sent Hall back to the free throw line. The Comet senior missed the first shot but hit the second for a 62-61 Carlisle lead.

Tilghman missed a chance at another tie when John Cooper, who led his team with 17 points, missed the first shot of a bonus opportunity with just over two minutes remaining.

Carlisle grabbed the rebound and went to its spread offense. The Comets ran the clock down to the 1:19 mark and called timeout.

When play resumed, the Comets were again spread over the court. Carlisle continued to throw the ball from corner to corner until Young – on instructions from the Tilghman bench – fouled Hall with 19 seconds left.

Miller asked for a time out before Hall shot his first attempt. During the timeout, the Tilghman coach set up his strategy for the closing seconds.

"I told the team that I wanted Terry to get the ball after Hall's free throws and go right to the basket. But we didn't think Carlisle would expect that," said Miller.

"We didn't want to call another time out after Hall's free throws because that would have given Craynor a chance to set up his defense at the other end."

Hall hit his first shot to make it 63-61, but missed the second. Tilghman grabbed the rebound and got the ball to Shumpert, who set off for his own basket.

Shumpert got off his shot, but it was off-balanced and rolled off to a Comet rebounder.

"We got what we wanted," said Miller. "But Terry just picked up his dribble too soon. He didn't penetrate far enough before shooting. We told him to go all the way in for a lay-up.

"We didn't think they would do anything but stand there. If they didn't accidentally bump him, we expected to be able to go into overtime. If they did, we might have had a chance at a three-point play."

After Shumpert's miss, Carlisle went to Hall, who was fouled as he hit a lay-up for a 65-61 lead with five seconds to go.

Hall missed his free throw, grabbed the rebound and was fouled again as he tried to shoot, but with four seconds left, it was academic.

Hall's difficulty at the foul line didn't diminish his performance on the night. It was the second time he had scored 28 points against Tilghman.

"He's a good shooter," said Miller. "He got 28 points in the first game. So we concentrated on him in the second game. He only got six points but they still won.

"They've played everybody, everywhere," said Miller. "Any way you look at them, they're a good team. Better than I thought."

Carlisle….....15 31 51 65
Tilghman….....16 27 47 61

Carlisle (65)
York 13, Wilson 6, P. Hall 28, J. Tyler 10, M. Tyler 2, Henley 6, Rambo.

Tilghman (61)
Cooper 17, Arterburn 8, Shumpert 14, Miller 6, Overstreet, Young 14, Thomas 2.

Defense, Once Again, The Bottom Line In Comet Victory

Traditionally, a strong defensive team will beat a strong offensive team regardless of the sport.

Doubters can take a lesson from Friday night's high school contest between the top defensive and top offensive teams in western Kentucky.

True, Carlisle County, which has allowed opponents and average of only 47.5 points and outing, gave up 61 points. But that total was substantially below the 81.5 points Tilghman, the area's top scoring team, normally puts on the scoreboard.

More importantly, the Carlisle offense, which averages 65.7 points, tallied 65 against the Tornado defenders.

The 65-61 win, the Comets' third over Tilghman this season and the second on the Tornado court, should leave little doubt as to the best team in this part of the state.

Carlisle has been No. 1 in The Sun rankings since the beginning of the season. But strangely, second-ranked Tilghman was the choice of The Sun's computer to defeat the Comets in Friday night's contest.

The computer proved its accuracy on Carlisle's final score, picking the Comets' 65 points correctly. Tilghman, however, failed to reach the 67 points predicted by the electronic device.

While the contest appeared to be decided in the final quarter when Carlisle overcome a 61-57 Tilghman lead in the final four minutes, the turning point came much earlier. And *DEFENSE* was the key.

Both coaches pointed to the second quarter and Carlisle's switch from a man-to-man to a 1-3-1 zone defense as the critical point in the game.

Tilghman led 16-15 after one quarter, but a field goal by Carlisle's Phillip Hall, the game's leading scorer with 28 points, put the Comets ahead seconds into the second period.

John Cooper matched Hall's basket, but John Tyler responded for Carlisle.

A free throw by Cooper tied the contest at 19-all and Tilghman coach Berny Miller requested a timeout before Cooper's second attempt.

During the timeout, Comet coach Craynor Slone took the opportunity to change his defensive alignment.

When Cooper missed his second free throw, Carlisle rebounded and went down to score. As the Comets dropped back on defense, they fell into the 1-3-1.

The Tilghman offense was slow to adjust to the switch and a pair of turnovers resulted. Carlisle took advantage of the first Tilghman floor error to score on a tip-in by Tyler to make the score 23-19.

A Tilghman foul followed the second mistake. But Carlisle which managed to hit only three of 10 first half free throw attempts, failed to convert.

"We missed enough free throws in the first half to make it an eight or 10 point game," said Slone, pointing out that four of the missed free throws were on the first shot of the bonus.

A basket by Tilghman's Joe Young cut the Comet advantage to two, before another Tyler basket, still another Tornado turnover, and a field goal by Hall, made it 27-21 with 3:18 remaining in the opening half.

A pair of free throws by Tilghman center Sam Arterburn cut the deficit to four and Carlisle's missed field goal attempt gave the Tornado the opportunity to move even closer.

However, the Carlisle defense forced another turnover and David Henley's basket put the margin back to six. Following Henley's field goal, Tilghman committed its fifth turnover in the space of three minutes, but this time the Comets were unable to capitalize.

Tilghman scored four points to Carlisle's two over the final minutes of the period to trail 31-27 at intermission.

During the second quarter, Tilghman scored only 11 points and managed only seven shots from the floor.

"When we went to the 1-3-1 it hurt them," said Slone, who also noted that Tilghman had trouble all evening generating its fast break.

"That quarter was the difference," said Miller. "They outscored us by five points in the quarter and won the game by four points.

"We just weren't aggressive on offense. If we had scored our normal number of points, we might have been up by 10 or 12 points instead of four in the last quarter.

Carlisle County's Second Quarter Defense Helps Comets Record Season Victory No. 28

Carlisle Co. 71
Calloway Co. 55
02-14-83 - Away

Carlisle County limited Calloway County to four points in the second quarter en route to a 71-55 win and its 28th victory Saturday night.

The Comets held a 20-12 first quarter lead over the host Lakers before a 20-4 scoring burst in the second quarter put the winners comfortably ahead.

The Comets played without leading-scorer Phillip Hall, who was out because of a death in his family. And Carlisle center John Tyler was held scoreless. But senior forward Keith York came through with 20 points and Greg Wilson added 16 to spark the Comets.

Carlisle hit 57 percent of its floor shots (28 of 52) while the Lakers canned 36 percent (21 of 57). Neither team shot well at the free throw line. The Comets were 15 of 26 and the Lakers 13 of 23.

Calloway was led by Keith Lovett with 19 points and Craig Darnell with 17.
Carlisle…..20 40 56 71
Calloway…..12 16 31 55
Carlisle (71)
Barriger 3, Byassee 2, D. Hall 2, Henley 12, Rambo 6, J. Tyler, M. Tyler 10, Williams, Wilson 16, York 20.
Calloway (55)
Anderson, Butterworth 4, Darnell 17, Duncan 2, Garrison 4, Lovett 19, Potts, Skinner, Sheridan, Albritten.

Comets Add Another
To The Win Column

Carlisle Co. 61
Fulton City 39
02-15-83 - Home

Fulton City must have been thinking 'upset' after one quarter of play in which they led the area's top-ranked team by two points. But the Comets quickly extinguished those thoughts, outscoring the visitors 23-3 in the second quarter.

Carlisle, playing its second straight contest without leading scorer Phillip Hall, won its 29th game. It has lost three.

With 6-2 senior forward Keith York grabbing 15 rebounds, the Comets controlled the boards 38-18. York also added 11 points. Mike Tyler, a 6-6 substitute center whose playing time and scoring have increased lately, led the Comets with 16 markers. David Henley and John Tyler each added a dozen.

The Bulldogs got 10 points apiece from Kenneth Abbott and Mike Bransford.
Fulton City.....12 15 24 39
Carlisle…..10 33 47 61
Carlisle (61)
Henley 12, Rambo 6, J. Tyler 12, M. Tyler 16, Wilson 4, York 11.
Fulton City (39)
Abbott 10, Bransford 10, Clouser 5, Forrester 2, Lawrence 1, Luker 5, Tibbs 6.

Carlisle Co. 89
Wingo 54
02-22-83 – Away

Carlisle Co. jumped out 14-4 over the host Indians and then held off a second quarter charge while recording it's 30th victory of the season at Wingo.

Phillip Hall led the 30-3 Comets with 22 pts. while Keith York and Jerry Byassee had 12 pts. Wingo, 12-7, was paced by Mike Miller's 11 pts. and Greg Grimes contributed 10.
Carlisle…..21 39 62 89
Wingo…..10 28 36 54
Carlisle (89)
Barriger 2, Byassee 12, D. Hall 2, P. Hall 22, Henley 9, Rambo 8, J. Tyler 10, M. Tyler 8, Williams 2, Wilson, York 12, M. Sams 2.
Wingo (54)
Clark 6, Graves 10, Gray 2, Gore, J. Jones, D. Jones 2, Miller 11, Ha. Puckett 9, Scott, Simon 7, Mullens.

Carlisle Co.
Defuses Bombers

Carlisle Co. 73
Ballard Co. 39
02-24-83 – Away

Carlisle Co. could do no wrong, according to Ballard Co. coach B.B. Kendrick, after the Comets blasted his team, 73-39, Thursday night.

"We physically could not play man-to-man with them and inside they were just too strong," said Kendrick after his team fell to 6-17 with the loss."

Carlisle Co., 31-3 and the Sun's No. 1 ranked boys team, ran out to a 21-5 lead after the first quarter and coasted from there.

It was Comet senior forward Keith York who did the most damage with 25 pts. Phillip Hall added 15 pts. and Mike Tyler came off the bench to add 12.

Bryan Terrell's 14 pts. was tops for Ballard.
Carlisle…..21 39 59 73
Ballard…..5 15 29 39
Carlisle (73)
Barriger 4, Byassee, D. Hall, P. Hall 15, Henley 4, Rambo 3, J. Tyler 4, M. Tyler 12, Williams, Wilson 4, York 25, M. Sams 2.
Ballard (39)
Bailey, Brewington 2, Cooper, Jennings 6, Miller, Pickett, Terrell 14, Thomason 9, Dalton 2, Rogers 6, Reed.

Carlisle Co. 96
St. Mary 50
02-25-83 - Home

It was Carlisle Co.'s 35th game of the year but that didn't stop the Comets from scoring the most pts. in a game this season, when St. Mary visited.

Carlisle Co., 32-3, ran out to a 23-12 lead after the first quarter and increased that bulge to 46-22 at the intermission.

"We played about as well as we have all year," said Comets coach Craynor Slone. "We had a lot of balanced scoring on the team."

The Comets burned the nets in the home finale hitting 42/60 fgs. for 70%.

Phillip Hall and Keith York paced the Comets with 16 pt. efforts while Ken Barriger and Jerry Byassee added 14 pts. each. Greg Wilson was next in line with 10 pts.

St. Mary, 9-16, was paced by Pat Hammet with 16 pts. and Pat Rogers added 10.
Carlisle…..23 46 65 96
St. Mary…..12 22 28 50
Carlisle ((96)
Barriger 14, Byassee 14, D. Hall 2, P. Hall 16, Henley 4, Rambo 6, J. Tyler 7, M. Tyler 5, Wilson 10, York 16, M. Sams 2.
St. Mary (50)
Bondeaux 5, Hass 6, Hammet 16, Rogers 10, Roof 6, Smith 4, Wooten 3.

Playoff Fever
Brings Towns Together

Greg Wilson bit his lip as he thought about the question. What would it mean if he and his Carlisle Co. High School teammates won the state basketball championship?

The rickety yellow school carrying the Comets' team and cheerleaders, with Greg's father behind the wheel rumbled down a country road, retuning from a late season game, as he pondered. "Everything,' he finally said. "It would mean everything." In Carlisle Co. basketball means everything. The westem Ky. High school, one of the smallest schools in the state, has 205 students (128 of them boys) in grades 10-12 – not enough to maintain a football team.

But beginning tonight the Comets take dead aim at the state basketball championship – the same championship that 300 other schools, including such powers as Louisville Male, the state's top-rated team, which has enrollment of more than 1,300 and beat the No. 3 ranked Comets, 39-36, earlier in the season.

Ky. is one of 3 states – the others are Delaware and Indiana – that do not classify high school basketball teams by enrollment for state titles: The David's and Goliath's are pooled into one tourn.

In Delaware, sheer numbers are the reason for a single tourn. – 16 slots are filled by conference and independent leaders. Many schools are able to compete statewide only in basketball, track and cross-country – sports that don't require large enrollments, says Dale Farmer of the Secondary School Athletic Association.

But in Indiana, the structure rests mostly with emotion: In 1954, the Milan Indians, from a school with 131 students, won the state crown from a field of more than 500 teams. It has not been done again since, but smaller schools reach the "Final Four" – the last round – often enough to keep the dream alive.

That Dream certainly lives in Western Ky.

"Carlisle is one of 5 teams that have a pretty good chance to win the state title,' said Bob White of the Louisville Courier-Journal. "The team is slow and deliberate, but has good size and plays great defense."

Carlisle's school is a low-slung building about 6 miles outside of Bardwell. This school consists of one long hallway with classrooms on the sides, and at the east end, a gym. Tonight the gym will be packed with approximately 900 Comets fans for the District tourn. game against Fulton City (12-12).

E.J. Hays, a local milk farmer, will be there; he's been going to these games since the days when there were 4 tiny high schools in Carlisle Co. They were consolidated in 1957-58.

But, even now when Gene Wilson leaves his farm to drive the bus for Comets' road games, he drives over dusty roads, stopping near each of the 4 old schools to pick up players.

Burley Mathis, Carlisle principle, says the school spends only approximately $8,000 on its athletic program. So he counts on the good will of local businesses to pay for cheerleading outfits and enough gas to get the team bus 460 miles roundtrip to Louisville for a invitational tourn. earlier this season. The businesses are only too happy to contribute; the Comets are the county's rallying point.

From cities such as Lexington, Louisville and Frankfort to small town's such as Monkey's Eyebrow, Hell for Certain and Bardwell, basketball is king in Ky. – a state that has won 6 NCAA championships (by Kentucky and Louisville Universities) and a pro championship (Ky. Colonels of the defunct American Basketball Association in 1975).

"Most of our players grow up on farms, and they're hard working, strong kids," said Craynor Slone, who also teaches typing, physical education and business. "These kids grow up living and breathing basketball. And it's not only important to them, it's important to all the people who live here."

To get there, Carlisle needs to finish first or second in the District tourn. that runs tonight through Fri. and first in the regional tourn. next week. The 16 regional winners advance to the "Sweet 16" state tourn., March 16-19th at the University of Kentucky's 23,000-seat Rupp Arena. This is heady stuff for players from a county with 5,487 residents.

"Hardly anyone in the country knows where Carlisle is – heck, hardly anyone in Ky. knows where Carlisle is," said David Rambo, the senior playmaker.

Carlisle, winner of it's regional 3 times, (66, 71, 75), has never won the state title. But other small schools have. Edmondson Co. (slightly more than 600 students) won the title in 1976. In 1981, Simon Kenton (nearly 700 students) beat Mason Co. (about 500). Most yrs. the larger schools dominate. However, last season, Laurel Co. defeated North Hardin; both schools enrollments of more than 1,300.

"Ever time the talk of classification gets serious some little school comes along and wins the thing and blows that talk right out of the water again," said Slone.

The issue of classification has come to a vote many times within the Ky. High School Association. The result has always been the same; keep things the way they are. But the last time schools voted, in 1981, the margin was thin; 149-144 against classification.

"We do what the members want," said Billy Wise, an association spokesman. "But I think the fans want to keep it the way it is. I think the idea of a little school winning captures the whole state's imagination."

Dave Kindred, a Washington Post sports columnist who held the same job at the Louisville Courier-Journal when he wrote the 1976 book Basketball: The Dream Game In Ky., considers March 18th, 1928, one of the most important dates in Ky.'s basketball history. That was the night Carr Creek (enrollment 8 boys) went to the final of the state tourn. before losing in 4 overtimes to Ashland High. People in Ky. still talk about it.

"Is it enough to say that basketball is special in Ky.," Kindred wrote.

"And it is, for if they play the best basketball in the big cities, as they surly do, it is in the small towns that they love it the most.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Long Comet Path Seems
Set On Steady Course Toward Target

Carlisle Co. 75
Fulton City 40
03-02-83 – Home

Even if Craynor Slone can't count his team's games on all his toes and fingers combined, he can count his Comets to be in every game they play.

"Even after 36 games, the last a 75-40 1st District opening victory over Fulton City here Wed. night, the Comets seem as anxious to play now as they were the first week of the season," he said.

"I thought we looked fresh," said the Comet coach after watching the victory give Carlisle's win column a 30-game edge on it's loss column, 33-3.

"They seemed to have one thing in mind, to play good every time. That's a good thing to do right now. I think we're playing our best ball of the yr. right now."

David Elliott would be hard to convince differently. The Bulldog coach had tried running hard with the Comets early in the season. He had tried a patient game. Both times the Comets had blown the Bulldogs out of the game.

He knew the only weapon he had left was perfection.

"We really didn't do all that bad, but you have to play perfect against them," said Elliott, whose team finished the yr. 12-13.

"We didn't play perfect."

"You're looking at a team that could be state champs."

Before the Comets could claim that state title, they will have to finish up 1st District competition when they play in the finals on Fri. night.

Tonight, Fulton Co. and Hickman Co. battle for the right to face the defending District Champs.

Elliott adopted the patient approach again for his final clash with the Comets, opening the game with a swirling exhibition of dribbling and passing in the backcourt, very hesitant to move toward the basket. According to Slone, that decision was the Comets best remedy. "We're glad they did that because we needed to work on stuff like that," said Slone about the delay game. In case someone else does that again. I'm glad they made us work against it."

Getting down on defense is a Carlisle trademark this season and the Comets didn't disillusion their coach. Forcing 5 straight steals, a turnover, another steal and a blocked shot during one stretch in the 1st quarter, the Comets were able to leap ahead 10-2.

Both teams sank their first shots for a 2-2 deadlock in the first 2 minutes, but York forced a steal at mid-court, passed to a streaking Phillip Hall who tossed the ball to Greg Wilson for a lay-up and permanent Comet lead with 5:15 left in the period.

Then Hall and Rambo combined for a steal which Hall turned into another lay-up. Hall swiped another dribble and converted a ft. for a 7-2 Comet lead with 3:07 left.

"They did a real good job of trapping," said Elliott. "When they did trap us we didn't do what we planned on doing, but that wasn't our fault as much as they wouldn't let us."

Carlisle finished with 18 steals for the night and forced the Bulldogs into 7 turnovers, not quite the perfect night that Elliott wanted. The Comets also hit 54.3% fgs. and out rebounded Fulton City 24-19.

Keith York finished up as the Comet offensive leader, topping a 9 man list of scorers with 14 pts. Senior guard David Rambo also reached double figures with 10 pts. hitting 5/7 fgs. York and J. Tyler led the rebounders with 5 each.

All that the Bulldogs could answer with was seniors Mike Bransford (11 pts.) and Kenneth Abbott (12 pts., 7 rebs.).

After holding a 10-4 lead at the 1st quarter, York struck inside and David Henley hit from outside for a 12-6 Comet edge, Rambo and J. Tyler both struck for baskets, but York's put-back with 4:01 left gave the Comets a 20-7 edge.

"We've played hard every game but one this yr.," Slone said, happy with the effort. "It's a senior ball club and they have one thing in mind (the state tourn.). This bunch has been through a lot and I don't think they'll get tense. They'll play hard."

Carlisle nailed 58% of their fgs., while Fulton City managed only 43% from the line. The Comets were 25/34 for 73% to Fulton City's 10/24 for 41%.

Carlisle…..…..10 27 49 75
Fulton City…....4 11 26 40

Carlisle (75)
York 14, Wilson 5, P. Hall 8, Barriger 6, J. Tyler 9, York 14, M. Tyler 8, Henley 6, Williams, Rambo 10, Byassee 3, D. Hall 2, M. Sams 4.

Fulton City (40)
Tibbs, Forester, Clowser 4, Abbott 12, Bransford 4, Lawrence 2, Luker 2, Ragsdale 5, Atwill 2, McDave, Patterson 2.

1st District Tourn.
Championship

Hall, Ignoring Victory Party,
Sets Sights On Carlisle's Regional Bid

Carlisle Co. 66
Hickman Co. 43
03-04-83 – Home

Knives were still hacking away at the hoops which held the First District championship nets to the rims Fri. night at Carlisle's gym, but Comet guard Phillip Hall had already left the championship party.

While most of the remainder of the Comet team celebrated their 4th straight district championship with a 66-43 decision over Hickman Co., Hall was in the locker room folding his uniform.

It's not that big," said Hall about the 1st district title. "We've won it 4 times. And we've been to the First Region Tourn. 3 times and no pot of gold yet."

"I think this year everybody wants it (the regional title) and I think we'll get it. I guess that's how sure I am of it."

However, the first region tourn. games are just part of what the Comets are wanting. They're just the next numbers in the magic countdown the Comets and their fans are keeping track of these days. If their 7-game countdown finally hits bottom, without any snags along the way, they'll be the state champions.

"We're just taking each of these games one at a time," Hall said, still keeping his mind on business, not celebrations. "You can't count down any faster than that. If you try to, you'll just be sitting at home."

"We've got to play them one at a time," Slone said. I'm not going to rush things by thinking 7 or 3 games ahead."

"This was the only time you could get beat and go on in the tourn. From now on, you either go on or you don't."

Sitting on their home court Sat. night, the Comets used aggressive defense and superior shooting to remove the Falcons from contention before halftime.

Hall led a quartet of Comet players in double figures with 18 pts., hitting 9 in the decisive 1st half. David Henley scored 12 pts. in the 1st half and finished with 16.

Keith York added a dozen pts. and John Tyler had 10 for the Comets, 34-3. Junior Denis Scott led the Falcons, 18-12, with 12 pts. and Charles Knox had 10.

Although slightly dissatisfied with his own team's play, the Comets coach Craynor Slone, praised Hickman Co.'s efforts.

"They made us work hard for it," said Slone. "We had to play hard all the time. I really think they're playing their best ball right now. Of course their familiar with everything we do and we're familiar with everything they do, but I thought they played well."

Well wasn't good enough in the 1st half. The Comets shot a blistering 72% in the 1st half and swiped the ball from Hickman 10 times while Hickman managed only 6 baskets in the first 16 minutes.

"They didn't get many shots in the 1st half but they got good ones," said Falcon coach Mark Cooper. "They're a lot bigger than we are and a lot more physical under the basket, but our kids thought they could win."

The Comets scored the first 8 pts. of the game, 6 of those being scored before Hickman got off a shot. However, the Falcons closed the gap to 4, at 12-8, before Carlisle ran off the final 6 pts. of the period for a 18-8 lead.

After the Falcons hit a basket to start the second period, the Comets scored the next 9 pts. for a 27-10 Comets edge with 3 minutes left in the half. The Falcons were never closer than 13 pts. after that.

Carlisle…….....18 35 51 66

Hickman…….....8 16 27 43

Carlisle (66)

Barriger, Byassee 5, D. Hall, P. Hall 18, Henley 16, Rambo, J. Tyler 10, M. Tyler, Williams, Wilson 2, York 12, M. Sams 3.

Hickman (43)

Burgess, Coolly 2, Duffy 2, Knox 10, Prince 6, Robinson 2, Scott 12.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Nightmare Fades
Away With Murray Miss

Carlisle Co. 47
Murray 46
03-08-83 - Away

Like the man who dreams he is falling off a cliff, Carlisle County's 35-3 basketball team could feel the rocky bottom approaching as the final seconds ticked off the clock in their first Region contest against Murray.

This time however, the Comets awoke in time to avoid the fatal ending. The nightmare turned into Carlisle's dream when Murray guard Roger Dunn's potential game-winning shot bounced off the right side of the rim, as the buzzer sounded, allowing Carlisle County to register a hard fought 47-46 victory over the Tigers to advance in first Region play.

"I watched that shot and saw the whole season flash in front of me," said Comet guard David Henley. "I was thinking what a bad way to end the season."

Murray, second-place in the Fourth-District tournament, disregarded all pre-game hype about the underdog role it was to assume against the state's No. 3 ranked team. "We came to win the game," said Murray coach Cary Miller, "not just to play."

And for most of the first 32 minutes of play Tuesday night, the Tigers were on their way to achieve that feat. Though Henley's basket at the buzzer in the first half trimmed Murray's lead to 21-20, Miller's team had managed to slow the Comets and control the tempo of the game.

"We felt like to win the game, we had to keep it in the 30s and 40s," said Miller. "But we didn't hit our free throws. I can't tell you how many times that has happened this year when we have outscored our opponents from the field but have lost the game due to not hitting free throws."

Miller's conclusion was accurate. Neither team enjoyed more than a four point lead during contest and the score was tied seven times from the opening tip to the final buzzer. Though the Comets enjoyed a 15/25 to 12/23 edge over Murray from the charity stripe, the deciding factor occurred from the line in the fourth quarter.

In that critical stanza, Carlisle County made good on 6-of-8 attempts while the Tigers were 4-of-7.

After trailing by a point at the intermission, Carlisle County jumped on the Tigers in the first minutes of the third stanza. Henley's left of the key jumper gave the Comets their biggest lead of the evening, 29-25, at the 5:42 mark.

"We stood around a lot in the first half," said Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone. "But in the third quarter, we started out pretty good and I thought we were ready to take charge."

Murray forward David McCuiston had other ideas, though. The 6-foot senior ignored the streaking Comets, powered his way inside for a bucket, and was fouled by Henley. He made the free throw to complete the three point play.

"They got that three point play and killed our momentum," said Slone.

With that momentum Murray took the lead 34-32 going into the fourth quarter on successive baskets by McCuiston in the final two minutes of the stanza.

In the first three minutes of the fourth quarter, the score was tied three times (34, 36, and at 37), before Carlisle's John Tyler scored eight of his teams final ten points to decide the games outcome.

His bucket was the biggest in the streak, says Miller. After Phillip Hall's jumper from the corner missed the mark, the 6-foot-7 junior tore the ball away from a Murray player, turned and scored the go-head bucket for the Comets at 39-38 with 4:59 left in the fourth quarter.

"That put-back was a big one for them," remarked Miller.

After Hall stripped the nets with a long range jumper at the 4:05 mark to give the Comets a 41-38 edge, Jim West scored on the other end of the court but missed the free throw that would have tied the game with 3:53 left in the game.

Seconds later, McCusion fouled out by hammering Tyler who calmly hit both ends of a one-for-one to make it a three point game. West answered with another bucket to cut the deficit to 43-42, and then blocked Tyler's shot on the other end of the floor to keep the Tigers hopes alive.

"We wanted to get the ball down the side of the floor fast and try to get an easy shot," said Miller about the last second strategy. "But we weren't able to and had to dribble it more than we wanted to. If we had had one more time out, it would have helped. But I thought we gave it a good effort."

Tyler led Carlisle County with 14 points, while Henley bucketed 13 and Hall finished with 10.

McCuiston was the mainstay of the Murray attack with 21 points while West finished the night with 11.

Carlisle….....8 20 32 47

Murray.....11 21 34 46

Carlisle (47)

Hall 10, Henley 13, J. Tyler 14, M. Tyler 1, Wilson 3, York 6, Rambo.

Murray (46)

Dunn 8, McCuiston 21, Parks 4, Rutledge 2, Wells, West 11.

Carlisle Co. 3rd-Graders
"KNOW" Who'll Win
Tonight's Game

We're number one,
Can't be number two,
We're gonna beat,
The whoopies outa you!

Semi-official 3rd grade cheer, Carlisle Co. Elementary School.

Keri Stamper, age 9, isn't sure what whoopies are.

But Jayme Gholson, 8, says he knows who's gonna get their whoopies whomped.

"Paducah Tilghman High School," he announced.

The Tilghman Tornado will square off tonight against the Carlisle Co. Comets in the lower bracket semifinals of the 1st Region boys basketball tourn.

Tip-off time is 8:15 p.m. at the Marshall Co. gym in Draffenville. The game will follow the upper bracket semifinal game between Wingo and Calloway Co. which starts at 6:30 p.m.

At stake is a berth among the "Sweet Sixteen" teams that will get to play in the state basketball tourn. in Lexington.

For the Comets, it's another shot at a state crown they've never won. "Your talking about something that unifies Carlisle Co.," said Alvin Fisher, 62, of Bardwell, the county seat.

"Bardwell, Arlington, Milburn, Cunningham and everyplace else gets behind this ball team."

Ticket sales for tonight's game seems to back up what Fisher says.

The 1983 chair seat tickets shipped to Carlisle were snapped up in half an hour.

That's according to school principal, Burley Mathis.

"I've also sold 400 general admission adult and 400 general admission student tickets, too," Mathis said this morning.

"I'm still selling student tickets."

You don't stomp on superman's cape. You don't spit into the wind. And you don't badmouth the Comets in Carlisle Co.

That's the word from the Hut restaurant here, where the basketball faithful are wont to congregate.

"For about a week now all they've been talking about in here is that game." said Helen Turrell, owner of the eatery.

"It's pretty unanimous that Carlisle's gonna win. At least that's the way the betting is going."

Waitress Kathy Scott of Arlington says the wagering is generally on the Comets.

"Those who are betting the other way are keeping pretty quiet about it," she said;

Fisher and Hut waitress Kim Williams said, Comet fans are as loyal they come.

A story making the rounds of the restaurant is about E.J. Hays of Bardwell, a dyed-in-the wool, Comet maroon and gold, Carlisle Comet booster.

"When they went to play in Louisville, he flew up in an airplane and got snowed in. He drove back to get the airplane.

"He goes wherever the ball team goes."

Most of the third graders polled by "The Sun" say they'll be at courtside tonight, too.

They're unanimous in predicting the Comets will best Tilghman for the 4th time this season.

"That's because the Comets are a good team and play good," added Kerri, who lives near Milburn.

But Jayme, an Arlington resident, wonders if the Marshall gym might favor Tilghman.

"They've played on it a lot but Carlisle has played good this year and will win anyway," he said.

Jason Bogle, 8, will sport his lucky gold-and maroon Comet shirt at tonight's game.

The Comets are a good team. I know one of the players whose name is Hall but I forgot his first name," said Jason.

"He's good, though."

Mary Polivick, 9, of Cunningham and Andrea Vineyard, same age, but from Kirbyton, wish the Comets well.

So does Keela Perry, 9, from Bardwell. She figures the Comets will win by 20 pts.

"Know what else is fun about going to the game? Eating out." she said.

Jeremy Holder, 9, of Bardwell, says it's the Comets by 15 pts.

"The Comets will win because they are good at basketball and practice a lot," said Mary Kay Woodruff, 9, of Bardwell.

Elisha Redford, 8, of Millburn, calculates a Comet victory by 10 pts. "Tilghman has a good team," he said. "But we beat 'em three times already and we'll beat 'em again."

Kevin Hayden, 8, says the Comet triumph will be led by David Rambo a team standout.

"What's he like?" I asked Kevin. "I met him once. He's short like me." he said.

Chastity Burgess, an Arlington 8-year-old, says practice will pave the way to victory for the Comets.

"I ride the bus with one of the players but I don't know his name," she said.

So maybe most Carlisle Co. residents are tooth-and-nail for the Comets.

However, that's not so for one Carlisle expatriate, at least.

He's Tilghman principal Jim Jackson, a native of Cunningham and a former Comet guard.

This member of Carlisle Co. High's class of 1965 says his loyalties have switched.

"When I came here I got a transfusion of blue blood," laughed Jackson.

However, he adds, that's as far as it goes in the Jackson family.

"The rest are die-hard Carlisle Co. fans. I can't even get them to root for Tilghman even though that's where my allegiance is now."

He says tonight's game is a big game for Tilghman, too.

The halls of the school are decked in blue and white, Tornado colors.

A big pep rally is set for today at Carlisle and there will be a similar gathering of the fans at Tilghman.

"We're excited about the game, too, and I promise we'll give Carlisle a run for their money," said Jackson.

The principal admits that of late, his alma mater has been a thorn in the side to Paducah's basketball efforts.

"It's a good rivalry, but people have accused me of being a jinx," said Jackson, smiling.

"I'm in my 4th yr. and since I've come, Carlisle has been about the toughest team we face on the schedule."

However, Jackson says whenever Tilghman is out of the picture, he pulls for Carlisle.

"There is no question of my loyalty to Tilghman.

But when it's not Tilghman playing, you better believe I root for Carlisle."

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle's Deadline Strategy
Succeeds, Tilghman's Fails.

Carlisle Co. 56
Tilghman 54

03-11-83 - Away

Phillip Hall had seen the play before. But this time the results were different as his basket with six seconds remaining gave Carlisle County a 56-54 victory over Tilghman here Friday night in the First Region tournament.

The last time the Comets had worked for the last-second shot had been in the semi-finals of the Louisville Invitational Tournament against the state's No. 1- ranked team, Louisville Male. Trailing 37-36 as time expired, Hall got the call but missed an eight-foot jumper from the corner.

Against Tilghman the plan worked to perfection for the 6-foot-2 senior. With the score tied, Comet coach Craynor Slone called time out with 26 seconds left. When play resumed, Hall and David Henley worked the ball around the basket. Finally, Hall penetrated past the free-throw line and made the game-winning 10-foot jumper.

"The play was designed to go to three people," said Hall, who led all scorers with 26 points in the Comets' 36th victory in 39 outings. "It was set up for me to shoot or pass the ball to Keith (York) or John (Tyler). I was open and took the shot."

Carlisle's victory was not secured until both Terry Shumpert and Joe Young missed shots as time expired.

Tilghman coach Berny Miller had been putting his team through a drill specifically designed for the situation the Tornado faced with six seconds left.

"We did just what we planned to do," said Miller. "We have been working on that play against the clock this season."

In this case, it was a play worth having in the playbook since Tilghman had lost to the Comets four times this season where three games were settled by four points or less.

After Hall's basket, Tilghman called time out. When play resumed, Shumpert took the inbounds pass and dribbled to the free throw line on the other side of the court. He stopped, put up a jumper with two Comet defenders in front of him. The shot failed, and Young failed on the put back.

While Carlisle County earned the right to meet Calloway County for the First Region championship Saturday night, the outcome of the game directly reflected its closeness.

In the 32 minute nip-and-tuck basketball game, the score was tied nine times and the lead changed hands nine times

At the end of the first quarter, the teams battled to a 13-all tie after the Tornado had led 13-8 on Shumpert's off balance jumper with 2:34 left in the stanza.

In the second quarter, Carlisle County enjoyed its biggest cushion of the contest (28-21) with 1:42 remaining when York hit the front end of a one-and–one. Tilghman, however, closed the gap to 30-27 at the half when John Cooper hit two free throws.

Tilghman regained the lead (33-32) when Young powered in for a layup with 5:34 left in the third quarter. Moments later Young stole the ball from Hall and drove the distance for another layup to put Tilghman ahead 39-38. Hall's free throw tied the score (39-39) heading into the fourth quarter.

The score was tied three more times, before Tilghman out scored the Comets 7-2 to lead 52-47 with 2:05 left.

Carlisle, which has been the best defensive team in the First Region this year, began to force the action. York took a pass from Hall and was fouled by Young with 1:56 left. He made both free throws to cut the Tilghman advantage to 52-49.

Then Hall stole the ball from Shumpert and found Greg Wilson open for an uncontested layup to cut the deficit to one, 52-51 with 1:28 left.

Young hit the front end of a one-and-one to up the Tilghman lead to a bucket at 1:19 which set up the second biggest play of the game for the Comets.

With 55 seconds left, Hall found John Tyler open for the layup. He scored and was fouled by Young. The 6-7 junior sank the free throw to give the Comets a 54-53 edge.

"I knew when I shot the ball I was going to get fouled," said Tyler who sank some critical free throws to enable Carlisle County to turn back Murray in the first round of the regional tournament.

Shumpert took charge of the Tilghman offense on the next play and drove through a Comet crowd where he was fouled by Tyler. He hit the front end of the bonus, but missed the second, tying the score and setting the stage for Hall's game-winning shot.

Carlisle.....13 30 39 56
Tilghman…....13 27 39 54

Carlisle (56)
York 9, Hall 26, J. Tyler 9, M. Tyler, Henley 8, Rambo, Wilson 2.

Tilghman (54)
Cooper 6, Miller 4, Arterburn 12, Shumpert 16, Young 16, Overstreet.

Seniors Must Deal
With Bitter Disappointment

The loser's locker room is never a pleasant place.

In the first few minutes following a close, emotional loss like Tilghman's 56-54 loss to Carlisle Friday night, words fail and if said, they're usually the wrong ones.

Tilghman's players, especially seniors John Cooper and Joe Young, were entitled to the sadness that comes with the final game of a high school career.

The pair, generally quick to answer, sat stooped, silent and virtually unhearing in front of there lockers. Questions had to be repeated, once, twice before answers could be formed and forced through clenched lips.

When words finally came, they came with anger, sadness and anger again.

"They were calling against us," said Cooper of a number of decisions by the officials. "They (Carlisle) hooked Terry (Shumpert) and slipped by uncalled. I took several charges that were not called."

Young was able to regain his composer faster than his teammate; his words sounding a little more like the gracious loser an athlete is supposed to be.

"We played our best and they played their best," said Young.

"But the officials had a lot to do with it," added Young, giving in to his feelings.

Berny Miller had the same difficulty as his players, but the coach has had more practice at biting his tongue.

"I'm disappointed for the players, the school and community," said Miller. "But we got beat by a great team. They played hard and when we had them on the ropes they came back to beat us.

"Anything negative about the game certainly wasn't Carlisle County," continued Miller. "They've got an excellent chance to ring the bell and I hope they do."

Miller admitted his dissatisfaction with a number of calls by the officials. In the first quarter, the Tilghman coach was assessed a technical foul when he disputed a "no call" foul.

The play occurred when Derrick Thomas came down with a rebound with a Carlisle player over his shoulder. Thomas was called for walking and Miller roared off the bench.

Miller said he was not only objecting to that particular call, but to a series of calls which appeared to him to be going Carlisle's way.

"I wasn't happy about the calls," said Miller. "I don't know how we could have put out any better effort. We didn't get many breaks, but I'm not going to say the officiating determined the game."

During the first half, Carlisle was awarded 14 trips to the foul line, Tilghman received six free throws. The final figures showed the Tornado with 16 free throws and the Comets with 24.

With 2:05 remaining in the game, a pair of free throws by Kelly Miller gave Tilghman a 52-47 advantage.

But a Tilghman turnover, two free throws by Keith York and another Tornado turnover on a steal by Carlisle's Phillip Hall brought the Comet's within a point with 1:28 left.

On the steal, Hall reached behind Shumpert to slap the ball away. "The officials always call that a foul," said Cooper. "You can't reach in on a player without getting called."

But Shumpert said the steal was clean. "He just knocked the ball away," said Tilghman's guard.

The play of Carlisle's Hall was undoubtedly the key to the game.

It was Hall's basket with six seconds left that put Carlisle ahead for good.

"Oh that basket, he didn't have a shot," said Miller. "He just made one. Hall just took over."

1st Region Tourn.
Championship

Elementary Fantasy Evolves
Into Reality For Comet Seniors

Carlisle Co. 86
Calloway Co. 59

03-12-83 – Away

Carlisle County's basketball team reached a goal it took 8 yrs. to achieve here Sat. night by drubbing Calloway Co., 85-59, to win the First Region Championship.

When Phillip Hall, David Henley, David Rambo and Keith York were in the 4th grade at Carlisle Co., they were already spending time on the basketball court. Even then their ability to perform as a unit was beginning to show.

"It goes back to the 4th grade," said Hall moments after he scored 20 pts. to lead the Comets to the First Region title. "We said then, when we were seniors, we were going to the state tourn.."

Wednesday, at 2:30 p.m. (EST), the Comets will reach that goal as they open Sweet Sixteen play against 14th Region Champion Breathitt Co. in Lexington's Rupp Arena.

It was 4 yrs. later when Carlisle Co. coach Craynor Slone arrived and was exposed to the goals of his team. "The kids told me when I first got to Carlisle Co. and they were in the 8th grade, that going to the state tourn. was their goal. They made up their minds and did it."

Carlisle wasted very little time with 4th District champion Calloway Co. The Lakers only lead was 2-0 when Keith Lovett sank 2 fts. After that, coach Jack Pack's team made 6 straight turnovers to fall behind 12-2 and trailed 22-13 at the end of the 1st quarter.

In the 2nd stanza, the Lakers traded baskets for most of the 8 minute span but still trailed 32-22 at the intermission.

Carlisle's defense broke the game open in the 3rd quarter by outscoring the Lakers, 25-10, to notch their 37th victory of the yr. against 3 losses.

"We started moving better on defense," said Slone of the 3rd quarter explosion. "We did a lot of standing around in the 1st half."

"This was our goal," said York, who also scored 20 pts. in the victory. "This is the greatest feeling I have ever had. It's something I've wanted since elementary school."

Pack, whose 1st yr. team ended the season with a 19-10 record, says the Lakers could not match-up with the talented Comets. "Their size was the difference. We just got out-played. We gave it everything we had. We played our hearts out."

"They are a very good team. I think they are good enough to win it all."

The Carlisle team agreed with Pack's observation.

"We are not finished yet," said Henley, referring to the state tourn. "We have 4 more games to win."

"Now that we're going to the state, we are going for it all, said Hall.

York was also optimistic. "I believe we can go all the way. We have already showed that we can play with those teams this yr. I heard Male (the state's No. 1 ranked team) got beat."

Male did lose in the region finals to Louisville Ballard, one of three teams to beat the Comets this yr.

"We just wanted to go out there and have fun," said John Tyler, who scored 13 pts. and grabbed 13 rebs. "I hope we go all the way. We have to win 4 more games."

David Rambo, the Comets point guard, said he was self-motivated in the title game against the Lakers. "What sparked me was that I hadn't been playing very well. I had something to prove. Now that we are their, I think we can go all the way."

Carlisle…….....22 32 57 86
Calloway…….....13 22 32 59

Carlisle (87)

Barriger 4, Byassee, D. Hall 2, P. Hall 20, Henley 6, Rambo 6, J. Tyler 13, M. Tyler 2, Williams 4, Wilson, York 20, M. Sams 9.

Fgs. 32-53 60.4%, Fts. 22-25 88%, Rebs. 28.

Calloway (59)

Anderson 2, Butterworth 9, Darnell 18, Duncan 3, Garrison 12, Lovett 9, Potts 2, Skinner 2, Sheridan 2, Waldren.

Fgs. 20-46 43.5%, Fts. 19-26 73%, Rebs. 25

Boys' Sweet 16 Teams Land
At Rupp Arena On Flight To The Top

Carlisle County which is making its first appearance in the Sweet 16 since 1975, and fourth overall, is bringing a team that has played with great consistency all season and is tournament tuned.

The Comets were runner-up to Baltimore Dunbar in the King of the Bluegrass Classic at Fairdale and lost to Louisville Male in the semi-finals and Louisville Ballard in the consolation game of the Louisville Invitational tournament.

"I feel we're playing as well as we have all year," said fifth year coach Craynor Slone, who's Comets are on a 37-3 streak. "We've done well in tournaments so far this year and I hope we can keep it up."

Carlisle County, ranked third in The Courier-Journal's Likenhous Ratings, have four players with double figure averages.

Senior forwards Phillip Hall and Keith York, both 6-foot-2, carry the bulk of the offense, averaging 16.5 and 14.2 points, respectively. They are backed up by senior guard David Henley at 13.0 and 6-7 junior center John Tyler at 10.0. Senior guard David Rambo is the play maker.

The Comets, which faced 14th Region champion Breathitt County (27-6) at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Lexington's Rupp arena, feel they are a team to be reckoned with.

"I've got a bunch of kids who have wanted to go to the State tournament since they were in fourth grade," added Slone. "Now they've finally got the chance and they want to take advantage of it."

Tickets Available
For Comets State Trip

Fans began standing in line at 7:30 this morning to purchase tickets at Carlisle County for the 1983 boys state basketball tournament.

The Comets, 37-3, earned the berth in the "Sweet Sixteen" Saturday night by blasting Calloway County, 86-59, for the First Region crown.

Carlisle County opens state tournament play Wednesday at 1:30 (CST) against Breathitt County (27-6) at Lexington's Rupp Arena.

"They were lined up at 7:30 this morning to buy tickets," said Carlisle County principal Burley Mathis.

Tickets will be on sale Tuesday morning until noon and are selling for $4.50. The Comets were allotted 753 tickets for the first round.

Mathis says the Carlisle County School Board will meet tonight to approve a proposal that would close school from Wednesday to Friday for the state tournament.

The Comets could play a second round game at 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

Carlisle Stacks
Up In State

No matter how you stack it, Carlisle County's basketball squad was the second most successful team heading into the first round of the boys' state basketball tournament here today at Rupp Arena.

The Comets, who entered the first round this afternoon with a No. 3 ranking and a 37-3 record, are the second best squad in the 16 team field according to ranking and winning percentage.

Lexington Henry Clay, which is in the lower bracket opposite the Comets, takes a No. 2 ranking and a 28-2 record into its Thursday night meeting with Greenup County.

The Blue Devils have won games at a 93.3 percent clip this season, just slightly ahead of Carlisle County, at 92.5 percent.

While Henry Clay ranks as the tournament favorite, the Comets do have an edge over the Lexington team. Carlisle County boasts a 16 game winning streak while the favorite has won 14 straight. Owensboro's 17-game winning streak is the best in the field.

Ironically, all three teams last lost in the Louisville Invitational Tournament. Carlisle County suffered final four losses to Louisville Male and Ballard, while the Blue Devils were beaten by Owensboro, the state's No. 6-ranked team. Owensboro lost to Male in the finals of the Tournament.

Just how strong is the Sweet Sixteen field? If the records are any indication, the answer is plenty.

The state tournament teams carry an average record of 25-6 for an 80.6 winning percentage. In fact, 13 of the 16 teams have won 20 or more games this season. Louisville Fairdale and Fort Thomas Highlands sport the poorest records in the tournament with identical 19-13 marks.

School was out for the week at Carlisle County starting this morning.

The Carlisle County School Board Monday night decided to dismiss school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday so its students could make the trip to support the Comets.

Carlisle County principal Burley Mathis said the school sold more than 500 tickets for the opening game this afternoon against Breathitt

County. A little more than 200 were returned to the KHSAA.

Mathis expects the enthusiasm, and support for the Comets to pick up if Carlisle County wins today's game against the Bobcats.

"If we win the first game, then there will be a lot of people here Friday to see the game," said Mathis. "If we can win Friday, then there probably won't be more than 15 people in Bardwell this weekend."

Mike Scott, of Greenup County which has the dubious honor of facing Henry Clay in the first round, is the tallest player on any of the 16 teams.

Scott is a 6-foot-10 sophomore who leads his team with 20.6 points a game and an average of 11.9 rebounds.

Several teams can boast the smallest starter player in the tournament, including Carlisle County. Comet point guard David Rambo stands 5-8 and is joined by six other starters in the tournament at that size.

These Comets Waited Years To Arrive, Too

Comets are a thing of streaks.

"They're more fundamentally sound than any team in the tournament," Miller said, "Because they have to be.

Carlisle County only has about 265 students, and for a school that size to have a solid chance to win the state title, each player has to fill a role. Their players do!

"You look at them and you don't think they have any real athletes," Miller added. "But what is an athlete? It's a player who gets the job done, and they certainly do that."

The most imposing example of Carlisle County's deceiving ability is Keith York, a 6 foot-2, 220-pound forward.

One press row pundit nicknamed him York Steak House because of his barrel-chested physique. But in two tournament games, he has hit 14 of 25 shots; scored 35 points and grabbed 15 rebounds.

"He's a perfect example of what I mean," Miller said. "Keith York is the most underrated player in Kentucky high school basketball. He doesn't look like he could get much done, but he knows exactly what to do."

York's cousin, Troy, played for Miller at Tilghman and was built along the same lines as Keith. All Troy did was become Tilghman's all-time-leading scorer, averaging more than 17 points over three years.

"Keith and Troy are alike in that they never took a bad shot in their lives," Miller said. "That's the kind of role players you need to win a state championship."

Carlisle County has a roster full of guys who are willing to sacrifice personal gain for the team glory.

Hall, a 6-2 senior, is the closest thing the Comets have to a star. But his 16-point average could be much more if he shot as much as he passed off.

Point guard David Rambo, a 5-8 senior who looks like a young Wally Cleaver, is content to be a playmaker.

Henley, a 6-2 senior, and John Tyler a 6-7 junior, fill out the starting line up with their own brand of unselfishness.

Off the bench, the Comets throw 6-6 Mike Tyler at you, along with 6-2 Greg Wilson.

Carlisle County's team-first philosophy has failed only three times this season. The Comets lost to the nation's No. 1 team, Baltimore Dunbar; Kentucky's top-ranked team, Louisville Male; and another Sweet Sixteen entry, Louisville Ballard.

Over the past two seasons the Comets are 68-8, but their winning attitude dates back eight years.

"We've been thinking about winning the state championship since we were all in the 4th grade together," Henley said of the nine seniors. "So we've really been working a long time for this."

Despite its basketball team's glittering record, Carlisle County is still a geographic mystery to most people. Nestled in the far corner of Southwestern Kentucky, it is bounded by Illinois to the north, Missouri to the west, and Tennessee to the south and a growing legion of appreciative fans to the east.

"Being so far away from Louisville and Lexington has a lot to do with people not really knowing how good we are," York said. "But after this tournament, I think people will know all about us!"

State Tourn. Will Always Be Special For Coaches, Players

The Ky. High School State Tournament, commonly referred to as the "Sweet Sixteen" just might be the best high school tourn. of its kind in the United States.

It is not a weakened class A or AA tourney; it's a tourn. where the teams have earned the right to be in the final 16, regardless of enrollment or location. That's one of the qualities that make it special. Small schools have held their own over the yrs. Simon Kenton won the tourn. in 1981.

This tourney means different things to different people, but it's always a "happening" for Kentuckians.

This tourney has also been called the "Greatest Show on Earth," and I agree.

To play in this tourney is a dream come true, a vision players and coaches have had many times in day-dreams and fantasies.

Just imagine a chance to play in front of thousands of people in the basketball show, a show that many participants have watched or listened to for several yrs.

To the coaches, it is special to be on the bench in this very special event. The feeling that comes with making it to the tourney the first time is impossible to put into words. It's something you have seen other coaches achieve but you think "Can this really be happening to me?

I watched the state tourney in awe for 9 yrs. As a young spectator, 4 yrs. As a player who never was fortunate enough to make it and then 3 years as a coach.

In my 4th year of coaching, I finally realized the dream of being handed that big brown envelope that contained all the goodies, the players' passes, expense check and, best of all, the tourn. badges that identified you and your team as participants.

How sweet it was.

I will never forget checking into the Phoenix Hotel in Lexington in 1959 with my Gallatin Co. team. Every little item that we received was a treasure to me, from the insignificant instructions sheet to the engraved lighter we all received from a local sporting goods store.

Eating in the dinning room with the other teams and coaches, and just socializing in the lobby is one of the most special feelings I have ever had. I was simply numb with pride.

We lost in the first round to North Marshall, led by Pat Doyle, who later played at the University of Ky.

But losing didn't matter much. We had made it to the big show and our town, Warsaw, (pop. 8,000) was extremely proud of us.

There is really something very gratifying about getting your team in the tourney for the first time. It places you in a proud fraternity of coaches.

It's an indication that you have made your mark as a coach and you seem to receive a certain respect from your peers.

After that first trip in 1959, I always felt that being called "coach" had a different meaning. Everyone who said it seemed to mean it. I really felt like a coach.

As your teams repeat as regional champs there is an added pressure that begins to build within. Just getting there is no longer enough. You feel as if your team must advance.

Time passes, your teams come and go and then you get the team that could win it all. This is when the real pressure begins, because putting together a team that has the right chemistry and talent can be a "once-in-a-lifetime" thing.

I experienced this in 1979, and I can remember the fear that I felt as we headed into tourn. play.

Watching my players in that 1979 tourney was one of the most frightening times of my life. It was as if it was now or never. I had waited 25 yrs. for this opportunity. The thought of losing was unbearable; only a championship would be good enough. Anything less would have been a lifetime disappointment. The fears, chills, excitement, bewilderment, desperation and determination can be seen in the faces of the people in the tourn. if you look closely.

There will be tears and smiles, groans and moans as all the teams struggle to make the dream, come true.

To me, it's a feeling that cannot be surpassed.

What makes this such a great show is the past. Kentucky's Sweet Sixteen has been under great leadership with Commissioners Ted Sanford, Billy Mansfield and Tom Mills directing the way. I have seen 40 of the tournaments, and it's easy to remember the many things that carved a permanent place in my mind.

In 1942, Lafayette's Les Kitchen fired in 18 pts. to beat Harlan in the championship game at Alumni Gymnasium in Lexington.

I can still see Wah Wah Jones, in his green and white uniform, with No. 17 on the jersey, legs taped for shin splints, firing in 23 against Dayton to win the 1944 tourney. Fans in the streets of Louisville were yelling "Wah! Wah!" He was really a special player.

Who could forget the one-two punch of Male High's Ralph Beard and Gene Rhodes in 1945.

In 1946, Breckinridge High had a player by the name of Sonny Allen. I can still see him throwing a pass behind his back, the full length of the court. I have never seen that since then.

In 1948, Brewers went undefeated, and Coach McCoy Tary spent every game perched on the first-aid kit. Barney Thweatt and Coy Creason were the heart of that team.

The year 1949 was special. Cliff Hagan from Owensboro was simply marvelous. He was unique. He was, and still is, the best 6-4 basketball player I have ever seen. During the tourn. they called Owensboro, Hagansboro. His team defeated Lafayette as Hagan pumped in 41 pts. in the finals.

Lafayette returned to the finals in 1950 with Ralph Carlisle as the coach. Lafayette won in '50, '53 and '57. In my opinion that makes Carlisle the best coach in state history.

In the same breath, you have to name Letcher Norton (Clark Co.), Earl Jones (Maysville) and S.T. Roach (Dunbar).

The rest of us have not been that good, or at least that good that often.

Two players, Howie Crittenden and "Doodles" Floyd, made the 1952 tourn. very exciting. To this day, I have never seen a better ball handler than Crittenden. He and Floyd put the small community of Cuba on the map.

It's a must to comment on King Kelly Coleman. He was amazing, scoring 50 and 68 pts. in state tourn. games for the Wayland Wasps. You could not believe what you were seeing.

The Ashland team of 1961 with Larry Conley was definitely something to remember and just might be the best-executing team in state tourn. history.

There have been many fine players pass along the tourney trail in the Kentucky High School Tourney. I would like to offer my favorite 12.

Cliff Hagan, Owensboro (1949); Wah Wah Jones, Harlan (1944); Wes Unseld, Seneca (1963-64); Howie Crittenden, Cuba (1952); King Kelly Coleman, Wayland (1956); Johnny Cox, Hazard (1957); Butch Beard, Breckinridge Co. (1965); Ron King, Louisville Central (1969); Linville Puckett, Clark Co. 1952); Butch Beard, Breckinridge Co. (1965); and Robert Brooks, Madison Co. (1970).

Last week, I ran across the team picture of my 1959 regional champs, taken following the game. There were faces in the background and one particular face jumped out at me. It was Coach Al Prewitt, who at the time was coaching Henry Central, but for the best part of 25 years, has been the boss at Henry Clay. He has paid his dues, and is in this 1983 tourney. Don't be surprised if he finally becomes the man of the hour Sat. night.

He and his wife Betty have waited long enough. I think it's their turn.

Breathitt County And
No. 3 Carlisle Dream On

Craynor Slone is dreaming. It is his team's first State Tourn. game. Warm-ups completed, each team back in the dressing room as the national anthem is played. Out comes Carlisle Co.! Out comes the opponent!

Only its not just any opponent. Certainly not the scheduled one. Why it's, it's, it's, oh no, it's Paducah Tilghman.

It's only a dream. After all, Craynor's Carlisle Co. Comets, Champions of Region 1, winners of more games than anyone save the Philadelphia 76ers, did not play annual region powerhouse Tilghman in each of its 40 games, it only appeared as such.

Four times the little school (265 students) beat the big school (Class 4-A variety), the final tumultuous triumph a 2-pt. victory in the regional semi-final. Beating a bad team 4 times is no easy trick, but beating a darn good one?

"And I tell ya," says Craynor Slone. "Playing them 4 times is not something you want to do."

Ah, but the Comets survived, dominating Calloway Co., 86-59, in the 1st Region final to go 37-3 and earn Slone his first trip to state, the school's first Sweet Sixteen trip since 1975. Today at 2;30 p.m., the Comets will meet 14th Region Champ Breathitt Co., a 49-43 winner over Owsley Co. in the final.

As well, it is the first Sweet 16 visit for Breathitt Coach James Turner. Last year, Turner's 4th year as a coach, the Bobcats went 18-6 losing in the first game of the district. This yr., their 27-6 and counting.

"Me and the boys felt like we had a good chance to go to the state, but evidently nobody else did," says Turner. "Nobody else picked us. But we have a fine bunch of kids who work hard."

Carlisle at least works long hours. After all, the Comets played a bop-till-you-drop-schedule, winning 37 of 40 games.

"We went 30-5 with a mainly junior group last year," says Slone. "We felt like if we got a few breaks we could do well this year. And we were lucky enough to get by Murray by one pt., and Tilghman by 2 in the regional."

The Comets start 4 seniors and 1 junior. John Tyler, 6-7, the lone underclassman, is in the pivot. Keith York starts at one forward, Phillip Hall at the other. David Henley and David Rambo man the guard spots.

"I think our main strength is that we've played as a team," says Slone. "We've played good defense and we're a good passing team. We like to try to get the ball inside."

And a four-senior, one-junior lineup can't hurt either. "Of course it's got to help," says Slone.

And what does Slone know about the Breathitt Bobcats. "Not a thing," says the coach.

Evidently. The Bobcats start an all-senior cast. Jeff Allen, a 5-10 guard leads the way with a 26 pt. average.

"But I don't think we have the height that they do," says Turner. "We have a fairly small front line. But we do have a couple of real good guards in Allen and Doug Noble. Allen is a real quick all-around guard. He's probably the best guard in the state. Noble is a real good ball handler.

Six-two center Harlis Combs is averaging 18 pts. and 12 rebs. a contest. Six foot forward Derek McKnight is averaging 16 pts. and 10 rebs. to go with our outside game," says Turner. Johnson works real hard especially on defense."

And, to tell the truth, the Bobcats don't know much about the Comets either.

"From what we hear, I think we are contrasting teams," says Turner. "I think they are more deliberate. We like to run the ball when we can. But we don't know much about them."

And all Carlisle Co. knows is that, for better or worst, there is no one in this tourn. named Paducah Tilghman.

Ky. State Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Try Breathitt Out
For Size, Win No. 38

Carlisle Co. 78
Breathitt Co. 66
03-16-83 - Away

They call Carlisle County the Comets, which figures, because they blazed past Breathitt County yesterday in the opening round of the Boys' State Tournament at Rupp Arena.

Shooting a sparkling 58.7 percent from the field, and forcing Breathitt County into errors that don't always appear in the final statistics, third ranked Carlisle County steamrolled to a 78-66 victory, before an estimated 13,500 fans.

The tournament-tested Comets, 38-3, meet Scott County Friday at 1:00 p.m. in quarterfinal action. Breathitt County closes at 27-7.

In a happy but subdued Carlisle County locker room, senior guard Phillip Hall left the Comets next opponent with something to think about.

"We played well in spots today," said Hall, who scored 14 points and dished out 9 assists, "but we can play better.

"We didn't get after them the way we usually do. I would call it a below average game for us."

"If we ever get 32 minutes of good basketball down, I don't think there's a team in the state that can beat us," Hall said.

Carlisle County, a perfect mixture of bulk and court smarts, picked its way to a 16-13 lead after one quarter before pushing out to a 48-31 halftime advantage.

Senior center Keith York scored 20 of his team-high 26 points in the first half, including 14 in the second quarter.

York, a 6-foot-2, 220-pound bruiser, stationed himself close to the basket and made shot after shot against Breathitt County's soft inside game.

"I'm not very tall for a center, but I like to work inside," said York, whose soft voice does not befit his rough-and-tumble playing style.

"They came out in a man-to-man defense and I prefer playing against a man-to-man," York said. "I was just trying to post-up and get him (Breathitt County's Mike Johnson) on my back. Once I get my position, I'm pretty tough to stop in there."

"He sure was," said Breathitt County Coach James Turner. "I felt we needed to play a man-to-man to keep them off the boards. We couldn't stop him (York) until after he got us down."

At the opposite end of the court, Carlisle County gave Breathitt County guard Jeff Allen a run for his money.

Allen, a 5-10 junior, who matched his season average of 26 points against the Comets, was not allowed to roam free on the perimeter for his accurate jump shot.

Carlisle County guards Phillip Hall, David Rambo and David Henley forced the Bobcats into 12 first-half turnovers. They committed 21 for the game.

Not only that, the constant defensive pressure took the Bobcats out of their offense. They did not get back into their rhythm until late in the fourth Quarter. But by then, it was too late.

Holding a 40-27 lead with 1:30 left before halftime, Carlisle County stole the ball three straight times and converted all three into breakaway lay-ups.

Breathitt County hit two jump shots in the final 21 seconds, including a buzzer-beater by Allen, to keep the game within reach.

"I thought that spurt they made at the end of the first half really took us out of it," Turner said. "We just made too many mistakes. You can't make 21 turnovers and win."

Opening the second half in the same manner that they closed out the first half, the Comets dominated the action and led by as many as 24 points (at 74-50) in the fourth quarter.

Breathitt County, working against Carlisle County substitutes during the final three minutes, outscored the Comets 16-4 the rest of the way.

The calm manner in which the Comets received their latest victory is indicative of the type of schedule they've played this season.

This is the seventh tournament Carlisle County has participated in since December. The Comets have played, and played well against, Baltimore Dunbar, Louisville Male and Ballard.

In addition, Carlisle County was a perfect four-for-four against First Region rival Paducah Tilghman. Big games are starting to become old hat for the Comets.

"I think the experience we've gained from playing in tournaments really helped our kids this season," said Carlisle Coach Craynor Slone.

Carlisle County, which made 37 of 63 floor shots, received 12 points from Henley and 10 points from John Tyler. York led the Comets with nine rebounds.

Breathitt County senior center Harlis Combs added 21 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. The Bobcats connected on 29 of 60 floor shots for 48.3 percent.

Carlisle…….....16 48 58 78
Breathitt…….....13 29 44 66

Carlisle (78)
York 26, P. Hall 14, J. Tyler 10, Henley 12, Rambo 6, Wilson 4, M. Tyler 4, Byassee, M. Sams 2, Williams, D. Hall, Barriger.
Fgs. 37/63 (58.7%), Rebs. 28, Turnovers 16.

Breathitt (66)
McKnight 4, M. Johnson 2, Combs 21, J. Allen 26, Noble 3, T. Johnson 4, Turner, Chaney 4, S. Allen, Cox 2, Stumpe.
Fgs. 29/60 (48.3%), Rebs. 35, Turnovers 21.

"Sweet 16"
Also Exists for
Family Reunions

The "Sweet 16" is many things to many people but above all, it's a family affair.

Beneath the swirl of red, blue and yellow color that filled Rupp Arena yesterday afternoon at the opening session of the Boys' State High School Basketball Tournament, that much soon became obvious.

One only had to probe beneath the surface of pompoms to find dozens of elaborate kinship networks that stretched throughout the arena.

Among the estimated 15,500 people who turned out for yesterday's opener were several sets of brothers who were players, fathers who had preceded their sons in playing in the tournament, former coaches who were parents of players and parents of former players-turned coaches.

The list was endless.

It seemed to suggest that the Sweet 16's primary purpose - aside from determining a state champion, showcasing talent for the college scouts and raising money for scholastic athletics - is to house multiple family reunions under one roof each March.

Basketballs and shared genes, of course, have always formed powerful bonds among Kentuckians.

Even when a Kentucky family has scattered far from its point of origin, a few generations of high school basketball players, is all it takes to reassemble the kinfolk.

Take, for instance, the Allen family from the town of Whick, up in the mountains of Breathitt Co. The reappearance of the Breathitt County Bobcats, a nearly perennial Sweet 16 participant under coach Fairce Woods two decades ago, brought the Allen's streaming in to Lexington from several surrounding states.

The Allen brothers of old - the late Lindbergh Allen and his younger brothers, Jesse and Doug - were Bobcat starters on teams from World War 2 to1960.

When we weren't eating, we were talking basketball," recalled a 41-year-old railroad conductor who still lives in the Jackson area.

Doug Allen was the only one of brothers to play n the state tournament - in 1959 and again in 1960. Yesterday his two sons – Jeff, 18, and Scott, 16, kept a family tradition alive.

The Allen family is still looking for a piece of a state championship trophy, though.

Despite a respectable performance by Jeff Allen who averaged 26 points a game this season, the Bobcats fell yesterday to highly rated Carlisle.

"Our boys were a little uptight, but I'm proud of them anyway," Doug Allen, who was a high school basketball referee for 12 years, until his sons reached the varsity level.

Jesse Allen, 45, of Morrow, Ohio, took off from his job as a pipe fitter at Ford Motor Co. in Cincinnati to attend several Bobcat games this yr. - including yesterday's.

When you grow up in a Kentucky basketball family, you can't ever stay away too long," said Jesse.

Allen, whose daughter, Belle, has played at Lees Junior College in Jackson.

The Carlisle County Comets had their share of family connections.

Two sets of brothers – John and Mike Tyler and Phillip and DeWayne Hall - constitute a third of the 12-man Carlisle County roster. A fifth player, senior guard David Henley, is the son of the team's former coach.

Phillip Hall, the Western Kentucky team's leading scorer and star guard, helped lead the Comets to their 38th victory of the season, yesterday. Brother DeWayne, a forward, saw brief action.

Their brother, Nathan, was a starting center for Carlisle County until be graduated two years ago. The family from Bardwell finally won a long-sought goal, a Sweet 16 berth this year.

"We've been playing for four years, and we never could get here until this year," said Phillip Hall.

Hall said his father, who works at a paper mill in Wickliffe, was also a high school basketball standout.

Just as family traditions were being launched yesterday, other family traditions were being broken at Rupp Arena.

Jerry and Larry Thornberry, twins, and both grocers from Winchester, started at guard on the Clark Co. Cardinals 1951 state championship team.

Jerry Thornberry 47, had hoped his son, Jeff, 16, and also a guard, could share in the same glory this year.

Thornberry's other son, Tim, 18, had been a guard for Clark County during his senior season last year, but had seen his chance snatched away by Mason County in the 10th Region tournament.

Yesterday's appearance was Clark County's first trip to the "Sweet 16" since 1969. But the Cardinals ran into trouble in the second half against another group of Redbirds, the Cardinals of Scott County and lost to their Bluegrass counterparts 69-61.

"Jeff played real hard and worked hard on defense, but his shooting was off," said his father, who had led a large Thornberry contingent to Lexington in a caravan yesterday.

There was some hope, however, Jeff is a junior. His father was lucky enough to make two consecutive Sweet 16 appearances. And younger brothers are more successful in the Thornberry family tradition anyway.

An, uncle Jay D. Thornberry, never got past the regionals in his playing days at old Winchester High.

Forget Home:
Its Tournament Time

Chicken thieves in Carlisle Co., take note: Yesterday might have been a good day to be plying your trade. According to a few residents of that far-western Ky. County, down by the Mississippi river, nobody – but nobody – was home.

"There's not enough people to put out a fire," declared one fan who came in to boost the Carlisle Co. Comets in the Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tourn. at Rupp Arena.

People like former school board member Jim Moore drove 6 hours to be in Lexington for their team's first appearance at the state tourn. since 1975. Sporting a maroon t-shirt emblazoned with a gold Comet, Moore stood chatting in the concourse with Debra Choate, a high school teacher.

How did the fans plan to celebrate if the Comet's beat Breathitt's Bobcats?

"Oh, I expect we'll take a few deep breaths and see what happens at the next game," Moore said.

Moore must be taking his deep breaths today. The Comets won yesterday, 78/66.

Earlier yesterday, in the first game of the 3 day tourn., the Scott Co. Cardinals defeated Clark Co., 69-61.

The tournament's opening day drew 29,000 people – 15,000 at the afternoon games and 13,5000 last night.

Shouts of "Lets go Comets!" echoed from inside the arena as the teams ran out on the floor for the start of the game.

Ralph Tyler managed to look calm as he took his seat, even though things around his house have been "hectic" this week. His son John, is Carlisle's starting center; another son, Mike, is also a center.

"I don't say anything to them before a game," said Tyler. "Besides, the coach tells them not to listen to Mom and Dad."

At halftime, Carlisle Co. fans streamed out of the arena, heading for snack bars that offered everything from nachos and upside-down sundaes to hot dogs and popcorn. Christine Slone, wife of coach Craynor Slone, was smiling broadly and clutching her 14-month-old granddaughter, Ashly Wingham.

"Things are looking pretty good," she allowed. Her team was leading by 17 pts.

Melody Smith, a special education teacher at Carlisle, bubbled with enthusiasm as she planned a celebration dinner for later in the evening.

"We're gonna do it," she promised. "We're gonna go all the way."

Team sprit runs in her family, she explained. Her mother, Rozella Young has been keeping score for the Comets for 17 years.

"When she can't go she sends me."

Being a scorekeeper has one major drawback, Mrs. Smith said.

"You can't clap; you can't cuss; you just have to sit there. When we played Tilghman, our archrivals, in the semi-finals of the regional, it was awful. One of our boys slam-dunked the ball, and the crowd went wild. She just had to sit there.

Ky. State Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Co. Bolts To 18-2 Lead
In Motoring Past Scott Co.

Carlisle Co. 60
Scott Co. 44
03-18-83 - Away

If looks counted for anything on the basketball floor, Carlisle County would be in a pack of trouble.

The Comets, who strategically took apart Scott County 60-44 yesterday in quarterfinal action of the Boys' State Tournament at Rupp Arena, do not look like a team with a 39-3 record.

Regardless, the First Region champions advanced to today's 10 a.m. semifinal round

against Owensboro, which defeated Christian County 62-47 yesterday.

"Looks aren't really important," said Carlisle County Coach Craynor Slone. "We play well as a team, and that's what it's all about." Scott County, making its first appearance in the Sweet Sixteen, found out what it's all about the hard way.

Carlisle County made quick work of the Eighth Region representatives, leading by as many as 27 points (41-14) in the second half before the Cardinals found their shooting eyes late in the game.

Scott County closes at 25-7. Carlisle County, a senior-oriented team, starts 6-foot-2, 220-pound Keith York at center. York is big and wide. He is neither a shot-blocker nor a runner. What he does is provide the Comets with a player who takes up plenty of space inside, and knows how to score. York, who scored 26 points Wednesday against Breathitt County, tossed in nine points and hustled to retrieve six rebounds. York, along with the Tyler brothers, Mike and John (who combined for 16 points and seven rebounds), are known as bangers. John, tall and lean at 6-7 and 180, and Mike, nice and slow at 6-6, 235, did not allow the quicker, more athletic Scott County front line the opportunity to control the inside." They certainly rank as one of the most physical teams I've ever seen play in the tournament," said Scott County Coach Everett "Mutt" Varney. "They've got the size, and they use it. They're just a super team." The Tyler's and York leaned and leaned on the Cardinals until they finally fell over from exhaustion.

"Sometimes, in our region, they called me for fouls when I play aggressively going for the block," said John Tyler, who blocked two shots yesterday. "I was kind of hesitant in the first game. But I relaxed today and just went out and tried to have some fun."

Senior guard Phillip Hall, the complete backcourt package, certainly enjoyed himself against Scott County; scoring 16 of his team high 20 points in the first half.

The 6-2 Hall took Carlisle County from an early 7-2 advantage to an 18-2 cushion after one quarter, scoring 11 straight points.

From there, the Comets pushed out to a 35-12 halftime lead, shooting 15 of 27 from the field for 55.5%.

Defensively, the Comets were able to defuse the Scott County fast break. Their guards played the passing lanes, forcing the Cardinals to beat them from outside.

To say the strategy worked would be an understatement. Scott County made only 6 of 20 shots in the first half, a paltry 30%.

The Cardinals scored two points in the first quarter and went the final 4:22 of the period without a point.

In the second quarter, senior guard Darrin "Bam" Harris, a 5-10 leaper, had 8 of his team high 20 points. Harris tried to ignite his teammates with a fast-break slam, but Carlisle County would have none of that.

Whenever Scott County appeared to be making a run, Slone would call a timeout, or Hall or backcourt mate David Rambo would slow the tempo, ensuring the Comets a good shot. In the second half, Carlisle County became conservative on offense. The Comets attempted only 15 shots in the second half, making five.

Carlisle County compensated by connecting on 15 of 24 foul shots in the second half.

"I thought we played as well in the first half as we have all year," said Slone. "I don't think we can play any better than that."

Scott County, trailing 41-14 with 5:40 left in the third quarter, was not yet ready to hang it up. The Cardinals, behind eight straight points from Harris, trailed only 45-27 after three quarters.

The Cardinals, inspired by their screaming fans, got as close as 51-37 and 54-40, with chances to cut it to 12, but they could not come up with the crucial basket.

"I am proud of our kids," said Varney. "They never gave up.

"Early in the game, we couldn't get our shots to fall. We were missing the four and five-footers that would have kept us in the game.

"We still felt like we had a chance in the fourth quarter," said Varney, "but the clock was against us and we had to rush some shots. We just didn't have time to set up and wait."

Scott County, which made 17 of 55 field goal attempts for 39.9 percent, received 12 points and a game-high 14 rebounds from 6-4 freshman Frank Persley.

Carlisle…..…...18 35 45 60
Scott……..…..2 12 27 44

Carlisle (60)
York 9, P. Hall 20, J. Tyler 8, Henley 6, Rambo 2, Wilson 5, M. Tyler 8, Byassee, Williams, D. Hall, Barriger, M. Sams 2.
Fgs. 20/43 46.5%, Fts. 20/32 62.5%, Rebs. 33.

Scott (44)
Tilford, Harris 20, Wilson 4, Persley 12, McIntyre 4, Blakely, Jackson, Bratcher, Parthley, Wise 2, Caldwell, Herald 2.
Fgs. 17/55 30.9%, Fts. 10/14 71.5%, Rebs. 37.

These Comets Waited Years To Arrive, Too

Halley's Comet blazes across the heavens once every 75 years. Carlisle County's Comets, the winningest basketball team in Kentucky, might be just as rare and just as much as natural phenomenon.

"We know what people think when they see us for the first time," said Phillip Hall, one of the nine seniors on the Carlisle County team. "They think, 'Look at those hillbillies, they can't play ball.

"We've had to prove ourselves all year long, but we've done it. Now we know when we step on the floor, we're as good as anybody."

If you go by the Comets' record, they're the best. They've won 39 of 42 games this season against some of the best competition in the nation. If they win two more times today, they will become the first state champions ever to win 40 games or more.

"We never really though of winning 40 as a goal," said Keith York, another senior. "But now that we are this close, we really want it."

Carlisle Count showed its appetite for victory yesterday, when it swallowed Scott County whole in a 66-44 rout.

It was a typical performance for the Comets. That meant their defense carried the day.

"That's it, plain and simple," explained senior David Henley. "Defense is 90 percent of our game."

A few doubting Thomas's weren't that impressed by Carlisle County's 78-66 mashing of Breathitt County Wednesday. But everybody became a believer after the Comets dismantled Scott County yesterday.

The Cardinal's faithful - several thousand strong in the crowd of 19,000 at Rupp Arena - couldn't believe their eyes when Carlisle County blew out to a 43-16 lead, early in the second half.

Even Comets' Coach Craynor Slone was taken aback by the lopsided start. "I don't know what to say except that the players are as loose as a goose," he said. "They're just having fun."

But Berny Miller wasn't surprised. The Paducah Tilghman coach lost to the Comets four times this season, so he knew the First Region champs would make some noise in this 66th Boys' State Tournament.

Ky. State Tourn.
3rd Round
Carlisle Co. Walks
By State Tourney Obstacles

Carlisle Co.	**51**
Owensboro	**49**

03-19-83 – Away

Looks can be deceiving. But don't tell Carlisle County's Phillip Hall or his teammates.

Carlisle County had just held off Owensboro 51-49 in a semifinal game of the 66th annual Boys' State High School Tournament before 16,500 fans at Rupp Arena.

"If teams don't come out and play against us they usually find themselves sitting on the bench watching." said Hall, who along with portly teammate Keith York each scored 13 points.

Carlisle County looks more like a football team, but it plays basketball with grace and perfection.

Just ask Owensboro, which continually pressured the First Region champions.

"We knew we had to be patient or they would run us off the floor," said Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone. Owensboro was ahead 23-19 at halftime after leading 23-15 only 49 seconds before intermission. Two free throws by David Henley and a lay-up by Hall seemed to get Carlisle going.

In the third quarter Carlisle County's offense started hitting, and its defense seemed to rattle Owensboro.

Including the last four points of the second quarter, Carlisle Co. outscored Owensboro 18-4 to lead 33-27 at the end of the third quarter.

"In the third quarter they started going inside, using their size," said Owensboro coach Randy Embry, whose team has no player who is taller than 6 feet 2.

In the fourth quarter Carlisle County jumped to its biggest lead, 46-35, with 3:17 remaining. But Owensboro wouldn't give up.

The third Region champions, who have made more trips to the State Tournament (33) than any other school, scored the game's next eight points to trail 46-43 with 1:43 remaining.

Carlisle County (40-3) still led 51-47 with 33 seconds remaining after two free throws by Henley, who finished with 12 points and hit all six of his foul shots.

Owensboro senior guard Chucky Taylor, who led the Red Devils with 14 points, hit a jumper from the left side with 27 seconds remaining.

After an Owensboro timeout, Vernon Sutherland committed his fifth personal when he fouled the Comets' David Rambo. But Rambo, who hadn't been to the line in any of Carlisle County's games in the tournament, missed.

Owensboro rebounded and had a chance to tie the score, but Brad Loucks missed a short jumper from the right side with nine seconds remaining.

In his haste to rebound Loucks fouled Rambo with eight seconds left. It was Loucks' fifth foul, and it gave Rambo a chance to ice the game.

But the playmaking guard missed, and Owensboro rebounded. Taylor got off a jump shot from around the free-throw line with three seconds, but the ball kicked high. Taylor and Rambo went after the ball as the horn sounded.

"Yes, I thought there was a foul." said Embry. "From where I was sitting the referee (Don Byars of Lexington) had his hand in the air before the horn went off."

Embry was implying that Byars, who was stationed out of bounds on the right side of the baseline, was going to call a foul before the horn sounded to end the game.

"From where I was sitting I couldn't see," said Slone. "He had a better view."

Carlisle County didn't shoot as well as it had its two previous games, when it shot 53.8 percent.

And it again didn't shoot free throws well. In their first three tournament games the Comets made only 45 of 71- 63.4 percent.

"I was worried about their press and us making bad passes," said Slone. "The only thing we didn't do well was hit our fouls shots at the end of the game."

"We've been planning on this since 4th grade," said Hall. "We had all this figured out.

"We were hoping Louisville Male (ranked No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll) would have been here so we could prove who's No. 1."

Carlisle…..…..9 19 33 51
Owensboro…...12 23 27 49

Carlisle (51)
York 13, P. Hall 13, J. Tyler 9, Henley 12, Rambo 4, Wilson, M. Tyler.

Owensboro (49)
Loucks 10, Sutherland 13, Johnson 10, Taylor 14, White 2, Buck, Henning.

Henry Clay's Victim
Picks Comets To Win

Minutes after his Louisville Fairdale team was crushed by Lexington Henry Clay, Coach Stan Hardin made a somewhat surprising prediction.

Carlisle County, Hardin said, would win tonight's championship game of the Kentucky Boys High School Basketball Tournament.

"I think Carlisle County is going to make you play their type of game," Hardin said. "They've played about 40 games and they've been under every kind of situation you can think of."

Hardin's prediction surprised some visitors to the Fairdale locker room because the 86-61 beating inflicted by Henry Clay had been the most decisive of the tournament.

So dominant were the Blue Devils that they had 18 points on the board before Fairdale scored.

Relentlessly attacking Fairdale inside, Henry Clay led 21-5 after one quarter, 35-17 at halftime and by as much as 29 points six occasions in the second half. The Bulldogs never made a game of it.

Carlisle Comets' "Dream"
Only One Game Short.
One More Win And
Dream Will Come True

There were very few Carlisle fans who dreamed their team would be playing for the state championship here Sat. night at Rupp Arena.

"It's been a good year, regardless. I think the whole town of Bardwell is here. As a matter of fact, we have some people here that haven't seen a game in 10 yrs.

"It's probably for the best… both of the town's funeral home directors made the trip, as well as the town druggist." Said Billy Thomason, a Bardwell resident, said he knew down deep that Carlisle would make it to the final game. "Really deep down, I thought they would make it. These boys have been playing together so long, and they wanted to get here. They believed they could do it."

David Dubrock, a druggist in Arlington, said he thought the Comets were good enough to play for the state championship.

"I really thought they could do it. But the important thing is these kids thought they could do it. I know everybody in proud of them because they made it this far."

Ernest Lee Williams, a bank president from Arlington, had a special interest in the success of the Carlisle team. His son, Ricky, is a member of the team.

"It really feels good to have a son on this team. This is a good bunch of kids. It couldn't have happened to a nicer bunch of kids. Win or not, we are still proud of them."

Denise Ellegood, a 17-yr. old senior from Cunningham, says after the Comets won the Regional, every win was a bonus.

"Our main goal was to get to the state. Since we are in the finals, its just that much better."

Lana Burgess, a senior from Arlington, said the goal for the Carlisle supporters changed as the team progressed. "At the first of the year, we wanted the team to get to the state. When we got here, we wanted to win. Win or lose, we have really done great."

"It's great to be here," said Tricia Scott, a 14-yr.-old from Arlington. "It is going to take a while for it to sink in that we played for the state championship. If we don't win, then it's still great to be second."

Jennifer Felts, 15, was not going to be disappointed whatever the final outcome. "We came in here No. 3 in the state and the worst we could be is No. 2. It's been a great season either way. I know the team will do the best they can, and that's all we can ask."

Lori Larkins, a senior from Bardwell, said nothing would hamper her happiness, "It's a great way to end the season."

The Carlisle team will have a motorcade back to Bardwell in the morning and is expected to arrive home around 3 p.m. The motorcade will stop at the Lourdes Hospital exit on I-24, where Coca-Cola of Paducah will stage a special welcome for the contingent.

Ky. State Tourn.
Championship

Henry Clay Edges Carlisle In State Tourney Final. Comets Come Home One Trophy Short After Last-Second Loss.

Carlisle Co.	**33**
Lexington Henry Clay	**35**

03-19-83 - Away

Carlisle County's basketball team returns home today with four trophies. But it was the one they did not win, the one for the state championship, the Comets wanted the most.

Lexington Henry Clay's Greg Bates tipped in a missed shot by Steve Miller as time expired in the 3rd overtime here Sat. night to give the Devils a 35-33 victory, and the state title over the First Region champs, before a crowd of 19,500 at Rupp Arena.

After both teams missed last second attempts in the end of the regulation play, the game turned into a battle of wits and patience.

With the scored tied at 29 at the end of regulation, Carlisle County controlled the tip and kept the ball the entire three minuets. Finally, with five seconds left Phillip Hall missed a shot from the left corner and Male's sling at the buzzer missed the mark.

In the second overtime, Carlisle center John Tyler again controlled the tip. This time the Comets worked the ball around and took the lead with 1:10 left, when Hall found a wide-open Keith York for a lay-up. But with 46 seconds left, Tyler blocked a Greg Bates' shot, and was called for a foul on the play. Bates, who eventually would sink the game-winner, made both shots to knot the score at 31.

Carlisle worked the final 36 seconds off the clock but missed a chance to win the game when York's long ranged jumper from the corner missed the mark.

Hall's determination after missing a lay-up provided the Comets only score in the final overtime. The 6-foot-2 senior followed up his missed shot by stealing the ball from a Henry Clay player, and gave Carlisle a bucket lead with 2:00 left in the stanza.

Seconds later David Rambo fouled Henry Clay guard Jeff Blandon, who made the one-and-one to knot the score.

On the next possession, the most controversial call of the night occurred when Hall was called for a 5-second violation after taking three dribbles after catching the ball.

Henry Clay got the ball back, and worked the clock down to nine seconds, then called a timeout. After three passes in the offense, Miller took a shot with two seconds left, that missed, and Bates tipped in the winning basket.

While Henry Clay claimed the state crown, the Comets grabbed three individual and one team honors.

Hall was named the recipient of the Ted Sanford award and was also named to the state tourn. team. York joined Hall on that 10-man squad and the Carlisle team was awarded the second place trophy.

Still, with a state tournament record 40 wins against four losses, the Comets could not hold back the tears after failing to become the first team in 24 years from the First Region to win the state crown.

Hall, with tears in his eyes, and sore ribs, after taking a terrible tumble, when he was fouled viciously by Robert Warfield with 2:43 remaining in regulation, refused to dwell on the questionable call in the overtime. "I'm not a referee .... I couldn't tell.

"The individual award means a lot, but this is the state tourn. We had a couple of opportunities to win the game and didn't. You can't let calls bother you. If you get knocked out, you have to get up and come back strong."

In regulation play Carlisle trailed 15-12 at the end of the first half, and cut that deficit to a point (23-22) as the 4th quarter began.

Hall's driving lay-up from the baseline gave Carlisle its biggest lead of the game, 26-23 with 4:12 remaining.

But with 1:42 Henry Clay tied the score (29-29) with Bates jumper, which set the stage for the three overtime marathon.

"We tried our best," said Tyler, fighting back the tears. "They tried their best, too. We had chances to win the game, but they just didn't go in."

"I really don't know what to say," said York. "There really wasn't just one play that decided the game. We had our chances."

"This team gave it their best shot," said Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone, after his team had lost the lowest scoring championship game in the last 40 years of the state tournament.

"They played their hearts out and they have nothing to be ashamed of. They can walk out of here with their heads up high."

As far as the battle between the coaches, Henry Clay mentor Al Prewitt said the Comets controlled the game.

"I have to say it was the type of game you would expect from the 2 best teams in the state," said the Henry Clay coach, whose wife lay on her death bed as the Devils were winning the state title.

"I saw Carlisle County in the King of the Bluegrass and the LIT and I told a lot of people that they were a team to be reckoned with. They took us totally out of our game. I know how Coach Slone feels because I brought a team here in '75 and lost a game to Male like this one. But I wouldn't cloud this victory for anything. We were just lucky enough to win it."

Miller, who was named the tourn. Most Valuable Player, led the Devils with 14 pts. and 11 rebs. Bates was next in line with 9 pts. Henry Clay finishes the season with a 32-2 record.

Carlisle County was led by Hall's 12 points while David Henley, who kept the Comets in the game in the early going with long range shots, counted 8.

Henry Clay…...8 15 23 29 29 31 35
Carlisle….....10 12 22 29 29 31 33

Carlisle (33)
York 4, P. Hall 12, J. Tyler 2, Henley 8, Rambo 2, Wilson 1, M. Tyler 4.
Fgs. 16/45 25.5%, Fts. 1/2 50%, Rebs. 22, Turnovers 13, Record 40-4.

Henry Clay (35)
Bates 9, Warfield 4, Miller 14, Blandon 8, Moment, Willis, Thompson.
Fgs. 15/44 34.1%, Fts. 5/7 71.4%, Rebs. 30, Turnovers 13, Record 33-2.

These Comets
Were Special

It was an old fashioned barn burner last Saturday night. The Carlisle County Comets, met the Henry Clay Blue Devils, in the state's most prestigious basketball facility, Rupp Arena.

This game was for all the marbles, including bragging rights to being No. 1. Both teams played their hearts out. Three overtimes later, after regulation play had ended, the winner was Henry Clay by two points.

If you weren't one of at least half of Carlisle County present at the game, you needn't feel sorry for the Comets. As one older fellow said, "They done the county proud".

We all knew this Carlisle Comet team was different from any of recent memory. They kept telling the fans that their goal was to win the State Basketball Tournament. Forty three wind-swept games later, the Comets were where they wanted to be at the finals of the Sweet Sixteen.

An hour before the final game the Comet fans were filling their cheering section at one end of Rupp arena. All the seats were reserved. But, that didn't make any difference. The fans wanted to experience every waking moment of events surrounding the championship game. The fans were taking their seats early. That hour before the game was special.

You see, the Comet team joined the fans in exchanging words of encouragement and smiles. Lots of smiles, because whatever was to happen in the game, could not over shadow the fact that the Comets had come a long way.

Forty minutes before game time, the team departed the stands to trade street clothes for basketball uniforms. The association of fan to player was important. Both needed one another.

Looking at the other end of Rupp Arena, Henry Clay fans straggled in, their team nowhere in site.

Yes, the Carlisle Comets were different.

At 8:00 p.m., both teams took to the floor. The Comets looked good in center court on the same playing surface where big time college basketball teams battle one another. The Comets looked fresh and eager for the contest. They had waited a long time for this game.

The tip-off started play with Henry Clay controlling. Although the contest was to result in a low score, there was plenty of excitement.

As the game wore on, the Comets' endurance and patience kept them neck and neck with Henry Clay. The Blue Devils were big and quick and their bench was long. Simply speaking, the Comets made Henry Clay play their game, slow, deliberate, intelligent play.

By the end of regulation time, the Comet team had won over every spectator in Rupp Arena who wasn't from Henry Clay. With 19,000 persons present, it appeared that two-thirds were rooting for the Comets. It was just like one of the big crowds that regularly turn out to support a home University of Kentucky game.

Through all the action, the Comet fans were loud, boisterous and demanding. They wanted their team to win. After the game was over, after the trophies were handed out, the Comet cheering section stayed intact. But, time had run out. There would be no losers in this game. The Carlisle fans gave out one more cheer. "We're still proud of you."

Two fine basketball teams, rated No. 1 and No. 3 in the state, had proven that Kentucky is basketball and a lot more. This Comet team had placed themselves in the record books for all time. They had put Carlisle Co. on the map.

The team brought Carlisle Countians together, three hundred miles from home in the basketball capital of Kentucky to cheer and be cheered in a contest of the best. Being from a small rural area can be something special. The Comet team proved it. Thank you Comets, for showing Carlisle Countians and the State of Kentucky such a class act.

"We shall remember you."

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40 Victories Not Quite Enough
For This Carlisle Co. Team

The distance they had traveled and the improbability of their dream, made its failure no less easy to bear. Not now. Forty victories would make any team's season. But, it missed by one, making the "Dream Come True" for the young players on a Cinderella team from a tiny school in Western Kentucky, that were bent on winning the Boys' State Tournament, since the 4th grade.

We played the way we wanted to play," said Carlisle coach Craynor Slone. "We just came up 2 pts. short."

Sweet Sixteen lore feeds on teams like the Comets. A school whose enrollment is only 265. A team whose players did not resemble players at all. Until they hit the floor.

There, The Comets were a well-oiled machine, a selfless, ante-star, fundamental-loving wonder that Slone had molded into an astounding success.

"You've got to remember that this team has been together since the 4th grade," Henry Clay Coach Al Prewitt told a radio interviewer after the morning semifinals. "When one of them belches, the others know what he ate."

They don't play football at Carlisle Co. Instead they play 44 basketball games a season, and this season the Comets won 37 in earning the state tourn. berth. In Lexington, first Breathitt Co., then Scott Co., then Owensboro, fell by the wayside in the patient Comet blaze. Coaches and other experts shook their heads in wonder. The fans nodded their heads in adoption.

There, waiting in the final, was the Comets' antithesis. In Henry Clay, here was a big-city school with an enrollment of 1,680, a team of proclaimed individual talent that – while Carlisle made a 5-hour bus trip to Lexington – could have walked to Rupp Arena.

Also, the Devils liked to run and gun and the Comets certainly did not. But as the pattern had developed all week, it was Carlisle that controlled the slow, tense tempo. "That was the only way we could have beaten them," Slone said.

And the Comets so nearly did. But as is always the case in close losses, there were plays to reanalyze, rethink. Turning points.

One came in regulation when Phillip Hall came charging in for a lay-up with a little less than three minutes left that would have given Carlisle a 3-pt. lead. But the Devils' Robert Warfield, an All-State defensive back in football, came bounding in on a collision course to stop it.

In front of the Carlisle Co. cheering section, Hall was slammed to the floor hard, on his side, writhing in pain. The Comet contingent booed, and littered the floor with ice and coins, calling for Warfield's expulsion, while Hall eventually rose and later returned to the action.

"I hurt my side," Hall said. "But in the State Tourn., you can't worry about that."

The two would meet again. In the second overtime, the score tied at 31, the Comets had the ball when Hall slipped while crossing the time line and was tied up by Warfield. The Devils won the tip, but both teams missed shots forcing the third OT.

"At first I thought Phillip was tripped," Slone said. "But he didn't say anything about it, so I believe he did slip."

"I'm not a referee, said Hall. "So I can't say."

The third and most critical instance came in the third overtime with the score tied at 33. For the third straight time, Carlisle was cautious, looking for the final shot. "If we couldn't get a lay-up we weren't going to shoot." Slone said.

But the Comets became a little too cautious, and Hall was called on a 5-second count. "We were trying to get into another offense," Slone said. "He couldn't penetrate. Those (the 5-second call and the jump ball) were the two crucial calls of the game.

"I'm real proud of our kids," said Slone. "They're down now, but I think later they'll realize what they've done. They thought they could win it. They just came up a little short."

"Comets Shot Down."
Devil's Bates In Right Place At
Right Time For Winning Shot.

Greg Bates, in the words of Henry Clay Coach Al Prewitt, "was where he was supposed to

be," when the 6-foot-3 senior made one of the most famous shots in the history of Kentucky high school basketball.

Bates, stationed on the right side of the Henry Clay basket, tipped in teammate Steve Miller's missed shot with just one second remaining, last night to give the Blue Devils a three overtime 35-33 victory over Carlisle County in the 66th Boy's State Tournament final, before 19,500 fans at Rupp Arena.

"Bates was in the perfect position," said Prewitt, who won his first state title in six appearances as a coach at Henry Clay.

"That's Greg's play. He saw the ball, went up and got it and put it back in the basket. He does the impossible time after time. You come to expect that type of play out of him."

Surprisingly enough, Bates scored off of a broken play. Henry Clay, with 9 seconds left, had the ball out of bounds. Junior guard Roy Moment was looking to pass to Robert Warfield for a cross-court jump shot.

"The play is called 'side out,' Prewitt said. "It's an eight second play which is designed for a cross court pass to Warfield for the shot. We run it every day, but we couldn't do it against their defense."

Carlisle County, playing the passing lanes aggressively, forced Henry Clay to consider another option.

"At that point, I just wanted to get the ball inbounds," said Moment.

Warfield received the pass and saw Miller moving along the left baseline, some 15 feet away from the basket.

"I was supposed to get the ball from Jeff (Blandon) over in the (right) corner," Warfield said. "But they closed it off, so I came and got the ball."

"I never touched the ball during that play," said Blandon, Henry Clay's best ball handler.

Back to Moment. The 6-2 forward had a decision to make. The Blue Devils were out of timeouts.

"I saw Steve in the corner, and it looked like he had a pretty good shot," Moment said, "So I passed it to him."

Miller who led all scorers with 14 points, received the pass, turned left toward the baseline, and shot with about three seconds left on the clock.

I didn't have time to think about it," Miller said. "Everything happened so quickly. I just shot the ball."

Miller's shot was long.

Underneath the basket, bodies were flying. The crowd stood as one, shouting.

Bates, stationed just outside of that confusion on the right baseline, leaped high for the rebound.

No more than two seconds remained.

"When I looked at the clock, I saw 2 seconds," Bates said. "The only thing to do was put it up."

"I thought I shot it too hard at first, but I turned around and saw a lot of people coming toward me. I just tried to escape," Bates said with a devilish smile.

No doubt, Prewitt was the first to reach him.

"Its sheer ecstasy," Prewitt said, beside himself with joy. "I just can't tell you how beautiful that ball looked going through the basket."

Bates, who scored nine points and grabbed six rebounds in 41 minutes of play, also made two free throws in the second overtime to tie the score at 31.

The teams entered the third overtime with Carlisle County winning the tap and taking a 33-31 lead, on a Phillip Hall layup.

Blandon responded with two clutch foul shots, tying the score once again. A record-tying fourth overtime appeared a definite possibility.

But Hall was called for a five second violation with 1:25 left.

The Blue Devils dribbled 1:16 off the clock before Blandon called a time out with nine seconds left.

"We were trading baskets back and forth, back and forth," Bates said. "I thought it would go on all night.

"During our last timeout he (Prewitt) told us to put the ball in the basket, no matter what happened."

Bates responded nicely, putting the pieces of a broken play back together, with a play that has become his trade mark.

Sweet Sixteen Final Was A Rare Classic

In the last couple of years, I have started to feel when you see so many basketball games, you have seen them all. The games began to resemble each other. After all, jump shots, dunks, and double dribbles all look just alike. After watching the very special game in which Henry Clay defeated Carlisle County, 35 to 33, in three overtimes for the state championship that feeling changed.

"What's the big deal?" lots of championship games go into overtime. I have seen many overtime games, but Saturday's final might have been the toughest 41 minutes a coach ever had to endure, particularly the nine minutes in overtime.

When Carlisle warmed up in the opening round I wondered "How did this bunch of boys ever make it to the state tournament." They were slow, average to poor jumpers and some players appeared to have a problem getting away from the dinner table. I found out quickly how wrong I was, after the first three games. I became a genuine fan of Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone.

Thinking back over the 40 years of tournament play. I have never seen a better coaching performance. The goal of any coach is to take the material available, master the basic skills, put them in the offense and defense schemes, that best suits their talents, develop discipline, and above all control his players. I cannot put into words how well this man has accomplished these goals.

The Carlisle County team was just a machine - they were so well drilled that watching them execute was really a treat. I heard one coach remark "When there team plays, someone should pass out paper and pencil and let's make notes." It was simply a clinic in motion.

True, this team did run a few unique patterns, but the element that made them so special could not be put on paper. It was Carlisle chemistry that comes from respect for each other as well as hours and hours of hard work. I have never seen any group that played their roll as well as these kids. The old saying "Don't judge a book by its cover" fits this group perfectly.

The Henry Clay team was really talented with quickness, leapers and the excellent leadership of Coach Al Prewitt. "The thing that bothers me about Carlisle County is this: I'm afraid they won't play." Prewitt said before the game. "They have the capability to tempo this game to the point that will make it very tough for us to use our talents."

Boy was he right. And that's what made it such a special game. Two totally different types and styles of teams going head-to-head for the ultimate goal.

In my entire basketball life, I have never seen coaches or players put under such intense pressure for so long a period. Henry Clay players were just throbbing inside to turn it on, throw the throttle wide open. They reminded me of a supercharged car, with pistons revving, waiting for a stop light to change. In the next lane was this insignificant looking vehicle sitting quietly, also waiting for the light to change. In the blink of an eye the underdog somehow got in front and would not let the super car go by.

This went on for 41 minutes. During the 32 minutes of regulation play, Carlisle County proved over and over that it can do what it planned, and that was to totally control the game, and make every possession, every shot, and every pass, count. Carlisle had to be efficient on offence because the difference in skill made it impossible to keep Henry Clay from scoring.

At the half the score was 15 to 12, with Carlisle on the short end. You would think that the estimated 20,000 fans would be bored to death, wondering why they did not choose something else to do with their Saturday night. After all, you have to go back to 1943 to find a lower score. "WRONG!"

This game had every fan involved. You could sense you were seeing something very special, something that would be talked about for years.

Carlisle Co. Was Crowd Favorite

Lexington may have been the site for the boys state basketball championship, but that did not have a bearing on who the crowd favored Sat.. night, when local Henry Clay battled Carlisle Co.

Throughout the week, Carlisle captured the hearts and support of the thousands who watched the Comets beat Breathitt Co, Scott Co. and Owensboro to advance to the final game.

Despite bringing the best record to the Sweet Sixteen, Carlisle became the Cinderella team to the state tourn. followers.

And, for all practical purposes, the Comets success in the tourn. had some fairy tale qualities. Bunched among that 16-team field was a polished machine of a basketball team, that represented the smallest school (256 students) in the 4-day event.

Most of the folks had never heard of Carlisle Co., much less the town of Bardwell, nestled in one of the far corners of western Kentucky.

But as the tourn. progressed, and the Comets picked apart foes that had outstanding quickness and individual talent, the followers adopted their second sons. Of course, Carlisle fans were well-represented, but neutral numbers were added to the band wagon.

But in the 4th quarter Sat. night, in the Comets eventual 35-33 3-overtime loss to the Blue Devils, most of the 19,5000 fans were supporting the Comets.

There were a couple of events in that 4th stanza that spurred the following. The first happened when Henry Clay's Greg Bates went high for a rebound and landed on John Tyler, sending the 6-7 junior center sprawling. Tyler lay on the floor of Rupp Arena, stunned from the collision. When he finally got up, more supporters were pledged for the Comet cause.

It was 2 minutes later, with 2:43 left in regulation, that the second incident brought out the crowd favoritism. It happened when David Rambo

picked up a loose ball and hurled it to Phillip Hall who was streaking toward the basket for the lay-up.

Just as Hall was about to lay the ball in, Henry Clay's Robert Warfield – an All-State defensive back on the Blue Devils football team – hammered the Comet guard from behind. Hall rolled on the floor in pain.

But the emotions didn't stir until the game official signaled two shots. The crowd thought the infraction was a flagrant foul and a chorus of deafening boos filled the Arena when Warfield was not ejected. The floor was also pelted with debris.

Hall, who had to be taken out of the game because of the injury, had hit 7 of 11 attempts from the line in the three previous games. Greg Wilson was ushered in to shoot the fts. but had hit only 25% (1 for 4) in the tourn. Wilson missed the first throw and made the second. Had Hall, the better shooter, been able to shoot the fts., one can speculate the game might not have gone into overtime.

Even when the game was over, and the slipper had failed to fit the Cinderella Comets, the crowd still gave Carlisle Co. the warmest reception when the awards were passed out.

It was evident the state tourn. crowd had fallen in love with this Carlisle Co. team. The Comets' determined style of play and good sportsmanship qualities, helped to create that.

While Carlisle worked the ball patiently against the Henry Clay defense, the Blue Devils supporters hawked "boring, boring" while the rest of the crowd cheered the effort.

And in the first two victories over Breathitt Co. and Scott Co., the Comet players went out of their way to go by the opponents bench and shake hands when the final substitutions were made, when it was evident the outcome was decided.

You can forget the cliché nobody ever remembers who finished second.

The 1982-83 Carlisle Co. team has changed that by setting a state tourn. record for most victories in a season (40) and by winning the hearts of most of the 60,000 people who saw them play in the Sweet Sixteen.

Ladies, Gentlemen, "Always"

During the past 9 seasons, as head coach in either girls or boys basketball, I have tried to instill in my players, especially the incoming freshmen, the fact that there probably will come a time, when they meet as opposing player, who will be a little quicker, jump a little higher, shoot a little straighter, or play defense a little tougher, than they – but they should never encounter a player who showed more sportsmanship, showed more respect for opposing players, officials, or fans, or exhibited more class than themselves – that this is one thing they could at least be equal to anyone. They can be basketball players but a few short years. They can be ladies or gentlemen the rest of their lives.

For those people who coached against, played against, or just saw the Carlisle Co. Comets and their coach Craynor Slone this yr., they know that they witnessed a very class act. I tip my hat to Coach Slone, and his Comets as should everyone in the 1st region.

Their accomplishments in the Sweet Sixteen may one day be equaled, but they can never be surpassed. They exemplify what a basketball team truly is.

David Elliott,
Head Coach,
Fulton City High School.

Devoted Fans Feel Lovable
Comets Are Real Champs

"If this ball team had a game to play in Alaska on Wednesday, you'd have 300 people getting their gear ready to go right now," said Rozella Young. "Let me tell you we are in love with this ball team." She meant the Carlisle County High School Comets, runner up in the state boy's high school basketball tournament in Lexington.

Mrs. Young, the team's scorekeeper, was part of a contingent of about 750 Comet fans, who braved a chilly, rainy, day to welcome their team home in grand style.

Carlisle lost in triple overtime Saturday night at Rupp Arena, to Lexington Henry Clay in the state championship game. The score was 35 to 33. Despite the loss, only the weather was gloomy at the high school near here, where the team was received more like the victor than the vanquished. "See what's on the back of that jacket?" asked Mrs. Young, a basketball scorekeeper for 37 years. Emblazoned in gold letters was "Comet Pride."

It was that kind of season for the team, from one of the smallest schools in Kentucky. Sometimes the enrollment of schools the Comets played, was more than the entire population of the small town of Bardwell, the county seat.

The Comets were David, matched against Goliaths. They felled every giant but one. The high school here has 277 students. Champion Henry Clay approaches 2,000 in enrolment.

Mrs. Young, who resides in Bardwell, was glad to recite a list of statistics about her team:

<Forty wins against four losses this season.

<Thirteen times the winner of the First District title in 26 yrs. as a consolidated high school.

<Nine times the First District runners-up.

It was drizzling steadily when the team pulled into the school parking lot at the head of a motorcade, which reportedly stretched for more than a mile.

Guard Phillip Hall, who made the all-tournament team, was one of the first to emerge from a blue and white van. "We're number two," he said, laughing as team members hoisted the runner-up trophy above their heads.

That brought cheers from the fans – the first of many ovations for Hall, a senior, and his team-mates.

Then came a swirl of maroon-and-gold shakers, tournament pennants and hand-lettered banners, all the ingredients needed for victory parties.

The disappointment and bitter tears of defeat seemed to have been left behind in Rupp Arena, where the Lexington team had turned Carlisle away with a last-second shot in the third overtime before 19,500 fans.

Tears flowed freely, but so did the smiles, cheers, and laughter as the group moved into the gymnasium, past a sign that read "God's country." It's nice to be home," principal Burley Mathis told the crowd. "We won 40 games and lost four. To me, that makes us the number one team in Kentucky." Loud cheers followed.

The only face missing from the celebration was that of Coach Craynor Slone. "He's home sick in bed," said Mathis. "He is physically and emotionally exhausted."

Slone made it to parent-teacher day, but Mathis said the coach probably should have stayed home with what could be a touch of flu. Students got an extra break, since they don't attend school on teacher conference day.

Assistant coaches Frankie Brazzell and Todd Johnson served as stand-ins for Slone at Sunday's ceremony.

School board member Larry Wilson, of the Milburn community, said, "This team is made up of true Christians and true boys. After they learned how to be that, they went out and played the game of basketball as a team."

The political delegation Sunday consisted of State Sen. Greg Higdon of Fancy Farm and State Rep. Butch Burnette of Fulton, whose districts include Carlisle Co.

U.S. Rep. Carroll Hubbard, who cheered the Comets in Lexington and visited with the team and fans, had wanted to attend the homecoming but couldn't rearrange his schedule.

Higdon said he spent Saturday night listening to the championship game on the radio. He was at chamber of commerce dinner in Mayfield.

"Everything rolled to a stop as the game progressed," said Higdon. "Every one of them were there was pulling for the Comets."

News of that support from partisans of Mayfield High School, a rival of Carlisle, brought more applause and cheers.

Burnette said he shared Higdon's pride in the team.

A stream of other Comet fans followed Burnette to the microphone.

"My biggest thrill was this week," said teacher Jimmy Henley, who, as head coach then, took the 1975 Comets to the state tournament. He is the father of Comet senior David Henley.

Arlington druggist David Dubrock said, "I've cried twice in the last 24 hours – when the game was over and when we came off the interstate at Lourdes Hospital."

At Lourdes, at the I-24 interchange in Paducah, the Coca-Cola Co. of Paducah staged a special welcome for the team, and the motorcade added more cars.

The Coke folks provided signs and soft drinks for the team at the rally, too.

Hall, who earned the state tournament's sportsmanship award, took over the microphone about half-way through the festivities. He acted as an impromptu emcee for the rest of the program, introducing cheerleaders, players, the equipment manager and his assistant.

When Hall called out the name of Keith York, an Arlington senior, Hall's voice was choked.

"He's been like a brother to me," said Hall, fighting back tears. The two ballplayers embraced at the center of the stage.

As the celebration wound down after over an hour, Hall urged the fans into a brief, final pep rally for the seniors, and the weepy cheerleaders took the floor to lead the cheers.

Comets Glorious Flight
Dazzles First Region.
Team's Achievements
Etched In Slone's Mind.

History fades quickly from the mind of the casual spectator, no matter how intrigued they may be by its plot.

Even the "David and Goliath" story that unfolded in the Boys' State Tourn. Championship game between giant Lexington Henry Clay, and tiny Carlisle Co., will dissolve.

"People around the state may forget this season and the state tourn. but people in Carlisle

Co. won't ever forget," said Carlisle Co coach Craynor Slone, the Purchase Coach of the Year.

"They (Carlisle Co.) have been there before but never won a game. They nearly had the whole thing. Well, we did have it, but it slipped away.

"It hurt quite a bit because we were so close and may never get the opportunity again. It just wasn't meant for us to win, I imagine. We did everything we could do.

"It's one (season) I'll never forget."

Slone and the Comets' best efforts nearly brought back a state tourn. title to Carlisle Co., as little "David" fell to "Goliath" (Henry Clay) in triple overtime, on a last-second tip-in.

However, the Comets had already molded a memorable record-breaking season before they reached that championship. Finishing the year with a state record 40 wins, without a loss to western Ky. teams, Slone was able to win his second First Region coaches' selection in a row.

Slone's team comprised of mostly seniors, finished the regular season 32-3 before winning the First District and First Region tourn. titles. The only losses came to the nation's top-ranked and unbeaten Baltimore Dunbar, MD., team and Kentucky's top-ranked team, Louisville Male, and Louisville Ballard, who lost to Henry Clay in the state tourn. semifinals.

Such an impressive record is hardly new for the Comets since Slone became coach. In the last 4 yrs. he has led the Comets to an 116-25 mark for a .822 win percentage.

Last yr., with a team comprised mainly of juniors, comprised a 35-5 record, a figure that earned him Coach of the Year honors and put a tremendous amount of pressure on his team.

"I'm really happy for these kids because they went through a lot," said Slone. "It's very hard to have preseason pressure of the rankings all along and keep it all yr.

"But we stayed loose all yr. We had one team meeting to talk about the pressure at the start of the yr. All we could do was give 110%, all the time."

"They went out and gave their best shot always. They were a very consistent group."

Just a look at the winning record for Slone's group of seniors could explain that consistency. Since Phillip Hall, David Henley and Keith York became starters as sophomores, the Comets have a 92-18 record.

What has been the secret of success?

"What we try to do is not play to the strength of the team you're playing," said Slone. Tilghman's strength is getting the ball up and down the floor and we just didn't let them play that way.

"Against other people we could run against, we ran. Against teams like Henry Clay the only chance to win the game was the way we played. We held the ball for a very good shot. They wanted to run and we wouldn't let them.

"We made teams play the way they really didn't want to play."

"No one can argue with his philosophy," said Tilghman coach Berny Miller, the Comets greatest nemesis this season. "He won 70 games, and to do that the past two yrs. is not easy. You have to be good to do that."

"I don't think they would have done as well with another style. I think he did a great job of fitting his offense and defense with his team's style. That's what a good coach will do."

"There is no way we could have done well in the state tourn. and ran and shot with the teams we played." admits Slone. "That's what they did best."

Sometimes that style was criticized during the state tourn., but the results never were. No matter what the style, Slone could count on one result.

With Us,
Comets Are Still No. 1

With us, with most Western Kentuckians, indeed with most Kentuckians, the Carlisle Co. Comets are No. 1, no matter what the scoreboard said.

At the end of one of the most thrilling basketball finals in the history of the Kentucky High School Basketball Tournament, the Comets had fallen 2 pts. short of the state championship, last Sat. night.

Until literally the last second of the triple-overtime game it looked as if Carlisle Co. might stage the David-and Goliath act again, and win over its big-school rival, for the top spot in Ky. High School Basketball.

The game illustrates why many Kentuckians resist the notion of splitting the tourn. up into divisions, with the smaller schools in one division, and the bigger ones in another.

If that ever happens, it will make it impossible for David to meet Goliath. Kentucky likes nothing better than to see a team from a tiny school defeat the best of the bigger schools for the state championship.

Those who favor divisional play contend that the big schools have too great as advantage over the small ones. Carlisle Co. High School disproved that. One twist of fate and the Comets would be state champs, though Henry Clay is nearly 10 times its size.

Their exploits have provided an unmatched boost for community morale.

They will be a story to tell and retell for yrs. to come.

It hurts to come so close and fall short. Inevitably, you replay the game mentally, seeing a dozen places where the bounce of the ball might have yielded victory, instead defeat. It hurts to confront the unyielding fact that opportunities once lost, never return.

But the youngsters who make up the Carlisle Co. squad have nothing whatever to apologize for. They have given all of western Ky. a thrill. And they have given an example for other young people, an example of work, dedication and wholesome endeavor and striving for a lofty goal.

Not incidentally, they accomplished what no other Ky. High School team has ever accomplished, not even Henry Clay. They won 40 basketball games in this remarkable season. They have been playing together since elementary school days, and they have formed bonds of friendship that will last them a lifetime. Not many people get the chance to experience the rewards of common effort with such exalted results.

To them and their fine coach, Craynor Slone, who was left physically and emotionally drained by the effort, go the thanks and the congratulations of the whole area.

Carlisle Dealt Thoughts
Of Classification A Blow

While Carlisle County came up a 2 stones short in its "David and Goliath" battle against Henry Clay in Lexington last week, the Comets had enough ammunition to deal a severe, if unintentional, blow to hopes of classification in the state.

Classification? Basketball?

If Carlisle County High School, 265-strong, could come that close to winning the state basketball title, there seems little reason to change the existing tournament format.

However the nature of athletics is to remember winners and forget losers. The Comets almost did it, but it was Henry Clay which wore the crown.

Carlisle was clearly the best of the states "little guys" but whether that earns a place in sports memory only time can reveal.

The Comets deserve more. The state championship of a smaller class seems appropriate.

Only now after Carlisle has failed to win the overall championship of the state, does it sound like a lesser award. But if classification had existed as the season began, there would be no question.

Ask football fans in Mayfield if the Cardinals 2A state championship were tainted. All the Graves Countians know is that they were state champions.

The folks at Carlisle County can't say that and we all know what "close counts for."

While I'm on the subject of football, why doesn't the commonwealth classify that sport?

In football it's unthinkable to ask a class A school to overcome a 4A, 3A or even 2A club to earn state recognition. Why ask a basketball player to do something you don't expect of his football counterpart?

And at state track meet, a team trophy is given in each of the three classes.

Track is basically an individual sport. It seems more practical for a ten-second sprinter in the 100-meter dash to compete against runners with his abilities, rather than runners from the same size school.

Why is classification good for football but not good for basketball?

Kentucky is one of the three states in the nation which has not gone to classification in basketball. Indiana and New Jersey join the commonwealth to comprise the backward trio.

Surrounding states Illinois and Tennessee have very successful classified tournaments that draw full houses, spreading much-needed revenue to athletic programs throughout those states.

There's no debate that "The Sweet Sixteen" is steeped in tradition. But should tradition be the major argument against the greatest determent to classification?

By that logic, if football had a more "clever name" for its playoffs we would not have the four football classes - five if you consider Jefferson County - we have today.

Representatives of Kentucky High School Athletic Association's board of control have said for years that people don't want to change the state basketball tournament format.

A call to KHSAA questioning basketball classification elicits a standard response - nobody is interested in a change … or … our board of control has looked at that.

When a board member says "people" don't want change, and don't want basketball classified, no one seems able to identify who those "people" are.

Interestingly, a number of first Region basketball coaches have indicated a desire for classification.

What do the fans want? Probably nobody truly knows. But why not find out.

The state tournament is an event and perhaps even more to the point, a sold-out event.

But the KHSAA doesn't, or at least shouldn't, exist for the primary purpose of

generating income for itself, with the least amount of work, on the part of association officials.

If two tournaments or three or a dozen would better serve the needs of the state's high school athletic programs, why not be responsive to those needs.

Craynor Slone Named
Kentucky Coach Of The Year.

Carlisle County coach Craynor Slone was recently named Lexington Herald-Leader's Coach of the Year.

Coaches around the state gave Slone, who was rewarded with a once in a lifetime season and the satisfaction that his players gave him all that he asked for, and then some, 39 first place votes.

Al Pruitt, who led Lexington Henry Clay to its first state title since 1924 and Maurice Payne of Louisville Male were second and third.

"This was the best group I've ever had," said Slone, on competition of his 5th year as Carlisle County High School coach, "BY FAR."

Slone 45, who hails from Wayland, Kentucky, also the home of "King Kelly Coleman," has always been a head coach. He started at St. Catherine in Bardstown in 1961 after graduating from Morehead State University. Three years later Slone coached at Racine, Ohio, for three years before spending five years at Trimble County. He spent five years at Henry County before moving on to Carlisle County in 1978.

Slone Leaves
For Marshall Post

Looking no farther than the First Region, the Marshal County School Board filled its vacant boys' basketball coaching position, by hiring Carlisle County's Craynor Slone Thursday night.

Slone, who directed Carlisle County to a 40-4 record and state runner up trophy last season, was one of 42 applicants for the Marshall Co. coaching job, announced by Superintendent Reed Connor. The Marshall County position opened up when the board failed to renew the contract of Bobby Toon.

"We had a number of good applicants, but Craynor (Slone) had the experience and had shown an excellent knowledge of the game," said Connor. "His teams have always displayed good poise and seem to be well coached." We think he is an excellent candidate and can help our program. We think he'll be a credit to our entire program, not only on the high school level but also with our feeder programs."

Slone, who coached in Ohio before accepting the Carlisle County position, has crafted a 116-25 mark at Carlisle County in the last four of his five seasons for a .822 winning percentage and four straight First District championships.

In the last two years, the Comets went 70-9, earning Slone two straight Purchase Coach of the Year awards.

This year, the Comets won the First Region title and advanced to the championship game of the Boys' State Tournament, where they lost in double-overtime to Lexington Henry Clay on a last-second shot.

The Comets finished the regular season with a 37-3 record including impressive finishes in the Louisville Invitational and the King of the Blue Grass tournaments.

Their only regular-season losses came to nationally-ranked Baltimore Dunbar, MD., in the King of the Bluegrass finals, and to highly regarded Kentucky schools, Louisville Male in the LIT semifinals and Louisville Ballard in the consolation game.

Those accomplishments kept the Comets ranked among the top five Kentucky boys' high schools on the Associated Press poll for most of the season. They were ranked The Sun's top western Kentucky school throughout the year and were unbeaten by western Kentucky teams.

However, the team will lose nine seniors from that squad, including three-year starters Phillip Hall, Keith York, and David Henley. Only one starter returns for Carlisle County next season.

The same team forged a 30-5 record a year before and reached the semifinals of the First Region tournament before losing to Ballard Memorial.

Hubbard Salutes
Comets On House Floor

The Carlisle County Comets school administrators and cheerleaders were recognized and saluted on the floor of the United States House of Representatives Monday by First District Representative Carroll Hubbard.

Hubbard's floor remarks were published in the Congressional Record, the official record of the House, and are a follows:

"Congratulations, Carlisle County Comets." began Mr. Hubbard.

Mr. Speaker, we have just voted favorably upon H.R. 114, the Oregon Wilderness Bill, a very important bill to many people in Oregon. We have spent over five hours debating and voting on this legislation.

Permit me less than five minutes to speak on a matter of more interest in my district in Kentucky than the Oregon Wilderness Bill.

Last Saturday night, in Lexington Kentucky with 19,500 Kentuckians watching in huge Rupp Arena, a high school boys basketball team from Carlisle County, Kentucky, played one of the big Lexington high schools for the 1983 state championship.

It was David vs. Goliath. Carlisle County, population 5,400 has a high school, grades 9 through 12, with a total enrollment of 265.

Bardwell is the county seat with a population of 1,200. Carlisle County lies on the Mississippi River, in far Western Ky.

Lexington Henry Clay High School grades 10-12, has a student enrollment of 1,582.

After winning 40 out of 43 games and tying the Kentucky high school record for most games won in one season, Carlisle County's Comets, the crowd favorite at every game they played at the state tournament last week, lost the final game to the big Lexington school, 35-33, in three overtimes.

There are only 105 boys in the top three grades at Carlisle County High School. Seven of them, Keith York, Phillip Hall, David Henley, David Rambo, John Tyler, Greg Wilson and Mike Tyler, played in the championship game.

The story of this small school, these players determination and their going all the way to the state finals was front page news in every Kentucky newspaper yesterday.

So, despite the fact that we're taking another minute here, permit me to congratulate the forenamed players, school principle Burley Mathis, the excellent and successful head coach Craynor Slone, assistance coaches Frankie Brazzell and Todd Johnson, manager Tommy Clayton, and yes, why not, the cheerleaders, Lana Burgess, Denise Ellegood, Lori Larkins, Melissa Lindsey, Angie Morrison, Jennifer Felts and Patricia Scott.

I speak for thousands of Kentuckians in extending congratulations to coach Craynor Slone and the Carlisle County High School Comets.

Its Not Whether You
"Win Or Lose....."
High School Basketball Stars
Earn Acclaim With On, Off Court Exploits

"Keith York and Phillip Hall typify the progress that has been made in both the field of athletics and in the area of racial prejudices. These young men, along with their teammates, realized a dream they had held since the 4th grade, to win the state basketball tournament their senior year.

Two young athletes received a great deal of publicity last March, not because their basketball team won, but because it lost. An associated Press photo, showing Keith York of Arlington and Phillip Hall of Bardwell, made just after their team, Carlisle County, lost the State Championship tournament game to Henry Clay High School in Lexington, was widely reprinted in the secular press.

In the photo, York, who is white, has his arms around a crying Hall, who is black, to comfort him. But it was also a moment of victory, for Hall had just won the Ted Sanford Award for sportsmanship. The boys are long time teammates and best friends.

For many years, Kentucky has been noted for its fine basketball teams. However, racial barriers were not broken in athletics until the late '50s, in Kentucky High schools.

York and Hall typify the progress that has been made in both the field of athletics and in the area of racial prejudices. These young men, along with their teammates, realized a dream they had held since the 4th grade, to win the state basketball tournament their senior year.

And the Carlisle County team came within two points of that team goal, in a triple overtime thriller, that will go down in history as a classic, and many coaches say the best All-Time Championship game ever, in Kentucky high school basketball history.

York was recently interviewed by a group of writers who attended a workshop at the Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield.

Facing a group of Baptists is nothing new to York. His father, Robert Alvin York, is a pastor of Arlington First Baptist Church. The elder York once attended Mid-Continent.

York exhibited qualities one might find admirable in a much older man, much less a high school senior. Standing at 6'2" and weighing 220 pounds, York also stands tall in what he believes.

He expressed his love for athletics while giving it proper place in his life. In a day when athletics are idolized, York reaffirmed the basic qualities that go beyond sports. He shared with the group how teamwork, unity and sportsmanship were instilled in him and his teammates by their head coach, Craynor Slone.

The classmates of his basketball family have a good relationship with his parents, and the environment in which he was raised helped him to face defeat gracefully, he said.

Carlisle County has known little defeat in recent years. The last four years they were district champions. Their records for the past two years were 30-5 and 40-4. When asked about the team's feelings after the loss to Lexington Henry Clay, York replied, "We didn't think about it too much at the time, but later we were happy that we had gone so far."

Although feeling sad at the time, the team quickly rebounded and was over-whelmed by the welcome home. Any feelings of failure were dispelled by the assurance of love and support shown by the waiting fans.

As one Carlisle Countian put it, simply.

"JOB WELL DONE!"

"YA'LL DID THE COUNTY PROUD!"

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	Hickman Co.	Symsonia	Lowes	Livingston Co.	Marshall Co.	Fulton Co.	Sedalia	Tilghman	Calloway Co.	Cawood	Jeffersontown	Pulaski Co.	Baltimore Dunbar	Tilghman	Marshall Co.	Livingston Co.	Fulton City	Lone Oak	Ballard Co.	Fulton Co.	Louisville Waggener	Shelby Co.	Lou. Male	
Keith York	8	15	19	13	12	13	18	12	20	22	8	17	18	9	9	11	17	10	11	10	10	20	2	
Greg Wilson	8	4	6	1	0	7	6	0	6	6	2	2	0	13	4	4	8	0	20	7	4	4	6	
Phillip Hall	23	5	11	15	18	12	21	28	24	18	20	10	8	6	15	8	16	12	20	12	18	10	22	
Ken Barriger	2	2	10	1	1	2	8								1	0	9	5	5			0		
John Tyler	10	10	4	5	9	8	6	17	10	4	4	6	4	12	6	9	4	10	8	14	10	10	2	
Mike Tyler	4	5	2	7	2	11	11	3	9	0	2			0	0	18	0	5	1	6		0	2	
David Henley	9	10	10	15	13	20	4	13	10	10	20	15	11	7		10	21	22	10	18	8	4	0	
David Rambo	2	6	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	2	10	6	6	2	0	4	5	4	4	3	0	2	
Jerry Byassee	4	8	4	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	2		0		1	2	6	2	4		5	2	0	
DeWayne Hall	3	6	8	4	0	0	2		6	1			1		2	0	0	2	4	6		0		
Ricky Williams	0	0	4	0	0	0	0		0	0			0		0	0	0	0	4	2		0		
Mike Sams									0						0	0	0	0	0					

1982-83

	Louisville Ballard	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	Mayfield	Knox Central	Marshall Co.	Tilghman	Calloway Co.	Fulton City	Wingo	Ballard Co.	St. Mary	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Murray	Tilghman	Calloway Co.	Breathitt Co.	Scott Co.	Owensboro	Lex. Henry Clay	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Keith York	0	22	15	13	16	13	13	20	11	12	25	16	14	12	6	9	20	26	9	13	4	44	593	13.5
Greg Wilson	1	6	4	4	4	14	6	16	4	0	4	10	5	2	3	2	0	4	5	0	1	44	213	4.84
Phillip Hall	26	16	21	22	9	23	28			22	15	16	8	18	10	26	20	14	20	13	12	42	691	16.5
Ken Barriger	0	0	2		2			3		2	4	14	6	0			4		0			25	83	3.32
John Tyler	4	13	6	4	18	4	10	0	12	10	4	7	9	10	14	9	13	10	8	9	2	44	358	8.13
Mike Tyler	0	2	4	3	12	9	2	12	16	8	12	5	8	0	1	0	2	4	8	0	4	41	200	4.87
David Henley	6					2	6	12	12	9	4	4	6	16	13	8	6	12	6	12	8	39	402	10.3
David Rambo	2	4	5	9	3	2	0	6	6	8	3	6	10	0		0	6	6	2	4	2	43	152	3.53
Jerry Byassee	2	2	7	4	2	4		2		12	0	14	3	5	0		0	0	0			36	105	2.91
DeWayne Hall	0	0		0				2		2	0	2	2	0			2		0			28	55	1.96
Ricky Williams	0	0	2	2				0		2	0		0	0			4		0			27	20	0.71
Mike Sams	0	0		2	2					0	2	2	4	3			9	2	2			18	28	1.55
							Team Record - 40-4						Per Game Avg. - 65.90								Total Pts		2900	

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Keith York	110		148	334	593	1075	9.77
Greg Wilson	71		1	72	213	286	4.02
Phillip Hall	126	30	344	523	691	1588	12.6
Ken Barriger	38			38	83	121	3.18
Mike Tyler	71			145	200	345	4.85
David Henley	109	3	310	415	402	1130	10.4
David Rambo	63		10	28	152	190	3.01
Jerry Byassee	52			35	105	140	2.69
Ricky Williams	57		6	31	20	57	1

1983-84

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ASSISTANT COACH - TODD JOHNSON

TROPHIES WON

GRAVES CO. TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

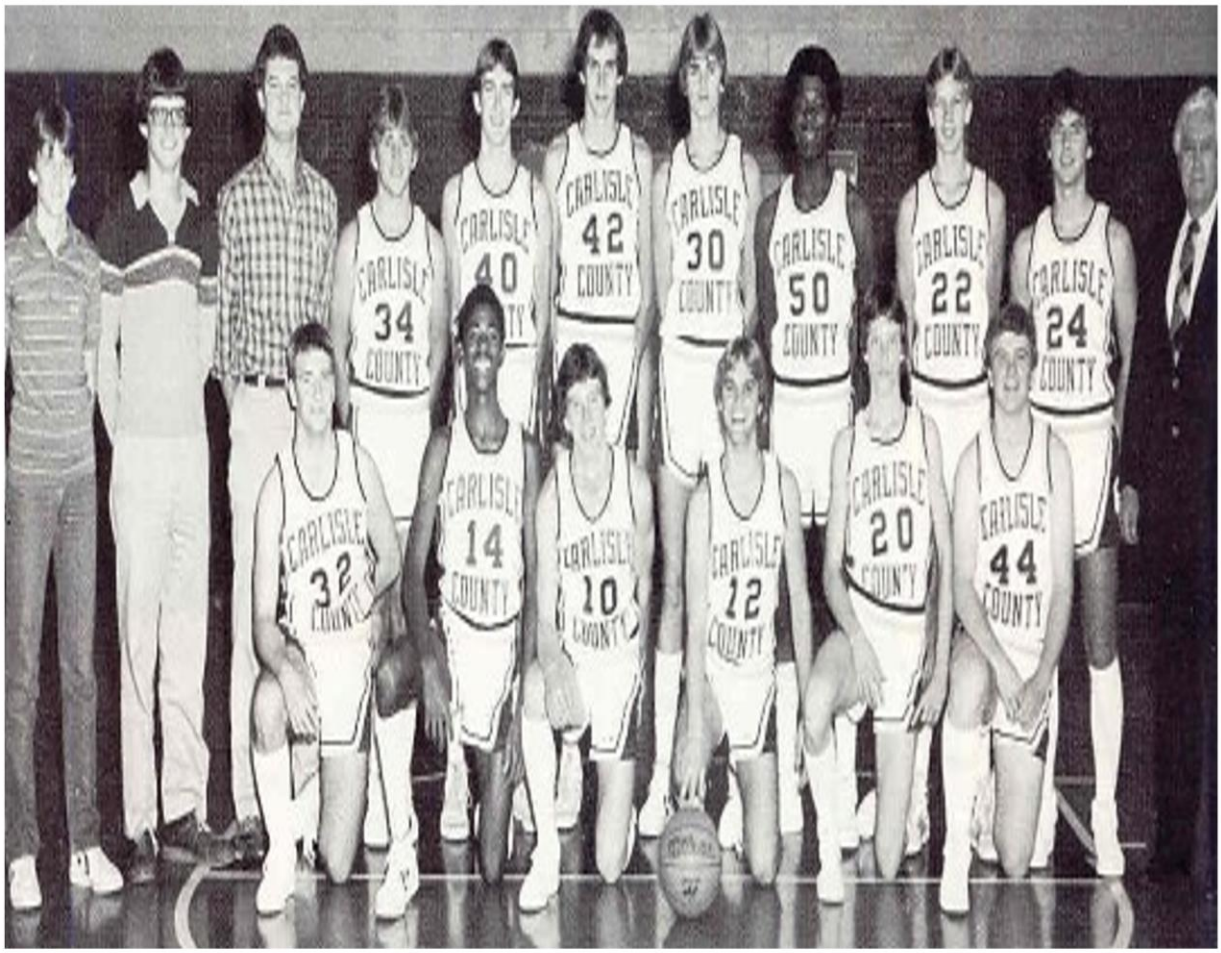
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1983-84

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE
11-15-83	Sedalia	52-45	A - **GRAVES CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-17-83	Lowes	82-61	A - **GRAVES CO. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-18-83	Symsonia	58-45	A - **GRAVES CO. TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
11-21-83	Hickman Co.	51-38	A
11-23-83	Livingston Co.	**53-80**	A - **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-03-83	Marshall Co.	**63-81**	H
12-06-83	Ballard Co.	**50-58**	A
12-09-83	Sedalia	68-56	H
12-12-83	Tilghman	**50-75**	A
12-16-83	Fulton Co	71-64	A
12-29-83	Union City, TN	57-44	A - **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-30-83	Tilghman	**48-55**	A - **TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-03-84	Calloway Co.	63-56	A
01-06-84	Fulton City	69-29	H
01-10-84	Lone Oak	71-39	A
01-14-84	Fulton Co	70-51	H
01-24-84	St. Mary	65-57	H
01-27-84	Hickman Co.	78-50	H
01-28-84	Lowes	77-42	H
01-31-84	Mayfield	50-40	H
02-03-84	Murray	68-58	A
02-04-84	Calloway Co.	95-56	H
02-07-84	Marshall Co.	**56-62**	A
02-10-84	Tilghman	**52-63**	H
02-14-84	Fulton City	55-41	A
02-17-84	Lowes	56-36	A
02-21-84	Wingo	78-63	H
02-23-84	Ballard Co.	65-60 **ot**	H
02-24-84	St. Mary	65-54	A
03-01-84	Hickman Co.	36-23	A - **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-03-84	Fulton Co	54-50	A - **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-06-84	Calloway Co.	**43-44**	A - **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 24-8

1984 Comets – District Champion



Shane McGee, Darin Case, Coach Todd Johnson, Timmy Pearson, Mike Sams, John Tyler, Jeff Crawford, Dewayne Hall, Chad Brown, Kerry Davis, Coach Barr, Kevin Gilbert, Clarence Lumson, Brad Brower, Craig Brown, Mark Lambert, Jimmy Mitchell.

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FINAL RECORD - 24-8

1983-84 COMET ROSTER:
John Tyler, DeWayne Hall, Mike Sams, Kerry Davis, Tim Pearson, Jimmy Mitchell, Chad Brown, Craig Brown, Brad Brower, Clarence Lumson, Mark Lambert, Kevin Garrett, Jeff Crawford.

Slone Leaving
Carlisle County

Carlisle County's coach Craynor Sloan has accepted the boys' basketball coaching position at Marshall County High School, Draftenville, Ky.

The hiring by Marshall County's school board took place last Thursday evening. Sloan who has been coaching at Carlisle for five years, coached in Ohio before coming to Carlisle. He has crafted a 116-25 mark at Carlisle in the last 4 seasons, and has won 4 straight First District championships.

Sloan and his Comets of 1982-83 were regional tournament victors and lost in the final game of the state tournament to Lexington Henry Clay in triple overtime. Sloan received the Paducah Sun's Purchase Coach of the year award the last two years in a row. He was also named the Lexington Herald Leader's Kentucky coach of the year last month.

New Faces In Carlisle Co.
Camp Could Produce
Another Champion

There's not much left at Carlisle reminiscent of last season's state runners-up. Oh there are the trophies, a few players and a whole lot of memories.

But that doesn't bother new head coach Dick Barr, who is in the final touchup of the Carlisle face lift for the upcoming season.

Barr, a 33-yr. prep coaching veteran, who started his career in Henderson, Ky., but spent most of it in Indiana, moves from Tipton, Ind., with impressive credentials and some valuable baggage.

Barr has won 457 games and lost 311. He has twice had teams ranked No. 1 in Indiana and has coached such players as former Ky. standout and former Indiana and Auburn star Rich Valavicius.

With the loss of 4 starters and 9 seniors from last year's squad, rebuilding would seem to be in order. If that's so, Barr certainly speeded up the process when his stepson, 6-foot-7 guard Jeff Crawford, transferred to Carlisle from Tipton.

But Carlisle is not without returning firepower of its own.

The brightest Comet appears to be 6-8 senior center John Tyler, the lone holdover starter. Also, 6-2 junior forward DeWayne Hall is stepping into a starting role along with 6-4 sophomore forward Michael Sams. The other starting guard is 6-0 senior Kerry Davis, who hasn't played since he was a sophomore. "I don't think this is an off-base comment, but if there's a better center in Ky. than John Tyler then there are some real good centers in Ky.," said the 58-yr. old Barr.

"I've had some good players so I think I know what I'm talking about. He might be the best big kid I've coached. He's quick for his size and he's probably the best shot-blocker I've ever seen."

Barr said Tyler will have to pick up his offensive production this season but he expects him to get ample help. He says Crawford will provide scoring, strong free throw shooting and adept ball handling. Hall and Sams have both shown they can score and Davis is a "heady, adequate guard with average speed."

Barr says his players' talents will dictate the Comet's style, but does have a basic philosophy. "I like to run and get it up the floor as quick as possible."

"Then once we're ahead I like to play a coaching offense and not exactly free-lance," said Barr.

Barr expects the Comets to be good shooters from the floor and good rebounders. Grey areas still remain: experience, depth and shooting from the free throw line.

Graves Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co.	**52**
Sedalia	**45**

11-15-83 – Away

Carlisle Co earned a berth in tonight's semifinal round of the Graves Co. Tourn. with a victory over Sedalia Thursday night.

Carlisle Co., the First Region's defending champion, had difficulty with Sedalia, but finally used its height advantage to subdue the experienced Lions, 52-45.

John Tyler, the Comets' 6-9 center, led the way with 20 pts., 15 rebounds and 7 blocked shots.

The Lions battled Carlisle on even terms through the 1st half and managed to build a 5-pt. lead early in the 2nd quarter. But the Comets fought back to lead 29-27 at intermission.

A 3rd quarter scoring spurt, that saw Tyler put in 6 quick pts., gave the Comets a little breathing room. The margin alternated from 5 to 7 pts. the remainder of the contest. Jeff Crawford and DeWayne Hall each contributed 11 pts. to the Carlisle effort. Sedalia was led in scoring by Jeff Britt and Kent Anderson with 12 pts. apiece.

Carlisle ….…..10 29 43 52
Sedalia…….…...11 27 37 45

Carlisle (52)
J. Tyler 20, D. Hall 11, M. Sams 4, Crawford 11, K. Davis, Tim Pearson 6, Mitchell, Ch. Brown.

Sedalia (45)
Britt 12, Anderson 12, Rickman 4, McAlpin 9, Phillips 6, Wiggins 2, Fulcher.

Graves Co. Tourn.
2nd Round
Lowes Wastes Chances
Against Tall Carlisle

Carlisle Co.	**82**
Lowes	**61**

11-17-83 – Away

An upset seemed plausible to Jim Long as he watched Carlisle County's John Tyler foul out as time ran off the clock in the 3rd period of Friday night's semifinal game of the Graves County tourn. at Lowes.

Long's Lowes team trailed by just 13 pts. when the 6-8 Comet center left the game, and could have cut the score to 11 at the ft. line, before the final frame began.

Besides, earlier in the evening, his team had watched a mild upset as Symsonia's Rough Riders surprised Wingo's Indians 66-55 to advance to the tournament's championship contest.

"We had our chance twice to cut the score to 11 at the ft. line and missed both times," said Long after a 82-61 loss to the defending 1st Region champions. "The problem was more us, trying to take the ball away from them and getting beat."

Even without Tyler, the Comets pulled steadily away in the final frame to record their second victory in the young season. DeWayne Hall personally ejected the host Blue Devil's, balancing his 29 pts. equally over the 4 quarters as Carlisle took a strong early lead and never trailed throughout the final 3 quarters.

Hall scored 14 of his pts. in the 1st half as Carlisle ran ahead by 7 pts. in the 1st quarter and held a 38-28 edge by halftime.

Tyler added 11 pts., Michael Sams 10, Tim Pearson 12 and Jeff Crawford 10 for the 2-0 Comets. Lowes was topped by guard Jerry Williams with 21 pts. and freshman David Spicer's 13.

Carlisle….…..17 38 60 82
Lowes…….…....10 28 47 61

Carlisle (82)
J. Tyler 11, D. Hall 29, M. Sams 10, Crawford 10, K. Davis 2, Ch. Brown, Tim Pearson 12, Mitchell, Lumson 6, Cr. Brown, Br. Browner 2, Garrett.

Lowes (61)
Rust 5, Andrews, Thurston 10, Williams 21, Wilson 2, Cope 5, Apperson 5, Spicer 13.

Graves Co. Tourn.
Championship
Comet Free Throws
Dump Riders

Carlisle Co. 58
Symsonia 45
11-18-83 - Away

Despite all the mismatches that Steve Dreher's Symsonia squad faced with the tip off of the Graves Championship game Saturday night, they managed to battle the defending First Region boys' champions from Carlisle County to a tie in one department, field goals.

Although the Rough Riders sank an equal number of shots from the field, they couldn't overcome a 13 point edge by the Comets at the foul line in a 58-45 loss at Lowes high school.

The Rough Riders, who defeated Farmington and Wingo to reach the finals, even led the much taller Comets after the first quarter before a Carlisle march to the foul line overcame that edge.

The Comets hit 14 of 18 free throws in the second quarter in which they outscored Symsonia 18-5, and took a 10 point half time edge.

Then with 6 foot 9 center John Tyler benched by four first half fouls, Carlisle turned to forward DeWayne Hall in the final half to maintain that edge. Hall scored nine of his team leading 16 points in the final half.

The Rough Riders did manage to trim the Comet lead down to 45-40 late in the third quarter, but Carlisle survived to pull away to a seven-point edge before the period ended.

Michael Sams, a 6-4 sophomore, added 11 points and Jeff Crawford chipped in 10 as the Comets finished the night with 24/32 free throws. Tyler failed to score a point for the Comets.

Symsonia hit just 11 of 21 from the foul line. Tim Whitis, a 6-1 senior guard, topped the Rough Riders with 21 points during the contest.

Symsonia.....13 18 32 45
Carlisle.....10 28 39 58

Symsonia (45)
Frick 9, J. Holt, Whitis 21, Cope 7, Canter 2, Parker 4, D. Scott, Thompson, B. Scott 2.

Carlisle (58)
J. Tyler, D. Hall 16, M. Sams 11, Crawford 11, K. Davis 1, Tim Pearson 8, Lumson 9, Mitchell 2, Ch. Brown, Br. Brower, Garrett.

Carlisle Co. 51
Hickman Co. 38
11-21-83 - Away

Cutting away at a nine-point first quarter lead, the Falcons trimmed the Comets edge to 27-23 in the third period, but missed the front end of three one-and-one foul situations to fall behind the undefeated Comets in the lopsided game.

DeWayne Hall was the Comets clutch player, hitting several baskets in the decisive third period.

John Tyler led the Comets with 17 points, while Hall added 14 and Jeff Crawford 11. The Comets are currently 4-0 for the year.

Carlisle.....15 23 37 51
Hickman.....6 19 26 38

Carlisle (51)
J. Tyler 17, D. Hall 14, Crawford 11, Tim Pearson 2, Lumson 2, M. Sams 4.

Hickman (38)
Scott 7, Jenkins 8, Robinson 6, Emerson 3, Fitts 8 Gray 6.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Revenge Not Motive For
Cards' Pouncing Of Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 53
Livingston Co. 80
11-23-83 - Away

Nothing was personal about the vicious, strangling defense, which Don Ringstaff turned loose on the proud First Region Champions Carlisle County at St. Mary Wednesday night.

"It wasn't a revenge game or anything like that," said Livingston Central coach. "They've beaten us several times in the past and the final here (St. Mary's Thanksgiving Tournament).

"Its just nice to win and look good while doing it," he added about the crushing 80-53 margin his Cardinals defeated Carlisle County by in the tournament opening game. "It's been awhile since we beat them, but its been awhile since anyone has beaten them. It's just good to beat them once.

In a replay of the last 2 tourn. championship games, the Cardinals eliminated the 3-time tourn. champs on opening night and headed toward Friday's semifinal battle with Symsonia, a 64-53 victor over Lowes last night.

Ringstaff fully expected his secret weapon heading into the game would be a full-court press that utilized his 3 returning starters. What surprised him was the effect it had on an inexperienced Comet squad.

Not only did the press rattle the Comets, it settled down the Cards.

"I thought we were playing pretty nervous early in the game and when we went to the press it took that away," said Ringstaff. " They got so busy working on the press that they didn't have time to get nervous.

"We thought the press would do well heading into the half, but we didn't expect that many turnovers from it."

Carlisle coach Dick Barr didn't expect it either. His team had an 8-2 lead midway through the 1st quarter and led 8-6 when the press first made its appearance. The Cardinals turned on the press and jumped ahead 10-8, then turned the pressure on and off throughout the rest of the game.

In all, the Cardinals exacted 12 turnovers from the Comets with the press, and altogether they picked off 18 errant Comet passes.

"It destroyed us," said Barr about the pressure defense. "We certainly got a baptism tonight. I even tried putting different guys in the game, and it seemed like we all had the same problem. We were in control before the press hit us, then the roof kind of caved in on us."

With the press forcing turnovers, the Cardinals were able to ignite their offense with a fast break. Cardinal veterans Kent Riley, Greg Ringstaff and Todd Mitchell took advantage of the situation and dominated the scoring for their team.

Ringstaff was especially productive on both defense and offense. He contributed several of the steals and scored 22 pts. leading the fast break. Mitchell added 18 pts. with fine perimeter shooting and Riley scored 13.

The Comets got most of their offense from John Tyler, the only returning starter for Barr. Tyler picked up most of his 17 pts. in the final quarter, when the Cardinals had already opened a 30-pt. edge. Jeff Crawford and DeWayne Hall added 10 pts. apiece.

The Comets' troubles actually started when Hall picked up his 3rd foul with 2:56 remaining in the 1st period. Riley sank a pair of fts. to trim Carlisle's lead to 8-6, then the press entered the game. Goeff Buhlig made the first steal and quickly converted it into a lay-up to knot the score.

Butch Barnett stole the ball next and Riley sank a ft. to give the Cardinals their first lead. A bad Comet pass eventually led to a ft. by Barnett and a 10-8 edge.

The Comets knotted the game at 18 before the pressure took effect again, this time in the second period. With the Cardinal defense grabbing 4 steals and forcing a turnover, the Cardinals ran off a 10-2 scoring binge for a 28-20 edge. They enhanced that to 9 pts. at halftime. The 3rd period devastated the Comets with the Cardinals pulling the same kind of defensive magic. Livingston outscored the Comets 26-14 in the 3rd period, opening up a 54-33 lead late in the period on a Ringstaff lay-up after a Riley steal.

"We were able to put together several runs during the game because of the defense, and I don't think they (Carlisle) were ever able to put one together," said Ringstaff. "I felt real good about our defense, both the half-court and full-court defense."

Carlisle.....12 23 37 53
Livingston.....12 32 58 80

Carlisle (53)
J. Tyler 19, D. Hall 10, Crawford 10, Tim Pearson 2, Lumson, M. Sams 10, Ch. Brown 2.

Livingston (80)
Riley 13, Ringstaff 22, Barnett 1, Mitchell 16, Buhlig 6, Williams 4, Howard 2, Malston 6, Ramage 2, Davidson 4, Gilbert, Henson 2.

Marshall Co. 81
Carlisle Co. 63
12-03-83 - Home

Marshall County gained its first win of the season and sent Carlisle to its second straight loss.

A trio of players did most of the scoring for the Marshall's. Barry Goheen 12, Cary Allen 20, and Tim Miller 18.

"After the tough loss they had last night, it was very important that they play well tonight" said Marshall coach Allen Hatcher of his teams 1 pt. loss to Calloway Co. Friday night.

Carlisle now 4-2 got 18 points from Mike Sams, 15 from John Tyler, and 12 from Jeff Crawford. Marshall, which never trailed after the early minuets, scored two more free throws and 8 more field goals than the Comets.

Marshall.....17 37 52 81
Carlisle.....14 31 49 63

Marshall (81)
Allen 20, Butler 5, Darnal 2, Fillbeck 4, Goheen 22, Miller 18, Powell 4, Riley 1, Thompson 2 Wilkins 3.

Carlisle (63)
Ch. Brown 2, Crawford 12, D. Hall 8, Lumson 4, Tim Pearson 4, M. Sams 18, J. Tyler 15.

Nightmares Give
Ballard Valuable Aid

Carlisle Co. 50
Ballard Co. 58
12-06-83 - Away

After a 7-18 season last year, Ballard coach B.B. Kendrick wasn't quite sure what to expect from the 1983-84 season. But his Bombers let him know Tuesday night once again how they feel.

Ballard whipped Carlisle County 58-51 for its fifth victory in six games, making last year's 0-7 start seem like a nightmare.

"It was a big win for us because Carlisle has a quality team. They haven't played together yet, but they're getting better," said Kendrick.

"We really feel like our kids are playing well. The experience we got last year when we were 7-18 is really paying off now."

Although the Bombers led by a single point, 45-44, entering the final period, they capitalized at the foul line in that quarter to secure victory.

"It was a close ballgame all the way. We just hit the basket real well the first half, but then in the third quarter we didn't shoot well. We were 5 of 15 (in the third quarter) so we let them come back on us." said Kendrick.

Ballard hit 18/24 free throws on the night to outscore Carlisle by 14 from the line. The Comets hit 4 of 5.

Ballard's balance scoring featured Tracy Thomason with 18 points, followed by Deron Jennings with 17, and Terrell and Todd Copper with nine.

The Comets, now 4-3 got 19 points from John Tyler and 16 from Michael Sams.

Carlisle.....17 30 44 50
Ballard.....16 35 45 58

Carlisle (50)
Crawford 6, D. Hall 6, Lumson, Tim Pearson 3, Mitchell, M. Sams 16, J. Tyler 19.
Fgs. 23/54, Fts. 4/5.

Ballard (58)
Bailey, Copper 6, Jennings 17, Miller 1, Terrell 13, Thomason 18.
Fgs. 20/42, Fts. 18/24.

Carlisle Co. 68
Sedalia 56
12-09-83 - Home

Carlisle County snapped a three game losing streak by defeating Sedalia.

"They were in command the entire game," said Sedalia coach Ken Wray. "We struggled."

Carlisle county, 5-3, was led by Michael Sams 17 points. Jeff Crawford was next in line with 16 points, while DeWayne Hall added 10 points.

Sedalia, 3-2, got 14 points from Mike Phillips and 10 from Jeff Britt.

Sedalia.....3 18 31 56
Carlisle.....9 33 49 68

Sedalia (56)
Anderson 9, Britt 10, Copeland 2, England 4, Fulcher 2, Jackson 4, McAlpin 6, Phillipe 14, Rickman 5, Wiggins, Walker, Tidwell.

Carlisle (68)
Br. Brower 4, Ch. Brown 2, Crawford 16, K. Davis 5, Garrett, D. Hall 10, Lumson 2, Tim Pearson 3, Mitchell, M. Sams 17, J. Tyler 9.

Davis Shines In Reserve Role
As Tilghman Dumps Comets

Carlisle Co. 50
Tilghman 75
12-12-83 - Away

As a big part of a successful season depends upon the strength of a team's bench. When a starter finds himself in foul trouble or some facet of his game is just not clicking, it's a fortunate coach who can draw on reserve talent to fill the void.

When Tilghman's Kelly Miller was forced to the bench with his third foul with the first quarter of Monday night's contest against Carlisle County barely three minutes old, Tornado coach Berny Miller had just the right answer.

Myron Davis, a 6-foot-4 senior, came off the bench to score 10 points and grab a team-high 10 rebounds as Tilghman defeated the Comets, 75-50.

Miller, who had scored 23 and 28 points in his last two games, was assessed his fourth foul at the 6:27 mark of the second quarter, and didn't play again until late in the game. He managed only two points.

"Defense and rebounds were the keys," said Miller. "But we had our rebounders in there with Myron in for Kelley. And Myron didn't hurt us on defense with his quickness."

Davis hit 5 of 8 field goal attempts and had three steals in addition to his effort on the boards.

Tilghman had 16 steals, led by Randy Overstreet's five, and Carlisle accommodated by committing another 15 errors for a total of 31 turnovers.

"Against Tilghman, if you have much over 15 turnovers, you're in trouble," said Comet coach Dick Barr.

"We got out rebounded bad, which disappointed me, and we shot poorly," said Barr. "But you have to give credit to the other team's defense."

Defense dominated the early going with neither team able to take command. With 4:22 remaining in the opening quarter, the game was tied at 4-all.

But a quick six points on a pair of baskets by Terry Shumpert, who hit 9 of 20 from the field and 4 for 6 free throws for his 22 points, and a field goal by Sam Arterburn, put Tilghman ahead to stay.

Carlisle cut the margin to 20-6 on a field goal by Michael Sams, but John Deshler answered for Tilghman with a pair of free throws.

Over the final two minutes of the first quarter, Arterburn took control for Tilghman. The 6-foot-6 senior scored his team's last four baskets, while Carlisle got two pointers from DeWayne Hall and 6-8 John Tyler. At the end of the period, Tilghman led 20-10.

Arterburn, who finished with 28 points, hit 9 of 18 from the field, 10 of 12 free throws and grabbed nine rebounds.

Deshler contributed eight rebounds and Shumpert seven as Tilghman out-rebounded the taller Carlisle quintet, 37-28.

Carlisle cut the lead to nine points on a Tyler basket at the 5:39 mark of the second quarter, but that was as close as the Comets would come.

Carlisle….....10 26 38 50
Tilghman….....20 38 56 75

Carlisle (50)
Br. Brower 4, Crawford 6, K. Davis 2, D. Hall 15, Mitchell, M. Sams 13, J. Tyler 10.

Tilghman (75)
Arterburn 28, Davis 10, Deshler 5, Hodge 4, Miller 2, Overstreet 4, Shumpert 22.

Carlisle Co. 71
Fulton Co. 64
12-16-83 - Away

Fulton Co. watched its chance to win the First District game slip away in the fourth quarter, when four Pilots had to sit the bench because of foul trouble.

"We were leading most of the fourth quarter until three minutes left in the game, when we had four starters on the bench," said Pilots' coach Robert Slone. "We missed some free throws and they got some easy baskets off our press."

DeWayne Hall and John Tyler had 20 point nights to lead the 6-4 Comets. Michael Sams added 12 points and Jeff Crawford came through with 10.

Alan Coffey had 19 points for the 1-3 Pilots, while Hal Coffey added 13 and Bryant Nall had 12.

Carlisle.....….....11 31 50 71
Fulton Co….....12 30 50 64

Carlisle (71)
Crawford 10, K. Davis 3, D. Hall 20, J. Tyler 20, Lumson 4, M. Sams 12, Br. Brower 2.

Fulton Co. (64)
Bishop 8, A. Coffey 19, H. Coffey 13, Fitz 4, Nall 12, Robinson 6, Simmons 2, Tucker.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Shut Off Union City
Star, Roll To Easy Win

Carlisle Co. 57
Union City 44
12-29-83 – Away

Union city entered the Paducah Tilghman Christmas basketball tournament with some impressive credentials, and a couple of eye popping players.

The Tennessee team sported an 8-1 mark mainly behind the play of 5-foot-10 senior Jerry Slayton and 6-foot-6 Mark Griffin, and their combined 35 points a game average.

But Carlisle County treated both players rudely and sent the visitors back home on short notice Thursday night in a first-round 57-44 decision.

Slayton entered the contest averaging over 18 points a game, but scored just two the first half when Carlisle sprung ahead. Griffin, who had gained a reputation locally by scoring 30 points against Paducah Tilghman in a pre-season scrimmage, was held to just four points the first two periods.

"I was very proud of our team defense. We've worked hard on it," said first-year Carlisle Coach Dick Barr. "We've tried different things on defense, and I'm trying to find out what fits. And I think I've got a better handle on what fits it now, than what I thought I did."

What worked against the Tornadoes was a choking 2-1-2 zone defense that shut off Griffin inside and bothered Slayton at the point. When Griffin called for the ball, 6-8 John Tyler was on one side of him and either 6-7 Jeff Crawford or 6-4 Michael Sams was on the other. The most bothersome Comet was Tyler. The senior center had a game high 19 points, 20 rebounds and 7 blocked shots.

Carlisle ran off a 14-6 first quarter advantage before Union City could adjust. The deficit proved too much to make up as the Tornadoes got within five points once, but never got closer.

"We got three shots blocked in a row and that intimidated us for four or five minutes, and allowed them to get an eight-point lead," said losing coach Harry Ferguson. "Our leading scorers tonight were just a tad off and we simply got intimidated."

Union City took a 4-2 lead on four points by Randy Mitchell, before Carlisle went to work. The Comets tied the game on a pair of free throws by Tyler. Tyler then got a hand on a Slayton shot and DeWayne Hall fed Sams who was slammed to the floor, while driving for a layup. He was replaced by Kerry Davis who hit one of two shots to give Carlisle the lead for good. Tyler repeated the trick, this time swatting a jumper by Griffin. When Carlisle got down court, Hall was fouled and hit one of two for a 6-4 lead.

"We just couldn't get the ball to Griffin at the right time. They were fronting and backing him," said Ferguson.

Crawford increased the Comet advantage with a jump shot from the right wing after Tyler intercepted a pass. Hall then came through with the third block before connecting from 15 feet away. Ferguson called timeout with 2:33 left in the quarter, but Carlisle sandwiched baskets by Hall

and Tyler around a Griffin baseline jumper for an eight-point quarter lead.

"One of the real key things we did was grab a hold of the tempo," said Barr. "I've had my team playing too quick a tempo so far. I've misjudged them on some things, but there always is some adjustment with a new coach and hopefully we've gone through our adjustment period."

The Comets held a seven point lead at half time, but when Griffin opened the third quarter with a turnaround jumper, the lead was five. But Carlisle, behind Hall's jumper and put back, Crawford's fielder and Sam's free throw, ran off seven straight points. After three periods the Comets were still up by seven.

Carlisle started off the fourth quarter with a bang, scoring five points capped by Hall's steal and behind the back bounce pass that freshman guard Brad Brower took in for a layup.

Although Barr was happy to win, he said his team was still making too many mistakes and not hitting well at the free throw line. The Comets, who average 27 turnovers a game, had 24 and hit just 50% (11-22) of their free throws.

Carlisle…..14 24 35 57
Union City…..6 17 27 44

Union City (44)
Slaton 3, Mitchell 8, Griffen 14, Bass, Lipford 7, Mosley 1, Smith, J. Mosley

Carlisle (57)
Br. Brower 6, Crawford 10, J. Tyler 19, D. Hall 15, M. Sams 1, K. Davis, T. Pearson, Mitchell, Chad Brown, Lumson, M. Lambert, Craig Brown,

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Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round
Tilghman Repays
Debts To Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 48
Tilghman 55
12-30-83 - Away

Memories linger for Sam Arterburn and Terry Shumpert, surviving the long lapse of summer, regaining ferocity every time they are reunited with the gold uniforms emblazoned with "Comet" on the chest.

Throughout Paducah Tilghman's lineup, even up to head coach Berny Miller, few things make basketball more enjoyable than a chance to repay some debts to the Carlisle County Comets.

Friday morning's 55-48 semifinal victory over the Comets in the Tilghman Christmas Tourn., a tournament Carlisle had won the two previous seasons, was just part of that debt in Shumpert's mind.

"We sort of want to pay them back for those 4 losses a year ago," said Shumpert, referring to Tilghman's 4 narrow losses against the Comets' 1st Region Championship team last year. "We just want to beat them every time we play them. We get up a little bit more."

"They whipped us 4 times, you know that means something," added Arterburn about the past. "Last year they always seemed to have the upper hand. They always did something right to beat us. This year, we're doing that.

"I try to get psyched up for every game, but some are more important than others – like Carlisle.

That's one I want."

The feeling is mutual admits John Tyler, the only Comet starter who returned from last year. Although his team lost for the second time against the Tornado on Friday, he likes the way the momentum has turned.

"We've got something for them, too," adds Tyler. "Everybody in the area, I guess, wants to beat Tilghman. They're such a good ballclub. "I think there is a lot of pressure on Tilghman. Since they've got it on them, their worried about doing something (wrong). We feel pretty loose."

Until the Comets' loss in the semifinals, the Tornado had felt little pressure from 1st Region competition. They had won every game against Western Ky. teams by at least 30 pts., except a 75-50 decision over the Comets.

On Friday, the Comets reversed that trend. Although they never led in the game, Carlisle trailed by just 48-46 with 1:42 left in the game, before Tilghman silenced the Comets with 7/8 ft. shooting in the last 1:30.

Both Tyler, who tied with DeWayne Hall to lead Carlisle with 15 pts. apiece, and Comet coach Dick Barr were happy with the improvement.

"We're finally cutting the turnovers down and getting a little better with experience," said Tyler. Carlisle suffered 31 in the earlier game but only 9 on Friday. "We're slowing our tempo down and we're not hurrying ourselves like we used to. We're cutting down on our turnovers by taking care on our passes and not throwing them away like we have been."

"We showed that we can play with about anybody now," said Barr.

"It's a credit to our kids that we went down to the wire with them, and we've still got improvement to make. We're getting older quick."

Tilghman had pulled away after halftime, when Miller adjusted his strategy to foil the Comets. Carlisle was shutting down Tilghman's inside players, so Miller turned to his guards.

After leading 27-26 at halftime, Shumpert and Randy Overstreet started firing over Carlisle's zone defense. With that pair scoring 10 of 14 3rd period pts., Tilghman moved ahead 41-36.

Shumpert led the Tornado with 18, while Overstreet added 13 and reserve Myron Davis added 10.

Carlisle…..13 26 36 48
Tilghman…..13 27 41 55

Carlisle (48)
Crawford 8, D. Hall 15, M. Sams 8, J. Tyler 15, K. Davis, Br. Brower 2.
Fgs. 14/32, Fts. 20/25, Rebs. 20, Turnovers 9, Steals 5.

Tilghman (55)
Arterburn 10, Miller 4, Overstreet 13, Shumpert 18, Deshler, Davis 10.
Fgs. 19/29, Fts. 17/21, Rebs. 15, Turnovers 4, Steals 5.

Carlisle Co. 63
Calloway Co. 55
01-03-84 – Away

Even without shooting a field goal in the final quarter, the Comets held off the Lakers with 8 of 14 shooting from the foul line, and picked up their 8th victory in 13 games.

Comet center John Tyler provided a burst in the third period, which gave Carlisle a 55-41 lead after three periods. Tyler scored 8 of his 17 points during the third quarter. Tyler was joined by Jeff Crawford (16 points) and DeWayne Hall (15), while John Potts led Calloway with 16.

Calloway trimmed the lead to three in the final frame, but could get no closer.

Carlisle…..20 37 55 63
Calloway…..16 33 41 55

Carlisle (63)
Br. Brower 4, Crawford 16, K. Davis 9, D. Hall 15, M. Sams 2, J. Tyler 17.
Fgs. 25/47, Fts. 13/19, Fouls 21.

Calloway (55)
Albritton 11, Foster 2, Johnson 13, Potts 16, Skinner 12, Waldrop 2.
Fgs. 19/56, Fts. 18/26, Fouls 18.

Carlisle Co 69
Fulton City 29
01-06-84 - Home

After nursing a 23-19 edge at the intermission, Carlisle County's defense put the clamp on the Bulldogs, and held the visitors to 10 points in the second half.

John Tyler with 12 points in the third quarter shared scoring honors with DeWayne Hall for the Comets with 20 point efforts. Fulton City, 3-3, was led by David Forrester and his 14 points.

Fulton City…...10 18 25 29
Carlisle…….13 23 44 69

Fulton City (29)
Atwill, Biechilish, Caldwell, Cardwell 4, Forrester 14, McDade, Patterson 6, Ragsdale, Taylor, Tibbs 5.
Fgs. 12, Fts. 5/11, Rebs. 23, Fouls 14.

Carlisle (69)
Br. Brower 2, Crawford 14, K. Davis, D. Hall 20, Lumson 2, T. Pearson 3, Mitchell 4, M. Sams 4, J. Tyler 20.
Fgs. 28, Fts. 13/20, Rebs. 25, Fouls 11.

Comets Alter
Oakers' Plan

Carlisle Co. 71
Lone Oak 39
01-10-84 - Away

For three quarters Tuesday night, Lone Oak's plan was working to perfection against Carlisle County.

"The only chance we had was to control the tempo of the game," said Lone Oak assistant coach Mike Clark, who is directing the team while coach Steve Speed is recovers from a back injury.

The plan worked well for three quarters, but the Comets exploded for 33 points in the final stanza to throw the Purple Flash, 71-39.

"We did a very good job the first half," said Clark, whose Oakers trailed 19-15 at the intermission. "We had them right where we wanted them. But then they jumped on us. We weren't mature enough to stay with that type of tempo for the entire game.

Carlisle outscored Lone Oak by 20 points in the final stanza to run its record to 10-5. By games end, three Comet players had scored in double figures, and had over 10 rebounds each.

John Tyler, who Clark said dominated the game in the fourth quarter, led the way with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Jeff Crawford, whose long-range scores started a Carlisle onslaught. He had 18 points and 12 rebounds. DeWayne Hall wound up with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Lone Oak, 3-9, was paced by Stan Norris' 19 points.

Carlisle…..5 19 38 71
Lone Oak…..4 15 26 39

Carlisle (71)
Br. Brower, Ch. Brown 1, Crawford 18, K. Davis 6, Garrett, D. Hall 14, Lumson 3, T. Pearson, Mitchell 2, M. Sams 7, J. Tyler 20, M. Lambert.
Fgs. 25/53, Fts. 21/40, Rebs 50.

Lone Oak (39)
Clark 2, Dodey 1, Edwards 2, Holland 1, Howard, Lawence 3, Norris 19, Overton 3, Pierce 2, Seay 4, Verbeere 2, Wilson.
Fgs. 13/33, Fts. 11/22, Rebs. 20, Fouls 28.

Carlisle Co 70
Fulton Co. 51
01-14-84 - Home

John Tyler scored 26 points as the Carlisle boys defeated Fulton County in a First District contest.

The third period proved disastrous to Fulton County. The Pilots tied the game at 22 at halftime, but scored just 2 points in the third period to fall behind 38-24.

Carlisle……..14 22 38 70
Fulton Co……..14 22 24 51

Carlisle (70)
Br. Brower 4, Ch. Brown 2, Crawford 15, K. Davis 4, D. Hall 14, Tim Pearson, Mitchell, M. Sams 5, J. Tyler 26.
Fgs. 27, Fts. 16/27, Rebs. 30, Fouls 15.

Fulton Co. (51)
O. Bishop, R. Bishop 10, A. Coffey 13, H. Coffey 4, Nall 14, Simmons 4, Tucker 6.
Fgs. 20, Fts. 11/14, Rebs. 30, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 65
St. Mary 57
01-24-84 - Home

The strength of a second quarter lead held up under a furious Viking rally in the final quarter as Carlisle hit 15 of 24 free throws in the last period for the 8 point lead.

"We were patient and worked our offense against the zone in the second quarter," said Comet coach Dick Barr. "We got to playing pretty wild in the second half, and they came back hard a couple of times."

Comet towers John Tyler, six feet nine, and Jeff Crawford, six foot seven, did the most damage for Carlisle with 19 points each.

Barry Wurth scored 6 of his team high 15 points during the third period rally, and Pat Hammet and Steve Roof scored 14 each.

Carlisle……..10 32 44 65
St. Mary……..6 17 38 57

Carlisle (65)
Br. Brower 6, Crawford 19, K. Davis 9, D. Hall 4, Lumson, M. Sams 8, J. Tyler 19.
Fgs. 24/60, Fts. 17/28, Rebs. 25, Fouls 19.

St. Mary (57)
Hall 2, Hammet 14, Kupper 5, Roof 14, Wooten 7, Wurth 15.
Fgs. 21, Fts. 15/26, Rebs. 21, Fouls 23.

Carlisle Co. 78
Hickman Co. 50
01-27-84 - Home

Olivia Newton John wasn't appearing at the Comets' gym, but the two teams followed the suggestion of one of her hit records … they got physical.

"It was a very physical game," said Carlisle coach Dick Barr. "They pressured us and I thought we handled it pretty well."

The 13-5 Comets were led by Kerry Davis's 23 pts. Jeff Crawford added 17 and DeWayne Hall counted 15. John Tyler led the Carlisle rebounders with 8.

Hickman Co. got 13 pts. from Lamar Jenkins.

Carlisle……..17 36 57 78
Hickman……..8 24 35 50

Carlisle (78)
Br. Brower 4, Crawford 17, J. Tyler 8, D. Hall 15, K. Davis 23, M. Sams 6, T. Pearson 2, Mitchell 1, Lumson 2, Ch. Brown.
Fgs. 23, Fts. 32/46, Fouls 19.

Hickman (50)
Scott 2, Jenkins 13, Robinson 4, Emerson 2, Fitts 9, Gray 10, Weatherspoon 4, Crisp 4, O'Neal 2.
Fgs. 19, Fts. 12/19, Fouls 29.

Carlisle Co. 77
Lowes 42
01-28-84 – Home

John Tyler poured in a season-high 27 pts. as the Comets rolled over the Blue Devils of Lowes.

Tyler, who also grabbed a game-high 12 rebs., scored 8 pts. in the opening period as the Comets built a 16-6 edge. Tyler, who hit 12/18 fgs., had 12 pts. at intermission and Carlisle owned a 33-13 advantage.

Carlisle……..16 33 56 77
Lowes……..6 13 21 42

Carlisle (77)
Br. Brower 5, Ch. Brown 6, Crawford 7, K. Davis 8, D. Hall 15, Lumson 2, T. Pearson 2, M. Sams 2, J. Tyler 27, M. Lambert 3.
Fgs. 31, Fts. 15/25, Rebs. 24, Fouls 24.

Lowes (42)
Andrews 4, Rust 10, Spicer 10, Ja. Thompson 2, Jo. Thompson 4, Thurston 10, Williams 2.
Fgs. 13, Fts. 16/22, Rebs. 13. Fouls 23.

Carlisle Co 50
Mayfield 40
01-31-84 - Home

Mayfield surprised Carlisle by claiming a 21-7 half time lead, but with Clarence Lumson coming off the bench, the Comets rallied in the second half.

Lumson, a 6-0 senior guard, scored a career-high 18 points on 8 of 10 shooting from the field.

The Comets outscored the Cardinals 19-8 in the third quarter, and built a 10-point lead several times in the final quarter.

DeWayne Hall backed Lumson with 15 points. Ray Mathis had 14 points for Mayfield, while Tim Coneal added 13.

Carlisle……..6 17 36 50
Mayfield……..10 21 29 40

Carlisle (50)
Crawford 8, K. Davis 4, D. Hall 15, Lumson 18, J. Tyler 5.
Fgs. 21, Fts. 8/14, Rebs. 39, Fouls 23.

Mayfield (40)
Coneal 13, R. Mathis 14, K. Mathis 3, Carlisle 8, Herndon 2.
Fgs. 13, Fts. 14/27, Rebs. 29, Fouls 16.

Tiger Momentum
Can't Cool Hot Comets

Carlisle Co. 68
Murray 58
02-03-84 - Away

Murray High coach Cary Miller had high hopes. After all, his team had played one of its best games of the year in its last outing.

The Tigers, fresh off a victory over Ballard Co., ranked No. 7 in the Paducah Sun rating, played host to Carlisle County Friday Night.

But Miller didn't count on the Comets being as hot as their name.

Carlisle shot a blazing 64 percent from the field (24-of-38). When the Tigers got close in the final minute, the Comets shot Murray down from the free-throw line in a 68-58 victory,

Murray pulled to within 60-57 with a minute left on a free throw by Andy Parks, but from then on it was all Carlisle.

The Comets hit 15 of 18 free tosses in the final quarter. DeWayne Hall hit five straight, Jeff Crawford four and Kerry Davis two to hand Carlisle its 16th win in 21 tries.

"Carlisle played extremely well," said Miller. "Outside of the first quarter it was an even ballgame. They were very intimidating early in the game. That's the biggest team we've played outside of Paducah Tilghman. They had us four-to-five inches in every position."

Carlisle jumped on top 19-8 after one period, but Murray outscored the Comets 19-14 in the second period, and Carlisle held a 7-6 edge in the third period.

"Our kids stayed in the game until the end. If we'd had a break in the game we could've pulled it off, but we didn't get any," said Miller.

Crawford was a particular thorn in the side. The 6-foot-7 senior guard was hot from outside when he scored 14 of his 18 points to stake Carlisle to a 34-27 halftime lead.

Hall, a 6-2 junior forward, led the Comets with 20 points, while 6-9 senior center John Tyler contributed 17.

Murray's Tommy Wagner took game-scoring honors with 23.

Carlisle……..19 34 41 68
Murray……..8 27 33 58

Carlisle (68)
Br. Brower 2, Crawford 18, K. Davis 7, D. Hall 20, Lumson 2, Mitchell 2, J. Tyler 17.
Fgs. 24/38, Fts. 20/27, Fouls 23.

Murray (58)
Boggess 1, Dunn 4, Parks 6, Wagner 23, Sy. Rutledge 4, Se. Rutledge 4, Wells 8, West 8.
Fgs. 19/42, Fts. 20/28, Fouls 21.

Hot-Handed Carlisle Co.
Blasts Calloway Co.

Carlisle Co. 95
Calloway Co. 56
02-04-84 - Home

Carlisle County was red hot from both the field and the line, as it bested Calloway County 95-56 in a prep boys' basketball game, Saturday night.

The Comets hit 31 of 50 from the field and 33 of 43 from the line as it improved to 17-5.

"We've made some great improvement," said Carlisle coach Dick Barr. "We had our best effort tonight. It was a nice victory."

The Comets got 24 points from John Tyler and a career-high tying 23 from Kerry Davis.

Carlisle (95)
Br. Brower 4, Ch. Brown 7, Crawford 15, K. Davis 23, D. Hall 14, Lumson 2, Tim Pearson 4, Mitchell 2, M. Sams, J. Tyler 24.
Fgs. 31/50, Fts. 33/43, Rebs. 34, Fouls 28.

Calloway (56)
Albritton 3, Benke, Foster 5, Garrison 7, Johnson 7, Potts 8, Sheridon 8, Skinner 6, Swan, Waldrop 12.
Fgs. 17, Fts. 22/32 Rebs. 27. Fouls 31.

Marshall's Outgun Carlisle
After Tyler Caught In Act

Carlisle Co 56
Marshall Co. 62
02-07-84 - Away

Somebody blew the whistle on Carlisle County's John Tyler.

Certainly the 3,000-plus partisan fans who packed the Marshall Co.. gym here Tuesday night could have had something to do with the Marshall's 62-56 victory over the Comets, but it was the shrill sound of the official's whistle that silenced the Carlisle Co. chances.

With Carlisle leading 40-38 and 6:13 remaining, Marshall's Jerry Powell powered for a

shot and was fouled by Tyler, his 5th personal. Powell, who scored 15 4th quarter pts., to lead a Marshall comeback, made both shots to tie the score. Tyler, who at 6-9 was the intimidating force under the basket with 7 blocked shots, headed to the bench.

With Tyler out of the game, the Comets' path to an upset was stymied. With Powell dominating the flow of the offense, coach Allan Hatcher's team posted its 18th victory in 22 outings.

"We are not the same basketball team without John in the lineup," said Comet coach Dick Barr, after the loss left his squad's worksheet at 17-6.

"It's not just scoring-wise. He does so much for us. He helps in all phases of the game. Then we lost our organization there and made 3 quick turnovers."

After Carlisle's DeWayne Hall scored on a putback to tie the game for the final time at 42, the Marshall's reeled off 5 unanswered pts. Powell's 3-pt. play at the 3:55 mark put his team ahead, 47-42.

Carlisle battled back and drew within a point when Clarence Lumson hit a short jumper with 1:49 remaining. But that was as close as the Comets would come in the contest.

After trailing 25-22 at the intermission, the Comets took charge. With Jeff Crawford bombing the Marshall zone with 15-foot jumpers, Carlisle pushed ahead 38-22, before Barry Goheen's putback narrowed the gap to 4 pts. as the 4th quarter began.

But the 4th quarter belonged to the Marshall's. With Powell pounding the Carlisle defense inside, and an 11/12 performance from the ft. line by Marshall, the game was decided.

"Powell came back in the 4th quarter and did an excellent job," said the Marshall Coach.

"When Cary Allen and Barry Goheen were out against Reidland and Mayfield, he (Powell) found out he could do the job. Well, he saved us tonight.

"These kids, I tell you, are winners," said Hatcher. "They are going to be hard to beat all the way down the line. But every game, this time of yr., is tough. I don't care who you play because everybody is shooting for the tourn.

"But I really have to compliment Carlisle. They have really improved. It's going to be a heckuva district and regional tourn. because Carlisle is a good basketball team. And the Crawford kid shot the lights out of it."

Crawford, a 6-7 senior, kept the Marshall's on their toes with scoring bombs from 15-feet out most of the 2nd half. Barr, who is his step-father, believes he is just now coming into form.

"He's a great shooter," said Barr. "I don't think he has ever shown the people around here how good of a shooter he is."

Hatcher agrees that Tyler's disqualification could have been the saving grace for his basketball team.

"Tyler is a good player. He didn't play as well the first of the year as he is playing now. He is playing with intensity. He's also a leader out there for them and knows how to act off the court as well. I think he is going to make a fine college prospect."

"John got in foul trouble and we tried to protect him," said Barr. "We even went to a delay game to try and protect him, but we didn't execute. But he is not going to quit. Sometimes that is not very smart, but that is his nature. College coaches love that because they have other people they can bring in. I haven't got them.

"They beat us 18 pts. a month-and-a-half ago and now they beat us 6 and they were lucky to do it … that's the way I feel about it. They made all their fts. and you have to give their team credit. I know they are happy to get this victory."

Carlisle had 4 starters to foul out.

While Powell was exploding for 15 of his 19 pts. in the 4th quarter, Barry Goheen continued on his tear as the area's leading scorer. The 6-3 junior had 25 pts. in the victory, enhanced by a 13/15 performance from the ft. line.

Carlisle was led by Crawford's 21 pts., while Tyler added 14 and DeWayne Hall had 10

Carlisle…..…..15 22 38 56
Marshall…..…..16 25 34 62

Carlisle (56)
Br. Brower, Chad Brown 2, Crawford 21, K. Davis 5, D. Hall 10, Lumson 4, J. Tyler 14.
Fgs. 27/54, Fts. 2/7, Rebs. 29, Fouls 23.

Marshall (62)
Allen 7, Butler 6, Filbeck 2, Goheen 25, Miller 3, Powell 19.
Fgs. 21/45, Fts. 20-30, Rebs. 29, Fouls 12.

Tilghman Bench
Comes To Rescue

Carlisle Co. 52
Tilghman 63
02-10-84 - Home

Tilghman went to the bench and pulled out a 63-52 victory over Carlisle County Friday night.

With Sam Arterburn on the bench in foul trouble, and Myron Davis not in the lineup, Tilghman ushered Dee Smith into the game and the junior guard exploded for 15 second half points to insure the Tornados 22nd win in 25 outings.

"He (Smith) killed us," said Carlisle County coach Dick Barr, whose team led Tilghman 30-24 at the intermission. "He was hitting the jump shots, and when he wasn't scoring, he was stealing the ball."

Barr said his team played two different games against Tilghman. "We played well the first half and didn't play well the second half. You can't win playing only half a game."

Another key, said Barr, was Tilghman's pressing defense. "They beat us on the press and steals," said Barr. "We didn't handle their press very well."

Tilghman coach Berny Miller said Arteburn's foul trouble forced the change in the Tornado strategy. "We had our little people in the game and we changed our offense, as well as our defense. We had to put pressure on them to try and get the ball inside more." said Miller.

Terry Shumpert led Tilghman with 24 points, while Carlisle County, 17-7, was led by Jeff Crawford, who had 22 points and was 9 of 16 from the field.

Carlisle…..…..13 30 42 52
Tilghman…..…..10 24 44 63

Carlisle (52)
Br. Brower, Crawford 22, K. Davis 9, D. Hall 1, Lumson 4, M. Sams, J. Tyler 16.
Fgs. 21/47, Fts. 10/13, Rebs. 24, Turnovers 21, Fouls 16.

Tilghman (63)
Arterburn 2, Deshler 4, Miller 10, Overstreet 8, Shumpert 24, Smith 15.
Fgs. 24, Fts. 15/16, Rebs. 29, Fouls 11.

Carlisle Co 55
Fulton City 41
02-14-84 - Away

Carlisle County locked up the No. 1 seed in the upcoming First District tournament with the victory over Fulton City.

The Comets, 18-7, and 6-0 in the district, got 15 points from John Tyler. Jeff Crawford came through with 12 points, while Kerry Davis and Michael Sams added 10.

Fulton City, 10-7, was led by Mark Tibbs' 13 points. David Forrester added 13 and grabbed 9 rebounds.

Carlisle…..…..12 22 42 55
Fulton City…..10 16 33 41

Carlisle (55)
Br. Brower 2, Crawford 12, K. Davis 10, Garrett, D. Hall 6, Lumson, M. Sams 10, Mitchell, J. Tyler 15.
Fgs. 21, Fts. 13/16, Rebs. 24, Fouls 16.

Fulton City (41)
Caldwell, Clowser 5, Forrester 11, Patterson 8, Ragsdale 4, Tibbs 13.
Fgs. 14, Fts. 13/20, Rebs. 24, Fouls 12.

Carlisle Co. 56
Lowes 36
02-17-84 - Away

Lowes missed free throws and the Comets John Tyler gave the Comets enough of an edge in the third period for the them to crush the Blue Devils 16-6, and command the remainder of the contest as they improved their record to 19-7.

Tyler finished with 26 points for Carlisle.

Duane Rust scored 11 and David Spicer had 10 for the Blue Devils.

Carlisle…..…..8 18 34 56
Lowes…..…..5 12 18 36

Carlisle (56)
Br. Brower 2, Ch. Brown 2, Crawford 5, D. Hall 7, Lumson 2. Tim Pearson 4, Mitchell 6, M. Sams 2, J. Tyler 26.
Fgs. 23/41, Fts. 10/13, Rebs. 34.

Lowes (36)
Andrews 2, Apperson 5, Rust 11, Spicer 10, Thompson 9, Thurston 9, Sanderson.
Fgs. 11/33, Fts. 14/28, Rebs. 13.

Carlisle Co. 78
Wingo 63
02-21-84 - Home

The Comets got their offense in gear in the third quarter outscoring Wingo 26-14 for a 17-point advantage.

DeWayne Hall scored 7 of his 13 points in the period to lead the surge. Michael Sams added 6 points in the quarter and Kerry Davis with 5.

John Tyler led Carlisle's scorers with 17 points, and Hall led the Comets rebounders with 18. Jeff Crawford put 16 points in the scoring column for the winners.

Wingo's leading scorer was Mike Miller with 15 points. Miller had 5 assists in the game giving him the school record of 129 for the season. The old mark was 124.

Carlisle…..…..11 33 59 78
Wingo…..…..9 28 42 63

Carlisle (78)
Br. Brower 3, Ch. Brown 2, Crawford 16, K. Davis 7, D. Hall 13, Lumson 4, Tim Pearson 6, Mitchell, M. Sams 10, J. Tyler 17.
Fgs. 31/58, Fts. 16/21, Rebs. 49, Fouls 26.

Wingo (63)
Clark 12, Gray, Jones 2, Miller 15, Ha. Puckett 13, Ho. Puckett 10, Sisson 11.
Fgs. 18, Fts. 27/37, Rebs. 41, Fouls 17.

Carlisle Co. 65

Ballard Co. 60
02-23-84 - Home

Deron Jennings led a second half rally that brought Ballard back from a 15 point deficit, and carried the contest into overtime.

But Carlisle's delaying tactics and a stingy defense held the Bombers scoreless, and gave Carlisle the win.

Jennings scored all 25 of his points in the final half, and Tracy Thompson connected on a 30 footer at the buzzer to tie it up at 60 all.

John Tyler led Carlisle scorers with 21 points. Jeff Crawford put in 16 points for the team and DeWayne Hall added 15.

Carlisle…..13 35 50 60 65
Ballard……12 20 39 60 60

Carlisle (65)
Br. Brower 3, Crawford 16, K. Davis 4, D. Hall 15, Lumson, Tim Pearson, Mitchell, M. Sams 6, J. Tyler 21.
Fgs. 26, Fts. 13/22.

Ballard (60)
Bailey, Copper, Dalton, Jennings 25, Rogers 8, Terrell 12, Thomason 15.
Fgs. 27, Fts. 6/9.

Carlisle Co. 65
St. Mary 54
02-24-84 - Away

St. Mary kept close, but trailed all the way against Carlisle County.

The score was 15-8 in Carlisle's favor after one quarter, but the Comets had to hit a 25 footer at the buzzer to have a 32-29 lead at halftime.

The Comets were led by DeWayne Hall (19), Jeff Crawford (17) and John Tyler (17).

St. Mary was led by Joe Hall with 14 pts. and Pat Hammet with 12.

Carlisle……..15 32 47 65
St. Mary…..…...8 29 39 54

Carlisle (65)
Br. Brower, Crawford 18, K. Davis 7, D. Hall 19, Lumson, Tim Pearson 8, M. Sams 6, J. Tyler 17.
Fgs. 25, Fts. 15/22, Fouls 16, Record 22-7.

St. Mary (54)
Gardner, Hall 14, Hammet 12, Joseph 1, Kupper 2, McNulty, Overstreet 3, Reed, Wurth 8. Roof 10, Stephens, Wooten 4, Wurth 8.
Fgs. 19, Fts. 16/22, Fouls 17.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Pesky Falcons
Don't Bother Tyler

Carlisle Co. 36
Hickman Co. 23
03-01-84 - Away

Tied to John Tyler's past are Regional Championships, Sweet Sixteen moments and State championship overtimes. What most dream of, he has lived.

That's probably why the Carlisle Co. senior had little trouble adjusting to the nuisance, which Hickman County's offensive scheme presented, and he led his Comets into their 5th straight 1st District Championship game.

The 6-9 center, the only returning starter from the Comets' boys' state-runners-up in 1983, directed his team into Saturday's final with a 16-pt. effort in a low-scoring 36-23 victory that opened the 1st District tourn.

Tyler scored 10 of those pts. in the 1st half as the Comets managed to ignore the Falcons' patient approach and build a 16-9 lead. He also batted away 8 Falcons' shots – they only took 28 – and collected 10 of his team's 24 rebounds along the way.

"We just go out there and play like we always play," said Tyler about the Comets adjustment to the Falcon game plan. "It's tough, though, because they get to set the tempo and the team that usually sets the tempo is the one that wins.

"We knew they would hold it on us."

Nearly everybody expected the Falcons slowly probing offense because it had used a similar strategy earlier. The plan worked for the first 8 minutes as Hickman fought to an 8 pt. tie heading into the 2nd quarter, but Comet coach Dick Barr decided to come up with something new.

"They were probably surprised we played man-to-man defense because we have zoned all year," said Barr about his defensive changes late in the 1st period and throughout the 2nd. "I thought we had the better team and I wasn't going to let it be an 8 to 10 ballgame and let the officials determine the outcome."

"We didn't panic or anything."

What the Comet defense did do is nearly shut out the Falcons in the 2nd period. Tyler hit a couple short shots inside, Kerry Davis added a driving one-handed layup, and Timothy Pearson sank a jumper from the foul line for Carlisle. Hickman fired up 5 miscues and sank just one free throw for a 16-9 halftime edge for Carlisle.

Tyler chipped in 5 more pts. in the 3rd period on a putback and 3-pt. play to build the Comets lead to 11, before they had to hold off a minor Falcon surge in the 4th quarter.

"Give all the credit to Carlisle Co.," said Hickman's coach Mark Cooper. "That's the first time anyone has played them like that this yr. and they responded well. Just about every time it looked like they might choke a little bit, Tyler came through."

In the 4th quarter, though, Tyler got some help. Hickman scored the first 4 pts. of the quarter, but Carlisle built the lead to 31-19 with 3:54 left when DeWayne Hall stole a pass and sank 2 free throws, after being fouled on the layup.

The Falcons again cut the lead with Gerald Fitts sinking a long jumper from the wing, and Lawrence Emerson hitting 2 fts. with 1:45 left. It looked like they had a chance to get closer when Pearson missed a free throw but Tyler grabbed the rebound and Pearson scored a layup with 1:07 left off a pass by Davis. Hickman never scored again.

"We had looked for it, worked on it and we were pretty well prepared," said Barr about the Falcons' offense. "John was just a giant of strength in there."

Carlisle…..…....8 16 26 36
Hickman…..…....8 9 15 23

Carlisle (36)
J. Tyler 16, Crawford 3, D. Hall 5, M. Sams 2, K. Davis 2, Tim Pearson 8, Lumson, Ch. Brown, Br. Brower.
Fgs. 15/31, Fts. 6/9, Rebs. 24, Fouls 15, Turnovers 6.

Hickman (23)
Jenkins 2, Weatherspoon, Robertson 6, Gray, Emerson 5, Fitts 8, Crisp 2, O'Neal.
Fgs. 8/28, Fts. 7/19, Rebs. 17, Fouls 12, Turnovers 6.

1st District Tourn.
Championship.
Carlisle Win
Not Pretty, But…

Carlisle Co. 54
Fulton Co. 50
03-03-84 - Away

In the words of Carlisle Co. coach Dick Barr, "It wasn't pretty but it counted."

Those were Barr's sentiments after his Comets escaped with a 54-50 victory over a gutty Fulton Co. team in the boys' finals of the 1st District basketball tourn. Sat. night.

With John Tyler scoring 5 pts. and DeWayne Hall adding 4, the Comets broke from a 44-all tie to outscore the homestanding Pilots 10-6 in the game's last 6 minutes.

"I'm happy with the win, but I would've liked for us to put on more of a show. Fulton Co. just didn't show us any respect," said Barr, the Comets' first-year coach, who returned to Ky. after prep coaching in Indiana.

It was Barr's first Ky. District Championship since the 1952-53 season when he was at Catholic Holy Name High School in Owensboro.

The defending 1st Region Champion Comets looked like gangbusters in the opening minutes as they raced to an 11-2 lead. But Fulton Co. fought back, pulling to within 23-22 at the half. Carlisle took to the offensive again in the 2nd half, gaining a 38-28 advantage, only to see the Pilots rally and trail by four, 42-38, after 3 quarters.

"This was probably one of our better games," said Fulton Co. coach Robert Slone, whose team lost to the Comets by 7 and 19 pts. during the regular season. "Our kids wanted to win this one real bad."

The Pilots stayed in the hunt behind the play of 6-5 center Hal Coffey, and guard Roy Bishop. Coffey's inside play and medium-range jumpers were good for 14 pts. Bishop also got 14 pts., mostly on rainbow jump shots from long range.

Fulton Co., which led just once at 2-0, tied the game at 44-all on Bishop's jumper at the top of the key. Carlisle quickly reclaimed the lead on a Tyler layup. When Fulton Co. missed with its possession, Carlisle rebounded and elected to hold the ball with just under 6 minutes left.

Both teams missed shots before Tyler got behind the Fulton Co. zone for a layup at the 3:53 mark. Coffey answered for the Pilots to make it 48-46, but Carlisle went back to its spread-delay offense.

The Pilots fouled Hall with 1:26 left and he made both fts. Fulton Co. responded with a Bishop jumper and quickly fouled Kerry Davis, who hit the front end of a bonus to give the Comets a 51-48 advantage with 56 seconds remaining.

Coffey missed 20 seconds later and Comet forward Jeff Crawford rebounded. When the Pilots tried to take the ball away from Crawford, the Comets got a fast-break basket that broke Fulton County's back.

Crawford relayed the ball to Tim Pearson who passed to Tyler. Tyler then hit a streaking Hall for an open layup.

With 27 seconds remaining, the 5-pt. lead proved too much for the Pilots to overcome.

Carlisle……..11 23 42 54
Fulton Co…….....5 22 38 50

Carlisle (54)
Br. Brower 1, Crawford 12, K. Davis 1, D. Hall 13, Tim Pearson 8, M. Sams 2, J. Tyler 17.
Fgs. 23/55, Fts. 8/14, Rebs. 31, Fouls 8.

Fulton Co. (50)
Bishop 2, R. Bishop 14, A. Coffey 14, H. Coffey, Simmons 5, Tucker 11.
Fgs. 21, Fts. 8/13, Rebs. 24, Fouls 9.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round

Comet Crown Knocked Off
By Aggressive Laker Defense

Carlisle Co. 43
Calloway Co. 44
03-06-84 – Away

One crown didn't fit snugly on Dick Barr's head after the wary winner's Carlisle Co. Comets planted another 1st District title in the trophy case. Sometimes, how you win means more during state tourn. preliminaries.

Barr saw one thing about his team's crowning moment which foreshadowed problems ahead.

"We didn't play very confident in our district," said Barr Tuesday night. "I've never seen a team so unconfident as we were tonight, either.

"We weren't on all burners. I don't think we were overconfident, we were just so under confident."

Hounded by an aggressive Calloway Co. defense, the Comets watched their remaining confidence shot down as the Lakers avenged 2 regular-season losses in 1st Region boys' basketball action at Murray State's Racer Arena.

Forcing the Comets into 41.5% fg. shooting, the Laker defense rattled Carlisle's most productive offensive performers to grab a lead throughout the evening. Then, the Lakers added just enough 4th quarter fts. to complete the upset over the 24-8 Comets.

"When they (the Comets) have an inside game like they've got, you have to give up the outside shot and take your chances," said Laker coach Jack Pack, whose team is 12-15. "Last year we gave it up to them, and they hit them. This year we gave it up, and they didn't, and we win. It's that simple.

"We had a (defensive) plan and stuck with it. We wanted to keep Johnson forcing Tyler baseline and wanted to drop a guard down to double team. Jamie got in foul trouble, and we took a chance keeping him in there, but he stayed with it. We had to, it was our only chance to stay in it."

Johnson added 11 pts. and held Tyler to just 10 pts. on 3 of 10 shooting from the field. With Comet DeWayne Hall in foul trouble and Jeff Crawford having trouble shooting outside, the Comet offense sputtered.

Even with all those troubles, the Comets still trailed Calloway just 42-41 when Tyler sank 2 fts. with 30 seconds left in the game.

Carlisle got the ball back with 20 seconds left. After Carlisle's Kerry Davis knocked a ball out of bounds, Calloway's Mark Waldrop traveled trying to make an inbounds pass. Crawford's shot to grab the lead fell off, and Tyler lost control of the rebound.

Fouling Chris Sheridan quickly, the Comets sent to the line the senior guard who had just missed the front shot of a bonus situation 25 seconds earlier. Sheridan missed his first shot again but Tyler grabbed the rebound, fired an outlet pass to Clarence Lumson, who lost the ball out of bounds with 9 seconds remaining.

Carlisle finally fouled John Potts, whose 2 fts. nailed down a 44-41 lead that Crawford's layup at the buzzer trimmed to a point.

Calloway had managed to elude every Carlisle effort to take the lead in the 2nd half, mainly thanks to 11/13 foul shooting in the 4th period. Three times the Comets sent a Laker to the foul line with the game tied, and Calloway responded by sinking both ends of the one-and-one.

The Lakers finally sprung ahead by 23 in the 4th period, their biggest lead in the period, when Lumson missed a foul shot after Brad Skinner's 2 fts. broke a 39-tie. Sheridan broke loose on a drive toward the bucket which both Tyler and Crawford were able to block.

However, the officials called a technical on Tyler on the play for slapping the backboard. Skinner sank his third straight ft. for a 42-39 lead with 1:11 left. Free throw misses by Skinner with 52 seconds, allowed the Comets to rally once more.

"We had to keep the lead," said Pack. "That's one thing we knew we had to do, and we did. We wanted to be patient offensively. We wanted to spread their big people out on the court so we could shoot lay-ups. You let them pack it in and the big people will beat you.

"The kids executed our game plan."

Johnson, Todd Albritton, Brad Skinner and John Potts provided enough 1st half offense to keep the Lakers in the lead throughout the 1st half as well, if only a 25-24 edge at halftime. Despite hitting 4/11 fgs. in the 2nd half, they hit 11/16 fts. to earn the triumph.

Albritton and Skinner matched Johnson with 11 pts., while Potts added 9 pts. The Lakers never trailed in the game, but never led by more than 6.

Crawford led the Comets with 13 pts., while Hall added 11 despite missing all of the 2nd period and fouling out with 1:46 left. Tyler's 11 rebounds led Carlisle to a narrow 32-27 rebounding edge over the smaller Lakers.

"It rattled him," said Pack about the defense on Tyler inside. "I thought Johnson went to war on him. Jamie did a heck of a job on the boards. That was big."

Carlisle…..…....12 24 31 43
Calloway……...12 25 33 44

Carlisle (43)
K. Davis 1, D. Hall 11, J. Tyler 10, Crawford 13, Tim Pearson, Br. Brower, Lumson.
Fgs. 17/41, Fts. 9/19, Rebs. 32, Fouls 19, Turnovers 16, Record 24-8.

Calloway (44)
Albritton 11, Skinner 11, Johnson 11, Potts 9, Sheridan 2, Waldrop, Garrison, J.W. foster.
Fgs. 15/34, Fts. 14/22, Rebs. 27, Fouls 16, Turnovers 14.

1983-84

	Sedalia	Lowes	Symsonia	Hickman Co.	Livingston Co.	Marshall Co.	Ballard Co.	Sedalia	Tilghman	Fulton Co.	Union City	Tilghman	Calloway Co.	Fulton City	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.								
John Tyler	20	11	0	17	19	15	19	9	10	20	19	15	17	20	20	26								
DeWayne Hall	11	29	16	14	10	8	6	10	15	20	15	15	15	20	14	14								
Mike Sams	4	10		4	10	18	16	17	13	12	1	8	2	4	7	5								
Jeff Crawford	11	10	11	11	10	12	6	16	6	10	10	8	16	14	18	15								
Kerry Davis		2	1					5	2	3	0	0	9	0	6	4								
Tim Pearson	6	12	8	2	2	4	3	3			0			3	0	0								
Jimmy Mitchell	0	0	2				0	0	0		0			4	2	0								
Chad Brown	0	0	0		2	2		2			0				1	2								
Craig Brown		0	0								0													
Brad Brower		0	0					4	4	2	6	2	4	2	0	4								
Clarence Lumson		6	9	2	0	4	0	2		4	0			2	3									
Mark Lambert											0				0									
Kevin Garrett		0	0					0							0									

1983-84

	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	Lowes	Mayfield	Murray	Calloway Co.	Marshall Co.	Tilghman	Fulton City	Lowes	Wingo	Ballard Co.	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	Fulton Co.	Calloway Co.					Games	Pts.	Avg.
John Tyler	19	8	27	5	17	24	14	16	15	26	17	21	17	16	17	10					32	526	16.44
DeWayne Hall	4	15	15	15	20	14	10	1	6	7	13	15	19	5	13	11					32	415	12.97
Mike Sams	8	6	2			0		0	10	2	10	6	6	2	2						27	185	6.85
Jeff Crawford	19	17	7	8	18	15	21	22	12	5	16	16	18	3	12	13					32	406	12.69
Kerry Davis	9	23	8	4	7	23	5	9	10		7	4	7	2	1	1					26	152	5.84
Tim Pearson		2	2			4				4	6	0	8	8	8	0					22	85	3.86
Jimmy Mitchell		1			2	2			0	6	0	0									17	19	1.11
Chad Brown		0	6			7	2			2	2			0							16	28	1.75
Craig Brown																					3	0	0
Brad Brower	6	4	5		2	4	0	0	2	2	3	3	0	0	1	0					26	60	2.3
Clarence Lumson	0	2	2	18	2	2	4	4	0	2	4	0	0	0		0					26	72	2.76
Mark Lambert			3																		3	3	1
Kevin Garrett									0												5	0	0
						Team Record - 24-8							Per Game Avg. - 60.96								Total Pts	1951	

Career	Game	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
John Tyler	126	31	243	358	526	1158	9.19
Jeff Crawford	32				406	406	12.68
Kerry Davis	32		11		152	163	5.09
Jimmy Mitchell	17				19	19	1.11
Craig Brown	3				0	0	0
Clarence Lumson	26				72	72	2.76

1984-85

HEAD COACH - STEVE DREHER

ASSISTANT COACH - TODD JOHNSON

TROPHIES WON

GRAVES CO. TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 19-10

1984-85

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-11-84	Sedalia	74-53	A	
11-15-84	Fancy Farm	58-34	A	- **GRAVES CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-17-84	Wingo	67-62	A	- **GRAVES CO. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
11-18-84	Hickman Co.	**69-75**	A	- **GRAVES CO. TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
11-29-84	Lone Oak	61-27	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-30-84	St. Mary	**34-51**	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-04-84	Ballard Co.	67-46	H	
12-11-84	Hickman Co.	58-47	H	
12-14-84	Fulton Co	58-41	H	
12-15-84	Tilghman	73-70	H	
12-20-84	St. Mary	**45-54**	A	
12-27-84	Logan Co.	71-57	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-28-84	St. Mary	**45-57**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-08-85	Lone Oak	73-60	H	
01-10-85	Fancy Farm	90-53	H	
01-15-85	Fulton Co	**46-48**	A	
01-18-85	Lowes	71-56	H	
01-25-85	Hickman Co.	60-59	A	
01-26-85	Fulton City	42-39	A	
02-08-85	Tilghman	**56-69**	A	
02-09-85	Murray	53-49	H	
02-14-85	Mayfield	**42-43**	A	
02-15-85	Lowes	**50-57**	A	
02-19-85	Wingo	60-52	A	
02-21-85	Ballard Co.	72-47	A	
02-22-85	St. Mary	71-68	H	
02-27-85	Fulton City	58-54	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-02-85	Fulton Co	**44-62**	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-07-85	Wingo	**70-71**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 19-10

1985 Comets – District Runner-Up



Coach Steve Dreher, Scott Terry, Brian Stovall, Kelly Redford, Matt Mikel, Mike Sams, Chad Brown, Dewayne Hall, Timmy Pearson, John Thomason, Asst Coach Todd Johnson, Russ Carrico (Manager), Brad Brower, Jason Hannigan, Kevin Garrett, Blair Rudd, Shane McGee (Manager)

1984-1985

HEAD COACH - STEVE DREHER

ASSISTANT COACH - TODD JOHNSON

TROPHIES WON
GRAVES CO. TOURN. - 2ND PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 19-10

1984-85 COMET ROSTER:
DeWayne Hall, Tim Pearson, Mike Sams, Brian Stovall, Chad Brown, Brad Brower, Matt Mikel, Kelly Redford, Mark Lambert, Jason Hannigan, Kevin Garrett, John Thomason, Blair Rudd, Scott Terry.

Comets Keep Ticking.
Dreher's 1st-Year Challenge

Fill Holes In Comets' Lineup

Just like a good Swiss timepiece, Carlisle County's Comets are always ticking when it comes to dominating the First District.

That won't change much this year, although both teams may be somewhat weaker than they were last season.

Hickman Co., Fulton Co. and Fulton City will butt heads trying to figure out which will best challenge the Comets.

Carlisle's Comets are still riding the coat tails of their 1883 state runner-up team. That team's Phillip Hall, a second-team all-stater, left his legacy to brother, DeWayne, who has some awful big shoes to fill.

The biggest belonged to Jeff Crawford, a 6-7 swing guard who is starting for Rice University, and 6-9 John Tyler, who took his lanky frame to Georgetown (Ky.) University.

Hall, a 6-3 forward, is the team's leading returning starter with 13.0 pts. per game, but needs just as much if not more than scoring leadership and rebounding to make up for Tyler's absence. He'll get help from 6-5 Michael Sams, who also needs to grab some initiative.

The Comets may not win 24 games again, but they will be able to best their First District competition.

One reason why the remaining teams won't be able to challenge the Comets is because of heavy graduation losses.

Any coach would be happy to trade places with Carlisle County's Steve Dreher with such talents back as DeWayne Hall and Mike Sams, but it's filling in the holes that has the 1st-year coach studying his roster.

Dreher, who comes to Bardwell after a 4-year stint at Symsonia, inherits Hall and Sams off last season's 24-8 team. Hall, a 6-3 forward, averaged 12.4 pts and 9.4 rebounds, while Sams, a 6-5 center, averaged 7 pts. and 2.2 rebounds as a part-time starter.

After that pair, the list of possible starters grows. Brad Brower, a 5-9 sophomore guard, was a part-time starter last year. Timmy Pearson, 6-0, also started a few games. Juniors in the running for playing time are 6-0 Brian Stovall, 5-11 Kevin Garrett, 5-6 Blair Rudd and 6-0 Kelly Redford.

Carrying the load, however, will be Hall and Sams.

"DeWayne is a key on both ends of the court for us. And, he really wants to win. He knows this is his last year, and he's kind of reaching for that leadership.

"I think from what most people tell me, he's improved offensively. He's more versatile this year. When we (Symsonia) played him last year, he was pretty much of just a board man."

Concerning Sams: "The thing about Mike is that he's not proven himself yet, like DeWayne proved last year. I think Mike has really made some strides. Last year, he was more one-dimensional on offense and this year he's playing better defense and getting on the boards better."

Dreher said it may take his team a while to jell because he could be using several combinations of players.

"I think we'll be competitive. We've got a little depth so a lot depends on who comes around and molds into a team player."

If the guards come through and Dreher can find a competent front-liner to join Hall and Sams, he says his Comets could keep in the mold of recent teams.

"I think our strength is going to be inside. We're pretty well improved shooting the ball from the outside. We've got to find somebody that can at least hit that midrange shot for us and will be fairly disciplined. We'll have to do things right because we won't have the luxury of having the players that can burn you."

Carlisle Co. 74
Sedalia 53
11-11-84 - Away

Friday night the Comets traveled to Sedalia for their homecoming. Carlisle put a damper on Sedalia's festivities as they came away with a 21 pt. victory.

Carlisle played good the first half, but they were facing a very big and physical team. Although the Comets played well, they were only up by a slim 4 pts. at the end of the quarter.

Despite their 6'8" center being in foul trouble the first half, the Lions were down by just three pts. at halftime.

The second half, though, was all Carlisle. The Comets outscored Sedalia 27 to 9 in the third quarter behind some very aggressive defensive pressure. Carlisle maintained their 21 pt. lead throughout the final period and downed Sedalia 74 to 53.

Carlisle….....20 37 64 74
Sedalia….....16 34 41 53

Carlisle (74)
D. Hall 17, Ch. Brown 8, Stovall 1, M. Sams 17, Br. Brower 4, K. Lambert, Mikel 17, Tim Pearson 3, Hannigan 2.

Graves Co. Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co 58
Fancy Farm 34
11-15-84 - Away

DeWayne Hall spent all of the first quarter on the bench and played sparingly as Mike Sams led the Comets to a narrow 22-21 halftime edge.

The third quarter brought on disaster as the Gophers managed just four points, and Hall sparked the Comets to a 9 pt. edge.

Hall and Sams each finished with 20 points, Hall scoring 16 in the second half. The final quarter turned into a 24-9 rout for Carlisle.

Fancy Farm…....7 21 25 34
Carlisle….....9 22 34 58

Fancy Farm (34)
Elliott 6, Waggoner 16, Burgess 7, Hayden 3, Thompson 2, Harris 8, Thomas, Elder 2.

Carlisle (58)
Stovall 2, Mikel, M. Sams 20, Tim Pearson 7, Br. Brower 1, D. Hall 20, M. Lambert 2, Garret, Redford 4, Hannigan, J. Thomason, Rudd, Terry.

Graves Co. Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Co. 67
Wingo 62
11-17-84 - Away

Saturday at noon, the Comets took on the experienced and very tough Wingo Indians.

The Comets came out playing hard and a lot better than they did against Fancy Farm. Overall the Comets looked very sharp. Wingo was a very scrappy and tough opponent, they just wouldn't give up.

Behind Mike Sam's 20 points, and a solid defense, the Comets defeated Wingo 67 to 62, and advanced to the finals Saturday night.

Carlisle ……....16 35 55 67
Wingo…….... 15 33 50 62

Carlisle (67)
D. Hall 18, Mikel 3, M. Sams 20, Tim Pearson 9, Br. Brower 12, Redford, Garrett, M. Lambert 5, J. Thomason.
Field goals 22/42, Free throws 23/35, Fouls 17, Record 2-0.

Wingo (62)
Woodfork 20, Clark 6, Sisson 4, Scott 7, Puckett 15, Mullins 3, Jones 7, Pickens.
Field goals 22/57, Free throws 18-27, Fouls 17, Record 1-1.

Graves Co. Tourn.
Championship
Falcons Start Off New Season On
Right Foot With Graves Tourney Title
Carlisle Co. 69
Hickman Co. 75
11-18-84 - Away

What a difference a year makes. In Hickman County's case, the start of this basketball season and last are like night and day.

The red-and-black clad Falcons, who suffered through s 1-7 start last season, are 3-0 capped by a convincing 75-69 victory in the finals of the Graves County Tournament Saturday night.

Hickman took home the championship trophy for the second time in the tourney's three-year history and did it by beating Carlisle County for the first time since 1979 in the all-First District final.

The Falcons accomplished the task by out-quicking the taller Comets and a hot shooting hand, behind Gerald Fitts and Lawrence Emerson.

Fitts, a 5-11 junior forward, accounted for most of his game-high 29 points on locomotive drives toward the basket for layups that wouldn't be denied. Emerson, a quick 5-8, guard, contributed 18 points and provided key ball handling.

"Gerald is a fine player who can do everything for us," said third-year Hickman coach Mark Cooper. "The Emerson kid is our only senior and he played like a senior tonight."

Despite a pronounced height disadvantage, the Falcons used their quickness to beat Carlisle to loose balls and rebounds.

"We are definitely the shortest team in the region and we're proud of it," said Cooper.

Hickman's superiority came to the surface in the second quarter when the Falcons gained a lead they would keep throughout the contest.

Emerson grabbed a rebound and took the ball the length of the court to nail a 10-foot jump shot as the buzzer sounded to end the first quarter. The score gave the Falcons a 17-16 advantage and the lead for good.

Carlisle pulled to within three in the third period and five in the final minutes, but was plagued by five starters who had fouled out.

Hickman converted just 27 of 47 free throws, but canned 34 of 43 shots from the field.

"When you get in a game with a bunch as quick as this you're going to make more fouls," said first-year Carlisle coach Steve Dreher, who played without injured 6-4 starting forward Chad Brown.

"We're just not polished yet."

Carlisle …..…..16 26 46 69
Hickman……....17 35 54 75

Carlisle (69)
D. Hall 16, Mikel 4, M. Sams 12, Tim Pearson 10, Br. Brower 18, Stovall 4, Redford, Garrett, M. Lambert 1, J. Thomason 2, Rudd 2, Terry.
Field goals 28/53, Free throws 13/18, Fouls 34.

Hickman (75)
O'Neal 5, Weatherspoon 4, Fitts 29, Emerson 18, Crisp 5, Yarbrough 10, Lane, K. Alexander 2, M. Alexander 2.
Field goals 24/53, Free throws 27/47, Fouls 17.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Oakers' Weakness No Secret
To Dreher's Torrid Comets

Carlisle Co. 61
Lone Oak 27
11-29-84 - Away

Carlisle County didn't mess around. Nope, it went straight for Lone Oak's Achilles' Heel.

Carlisle had three games under its belt, while Lone Oak was playing it first and at stake was a first-round win in the St. Mary boy's Tournament. The arrow hit the spot and the Comets came away with a convincing 61-27 victory Thursday night.

The Comets knew they could score inside against the Oakers, so their efforts were centered on shutting down the Oaker's big gun. Carlisle did just that, making life miserable for All-Purchase guard Stan Norris behind a variety of defenses.

The early result had Carlisle pitching a shutout (14-0), after one quarter en route to an easy win.

"Lone Oak's game is outside and they were a little bit tight," said first year Carlisle coach Steve Dreher. "We concentrated on clamping down on Norris and I think we did a good job."

The Comets were a terror inside with 6-foot-3 senior forward DeWayne Hall seemingly scoring at will. He was also scary on the boards, hauling in every rebound within his long arms' reach. His night's work read 22 points on 10 of 17 shooting, and 19 rebounds. Mike Sams, a 6-foot-5 junior center, wasn't far behind. He too was a pain in the Oakers' side by connecting on 9-of-15 from the field for 18 points. The total unofficial rebounding figures had Carlisle with 45 and Lone Oak with 21.

"Lone Oak is smaller than us and not quite as physical so we wanted to take the ball to them at the spot where we felt like we could hurt them, and that was down on the blocks," said Dreher.

Speed wasn't worried about stopping Carlisle as much as he was scoring.

"You've got to give Carlisle a lot of credit. They played well and had the defenses set to stop us, but we just shot the ball terrible. We just couldn't get untracked on offense. We were disjointed and never got into the flow of the game. We just got beat, that's about all you can say."

The Oakers hit 4 of 18 field goals the first half to trail 26-11. The second half, Lone Oak went 7 of 24.

Hall and Sams combined to score the Comets' first 12 points. Timmy Pearson scored inside and was assisted by Sams for the quarters final points.

Lone Oak's Troy Dowdy, a 5-10 senior guard, finally broke the ice with a steal and a layup to start the second period. Two minutes later at the 5:41 mark Norris got his first points, but at 18-4, the game was already getting out of hand.

Near the end of the first half, a play near the Lone Oak bench epitomized the Lone Oak effort.

With 13 seconds to go, a ball bounded toward Speed who slapped it toward one of his players. To some it seemed the Oaker coach was going to desperate measures to help his team. After the contest, Speed recalled the incident and had a hard time containing his laughter. He thought the ball had already hit out of bounds.

There was nothing comical about the third quarter as Carlisle continued the onslaught. The Comets kept hounding Norris, who threw up two air balls, let a ball go through his legs and hit 2 of 7 shots in the period.

Norris got little help. Mark Seay did finish with 10 points, but only Mark Clark's six points and Dowdy's three aided Norris' eight point effort.

Dreher left his starters in for most of the fourth period, explaining that they hadn't got to play together much in game situations because of injuries and fouls.

"I felt like we did a good job of blocking out on the boards and we had some patience early on offence," said Dreher. "We're going to come around, but it will take a while.

Carlisle……....14 26 42 61
Lone Oak……....0 11 21 27

Carlisle (61)
D. Hall 22, M. Sams 18, Br. Brower 2, Tim Pearson 8, Mikel, Ch. Brown 8, Stovall, J. Thomason, Hannigan, Redford 3, Garrett, Rudd, M. Lambert, Terry.
Field goals 27/59, Free Throws 7/14, Rebounds 45.

Lone Oak (27)
Seay 8, Wilson, Clark 6, Norris 8, Dowdy 3, Holland, Murray, Holifield, Banks, Walton, Garner, Hayes.
Field goals 11/42, Free throws 5/9, Rebounds 21.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 34
St. Mary 51
11-30-84 - Away

The Comets weren't fortunate Friday night against the St. Mary Viking's. The Viking's were the host team and Tourn. favorites and they proved why they were the favorites.

The Vikings came out playing terrific defense by holding the Comets to 4 pts. in the first quarter. By halftime the Vikings had extended their lead to 24-10.

St. Mary didn't let up any in the second half. Timmy Pearson, Dwayne Hall, Chad Brown, and Matt Mikel were high scorers for the Comets but they scored just 6 pts. each. The Comets shot only 25% from the field and were defeated 51-34.

The Viking's went on to win the Tourn. for the first time in its 20-year history, by defeating Livingston Co.

Carlisle…..….4 10 22 34
St. Mary.....9 24 35 51

Carlisle (34)
D. Hall 6, Mikel 6, Redford 5, M. Sams 2, Ch. Brown 6, Tim Pearson 6, Hannigan 1, Garrett 2.

Carlisle Co. 67
Ballard Co. 46
12-04-84 - Away

Ballard Co. stayed close to Carlisle Country through the first three quarters before the Comets broke away for a 21-point victory.

Ballard trailed by seven entering the final period.

Carlisle, which got 20 points from Mike Sams and 18 from Timmy Pearson, went ahead with 3:01 left in the first half to stay.

Jeff Rodgers led the Bombers with 17 points and Matt Lynn added 13.

Ballard…..…....14 28 43 46
Carlisle…..…....12 31 50 67

Ballard (46)
Bobo, Buchanan 6, Carrigan 1, Dalton 1, Houston 8, Myatt 13, Rodgers 17, Rudolph, Scott, Thompson.
Field goals 18/59, Free throws 6/16, Rebounds 21, Fouls 26, Record 0-3.

Carlisle (67)
D. Hall 8, Tim Pearson 18, M. Lambert, M. Sams 20, Stovall, Garrett 2, Ch. Brown 6, Br. Brower 9, J. Thomason, Mikel 2, Redford 2.
Field goals 23/43, Free throws 21/35, Rebounds 28, Fouls 14, Record 4-2.

Carlisle Co. 58
Hickman Co. 47
12-11-84 - Home

Mike Sams exploded for 19 second-half points to lead the Comets past the Falcons in the First District matchup.

After the teams battled to a 20-20 deadlock at the intermission, Sams and the Comets took off.

"They were in a delay game," said Carlisle coach Steve Dreher. "But once we got the lead, we pressed a little bit and got ahead."

Sams, who led Carlisle with 23 points, scored half of his team's 38 points in the final two quarters.

"We are still learning," said Dreher. "We are playing a little better now. And this game we wanted. They (Hickman) beat us in the Graves County tournament, and we wanted to get that back."

Chad Brown, with 14 points, was the only other Comet in double figures as Carlisle County went to 5-2.

George Yarbro and Lawrence Emerson led the 6-6 Falcons with 12 points.

Hickman.....10 20 30 47
Carlisle.....…10 20 40 58

Hickman (47)
Lane, Yarbro 12, Barnett, Fitts 9, Crisp 5, Emerson 12, O'Neal 3, Weatherspoon 6.
Field goals 17/39, Free throws 13/23, Rebounds 18, Fouls 12, Record 6-6.

Carlisle (58)
D. Hall 8, Tim Pearson, M. Sams 23, Stovall, Ch. Brown 14, Br. Brower 6, Mikel 5, Redford 2.

Field goals 26/50, Free throws 6/9, Rebounds 23, Fouls 19. Record 5-2.

Carlisle Co 58
Fulton Co. 41
12-14-84 - Home

The Comets jumped out 12-4 in the first frame and never looked back in the First District battle at Carlisle County.

"We executed real well early," said Carlisle County coach Steve Dreher. "Once we got ahead, we didn't play well. The game got ragged."

DeWayne Hall and Mike Sams were the mainstays in the 6-2 Comets' attack. Both players had 14 points and 9 rebounds. Chad Brown rounded out the effort with 10 points.

Fulton County, 2-2, was led by Roy Bishop's 14 points while Derrick Fitz had 11.

Fulton Co…....4 18 31 41
Carlisle….....12 30 46 58

Fulton Co. (41)
Mangold 4, Strong 2, Coffey 6, Fitz 11, R. Bishop 14, O. Bishop 4, Hall.
Field goals 22/55, Free throws 10/15, Rebounds 44, Record 6-1.

Carlisle (58)
D. Hall 14, Tim Pearson 8, M. Lambert, M. Sams 14, Stovall, Rudd, Ch. Brown 10, Br. Brower 6, J. Thomason, Mikel 6, Redford.
Field goals 24/46, Free throws 10/16, Rebounds 34 (Hall, Sams 9), Fouls 17, Record 6-2.

Tip-In Lifts
Carlisle Over Tilghman

Carlisle Co. 73
Tilghman 70
12-15-84 - Home

Brad Brower tipped in a missed free throw with 15 seconds to go as Carlisle County defeated Paducah Tilghman 73-70 Saturday night at Carlisle.

The Comets held a 70-68 advantage when Chad Brown was fouled. The 6-foot-5 sophomore forward hit the first free throw for his sixth point of the night and missed the second, but Brower, a 5-11 guard, was there for the putback.

The points gave Brower eight points. DeWayne Hall, a 6-3 senior forward, had a season high of 29 for the Comets as they improved to 7-2.

Tilghman, with a game-high 32 points from senior forward Dwight Smith, dropped to 5-2.

The Comets built a six-point first-quarter advantage and were up 37-25 at halftime, before Tilghman's press began taking its toll in the second half. The Comets held a 15 point lead right before the half and again early in the third quarter, before Tilghman's rally.

"We played well early and executed well early," said Carlisle coach Steve Dreher. "We shot layups on their press in the first half, and they shot layups on it the last half."

Carlisle hurt its own chances by hitting 6 of 14 free throws late in the game.

The Comets, who got help from Mike Sams with 20, won the rebound battle 33-22.

Tilghman.....15 25 48 70
Carlisle….....21 37 57 73

Tilghman(70)
Staples 21, Randle 7, Floyd, Smith 32, Wilson 5, Hancock 2, Gross 2, Sutton 1.
Field goals 23/51, Free throws 15/26, Rebounds 22, Fouls 20, Record 5-2.

Carlisle (73)
D. Hall 29, Tim Pearson, M. Sams 20, Stovall 1, Ch. Brown 6, Br. Brower 8, Mikel 9.
Field goals 29/49, Free throws 15/26, Rebounds 24, Fouls 24, Record 7-2.

Vikings Remain Unbeaten
Despite Carlisle's Defense

Carlisle Co. 45
St. Mary 54
12-20-84 - Away

You would hardly think, from listening to St. Mary basketball coach Larry Hopper, that his team was 10-0 at this point in this season.

Even after the Vikings stopped Carlisle County 54-45, Hopper held back on the praises.

"We have not had any continuity the last three games," said Hopper. "They (Carlisle) played good defense and kept us off-balanced."

"But I think in the long run, they made more errors than we did. And that's because they are a young team. But give them some credit. Carlisle County is a good defensive basketball team."

The Vikings edged ahead 11-10, after the first quarter and maintained that custom at the half (17-16).

By the end of the third stanza the Vikings held a 30-28 lead before streaking away from the 7-3 Comets in the final 8 minutes.

"I felt like (Ronnie) Kupper keeping the pressure on them out front was a big key for us winning the game," said Hopper. "Our defense kept them off-balance. And (Michel) Wooten did a good job to stop the ball in the middle. Our defense has really helped us win games."

Joe Hall led the Vikings with 17 points, while Wooten had 15. Steve Roof had 13 rebounds for the Vikings.

Carlisle County got 17 points from its senior forward DeWayne Hall.

Carlisle….....10 16 25 45
St. Mary….....11 17 36 54

Carlisle (45)
D. Hall 17, M. Sams 6, Stovall 4, Ch. Brown 9, Br. Brower, J. Thomason, Mikel 9, Redford.
Field goals 17/54, Free throws 11/19, Rebounds 28, Fouls 21, Record 7-3.

St. Mary (54)
Roof 7, Kupper 7, Wooten 15, Hall 17, Gardner 4, Overstreet 4.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 71
Logan Co. 57
12-27-84 - Away

Carlisle County defeated the defending state champions, behind the play of DeWayne Hall to set up a semifinal matchup Friday with St. Mary.

The Comets have played the Vikings twice already this season, losing by 17 and 11 points.

Hall, a 6-3 forward and the only Comet senior starter, scored 25 points and led his team to a 36-18 rebounding advantage.

Both teams felt the other out in early play with six lead changes and one tie in the opening minutes. But the Comets got a putback by Chad Brown and Hall produced a steal and score inside as Carlisle took the lead for good, 11-7. Logan pulled to within 17-13 at the quarter, but the Comets outscored the visitors from south-central Kentucky 19-10 in the second period to take a 36-24 halftime advantage.

It was much the same the third period with the Comets holding a 20-13 scoring edge.

John Tisdale led Logan with 19, while Brad Brower and Brown joined Hall in the double figures with 10 each.

Logan…..…..14 26 37 57
Carlisle.....17 38 56 71

Logan (57)
Tisdale 19, Wright 8, Haas 8, Thomas 7, Mallory 8, Beird 3, Sims, Darrell 2, Procter, Johnson 2.
Field goals 20, Free throws 17/31, Rebounds 18, Fouls 22, Record 4-4.

Carlisle (71)
D. Hall 25, Tim Pearson, M. Lambert 4, M. Sams 8, Stovall 4, Garrett, Rudd, Ch. Brown 10, Br. Brower 10, J. Thomason, Mikel 8, Terry, Hannigan 2, Redford.
Field goals 26, Free throws 19/26, Fouls 23, Record 8-3.
Officials – Cash, Jackson.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round
Vikings Add To
Comets' Growing Pains

St. Mary 57
Carlisle Co. 45
12-28-84 - Away

When Steve Dreher, in his first season at Carlisle County, decided on a lineup that included one freshman, two sophomores, a junior and a senior, he knew there would be some growing pains.

But the Comets have suffered less than anticipated en route to their 8-4 mark. Even that record is misleading since three of the losses have come at the hand of an experienced and undefeated St. Mary club.

Friday night in the semifinals of the Tilghman Christmas Invitational, St. Mary claimed a 57-45 decision over the Comets, and both coaches agreed, experience was the key factor.

"They beat us with their heads," said Dreher. "Our inexperience showed. It took us too long to adjust to things."

St. Mary coach Larry Hopper, whose lineup includes four seniors and a sophomore, felt his teams experience particularly showed in the second half.

"We stayed poised on offence in the third quarter," he said. "We weren't patient in the first half – of course Carlisle can do that to you. Steve always plays great defense."

St. Mary owned a slim 20-19 advantage at intermission, but opened a 9-point bulge, after three periods. Center Steve Roof scored 7 of the Vikings' 16 points in the quarter.

Carlisle managed just eight points in the period, hitting 4 of 11 field goal attempts. "We had trouble getting into our defense," said Dreher, whose Comets have averaged just over 41 points a game in the three contests against St. Mary.

"I'm tired of seeing them," said Dreher. "It hurts to lose, but if you learn from it, it may be worth it."

With 3:11 remaining in the third quarter, a basket by DeWayne Hall pulled Carlisle within 26-25. But St. Mary ran off the next 10 points to take control of the contest. A put-back by Chad Brown, who led the Comets with 17 points, made the score 36-27 as the third quarter came to an end.

St. Mary played with a 12-point lead most of the final quarter, and led by as many as 15 at one point.

Ronnie Kupper, who had averaged just over six points in the first 11 games for the Vikings, led the scoring against the Comets with 17. Roof finished with 15 points, three over his average, and Hall contributed 11 points. Hall came into the contest with a 19-point average.

"This was a good team effort," said Hopper. "This team shares points, that's the big thing about

this club. We played good defense, Hall had some nice passes for assists and (Donald) Overstreet and Roof did a good job on the boards."

The victory boosted St. Mary into Saturday night's championship game against Wingo, an 84-74 winner over Livingston Central.

St. Mary…..…..11 20 36 57
Carlisle.....…..9 19 27 45

St. Mary (57)
Roof 15, Kupper 17, Wooten 7, Hall 11, Overstreet 7, Gardner.
Field goals 22/49, Free throws 13/25, Rebounds 22, Fouls 17, Record 12-0.

Carlisle (45)
D. Hall 9, Tim Pearson, M. Lambert, M. Sams 14, Stovall, Garrett, Ch. Brown 17, Br. Brower 3, J. Thomason, Mikel 2.
Field goals 18/47, Free throws 9/13, Rebounds 32, Fouls 23, Record 8-4.

Carlisle County
Dumps Lone Oak

Carlisle Co. 73
Lone Oak 60
01-08-85 - Home

Carlisle County used a first half spurt and then held off a late Lone Oak rally to beat the Oakers, 73-60, here Tuesday night.

"We were just able to get ahead early," said Carlisle County coach Steve Dreher, whose Comets went to 9-4 with the win. "Lone Oak made a comeback in the third, but we were able to hold them off."

DeWayne Hall, who terrorized the Oakers with a 13 of 18 shooting exhibition from the free throw line, led the Comets with 23 points and 16 rebounds. Mike Sams added 15 points, while Brad Brower and Matt Mikel had 12-point efforts.

Lone Oak, 1-8, was led by Stan Norris' 28 points. J.D. Overton and Mark Seay had 10 points each in the loss.

Lone Oak….....11 21 40 60
Carlisle.....….20 30 50 73

Lone Oak (60)
Norris 23, Overton 10, Seay 10, Clark 4, Dowdy 2, Wilson 2, Holifield 2, Murray 2.
Field goals 26/58, Free throws 8/14, Rebounds 14, Fouls 14.

Carlisle (73)
D. Hall 23, Tim Person 4, M. Lambert, M. Sams 15, Stovall, Garrett, Rudd, Ch. Brown 12, Br. Brower 2, J. Thomason, Mikel 12, Terry, Hannigan, Redford.
Field goals 34/61, Free throws 5/12, Rebounds 36, Fouls 12, Record 9-4.

Comets Take Advantage
Of Unscheduled Game

Carlisle Co. 90
Fancy Farm 53
01-10-85 - Home

Eleven Comets played and scored as Carlisle County romped over Fancy Farm 90-53 in an unscheduled boys' basketball contest Thursday night.

Both schools had missed games earlier in the season due to snowouts. Since the schools' girls' teams were playing each other, both coaches agreed to play, said Carlisle coach Steve Dreher.

The Carlisle coach had no mercy on the visitors, starting the game with a full-court press that produced a 22-9 lead as forward DeWayne Hall scored 12 points.

"The last time we played them (in the Lowes tournament), we were only up by one at halftime, so we felt like we needed to be a little more intense this time, early," said Dreher.

"The substitutes did the best job they've done all year for us. They came in and played with a lot of enthusiasm."

Fancy Farm lost the rebound battle 36-22, and was also hurt by a lack of field goal attempts. The Comets took 70 shots and hit 37 while the Golden Gophers had only 45 attempts and hit 18.

Hall, who led all scorers with 25 points, got 21 of those in the first half. An 80 percent foul shooter, he hit 3 of 9 free throws.

Mike Sams added 17 to the Comet attack and Brad Brower 14.

Fancy Farm got 17 points form Chris Burgess and impressed Dreher.

"They played pretty well. They play hard against Carlisle because they're neighbors. If they play hard like that all the time, they'll win several games."

Carlisle, with three losses to the area's second-rated St. Mary team, is now 10-4, and is ranked seventh.

Carlisle….……22 46 62 90
Fancy Farm…...9 21 33 53

Carlisle (90)
D. Hall 25, M. Sams 17, Br. Brower 14, Mikel 2, Tim Pearson 2, Ch. Brown 2, Stovall 2, M. Lambert 2, J. Thomason 6, Hannigan 6, Rudd 4.
Fgs. 37/70, Fts. 17/30, Fouls 21.

Fancy Farm (53)
Burgess 17, Elliott 7, Wagner 18, Hayden 8, Thompson, Elder, Thomas 2, Henson, Baker 1.
Fgs. 18/45, Fts. 16/24, Fouls 27.

Fulton Co. 48
Carlisle Co. 46
01-15-85 - Away

Not much separated the First District dog-fight from beginning to end, but Pilot Oscar Bishop broke enough light between the two for the Pilots to record an upset over The Sun Coaches 7th-ranked team.

Bishop managed only eight points, but two came in the decisive final minute of the game when his free throws gave the Pilots a two-point edge. After Carlisle scored a point, he nailed another free throw with three seconds left for the seventh win.

Roy Bishop led the Pilots with 15 points and Hal Coffey added 14. Fulton County opened up the game's biggest lead at the half, 27-22. Mike Sams scored 22 for the Comets, who led by a point early in the final quarter.

Carlisle.....…..10 22 36 46
Fulton Co….....10 27 39 48

Carlisle (46)
D. Hall 10, Tim Pearson 2, M. Sams 22, Ch. Brown, Br. Brower 4, Mikel 8.
Field goals 21/47, Free throws 4/5, Rebounds 26, Fouls 15, Record 11-5.

Fulton Co. (48)
Mangold 4, Coffey 14, Fitz 7, R. Bishop 15, O. Bishop 8.
Field goals 18/43, Free throws 13/20, Rebounds 34, Fouls 12, Record 7-5.

Carlisle Co. 71
Lowes 56
01-18-85 - Home

Mike Sams scored a career-high 23 points as the Comets dominated Lowes.

Carlisle was off and running from the start, blazing to a 21-6 first-quarter advantage.

Sams got scoring help from DeWayne Hall, who scored 10 pts. and grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds, to power a 28-19 rebound advantage.

Jerry Williams topped Lowes with 18, while David Spicer added 12 and Joey Thompson 10.

Lowes…….…....6 20 28 56
Carlisle.....21 36 50 71

Lowes(56)
Apperson 1, Williams 18, T. Thurston 8, Joey Thompson 10, Jamie Thompson 2, Spicer 12, Mills 2, Todd Thurston 3.
Field goals 19/52, Free throws 18/22, Rebounds 19, Fouls 22.

Carlisle(71)
D. Hall 10, Tim Pearson 5, M. Lambert 6, M. Sams 26, Garrett, Rudd 2, Br, Brower 6, J. Thompson 2, Mikel 9, Terry, Hannigan 3.
Field goals 26/40, Free throws 15/20, Rebounds 26, Fouls 18, Record 12-5.

Carlisle Co. 60
Hickman Co. 59
01-25-85 - Away

Brad Brower scored a season-high 17 points and scored the winning basket as the Comets held off a late charge by the Falcons.

"He's the one that made the difference," said Hickman County coach Mark Cooper after the loss dropped the Falcons to 9-10. "Especially in the fourth quarter."

Brower scored 8 points in that final frame. Mike Sams led the 13-5 Comets with 19 points and 9 rebounds, and DeWayne Hall added 15.

Hickman County got 29 points and 7 rebounds from Gerald Fitts.

Carlisle.....…..10 24 43 60
Hickman.....11 31 48 59

Carlisle (60)
D. Hall 15, Tim Pearson 2, M. Lambert, M. Sams 19, Stovall 2, Br. Brower 17, J. Thompson, Mikel 5.
Field goals 26/42, Free throws 8/17, Rebounds 21, Fouls 19, Record 13-5.

Hickman (59)
Yarbro 4, Barrnett 2, Fitts 29, Crisp 14, Emerson 9, Weatherspoon 1.
Field goals 22/45, Free throws 15/24, Rebounds 24, Fouls 19, Record 9-10.

Carlisle Co. 42
Fulton City 39
01-26-85 - Away

After posting a relatively easy 55-46 triumph over Palmersville Friday, the Fulton City boys' basketball team dug too deep a hole for themselves in losing to Carlisle County 42-39 Saturday here.

Saturday's contest opened with Carlisle jumping on top with two charity tosses by Brad Brower. That would prove to be the only points for either team the first three minutes of the game.

With five minutes left in the period, Tom Smith got Fulton City on the board with a layup to tie the score at two. Scott McDade then gave the Bulldogs the lead with a free throw and a fast-break layup. The teams traded baskets the remainder of the quarter with Fulton City holding a slim 11-10 edge as the buzzer sounded.

Carlisle retook the lead early in the second stanza on a layup by Matt Mikel. The Comets then went up by three on a jumper from the left corner by Mike Sams. It was at that point the visitors decided to go into a delay game of sorts to try and force the Bulldogs out of their zone offense.

The Comets held the ball for over two and a half minutes, before finally getting a back-door layup by Thomason with 4:27 showing on the

clock. Fulton City struck back quickly on a jumper from the free throw line by McDade to make the score 16-13.

Carlisle again decided to hold the ball. Then with 23 seconds left, the Bulldogs stole the ball and Randy Taylor was fouled. The Bulldogs forward sank both free throws, and the period ended with the visitors up by one at 16-15.

Kenny Patterson got the Bulldogs started in the second half. The Bulldog forward hit two beautiful shots, one a turn-around jumper in the paint, and the other a finger roll layup in the lane, to put Fulton City on top 19-16 in the first minute of the third quarter.

DeWayne Hall got the visitors within one with a shot in the lane. Gary Cross again gave the home team a three-point cushion on a jumper in the paint. The Comets then started a run that would prove fatal for the Bulldogs.

Hall got things started on another shot from the lane. Sams then gave the Comets the lead at 22-21 on a good driving layup with just over five minutes remaining.

Carlisle then ran off the final eight points of the period to take a 30-21 advantage. The Comets continued their streak on into the final stanza. They scored the first two buckets of the period to take a commanding 34-21 lead.

The Bulldogs refused to die, however. They scored their first two points in over nine minutes on a charity toss by Patterson with 4:55 left in the game. Carlisle then opened up their biggest lead of the game at 36-22.

The visitors maintained their double digit lead until the 1:30 mark of the contest. The Bulldogs then began a last second run that would just fall short at the end.

Cross got the Bulldogs started with a driving layup to make the score 42-31. Jade Isbell came off the bench to bang home a jumper from the left corner to cut the lead to nine.

Isbell again connected for the Bulldogs in their next possession to slice the margin to 42-35 with just under half a minute on the clock. Still the Bulldogs kept coming.

With 23 seconds left Carlisle missed the front end of a one-and-one and McDade hit on two foul shots for the Bulldogs, making the score 42-37 with 13 ticks left on the clock.

The Bulldogs immediately fouled and the Comets obliged by again missing on both charity tosses with 11 seconds left. Fulton City quickly brought the ball down the court and took another two points off the lead on a jump shot by Cross. There were five seconds left on the clock as the ball cut through the cords, and the Comets were finally able to run out the time to forestall the comeback attempt.

Despite the loss, Bulldog coach David Elliott said he was pleased with his team's performance. "Earlier in the year if we had gotten down by 10 or 12 points we would have just given up, and been blown out by over 20 points. Tonight we refused to give up against a good team. We kept our composure and played a lot better than we would have earlier in the year," said Elliott.

The Bulldog mentor said some confusion in handling the press hurt his team during the big run by the Comets. "Ever since the Fulton County game (Jan. 18) we have worked on handling the press. We worked mostly on a zone press though and they used man-to-man. At first we were trying to break it the same way we would have a zone.

"After I called a time-out we adjusted and began coming back on them. If we had had just a little more time I really think we could have beaten them," said the Bulldog skipper.

McDade paced the Bulldogs attack with 13 points. Cross added 12 in the losing effort. Hall was the top scorer for the visitors with 12, while Sams added 10.

Fulton City…...11 15 21 39
Carlisle.....10 16 30 42

Fulton City (39)
Cross 12, McDade 13, Smith 2, Taylor 3, Patterson 5, Isbell 4.

Carlisle (42)
D. Hall 12, Mikel 2, M. Sams 10, Br. Brower 6, Tim Pearson 24, Stovall, M. Lambert 2, J. Thompson 6.

Tilghman 69
Carlisle Co. 56
02-08-85 - Away

Sophomore Damon Rouse turned in a career-high performance to lead Tilghman in the win over Carlisle County.

The 6-foot-3 forward scored 21 points and grabbed 12 rebounds – both team highs – to help snap back from Thursday's last-second loss to Mayfield.

"Rouse played well," said Tilghman coach after the win put Tilghman at 9-10 for the year. "But it was a good team effort, too. We really played well tonight."

Carlisle, 14-6, jumped ahead 16-12, after the first quarter, before Tilghman came back to lead 28-23 at the half. The Tornado put the game out of reach by outscoring the Comets 12-0 at one point during the third quarter.

Rouse was 9 of 13 from the field and scored 10 of his 21 points on stickbacks on the offensive boards.

Mike Randle was next in line for Tilghman with 15 points, while Dwight Smith was held to 14 points, before fouling out. Michael Wilson, another casualty to fouls, had 11 points.

Carlisle County got 16 points from Mike Sams, while Brad Bower had 14 and DeWayne Hall 11.

Carlisle.....16 23 32 56
Tilghman…...12 28 46 69

Carlisle (56)
D. Hall 11, Tim Pearson 6, M. Sams 16, Stovall, Ch. Brown 7, Br. Brower 14, J. Thomason 2, Mikel, Redford.
Field goals 20/48, Free throws 16/28, Rebounds 26, Fouls 25, Record 14-6.

Tilghman (69)
Randle 15, Smith 14, Wilson 11, Hancock, Stone, Gross 6, Tivis 2, Rouse 21, Neal.
Field goals 26/50, Free throws 17/30, Rebounds 30, Fouls 27, Record 9-10.

Carlisle Co. 53
Murray 49
02-09-85 - Home

Saturday night the First Region's No. 3 team, the Murray High Tigers, invaded Carlisle County. The Comets proved that they could compete with the best teams in the region by downing Murray, 53-49.

Carlisle came out playing very intense basketball. Their play wasn't flawless, but it was better than Friday night. The Comets' main problem was handling the full court press. Murray's press allowed them to stay with Carlisle, and be down by only six points at half time.

The second half was nip and tuck all the way. The two teams battled each other the whole game with neither team giving in. Going into the final period, Carlisle held a slim 5 point lead. The Comets had to struggle and hold off a strong Murray rally, to down the Tigers. Carlisle succeeded, though, and downed Murray 53-49.

Carlisle….....13 26 38 53
Murray….....13 20 33 49

Carlisle Co. (53)
D. Hall 17, M. Sams 4, Br. Brower 5, Mikel 5, Tim Pearson 4, Ch. Brown 14, Stovall 2, J. Thomason 2.

Carlisle Co. 42
Mayfield 43
02-14-85 - Away

After a long break due to snow the Comets traveled to Mayfield for a rescheduled game with the Mayfield Cardinals. The Comets had high spirits about the game, but Mayfield put a damper on Carlisle's spirits.

The Comets started out playing fairly good basketball. Mayfield stayed in the game, though, by controlling the tempo of the game and hitting the boards hard. At the end of the first half, Mayfield made a last second tip-in; that made the score 28-27 in favor of Carlisle.

The second half neither team could take control of the game. The lead changed hands several times between the two teams. With 40 seconds left in the contest, the Comets had the ball and a two point lead. Carlisle called a time-out and decided to go to their delay game. With thirty seconds left in the contest the Comets made a very costly turnover.

Mayfield went down and tied the game with a basket by Ray Keith Mathis. The Comets missed the game winning shot, with three seconds left, and fouled going after the rebound.

The Cardinals made one of two free throws to win the game 43 to 42.

Carlisle….....14 27 34 42
Mayfield.....15 28 35 43

Carlisle Co. (42)
M. Sams 8, D. Hall 16, Ch. Brown 6, Tim Pearson 6, Mikel 6.

Lowes 57
Carlisle Co. 50
02-15-85 - Away

Lowes found itself in an unusual situation … leading one of the top teams in the Region.

"That's the first time we really had a chance of beating a good team," said Lowes coach Jim Long. "If we had made our free throws we could have won big. But I think that was part of it. There was some pressure on our kids."

With 3 minutes left in the third quarter, the Blue Devils found themselves trailing the Comets by five points. But Lowes went on a spurt and led by six (35-29), when the fourth quarter began.

Still, it took a 6 of 6 performance by Jimmy Williams from the free throw line in the final minute, to seal the Blue Devils' 5th win in 22 outings.

David Spicer led the Blue Devils with 22 points, while Jamie Mills and Williams had 12 each.

Carlisle County (15-8) got 12 points and 7 rebounds from Chad Brown.

Carlisle.....7 22 29 50
Lowes…….9 21 35 57

Carlisle (50)
D. Hall 9, Tim Pearson 2, M. Lambert, M. Sams 4, Stovall, Rudd, Ch. Brown 12, Br. Brower 6, J. Thomason 2, Mikel 8, Hannigan 2, Redford 5.
Field goals 16/50, Free throws 18/23, Rebounds 36, Fouls 32, Record 15-8.

Lowes (57)
Apperson, Williams 12, Thurston, Andrews, Thompson 4, Spicer 22, Mills 12, Thurston 7.
Field goals 17/26, Free throws 23/39, Rebounds 26, Fouls 20, Record 5-12.

Carlisle Co. 60
Wingo 52
02-19-85 - Away

The Comets disappointed Wingo's plan to finish its last season without a homecourt defeat, jumping ahead by 11 points in the first period.

Mike Sams scored nine of his 12 points in that opening period to help get the Comets off to a good start. Brad Brower also scored 12 for Carlisle but DeWayne Hall led his team with 13.

Senior Kent Clark scored 16 and senior Harvey Puckett added 15 for the Indians.

Carlisle.....20 32 42 60
Wingo.....9 26 34 52

Carlisle (60)
D. Hall 13, Tim Pearson 5, M. Sams 12, Stovall 4, Ch. Brown 7, Br. Brower 12, Mikel 7, Redford.
Field goals 21/38. Free throws 18/32. Rebounds 30. Fouls 19. Record 16-8.

Wingo (52)
Sisson 7, Puckett 15, Clark 16, Scott, Pickins, Harrison, Woodfork 13, Jones 1, Mullins.
Field goals 21/56, Free throws 10/18, Rebounds 31, Fouls 26, Record 16-8.

Carlisle Comets
Defeat Ballard Bombers

Carlisle Co. 72
Ballard Co. 47
02-21-85 - Away

Thursday night the Comets traveled to LaCenter and invaded the Green Palace, home of the Ballard Bombers. Carlisle is getting a reputation as being the "spoiler". For the third time this year the Comets played a team on their homecoming night for the third time Carlisle has defeated the home team. The Comets have also defeated two teams on their senior night.

Carlisle jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. The Comets, who never trailed in this game, slowly and surely pulled away from the Bombers. Carlisle was leading 11 to 5, after the first quarter and increased the lead to 11 points at half time.

The Comets continued their good play in the second half by continually going inside. Carlisle's big men combined for 58 of their 72 points. Ballard never came close in the second half as Carlisle downed them 72 to 47.

Carlisle.....11 35 54 72
Ballard.....5 24 32 47

Carlisle (72)
D. Hall 16, Tim Pearson 3, M. Sams 26, Stovall 2, Garrett 3, Ch. Brown 13, Br. Brower 3, J. Thomason 1, Mikel 3, Redford 2.
Field goals 28/55, Free throws 16/30, Rebounds 28, Fouls 20, Record 17-8.

Ballard (47)
Bobo 4, Buchanan 8, Carrigan, Huston, Myatt 6, Rodgers 13, Rudolph, Scott 2, Thompson 7, Blanks 7.
Field goals 19/60, Free throws 9/20, Rebounds 29, Fouls 24, Record 6-15.

Threes Have It In
Carlisle's Upset Of St. Mary

Carlisle Co. 71
St. Mary 68
02-22-85 - Home

Three failures didn't daunt the Comets. Even facing a deficit after three quarters failed to make them succumb. Both facts left Carlisle County coach Steve Dreher feeling good.

The Comets finished their year Friday night with their third straight win, a 71-68 upset of the top-ranked St. Mary Vikings. That surge has Dreher grinning.

"It's more the kids who it helps than the coach," said Dreher after his team had built a nine-point lead in the final minute, then withstood the Vikings' final efforts.

"I think they might have been wondering if we'd ever be able to beat St. Mary. Now they know they can if they play hard again like tonight.

"St. Mary is still the team to beat, but we've played three good games in a row, and hopefully we're peaking at the right time."

The Comets picked the perfect time to peak against the Vikings. After earning a 33-30 lead at half-time, they fell behind by three in the third period. Crucial free throw shooting and a string of baskets by reserve Kelly Redford turned that around.

Redford hit three straight baskets in the fourth period, turning a two-point deficit into a four-point lead. Carlisle held the edge by hitting 10 of 11 free throws down the stretch.

Mike Sams scored 8 of his 20 points in the final period for the Comets, while DeWayne Hall led the 18-8 team with 23 points. Sophomore Chad Brown scored 14.

Joe Hall was the Vikings' best, scoring 25 points as his team finished regular season play at 21-4. Donald Overstreet added 15 and Steve Roof scored 14. The Vikings trailed through most of the game.

St. Mary.....16 30 50 68
Carlisle.....18 33 47 71

St. Mary (68)
Roof 14, Kupper 5, Wooten 9, Hall 25, Gardner, Overstreet 15.
Field goals 27/26, Free throws 14/26, Rebounds 26, Fouls 17, Record 21-4.

Carlisle (71)
D. Hall 23, Tim Pearson, M. Sams 20, Stovall, Ch. Brown 14, Br. Brower 4, Mikel 4, Redford 6.
Field goals 29/52, Free throws 13/17, Rebounds 32, Fouls 23, Record 18-8.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Rebound Edge Vital
In Carlisle Victory

Carlisle Co. 58
Fulton City 54
02-27-85 - Away

Rebounding isn't always critical. There are times you can get away without ferociously chasing after errant shots.

Wednesday wasn't one of those nights for Carlisle County.

The Comets needed every one of 43 rebounds, especially the ones close to their own basket, before they could evade the dashing, darting antics of Fulton City.

"We had so many chances," said the Comets Steve Dreher after his team held off the Bulldogs with a 58-54 triumph in the First District Tournament at Hickman County.

"We hit the offensive boards because we had so many misses to chase. That's as poor as we shoot, right there. We needed the rebounding tonight, because I don't think we played well."

The Bulldogs may have been beaten on the glass, but an aggressive defense and quick-paced offense nearly made the Comets' height advantage useless. Although it never held the lead in the game, Fulton City kept the chase lively.

Even trailing 53-42 with four minutes left didn't discourage David Elliott's aptly named Bulldogs. Using a pressing defense, they converted three steals and a missed Carlisle foul shot into eight straight points to cut Carlisle's lead to 53-50 with 1:20 left. The Comets hit just enough free throws (5 of 9) in the last minute to prevent an upset.

"That's our ballgame," said Elliott about the fast-paced attack that utilized its fast break even after Carlisle baskets. "I've noticed the last four or five games that we need to use our speed. We were all over the court tonight and played with a lot of heart. "We didn't get the breaks, but that's how the ball bounces. We played hard, that's all I can ask."

Dreher wasn't as convinced his team played as hard. Beaten badly on the fast break and harassed on offense, the Comets depended heavily upon the rebounding of DeWayne Hall and Mike Sams to keep an early lead.

Fulton City trailed just 44-40 after three periods, when the Comets' younger big men took over. Chad Brown and Matt Mikel each sank putbacks to open the period and Sams sank a jumper at the top of the key to put the Comets up 50-40. They needed every bit of that edge.

Sams did the most damage. His 9 of 12 shooting from the field led to 21 points, and he matched Hall in rebounds. Hall scored a dozen points in the first half, when Carlisle built a 30-22 lead, but finished the game with 14.

"Mike (Sams) is learning where to shoot the ball and when to shoot it," said Dreher. "He's still learning the game. He's got that 16-foot range and he's been picking his shots well.

"I thought we would be ready to play tonight, but we got beat down the floor something terrible. They (Fulton City) wanted it more than we did and it showed. We couldn't get down to contest the basket, that's what I was very disappointed in all night."

Hampered by foul trouble on its big men in the first half, Fulton City depended upon junior guard Gary Cross. His passes and movement against Carlisle's press helped the Bulldogs hang on, after falling behind 16-6 in the first six minutes of the game.

Cross finished the night with 23 points. Kenny Patterson, who spent time on the bench in foul trouble, added 11 and Scott McDade scored 12 as Fulton City ended their season at 8-12.

Fulton City.....13 22 40 54
Carlisle.....21 30 44 58

Fulton City (54)
Patterson 11, McDade 12, Cross 22, Smith 2, Biehslich, Isbell, Cardwell.
Field goals 19/54, Free throws 16/23, Rebounds 33, Fouls 22, Record 8-12.

Carlisle (58)
D. Hall 14, Tim Pearson 2, M. Sams 21, Stovall, Ch. Brown 6, Br. Brower 3, Mike 8, Redford 2.
Field goals 24/56, Free throws 10-22, Rebounds 43, Fouls 18, Record 19-8.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Coffey Led Fulton Co. Ends
Comets' Reign In First District

Fulton Co 62
Carlisle Co. 44
03-02-85 - Away

Every dynasty must end.

"You ain't lying," agreed a grinning Hal Coffey, pleased with the fact the he and his Fulton County teammates had just terminated one in the First District.

"We've been ready to win this all year. Fulton County hasn't done it in so long. Nobody has."

Carlisle ruled the First District during the past five seasons, but it was a regime that the Pilots rebelled against and toppled in a 62-44 sweep on Friday night.

Deadly sniping from the foul line and a determined stand under the basket strengthened the Pilots revolt, but the Comets were weakened by their own inadequacies. The Comets fought without fire power.

"I lied," said Carlisle coach Steve Dreher who had commented on Wednesday night that his team had shot as bad as they possibly could. "We can shoot worse. We just did."

Officially, the collapse didn't begin until the last four minutes of the second quarter. Comet DeWayne Hall had just tied the score at 20 with a jumper inside the lane, when the Carlisle realm collapsed.

The Pilots scored the next nine points, six by senior forward Ricky Mangold and three by Coffey. Hall's free throw with 32 seconds in the half finished the scoring with Fulton County ahead 29-21.

Then the Comet arsenal backfired. While Carlisle missed its first nine shots of the second half, the Pilots raised the lead to 37-21 with 45 seconds left in the period. Kelly Redford finally sank a basket for the Comets, but they trailed 41-23 when the quarter ended.

From there, the Pilots consolidated their control of the game by hitting 14 of 19 free throws in the final period. Carlisle got no closer than 16 points the rest of the game.

"We wanted the gold better than the silver," said Pilot coach Bobby Toon, whose team is now 12-11. "I felt we really wanted to win. We handled Carlisle's pressure, hit the free throws down the stretch and the kids played a smart ball game."

Carlisle certainly couldn't have earned a marksmanship trophy in the Hickman County gym. Firing up 58 shots, it was only able to sink 17 to finish with 29 percent shooting. At the foul line, the Comets hit 10 of 18. Hall was the only Comet in double figures with 17.

"We packed our zone in," said Toon. "We backed in and made them take the outside shot. They hit a few, but they're like us, they take the ball to the inside. We changed their style of play and made them rush."

The Pilots' offense effectively exploited whatever the Comets would give up. They went inside to Coffey, who scored 16 points, or gave up outside shots to Mangold and Roy Bishop. Mangold finished with 11 points, while Bishop led his team with 18 by hitting 8 of 10 free throws in the fourth quarter.

"We figured it would be a much closer game because we split during the regular season, but we've been getting ready for this one all year," said Coffey. "The momentum got going our way and we had a big crowd that got us going. That did a lot."

Those secrets ended a Comet domination, that began with a double overtime win over the Pilots in 1980.

Fulton Co…....10 29 41 62
Carlisle.....…...8 21 23 44

Carlisle (44)
Br. Brower 2, Ch. Brown 6, M. Sams 4, Mikel 3, D. Hall 17, Stovall, Redford 4, Tim Pearson 6, J. Thomason 2, Hannigan, Garrett, Rudd.
Field goals 17/58, Free throws 10/19, Rebounds 25, Fouls 30, Record 19-9.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Jones Touch Too Much For Comets

Carlisle Co. 70
Wingo 71
03-07-85 - Away

Dion Jones had already proven he had the golden touch. With the final six seconds of the third quarter ticking away, Jones chased down a loose rebound in front of his own bench a good 35 feet from the basket. His wild throw at the basket banked off the glass and through the hoop, with two seconds left.

"That was a bit of a lucky shot," said Wingo's 5-foot-11 junior forward.

He made just one more basket, a simple little layup that was even more dramatic, and gave Wingo a 71-70 edge over Carlisle County in a First Region victory Thursday night at Murray State Arena.

Jones layup with a second left completed a five second full-court race by the Indians, which turned the tables on Carlisle and left Comet coach Steve Dreher a summer of second-guessing to live with.

Meanwhile, the Indians go on to a semi-final match up with Murray on Monday night.

"I thought we were gone," said Jones about the final 10 seconds of the game. "Faith kept us up I guess."

Faith and quick feet.

Trailing Carlisle 70-69, the Indians were forced to foul Comet sophomore Matt Mikel with six seconds left, when he grabbed the rebound after Indian Larry Sisson had missed two straight free throw tries.

After a time out, Mikel's first toss in the bonus foul situation bounced far from the hoop right into the hands of Wingo's Harvey Puckett. Forsaking the Indians' plan, Puckett drove right down the center of the court, passing to Jones as he pulled up apparently ready to shoot the ball. Jones beat a flurry of Comet defenders by the bat of an eye for a lay-up.

"What a pass, what a pass and a rebound," said Wingo coach Wayne Wadlington. "Harvey got that rebound and brought it down the floor and I thought he was going to shoot it. All of a sudden he saw Dion and Dion made a tremendous effort to break down that baseline and get in a position where Harvey could get the ball to him."

Dreher anguished over the final moments. Instead of dropping his players away from the foul lane on the free throw, he put them up close hoping to slow the Indians down immediately after the free throw.

"I could have played it safe and fell back, but they were so hot I was afraid they would hit a reasonable shot," said Dreher. "What we wanted to do was set up and make them make one extra pass and they wouldn't get a decent shot.

"But the ball came out just right, he took it in mid-stride and took off. That's the way it goes. We hadn't had any success stopping Woodfork outside and I knew they wouldn't get it to him. If I had to do it over again, of course, I'd go the opposite way.

"It's the worst possible loss. What's toughest is seeing those kids with broken hearts."

After leading through most of the game, the Comets faltered under the fourth quarter barrage of Woodfork, Puckett and Session. Woodfork scored 11 of his 19 points in that final period, and lit the fire that failed to dim even with just six seconds left.

Carlisle.....10 33 48 70
Wingo.....13 31 44 71

Carlisle (70)
D. Hall 25, Mikel 6, M. Sams 11, Br. Brower 8, Ch. Brown 15, Tim Pearson 5, Stovall, Redford.
Field goals 29/51, Free throws 12/19, Rebounds 31, Fouls 21, Record 19-10

Wingo (71)
Woodfork 19, Puckett 21, Sisson 15, Clark 7, Mullins 1, Scott 2, Jones 6.
Field goals 27/52, Free throws 17/29, Rebounds 28, Fouls 17, Record 22-8

1984-85

	Sedalia	Fancy Farm	Wingo	Hickman Co.	Lone Oak	St. Mary	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Fulton Co.	Tilghman	St. Mary	Logan Co.	St. Mary	Lone Oak											
DeWayne Hall	17	20	18	16	22	6	8	8	14	29	17	25	9	23											
Tim Pearson	3	7	9	10	8	6	18	0	8	0		0	0	4											
Mike Sams	17	20	20	12	18	2	20	23	14	20	6	8	14	15											
Brian Stovall	1	2		4	0		0	0	0	1	4	4	0	0											
Chad Brown	8				8	6	6	14	10	6	9	10	17	12											
Brad Brower	4	1	12	18	2		6	6	6	8	0	10	3	2											
Matt Mikel	17	0	3	4	0	6	2	5	6	9	9	8	2	12											
Kelly Redford		4	0	0	3	5	2	2	0		0	0		0											
Mark Lambert	0	2	5	1	0		0		0			4	0	0											
Jason Hannigan	2	0			0	1						2		0											
Kevin Garrett		0	0	0	0	2	2					0	0	0											
John Thomason		0	0	2	0		0		0		0	0	0	0											
Blair Rudd		0		2	0				0			0		0											
Scott Terry		0		0	0							0		0											

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	Fancy Farm	Fulton Co.	Lowes	Hickman Co.	Fulton City	Tilghman	Murray	Mayfield	Lowes	Wingo	Ballard Co.	St. Mary	Fulton City	Fulton Co.	Wingo						Games	Pts.	Avg.
DeWayne Hall	25	10	10	15	12	11	17	16	9	13	16	23	14	17	25						29	465	16.03
Tim Pearson	2	2	5	2	4	6	4	6	2	5	3	0	2	6	5						28	127	4.53
Mike Sams	17	22	26	19	10	16	4	8	4	12	26	20	21	4	11						29	429	14.79
Brian Stovall	2			2	0	0	2		0	4	2	0	0	0	0						24	28	1.16
Chad Brown	2	0				7	14	6	12	7	13	14	6	6	15						23	208	3.04
Brad Brower	14	4	6	17	6	14	4		6	12	3	4	3	2	8						27	181	6.7
Matt Mikel	2	8	9	5	2	0	5	6	8	7	3	4	8	3	6						29	159	5.48
Kelly Redford						0			5	0	2	6	2	4	0						19	35	1.84
Mark Lambert	2		6	0	2				0												15	22	1.46
Jason Hannigan	7		3						2					0							10	17	1.7
Kevin Garrett			0								3			0							12	7	0.58
John Thomason	6		2	0	6	2	2		2		1			2							19	25	1.31
Blair Rudd	4		2						0					0							10	8	0.8
Scott Terry			0																		6	0	0
						Team Record - 19-10						Per Game Avg. - 59.00							Total Pts.			1711	

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
DeWayne Hall	89		55	415	465	935	10.5
Tim Pearson	50			85	127	212	4.24
Chad Brown	39			28	208	236	6.05
Mark Lambert	18			3	22	25	1.38

1985-86

HEAD COACH - STEVE DREHER

ASSISTANT COACH - TODD JOHNSON

TROPHIES WON

BLYTHEVILLE TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

ST. MARY TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-15-85	St .Mary	81-57	H	
11-16-85	Palmersville, TN.	82-34	H	
11-19-85	Graves Co	69-68 **ot**	H	
11-22-85	Gosnell, ARK.	59-55	A	**- BLYTHEVILLE, ARK. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-23-85	Blythville, ARK.	**48-65**	A	**- BLYTHVILLE, ARK. TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
11-30-85	St. Mary	53-47	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-06-85	Ballard Co.	75-66	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-07-85	Graves Co	**60-73**	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-10-85	Ballard Co.	59-48	A	
12-14-85	Tilghman	**74-75**	H	
12-17-85	Hickman Co.	47-46	A	
12-20-85	Fulton Co	66-39	A	
12-26-85	St. Mary	76-59	A	**- TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-27-85	Mayfield	**56-70**	A	**- TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-07-86	Potter Academy	96-43	H	
01-10-86	.Fulton City	78-53	H	
01-11-86	Calloway Co.	**73-82**	A	
01-14-86	Lone Oak	48-44	A	
01-18-86	Palmersville, TN.	66-53	A	
01-21-86	Fulton Co	**65-66**	H	
01-28-86	Murray	**46-55**	A	
01-31-86	Hickman Co.	58-47	H	
02-01-86	Lexington Tates Creek	57-54	A	
02-04-86	Mayfield	62-53	H	
02-07-86	Tilghman	**64-90**	A	
02-14-86	Cairo, ILL.	**60-64 ot**	H	
02-18-86	Fulton City	64-54	A	
02-21-86	Graves Co	55-53 **ot**	A	
02-25-86	Calloway Co.	**48-58**	H	
02-27-86	St. Mary	61-53	A	
02-28-86	Ballard Co.	71-57	H	
03-05-86	Fulton City	59-34	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-07-86	Hickman Co.	55-54	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-11-86	Graves Co	**66-86**	A	**- 1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 23-11

1986 Comets – District Champion



Coach Steve Dreher, Shane McGee (Manager), Scott Terry, Shane Owens, Kevin Fortner, Mike Sams, Matt Mikel, Kelly Redford, John Thomason, Jason Martin (Manager),Asst Coach Todd Johnson, Kevin Garrett (Manager), Brian Stovall, Brad Brower, Blair Rudd, Shane Midyett, Jason Hannigan, Steve Hayden (Manager)

1985-1986

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BLYTHEVILLE TOURN. - 2ND PLACE
ST. MARY TOURN. - 2ND PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 23-11

1985-86 COMET ROSTER:
Mike Sams, Kelly Redford, Brad Brower, John Thomason, Jason Hannigan, Scott Terry, Brian Stovall, Matt Mikel, Kevin Fortner, Blair Rudd, Shane Owens, Shane Midyett, Billy Kellett, Bernie DeRousse.

Work, Dedication, Key For Carlisle

Carlisle Co. won't have the firepower it did 3 years ago when it was the state runner-up, or even last year, when it went 19-10, but coach Steve Dreher hopes some hard work and a special dedication can make up for any deficiencies.

"I'd really appreciate it if it was mentioned that the team has dedicated this season to DeWayne Hall," Dreher said. "He had such a big impact on our team and he was one of 2 seniors last year. He was so great with the kids and we're going to try and pay him back some. I think the kids are really going to buckle down and work to have a good year for him."

Hall, an All-Purchase performer, was killed in an automobile accident while coming back from Paducah after signing a basketball scholarship with Paducah Community College.

The team is also missing an underclassman. Chad Brown, a 6-5 guard, was one of the area's most promising sophomores last season but transferred to Massac Co., ILL.

The Comets should be strong in the middle with the return of 6-4 Mike Sams, the team's leading returning scorer at 15.8 and leading rebounder at 8.

"Mike is a much more complete player now. He's matured and I think he worked on his weaknesses and will be better all-around," Dreher said. "His ball-handling and passing skills are much better and he's shooting better, too."

Dreher said Sams has "perimeter" range but will more than likely play a lot inside because of his size.

Joining Sams on the front line is 6-4 sophomore Matt Mikel. "He has great hustle and great intensity and I love that."

The other forward spot is up for grabs between 6-0 senior Kelly Redford and 6-0 junior John Thomason. A couple of sophomore forwards who bear watching are 6-4 Kevin Fortner and 6-1 Scott Terry.

Brad Brower, a 5-10 junior guard and 3 year starter, will be the team's quarterback. "I believe he's learned his role. He'll be an exciting player and he's gritty."

Dreher calls 5-11 senior guard Brian Stovall the teams best outside shooter. Also at the guard spot will be 5-5 senior Blair Rudd, 5-7 junior Brian Midyett, 6-0 junior Jason Hannigan. The Comets also have a 1st-year player in Shane Owens and 5-7 junior guard Alan Rambo.

"I think we'll have to get up and down the floor a little more because we can't run over people. We don't have the power we've had in the past. This is probably the smallest team Carlisle's had in years.

"We'll run a little more and press a little more. We'll have to find other ways to win. We just can't play half court like we did last year.

Carlisle Co. 81
St. Mary 57
11-15-85 - Home

Mike Sams, a 6-foot-4 senior center, hit 12 of 15 field goals in two quarters, and scored 26 points in the Comet victory.

Carlisle took a 25-14 first-quarter margin and upped the lead to 21 by halftime. John Thomason was the only other Comet in double figures.

St. Mary……..14 25 35 57
Carlisle …….25 46 64 81

St. Mary (57)
North 2, Reed 6, Hayden 5, Sims 1, Harbison 3, Stephens 10, Overstreet 14, Joseph 14.
Field goals 19/48, Free throws 15/37, Rebounds 30, Fouls 19, Record 0-1.

Carlisle (81)
Mike Sams 26, Stovall 1, Redford 9, Brad Brower 8, John Thomason 6, Hannigan 10, Midyett 1, Scott Terry 6, Fortner 8, Mikel 6.
Field goals 35/56, Free throws 11/18, Rebounds 4. Fouls 25, Record 1-0

Palmersville, TN. 34
Carlisle Co. 82
11-16-85 - Home

Saturday night the Comets had their second home game in as many nights with the visiting Palmersville, TN. Tigers as Carlisle's opponent.

Comet fans now knew Carlisle could play tough basketball, but would they let down after Friday night's rout of St. Mary. The answer to this question is no.

Carlisle came out playing hard again, and used good defense to build up to a 16-1 lead halfway through the first quarter. Brad Brower provided the offensive power this time with 10 first half points, leading Carlisle to a 40-21 lead at the half.

Again the subs upheld the excellent play of the Comets starters as the bench scored 39 points during the game. The Comets used a balanced attack with every player scoring as they downed Palmersville, 82-34.

Carlisle.....23 40 66 82
Palmersville.....8 21 29 34

Carlisle (82)
Mike Sams 10, Mikel 2, John Thomason 9, Redford 10, Brad Brower 14, Hannigan 10, Stovall 8, Scott Terry 5, Fortner 5, Midyett 2, Rudd 6, Owens 1.

Carlisle Co. 69
Graves 68
11-19-85 - Home

Carlisle County coach Steve Dreher said he "would like to thank the sixth man, the crowd, for pulling us through," after the Comets had defeated Graves County in overtime 69-68 in a boys basketball game Monday night.

He might also give sophomore Scott Terry a pat on the back.

Terry, a 6-1 swingman, grabbed a missed Carlisle shot and returned it through the basket as the buzzer sounded for the game-winner. The Eagles had gone ahead 68-67 with 12 seconds remaining in the extra period on a pair of converted free throws.

"I am just so proud of these kids because they have worked so hard," said Dreher, whose starters had all fouled out by game's end. "It was a team effort."

The game was close throughout with neither team taking more than a four-point lead at any of the quarter stops. The score was 64-all at the end of regulation play.

Mike Sams powered the Comets with 23 points and 14 rebounds as Carlisle won the board battle 36-35. The Eagles' Forrest Woodfork had 25 points.

Graves.....14 34 51 64 68
Carlisle.....12 30 50 64 69

Graves (68)
Woodfork 25, Hamilton 12, Jones 9, Spicer 4, Ellington 16, Elliot.
Field goals 21/46, Free throws 26/43, Rebounds 35, Fouls 20, Record 1-1.

Carlisle (69)
M. Sams 23, Stovall 4, Redford 4, Br. Brower 8, J. Thomason 11, Hannigan 7, S. Terry 2, Fortner 1, Mikel.
Field goals 27/55, Free throws 15/23, Rebounds 36, Fouls 30, Record 3-0.

Blytheville, Ark Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co.
Escapes Letdown

Carlisle Co. 59
Gosnell, Ark. 55
11-22-85 - Away

Sure the Comets were on the road taking a weekend trip to the Blytheville Classic, but Carlisle County coach Steve Dreher didn't want them taking it easy.

"We played pretty much as if we were on vacation," said Dreher about his team's opening appearance in the weekend tournament. "We did what it took to win and that was it."

What it took was a fourth quarter rally when the Comets overcame a 6 pt. deficit to win, 59-55, over Gosnell, Ark., in the tournament's opening round Friday night. They needed a 16-6 scoring edge in that final period to come away winners.

"(Brad) Brower hit a 1-and-1 with 7 seconds left to clinch the game," Dreher said. "Durden (of Gosnell) is one of the most dominate center's we've seen in a long time. I would say, conservatively, he blocked 10 of our shots.

He didn't block enough as Carlisle still finished hitting 24 of 44 from the field, and managed to tie Gosnell in rebs. with 27. Comet center Mike Sams wasn't intimidated either, scoring 23 pts. to lead his team. Brower added 15 for the 4-0 Comets.

Carlisle……..21 30 43 59
Gosnell…….16 25 49 55

Carlisle (59)
M. Sams 23, Stovall, Redford 4, Br. Brower 15, J. Thomason 4, Hannigan 2, Terry, Mikel 11.
Field goals 24/44, Free throws 11/16, Rebounds 27, Fouls 12, Record 4-0.

Gosnell (55)

Inman 4, Lewis 3, Echols 15, Patrick King, Durden 16, Phillip King 6, Pickens.

Blytheville, Ark Tourn.
Championship

Carlisle Co. 48
Blythville, ARK. 65
11-23-85 - Away

Saturday the Comets faced the host school the Blythville, ARK. Chickasaws. The Comets appeared to be a little tired before the game and it showed.

I'm sorry to say, but Carlisle never was really in this contest. The Chicks jumped on the Comets early and kept on going at them. At the end of the first quarter Blythville was up by 16 points.

The second half, Carlisle came out showing some hustle. but Blythville was just too tough. The Comets staged a late rally, but it was too little, too late. Carlisle cut the lead to 10 points and never got any closer. The Chickasaws downed Carlisle 65-48 as the Comets fell to 4-1 on the season.

Carlisle…….....10 15 27 48
Blythville…...18 33 54 65

Carlisle (48)
M. Sams 20, Mikel 3, J. Thomason 2, Redford 4, Br. Brower 8, Hannigan 7, S. Terry 4.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Vikings Fortune Divides
As St. Mary Tourney Starts

Carlisle Co. 53
St. Mary 47
11-30-85 - Away

Carlisle County hit 13 of 16 free throws in the final quarter to hold off host St. Mary in a boys' game of its holiday tournament.

The Comets' Kelly Redford headed his team with 14 points, while Mike Sams added 11 and Jason Hannigan 10.

Donald Overstreet paced all scorers with 16 points.

Carlisle.....4 22 30 53
St. Mary…...7 17 28 47

Carlisle (53)
Brad Brower 4, Hannigan 10, Mikel 2, Redford 14, M. Sams 11, Stovall, S. Terry 5, J. Thomason 7.
Field goals 16/53, Free throws 21/28, Rebounds 32, Fouls 21, Record 5-1

St. Mary (47)
Harbison, Hatcher, Hayden 6, Joseph 11, North 4, Overstreet 16, Reed 3, Sims, Stephens 7.
Field goals 16/52, Free throws 15/24, Rebounds 32, Fouls 21, Record 5-1.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 75
Ballard Co. 66
12-06-85 - Away

Ballard Co. surprised the First Region's winningest team early, before the Michael Sams show went on the air.

The smaller Bombers jumped atop 6-0 and never trailed until two minutes remaining, before the half when Carlisle took the lead for good.

Carlisle held a 41-37 halftime advantage before Sams exploded in the third quarter scoring all of his team's 14 points for a 55-44 lead. Ballard got as close as six points in the final quarter, before Carlisle spread its offense and got layups or was fouled.

Ballard's biggest lead was in the opening minute. Thompson got behind the Carlisle press for four points as the Bombers went up 6-0. With 3:35 to play in the first quarter, Ballard's Lynn Myatt, who scored 24 points, completed a three point play to make it 15-10. Carlisle came back with five straight points to tie it.

The Comets tied the score again at 17 and 21, before taking the lead for the first time at 31-30 on a short jumper inside.

Both squads started the second half sluggishly, before Sams came to life. In the final five minutes of the period he scored 12 of his 14 points in the quarter.

Sams ended the contest with 25 points. Matt Mikel had 13 points and Kelly Redford 12.

Brent Buchanan topped the Bomber scoring with 26 points as he and Myatt accounted for 50 of the team's 66 points.

Ballard…….....21 37 46 66
Carlisle…….....17 41 55 75

Ballard (66)
Houston 4, Myatt 24, Buchanan 26, Thompson 6, Blanks 4, Townsend 2, Carrigan, Dowdy, Randolph, Bobo, Russell.
Field goals 27, Free throws 13/17, Fouls 27, Record 1-1.

Carlisle (75)
M. Sams 25, Mikel 13, J. Thomason 4, Redford 12, Br. Brower 4, Hannigan 10, Stovall 2, S. Terry 5.
Field goals 26, Free throws 23/34, Fouls 16, Record 6-1.

St. Mary Tourn.
Championship
Graves Co. Claims
St. Mary Title

Graves Co. 73
Carlisle Co. 60
12-07-85 - Away

Graves Co. answered a lot of questions about it's first year team with a 73-60 victory over Carlisle Co. in the St. Mary Tourn.

The Eagles, who lost to the Comets nearly 3 weeks ago, resisted several Comet runs at the lead and hit 13 of 14 free throws in the final quarter for their seventh victory in eight outings.

"It's confidence. We're playing with more confidence." said Graves coach Curtis Turley. "We're learning more about each other and how each of us plays."

The Comets learned plenty about the Eagles' Forrest Woodfork and Scott Hamilton. Woodfork scored 25 pts., including 15 in the first half, when Graves built a 6 pt. advantage, and Hamilton scored 8 pts. in the final quarter and hit 11 of 12 free throws.

The game was a "shattering" experience for players and fans alike before the first whistle had blown. In pre-game warm-ups, Carlisle player John Thomason shattered the backboard at the St. Mary gym, while trying to dunk the ball. The game was delayed for about 45 minutes, and was moved to the Lone Oak gym.

The closest the Comets came to the lead in the second half was 41-40, when guard Brad Brower sank a jumper from 15 ft. with 5:21 left in the third quarter.

Carlisle had a chance to take the lead when Brian Stovall slapped the ball away from a Graves' player, but Woodfork picked it up and sank a short jumper for a 43-40 lead and breathing room. Things got worse for Carlisle. The Eagles went up by 7 and held a four pt. lead heading into the fourth quarter. The Comets pulled within 53-49 early in the period, but could get no closer.

"We knocked the ball loose twice when we were within 1 pt. and they got the ball and scored. That was critical." said Carlisle coach Steve Dreher.

The Eagles, who never trailed, brushed off several runs by Carlisle. Ten times the Comets came within 10 pts., but Graves held on.

"Once a team has fought back and taken the lead, it usually gives them a boost in momentum, so it was important that we hung onto the lead," Turley said.

Both teams shot well, Carlisle hitting 28 of 51 fgs. for 55%, while Graves was 24 of 51 for 47%. The difference was at the line where the Eagles went 25 of 34 and Carlisle was 4 of 9.

The Eagles took a 37-31 first half advantage behind Woodfork's 15 pts., including a spectacular dunk right before the half ended.

With 17 seconds remaining in the second quarter, the Comets pulled within 33-31, when Mike Sams grabbed a Woodfork miss, flipped the ball to Brower, who passed to Kelly Redford for a layup.

But the Eagles came back 8 seconds later when Hamilton, who had 8 second quarter pts., 6 on free throws, hit a pair in the bonus. He was fouled on the play by Redford, Carlisle's long range threat, who left the game at that point with his third foul.

Carlisle had a chance to cut the lead to two before the half, but Woodfork slipped behind Brower on the press and knocked the ball loose. Hamilton picked up the loose pass and threw it ahead to Woodfork, who went in for a thundering one-handed dunk with one second left on the clock.

Graves.....17 37 51 73
Carlisle.....13 31 47 60

Graves (73)
Burgess, Ellington 12, Hamilton 17, Jones 9, Spicer 11, Wilson, Woodfork 25.
Field goals 24/51, Free throws 25/34, Fouls 8, Record 7-1.

Carlisle (60)
Br. Brower 19, Hannigan 3, Mikel 10, Redford 2, M. Sams 15, Stovall, J. Thomason 6.
Field goals 28/51, Free throws 4/9, Fouls 22, Record 6-2.

Carlisle Co. 59
Ballard Co. 48
12-10-85 - Away

Taking command in the second quarter, the Comets pushed ahead to a 13-point halftime lead and never gave the Bombers a chance to bounce back.

Outscoring the Bombers 22-11 in the second period, Carlisle was able to disrupt the Ballard offense, and its two leading scorers Brent Buchanan and Lynn Myatt. The pair managed just 27 points with Myatt scoring 14.

Mike Sams again led the Comets, coming up with 16 points as Carlisle took advantage of a 17-8 scoring edge at the foul line. Kelly Redford added 11 and Matt Mikel 10 for the Comets.

Carlisle…….....16 38 49 59
Ballard…….....14 25 35 48

Carlisle (50)
Br. Brower 7, Hannigan 4, Mikel 10, Redford 11, M. Sams 16, Stovall, S. Terry 2, J. Thomason 9.
Field goals 21/44, Free throws 17/25, Rebounds 23, Fouls 19, Record 7-2.

Ballard (48)
Bobo, Buchanan 13, Carrigan, Dalton 2, Huston 8, Myatt 14, Thompson 6, Townsend 5, Russell.
Field goals 20/58, Free throws 8/15, Rebounds 27, Fouls 19, Record 1-2

Comets Late Burst
Falls Short Of Goal

Tilghman 75
Carlisle Co. 74
12-14-85 - Home

Tilghman held off a furious fourth quarter rally and held on to beat Carlisle Co., 75-74, here Sat. night.

Tilghman appeared to be on their way to a easy win when Damon Rouse scored with 6:34 left in the game to give the Tornado a 66-47 lead.

But the determined Comets, now 7-3, fought their way back into the contest. Over the next 3½ minutes, with Michael Sams leading the way, Carlisle scored 10 unanswered pts. Rouse ended the scoring drought by Tilghman with a bucket at the 2:34 mark to put the Blue ahead, 68-57.

Carlisle continued to come back on Tilghman. Sams, who scored 17 of his game high 34 pts. in the fourth quarter, hit both ends of a 1-and-1 with 14 seconds left to pull the Comets within 2 pts., 74-72.

Tilghman's Donald Tivis was fouled with 12 seconds left and made the front end of the bonus toss to give Tilghman a 75-72 edge. When he missed the second toss, Carlisle's Jason Hannigan rebounded the miss, dribbled the ball downcourt and hit a jumper from the top of the key to cut the lead to 75-74, with 5 seconds left.

Carlisle called time out. When Tilghman inbounds the ball, the Comets quickly fouled Terry Sutton, and put him on the line with a 1-and-1. His first shot missed and Sams rebounded, but his desperation pass downcourt was thrown away as time expired.

"I'm proud of these kids," Carlisle coach Steve Dreher said, "but there is no excuse for getting 19 pts. down. We self-destructed in the third quarter when they outscored us 22-11."

In the third quarter, Carlisle hit on 3 of 14 from the field and committed 9 turnovers.

"Tilghman shot very well," Dreher said. "Even better than I thought they could. Gross was probably the difference in the game."

Gross finished the night with 18 pts. for Tilghman. Tivis led the Tornado with 20 pts., while Michael Wilson had 15 and Rouse finished with 12.

Another key to the Carlisle loss might have been the matchup between Tivis and Comet guard Brad Brower. Brower, who averaged 10 pts. a game going into the contest, ended the night with only 4 pts.

Tilghman, 4-1, never trailed in the game. For most of the first half, the Tornado played with a 7 pt. lead.

Tilghman……..21 40 62 75
Carlisle……...13 34 45 74

Tilghman (75)
Gross 18, Hancock 2, Neal 6, Rouse 12, Sutton 2, Tivis 20, Wilson 15.
Field goals 30/58, Free throws 15/28, Fouls 28, Record 4-1.

Carlisle (74)
Br. Brower 4, Hannigan 10, Mikel 8, Redford 11, M. Sams 34, Stovall 5, S. Terry, J. Thomason 2.
Field goals 27/57, Free throws 20/29, Fouls 25, Record 7-3.

Carlisle Co. 47
Hickman Co. 46
12-17-85 - Away

The Comets got a key First District win by defeating the Falcons on the road.

The win put Carlisle in the driver's seat. The victory at Hickman was important since the district tourn. is seeded according to season record against district opponents. Hickman plays at Carlisle later in the year.

The Falcon's had a chance to win the game, but a shot in the closing seconds missed the rim. Hickman coach Mark Cooper would not say who shot the ball.

Carlisle was up by 11 pts. entering the fourth period, before Hickman rallied.

Mike Sams led a balanced Comet attack with 15 pts., while Jason Hannigan added 13 and Matt Mikel pitched in 11. Tommy Barrnett led all scorers with 22 pts. for the Falcon's.

Carlisle.....10 30 38 47
Hickman.....12 23 29 46

Carlisle (47)
Br. Brower 1, Hannigan 13, Mikel 11, Redford 3, M. Sams 15, J. Thomason 4.
Field goals 21/44, Free throws 5/12, Rebounds 23, Fouls 11, Record 8-3.

Hickman (46)
M. Alexander 2, Barnett 22, Jones, Lane 6, Mathis 2, Weatherspoon 6, Yarbro 8.
Field goals 22/48, Free throws 2/5, Rebounds 19, Fouls 13, Record 4-6.

Carlisle Co. 66
Fulton Co. 39
12-20-85 - Away

With Mike Sams scoring 26 pts., Carlisle Co. destroyed Fulton Co. in a first district contest.

Fulton Co., now 1-3, appeared headed in the right direction in the first quarter, having attained a 9-6 lead. But the Comets shocked the host team in the second quarter, outscoring them 28-5 with the aid of a full court press.

The Comets upped their advantage to 50-22, after two quarters. The Pilots could manage but one player in double figures. He was Oscar Bishop with 11.

Carlisle……..6 34 50 66
Fulton Co……..9 14 22 39

Carlisle (66)
Br. Brower 11, Fortner 4, Hannigan 7, Mikel 4, Owens 4, Redford 6, M. Sams 26, Stovall, S. Terry 4, J. Thomason.
Field goals 23/40, Free throws 20/25, Fouls 17, Record 9-3.

Fulton Co. (39)
O. Bishop 11, R. Bishop 9, Coffey 9, Cordell, Easley 1, Fritz, Hall, Howell 2, Mangold 4, Taylor, Wilson 2, Corhrum 1.
Field goals 17/46, Free throws 5/19, Rebounds 27, Fouls 24, Record 1-3.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 76
St. Mary 59
12-26-85 - Away

Twenty-four turnovers and 15 missed free throws were on Dreher's mind as the Comets walked off the floor with their 10th victory of the season.

Thirty minutes later as the Carlisle Co. players, still in uniform, went back out on the floor for some extra practice at the foul line, the Comets' coach talked about his team's lack of patience.

"Any time you face a gambling defense like the 1-3-1 trap, if you take your time, you should be able to score some easy points," he said. "We just didn't look at our options. The mental part of our game was missing."

Carlisle trailed by five points after one quarter, and had to battle to overcome a 7-point deficit for a 35-35 tie at intermission.

A field goal by Tim Hatcher put St. Mary back in front as the third quarter began, but a basket by Kelly Redford and two field goals by Mike Sams, who led all scorers with 31 points, gave the Comets a 41-37 lead.

Donald Overstreet, who led St. Mary with 27 points, connected to make it a 2-point game with 5:03 remaining.

Over the next two and a half minutes the Comets scored nine points, while the Vikings were unable to increase their total. With 2:54 left it was 50-39, and St. Mary never was closer than seven points the rest of the way.

During the final quarter the Comets made 18 appearances at the foul line, hitting just 9 times.

"This is the first time I've ever given the team a day off before a tournament," Dreher said, "but it was Christmas."

St. Mary.....19 35 45 59
Carlisle.....14 35 53 76

St. Mary (59)
Durbin 1, Harbison, Hatcher 4, Hayden 6, Joseph 5, North 8, Overstreet 27, Reed, Sims 6, Stephens 2.
Field goals 22/50 (44%), Free throws 15/25 (60%), Rebounds 30, Fouls 30, Record 2-8.

Carlisle (76)
Br. Brower 8, Fortner 4, Hannigan 10, Midyett, Mikel 7, Owens, Redford 8, Rudd, Sams 31, Stovall, Terry 3, Thomason 5.
Field goals 28/42 (66%), Free throws 20/35 (57.1%), Rebounds 29, Fouls 18, Record 10-3.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round
Cards Depend On
Speed To Demolish Comets

Mayfield 70
Carlisle Co. 56
12-27-85 - Away

Mayfield doesn't possess the most talented players in western Ky., but that short coming doesn't concern coach Roger Fields.

"There's a lot of talent around the region," Fields said. "But we don't have any players like Woodfork or Rutledge. What I've got is a bunch of kids with big hearts.

Four of Fields' starters played football for Mayfield's AA state championship team. While they may lack some basketball finesse, there's no doubt about their athletic ability.

Mayfield starts a 6'4" center, a pair of 6' guards, a 6'0" forward and a 5'11" forward. But the Cardinals compensate for their lack of height with quickness and aggressiveness.

Defense and tempo are the secrets to Mayfield's 7-1 record.

Carlisle Co. won 10 of its first 13 games by getting the ball inside to Mike Sams. But Mayfield successfully took the Comets out of their offence.

Sams, who came into the contest averaging 20.4 pts., managed just two fgs. and two fts. in the first half as Mayfield built a 29-21 lead. Sams was silent in the third quarter as the Cardinals outscored the Comets 21-10.

"A big key had to be taking Sams out of the game," Fields said. "You've got to give us credit, our defense got them out of their game.

Carlisle generally sets a fast tempo of play, but Mayfield accelerated the pace to a point where the Comets had trouble keeping up.

The slashing drives and outside shooting of senior guard Brad Brower were the only effective weapons left to Carlisle.

Brower scored 13 pts. in the final quarter to finish with a game-high 24, but the Comets were

never closer than 12 pts. Sams added two late fgs. to score 10.

Bart Whitnell and Kent Mathis were Mayfield's leading scorers with 20 and 14 pts., respectively.

The victory over Carlisle advanced Mayfield into Sat. night's Championship against Tilghman, an 82-49 winner over Ballard Co.

Mayfield……...11 29 50 70
Carlisle.....8 21 31 56

Mayfield (70)
Boyd 2, Carman 3, Earles 1, Herndon 8, Jackson 11, Mathis 14, Sherrill, Sparks, Stoup 6, Waggoner 5, Whitnell 20, Brown.
Field goals 25/45 (55.6%), Free throws 20/30 (66.7%), Rebounds 18, Fouls 13, Turnovers 13, Record 7-1.

Carlisle (56)
Br. Brower 24, Hannigan 8, Mikel 4, Redford 6, Sams 10, Stovall 2, Terry 2, Thomason.
Field goals 23/45 (51.1%), Free throws 10/10 (100%), Rebounds 25, Turnovers 22, Fouls 22, Record 10-4.

Carlisle Co. 96
Potter Academy 43
01-07-86 - Home

Tuesday night Potter Christian Academy, of Bowling Green came to Carlisle County to play basketball. The Patriots were never in this game as Carlisle walked all over them.

The Comets jumped out to an early 14 to 2 lead, and never looked back. Carlisle still had a few turnovers, but looked good in every other aspect of the game. Behind good team play, Carlisle pushed out to a 52-18 lead at the half.

The second half looked like an instant replay of the first as the Comets continued to pour it on the Patriots. Carlisle's bench did much of the playing the second half, and they also played good ball. Carlisle upped its record to 11 and 4.

Carlisle…….....26 52 75 96
Potter's…….....8 18 25 43

Carlisle (96)
Owens 5, Sams 18, Br. Brower 8, Mikel 10, Hannigan 9, Terry 4, Redford 9, Stovall 3, Fortner 8, Rudd 4, Midyett 9, Thomason 9.

Carlisle Co. 78
Fulton City 53
01-10-86 - Home

Carlisle's Mike Sams scored a season-high 35 points as the Comets had little trouble in the First District contest.

Sams, who entered the game averaging 19.3 points, had had earlier games this season of 31 and 34 points.

The Comets were up 21-8 after, one quarter and 44-21 after two.

Carlisle took advantage of the free-throw line, hitting 26 of 37 there.

Jade Isbell topped the Bulldogs with 16 points.

Fulton City……..8 21 38 53
Carlisle…….....21 44 57 78

Fulton City (53)
Biehslich 8, Butts, Cardwell 6, Cross 8, J. Isbell 16, R. Isbell 4, Kephart 2, Lewis 2, McCellon 5, Morrow, Rose 2.
Field goals 21/43, Free throws 11/15, Rebounds 17, Fouls 27, Record 2-8

Carlisle (78)
Br. Brower 5, Fortner, Hannigan 9, Midyett 2, Mikel 15, Owens, Redford 1, Rudd 3, Sams 35, Stovall, Terry 2, Thomason 6, Kellett, Bernie DeRousse.
Field goals 26/46, Free throws 26/27, Rebounds 32, Fouls 16, Record 12-4.

Carlisle Co. 73
Calloway Co. 82
01-11-86 - Away

Saturday night the Comets took a long journey to Calloway County for a game against the Lakers. Both teams were riding big wins from Friday night, but only one team would come away victorious tonight. Unfortunately for the Comets, it would be the Lakers who came away with a win tonight.

Again, The Comets' main problem was turnovers. Carlisle committed 12 turnovers the first half, and allowed the Lakers a 16 to 11 advantage at the end of the first quarter. Calloway County increased that lead to nine points by the end of the half.

In the second half the Lakers maintained a ten point lead until the final minutes. Carlisle then staged a comeback and cut the lead to three points. Behind great foul shooting (38 of 45) for the game, Calloway defeated Carlisle 82 to 73.

Calloway……...16 39 57 82
Carlisle……..…11 29 46 73

Carlisle (73)
Br. Brower 14, Hannigan 10, Mikel 10, Redford 7, Sams 21, Stovall 5, Terry 2, Thomason 4.
Field goals 25/50, Free throws 23/34, Rebounds 34, Fouls 30, Record 12-5.

Calloway (82)
Adams 14, Mark Garrison 2, Micky Garrison 19, Jackson 18, Nix 26, Wheller 2, Wells 1.
Field goals 22/44, Free throws 38/46, Rebounds 44, Fouls 22, Record 7-3.

Comets Spoil
Oaker's Curtain Call

Carlisle Co. 48
Lone Oak 44
01-14-86 - Away

The opening wasn't the type of show Larry Hopper wanted to see, but as the plot thickened, he started to anticipate an enjoyable finish.

Carlisle County ruined the final act, but still couldn't spoil the show for Hopper, whose Lone Oak boys team was a narrow 48-44 loser Tuesday night.

Hopper's 1-9 Oakers fell behind 12-4 in the game's first quarter, but responded with a 20-11 scoring edge in the second period that gave the Oakers a 1-point halftime edge. Carlisle came back for a two-point lead in the third period, a lead they didn't give up.

"We played excellent ball except for the first quarter," Hopper said.

Carlisle's 6-foot junior guard Jason Hannigan finished with 20 points to help the Comets elude the upset. Lone Oak's Jeff Holland picked up 17 points in a losing cause.

Carlisle…….....12 23 37 48
Lone Oak…….....4 24 35 44

Carlisle (48)
Brower 8, Hannigan 20, Mikel 4, Redford 6, Sams 7, Stovall 1, Thomason 2.
Field goals 19, Free throws 10/16, Rebounds 32, Fouls 18, Record 13-5.

Lone Oak (44)
Beyer 4, Garner 7, Holifield 2, Holland 17, Murray 4, Ricks 4, Walton 6.
Field goals 17, Free throws 10/16, Rebounds 27, Fouls 16.

Carlisle Co. 66
Palmersville, TN. 53
01-18-86 - Away

Saturday night Carlisle took a long road trip to Palmersville, TN. The team knew they might have a rough game when they got lost and showed up for the game twenty minutes late. The Comets had it tough at first, but finally got on track and came away with a win.

Palmersville kept it close the first half by crashing the boards and only allowed Carlisle 11 rebounds. At the end of the first half the Comets had managed a slim 3 point lead.

The second half, Carlisle took control of the boards and started hitting their shots. The Comets outscored Palmersville 20 to 8 to take a 51-36 lead. Carlisle committed just 15 turnovers as they defeated Palmersville 66-53.

Carlisle……..16 31 51 66
Palmersville…..12 28 36 53

Carlisle (66)
Sams 23, Br. Brower 4, Hannigan 18, Mikel 4, Redford 2, Thomason 6, Stovall 7, Fortner 2.

Comets Forgot Small Detail;
Pilots Kill Clock, Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 65
Fulton Co. 66
01-21-86 – Home

Sometimes the best laid plans go astray…

Carlisle County boys' coach Steve Dreher knows all too well about that after Fulton County nipped the Comets, 66-65, in a First District battle Tuesday night.

With eight seconds left in the game, Carlisle County's Jason Hannigan hit a jumper to pull the Comets within a point.

"We had just forced a five-second count to get the ball back before the score," Dreher said. "So, I told the kids to try to force another. If we didn't get it, they were supposed to foul as quick as they could. WE didn't foul them and they just dribbled out the clock.

"It was a mental error that came in a very critical part of the game."

While the Comets failed in an effort to put Fulton County on the line in the waning seconds, Dreher refuses to take anything away from the Pilots.

"They played exceptionally well. We did not come out aggressive enough. They attacked us and we stood around in shock for a while."

Fulton County, 4-6, jumped out to a 16-9 lead in the first quarter and was ahead, 34-29, at the half.

In the fourth quarter, Carlisle County got the lead twice only to see Fulton County answer with baskets on both occasions.

"They got hot and we couldn't handle their quickness on the boards," Dreher said.

Fulton County won the game thanks to the shooting of Roy and Oscar Bishop. Oscar led the Pilots with 20 points and Roy added 17.

Carlisle County, 14-6, got 26 points from Mike Sams while Hannigan finished with 14.

Fulton Co.……...16 34 46 66
Carlisle…….....9 29 45 65

Fulton Co. (66)
O. Bishop 20, R. Bishop 17, Easley 8, Fritz 8, Hall, Howell 7, Taylor 6.
Field goals 27/54, Free throws 12/19, Rebounds 33, Fouls 13.

Carlisle (65)
Br. Brower 9, Hannigan 14, Mikel 6, Redford 8, Sams 26, Stovall, Terry 2.
Field goals 27/46, Free throws 11/14, Rebounds 34, Fouls 17, Record 14-6.

Murray 55
Carlisle Co. 46
01-28-86 – Away

Maintaining a comfortable halftime lead with splendid foul shooting, the Tigers knocked off Carlisle Co. thanks largely to hitting 21-24 free throws in the game.

The Tigers were quickly ahead in the game, taking a 15-7 advantage over the Comets in the first period, a lead they maintained by halftime. They moved ahead by 10 in the third quarter, then hit 16 of 19 free throws in the final period to preserve the lead.

Junior Mark West led the way with 18 pts. while senior forward Stanley Rutledge scored just 11. Mike Sams and Matt Mikel scored 14 each to lead the Comets.

Carlisle.....7 19 27 46
Murray.....15 27 37 55

Carlisle (46)
Br. Brower 6, Fortner, Hannigan 12, Mikel 14, Redford, Sams 14, Stovall, Terry.
Field goals 17/45, Free throws 12/20, Rebounds 24, Fouls 15, Record 14-7.

Murray (55)
Ellington 7, Jackson 4, Miller 4, Rutledge 11, Skinner 2, Steely 9, West 18.
Field goals 17/41, Free throws 21/24, Rebounds 26, Fouls 17, Record 11-4.

Carlisle Co. 58
Hickman Co. 47
01-31-86 - Home

Carlisle County stands only a win away from clinching the top seed of the First District tournament after beating the Falcons.

Coach Steve Dreher's Comets went to 15-7, but more importantly are 4-1 in the district. A win over Fulton City will wrap up the seed.

Hickman, 9-10, was ready to throw the district race in a logjam. The Falcons bounced back from a 5-point lead, 29-26, at the half and led by three points when the fourth quarter began.

"They were behind in the fourth quarter and had to foul us," Carlisle County coach Steve Dreher said.

"They did the smart thing, they did what you are supposed to do."

But the Comets wouldn't shake. They hit 14 of 15 free throws in the stretch to win the game.

"We had to have that (game)," Dreher said.

Mike Sams was the leader for the Comets with 22 points, Jason Hannigan added 14 and Brad Brower pitched in 12.

Hickman was led by Tommy Barnett with 22 points and George Yarbro added 13.

Hickman.....11 29 41 47
Carlisle.....16 26 38 58

Hickman (47)
K. Alexander 6, Barnett 22, Jones 2, Lane 4, Mathis, Miner, Weatherspoon, Yarbro 13.
Field goals 16/20, Free throws 15/19, Rebounds 22, Fouls 18, Record 9-10.

Carlisle (58)
Br. Brower 12, Fortner, Hannigan 14, Mikel 6, Redford 4, Sams 22, Terry.
Field goals19/41, Free throws 20/26, Rebounds 21, Fouls 15, Record 15-7.

Carlisle Co. 57
Lex. Tates Creek 54
02-01-86 – Away

Carlisle Co. defeated Lexington Tates Creek in a hard fought game, 57-54.

The Comets led by three pts. at the half, by 9 pts. at the end of the third quarter, and by three by the end of the game.

Carlisle was led in scoring by Mike Sams with 22 pts.

Tates Creek.....10 26 36 54
Carlisle.....10 29 45 57

Tates Creek (54)
C. Coles 10, Clayborn 14, J. Coles 16, Fain 8, Febary 2, Horn 2, Smith, Stevens.
Field goals 27/46, Free throws 8/15, Rebounds 31, Fouls 22.

Carlisle (57)
Br. Brower 10, Hannigan 10, Mikel 12, Redford 3, Sams 22, Stovall, Terry.
Field goals 20/36, Free throws 17/24, Rebounds 26, Fouls 16, Record 16-7.

Comets Use New
Twist To Stop Cards

Carlisle Co. 62
Mayfield 53
02-04-86 – Home

Carlisle Co. is in the middle of the toughest part of its schedule, making any win a welcome one for coach Steve Dreher.

The Comets got what Dreher wanted Tuesday night when Carlisle defeated Mayfield, 62-53.

"I'm happy, but we don't get to celebrate because we play Tilghman Friday, Calloway Co. Sat. and we've got Marshall Co. and Cairo nest week," Dreher said.

The Comets used a strong third quarter to pull away from the Cardinals.

With Jason Hannigan pitching in 8 of his game-high 19 pts. in the third frame, Carlisle turned a 27-25 halftime lead into a 43-33 advantage heading into the final frame.

"Hannigan shot the ball real well from outside," Dreher said. "He was 7 of 12 and they were all bombs."

"What hurt Mayfield was that we were patient on offense and handled their pressure real well."

Dreher hinted that his team also employed an effective defense, but didn't want to reveal exactly what it was with strong opponents waiting.

Dreher had strong praise for senior forward Kelly Redford, who only scored three pts., but came off the bench to grab 6 rebs. in less than a quarter of play.

We were getting hurt on the boards, and he really came in and done the job for us.

Carlisle, which was outscored by a fielder, hit 18 of 27 at the free throw line, while Mayfield was 7 of 11.

The Comets were up by 12 pts. early in the final period, and missed two straight free throws in the bonus, but hit 3 straight down the stretch, Dreher said.

Mike Sams and Brad Brower backed Hannigan's effort with 14 pts. each. Mike Hurt led the Cardinals with 12 pts., while Mike Earles added 10.

Mayfield.....12 25 33 53
Carlisle.....12 27 43 62

Mayfield (53)
Carman 2, Earles 10, Hurt 12, Herndon 2, Sherrill 2, Stoup 8, Waggoner 9, Whitnell 8, Brown.
Field goals 23/42, Free throws 7/11, Rebounds 26, Fouls 21, Record 10-7.

Carlisle (62)
Br. Brower 14, Fortner, Hannigan 19, Mikel 12, Redford 3, Sams 14, Stovall, Terry, Thomason.
Field goals 22/43, Free throws 18/27, Rebounds 33, Fouls 16, Records 17-7.

Tivis Leads Hot-Shooting
Tornado In Easy Victory Over Comets

Tilghman 90
Carlisle Co. 64
02-07-86- Away

Donald Tivis and his hot-shooting Tilghman teammates put some very familiar numbers in the scorebook in Friday night's 26-pt. victory over visiting Carlisle Co.

Tivis poured in a game high 30 pts. as Tilghman downed the visiting Comets 90-64, Tuesday night.

Tivis scored 14 of Friday night's pts. in the first half. Bobby Gross and Michael Wilson, the two other cogs in Tilghman's scoring machine, finished with 18 and 17 pts., respectively.

Wilson had 13 pts. and Gross 10 at intermission and together with Tivis, accounted for all but 6 of Tilghman's pts.

Carlisle attempted to pressure the Tornado offense, but the result was too often an easy Tilghman basket from close in.

Wilson hit 7 of 8 attempts, Tivis 11 of 16 and Gross 7 of 12. The trio hit over 66% from the field, but this night, the remainder of the squad did even better. The other 9 players that got into the contest hit 8 of 11 as the Tornado finished the night with a 70.2% mark from the field.

Tilghman led 43-32 at the half and extended the margin to 15 after 3 quarters. The Tornado pulled away in the final period for its 16th straight victory and 19th of the season.

The Tilghman win streak began at Carlisle the night following an overtime loss to Graves Co.

Friday night's margin would have been greater if Tilghman's reserves had had the range at the foul line in the final 55 seconds. Tilghman went to the line 11 times, hitting just 2.

"We had more depth and size overall and probably were a little stronger," Tilghman coach Berny Miller said. "This time of year, that makes a difference. Defensively we kept them from getting any continuity."

Mike Sams led Carlisle's attack with 24 pts. The 6' 4" senior also grabbed a game-high 15 rebounds as the Comets lost for the 8 time in 25 tries

Carlisle.....14 32 45 64
Tilghman.....14 43 60 90

Carlisle (64)
Br. Brower 6, Fortner, Hannigan 6, Midyett, Mikel 11, Owens, Redford 4, Rudd, Sams 24, Stovall 3, Terry, Thomason 8, Kellett, Bernie DeRousse 2.
Field goals 24/58, Free throws 16/31, Rebounds 31 (Sams 15), Fouls 33, Record 17-8.

Tilghman (90)
Barber 2, Gross 18, Hancock 1, J. Livingston, Neal 2, Phill 8, Rouse 10, Sutton 2, Tivis 30, Tyler, Wilson 17, Woods.
Field goals 33/47, Free throws 24/45, Rebounds 28 (Wilson 7), Fouls 22, Record 19-1.

Carlisle Co. 60
Cairo, ILL. 64
02-14-86 - Home

Monday night, the always tough Cairo Pilots invaded Carlisle County. The Comets were at a disadvantage before the game started with leading scorer and rebounder Mike Sams out with the flu. No one really thought Carlisle really had a chance, especially with Mike out, but the Comets showed they have a lot of determination and heart.

Carlisle made only two turnovers in the third quarter and held a slim one point lead at the end of the period. Missed free throws by the Comets in the closing seconds of the game cost Carlisle the victory and forced the game into overtime.

The Comets could manage just three points in overtime to Cairo's seven, and lost 64-60.

Carlisle…..11 30 45 57 60
Cairo…....18 33 44 57 64

Carlisle (60)
Hannigan 16, Mikel 8, Terry 2, Brower 15, Redford 13, Fortner 6.

Carlisle Co. 64
Fulton City 54
02-18-86 - Away

Fulton City led by 4 pts. with 3 minutes remaining in the contest but lost a pair of starters and their chance for victory.

Fulton City coach Don Hubbard said his team lost Jeff Biehslich and Rick Isbell, "we lost our size. We then tried to stay in a compact zone and put pressure on the ball, but they got too many offensive rebs. giving them putbacks or we would foul them."

Fulton City led 14-11 after one quarter behind 6 pts. from Gary Cross, but Carlisle's Jason Hannigan warmed up in the second quarter with 12 pts. to put Carlisle in the lead 30-27 at the half. The Comets led 44-38 after 3 quarters.

The First District contest finalized the district standings and district tourn. pairings. Carlisle, the No. 1 seed, plays No. 4 Fulton City, while No. 2 Hickman plays No. 3 Fulton Co.

Carlisle.....11 30 44 64
Fulton City.....14 27 38 54

Carlisle (64)
Br. Brower 17, Fortner 1, Hannigan 17, Mikel 10, Redford, Sams 11, Stovall, Terry 4, Thomason 4.
Field goals 25/62, Free throws 14/30, Fouls 12, Record 18-9.

Fulton City (54)
Biehshich 5, Cross 22, R. Isbell 12, Kephart 7, King, Lewis, McClellan, Beatles.
Field goals 23/62, Free throws 8/14, Rebounds 24, Fouls 15, Record 4-16.

Carlisle Co. 55
Graves Co. 53
02-21-86 - Away

Carlisle's Mike Sams converted a field goal, and the Eagles failed on a shot that would've sent the game into its second overtime.

Sam's fielder put the final pts. on the board with 5 seconds left and Graves rushed the ball to Forrest Woodfork who failed to connect from 20 ft. out.

Earlier, Woodfork came through when it counted by hitting a 12 ft. jumper with 2 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 49.

Graves led at every stop and was up 12-4 after one quarter, before Carlisle slowly but surely went for the lead. The Comets trailed 20-17 at the half and 32-30 entering the final period.

Sams topped all scorers with 25 pts., while Jason Hannigan had 12. Woodfork finished with 22.

Carlisle……..4 17 30 49 55
Graves……12 20 32 49 53

Carlisle (55)
Br. Brower 6, Fortner, Hannigan 12, Mikel 5, Redford, Sams 25, Stovall, Terry 4, Thomason 3.
Field goals 24/53, Free throws 7/17, Fouls 22, Record 19-0.

Graves (53)
Ellington 12, Hamilton 2, Hussey, Jones 2, Spicer 11, Wilson 4, Woodfork 22.
Field goals 19/45, Free throws 15/20, Fouls 20, Record 23-8.

Carlisle Co. 48
Calloway Co. 58
02-25-86 - Home

Monday night the Comets were at home against the Calloway County Lakers for a makeup game. Carlisle was out to avenge an earlier season loss to the Lakers. The first half it looked like the Comets might come away with their 20th win of the season. Calloway turned on in the final quarter, though, and the Comets couldn't hang with them.

Carlisle jumped on the Lakers, behind the play of Mike Sams. The Lakers came back and tied the game at 12 all by the end of the first period. Mike Sams scored 16 of Carlisle's 22 first half points, but Calloway County was up 25-22.

The third quarter was close all the way. The final period was all Lakers. Calloway built up a 14 point lead, before Carlisle made a last surge. The Comets got within eight points, but Calloway came away with a 58-48 win.

Carlisle….....12 22 36 48
Calloway.....12 24 40 58

Carlisle (48)
Sams 28, Br. Brower 10, Hannigan 4, Mikel 4, Fortner 2.

Carlisle Co. 61
St. Mary 53
02-27-86 - Away

Tuesday night the Comets played their second game in as many nights. Carlisle traveled to Paducah to face the St. Mary Vikings for the fourth time this season. The Comets kept their perfect record against the Vikings with their 20th win of the season.

After a long intermission between games for senior night, the game finally got underway. St. Mary was fired up and made the game into a real contest all the way. The Comets held a 12-8 advantage at the end of the first quarter, but the Vikings tied the score at 22 all by the end of the half.

The third quarter was nip and tuck all the way with the Comets holding a 38-37 lead at the end of the period. The fourth quarter Carlisle took control and came away with a 61-53 victory.

Carlisle.....12 22 38 61
St. Mary…..8 22 37 53

Carlisle (61)
Sams 19, Hannigan 18, Redford 15, Br. Brower 5, Mikel 4.

Carlisle Co. 71
Ballard Co. 57
02-28-86 - Home

Carlisle County's Mike Sams Scored 30 points and the Comets outscored Ballard Co. 14 points in the second half.

Sams, a 6-4 senior center, scored eight points in the first quarter, six in the second, 10 in the third and seven in the final period.

The Comets used a 14-8 edge in the third period to enlarge a two-point halftime lead. In the final period the winners outscored the visitors, 71-57.

Jason Hannigan backed Sam's effort with 16 points. Lynn Myatt topped the Bombers with 20 points, while Brent Buchanan added 18.

Ballard …..10 24 32 57
Carlisle …..12 26 40 71

Ballard (57)
Bobo, Buchanan 18, Dalton 2, Dowdy 2, Huston 1, Myatt 20, Thompson 7, Townsend 7.
Field goals 23/52, Free throws 11/17, Fouls 19, Record 10-15.

Carlisle (71)
Brower, Fortner 2, Hannigan 16, Mikel 7, Redford 9, Rudd 1, Sams 30, Stovall, Terry 4, Thompson 2.
Field goals 29/56, Free throws 13/18, Fouls 16, Record 21-10.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Avoids Fouls
In Victory Over Pilots

Carlisle Co. 59
Fulton City 34
03-05-86 - Away

Strength was on his side, but Steve Dreher didn't think might was right. He didn't want to let push comes to shove.

"We knew if we got into a pushing battle with them that there would be a lot of fouls," Dreher said about the strategy that took Carlisle to an easy 59-34 victory over Fulton's Bulldogs in the First District boys' tourn. opener Wednesday night.

"That was the only equalizer they had was to foul a few of our guys out. Then anything could happen. We felt pushing the ball up the court on them would work best."

It worked so well that the Bulldogs were left choking in the Comets dust in the first half. Carlisle streaked to a 23-10 first quarter lead, and an 18 pt. lead at halftime.

A blazing fast break with senior guard Brad Brower at the controls, ignited a 13 pt. streak for the Comets. That string gave them a 17-5 lead that never was threatened.

Dreher wasn't the only one worried about disqualifications. Fulton City coach Don Hubbard's team was shaken up after losing three starters the past month. Junior center Don Cardwell, junior forward Jade Isbell and junior guard David Kephart were all missing from the Bulldog's lineup for an assortment of reasons.

The Bulldog's offense suffered from the losses. Fulton managed to hit just 29%, (16/56), from the field with sophomore center Rick Isbell leading the pack with 12 pts.

The Comets were much more fluid early in the game. The fast-break churned out 5 layups in the first six minutes with Matt Mikel the main beneficiary. That helped Carlisle hit 8 of its first 10 shots for its 15-5 lead.

"We played a good first quarter, then more or less relaxed and watched the game go by after that," Dreher said.

"That's what happens with a game like this, but it's not supposed to happen. You're supposed to have the killer instinct this time of year.

Senior Mike Sams started the decisive run, but Mikel scored 7 of his 13 pts. during the streak. Sams finished the night with 14, tying Jason Hannigan for team-high honors.

Sam's turnaround jumper in the lane, gave Carlisle a permanent lead at 6-5. Fulton City missed its next 7 shots, and 2 fts. to help fuel the Comet fast break.

Sams came back with a short pullup jumper on a fastbreak, them Mikel scored and was fouled on a fastbreak layup for a 3 pt. play and a 11-5 edge.

Brower's long pass from the wing set up another Mikel layup with 4:28 remaining, and

Kelly Redford picked Mikel out of the crowd on another fastbreak.

Fulton City.....10 18 26 34
Carlisle.....23 36 44 59

Fulton City (34)

Cross 9, Biehslich, Isbell 12, King 2, Rose 4, Lewis 2, McCallon 2, Ozell 1, Beadles 2, Morrow, Patel, Butts .

Field goals 16/25, Free throws 2/7, Fouls 16, Record 5-19.

Carlisle (59)

Sams 14, Mikel 13, Thomason 4, Redford 2, Br. Brower 4, Hannigan 14, Thomas 3, Terry 2, Fortner 2, Stovall, Rudd 1, Owens, Midyett.

Field goals 24/47, Free throws 11/20, Fouls 9, Record 22-10.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Carlisle Wins
District Title

Carlisle Co 55
Hickman Co. 54
03-07-86 - Away

When the smoke cleared at the Fulton City gym Friday night, Carlisle Co. had won the boy's First District Basketball crown.

In the nightcap, 6-4 senior center Mike Sams, scored 13 of his game-high 28 pts. in the final period as Carlisle held off the Falcons.

The game was close throughout. Hickman Co. led 12-10, after one quarter, but Carlisle managed a 25-24 lead at halftime, as Sams scored 7 pts. in the period. He also scored 6 in the third quarter, but the Falcons pulled even at 36-all after three periods.

Comets coach Steve Dreher noted that both teams squandered opportunities to put the game on ice.

"In the last 8 seconds, we had 3 chances at a one-and-one and missed the first shot all 3 times," Dreher said. "They turned the ball over once, and also drilled a one-and-one bonus in that same 8 seconds."

Dreher said Sams, "Is one of the premiere players around." "They did a good job on him but we kept working the ball in to him. He came through for us in the stretch." The only other Comet to reach double figures was Jason Hannigan, a 6-0 junior guard, who had 10.

Tommy Barnett led Hickman with 19, while Bruce Lane had 13 and George Yarbro scored 11.

Carlisle.....10 25 36 55
Hickman.....12 24 36 54

Carlisle (55)

Br. Brower 4, Fortner, Hannigan 10, Mikel 9, Redford 4, Sams 28, Stovall, Terry, Thomason.

Field goals 20/41, Free throws 15/27, Rebounds 27, Fouls 20, Record 23-6.

Hickman (54)

K. Alexander 5, M. Alexander 6, Barnet 19, Jones, Lane 13, Mathis, Miner, Weatherspoon, Yarbro 11.

Field goals 20/44, Free throws 14/24, Rebounds 24, Fouls 25, Record 14-13.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Suffer 2nd Half Burnout.
Eagle Shooters Continue Torrid Pace
While Carlisle Co. Offense Cools.

Graves Co. 86
Carlisle Co. 66
03-11-86 - Away

Graves and Carlisle swapped bucket-for bucket in the first half of their First Region basketball game Tuesday night, but one half does not a ballgame make. Carlisle quickly found that out as the Eagles took command in the third quarter en route to a 86-66 win.

Both teams canned 14 fgs. in the first half. The Comets warmed things up by hitting 63% from the field, but the Eagles took a 38-35 lead with even better results (67%), and a few more fts.

In the second half, Carlisle came down to earth making only 32%, while Graves upped the pace a bit with a 69% clip.

With all this talk of offense, it was defense that did the trick, according to Graves' coach Curtis Turley.

"We maintained our intensity on defense (the second half), Turley said. "I was really pleased with that because it allowed us to get some easy baskets on offense."

The third quarter spelled the end for Carlisle. Graves hit 10 of 14 shots in the period and Carlisle 5 of 13. By quarter's end, Graves' halftime advantage had blossomed to 15, at 59-44.

Graves' really came out ready," Dreher said, whose team beat the Eagles 2 out of 3 times during the regular season. "We weren't mentally sharp. We didn't do the things that won us 23 games this season."

Carlisle led only 2-0 on a fielder by Jason Hannigan from the deep left corner. For most of the night Graves shut down the Comet wing shooters.

Graves tied the game on an 8-ft. jumper in the lane by Greg Hussey and took the lead for good on a Kip Ellington putback.

Graves put itself in a position to take command when Forrest Woodfork blocked a shot by Mike Sams, then hustled to the other end to receive a pass and get fouled. His two fts. with 3:41 in the half gave the Eagles a 26-15 advantage.

Graves led 38-29 when Sams was fouled jockeying in the lane for position and hit both shots. Two seconds later Hannigan made a masterpiece of a move by streaking in front of an Ellington pass for a layup to cut the halftime deficit to 5.

"I felt like we were in range of them," Dreher said. "We had come back on them two times before during the season."

In the second half Graves continued to dominate the rebounding and begin to run. With Woodfork grabbing 10 retrieves and Ellington 7, the Eagles won the board war 36-18.

Graves guard Scott Hamilton and swingman Donald Spicer powered the team's offensive burst in the third period. Hamilton opened the third quarter with a fast-break layup over Sams and on the Eagles next possession, Spicer hit a turnaround jumper.

As the end of the quarter neared, Spicer dribbled three-quarters of the court to rip a downtown bomb, and Hamilton followed with a steal and a pull-up jumper for a 55-41 edge.

The Comets pressed unsuccessfully the final quarter. Hussy helped bury Carlisle by scoring the first goal of the period, and pumping in four more during a two-minute stretch late in the game. He finished 7 for 7 from the field.

Sams kept the Comets in the contest with a game-high 25 pts.

Spicer led the well-rounded Eagle attack with 21 pts., while Woodfork had 18, Hamilton 17, Hussy 14, and Ellington 11.

Graves.....15 38 59 86
Carlisle.....13 33 44 66

Graves (86)

Wilson 5. Woodfork 18, Elliott, Scott, Jones, Ellington 11, Spicer 21, Hussey 14.

Field goals 34/50, Free throws 18/28, Rebounds 35, Assists 16, Turnovers 19, Steals 8, Fouls 17, Record 26-10.

Carlisle (66)

Midyett, Brower 8, Terry 2, Thomason 1, Redford 10, Hannigan 12, Stovall 2. Fortner, Owens, Mikel 6, Sams 25.

Field goals 24/54, Free throws 18/24, Rebounds 18, Fouls 24, Record 23-11.

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	St. Mary	Palmersville, TN.	Graves Co.	Gosnell, ARK.	Blythville, ARK.	St. Mary	Ballard Co.	Graves Co.	Ballard Co.	Tilghman	Hickman Co.	Fulton Co.	St. Mary	Mayfield	Potter Academy	Fulton City	Calloway Co.						
Mike Sams	26	10	23	23	20	11	25	15	16	34	15	26	31	10	18	35	21						
Kelly Redford	9	10	4	4	4	14	12	2	11	11	3	6	8	6	9	1	7						
Brad Brower	8	14	8	15	8	4	4	19	7	4	1	11	8	24	8	5	14						
John Thomason	6	9	11	4	2	7	4	6	9	2	4	0	5	0	9	6	4						
Jason Hannigan	10	10	7	2	7	10	10	8	4	10	13	7	10	8	9	9	10						
Scott Terry	6	5	2	0	4	5	5		2	0		4	3	2	4	2	2						
Brian Stovall	1	8	4	0		0	2	0	0	5		0	0	2	3	0	5						
Matt Mikel	6	2	0	11	3	2	13	10	10	8	11	4	7	4	10	14	10						
Kevin Fortner	8	5	1									4	4		8	0							
Blair Rudd		6											0		4	3							
Shane Owens		1										4	0		5	0							
Shane Midyett	1	2											0		9	2							
Billy Kellett																0							
Bernie DeRousse																0							

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	Lone Oak	Palmersville, TN.	Fulton Co.	Murray	Hickman Co.	Lex.-Tates Creek	Mayfield	Tilghman	Cairo, ILL.	Fulton City	Graves Co.	Calloway Co.	St. Mary	Ballard Co.	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Graves Co.				Games	Pts.	Avg.
Mike Sams	7	23	26	14	22	22	14	24		11	25	28	19	30	14	28	25				33	691	20.9
Kelly Redford	6	2	8	0	4	3	3	4	13	0	0		15	9	2	4	10				33	204	6.18
Brad Brower	8	4	9	6	12	10	14	6	15	17	6	10	5	0	4	4	8				34	300	8.82
John Thomason	2	6					0	8		4	3			2	4	0	1				28	118	4.37
Jason Hannigan	20	18	14	12	14	10	19	6	16	17	12	4	18	16	14	10	12				34	376	11.1
Scott Terry			2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	4			4	2	0	2				28	66	2.35
Brian Stovall	1	7	0	0		0	0	3		0	0			0	0	0	2				28	43	1.53
Matt Mikel	4	4	6	14	6	12	12	11	8	10	5	4	4	7	13	9	6				34	260	7.64
Kevin Fortner		2		0	0		0	0	6	1	0	2			2	0	0				20	43	2.26
Blair Rudd								0						1	1						7	15	2.15
Shane Owens								0							0		0				8	10	1.25
Shane Midyett								0							0		0				8	14	1.75
Billy Kellett								0													2	0	0
Bernie DeRousse								2													2	2	1
Chris Thomas															3						1	3	3
						Team Record - 23-11							Per Game Avg. - 63.08								Total Pts	2145	

Career	Games	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Mike Sams	107	28	185	429	691	1333	12.5
Kelly Redford	52			35	204	239	4.59
Brian Stovall	52			28	43	71	1.36
Blair Rudd	17			8	15	23	1.35
Shane Owens	8				10	10	1.25

1986-87

HEAD COACH - STEVE DREHER

ASSISTANT COACH - DARALL TRAVIS

TROPHIES WON

GRAVES CO. TOURN. - 3RD PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 15-13

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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-17-86	Palmersville, TN.	52-15	H	
11-25-86	St. Mary	60-53	A	
12-05-86	Madisonville	**67-68 ot**	A	- **GRAVES CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-06-86	Lyon Co.	76-70	A	- **GRAVES CO. TOURN. CONSOLATION**
12-09-86	Ballard Co.	70-51	H	
12-13-86	Tilghman	**58-71**	A	
12-16-86	Hickman Co.	**53-67**	H	
12-18-86	Cairo, ILL.	**56-67**	A	
12-26-86	Marshall Co.	**55-75**	A	- **MARSHALL CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-27-86	Graves Co	**69-76**	A	- **MARSHALL CO. TOURN. CONSOLATION**
01-09-87	Fulton City	77-59	H	
01-10-87	Calloway Co.	**61-62 ot**	H	
01-13-87	Lone Oak	66-50	H	
01-16-87	Fulton Co	72-55	A	
01-23-87	Reidland	62-57	A	
01-30-87	Hickman Co.	50-45	A	
01-31-87	Marshall Co.	**42-46**	A	
02-03-87	Mayfield	**57-73**	A	
02-06-87	Tilghman	**65-85**	H	
02-07-87	Calloway Co.	**54-61**	A	
02-13-87	Fulton Co	78-53	H	
02-17-87	Fulton City	59-45	A	
02-20-87	Graves Co	86-80	H	
02-24-87	St. Mary	68-57	H	
02-26-87	Ballard Co.	58-52	A	
03-05-87	Fulton City	59-36	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-06-87	Hickman Co.	**60-71**	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-11-87	Tilghman	**55-62**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 15-13

1987 Comets - District Runner-Up



Coach Steve Dreher, John Thomason, Scott Terry, Matt Mikel, Kevin Fortner, Burnie Derousse, Billy Kellett, Marvin Martin, Asst Coach Darrel Travis, Steve Hayden (Manager), Burlin Brower, Shane Midyett, Jason Hannigan, Brad Brower, Chad Jackson, Bruce Deweese

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HEAD COACH - STEVE DREHER

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1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 15-13

1986-87 COMET ROSTER:
Jason Hannigan, Brad Brower, Matt Mikel, Kevin Fortner, Scott Terry, John Thomason, Bernie DeRousse, Billy Kellett, Marvin Martin, Burlin Brower, Bruce Deweese, Chad Jackson, Shane Midyett, Tom Sheppard.

Long Bench Could
Produce Strong Season

Who left the gate open?

Carlisle County's opponents may wonder that when they take on the Comets, and players just keep coming off the bench.

It's because of that depth, 3rd year coach Steve Dreher believes the Comets will make a run at the First Region crown.

"That's certainly one of our strengths," Dreher said. "Our bench is deeper than it ever has been."

Carlisle Co. won the First District last year, and carved an impressive 23-11 record. All-Purchase player Mike Sams was the star of that squad, and led it in scoring and rebounding.

Sams, though, has graduated, and while there will be a lot of pts. and rebs. to be made up because of his absence, the Comets' bench should pick up the slack.

"We lost a lot of pts. and rebounds by losing Sams," Dreher said, "But we have 10 people, who are competing for our starting positions."

Six lettermen return and 5 started at one time last season.

Jason Hannigan, a 6-1 senior guard, is the team's leading returning scorer. Hannigan averaged 10.2 pts. last season and 5 rebs.

Matt Mikel, the Comets' 6-4 center, returns for his junior season after averaging nearly 9 pts. and 6.3 rebs.

Brad Brower will give the Comets a playmaker. The 5-10 guard averaged 8.5 pts. and over 5 assists a game.

Scott Terry and John Thomason, both 6-1, give Carlisle 5 players that have been in the starting lineup.

"I think the experience and the fact that these guys have played together is going to help," Dreher said. "I really think we are going to be able to do more things than any group I have had here."

Kevin Fortner, a 6-4 junior forward-center, logged playing time last season and is vying for a starting spot.

Still, the Comets' list of perspective starters goes deeper. Shayne Midyett (5-7, Burnie DeRousse (6-1), Billy Kellett (6-1), and Marvin Martin (6-1), all have a chance to play.

"All 10 of those players are contending for spots," Dreher said. "In scrimmage games, they have all gotten a chance to play."

Dreher remains optimistic despite a tough schedule.

"One of our strengths is that we are going to shoot and pass the basketball much better than we did last year. We are also going to be more well-balanced. "Our weakness is going to be rebounding and power play. Those are the problem areas we are working on."

While Dreher is convinced his Comets will be better, he's not sure they will be able to match 1985's performance.

"This year, the First Region looks stronger than I have ever seen it," he said. "We are going to play possibility 6 of the top 20 teams in the state this year. We could be better than we were last year, and not end up with as good of a record."

Carlisle Co. opens the season Monday hosting Palmersville, TN.

Palmersville, TN. 51
Carlisle Co. 72
11-17-86 - Home

Steve Dreher was anxious to give his starters a rest. But when he pulled them in the first quarter against Palmersville, it was almost too soon.

After Carlisle County streaked to a 14-0 lead, Palmersville came roaring back and tied the game at 30 at the half.

"I subbed early," Dreher said of the Comets' season-opening victory. "Then, they made a game out of it."

The second half Carlisle put the starters back in the lineup, and jumped up 56-38, when the game entered the fourth quarter.

"We played 2 1/2 quarters and that won't win a lot of games," Dreher said. "We are going to have to play with more intensity."

Carlisle County was led by Jason Hannigan who scored 22 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Kevin Fortner was the other Comet in double figures with 15, and Matt Mikel hauled in 9 rebounds.

Palmersville…..6 30 38 51
Carlisle.....19 30 56 72

Palmersville (51)
McAlpin 4, Hardy 25, Meeks 2, Alderdice 4, Riggs 4, Smith 8, Davis 2, Smethwick, Brown 2.

Carlisle (72)
Hannigan 22, Brad Brower 9, Mikel 8, Fortner 15, Scott Terry 8, John Thomason, Midyett 2, Bernie DeRousse 3, Kellett 2, Marvin Martin 2, Burlin Brower 1, Bruce Deweese, Jackson.
Field Goals 27/50, Free Throws 18/25, Rebounds 34, Fouls 15, Record 1-0.

Carlisle Holds
Off St. Mary

St. Mary 53
Carlisle Co. 60
11-25-86 - Away

Carlisle Co. jumped to a 13-point halftime lead to keep St. Mary at bay in a 60-53 boys' basketball victory Tuesday night.

The Comets scored 11 more points than the Vikings at the free-throw line, hitting 16 out of 23, while St. Mary shot 5 out of 7.

Jason Hannigan and Matt Mikel combined for 33 of the Comet points with 18 and 15, respectively. Donald Overstreet topped St. Mary with 14 points while George Joseph added 13 and Tim Hatcher 10.

Carlisle…..21 35 48 60
St. Mary…..16 22 38 53

Carlisle (60)
Hannigan 18, Mikel 15, Fortner 12, S. Terry 9, Br. Brower 6, Ber. DeRousse, Kellett, Martin, B. Deweese, Jackson.
Field Goals 22, Free Throws 16/23, Fouls 11, Record 2-0.

St Mary (53)
Overstreet 14, Joseph 13, Hatcher 10, North 8, Durbin 4, Reed 2, Wooten 2, Stevens, K. Noonan, C. Noonan, Cutter.
Field Goals 24, Free Throws 5/7, Record 1-2.

Graves Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 67
Madisonville 68
12-05-86 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets were invited to play in the Graves Co. Tip-off Tournament.

The Comets played the first game against the Madisonville Maroons. At the end of the first quarter the Comets had a two point lead. At the end of the second quarter the Comets had a 13 point lead (42-29).

The Comets led the Maroons the entire game, but surprisingly enough, the Maroons tied the Comets at the end of the fourth quarter and the game went into overtime.

The score after overtime was 68-67, the Maroons winning the game. High point man for the Comets was Brad Brower with 19 points.

Carlisle…..21 42 52 63 67
Madisonville….19 29 47 63 68

Carlisle (67)
Brad Brower 19, Ber. DeRousse, Fortner 8, Hannigan 15, Mikel 19, S. Terry 2, J. Thomason 4.
Field Goals 24/48, Free Throws 19/22, Fouls 16, Record 2-1.

Madisonville (68)
McGraw 5, Bolus 6, Bearamin 4, Perdue 15, Ford 19, Lyles 12, Martin 9, Armarson.
Field Goals 26/55, Free Throws 16/24.

Graves Co. Tourn.
Consolation

Carlisle Co. 76
Lyon Co. 70
12-06-86 - Away

The Comets played the Lyon County Lions in the consolation game of the Graves Co. Tourn. When the first quarter ended, the Lions were leading the Comets 22-14.

At the halftime, the "mighty" Comets were tied with the Lions 39-39. After halftime the Comets came back on the courts ready to win, and so they did by six points 76-70.

High scorer for Carlisle was Jason Hannigan with 27 points.

Carlisle…..14 39 60 76
Lyon…..22 39 54 70

Lyon (70)
Defrew 10, Aldridge 4, Bingham 4, Southern 28, McDonalds 22, Halloway 2, Burton, Crady.

Carlisle (76)
S. Terry 9, Fortner 6, Br. Brower 16, Hannigan 26, Thomason 2, Ber. DeRousse 4, Kellett 2, Jackson, Bu. Brower, M. Martin, B. Deweese, Midyett.
Field goals 28/50, Free Throws 18/30, Fouls 16, Record 3-1.

Carlisle Co. 70
Ballard Co. 51
12-09-86 - Home

Missing one starter with a knee injury, the Bombers couldn't keep up with Carlisle, especially

after the Comets pressed and succeeded in the getting the ball inside.

Ballard stayed within four points early in the game, but a 21-10 run by Carlisle in the second quarter put Ballard too far back to make up. Mike Mikel scored 17 points for Carlisle. Senior Glen Townsend had 10 for Ballard.

Ballard……..10 20 28 51
Carlisle ……..14 35 40 70

Ballard (51)
Batts 4, Bobo 8, Dalton 4, Gals 3, Griffin 1, Hollowell 7, Robinson 6, Smith 2, Townsend 10, Youngblood 6.
Field Goals 21, Free throws 8/17, Fouls 25, Record 0-2.

Carlisle (70)
Brad Brower 11, Burlin Brower, DeRousse, 3, B. Deweese, Fortner 6, Hannigan 12, Jackson, Kellett 5, Marvin Martin, Midyett 2, Mikel 17, S. Terry 2, J. Thomason 12.
Field Goals 25, Free Throws 20/33, Fouls 18, Record 4-1.

Tilghman Tandem Tallies 56 Points;
Tornado Now 5-1

Carlisle Co. 58
Tilghman 71
12-13-86 - Away

Bobby Gross and Donald Tivis tossed in 28 points apiece Saturday night to lead Tilghman to a 71-58 win over Carlisle County's Comets.

Tivis scored 12 points and Gross scored 8 in the opening quarter as Tilghman built a 23-16 lead. Carlisle cut the margin to 3 points with 30 seconds left in the half, but a pair of free throws by Gross made it 37-32 at intermission.

Tivis, who hit 13 of 20 from the field, opened the second half with a 14-foot jumper to put Tilghman ahead 7 points. But the Comets ran off the next 7 points to tie the game at 39-all.

Damon Rouse scored on a put-back after a miss. Then Gross scored to put Tilghman back in front, before baskets by Mike Mikel, Jason Hannigan, and John Thomason gave Carlisle a 45-41 lead at 3:16.

Following a Tilghman timeout, Rouse was fouled on a field goal attempt and sank two free throws. A bad pass by the Comets led to a 16-footer by Tivis, and an inbounds violation gave Tilghman a chance to take the lead.

Gross, who connected on a 13 of 18 fielders, hit a running one-hander from the lane to put Tilghman ahead, but Kevin Fortner tied it seconds later.

Gross gave Tilghman the lead for good on a jumper from just inside the free throw stripe, and connected again on a lay-up off a fast break with 55 seconds remaining.

Carlisle's Brad Brower connected on a jump shot to cut the margin to two points to close out the third quarter scoring for both teams.

With 2:10 remaining in the third quarter, Rouse fell to the floor, grabbing his ankle. The senior forward had to be helped from the floor and did not return.

"He's going to be alright," Tilghman coach Berry Miller said after the game. "There's no swelling in the ankle."

Tilghman took control of the game in the final quarter, outscoring the Comets 20-9. Gross and Tivis scored 6 points apiece over the first four minutes, while Carlisle managed a field goal and two free throws. With 4:05 left it was 63-53.

"I was tickled to death to get it (the victory)," Miller said. "Carlisle is a good team and they've played together a long time."

Carlisle……..16 32 49 56
Tilghman……..23 27 51 71

Carlisle (56)
Brad Brower 14, Fortner 3, Hannigan 14, Kellett 1, Mikel 17, S. Terry 3, J. Thomason 6.
Field Goals 20/45, Free Throws 18/27, Rebounds 18, Turnovers 15, Fouls 15, Record 4-2.

Tilghman (71)
Barber, Gross 28, Neal, Phil 3, Rouse 6, Sutton 2, Tivis 28, Tyler, Woods 4.
Field Goals 30/56, Free Throws 11/15, Rebounds 24, Turnovers 10, Fouls 19, Record 5-1.

Carlisle Co. 53
Hickman Co. 67
12-16-86 - Home

The Carlisle Co. Comets played rival Hickman Co. Falcons Tuesday night, and Hickman came away with a 67-53 win at the Carlisle County gym.

The Comets came out ready to play, and at the end of the first period most people didn't know what to think. The score at the end of the first period was 17-6 with the Falcons leading.

By the end of the second period the Comets had narrowed the lead to three points (23-20). The Comets came back on the court fired up to do some winning, but the Falcons were just to much for them to handle.

High point man for the Comets was Brad Brower with 20 points

At the very end of the third period one of the Comets players, Jason Hannigan, was injured. But we have been informed that he is doing fine now.

Carlisle……..6 20 33 53
Hickman……..17 23 43 67

Carlisle (53)
Mikel 15, Hannigan 4, Fortner 4, J. Thomason 4, S. Terry 3, Kellett 2, Ber. DeRousse 1.

Cairo Remains Unbeaten
After Disposing Of Carlisle

Cairo, ILL. 67
Carlisle Co. 56
12-18-86 - Away

Cairo's second leading scorer didn't play, but the Pilots were still able to subdue Carlisle County 67-56, Thursday night.

The southern Illinois team improved its record to 7-0 behind 22 points from Vernon Trenton and 17 from Kevin Lowe. Lucas Reece, the Pilots 6-foot-5 center, was out with a leg injury. The Comets got 12 points each from Kevin Fortner, Jason Hannigan, and Mike Mikel.

Carlisle……..12 28 34 56
Cairo……..16 29 44 67

Carlisle (56)
Br. Brower 8, B. Deweese 4, Fortner 12, Hannigan 12, Mikel 12, S. Terry.
Field Goals 22/44, Free Throws 12/21, Fouls 13, Record 4-4.

Cairo (67)
Archibald 8, Chambler 7, Crume 11, Jordon 2, Lowe 17, Trenton 22, Box 0.
Field Goals 28/52, Free Throws 11/17, Rebounds 36, Fouls 14., Record 7-0.

Marshall Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Marshall Co. 75
Carlisle Co. 55
12-26-86 - Away

Terry Birdsong scored a season- high 29 points to lead the top ranked Marshals over No. 9 Carlisle County in the boy's tournament.

Carlisle committed 26 fouls as Marshall repeatedly went to the foul line. The winners hit 29 out of 38 from the line while Carlisle was 11 of 16.

Senior center John Solomon backed Birdsong with 14 points and teammate Mike Cross had 11. Jason Hannigan had a team-high 21 for the Comets.

Carlisle……..6 21 36 55
Marshall……..15 29 46 75

Carlisle (55)
Brad Brower 8, Burlin Brower, B. DeRousse, B. Deweese, Fortner 6, Hannigan 21, Kellett 2, M. Martin, Midyett, Mikel 6, S. Terry 8, J. Thomason 4, Jackson, Sheppard.
Field Goals 22, Free Throws 11/16, Fouls 26, Record 4-5.

Marshall (75)
Beth 6, Birdsong 29, Bohannon, Cothran 2, Cross 11, Hall 6, Myhand 2, Solomon 14, Stokes 2, Watkins, Pullen 3, Camp, Blossom.
Field Goals 23, Free Throws 28/38, Fouls 17, Record 6-2.

Marshall Co. Tourn.
Consolation
"Twin Todds"
Spur Eagle Win

Graves Co. 76
Carlisle Co. 69
12-27-86 - Away

Graves County took advantage of its trips to the foul line to defeat Carlisle County in the boys' consolation match-up of the Marshal tourney.

The Eagles committed 20 fouls to the Comets' 22, but the Eagles shot 9 more free throws. Graves hit 30 of 37 at the line while Carlisle was 17 of 28.

Graves' balanced attack had David Spicer with 16 points, Kip Ellington with 12 and Todd Thurston and David Wadlington with 10 each. The Comets' Jason Hannigan led all scored with 25 points.

Graves……..14 33 51 76
Carlisle……..12 30 51 69

Graves (76)
Spicer 16, Ellington 12, Wadlington 12, Thurston 10, Willis 8, Elliott 6, Hussey 6, Mathis 6.
Field Goals 23/43 54%, Free Throws 30/37 81%, 28 rebounds, 13 assists, 7 steals, 16 turnovers.

Carlisle (69)
Hannigan 25, Brad Brower 18, Mikel 14, S. Terry 5, Fortner 3, J. Thomason 2, Kellett 2.
Field Goals 26/57 46%, Free Throws 17/25 68%, 22 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

Carlisle Co. 77
Fulton City 59
01-09-87 - Away

Jason Hannigan and Matt Mikel combined for 45 points in the First District match-up.

Hannigan, a 6-1 senior guard, scored 23 points and Mikel, a 6-4 junior center, scored 22 as the Comets pulled away in the second half.

Carlisle, which led by four at the half, outscored the Bulldogs 18-6 in the third quarter.

Fulton City got 18 points each from Donald Ozell and Rick Isbell.

Carlisle……..17 35 53 77
Fulton City……..8 31 37 59

Carlisle(77)
Brad Brower 12, Ber. DeRousse, Fortner 1, Hannigan 23, Kellett 13, M. Martin, Mikel 22, S. Terry 6, Sheppard.
Field Goals 32, Free Throws 11/22, Fouls 19, Record 5-6.

Fulton City(59)

Beadles, Donald 18, Isbell 18, King 8, Lewis 8, McCellon 7, Minor.
Field Goals 25, Free Throws 9/18, Fouls 19, Record 1-8.

Calloway Co. 62
Carlisle Co. 61
01-10-87 - Home

Calloway County outscored Carlisle County 5-4 in overtime to improve to 9-1.

The Lakers got 18 points from Scott Nix and 16 from Cory Wells. Kevin Fortner and Jason Hannigan scored 13 each for the Comets.
Calloway....13 32 50 57 62
Carlisle…...22 34 45 57 61
Calloway (62)
Futrell, Jones 15, Nix 18, Stubblefield 8, Wells 16, Jeff White 2, Jeremy White 3.
Field Goals 24/48, Free Throws 14/22, Rebounds 25, Fouls 14, Record 9-1.
Carlisle (61)
Brad Brower 12, Ber. DeRousse, Fortner 13, Hannigan 13, Kellett 4, M. Martin, Mikel 9, S. Terry 10.
Field Goals 23/50, Free Throws 15/21, Rebounds 33, Fouls 18, Record 5-7.

Carlisle Co. 66
Lone Oak 50
01-13-87 - Home

Much of the scoring credit belonged to Jason Hannigan and Kevin Fortner, but the Comet coach Steve Dreher was pointing at guards' Brad Brower and John Thomason as the key culprits in the Comets second half rally.

"Thomason was the guy that came in and sparked us by getting on the boards and Brower ran the offense great," Dreher said about overcoming a 25-24 halftime deficit.
Lone Oak…...11 25 33 50
Carlisle…...12 24 42 66
Lone Oak (50)
Baker, Beyer 2, Garner 8, Hayes 8, Holifield 12, Murray 4, Ricks 11, Smith 3, Stonecipher, Walton 2, Gaines.
Field Goals 22/56, Free Throws 6/19, Rebounds 27, Fouls 19, Record 5-5.
Carlisle (66)
Brad Brower 10, Burlin Brower, Ber. DeRousse, B. Deweese, Fortner 16, Hannigan 27, Kellett 1, M. Martin 2, Midyett, Mikel 7, S. Terry, J. Thomason 3, Shepherd.
Field Goals 27/56, Free Throws 12/22, Rebounds 33, Fouls 19, Record 6-7.

Carlisle Co. 72
Fulton Co. 54
01-16-87 - Away

Kevin Fortner scored 10 of his 22 points in the first quarter when Carlisle jumped ahead.

Fortner's early scoring barrage helped the Comets to a 20-8 first period advantage.

Jason Hannigan added 20 and Scott Terry 14 for the Comets. Ron Mangold led the winless Pilots with 13 points.
Carlisle.....20 39 61 72
Fulton Co…...8 26 42 54
Carlisle (72)
Brad Brower 10, Ber. DeRousse 2, Fortner 22, Hannigan 20, M. Martin 4, Midyett, S. Terry 14, J. Thomason.
Field Goals 25, Free Throws 22/32, Fouls 25, Record 7-7.
Fulton Co. (54)
Easley 11, Brockwell 4, Gaston 5, Mays 11, Akers 8, Mangold 13, Goodman, Adams, Hughes, Howell 2, Murphy 1, Carlton.
Field Goals 22, Free Throws 11/27, Fouls 21, Record 0-12.

Carlisle Co. 62
Reidland 57
01-23-87 - Away

Jason Hannigan converted some long range jumpers down the stretch to allow Carlisle County to turn back Reidland.

"Hannigan hit some baskets in the fourth quarter, and they were from way out there," Reidland coach Joe Mathis said.

Hannigan led the 8-7 Comets with 15 points while Matt Mikel added 15 and Scott Terry pitched in 10.

Eddie Doughty led the 7-8 Greyhounds with 23 points and Tim Henneke added 13.
Carlisle…….9 24 39 62
Reidland…...13 27 39 57
Carlisle (62)
Brad Brower 8, Ber. DeRousse 1, Fortner 7, Hannigan 17, Kellett 4, M. Martin, Mikel 15, S. Terry 10.
Field Goals 22/41, Free Throws 18/31, Fouls 22, Record 8-7.
Reidland (57)
Carper 5, Doughty 23, Harper, Henneke 13, McLeod 4, Skinner 2, Vasseur 7, Wyatt 3.
Field Goals 19/52, Free Throws 19/28, Fouls 25, Record 7-8.

Comets Spoil District
Coronation At Falcons' Nest

Hickman Co. 45
Carlisle Co. 50
01-30-87 - Away

Hickman County was in position to crown itself First District kingpin Friday night. Carlisle County, which had lost at home to the Falcons earlier this season, had the task of playing the Falcons at their home den.

But Hickman couldn't take advantage, and the Comets got a measure of revenge with a 50-45 win over The Paducah Sun's sixth ranked team.

"We shot badly and missed our free throws. We hit only 40 percent for the game, and from the line we were 25 percent," Cooper said.

Hickman,, which led 32-23 at the half, found itself trailing 38-36, after three quarters.

A deficit at the free throw line hurt the Falcons. They committed 20 fouls, their highest this season. The Comets sank 16 of 23 foul shots. Hickman was only 3 of 12.

"We won the first half and they won the second," Cooper said, "and we put them at the line too much."

The Falcons trailed by one with 13 seconds remaining, and had a player at the foul line, but he missed the front end of the bonus. Carlisle took the rebound and was fouled with 10 seconds left. The Comets also missed at the line, but got their own rebound. Jason Hannigan was fouled and hit both shots putting the Comets up by three.

Hickman tried to hurry the ball down the court and was whistled for a turnover and Carlisle scored before time ran out to account for the final five-point margin.

Hannigan spurred the Carlisle run with nine third-quarter points. He also was perfect at the line in nine attempts, and finished with 23 points.

Hickman got 17 points from Tommy Barnett. Both teams are now 3-1 in the District play.
Carlisle.....7 23 38 50
Hickman.....15 32 36 45
Carlisle (50)
Brad Brower 12, Fortner 4, Hannigan 23, Kellett, Mikel 11, S. Terry, J. Thomason.
Field Goals 17/36, Free Throws 16/23, Fouls 17, Record 9-7.
Hickman (45)
E. Alexander 4, K. Alexander 8, M. Alexander 6, Barnett 17, Jones 5, Weatherspoon, Yarbro 4.
Field Goals 21/53, Free Throws 3/12, Fouls 20, Record 14-7.

Marshall Co. 46
Carlisle Co. 42
01-31-87 - Away

Terry Birdsong scored 21 points to lead the Sun's No. 3 squad over unranked Carlisle County.

Marshall got the winning points at the free throw line. Both teams scored 36 points from the floor, but the Marshals hit 10 of 16 free throws, while the Comets where 6 of 12.
Carlisle.....13 22 34 42
Marshall.....11 24 38 46
Carlisle(42)
Brad Brower 6, Fortner 10, Hannigan 14, Mikel 4, S. Terry, J. Thomason 8.
Field Goals 18, Free Throws 6/12, Fouls 17, Record 9-8.
Marshall (46)
Beth, Birdsong 21, Cothran 8, Cross, Hall 11, Solomon 6, Strokes.
Field Goals 18, Free Throws 10/16, Fouls 14, Record 14-4.

Cards Too
Much For Comets

Mayfield 73
Carlisle Co. 57
02-03-87 - Away

Singer Jerry Lee Lewis had nothing on Mayfield when he belted out a chorus declaring there was a whole lot of shaking going on.

Tuesday night, there was a whole lot of shooting going on.

"We just shot awfully well," Mayfield coach Roger Fields said after the Cardinals, despite the hot hand, had a hard time shaking the pesky Comets. Mayfield hit 17 of 34 in the first half, but only led 37-31.
Carlisle.....12 31 41 57
Mayfield.....18 37 49 73
Carlisle (57)
Brad Brower 12, Ber. DeRousse, B. Deweese 2, Fortner 2, Hannigan 18, Midyett, Mikel 13, S. Terry 8, J. Thomason 2.
Field Goals 22/50, Free Throws 13/16, Rebounds 17, Fouls 23, Record 9-9.
Mayfield (73)
Brown 3, Carman 2, Earles 17, Kent Mathis 4, Sherrill, Sparks 2, Stroup 5, Waggoner 20, Whitnell 14, Collins 4, S. Jackson, Kevin Mathis, Schlosser 2.
Field Goals 27/39, Free Throws 19/26, Rebounds 20, Fouls 15, Record 8-10.

Carlisle Co. 65
Tilghman 85
02-06-87 - Home

On his best night, Jason Hannigan couldn't match the sharp shooting skills of Paducah Tilghman.

The combination of Tilghman's press, exceptional shooting and physical strength under the basket more than offset Hannigan's 34-point

performance, and saddled Carlisle County with an 85-65 loss on its home court Friday night.

"We were really looking to Hannigan," Comet coach Steve Dreher said.

And with good reason. The senior guard hit 16 of 24 shots from the field, but that was eight percentage points worse that Tilghman shot as a team.

Hitting a scorching 30 of 44 from the field, Tilghman moved ahead 24-14 in the first quarter, and prevented Carlisle from challenging seriously again.

"Late in the game, we tried to hurry against the press, and they got a bigger lead," Dreher said about the final deficit. His team trailed by just eight points when the final quarter started.

Tilghman ……..24 41 56 85
Carlisle ……..14 32 48 65

Tilghman (85)
Barber 8, Gross 13, Phil 12, Rouse 8, Sutton 10, Tivis 17, Tyler 1, and Woods 16.
Field Goals 30/44, Free Throws 25/37, Fouls 22, Record 21-2.

Carlisle (65)
Brad Brower 12, Burlin Brower, Ber. DeRousse 2, B. Deweese, Fortner 6, Hannigan 34, Kellett 1, M. Martin 1, Mikel 7, S. Terry, J. Thomason 2.
Field Goals 26/49, Free Throws 13/28, Fouls 28.

Carlisle Co. 54
Calloway Co. 61
02-07-87 - Away

Calloway County had a one point lead over the Comets at the end of the first quarter, and a ten point lead at the half.

By the time the third quarter ended, the lead had increased by 4 points, making Calloway 47 and Carlisle 33. The final score for the game was 61-54, Calloway County as victors.

Carlisle.....…..7 18 33 54
Calloway.....…..8 28 47 61

Carlisle (54)
Hannigan 21, Brad Brower 5, Mikel 12, Fortner 7, S. Terry 9, J. Thomason, Ber. DeRousse.
Field Goals 23/43, Free Throws 8/12, Rebounds 22, Fouls 12, Record 9-10.

Calloway (61)
Futrell 10, Jeff White 13, Wells 10, Jones 13, Stubblefield 9, Campbell 6, Armstrong.
Field Goals 25/43, Free Throws 11/15, Rebounds 19, Fouls 11, Record 16-6.

Carlisle Co. 78
Fulton Co. 53
02-03-87 - Home

Carlisle coach Steve Dreher credited Brad Brower and Scott Terry for setting up Jason Hannigan's 32- point effort.

"Brower and Terry moved the ball real well on offense," Dreher said. "Hannigan's points came real easy tonight because those two got the ball inside to him."

Carlisle had little trouble with the Pilots after jumping ahead 20-6 in the first quarter.

Ron Mangold and Stacy Easley scored 14 and 12, respectively, for the winless Pilots.

Fulton Co…..…...6 20 36 53
Carlisle.....…...20 39 50 78

Fulton Co. (53)
Easley 12, Mays 4, Akers 8, Mangold 14, Adams 1, Jones, Hughes 4, Howell 7, Carlton 1, Murphy 2, Cochran, Smith.
Field Goals 18/45, Free Throws 17/25, Rebounds 31, Fouls 24, Record 0-21.

Carlisle (78)
Brad Brower 8, Burlin Brower, Ber. DeRousse 1, B. Deweese 6, Fortner 12, Hannigan 32, M. Martin, Midyett 2, S. Terry 4, J. Thomason 9, Sheppard 4.
Field Goals 30/53, Free Throws 18/27, Rebounds 33, Fouls 24, Record 10-11.

Carlisle Co. 59
Fulton City 45
02-17-87 - Away

The Carlisle County Comets played the Fulton City Bulldogs Thursday, February 19th, and came away with a 14 pt. win.

At the end of the first quarter the Comets led the Bulldogs 8-4. At the half the Comets were leading the Bulldogs by 12 points 43-27 with the Comets still on top.

When the final quarter ended the Comets were still on top by 14 points, 59-45.

Carlisle…….…...8 26 43 59
Fulton City……..4 14 27 45

Carlisle (59)
Hannigan 25, Fortner 14, Brad Brower 10, S. Terry 5, J. Thomason 3, M. Martin 2, Midyett, Ber. DeRousse.

Carlisle Co. 86
Graves Co. 80
02-20-87 - Home

Carlisle Co. may have found the win it needed as the final week of the season rolls around.

"This is a real big win for us," Carlisle Co. coach Steve Dreher said.

Carlisle jumped ahead 25-16, after the first quarter, but the 17-7 Eagles clawed back. By the half, Graves trailed by a point.

Leading by 3 pts. heading into the final frame, the Comets pulled away and led by as many as 13, before the Eagles closed the gap to the final margin.

Jason Hannigan led the Comets with 24 pts. as Carlisle shot a blistering 58%. Kevin Fortner was the big boost with 21 pts. and 12 rebs., while Scott Terry had 12 and Brad Brower finished with 10.

Graves Co., 17-7, got 25 pts. from David Spicer, 17 from Ellington and 16 from Chris Wilson.

Carlisle……25 41 59 86
Graves……..16 40 56 80

Carlisle (86)
Hannigan 24, Fortner 21, S. Terry 12, Brad Brower 10, Midyett 8, J. Thomason 7, Ber. DeRousse 4, Sheppard.
Field Goals 30/52, Free Throws 26/37, Fouls 19, Rebounds 22, Record 12-11.

Graves (80)
Ellington 17, Elliott 1, Heath, Hussey 6, Mathis, Raley, Spicer 25, Thurston 2, Wadlington 7, Willis 6, Wilson 16
Field Goals 29/54, Free Throws 22/26, Rebounds 22, Fouls 26, Record 17-7.

Carlisle Co. 68
St. Mary 57
02-24-87 - Home

Brad Brower made up his mind, and that's the reason Carlisle County was able to pull away from St. Mary in the second half.

"He (Brower) decided he didn't want to lose this game," Carlisle County coach Steve Dreher said. "He went out and made five or six straight steals and we converted on most of them. It was (Jason) Hannigan on offense and Brower on defense."

Hannigan led the 13-11 Comets with 34 points, while Brad Brower added 12 and John Thomason pitched in 10.

St Mary (9-15) got 28 points from Donald Overstreet.

St. Mary……....10 28 36 57
Carlisle……....14 26 46 68

St. Mary (57)
Durbin 2, Hatcher 8, Joseph 8, Noonan 7, North 2, Overstreet 28, Stephens, Wooten 2.
Field Goals 20/43, Free Throws 17/22, Rebounds 31, Fouls 14, Record 9-15.

Carlisle (68)
Brad Brower 12, Ber. DeRousse 2, Fortner 2, Hannigan 34, Kellett, M. Martin 4, Midyett, S. Terry 4, J. Thomason 10.
Field Goals 32/60, Free Throws 4/8, Rebounds 20, Fouls 18, Record 13-11.

Carlisle Co 58
Ballard Co. 52
02-26-87 - Away

In the area's only boys' contest, Carlisle fended off Ballard in the final minute to take a six-point win.

Carlisle, which led by six at halftime, and by 45-38 heading into the final period, saw Ballard pull to within four points with 29 seconds left, before holding on.

Kevin Fortner and Jason Hannigan were the only Comets in double figures with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Ballard senior Randy Smith led all scorers with 21 points.

Carlisle.....…12 30 45 58
Ballard.....…..12 24 38 52

Carlisle (58)
Brad Brower 9, Fortner 13, Hannigan 12, M. Martin 4, Midyett 4, S. Terry 8, J. Thomason 4, Sheppard 4.
Field Goals 22/41, Free Throws 14/26, Fouls 15, Record 14-11.

Ballard (52)
Blanks 4, Bobo 4, Dalton 13, Hollowell 2, Smith 21, Townsend 8, and Youngblood.
Field Goals 23/62, Free Throws 6/14, Fouls 19, Record 6-16.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 59
Fulton City 36
03-05-87 - Home

Foul problems and a troublesome Rick Isbell slowed Carlisle down, but couldn't prevent it from running away from Fulton City in the First District boys' tournament Thursday night.

Isbell blocked several shots and scored 6 of 10 points in the second period as the Bulldogs stayed close, before losing a 59-36 decision on the Comets home floor.

"We finally got Isbell in foul trouble," Comet coach Steve Dreher said. "We had played real well in the first quarter, but we got in foul trouble and that hurt us."

The Comets advanced to tonight's boys' championship game against Hickman County, a rematch of last year's title game.

"Isbell and (Todd) Beadles hurt us inside in the second quarter," Dreher said about his 10-pt. first quarter lead slimming to 23-18 at the half. "We decided we wanted to run in the third quarter."

The change in strategy worked as Carlisle County outscored the Bulldogs 21-6 for a 20-pt. lead that took the suspense from the final period.

While Isbell was the only Bulldog in twin figures, Kevin Fortner scored 10 points and Jason Hannigan 14 for the 15-11 Comets.

Fulton City.....4 18 24 36
Carlisle…..14 23 44 59

Fulton City (36)

Beadles 6, Donald 6, Hollingsworth, Isbell 10, S. Kephart 4, King, Lewis 4, Lockett 2, McCellon 2, Pirtle, Rose 2.

Fgs. 16/42, Fts. 4/9, Rebs. 23, Fouls 18, Record 6-19.

Carlisle (59)

B. Brower 8, Ber. DeRousse, B. Deweese, Fortner 10, Hannigan 14, Kellett 4, M. Martin, Midyett 6, Mikel 3, S. Terry 8, J. Thomason 4, Shepard 2.

Fgs. 23/46, Fts. 13/20, Rebs. 37, Fouls 15, Record 15-11.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Tough Night For
The Home Teams

Carlisle Co. 60
Hickman Co. 71

03-06-87 - Home

It may have been the basket that didn't count that lit the fire under Hickman County as the Falcons dominated Carlisle County in the second half to win the First District championship by a 71-60 verdict.

"There were two things that changed the course of the game," Carlisle County coach Steve Dreher said. "Hickman County had a basket disallowed on a last second shot before the half, and I think that fired them up for the second half.

"The second thing was we came out the third quarter and went 2 for 11."

Hickman County led 33-31 at intermission, but outscored the Comets 14-4 in the third stanza to take control of the game.

"We had people in foul trouble and that hurt us," Dreher said. "But Hickman County played very well. When I saw them play Calloway County, and they started hitting their outside shots, I knew they were back."

Carlisle County, 15-12, was led by Brad Brower with 20 points. Jason Hannigan, who scored 10 first quarter points, finished with 16.

Hickman County, 21-10, got 23 points from George Yarbro and 21 from Tommy Barnett. Kelvin Alexander was the third Falcon in double figures with 11.

Carlisle.....…..20 31 35 60
Hickman.....18 33 47 71

Carlisle (60)

Br. Brower 20, Ber. DeRousse, Fortner 8, Hannigan 16, Kellett 2, M. Martin, Midyett, Mikel 4, S. Terry 6, J. Thomason 4.

Field Goals 22/47, Free Throws 16/21, Rebounds 24, Fouls 27, Record 15-12.

Hickman (71)

K. Alexander 11, M. Alexander 4, Barnett 21, Jones 4, Lane 8, Weatherspoon, Yarbro 23.

Field Goals 23/28, Free Throws 25/32, Rebounds 31, Fouls 17, Record 21-10.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Tilghman Victory No Mona Lisa.
Pesky Comets Never Far
Behind Top-Ranked Team

Carlisle Co. 55
Tilghman 62

03-11-87 - Away

Beauty doesn't decide the score. If his team's First Region opening game victory wasn't a masterpiece, Bernie Miller of Tilghman felt it at least paid expenses.

"We didn't lose," Tilghman's coach reminded reporters after Tilghman's 62-55 victory over Carlisle County Wednesday night. "We messed up and didn't play very well, but we did not lose.

"I was disappointed for them (his team) that they played that way, but we'll still be here Monday night (semifinals). That's the way any tournament is, all that counts is advancement."

Although rarely behind through its distracted effort, the Tornado, which finished the season atop the Paducah Sun rankings, never could escape the annoyingly scrappy Comets. Exploiting a 21 of 26 night on the foul line, Carlisle even pulled within 57-53 on a pair of Jason Hannigan free throws with 33 seconds left.

Only when Joe Phil hit the first shot in a bonus foul situation, and Kurt Barber grabbed the missed second shot and banked in a lay-up for 60-53 lead, could Tilghman be sure of a semifinal match-up with Marshall County Monday night.

"I didn't think we came to play tonight," Tilghman senior guard Donald Tivis said after his 27-point performance that led Tilghman. "That's not going to get it, playing like that and winning by seven points. But I don't think it will hurt us. I think we're ready now. We'll learn we are going to have to play a little harder."

The next time will be Monday against Marshall County, a team that struggled to beat St. Mary in Wednesday's second game.

Tilghman even started in trouble. In warm-ups, it was hit with two technical fouls for dunking the ball and hanging on the rim. Those kinds of errors continued to plaque them all night.

"There's no sense in anybody, especially seniors, forcing you to start out a potential four points down," Miller said. "That just doesn't make any sense for kids to do something like that."

"Mental preparation was what was wrong. We didn't just do those mistakes early, we did it all the time, throughout the ballgame. We weren't mentally ready to play prior to the game."

Instead, the Tornado waited until Carlisle threatened its lead, then let Tivis take over.

Although Tilghman held Carlisle's leading scorer Jason Hannigan to seven points in the first half, it led just 26-22, thanks to 10 first half turnovers and 2 of 6 foul shooting, while Tivis scored 14.

Hannigan picked up his pace in the second half and scored 23 more, most on the foul line, where he hit 18 of 19. Yet every time the Comets pulled close to the lead, Tivis would take control of the Tilghman's offense.

Although he hit just 5 of 11 from the line, Tivis nailed 11 of 19 field goals, many from beyond the collegiate 3-point line painted on Racer Arena's floor. He got just enough help inside from Barber (10 points) and Damon Rouse (13 points, 10 rebounds) to fight off every Comet rally.

"I missed a lot of foul shots, but I hit some under pressure," Tivis said. "I knew we had to do something, and since I'm a senior I felt I needed to take control of the game."

That's fine with Miller, who has seen enough of the three-year Tornado starter to realize Tilghman's opportunities are strongest with Tivis holding the ball.

Carlisle.....13 22 40 55
Tilghman……..16 26 45 62

Carlisle (55)

Br. Brower 9, S. Terry 4, J. Thomason 2, Ber. DeRousse 6, Hannigan 30, Fortner 2, Mikel 2, M. Martin.

Field goals 17/51, Free throws 21/26, Rebounds 28, Fouls 23, Record 15-13.

Tilghman (62)

Tivis 27, Gross 8, Barber 10, Rouse 13, Phill 2, Livingston, Woods 4.

Field goals 26/52, Free throws 12/25, Rebounds 35, Fouls 18, Record 27-5.

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	Palmersville, TN.	St. Mary	Madisonville	Lyon Co.	Ballard Co.	Tilghman	Hickman Co.	Cairo, ILL.	Marshall Co.	Graves Co.	Fulton City	Calloway Co.	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.										
Jason Hannigan	22	18	15	26	12	14	4	12	21	25	23	13	27	20										
Brad Brower	9	6	19	16	11	14		8	8	18	12	12	10	10										
Matt Mikel	8	14	19		17	17	15	12	6	14	22	9	7											
Kevin Fortner	15	12	8	6	6	3	4	12	6	3	1	13	16	22										
Scott Terry	8	9	2	9	2	3	3	0	8	5	6	10	0	14										
John Thomason	0		4	2	12	6	4		4	2			3	0										
Bernie DeRousse	3	0	0	4	3		1		0		0	0	0	2										
Billy Kellett	2	0		2	5	1	2		2	2	13	4	1											
Marvin Martin	2	0		0	0				0		0	0	2	4										
Burlin Brower	1			0	0				0				0											
Bruce Deweese	0	0		0	0			4	0				0											
Chad Jackson	0	0		0	0				0															
Shane Midyett	2			0	2				0				0	0										
Tom Sheppard									0		0		0											

1986-87

	Reidland	Hickman Co.	Marshall Co.	Mayfield	Tilghman	Calloway Co.	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Graves Co.	St. Mary	Ballard Co.	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Tilghman							Games	Pts.	Avg.
Jason Hannigan	17	23	14	18	34	21	32	25	24	34	12	14	16	30							28	566	20.21
Brad Brower	8	12	6	12	12	5	8	10	10	12	9	8	20	9							27	294	10.89
Matt Mikel	15	11	4	13	7	12						3	4	2							21	231	11
Kevin Fortner	7	4	10	2	6	7	12	14	21	2	14	10	8	2							28	246	8.78
Scott Terry	10	0	0	8	0	9	4	5	12	4	8	8	6	4							28	157	5.6
John Thomason		0	0	2	2	0	9	3	7	10	4	4	4	2							23	84	3.65
Bernie DeRousse	1			0	2	0	1	0	4	2		0	0	6							22	29	1.31
Billy Kellett	4	0			1					0		4	2								17	45	2.64
Marvin Martin	0				1		0	2		4	4	0	0	0							18	19	1.05
Burlin Brower					0		0														7	1	0.14
Bruce Deweese				2	0		6					0									11	12	1.09
Chad Jackson																					5	0	0
Shane Midyett				0	0		2	0	8	0	4	6	0								15	24	1.6
Tom Sheppard							4		0		4	2									7	10	1.42
						Team Record - 15-13							Per Game Avg. - 61.35							Total Pts.		1718	

Career	Game	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Jason Hannigan	72		17	376	566	959	13.31
Brad Brower	114	60	181	300	294	835	7.32
John Thomason	70		25	118	84	227	3.24
Bernie DeRousse	22		29			29	1.31
Chad Jackson	5				0	0	0
Shane Midyett	23			14	24	38	1.65

1987-88

HEAD COACH - STEVE DREHER

ASSISTANT COACH - DARALL TRAVIS

TROPHIES WON

ST. MARY TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

MASSAC TOURN. - 6TH PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 16-13

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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE
11-16-87	Palmersville, TN.	66-55	A
11-21-87	Ripley, TN.	**50-65**	A - **KEN-TENN. CLASSIC**
11-24-87	St. Mary	**57-58**	H
12-03-87	Heath	43-39	A - **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-04-87	St. Mary	58-44	A - **ST. MARY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-05-87	Hickman Co.	**63-77**	A - **ST. MARY TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-08-87	Ballard Co.	72-59	A
12-15-87	Hickman Co.	**63-77**	A
12-28-87	Graves Co	**47-65**	A - **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-08-88	Fulton City	53-25	H
01-09-88	Calloway Co.	59-58	H
01-12-88	Lone Oak	**52-59**	A
01-15-88	Fulton Co	82-54	H
01-18-88	Charleston, MO.	**43-62**	A - **MASSAC CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-19-88	Anna-Jonesboro, ILL.	80-67	A - **MASSAC CO. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-23-88	Martin-Westview, TN.	**53-54**	A - **MASSAC CO. TOURN. CONSOLATION**
01-26-88	Murray	54-48	H
01-29-88	Hickman Co.	**50-51**	H
02-02-88	Mayfield	60-51	H
02-05-88	Tilghman	**43-60**	A
02-09-88	St. Mary	52-50	A
02-12-88	Fulton Co	54-39	A
02-16-88	Fulton City	53-25	A
02-19-88	Graves Co	**54-56**	A
02-23-88	Reidland	61-42	H
02-25-88	Ballard Co.	85-63	H
03-03-88	Fulton City	72-45	A - **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-04-88	Hickman Co.	**51-53**	A - **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-08-88	Marshall Co.	**48-57**	A - **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 16-13

1988 Comets – District Runner-Up



Tom Shepperd, Bill Kellett, Burnie DeRousse, Marvin Martin, Todd Tyler, Ricky Blackwell, Bruce Deweese, Joe Smithson, Kevin Burgess (Manager), Brian O'Neill, Burlin Brower, Barry Draper, Chris Thomas, Kevin Williams, Steve Summers, Eric Sams (Manager), Asst. Coach Darrel Travis, Matt Mikel, Kevin Fortner, Scott Terry, Coach Steve Dreher

1987-1988

HEAD COACH - STEVE DREHER

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TROPHIES WON
ST. MARY TOURN. - 2ND PLACE
MASSAC TOURN. - 6TH PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 16-13

1987-88 COMET ROSTER:
Burlin Brower Barry Draper, Bruce Deweese, Kevin Fortner, Billy Kellett, Marvin Martin, Matt Mikel, Brian O'Neill, Scott Terry, Todd Tyler, Joey Smithson, Steve Smithson, Steve S. Summers, Chris Thomas, Ricky Blackwell, Tom Sheppard, Kevin Williams.

Falcons, Comets,
Top Dogs In 1st District

Who has the better seniors, Hickman County or Carlisle County?

The answer may tell which team is the best in the First District.

Last season Hickman and Carlisle went 5-1 against district tournament foes.

The Falcons (21-11 last year) and the Comets (15-13) each return three quality senior starters, which leaves Fulton City (6-19) and Fulton County (0-25) to bicker over third and fourth.

Carlisle's seniors have the size with 6-foot-6 Kevin Fortner, 6-4 Matt Mikel and 6-2 Scott Terry. Hickman has the scoring in George Yarbro (15 points a game), Bruce Lane (15 points), Michael Alexander (10 points).

Carlisle has a veteran coach in Steve Dreher and Hickman a brand new one in Todd Johnson, formerly an assistant at Carlisle and most recently in Tilghman.

The difference in wins between last year's teams means little since Carlisle played a tougher schedule.

Johnson says he expects his team and Carlisle to battle for first place. Dreher says he expects his team to chase the Falcons.

"I'd have to say Hickman is going to be the favorite," Dreher said. "They have two of their big three players back, and they have a heck of a sophomore class. They beat us at team camp in the summer. I'd have to give them the edge on paper right now."

Fulton City will improve little if any on last season's six wins, while Fulton County can't go anywhere but up in a winless season. The districts overall should be stronger and more competitive than last season.

Carlisle County

"I felt like all along it was going to be a rebuilding year," Dreher said. "I know we had lost three starters and lost one that I didn't count on."

Dreher said Bernie DeRousse, who passed away in early November, would have been a starter. Dreher also expected help from Tom Sheppard, but the 6-5 senior is expected to miss part of the season, after suffering nerve damage in his shoulders and back.

"It's been a difficult situation for us, but we have good kids," Dreher said. "We have good young men willing to work, and their coachable kids."

Dreher expects underclassmen help from 6-1 junior forward Billy Kellett and Marvin Martin. Terry, a senior, plays a big guard. Other guards expecting to see action are 5-11 junior Bruce Deweese and 5-9 junior Burlin Brower. Sophomores Brain O'Neill and Barry Draper will also be called on.

"We've got the size," Dreher admitted. "So our inside should be pretty good. We lost our top three guards and should be as good as our guards play. But even though we are tall, we really don't have the wide bodies."

Assigning Liabilities.
Henley Solves Complicated
Puzzles With Simple Math.

Try to compute out the variables in a notebook.

There's 600 games and 34 officials. On any given night, as many as 18 games will be played and two officials must be present for every game.

That almost adds up, until the complications are evaluated. As the rules and exceptions compound the simple problem of providing two officials for every high school varsity game, it becomes a difficult formula for First Region assigning secretary Jimmy Henley of Carlisle County to figure out.

"This schedule has only been out a couple of days and look at it already," Henley said, pointing out the scratch outs and penciled in names on February's high school officials schedule.

"Oh good Lord, it changes all the time. And if it snows, the cancellations become quite a problem. It takes a bit of time to put a schedule out, and then it changes quite a bit."

It's the human factors that complicate the equation. Conflict of interest, game priority, officials evaluations and the prejudices between individual coaches and officials, it disorders the puzzle Henley must piece together each month of the season.

The mathematics can be the simple part.

"There are times for certain games that the higher rated officials aren't available for whatever reason, and you've got to send a pair of people into a game that you really don't want to put that kind of pressure on," Henley admits.

"But it's something that just can't be helped. When you do, you cringe."

Along with determining who goes where and when, Henley also knows who will be the first to hear any complaints. Both coaches and officials turn to him to vent their dissatisfactions and frustrations with each other.

Definitely, some are easier to accommodate than others, but overall the coaches and principals are understanding of the complications and how it's hard to please everyone on a given night," he said.

"Even though I get the flack, sometimes, I really enjoy being involved in basketball and most of the time it's rewarding."

That doesn't mean there aren't times that he would prefer to be anonymous. Henley recalled an important game where he sent two of the region's best officials. An avid fan, Henley also attended the game:

"The officials had a bad game and I tried to get out of there, but didn't get out of there soon enough because the fans got on me. That's rare though. The administrators, coaches and officials know who I am, and they're very good about understanding my job.

His job didn't exist until 1972 when a court ruling forced the state to organize its officials to prevent discrimination.

Rex Alexander of Murray was the initial First Region secretary and Henley was hired after Alexander died in a car accident in 1982.

Before 1972, each school hired its officials for home games.

The First Region Policy Board oversees the job and Henley is responsible for providing officials for all varsity and junior varsity regular season games, district tournaments and some holiday tournaments. This season he had 163 boys, 163 girls and 184 junior varsity games and five invitational tournaments to schedule.

The First Region has 27 accredited varsity officials, and seven who call both junior varsity and varsity games. Only 25 younger officials are available for junior varsity.

Then the system gets complicated.

No official can call a game for a school if he, his wife or family work for that school or his children attend that school.

Each coach can "blacklist" three officials who he prefers not to call his games, though Henley says most coaches only disqualify one or two. Each official can request not to call games involving certain coaches or teams.

Each coach selects three priority games on his schedule. (In order of importance). In those games, Henley is required to use the highest-rated officials available weighed against other priority games on the same night. Most priority games are district contests.

Finally, he must also consider the combination of officials and attempt to keep younger and less qualified officials with a more experienced teammate.

Then there's the unexpected problems of sickness, personal commitments and dissatisfaction that forces officials to decline games or quit. For $30 a night and travel expenses, all the abuse showered on officials isn't always worth it.

Along the way, Henley must attend enough games to see and rate his officials. "Jimmy Henley has many times the job coaches have and its a thankless job," Mayfield coach Roger Fields said. "If officials do well he gets no recognition and if they do bad he's the first one to hear about it. The only time he gets any notice is when something bad happens."

That part doesn't bother Henley, who considers his job the best method for him to stay involved with basketball. A former coach in the Carlisle County junior varsity and varsity program, Henley is one of the game's avid supporters.

"Since I played basketball in high school, I've always enjoyed the sport," he said. "I've been lucky enough to be an assistant coach for a team that went to state (Carlisle County in 1971), was a head coach for a team that went to state (Carlisle County in 75), and had a son (David) play on a team that was a State runner-up (Carlisle 1983).

"It just makes it more interesting to me to watch the games and be involved with them, and this job allows me to do that.

Comet Emotions Cramp
Style Of Season Opener

Carlisle Co. 66
Palmersville, TN. 52
11-16-87 - Away

Carlisle County opened the arena's high school basketball season Monday night by sweeping a pair of games at Palmersville, TN.

The Carlisle boys placed three players in double figures and had 14 players see action in a 66-52 victory.

Carlisle boys' coach Steve Dreher was unimpressed with his team, which led after each quarter.

"I think some of it was having the opening game jitters, and being way too emotional. I think we were playing for Burnie DeRousse," Dreher said.

DeRousse, who would have been a junior on the team, died of a rifle shot two weeks ago.

The Comets got 15 points apiece from Kevin Fortner and Billy Kellett, while Matt Mikel pitched in 10. The winners held a 40-25 rebound edge, and outshot the host squad from the field.

Carlisle…..…...10 32 46 66
Palmersville…...9 24 36 52

Carlisle (66)
Blackwell, Brad Brower 3, Bruce Deweese 4, Barry Draper 2, Fortner 15, Kellett 15, Marvin Martin 5, Mikel 10, O'Neill 7, Scott Terry 3, Todd Tyler 2, Smithson, Summers, Thomas.
Field Goals 24/55, Free throws 15/21, Rebounds 40, Fouls 17, Record 1-0

Palmersville (52)
McAlpin 20, Hardy 16, Smith 8, Davis 6, Smethwick Brown 2, Harris.
Field Goals 15/39, Free throws 13/19, Rebounds 25, Fouls 17, Record 1-1

Carlisle Co. 50
Ripley TN. 65
11-21-87 – Away

Carlisle Co. lost to Ripley, TN. in the Ken-Tenn Classic held at Obion Central High School.

Carlisle took the lead in the first quarter, but Ripley came back to lead at the half, 28-22.

The Tennessee team kept extending the lead in the second half to win by 15 pts.

Carlisle…..…..12 22 34 50
Ripley…..…...10 28 47 65

Carlisle (50)
Mikel 17, Fortner 12, M. Martin 6, S. Terry 7, O'Neill, Kellett 3, Br. Brower 3, B. Deweese, Thomas 2.
Field Goals 17/53, 3-pointers (Brower), Free Throws 13/19, Fouls 13, Record 1-1

Ripley (65)
Cherry 3, Reed 10, Currie 5, Johnson 29, DeMoss 10, Williamson 4, Frazer 4, Bonds.
Field Goals 27/47, Free Throws 8/12, Fouls 16, Record 4-1.

Carlisle Co. 57
St. Mary 58
11-24-87 – Home

After a dismissal first half, Carlisle pulled within one, but just couldn't get over the hump against the 2-1 Vikings.

"We had several chances to win the game, but we didn't cash in," said Carlisle coach Steve Dreher. "We didn't score our last five trips down court. I guess it was just their night."

St. Mary outscored the Comets 25-8 in the second quarter to take what looked to be an insurmountable 41-22 halftime lead.

"We came out with a lot of emotion, but couldn't do anything. We only shot 21 percent in the first half," said Dreher. "Our kids came back, but we were lucky to be in the game at the end."

John Wooten led the Vikings with 20 points. The 5-8 senior scored 16 in the first half.

"We didn't do a good job on him early, and he hurt us. He's a good little ballplayer."

Matt Mikel led Carlisle with 17 points, while Billy Kellett added 14.

St. Mary.....16 41 51 58
Carlisle.....14 22 48 57

Carlisle (57)
Br. Brower, B. Deweese, B. Draper 5, Fortner 11, Kellett 14, M. Martin 2, Mikel 17, O'Neill 2, S. Terry 6, T. Tyler.
Fgs. 19/57, Fts. 17/33, Rebs. 37, Fouls 24.

St. Mary (58)
Danials, Haas 6, Hatcher 7, Joseph 6, C. Noonan 4, K. Noonan 8, North 7, Wooten 20.
Fgs. 20/34, Fts. 18/27, Rebs 27, Fouls 24.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Comet Play Has
Dreher In A Whirl

Carlisle Co. 43
Heath 39
12-03-87 - Away

Basketball teams can do strange things to coaches.

Take Carlisle County's 43-39 victory over Heath Thursday in first-round play of the St. Mary Boys Holiday Tournament.

The results had Carlisle coach Steve Dreher seeking a psychologist and Health coach Bill Bond seeking a laugh.

"I wish I was a psychologist," Dreher said. "Then I could figure why we're playing to lose rather than to win. The players are tense and scared out there, and you can't play basketball like that. It's supposed to be fun."

To Bond, it was.

"We're the shortest team around and we make up for it by being slow," Bond cracked before turning serious. "The difference is that we had shots and we just couldn't hit them. And if you can't shoot 50% from the line, you're not going to win any close games anyway."

The Pirates hit only 15 of 53 fielders, and 5 out of 15 free throws.

Still the pirates had a chance to send the game into overtime, during a bizarre turn of events in the final four seconds.

Heath, which trailed by as many as 17 points early in the fourth quarter, rallied to within 41-38 on Daron Crabtree's tip-in with ten seconds to go.

Carlisle inbounded and Crabtree intentionally fouled Scott Terry, but in the confusion, play continued. Kevin Fortner dunked and Carlisle was assessed a technical foul for hanging on the rim.

Terry sank both free throws for a 43-38 advantage with four seconds showing. Heath's Brent Jordan stepped to the line for the two-shot technical. Converting both would leave Heath a 3-point shot away from tying. Jordon's first shot found the mark, but the second missed, and the Pirates' Scott Harrison missed a 3-point attempt at the buzzer.

Carlisle…..…...8 22 36 43
Heath……..…...6 14 20 38

Carlisle (43)
Mikel 1, Fortner 11, M. Martin, S. Terry 15, O'Neill 2, Kellett 6, Br. Brower 3, B. Deweese 3, B. Draper 3.
Field Goals 14, 3-pointers 2 (Br. Brower, B. Draper), Free throws 9/17, Fouls 14, Record 2-2.

Heath (39)
Jones 11, Crabtree 10, Shelby, Harrison 5, Jordan 4, Rice 2.
Field Goals 15/53, 3-pointers 4 (Jones, Shelby, Harrison, Jordan), Free Throws 5/15, Rebounds 29, Fouls 20, Record 0-1.

St. Mary Tourn.
2nd Round
Best Game Of Season
Timely For Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 58
St. Mary 44
12-04-87 – Away

Carlisle County bounced back from one of its worst games to one of its best Friday night, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

The Comets, a struggling 43-39 victor over Heath Thursday in the St. Mary Boys Holiday Tournament, stopped St. Mary 58-44 to advance to the tournament finals.

Carlisle used a second quarter spurt to jump ahead of the Vikings, and never let the host team closer than 4 points.

"I have to give Carlisle credit," St. Mary coach Rudy Carrico said. "They moved the ball well, shot it well, and played aggressive defense. They deserved to win."

The Vikings had defeated the Comets at Carlisle Nov. 24**,** 58-57, after running up a substantial lead.

Leading 17-16 at the 3:58 mark of the second quarter, Carlisle ran off seven straight points. Marvin Martin accounted for a pair of putbacks, and Scott Terry an outside jumper, and free throw in the run.

St. Mary pulled to within 26-22, but Bruce Deweese' 3-point jumper with 3 seconds left, put the winners up 29-22 at the half.

In the second half, the Vikings twice got within four points, before the Comets would widen the margins.

"Carlisle put a lot of pressure on us and kept us out of our defense," Carrico said. "But we missed too many close shots, and some open shots from the outside. The kids didn't play with much confidence."

Matt Mikel, a 6-6 senior forward, topped all scorers with 18 points for the Comets.

Carlisle…..…..11 29 36 58
St. Mary…..…...8 22 33 44

Carlisle (58)
Br. Brower 1, B. Deweese 5, B. Draper 1, Fortner 7, Kellett 6, M. Martin 8, Mikel 18, Summers, S. Terry 10, Thomas, T. Tyler.
Field Goals 23, 3-pointers 1 (B. Deweese), Free Throws 11/20, Fouls 17, Record 3-2.

St. Mary (44)
Daniels 4, Haas 2, Harbison, Hatcher 11, Kinzeler, C. Noonan 4, K. Noonan 4, North 9, Perry, Wooten 10, Anderson.
Field Goals 15, 3-pointers 0, Free Throws 14/18, Fouls 18, Record 3-2.
Officials- Carter, Gwaltney.

St. Mary Tourn.
Championship
Comets Refuse To Take Fall.
Falcons Need Every
Advantage To Win

Carlisle Co. 77
Hickman Co. 81
12-05-87 - Away

The Hickman County Falcons, the heavyweight of the St. Mary's boys Holiday Tournament with 28 and 22 pt. previous victories under their belts, smelled another opportunity to disfigure an opponent as Carlisle County took the ring for Saturday night's finals.

The Comets, with two starters down for the count, didn't appear to have a leg to stand on against the undefeated Falcons. It was Don Rickles against Mike Tyson.

But the punch-drunk Comets backed the defending champions into a corner, before Bruce Lane landed some three-pointers, and big free throws for an 82-77 victory.

Lane, a 6-foot senior guard, hit 3 of 4 free throws in the final 39 seconds, and scored 31 points over-all, 15 on 3-pointers. The Falcons hit 21 of 26 free throws, including 11 of 13 in the third quarter, and 4 of the 6 in the fourth.

"It was that old Hickman-Carlisle County rivalry," Hickman coach Todd Johnson said. "The fans may have thought it was going to be an easy game, but I knew it was going to be tough. You can throw out the talent when we play.

The Comets played without leading scorer Matt Mikel. The 6-6 foot senior suffered a neck injury in Friday's semifinals against St. Mary. To compound problems, starting forward Billy Kellett was clothes-lined by Hickman's Brett Barnett late in the first quarter and crashed to the court. He was taken to the hospital with a possible chipped or dislocated elbow.

Despite the adversity, Carlisle was the early aggressor, taking a 19-13 first-quarter lead.

"I was proud of the kids," Carlisle coach Steve Dreher said. "When Billy went down I told them that was just one more strike against us, but that we couldn't let it get us down. We had to fight through it."

Carlisle center Kevin Fortner did his part, scoring a career high 29 points.

Carlisle built as much as a 25-15 lead in the second quarter, before the Falcons stepped up defensive pressure. A swarming full-court attack created turnovers, and supplemented the offense. Carlisle outscored the Falcons 25-14 for a 40-36 halftime lead.

The game turned into a free throw contest in the third period. Carlisle hit 10 of 13, and Hickman 11 of 13. Hickman led 59-54 after three quarters.

Lane started his team off right in the final quarter by bringing rain on a 3-point bomb, that increased the lead to 62-54. But with injury replacements Martin Marvin, Bruce Deweese and Brain O'Neill holding their own, the Comets kept within striking distance.

Leading 75-68 with 2:55 to play, Hickman decided to burn time. Carlisle could manage only a Fortner free throws as the clock rolled under one minute.

Barnett's double-clutched jumper in the lane made it 77-69 with 58 seconds left, but Fortner scored a rebound basket, was fouled and sank the free toss 17 seconds later to cut the deficit to 5.

Over the final 40 seconds, Lane hit 3 free throws and Eugene Alexander added another to hold off the Comets.

Bruce Yarbro and Michael Alexander backed Lane's effort with 18 and 14 points, respectively. The Comets got 13 from Deweese and 12 from Martin.

Hickman becomes the first team to win the tournament twice in a row since Carlisle won three straight from 1980 to 1983. The Comets hold the record for most consecutive championships with five (70-74). Lone Oak is the only other school to win two straight (1976-1977) in the 23-year-old tournament.

Hickman.....13 40 59 81
Carlisle 19 36 54 77

Hickman (81)
Lane 31, Emerson, M. Alexander 14, Yarbro 18, Mathis 4, E. Alexander 5, Poffenberger, Barnett 6.
Field Goals 27/55, 3-pointers 5 (Lane 5), Free Throws 21/26, Rebounds 21, Fouls 26, Record 6-0.

Carlisle (77)
Fortner 29, M. Martin 12, S. Terry 6, O'Neill 7, Kellett 2, Br. Brower 13, B. Deweese 7, B. Draper, T. Tyler.
Field Goals 23/45, 3-pointers 4 (Fortner, Terry, Brower, Deweese), Free Throws 27/36, Rebounds 21, Fouls 18, Record 3-3.

Carlisle Co. 72
Ballard Co. 59
12-08-87 – Away

Two deadly combinations knocked the Bombers high hopes flat in the third quarter as Carlisle County outscored Ballard 26-7 in the decisive period.

"Turnovers killed us against their 3/4-court pressure defense," Bomber coach Yogi Trice said. "And when we didn't turn it over, we made about 1 of 10 field goal attempts."

Meanwhile, Carlisle forward Kevin Fortner was scoring 11 of his 29 points inside, and Bruce Deweese drilled three 3-pointers to keep him open. Deweese finished with 11 points while junior guard Brian Petty led the Bombers with 18.

Carlisle…..10 23 49 72
Ballard.....10 30 37 59

Carlisle (72)
Br. Brower 3, B. Deweese 11, B. Draper 8, Fortner 29, Kellett 9, M. Martin 5, O'Neill 2, S. Terry 5.
Field Goals 23/47, 3-pointers 5/8 (Br. Brower, B. Deweese 3, S. Terry), Free Throws 21/31, Rebounds 29, Fouls 21, Record 4-3.

Ballard (59)
Berry 6, Blanks 11, Gaia 8, Hollowell 11, Petty 18, Roberts 5, Wartford, Youngblood.
Field Goals 21/46, 3-pointers 3/12 (Hollowell 2, Petty), Free Throws 14/22, Rebounds 20, Fouls 24, Record 0-3.

Hickman Co. 77
Carlisle Co. 63
12-15-87 - Away

The Falcons broke their two-game losing streak with a win over Carlisle County. Michael Alexander and George Yarbro combined for 40 points for the 7-2 Falcons.

Hickman coach Todd Johnson hopes his team is out of its slump and was happy with the performance.

"Our shot selection was a lot better tonight than it has been lately," said Johnson. "We shot 60 percent tonight after shooting 28 and 35 percent the last two games, and we played with a lot of emotion."

Alexander led all scorers with 21 points on 8 of 13 shooting, and Yarbro added 19 on 9 of 13 shooting. Bruce Lane scored 12, and dished out eight assists. Kevin Fortner led 4-4 Carlisle with 19 points.

Carlisle…….13 27 46 63
Hickman……21 36 54 77

Carlisle (63)
Blackwell, Br. Brower 8, B. Deweese 4, B. Draper 2, Fortner 19, Kellett 13, M. Martin 6, O'Neill, Sheppard, Summers, S. Terry 11, Thomas, Williams.
Field Goals 23/55, 3-pointers 2/3 (Deweese, Terry), Free Throws 15/21, Rebounds 20, Fouls 14, Record 4-4.

Hickman (77)
E. Alexander 4, M. Alexander 21, Barnett, Emerson 9, Estes 2, Kyle, Lane 12, Mathis 10, Pillow, Poffenberger, Yarbro 19.
Field Goals 32/52, 3-pointers 0/4, Free Throws 13/17, Rebounds 32, Fouls 19, Records 7-2.
Officials- Finley, Green.

Marshall Co. Tourn.
1st Round
Graves Cools Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 47
Graves Co. 65
12-28-87 - Away

Junior guard Chris Wilson pumped in 20 points, and senior guard Jamie Mills added 12 as Graves County defeated Carlisle County 65-47 in the Marshall Holiday Classic boys' basketball tournament Monday night.

Graves will meet the winner of tonight's Marshall County-Ballard County matchup in Wednesday's championship.

The Eagles had to overcome a hot start by the Comets. Carlisle led 16-11 but was outscored 16-6 in the second period.

Kip Ellington added 10 points to the Graves total, while Matt Mikel topped Carlisle with 12 points.

Carlisle.....16 22 32 47
Graves.....11 27 46 65

Carlisle (50)
Br. Brower 3, B. Deweese 2, B. Draper 1, Fortner 10, Kellett 4, M. Martin 6, Mikel 12, O'Neill, Sheppard, Summers, S. Terry 7, T. Tyler 2.
Field Goals 18, 3-pointers 0, Free Throws 11/17, Fouls 20, Record 4-5.

Graves (65)
Dick 2, Ellington 10, Gough, Heath 4, J. Mills 12, M. Mills, Murphy, Raley, Seay, Thurston 7, Wadlington 9, Wiley 1, Wilson 20.

Carlisle Co. 53
Fulton City 25
01-08-88 - Home

Freshman Todd Tyler scores 10 points as Carlisle County used its defense to smother Fulton City.

The Comets jumped out to a 15-4 first quarter lead and gradually pulled away. Scott Terry added 8 points for Carlisle.

Cedric Lockett and David Pirtle scored 6 points apiece for the Bulldogs.

Fulton City 4 13 18 25
Carlisle 15 31 40 53

Fulton City (25)
Donald 4, Kephart, King 1, Lockett 6, Pirtle 6, Rodehaver 2, Rose 2, H. Patton 3, Biehslick 1.
Fgs. 10/36, Fts. 5/11, Rebs. 17, Fouls 22.

Carlisle (53)
Blackwell, Br. Brower 4, B. Deweese, Fortner 7, Kellett 7, M. Martin 7, Mikel 5, O'Neill 3, Smithson 1, Summers 1, S. Terry 8, Thomas, T. Tyler 10, Williams.
Fgs. 18/45, Fts. 17/30, Rebs. 38, Fouls 16.

Carlisle Co. 59
Calloway Co. 58
01-09-88 - Home

The Comets played Calloway County at Carlisle County's homecoming game, January 9th.

Last year the Comets played the same team for Homecoming, and lost by one point, but not this year. The Comets won the game by one point.

Calloway…..17 31 45 58
Carlisle…….12 36 40 59

Calloway (58)

Armstrong 12, Campbell 10, Childress, Jones 7, Newton 2, Stubblefield 19, Wells 8.
Field Goals 19/39, 3-pointers 6 (Stubblefield 4, Armstrong 2,), Free Throws 14/18, Rebounds 21, Fouls 23, Record 3-7.

Carlisle (59)
Br. Brower 3, B. Deweese, B. Draper 2, Fortner 13, Kellett, M. Martin 6, Mikel 10, O'Neill, S. Terry 18, T. Tyler 7.
Field Goals 17/30, 3-pointers 2 (Br. Brower, T. Tyler), Free Throws 23/27, Rebounds 31, Fouls 22, Record 6-6.

Lone Oak 59
Carlisle Co. 52
01-12-88 - Away

Playing without center John Beyer, the Oakers found a way to shut off the Comets, and surprised them with patience and good foul shooting.

"Defense held them down, and I think you have to attribute this win to that more than anything," Oaker coach Larry Hopper said, after his team outscored the Comets 20-13 in the final quarter. Lone Oak hit 15 of 22 free throws in the last period.

"We needed a win like this one. We've been playing some tough competitions, and playing them close, but we haven't gotten over the top. This time we got over that hurdle."

Beyer was sidelined by intestinal flu, but Jason Ricks came on with 16 points and seven rebounds. Brent Gaines added 15 points for Lone Oak, while Kevin Fortner scored the same for the Comets.

Carlisle…….....16 32 39 52
Lone Oak…....15 26 39 59

Carlisle (52)
Br. Brower, B. Deweese, B. Draper, Fortner 15, Kellett 5, M, Martin 11, Mikel 14, Summers, S. Terry 5, T. Tyler 3.
Field Goals 21, 3-pointers 0, Free Throws 10/23, Fouls 22, Record 6-6.

Lone Oak (59)
Baker 2, Gaines 15, Garrett, Kinsey 11, Ricks 16, Smith 6, Stonecipher 9.
Field Goals 16, 3-pointers 4 (Ricks 2, Gaines, Stonecipher), Free Throws 23/32, Fouls 18, Record 3-6.
Officials- Gwaltney, Finley.

Carlisle Co. 82
Fulton Co. 54
01-15-88 - Home

Constant pressure and an intense Comet attitude allowed Carlisle County to break away from a 16-all first quarter tie, and take a 20-point second half lead in the First District matchup.

"We kept up our intensity the second half and I think we wore them out," Comet coach Steve Dreher said. "We had a horrible experience at Lone Oak Tuesday night, and we came back hard from that."

Senior Kevin Fortner scored 16 and Matt Mikel 15 as 15 players scored for 7-7 Carlisle County. Danny Akers and Jason Howell were the only Pilots in twin digits with 12 and 10, respectively.

Fulton Co…....16 24 39 54
Carlisle…..…....16 32 58 82

Fulton Co (54)
Akers 12, Howell 10, Hughes 6, Jones 4, Mangold 4, Murphy 4, L. Smith, Swift 2, Warren 8, Winters 4.
Field Goals 20/48, 3-pointers 0, Free Throws 14/23, Rebounds 22, Fouls 27, Record 1-9.

Carlisle (82)
Blackwell 2, Br. Brower 9, B. Deweese 4, B. Draper 4, Fortner 16, Kellett 12, M. Martin 4, Mikel 15, O'Neill 2, Smithson 2, Summers 1, S. Terry 1, Thomas 6, T. Tyler 2, Williams 2.
Field goals 28/55, 3-pointers 1 (Br. Brower), Free Throws 25/38, Rebounds 38, Fouls 21, Record 7-6

Massac Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Charleston, MO. 62
Carlisle Co. 43
01-18-88 - Away

Carlisle County came from 9 points down at half to tie the score 31-all with 3:07 left in the third quarter.

"We caught them and just stopped," Carlisle County coach Steve Dreher said, after the loss dropped the Comets to 7-7. "I felt like we got over the hump. But they (Charleston) are a very poised club. They have great athletes, and play good defense."

Once the Comets tied the Blue Jays for the final time at 35, the Missouri team scored 6 points in 51 seconds to lead 41-35, when the final quarter began.

Carlisle County didn't score again until 3:01 left, and by then Charleston was up by 15 points.

"We made several mistakes," Dreher said. "We tried to play catch-up and they are much too quick for us to hurry the ball down the floor."

Lamont Frazor led Charleston with 23 points. Marcus Emanuel had 12, Tim Spence pitched in 11 and Mozzell Sherrell bucketed 10 points for the 10-3 Blue Jays.

Carlisle County got 13 points from Matt Mikel.

The tournament resumes Thursday with the consolation bracket. The first game (6:00 pm) pits Martin Westview against Obion County Central. The nightcap at 7:30 has Carlisle County playing Anna-Jonesboro.

Charleston.....15 27 41 62
Carlisle.....8 18 35 43

Charleston (62)
Spence 11, Sherrell 10, Anderson, McCledon 2, Gillipsie, Emanuel 12, Stanback 2, Moore, Corbitt 2, Fraizer 23.
Field Goals 25/46, 3-pointers 1/3 (Spence), Free Throws 11/12, Rebounds 26, Record 10-3.

Carlisle (43)
Br, Brower 6, O'Neill 3, B. Draper 2, S. Terry 2, B. Deweese 1, Fortner 8, Kellett 1, M. Martin 7, Mikel 13.
Field Goals 16/35, 3-pointers 2-3 (Br. Brower, O'Neill), Free Throws 0/17, Rebounds 9, Record 7-7.

Massac Co. Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Seeks Consolation.
Fortner, Mikel, Carry
Comets At Superman.

Carlisle Co. 80
Anna-Jonesboro, ILL. 67
01-19-88 - Away

Carlisle County got a combined 48 points from seniors Kevin Fortner and Matt Mikel to stop Anna-Jonesboro 80-67 Thursday night, and advance to the consolation championship of the Superman Classic in Metropolis, Ill.

Fortner, a 6-foot-6 forward and Mikel, a 6-4 center, scored 24 apiece as the Comets evened their record at 8-8.

Martin Westview of Martin, TN, defeated Obion Central of west Tennessee, 70-60 on the other consolation semifinal. The consolation championship starts at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The Comets had little trouble with the Southern Illinois squad. Carlisle jumped atop 23-10, after one quarter and led 45-25 at the half.

Carlisle made it's trips to the free throw line count, hitting 22 of 31, while A-J was 13 of 18.

John Bigles scored 20 for Anna- Jonesboro.

Carlisle…..…..23 45 57 80
A-J.…..…..…..10 25 44 67

Carlisle (80)
Br. Brower 1, B. Deweese, B. Draper, Fortner 24, Kellett 11, M. Martin 6, Mikel 24, O'Neill 5, Smithson, Summers 2, S. Terry 7, Thomas.
Fgs. 29/50, Fts. 22/31, 3 pts. 0, Rebs 26.

Anna-Jonesboro (67)
Keller 6, Ballard, Smith, Vaughn, Bigler 20, Dotson, Dillow 1, Clark 8, Buchanan 13, Eckstein 6, Ralls 13.
Fgs. 25/46, 3 pts. 4 (Keller 2, Bigler 2), Fts. 13/18, Rebs. 26.

Massac Co Tourn.
3rd Round

Carlisle Co. 53
Martin Westview, TN. 54
01-23-88 - Away

Carlisle County played their third game in the Superman Classic against Martin Westview, Tennessee.

The Comets opened a 7 point lead at halftime, but the Tennessee boys came storming back in the second half to lead at the third quarter stop by 2.

The last quarter was nip and tuck throughout as Westview prevailed by one point 54-53.

Carlisle Co…13 23 32 53
Westview.…..11 16 34 54

Carlisle 53)
Mikel 12, Fortner 9, M. Martin 3, S. Terry 13, Br. Brower 2, Kellett 1, O'Neill 9, B. Draper 4, B. Deweese, Summers.
Field Goals 20/40, 3-pointers 3/6 (Fortner, Terry, O'Neill), Free Throws 10/15, Rebounds 30, Fouls 20, Record 8-8.

Martin Westview (54)
Hammer 12, Devine 6, Davis 21 Ellison 6, Kim 6, Lanney 1, Suiter 2, Lacey.
Field Goals 18/43, 3-pointers 1/6 (Devine), Free Throws 17/22, Rebounds 23, Fouls 17, Record 12-8.
Officials Brewer, Galloway.

Carlisle Co. 54
Murray 48
01-26-88 – Home

An aggressive night from senior forward Matt Mikel, and a fast pace helped the Comets come from behind to upset the Tigers.

Mikel scored 22 points and added 13 rebounds to the comeback.

The Comets trailed 23-20 at halftime, but outscored the Tigers 11-4 in the third period, and stretched the lead to double digits in the final quarter.

Kevin Fortner added 14 points for Carlisle, while James Payne led Murray with 12.

Murray…..…..13 23 11 48
Carlisle.....8 20 31 54

Murray (48)
Jackson 9, Miller 9, Hornbuckle 8, Payne 12, Whitaker 8, Chaney 4, Helmich, Fulton.
Field Goals 20/40, 3 pts. 2 (Jackson, Miller), Free throws 6/16, Rebs. 25, Fouls 19,

Carlisle (54)
Br. Brower 3, B. Deweese, B. Draper, Fortner 14,

Kellett 8, M. Martin, Mikel 22, O'Neill, Smithson, Summers, S. Terry 4, T. Tyler 4.
Fgs. 18/35, 3 pts. 1 (Br. Brower), Fts. 17/22, Rebs. 34. Fouls 17, Record 9-8.

Falcons' Ferocity Drains
Carlisle In Second Half

Carlisle Co. 50
Hickman Co. 51
01-29-88 - Home

The momentum keeps bulling over the opposition, and helped the Falcons through a poor first half as Hickman County recovered from a 16-4 deficit in the first quarter to survive a First District scare from Carlisle County, and win 51-50 Friday night.

"They're a hot club right now and are playing strong," Comet coach Steve Dreher said about the Falcons, who have eight straight wins since Christmas. "I like their club. They're really playing hard and playing together."

"We're (Carlisle) playing well too, we just have to learn how to win at the end. That's five games we've lost in the last 10 seconds."

The Comets had a chance to send the game in overtime, but Burlin Brower made just one of two free throws with 16 seconds left.

The Falcons had trailed at each quarter break and needed a 15-10 scoring advantage in the final period to knock off the Comets.

Bruce Lane scored 18 points and Michael Alexander added 15 for Hickman, which last lost in the Tilghman Christmas Tournament to Warren East. Matt Mikel scored 16 and Kevin Fortner 13 for Carlisle.

Hickman…4 24 36 51
Carlisle….16 23 40 50

Hickman (51)
E. Alexander 6, M. Alexander 15, Barnett 2, Emerson 2, lane 18, Mathis, Poffenberger, Yarbro 8.
Field Goals 21/48, 3-pointers 3 (Lane 2, M. Alexander), Free Throws 6/8, Rebounds 23, Fouls 10, Record 17-3.

Carlisle (50)
Br. Brower 7, B. Draper, Fortner 13, Kellett 5, M. Martin 4, Mikel 16, O'Neill, S. Terry 5, T. Tyler.
Field Goals 20/35, 3-pointers 3 (Brower 2, Terry), Free Throws 7/12, Rebounds 28, Fouls 12, Record 9-9.
Officials- Finley, Carter

Carlisle Co. 60
Mayfield 51
02-02-88 – Home

Carlisle Co. hit late free_throws to hold off Mayfield in a game Carlisle coach Steve Dreher said, "wasn't very well played."

The Comets were up by a field goal (37-35) entering the final quarter, where it hit-9 of 11 at the line over the final four minutes.

"We started moving the ball around better down the stretch, and we hit those free throws," Dreher said. "We got some good ballhandling out of a pair of sophomores, Barry Draper, and Brian O'Neill."

Kevin Fortner scored 18 for the Comets, while Scott Terry added 15 and Matt Mikel 14.

Carlisle.....9 25 37 60
Mayfield.…....6 24 35 51

Mayfield (51)
Berhow, Collins 20, Lovelace 8, Mathis 4, Schlosser 13, Sherrill 4, Sparks 2.
Fgs. 20/49, 3 pts. 3 (Schlosser 2, Collins), Fts. 8/12, Rebs 12, Fouls 17.

Carlisle (60)
Br. Brower 2, B. Draper, Fortner 18, Kellett, M. Martin 4, Mikel 14, O'Neill 7, S. Terry 15, T. Tyler.
Fgs. 22/41, 3 pts. 0, Fts. 16/22, Rebs 30, Fouls 17, Record 10-9.

Tornado
Drops Comets

Tilghman 60
Carlisle Co. 43
02-05-88 - Away

Unable to shake Carlisle County the first half, Tilghman called on defensive pressure to stymie the Comets in the third quarter, when it rallied for a 60-43 basketball victory Friday night.

Tilghman, which led 24-16 at halftime, limited Carlisle to two points during the first six minutes of the third period, while scoring 12 for a 38-18 lead.

"We took them out of their defense," Tilghman coach Berny Miller said. "We weren't shooting well early so we just tried to play a little better defense. We broke the game open in the third quarter."

The Tornado, which had defeated the Comets by 4 points earlier in the season, made 7 of its first 16 shots, then finished the half by hitting 5 of 8. Tilghman's Kurt Barber scored 10 points in the second quarter.

Barber finished with 21 points, Jeff Livingston added 12 points and Keith Woods pitched in 10. Kevin Fortner and Marvin Martin scored 12 each for Carlisle.

Carlisle.....9 16 25 43
Tilghman.....10 24 44 60

Carlisle (43)
Br. Brower, Fortner 12, Kellett, M. Martin 12, Mikel 7, O'Neill 3, Smithson, Summers, S. Terry 9, Thomas, T. Tyler.
Field Goals 14/37, 3-pointers 1 (S. Terry), Free Throws 14/23, Rebounds 28, Fouls 20, Record 10-10.

Tilghman (60)
Barber 21, Cross 2, Donald 6, Ellis, Jones 1, C. Livingston 1, J. Livingston 12, Merritt, Phill 4, Wells, Woods 10, Bell 2.
Field Goals 23/50, 3-pointers 0, Free Throws 14/22, Rebounds 26, Fouls 18, Record 13-8.
Officials- Gwaltney, Green.

Carlisle Co. 52
St. Mary 50
02-09-88 – Away

Time ran out on the Vikings.

The Vikings trailed 52-47 with 8 seconds left, got a 3 pointer from Matt Haas, and got the ball back with 3 seconds left, but couldn't get a shot.

"We just couldn't get the shot we wanted," St. Mary coach Rudy Carrico said.

Tim Hatcher scored 14 points to lead the Vikings, while Allen North had 11.

Carlisle County got 15 points from Matt Mikel, 12 from Kevin Fortner. "

Carlisle……..14 28 39 52
St. Mary 14 20 30 50

Carlisle (52)
Br. Brower 3, Fortner 12, Kellett 5, M. Martin 3, Mikel 15, O'Neill 4, S. Terry 10.
Field goals 20, 3 pts. 0, Free throws 12/26, Rebs. 29, Fouls 17.

St. Mary (50)
Daniels, Haas 7, Hatcher 14, Joseph 9, C. Noonan 5, K. Noonan, North 11, Wooten 4.
Field goals 16, 3 pts. 5 (Haas 2, North, Joseph, C. Noonan), Free throws 13/16, Rebs. 19, Fouls 18.

Carlisle Co. 54
Fulton Co. 39
02-12-88 - Away

The Comets defeated the Fulton County Pilots February 12th at Fulton County by a score of 54-39.

Leading Carlisle in scoring was Matt Mikel with 14 pts.

Carlisle…….....13 24 37 54
Fulton Co…….....5 15 30 39

Carlisle (54)
Mikel 14, Fortner 11, Kellett 10, T. Tyler 10, S. Terry 2, Burlin Brower 2, Thomas 2, B. Deweese 2, O'Neill 1, M. Marvin, B. Draper, Summers, Smithson, Blackwell, Williams.

Carlisle Co. 76
Fulton City 55
02-16-88 - Away

Matt Mikel scored 27 points to help Carlisle defeat Fulton City, and create a tie for third place in the First District's final standings.

Fulton City and Fulton County are tied 1-5. Since the school split during the season, a coin toss will determine which plays top-seeded Hickman County or second-seeded Carlisle in the Districts Tournament.

The Bulldogs battled the Comets in the first half. Fulton City trailed by one at the break, but couldn't keep pace the second quarter. Carlisle outscored Fulton City 19-11 in the third, and 24-12 in the fourth.

"We came out the second half and committed too many turnovers," Fulton coach Don Hubbard said.

Carlisle.....14 33 52 76
Fulton City…11 32 43 55

Carlisle (76)
Br. Brower 6, B. Deweese, B. Draper 7, Fortner 13, Kellett 2, M. Martin 6, Mikel 27, O'Neill, Smithson 4, Summers 2, S. Terry 5, T. Tyler 4.
Field Goals 30, 3-pointers 1 (S. Terry), Free Throws 15/25, Fouls 21, Record 13-10.

Fulton City (55)
Donald 4, Kephart, King 13, Ross 10, Petters 11.
Field Goals 30, 3-pointers 2 (King 2,), Free Throws 15/26, Fouls 18, Record 5-15. Officials McGinty, Green.

Graves Co. 56
Carlisle Co. 54
02-19-88 - Away

Substitute forward Craig Dick hit a 12- foot jump shot with 5 seconds remaining to lift the Suns No. 3 team over No. 8 Carlisle County.

Tied at 54, Carlisle had the ball in the offensive court, but had a pass knocked down and Graves recovered with 12 seconds left to set up Dicks shot.

"He's a player off the bench and you usually don't think of those types of players taking that kind of shot," Graves coach Don Butler said, "But we had a lot of poise, took the shot and stuck it in there."

The final score marked the second time Graves led the contest. Carlisle took a 16-10 lead, after one quarter and led 35-27 at the half.

"We were very lucky," Butler said. "Carlisle played well and they have a very good team."

Kip Ellington, who was plagued by foul trouble, scored 15 to lead the Eagles. Phillip Raley and Jaime Mills pitched in 9 each.

Kevin Fortner, Marvin Martin and Scott Terry each scored 11 for the Comets.
Carlisle….....16 35 40 54
Graves….....10 27 42 56
Carlisle (54)
Br. Brower 9, B. Draper, Kellett, Fortner 11, M. Martin 11, Mikel 10, O'Neill, S. Terry 11, T. Tyler 2.
Field Goals 20/44, 3-pointers 1/1 (Terry), Free Throws 13/23, Fouls 20, Record 13-11.
Graves (56)
Dick 7, Ellington 15, Heath 2, and J. Mills 9, M. Mills, Raley 9, Thurston 7, Wadlington 3, Wilson 4.
Field Goals 21/52, 3-pointers 0/1, Free Throws 14/23, Fouls 20, Record 19-7.
Officials- Finley, Jackson.

Carlisle Co. 61
Reidland 42
02-23-88 - Home

Carlisle Co. Coach Steve Dreher stressed rebounding, and it paid off in the Comets' 7th victory in their last 10 games.

"We got on the boards, and that was a key," he said. 'We told the team to get on the boards to get the fast break going."

With Matt Mikel pulling down 13 rebounds, and Kevin Fortner 10, Carlisle outrebounded Reidland 35-18.

Fortner and Mikel were also key offensive instruments, scoring 20 and 18 points, respectively.

Billy Wyatt, of Reidland led all scorers with 25
Reidland….....7 17 31 42
Carlisle.....….20 30 43 61
Reidland (42)
Claypool 2, Harper, Jarvis. Newman 3, Rister, Skinner 3, Smith 6, Wallace 3, Wyatt 25.
Field Goals 16/43, 3-pointers 1 (Skinner), Free Throws 9/16, Rebounds 18, Fouls 12, Record 12-10.
Carlisle (61)
Blackwell, Br. Brower 2, B. Deweese, B. Draper 2, Fortner 20, Kellett 2, M. Martin 8, Mikel 18, O'Neill 4, Summers 6, S. Terry 4, Williams 1.
Field Goals 22/48, 3-pointers 0, Free Throws 17/18, Rebounds 35, Fouls 15, Record 14-11.

Sighting Of
Comets Timely

Carlisle Co. 85
Ballard Co. 63
02-25-88 - Home

Carlisle County Boys basketball coach Steve Dreher thinks the adage about the teams "peaking at the right time" is overused. But, after his team beat Ballard Co., 85-63, Thursday night for their seventh win in the last nine games, he's changed his mind.

"We're playing our best ball of the season right now," Dreher said. "Their playing with a lot more confidence."

The Comets reaped the benefits of some great shooting. Carlisle hit 34 of 49 from the field for a whopping 69 percent. Also, Carlisle out bounded the Bombers 38-20 with Kevin Fortner, Billy Kellett, Marvin Martin, and Matt Mikel all grabbing eight rebounds apiece.

Fortner led the Comets with 23 points with Mikel adding 15. Keith Blanks scored 18 points to pace Ballard.
Ballard.....11 23 37 63
Carlisle.....….20 36 62 85
Ballard (63)
Berry 13, Blanks 18, Crice 4, Gaia, Hallowell 8, Knott, Logadon 12, Petty, Wartford 4, Youngblood, Pearson 4, Arington.
Field Goals 19/49, 3-pointers 1 (Hallowell), Free Throws 24/35, Rebounds 20, Record 7-18.
Carlisle (85)
Blackwell, Br. Brower 5, B. Deweese, B. Draper 7, Fortner 23, Kellett 9, M. Martin 6, Mikel 15, O'Neill 4, Smithson 2, Summers, S. Terry 6, Thomas, T. Tyler 8, Williams.
Field Goals 34/49, 3-pointers 0, Free Throws 17/28, Rebounds 38, Fouls 23, Record 15-11.
Officials- Paiteal, Latham.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Comets' Slow Burn
Fatal To Bulldogs

Carlisle Co. 72
Fulton City 45
03-03-88 – Away

An unproductive 1st quarter didn't slow down Carlisle County's Comets, who set up a boys championship game collision with Hickman Co. tonight in the First District Tourn.

Held to just 6 pts after the first 8 minutes, the Comets soared by Fulton City with a 23-9 scoring edge in the second period, on their way to a easy 72-45 triumph.

The Fulton Boys cut the Comet lead to 11 pts in the third quarter, but never got closer as turnovers and Comet free throw shooting took it's toll.

The Comets led just 6-3 after the first period, but Carlisle senior Matt Mikel scored 6 of his 20 pts. During the second quarter run-out, Mikel was the only Comet in double figures, while 5 others scored over 6 pts.

Senior guard Kimmie King topped the Bulldogs with 11 pts., including three 3-pointers.
Fulton City.....3 12 32 45
Carlisle.....6 29 48 72
Fulton City (45)
Donald 8, Kephart 1, King 11, Lockett 7, Pirtle, Rodehaven 6, Patton 6, Hardin 8.
Fgs. 10, 3 pts. 5 (King 3, Donald, Rodehaven), Fts. 10/20, Fouls 25.
Carlisle (72)
Br. Brower 5, B. Deweese 2, B. Draper 7, Fortner 9, Kellett 8, M. Martin 2, Mikel 20, O'Neill 3, S. Terry 6, Thomas 2, T. Tyler 8.
Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 0, Fts. 22/36, Fouls 21, Record 16-11.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Hickman Adds Another
1st District Championship

Carlisle Co. 51
Hickman Co. 53
03-04-88 – Away

Before the First District boys title game, Hickman County had defeated Carlisle County three times during the regular season. Friday night, the Falcons made it four in a row, defeating the Comets 53-51.

Hickman, now 24-4, was able to win the game under some difficult circumstances. Two nights earlier center Michael Alexander suffered a wrist injury attempting a dunk late in Hickman's first round victory over Fulton City. The 6-1 senior experienced some swelling, although X-rays showed no break, but Alexander didn't start and only scored 6 pts.

"Michael can't cock his wrist," said Hickman coach Todd Johnson. "He can't shoot from anywhere, but the post and Carlisle took advantage of it. They fouled him late in the game, and he missed four free throws that could've sealed it."

To make things worse, leading scorer Bruce Lane was held to eight points, but Johnson said Lane deserved a lot of credit

"His (Lane's) shooting was off, but he played a good floor game, and played well defensively. He was our leading rebounder (with eight) and he had five assists."

George Yarbro, who scored 13 pts. to lead the Falcons, tied the game at 49 with a three-pointer with 3½ minutes left., and hit a pair of free throws late to provide the final margin.

"The 3-pointer turned the game around," Johnson said. "He scored our last 5 pts.

"We knew this game would be a battle. They're one of' the most physical teams in the region and it's hard to beat a good team like that four times in one year."

Carlisle County, now 17-13, was led by Kevin Fortner's 20-points.
Carlisle.....13 27 41 51
Hickman.....9 32 42 53
Carlisle (51)
Br. Brower, B. Draper 2, Fortner 20, Kellett 9, M. Martin 2, Mikel 9, O'Neill, S. Terry 9, T. Tyler. Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 1 (S. Terry), Fts. 10/16, Fouls 16, Rebs, 26.
Hickman (53)
E. Alexander 4, M. Alexander 6, Barrett 7, Emerson 7, Lane 8, Mathis 8, Poffenberger, Yarbro 13.
Fgs. 22, 3 pts. 3 (Land, Emerson, Yarbro), Fts. 6/14, Rebs. 22, Fouls 18.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle's Tricks
Annoy Marshall's

Marshall Co. 57
Carlisle Co. 48
03-08-88 – Away

Carlisle County's slight of hand nearly fooled Marshall County Tuesday night.

First Region teams have found out, it's not nice to fool Marshall County.

The top-ranked Marshall's escaped with a 57-48 win over the Comets Tuesday night, but not without a struggle as a capacity crowd of 5,700 looked on here at Graves Co.

Marshall Co. senior guard Mitch Cothran was poised and ready to be a one-man wrecking crew against the Comets.

At one point in the second quarter, the Marshall's were on top 30-17, and he had scored 19 pts.

That scoring at will pattern was something Carlisle County coach Steve Dreher wanted to change. When the Comets went to the locker room behind 32-21, he mapped out the strategy.

What we did was make it look like we had a chaser on Cothran the first couple of times we played defense the second half," Dreher said. "But then we called it off. We made him think we had a chaser on him, and we played a match-up the rest of the game."

Almost as quickly as the powerful Marshall County machine started clicking, it nearly came to a grinding halt. The first minute of the third quarter center Dan Hall picked up his third foul and was on the bench. When he got back in the game, it was two quick whistles and he was retired.

"Dan (Hall) was never a factor in the game," Marshall County coach Allan Hatcher said. "He

picked up some quick fouls, and those things happen sometimes."

"But that took away the continuity of our game. We had to move people into different positions, and we weren't as fluid..

"I know that Dan Hall will be ready to play Friday night.

With Hall on the bench, the Comets made a run in the fourth quarter. Billy Kellett stole a Marshall County pass, and raced for a lay-up to close the gap to five pts., 50-45, with 4: 59 remaining.

That capped a 7-0 run by Carlisle, but that was as close as it got.

"I think we came out the first half shell-shocked," Carlisle County coach Steve Dreher said. "And it took 1½ quarters to get out of it.

"We just hadn't played a team all year as talented and as strong as Marshall County. They are so big and strong. We are not used to playing that type of strength.

"I'm proud of the effort we gave.

Dreher believes his team was still showing effects of a hard-fought loss to Hickman County in the First District championship game.

"I think we were emotionally drained," he said.

Cothran, who led all scorers with 28 points, doesn't believe not having played the Comets in the regular season had anything to do with the closeness of the game.

"They've got a good ballclub," he said. "They were well-coached. They got us to play their way. They slowed down our break, and they played good defense. "You can't take anything away from them."

With Hall out of the lineup, Donnie Langhi was moved to the center position, and responded with 13 pts. and 6 rebs.

"When I started playing Dan's (Hall) position, it opened everything up," Langhi said. "They weren't paying much attention to me."

Hatcher says that Langhi's contribution is an example of the many weapons of his 25-2 squad. "Teams try to shut down Mitch (Cothran) and Dan (Hall), but we have other people who can contribute, too. But we still lose some continuity when they aren't out there."

"We were starting to play like I thought we were capable at the start of the year," Dreher said. "They were really starting to play well.

Kellett led the Comets with 13 points and Kevin Fortner had 12.

Carlisle…..…....5 23 32 48
Marshall…....16 32 46 57

Carlisle (48)
Br. Brower 9, S. Terry 2, M. Martin 2, Mikel 8, Fortner 12, Kellett 13, O'Neill, B. Draper 2, T. Tyler.
Field Goals 17/32, 3-pointers 2/4 (Br. Brower, Fortner), Free Throws 12/17, Rebounds 16 (Mikel 8); Fouls 16, Record 16-13.

Marshall (57)
Beth 7, Cothran 28, Hall 2, D. Langhi 13, Stokes 5, Cross 2.
Field Goals 24/44, 3-pointers 3/6 (Cothran 3), Free Throws 6/15, Rebounds 15 (Langhi 6), Fouls 16, Record 25-2.

1987-88

	Palmersville, TN.	Ridgely, TN.	St. Mary	Heath	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Graves Co.	Fulton City	Calloway Co.	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Charleston, MO.										
Burlin Brower	3	3(1)	0	3(1)	1	13(1	3(1)	8	3	4	3(1)	0	9(1)	6(1)										
Bruce Deweese	4	0	0	3	5(1)	7(1)	11(3	4(1)	2	0	0	0	4	1										
Barry Draper	2		5	3(1)	1	0	8	2	1		2	0	4	2										
Kevin Fortner	15	12	11	11	7	29(1	29	19	10	7	13	15	16	8										
Billy Kellett	15	3	14	6	6	2	9	13	4	7	0	5	12	1										
Marvin Martin	5	6	2	0	8	12	5	6	6	7	6	11	4	7										
Matt Mikel	10	17	17	1	18				12	5	10	14	15	13										
Brian O'Neill	7	0	2	2		7	2	0	0	3	0		2	3(1)										
Scott Terry	3	7	6	15	10	7(1)	5(1)	11(1	7	8	18	5	1	2										
Todd Tyler	2		0		0	0			2	19	7(1)	3												
Joey Smithson	0									1			2											
Steve S. Summers	0				0			0	0	1		0	1											
Chris Thomas	0	2			0			0		0														
Ricky Blackwell	0							0		0			2											
Tom Sheppard								0	0															
Kevin Williams								0		0														

1987-88

	Anna Jonesboro, ILL.	Martin Westview, TN.	Murray	Hickman Co.	Mayfield	Tilghman	St. Mary	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Graves Co.	Reidland	Ballard Co.	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Marshall Co.					3-pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Burlin Brower	1	2	3(1)	7(2)	2	0	3	2	6	9	2	5	5	0	9(1)					10	29	115	3.96
Bruce Deweese	0	0	0					2	0		0	0	2							6	22	45	2.04
Barry Draper	0	4	0	0	0			0	7	0	2	7	7	2	2					1	25	61	2.44
Kevin Fortner	24	9(1)	14	14	18	12	12	11	13	11	20	23	9	20	12(1)					3	29	424	14.62
Billy Kellett	11	1	6	5	0	0	5	10	2	0	2	9	8	9	13					0	29	178	6.13
Marvin Martin	6	3	0	4	4	12	3	0	6	11	8	6	2	2	2					0	29	154	5.31
Matt Mikel	24	12	22	16	14	7	15	14	27	10	18	15	20	9	8					0	26	363	13.96
Brian O'Neill	5	9(1)	0	0	7	3	4	1	0	0	4	4	3	0	0					2	27	68	2.51
Scott Terry	7	13(1	4	5(1)	15	9(1)	10	2	5(1)	11(1	4	6	6	9(1)	2					9	29	213	7.34
Todd Tyler			4	0	0	0		10	4	2		8	8	0	0					1	19	69	3.63
Joey Smithson	0		0			0		0	4			2								0	9	9	1
Steve S. Summers	2	0	0			0		0	2		6	0								0	15	12	0.8
Chris Thomas	0					0		2				0	2							0	10	6	0.6
Ricky Blackwell								0			0	0								0	7	2	0.28
Tom Sheppard																				0	2	0	0
Kevin Williams								0			1	0								0	5	1	0.2
					Team Record - 16-13							Per Game Avg. - 59.31								32		1720	

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Kevin Fortner	77	3		43	246	424	713	9.25
Matt Mikel	110	0	159	260	231	363	1013	9.2
Scott Terry	85	9	0	66	157	213	436	5.12
Joey Smithson	9	0			9		9	1
Steve S. Summers	15	0			12		12	0.8
Ricky Blackwell	7	0			2		2	0.28
Tom Sheppard	2	0			0		0	0
Kevin Williams	5	0			1		1	0.2

1988-89

HEAD COACH - CRAYNOR SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH - JOHN TYLER

TROPHIES WON

MASSAC CO. TOURN. - 3RD PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 15-15

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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE
11-19-88	Jackson Northside, TN	**37-38**	A – **KEN-TENN CLASSIC**
11-22-88	St. Mary	**64-65 ot**	A – **ST. MARY TOURN.**
12-06-88	Ballard Co.	59-49	H
12-09-88	Cairo, ILL.	66-62 **ot**	H
12-10-88	Tilghman	**61-77**	A
12-13-88	Hickman Co.	**51-62**	H
12-19-88	Marshall Co.	**40-58**	A - **MARSHALL CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-21-88	Louisville Shades Valley	**49-51**	A - **MARSHALL CO. TOURN. CONSOLATION**
12-27-88	Lone Oak	77-58	A - **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-28-88	Mayfield	**42-45**	A - **TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-03-89	Calloway Co.	**39-43 ot**	A
01-06-89	Fulton City	**38-40**	A
01-10-89	Lone Oak	78-41	H
01-13-89	Fulton Co	54-41	A
01-17-89	Massac Co., ILL.	80-79 **ot**	A - **MASSAC CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-20-89	New Madrid, MO	**55-71**	A - **MASSAC CO. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-21-89	Martin Westview, TN.	61-50	A - **MASSAC CO. TOURN. CONSOLATION**
01-24-89	Murray	79-49	A
01-27-89	Hickman Co.	**52-61**	A
01-31-89	Mayfield	**55-58 ot**	A
02-07-89	St. Mary	72-50	H
02-10-89	Fulton Co	80-52	H
02-14-89	Fulton City	53-39	H
02-20-89	Tilghman	63-54	H
02-17-89	Graves Co	**50-56**	H
02-21-89	Reidland	52-45	A
02-23-89	Ballard Co.	62-44	A
03-02-89	Fulton City	51-42	A - **1st DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-03-89	Hickman Co.	**55-60**	A - **1st DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-06-89	Marshall Co.	**43-52**	A - **1st REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 15-15

1989 Comets - District Runner-Up



Burley Mathis (Principal), Coach Craynor Slone, Burlin Brower, Bruce Deweese, Terry Choate, Todd Tyler, Steve Draper, Billy Kellett, Marvin Martin, Coach John Tyler, Kevin Burgess and Amy Graves (Managers), Barry Draper, Brian O'Neill, Chris Thomas, Lynn Deweese

1988-1989

HEAD COACH - CRAYNOR SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH - JOHN TYLER

TROPHIES WON
MASSAC CO. TOURN. - 3RD PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

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1988-89 COMET ROSTER:
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Hickman Reloads
New Talent

CARLISLE COUNTY

Craynor Slone is back in Carlisle Co. for the first time since he carried the Comets to the state championship game in 1983.

If nothing else, his presence could give an inexperienced Carlisle ball club the emotional lift it needs to contend for the First Region crown this season.

Returning are last year's spot starters and seniors Marvin Martin, Billy Kellett, and Burlin Brower. They are flanked by sophomore Todd Tyler a 6-5 center.

Carlisle lost its top three scorers to graduation, and Slone believes that could be a problem for his ball club. He says defense will be the strong point early in the season.

"Defense." I emphasize defense. Usually you'll be good at what you emphasize and hopefully we'll be able to score off our defense," Slone said.

The skipper is a bit concerned about rebounding. He will look to Tyler for inside strength, while Martin, Kellett, and junior Brian O'Neill provide potential as perimeter scorers.

The Comets finished 17-13 a year ago and were the First District runners-up, behind Hickman County. A poll of the district coaches overwhelmingly indicates the district could finish that way again in 1989.

Jackson Northside, TN. 38
Carlisle Co. 37
11-19-88 - Away

Carlisle County was defeated by Jackson Northside, in a game that was a defensive battle all the way.

Brian O'Neill led the Comets in scoring with 8 pts.

Jackson……..11 20 30 38
Carlisle……..12 21 30 37

Jackson (38)
Field goals 15/30, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 8/15, Rebounds 25, Fouls 22, Record 1-0

Carlisle (37)
Bu. Brower 6, Choate, B. Deweese 6, B. Draper, Kellett 6, M. Martin 6, O'Neill 8, T. Tyler 5.
Field goals 13/30, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 11/17, Rebounds 24, Fouls 15, Record 0-1, Officials—Whiteside, Lovett.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Haas Hits 3-Pointer
To Complete Rally

St. Mary 65
Carlisle Co. 64
11-22-88 – Away

Rudy Carrico will be the first to admit that Matt Haas makes him a better coach, especially if he continues to play the way he played Tuesday night. Haas, a senior guard scored 39 points, including a three-pointer with 48 seconds left to lead St. Mary to a thrilling 65-64 come from-behind victory in overtime against Carlisle County.

The win improves the Vikings' record to 3-0. "He was fantastic," Carrico said. "We kept getting him the ball and he kept hitting the shots. These kids just never quit. Haas scored 27 of the Vikings 33 second half points, before adding the winning three-pointer in overtime.

A Viking victory looked pretty unlikely early in the fourth quarter as the Comets, now 0-2, took a 55-42 lead with 5:59 remaining in the fourth quarter. "They could have packed it up right there," Carrico said. "They were looking up at the scoreboard,, and you could tell they were thinking 'God, what a night'. But they're a scrappy bunch of kids and they fought back."

Haas started the rally with 9 pts. over the next two and a half minutes, including a three pointer that cut the lead to four, 55-51, with 3:0I left.

Chris Daniels hit a pair of free throws, and Haas was fouled on the next possession going for a rebound. He hit the first, but missed the second, and Carlisle's Todd Tyler rebounded the miss and was fouled, and responded with a pair of free throws.

Danials drove toward the basket, but was whistled for charging, and the Comets tried to hold the ball. But Danials redeemed himself, intercepting a Marvin Martin pass, and hitting the lay-up to cut the lead to one.

Carlisle's Burlin Brower hit one free throw with 53 seconds left to push the lead to two, but came back with a 12-footer that tied the game, then stole the inbounds pass, and scored to put St. Mary up for the first time in the game, at 60-58.

However Tyler found a way to beat the St. Mary press hitting Barry Draper down-court for a lay-up to tie the game. Haas' last shot in regulation bounced three times on the rim, but fell no good at the buzzer.

Daniels scored first in overtime with 2:36 left, but Brian O'Neill answered for Carlisle with a lay-up to tie. The Vikings' Brian Wurth missed a free throw, and Bruce Deweese found a wide-open Draper down-court, who hit the lay-up as Wurth fouled him.

"However, Draper missed the free throw, and St. Mary rebounded. Carrico called timeout and called Haas' number.

"The play we ran was designed for him to take the shot," Carrico said. "He was hot and we were patient enough to set it up."

Haas took the ball past the top of the key and nailed a 22-footer to give the Vikings a one-point lead. But he wasn't finished yet. As Carlisle set up for the final shot, Haas intercepted Deweese's cross-court pass with 12 seconds left.

Carlisle was finally able to foul Chris Noonan with two with two seconds left. Noonan missed the free throw, but the Comets couldn't get a shot off.

"We weren't patient enough in the first half and that hurt us," Carrico said. "Although really, Carlisle had a lot to do with that. They kept that pressure defense on the ball, and that forced some mistakes.

The Vikings came out in the third quarter, and sent Haas flashing down the lane toward the baseline.

As a result, Haas scored 13 points in the quarter."

That's the play we tried to run in the first half," Carrico said. "But we weren't patient enough to run it. After a while, they realized we needed to slow it down."

Haas said the 3-0 record is somewhat of a surprise.

"We knew we could start out well," he said. "We usually do. But in the past, we've had trouble keeping it going for more than a couple of games at a time. We were tentative tonight at first, but we realized we could win.

Carlisle…...18 37 47 64 65
St. Mary…...15 27 42 65 65

Carlisle (64)
B. Deweese 2, M. Martin 11, T. Tyler 16, Bu. Brower 1, O'Neill 14, Kellett 8, B. Draper 12.
Field Goals 24/48, 3-pointers 1/3 (Kellett), Free throws 15/26, Rebounds 30, Record 0\2

St. Mary (65)
Noonan 8, Daniels 12, Haas 30, Kupper 3, Hardison.
Field Goals 22/50, 3-pointers 4/14 (Haas 4), Free Throws 17/27, Rebounds 29, Record 3-0

Ballard Co. 49
Carlisle Co. 59
12-06-88 - Home

Carlisle County broke from a 38-all game late in the third quarter, and went on to post its first victory.

After a 4th quarter surge, Carlisle's lead was never less than six.

Ballard survived mainly on the shooting of Brian Petty. The senior guard hit 11 of 14 field goals, and finished with 31 points.

Carlisle's balanced scoring featured Bruce Deweese with 14 points, Todd Tyler with 12 and Brian O'Neill with 11.

Ballard……..11 25 35 49
Carlisle……..12 27 39 59

Ballard (49)
Crice 1, Griffen, Knott 2 Lagsdon 11, Petty 31, Stevens, Warford 4.
Field goals 15/30, 3-pointers 3/6 (Petty 3), Free throws 16/25, Rebounds 25, Fouls 22, Record 2-2

Carlisle (59)
Bu. Brower 6, Choate, B. Deweese 14, B. Draper, Kellett 8, M. Martin 6, O'Neill 11, T. Tyler 12.
Field goals 20/50, 3-pointers 0/0, Free throws 19/32, Rebounds 34, Fouls 23, Record 1-2, Officials—Whiteside, Lovett.

Cairo, ILL. 62
Carlisle Co. 66
12-09-88 –Home

Billy Kellett and Marvin Martin teamed up to provide Carlisle County with a one-two punch that put Cairo on the canvass in overtime.

Tied 58-58 at the end of the regulation, Kellett scored five points and Martin added three to account for all of Carlisle's scoring in OT. Kellett, 7 for 10 from the field, finished with 23 points, and Martin had 20, plus 11 rebounds.

Carlisle was leading 58-55 with less than five seconds to play, when Tim Oats hit a 3-pointer to force overtime. Cairo's Ronnie Henderson was the games high score with 25 pts.

Cairo…..….19 28 40 58 62
Carlisle…..12 31 42 58 66

Cairo (62)
Henderson 25, A Hill, D Hill 7 Hollis 6, D Lowe 10, K Lowe 4, Oats 8, Terry 2.
Field goals 25/53, 3-pointers 2/5 (Oats 2), Free throws 23/34, Rebounds 27, Fouls 25, Record 1-3

Carlisle (66)
Bu. Brower 3, B. Deweese 6, B. Draper 2, Kellett 23, M. Martin 20, O'Neill 5, T. Tyler 7.
Field goals 21/39, 3-pointers 1 (Kellett), Free throws 23/34, Rebounds 31, Fouls 17, Record 2-2.
Officials—Henson, Dunn.

Dreher, Slone Change
Outlooks In New Positions

Tilghman 77
Carlisle Co. 61
12-10-88 - Away

In his last two jobs, Steve Dreher has had to live with the shadow of a pair of successful predecessors ---Craynor Slone and Berny Miller.

He's replacing longtime Paducah Tilghman coach Miller, who only won 481 games and seven regional titles for the big blue. That on the heels of his arrival at Carlisle County in 1984 - just one year removed from the Comets second place finish in the state tournament under Slone.

"That was one of the pressures at Carlisle County," Dreher said Saturday night, before Tilghman met Carlisle. "Craynor was so successful there and that was hard to live up to.

"But that's the way it is, because everybody in Carlisle County puts pressure on the people involved in the basketball program - both players and coaches. That's because they're fiercely competitive - and basketball is their lifeblood."

But things change, and people change. So while a year ago Dreher was leading the Comets to a 16-13 record, and a berth in the First Region Tourn. Saturday night he led his new team to a 77-61 victory over many of the players he coached last year.

"I have a lot of friends in Carlisle County," Dreher said. That was obvious by all the Comet fans who joked around with him in the bleachers during the junior varsity game.

"While I was there I was real close to the kids," He continued, "but I'm very competitive and so are they. I want to win this game and I know they would rather beat me worse than anybody."

So does coaching against the same bunch that he knew so well a year ago help him prepare in any way?

"Well, I know their basic personalities and abilities," Dreher said. "And I know their strengths and weaknesses. But their under a new system now, so in that respect they're not much different than anybody else.

Some may look at Tilghman's victory as a way for Dreher to escape the shadowy legacy of Slone by defeating him, but Dreher discounts that."

"Probably for some of the fans, this is a way for to compare us," He said. "And (because we both coached Carlisle), there will be always be a comparison. But I don't look at it that way, and I know Craynor and I are both smart enough to know there's a lot more to it than that."

And replacing Miller?

"I don't think there is that much pressure. Everybody expects us to be terrible so I think there's more pressure on Marshall County, Graves County and Murray, because there supposed to be the favorites this year. For the first year, we're just worried about playing better and improving.

"And really, these kids haven't had to re-learn a lot because most of them didn't play much on the varsity last year, and weren't exposed to Berny and his system. We have contrasting styles so that hasn't been any trouble.

Meanwhile, Slone (who has spent the last five years at Ashland and Betsey Layne, both in far Eastern Kentucky) is more concerned with trying to get a handle on the First Region again.

"I've been away for so long, that I really don't know much about the other teams," He said. "I haven't seen teams enough around here to know how to rate them or anything."

"Really, Tilghman is the same way they used to be. They're quick and they have good athletes."

Tilghman proved Slone right in the second quarter, outscoring the Comets 24-13 to take a commanding 41-26 lead at the half, thanks partially to Carlisle's fatigue.

"They pressed us a lot and wore us down some," Slone said. "That and the number of people that they play, all those kids kept coming in and putting the pressure on us."

Dreher's team needed an infusion offense late in the first quarter, and got it when guard Tremayne Donald made his appearance off the bench. The 5-10 senior scored 19 points to lead the 3-1 Tornado.

"He's got the potential to be the catalyst of this team," Dreher said.. "The only problem is we tend to stand around and watch him to much. He's got paralyzing quickness, and he's a good passer, and when we get going, he'll be a big reason."

Guard Keith Jones also proved to be a factor. The 5-9 senior repeatedly penetrated the lane and found Donald and Detrick Wells for scores from the paint area, as well as a couple of steals that led to easy scores.

"He did a great job of dishing off to the big people inside," Dreher said. "He had eight assists, and four of those was in the second quarter."

Chris Cole tossed in 12 points for the Tornado, with Wells, Paul McKnight, and Chris Merritt scoring 10 apiece. Burlin Brower led Carlisle with 17 points.

Tilghman…..…17 41 56 77
Carlisle…..…...13 26 41 61

Carlisle (61)
B. Deweese 9, M. Martin 9, T. Tyler 10, Bu. Brower 17, O'Neill 3, Kellett 12, S. Draper 1, B. Draper.
Field goal 15/46, 3-pointers 1 (B. Deweese), Free throws 30/45, Rebounds 19, Fouls 17, Record 2-3.

Tilghman (77)
Cross, Jones 8, Cole 12, McKnight 10, Merritt 10, Tyler 2, D Davis 4, Wells 10, Donald 19.
Field goals 33/55, 3-pointers 2 (McKnight 2), Free throws 9/12, Rebounds 28, Fouls 31, Record 3-1

Falcons Spark Ignites At
Halftime To Burn Comets

Hickman Co. 62
Carlisle Co. 51
12-13-88 – Home

When Hickman Co. and Carlisle Co. get together, the sparks usually fly.

"They're our big district rivals," said Hickman coach Todd Johnson, after his Falcons defeated the Comets 62-51 Tuesday night. "That's why this was such a big win for us. To beat them on their floor makes us feel pretty good."

The 6-3 Falcons dug themselves a big hole in the first half. Johnson said that his team let Carlisle play its style of ball.

"We played right into their hands," he said. "They played at their pace and they were scoring nearly every time down."

After Johnson's halftime speech, things turned around for the defending district champions.

"They had killed us on the boards in the first half," he said, "but the second half was just the opposite. And we were able to cause some turnovers, with our pressure."

Carlisle coach Craynor Slone felt that the determining factor wasn't the turnovers, but Hickman's rebounding resurgence.

"They just killed us on the boards," he said. "We stood flatfooted and didn't block out, and they hit the boards hard."

The surge resulted in the Falcons outscoring Carlisle 18-4 in the third quarter.

Brent Barrett led the Falcons with 20 pts. with Marvin Martin leading Carlisle with 22.

Hickman…..…..10 26 44 62
Carlisle…..…..15 35 39 51

Hickman (62)
Alex 10, Barnett 20, Davis 12, Estes 4, Hunter 2, Pillow, Poffenberger 8, Robert, Suiter 6.
Field goals 25/51, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 18/21, Fouls 17, Record 5-3.

Carlisle (51)
Bu. Brower 2, B. Deweese 6, B. Draper, S. Draper, Kellett 6, M. Martin 22, O'Neill 2, T. Tyler 13.
Fgs. 19/25, 3 pts. 0, Fts. 13/18, Fouls 17

Marshall Co. Tourn.
1st Round

NO PROBLEM!!!
Marshall's Learn To
Adjust To Changes In Style, Force

Carlisle Co. 40
Marshall Co. 58
12-19-88 - Away

As the season unfolds for the Marshall County boys team, it's becoming apparent there's no dominant force driving the 7-0 Marshalls to victory.

Marshall coach Allan Hatcher demands his club take any situation, and transform it into a positive experience. That's what it did Monday night when forward Dan Hall got into foul trouble early in the last half of Marshall's first round game in the Marshall County Holiday Classic.

The Marshall's were having a tough time with Carlisle County, and hadn't led by more than four points, when Hall was benched with his fourth foul in the third period.

Hatcher made adjustments by putting a smaller quicker team on the floor, and stepped up the defensive pressure against the Comets. That's when the hosts delighted fans by running out to a l0-point lead within a matter of five minutes. Marshall County's contingency team went on to win the game 58-40.

"This is a versatile team. There are different combinations we can use under certain situations," Hatcher said. "We have a good bench and we're going to use it."

Marshall County got 12 points from its bench as 9 players scored.

The Marshall's didn't have to look as far as the bench, though, to find a savior. Junior point

guard Aaron Beth stepped in and assumed the scoring burden as he was 7 of l0 from the field for 18 points, a career high. Beth was perfect from 3-point land (2 for 2) and the free throw line.

"When Dan went out I knew someone was going to have to score," Beth said. "I'm not used to shooting that much, but I'm in a different role this year. Last year I just got the ball up the floor, and we had other people to do the scoring.

Carlisle…..12 27 33 40
Marshall.....14 29 37 58

Carlisle (40)
B. Deweese 2, Kellett 4, M. Martin 6, S. Draper, T. Tyler 16, Bu. Brower 6, O'Neill 6, L. Deweese.
Fgs. 13/27, Fts. 14/18. Rebs. 17, Fouls 17.

Marshall (58)
Beth 18, Dunigan 7, Hall 12, Watkins 4, Blossom 5, M. Langhi 3, Myhand 3, English 4, Neal 2, B. Langhi, Colson, Leeper, Taylor, York, Trimble.
Fgs. 21/38, 3 pts. 2/2, Fts. 12/19, Rebs. 20, Fouls 14.

Marshall Co. Tourn.
Consolation

Shades Valley, ALA. 51
Carlisle Co. 49
12-21-88 – Away

Shades Valley of Birmingham, Ala. beat Carlisle Co. 51-49 in the consolation game of the Marshall Co. Christmas Tourn.

Carlisle had a chance to tie the game with less than 10 seconds left, but missed 3 shots under the basket. The Comets never trailed by more than 7 pts.

Carlisle……..10 24 34 49
Shades Valley...11 23 37 51

Carlisle (49)
B. Deweese 8, Kellett 8, M. Martin 4, S. Draper 2, T. Tyler 16, Bu. Brower 10, B. Draper, O'Neill 2, Choate.
Fgs. 19/50, 3 pts. 1 (T. Tyler), Fts. 9/16, Rebs. 21, Fouls 25

Shades Valley (51)
Long 2, Turner, Goodson 27, Barr 4, Bryant 9, Roberts 9, Roller, Speed.
Fgs. 17/30, 3 pts. 1/3 (Bryant), Fts. 16/30, Fouls 13, Rebs. 24.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 77
Lone Oak 58
12-27-88 – Away

Todd Tyler scored 25 pts. to lead Carlisle Co., now 3-6, while Lone Oak's Brent Ganies scored 25.

The teams played even for the first 8 minutes, but Carlisle outscored Lone Oak 20-11 in the second quarter. Carlisle, which led 34-25 at the half, continued to increase its lead in the last two periods.

Every player on Carlisle's roster played, and 10 of 11 scored.

Carlisle…….....14 34 54 77
Lone Oak…....14 25 38 58

Carlisle (77)
Bu. Brower 4, Choate 2, B. Deweese 16, L. Deweese, B. Draper 9, S. Draper 2, Kellett 9, M. Martin 4, O'Neill 4, Thomas 2, T. Tyler 25.
Fgs. 32, 3 pts. 1 (B. Draper), Fts. 10-16, Fouls 21.

Lone Oak (58)
Adams, Baker 11, Barrett 1, Brown, Gaines 25, Gibson, Hall, Harper, Hawes 2, Kinsey 8, Rudolph 5, Stonecipher 6.
Fgs. 15, 3 pts. 3 (Gaines 3), Fts. 19/27, Fouls 18.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 42
Mayfield 45
12-28-88 – Away

The Mayfield Cardinals edged Carlisle Co. 45-42 in the first semi-final game of the Tilghman Christmas Tourn.

In the final minute of play, Carlisle missed 3 tries from 3-point range, which could have tied the score.

Mayfield coach Scott Schlosser said his team's missed free throws down the stretch, allowed the Comets to stay in the game.

Tim Schlosser led Mayfield with 15 pts. Center Todd Tyler paced Carlisle with 14 pts. and 9 rebs.

The Comets hit only 1 of 9 shots from 3-point range, while Mayfield hit the only one it took.

Mayfield.…....9 24 34 45
Carlisle…….....10 15 23 42

Mayfield (45)
Berhow 3, Duncan 6, Mathis 6, Schlosser 15, Williams 6, Winfrey 9, Yarber.
Fgs. 14/33, 3 pts. 1/1 (Schlosser), Fts. 14/22, Rebs. 24, Fouls 12.

Carlisle (42)
Bu. Brower 4, B. Deweese 7, B. Draper, S. Draper 2, Kellett 10, M. Martin 4, O'Neill 1, T. Tyler 14.
Fgs. 15/40, 3 pts. 1/9 (Kellett), Fts. 9/12, Rebs. 30, Fouls 22.

Calloway Co. 43
Carlisle Co. 39
01-03-89 - Away

Carlisle couldn't get the ball inbounds and was charged with a foul, after calling a time-out they didn't have.

Leading by two, Calloway sent Tim Armstrong to the line on the technical foul, and hit both shots for the final margin.

The Comets led 34-32 with less than ten seconds to play in regulation, but a putback by Newton sent the game into overtime.

Armstrong led the Lakers with ten points, but Carlisle Billy Kellett had a high of 13 for Carlisle.

Calloway made 17/23 free throws, while the Comets hit just 3 of 7, as 29 fouls were issued.

Carlisle……..3 22 24 34 39
Calloway....10 21 25 34 43

Carlisle (39)
Bu. Brower 3, Choate 4, B. Deweese 5, B. Draper 3, S. Draper, Kellett 13, M. Martin 6, O'Neill 4.
Field Goals 17/41, 3-pointers 2/8 (B. Deweese, B. Draper), Free throws 3/7, Rebounds 25, Fouls 17, Record 3/8.

Calloway (43)
Armstrong 10, Carpenter 5, Curd 8, Hart 1, Newton 6, Ruccio 5.
Field Goals 13/37, 3-pointers 0/4, Free throws 17/23, Rebounds 23, Fouls 12, Record 6-4, Officials Finley-Palmer

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Fulton City 40
Carlisle Co. 38
01-06-89 - Away

Carlisle Co. missed a shot with 7 seconds left that could have tied the game, and Fulton City's Greg Hardin grabbed the rebound and let time expire.

Ozell Donald scored 13 pts. in the First District match-up. The Bulldogs improved to 3-7.

Billy Kellett led the 3-9 Comets with 12 pts.

Carlisle…..…....9 24 32 38
Fulton City.....13 19 28 40

Carlisle (38)
Bu. Brower 1, B. Deweese 8, B. Draper 8, Kellett 12, M. Martin, O'Neill, T. Tyler 9.
Fgs. 13, 3 pts. 3 (B. Deweese 2, B. Draper), Fts. 9/14, Fouls 13.

Carlisle Co. 78
Lone Oak 41
01-10-89 - Home

Lone Oak battled Carlisle close in the first half, and trailed 29-24 at the break.

However, the Comets turned on the offense in the final two periods, and ran away with a 37-point victory

Brian O'Neill was 7 of 12 from the field and 9 of 10 from the line to finish with 23 points for Carlisle, now 4-9.

Nathan Baker scored 12 for the Flash, and was the only player in double figures for Lone Oak.

Lone Oak……14 24 30 41
Carlisle…..…..17 29 50 78

Lone Oak (41)
Baker 12, Barrett, Brown 3, Chumbler, Gaines 6, Gibson 2, Harper 3, Hawes 1, Kinsey 6, Rudolph 8, Stonecipher.
Fgs. 13/39, 3 pts. 2/4 (Rudolph 2), Fts. 11/20, Fouls 23.

Carlisle (78)
Bu. Brower 15, Choate 2, B. Deweese 8, L. Deweese, B. Draper 6, S. Draper 6, Kellett 7, M. Martin 4, O'Neill 23, T. Tyler 7.
Fgs. 28/54, 3 pts. 0/2, Fts. 22/29, Fouls 20.

Carlisle Co. 54
Fulton Co. 41
01-13-89 - Away

Carlisle Co. got back into the First District race by outscoring Fulton Co. 24-7 in the fourth quarter.

"Carlisle pressed us man-to-man and we just threw the ball away (in the fourth quarter)," Fulton coach Bobby Toon said. "In one stretch we went down court 5 times and didn't get a shot off."

The win was the first for the Comets in three district outings, and ties them with Fulton Co. and Fulton City.

Junior guard Brian O'Neill scored 8 of his team-high 14 pts. in the fourth quarter for Carlisle.

Leonard Smith scored 18 for the Pilots.

Carlisle…..…....12 22 30 54
Fulton Co…....13 28 34 41

Carlisle (54)
Bu. Brower 4, Choate 4, B. Deweese 3, L. Deweese, B. Draper 7, S. Draper, Kellett 11, M. Martin, O'Neill 14, T. Tyler 11.
Fgs. 17, 3 pts. 1 (B. Deweese), Fts. 19/20, Rebs. 35, Fouls 13.

Massac Co. Tourn.
1st Round
Deweese Putback A Winner.
O'Neill's Shot Tied Game,
Gave Comets Chance They Needed.

Carlisle Co. 80
Massac Co., ILL. 79
01-17-89 – Away

Craynor Slone and his Carlisle County basketball team have peeked over the rim many times this season, but seldom have they reached the top.

Finally, Tuesday night the constellations were in the right order and the Comets took a 80-79 overtime victory away from host Massac

County at the Superman Classic Basketball Tournament.

Carlisle, playing in its third overtime this season, has dropped six games by less than three points and settled for a 6-9 record.

It was about time to win one of these," Slone said after his club eliminated the Patriots from the winner's bracket of their own tournament.

The Comets didn't do it without some help from Massac, though. Patriot forward Anthony Pass, who came off the bench to score eight points in the fourth period and spark a Massac comeback, missed a pair of free throws with seven seconds left, which could have won the game.

He played super tonight, Massac County coach Joe Hosman said about Pass, who finished with 21 points. "He shouldn't feel bad at all because he was the one who gave us the opportunity to be in that situation."

Massac trailed by four late in the third period, but rallied behind Pass's scoring to start the fourth and pulled away by nine points with less than three minutes left.

Carlisle County outscored the Patriots 10-4 in the final two minutes, and stole the momentum, when Brian O'Neill hit a jump shot from the free throw line to force the overtime.

The Comets struggled at the stripe in overtime, and trailed 79-77, when sophomore center Todd Tyler was fouled. Tyler hit the first shot of the bonus to draw his team within one, but missed the second.

Senior Bruce Deweese grabbed Tyler's rebound, and stuck it back with 18 seconds left to give Carlisle its final margin. I just watched his release (Tyler's) and spun around my man to get the rebound, and put it back," Deweese said. We've won four in a row now, and we want to keep rolling."

"Down the stretch we missed some free throws that could have tied it or won it," Hosman said. "But by the same token Carlisle missed some that let us get back in it."

Massac led much of the first half and held a 41-39 margin at the break.

Tyler scored a game high 27 pts. in the victory, and pulled down 10 rebounds. O'Neill got 15 points before he fouled out in overtime, and Marvin Martin came off the bench to pitch in 11.

"We got a lot of contribution from people who have been helping us in practice," Slone said, taking notice of his bench which provided 34 points.

David Russell led the Patriots with 22 pts., before he fouled out in overtime.

Carlisle…..12 39 53 73 80
Massac…...17 41 52 73 79

Carlisle (80)
S. Draper 4, B. Deweese 4, Bu. Brower 7, B. Draper 8, O'Neill 15, M. Martin 11, Kellett 14, T. Tyler, 27.
Field Goals- 51/27, 3-pointers 2 (O'Neill, T. Tyler), Free throws 30/35, Rebounds 38, Fouls 28, Record 6-9

Massac (79)
Watson, Wilcox, Crim 6, Pansing 7, Pass 21, Pearson 22, Russell 24.
Field Goals 31/61, 3-pointers 1, Free throws 16/29, Rebounds 37, Fouls 28, Record 8-6.

Massac Co. Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 55
New Madrid, MO. 71
01-20-89 – Away

Carlisle County was defeated in the second round of the Superman Classic at Massac County by a score of 71 to 55.

Carlisle never led in the game and was dominated by their much taller opponents.

Carlisle fell behind 17 points at the end of the third quarter, but could not mount much of a comeback in the fourth quarter to lose by 16.

Burlin Brower led the Comets in scoring with 13.

New Madrid….15 38 52 71
Carlisle……..12 25 35 55

New Madrid (71)
L. Anderson 4, Strong, Collier, K. Anderson 14, Perkins 11, Day 10, Lucy, Hunter 14, Harris 2, Hunt, Brown 16.
Fgs. 26/50, 3 pts. 2/4 (K. Anderson 2), Fts. 17/23, Rebs. 40, Fouls 20.

Carlisle (55)
Bu. Brower 13, Choate, B. Deweese 2, B. Draper 2, S. Draper, Kellett 9, M. Martin 10, O'Neill 8, T. Tyler 11.
Fgs. 18/56, 3 pts. 1/13 (T. Tyler), Fts. 18/24, Fouls 21, Rebs 30.

Massac Co. Tourn.
Consolation

Carlisle Co. 61
Martin Westview, TN. 50
01-21-89 – Away

The Comets played their third game in the Massac Tournament and soundly defeated the Martin Westview, TN. team by 11 points to take 3rd place.

Carlisle led every quarter and won the game going away.

Billy Kellett led Carlisle in scoring with 24 pts.

Martin W….....10 19 34 50
Carlisle…..…...15 26 42 61

Martin W. (50)
Downing 2, Alexander 10, Schuster 15, Devine 16, Hawks 3, Perry 2, Buford, Hicks, Trice, Nanney, Ellison 2.
Fgs. 18/42, 3 pts. 0/5, Fts. 16/24, Fouls 24, Rebs. 26.

Carlisle (61)
Bu. Brower 5, B. Deweese 12, B. Draper 2, Kellett 24, M. Martin 2, O'Neill, T. Tyler 16.
Fgs. 24/48, 3 pts. 0/2, Fts. 13/23, Fouls 24, Rebs. 36.

Murray 46
Carlisle Co. 79
01-24-89 - Away

Carlisle County won for the fifth time in six outings by dominating Murray.

"We're definitely playing better," Carlisle coach Craynor said, "especially at the guards and we're rebounding better. We're not giving up the second shot as much."

Carlisle led 21-8 after one quarter and 32-16 at the half. Sophomore center Todd Tyler scored 25 points and pulled down 9 rebounds for the winners. He got scoring help from Billy Kellett with 14 and Steve Draper with 12.

Michael Fulton and Jim Hornbuckle scored 11 each for Murray. "They controlled the whole game," Murray coach Cary Miller said. "He (Tyler) did it all."

Murray……...8 16 24 46
Carlisle……22 32 49 79

Murray (46)
Cheaney 4, Crouse, Danner 8, Dill, Fulton 11, Gordon 2, Hansen, Hornbuckle 11, Joseph 2, Payne 4, Sowerby 2, Thurmond, Walls 2.

Carlisle (79)
Brower, Choate 5, B. Deweese 10, L. Deweese, B. Draper 4, S. Draper 12, Kellett 14, M. Martin 9, O'Neill, T. Tyler 25..
Field goals 28/42, 3-pointers 0/0, Free throws 23/32, Rebounds 29, Fouls 22, Record 8-10.

Carlisle Co. 52
Hickman Co. 61
01-27-89 – Away

Hickman County coach Todd Johnson said defense was the key to a victory that put his team "in the driver's seat," in the First District.

"I was proud of our defensive effort in the fourth quarter," Johnson said, after his team outscored Carlisle 24 to 15 in the final period.

Jimmy Poffenberger scored all six of his points in the fourth quarter, and Chad Pillow came off the bench to score five. Hickman is now 4-0 in the district and Carlisle is 1-3.

Johnson said a victory in either of it's two remaining district games, should clench the district crown for his team.

Things didn't look good for Hickman midway through the third quarter. Carlisle led 32-28 with four minutes remaining in the period, and Hickman's second-leading rebounder, Brent Barnett, on the bench with four fouls.

"That's when we picked up the defense," Johnson said. "We just played a good man-to-man on them." Hickman held up to a 12 point lead in the final period, and might have expanded it if not for missed free throws. The Falcons hit 17 of 30 at the line, but Carlisle was only slightly better at 19 of 30.

Eugene Alexander topped Hickman with 21 points, while Todd Tyler and Billy Kellett scored 18 each for the Comets.

Carlisle.....9 26 37 52
Hickman.....12 28 37 61

Carlisle (52)
Bu. Brower 6, Choate, B. Draper, S. Draper, Kellett 18, M. Martin 2, O'Neill 8, T. Tyler 19.
Field Goals 16/49, 3-pointers 1/6 (O'Neill), Free Throws 19/30, Rebounds 28, Record 8-11.

Hickman (61)
Alexander 21, Barnett 15, Davis 1, Estes 11, Pillow 5, Poffenberger 6, Suiter 2.
Field Goals 21/46, 3-pointers 2/4, (Alexander 2.), Free Throws 17/30, Rebounds 26, Record 14-6.

Carlisle Co. 55
Mayfield 58
01-31-89 – Away

Mayfield hit its free throws in overtime to hold off Carlisle County.

The Cardinals were 4 of 6 from the stripe, and got a bucket by Bubba Winfrey in the extra period to improve to 10-7.

Tim Scholsser made a basket at the end of regulation, but the Cardinals were whistled for goal tending, which forced the overtime with the score tied at 52.

Kevin Mathis had 14 points to lead Mayfield, while Schlosser and Winfrey added 13 apiece. Todd Tyler grabbed nine rebounds and scored 16 points for Carlisle.

Carlisle …...10 28 36 52 55
Mayfield……6 21 34 52 58

Carlisle (55)
Bu. Brower 6, B. Deweese 7, B. Draper 4, Kellett 12, M. Martin 2, O'Neill 8, T. Tyler 16.
Field Goals 22/40, 3-pointers 1/3 (B. Deweese), Free Throws 10/13, Rebounds 27, Fouls 20, Record 8-12.

Mayfield (58)

Bennett 21, Berhow 1, Brown 2, Duncan 7, Mathis 14, Schlosser 13, Stroup 6, Williams, Winfrey 13, W. Yarber, C. Yarber.
Field Goals 19/42, 3-pointers 4/3 (Stroup 2, Schlosser, Duncan), Free throws 16/24, Records 16, Fouls 13, Record 10-7.

Carlisle Co. 72
St. Mary 50
02-07-89 – Home

Carlisle hit 27 of 31 free throws, and had a big game from its front line.

Todd Tyler, a 6-5 center, scored 20 points, and 6-3 forward Billy Kellett added 18 to that. Tyler hit eight of his free throws in the final quarter, and his teammates added nine more.

Matt Haas scored 14, and Tony Luigs 13 for the Vikings.

St. Mary…..12 23 32 50
Carlisle…….15 32 41 72

Carlisle (72)
Bu. Brower 6, Choate 2, B. Deweese 6, L. Deweese, B. Draper 6, S. Draper, Kellett 18, M. Martin 12, O'Neill 2, T. Tyler 20.
Field Goals 22/47, 3-pointers 1/4 (Tyler), Free throws 27/31, Fouls 20, Record 9-12.

St. Mary (50)
Anderson, Cissell, Danials 8, Haas 14, Harbison, Kupper 4, Luigs 13, Miller, Noonan 6, Sturgis 5, Tapscott .
Field Goals 17/45, 3-pointers 2, Free throws 14/21, Fouls 23, Record 11-9

Carlisle Co. 80
Fulton Co. 52
02-10-89 – Home

Craynor Slone's Comets jumped ahead 22-4 in the first period, and never looked back.

Center Todd Tyler scored 26 for Carlisle, and Billy Kellett pitched in 19.

The Comets used 75% shooting (15 of 20) to establish a 42-29 lead at the half, while Fulton Co. was able to hit only 7 of 20.

"They were gambling, and we were capitalizing on their mistakes, and made a lot of layups Slone said.

Michael Warren pushed in 24 pts. for the Pilots.

Fulton Co…..4 29 46 52
Carlisle…….22 42 55 80

Fulton Co. (52)
Adams, Alexander, Carlton 5, Gardner, Howell 2, Jones 4, Murphy 2, L. Smith 8, Warlick, Warren 24, Winters 7, Barnett.
Fgs. 18/38, 3 pts. 5/9 (Warren 4, Carlton), Fts. 11/23, Fouls 26.

Carlisle (80)
Bu. Brower 7, Choate, B. Deweese 5, L. Deweese 3, B. Draper 6, S. Draper 2, Kellett 19, M. Martin 12, O'Neill, T. Tyler 26.
Fgs. 31/51, 3 pts. 3/4 (T. Tyler 2 B. Deweese), Fts. 15/19, Fouls 18.

Carlisle Co. 53
Fulton City 39
02-14-89 – Home

Carlisle defeated the team it will meet in the first round of the First District tournament.

Carlisle wrapped up second place in the district, and will play Fulton city, while #1 Hickman Co. meets Fulton Co.

Carlisle widened its lead in the third quarter, holding Fulton to two points, while scoring 9 for a 34-24 lead.

Carlisle's balanced output featured Bruce Deweese with 13, Billy Kellett with 12, and Todd Tyler with 10.

Fulton City got 15 from Homer Patton, and 12 from Cedrick Lockett.

Carlisle……5 25 34 53
Fulton City…..12 24 26 39

Fulton City (39)
Donald 2, Pirtle, Lockett 12, Patton 15, Hardin 6, Biehslich 4.
Field goals 14/46, 3-pointers 1/2 (Patton), Free throws 10/13, Rebounds 26, Fouls 10, Record 6-12.

Carlisle (53)
Bu. Brower 3, B. Deweese 13, B. Draper 2, S. Draper, Kellett 12, M. Martin 5, O'Neill 8, T. Tyler 10.
Field goals 20/49, 3-pointers 4/9 (B. Deweese 2, O'Neill 2) Free throws 9/14, Fouls 15, Record 11-12.

Carlisle Co. 50
Graves Co. 56
02-17-89 - Home

Carlisle, playing without injured center Todd Tyler, hounded the areas No. 2 team before falling.

Carlisle No. 10 in the latest rankings, had tied the game at 46-all, but Graves outscored the Comets 10-4 the rest of the way.

Outside shooting hurt Graves, which hit just 1 of 10 3-pointers. But the Eagles helped make up for that by canning 23 of 26 free throws en route to their victory, under first-year coach Bob Hoggard.

Graves got 16 points from Todd Thurston, and 11 each from Craig Dick, and Chris Wilson.

Carlisle was led by Brian O'Neill with 13, and Kellett with 12.

Graves……9 25 41 56
Carlisle……12 30 33 50

Graves (56)
Bell, Dick 11, Mills 8, Murphy 4, Thruston 16, Waddington 6, Wilson 11.
Fgs. 18/38, 3 pts. 1/10 (Dick), Fts. 23/26, Fouls 15.

Carlisle (50)
Bu. Brower 4, B. Deweese 9, B. Draper 2, S. Draper 6, Kellett 12, M. Martin 4, O'Neill 13.
Fgs. 17/35, 3 pts. 0/0, Fts. 16/21, Fouls 23.

Carlisle Co. 63
Tilghman 54
02-20-89 - Home

Two months ago, a struggling Carlisle Co. team ran into a quick, pressing team in Paducah Tilghman and came away with a 77-61 loss that wasn't as close as the score indicated.

The Comets, winners of four of their last five and 9-4 since the first week of January, turned the tables on the Tornado Monday night and won 63-54.

"Their quickness really hurt us the first time," Carlisle coach Craynor Slone said. "We couldn't handle it and they forced us out of our offense. But lately, we've been handling those a lot better."

Carlisle without leading scorer Todd Tyler, who suffered a badly sprained ankle in practice last week and may not return until the district tournament.

Carlisle's Marvin Martin led all scorers with 15 pts., including an 11 of 12 performance from the foul line, and Billy Kellett added 14. Paul McKnight led Tilghman with 10 pts.

Carlisle……18 27 45 63
Tilghman……15 26 37 54

Carlisle (63)
Bu. Brower 8, B. Deweese 8, B. Draper 4, S. Draper 6, Kellett 14, M. Martin 15, O'Neill 8.
Field Goals 21/42, 3 Pointers 0, Free Throws 21/32, Fouls 19, Record 12-13.

Tilghman (54)
Cross 8, D. Davis 8, Hughes 9, Hunter 2, D. Jackson, Jones 5, Leggs 4, McKnight 10, Merritt 3, Tyler 1, D. Wells 4.
Field Goals 21/62, 3-pointers 2/5 (McKnight 2), Free Throws 10/21, Fouls 27, Record 16-8.

Carlisle Co. 52
Reidland 45
02-21-89 - Away

Carlisle Guard Burlin Brower connected on all eight of his free throw attempts in the first quarter to help the Comets hold off Reidland.

"Even with the loss I was pleased." Reidland coach Joe Mathis said. "We've started coming around since about midseason. We played tremendous defense. The last five games we've been giving up about 52 points a game, where we were giving up about 65 a game before."

Bruce Deweese scored 11, and Brower 10 for the winners.

Earon Smith of Reidland led all scorers with 18.

Carlisle……..6 18 31 52
Reidland……10 19 27 45

Carlisle (52)
Bu. Brower 10, B. Deweese 11, B. Draper 5, S. Draper, Kellett 9, M. Martin 9, O'Neill 8.
Field Goals 13/30, 3 Pointers 4 (B. Deweese 2, B. Draper, O'Neill), Free Throws 22-27, Rebounds 19, Fouls 14, Record 13-13.

Reidland (45)
Adams 3, Harper 9, Jarvis, McKinney, M. Newman 5, Rister 10, Smith 18.
Field Goals 17/38, 3-pointers 1 (Harper), Free Throws 10/14, Rebounds 1, Fouls 19, Record 10-13, Officials- Green, Whiteside.

Carlisle Co. 62
Ballard Co. 44
02-23-89 - Away

Billy Kellett pumped in 29 points, and hauled in eight rebounds to lead Carlisle. The 6-2 senior hit 11 of 15 from the field, and 7 of 9 from the line.

The Comets raced to an 18-5 lead from the first quarter, and hit 57 percent from the field (21 for 36).

Carlisle's leading scorer Todd Tyler is still nursing an ankle injury, as is Ballard's Tony Warford.

Also, Ballard's leading rebounder, Mark Griffin, missed the game because of the flu.

Carlisle……..18 34 47 62
Ballard……..5 23 29 44

Carlisle (62)
Bu. Brower 2, B. Deweese 9, L. Deweese 1, B. Draper 2, Kellett 29, M. Martin 7, O'Neill 4, Todd Pearson 2, Bowman, K. Lambert 4.
Field Goals 21/36, 3-pointers 1/3 (B. Deweese), Free Throws 19/26, Fouls 12, Record 14-13.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Deweese Exploits
Fulton Opening

Carlisle Co. 51
Fulton City 42
03-02-89 - Away

When Fulton City decided it wouldn't worry about Carlisle County's outside shooting, Bruce Deweese showed them something they should have

feared all along – the vaunted "home run."

The 6-foot senior hit 3 three-pointers, and teammate Brian O'Neill added two more in the third quarter as Carlisle pulled away from Fulton City en route to a 51-42 victory in the First District semi-finals, and earned a berth in next week's First Region tournament.

"Nobody wanted to come out and guard me, so I just let them go," Deweese said. "It got real clogged up in there, and that opened it up a little. I felt I had to take it to try and stop them from sagging back."

Carlisle coach Craynor, Slone called the pair's sharpshooting exploits the key to the game.

"We wanted them to take those shots," he said. "I thought we tried to force the ball inside too much. When you play them (Fulton-City) you have to make the outside shot."

The two teams started the second half in direct contrast to the earlier two quarters, when seemingly neither team could score. The Comets led 15-14, almost by default.

The teams traded leads for the first two minutes, until Deweese hit two bombs within 36 seconds to give Carlisle a 25-20 lead with 4:53 left in the third period. O'Neill then tossed in his two shots, and Deweese added another as the Comets opened up a nine-point lead entering the fourth quarter.

"We always look inside first because that's where we're best," Deweese said. "But if they keep leaving us open like that, we'll keep throwing it up there.

Almost like magic the lane opened up, and the Comets took charge, drawing fouls on nearly every possession. The Comets scored all their fourth quarter points from the stripe, going 16 or 22 in the final eight minutes.

Slone attributed much of Carlisle's success to the defense. The Comets held the Bulldogs to 29% field goal shooting (16 of 55) and controlled the tempo.

"We made them pass it around a lot," Slone said. "We've been playing pretty good defense lately. We have to if we're going to win."

O'Neill led all scorers with 17 points and Deweese added 15.

Cedrick Lockett led Fulton City with 14 points, before fouling out with four minutes remaining. The Comets will meet Hickman County in the championship game tonight.

Hickman County is the defending champion for two straight seasons.

Fulton City…...6 14 26 42
Carlisle.....12 15 35 51

Fulton City (62)
Donald 6, Pirtle 2, Lockett 14, Rodehaver 2, Patton 12, Hardin 4, Rechelich 3, Pulley.
Field Goals 16/55, 3-pointers 2/3 (Patton 2), Free Throws 8/13, Fouls 20, Record 7-14.

Carlisle (51)
Bu. Brower 2, B. Deweese 15, B. Draper 6, Kellett 3, M. Martin 5, O'Neill 17, T. Tyler 3.
Field Goals 12/33, 3-pointers 5/12 (B. Deweese 3, O'Neill 2), Free Throws 22/33, Fouls 20, Record 15-13, Officials – Behrendt, Brewer.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Falcons Turn Up Heat,
Comets Can't Keep Up Pace

Carlisle Co. 55
Hickman Co 60
03-03-89 – Away

Hickman County's red-hot second-half shooting carried it to a 60-55 victory over Carlisle Co. in Friday's finals.

The Falcons connected on 13 of 17 shots in the final half to overcome the Comets' 33-26 halftime edge.

"We burned it up the last half," Hickman coach Todd Johnson said. "I'll tell you what, there wasn't much rebounding. In the first half we were 9 for 25, so it was like daylight and darkness for us."

The Comets connected on 11 of 22 shots the first half and effectively scored against the Hickman press.

"We were pressing them and they were hitting 15 and 20 footers off the press," Johnson said. "We decided to stay in the press and hope that Carlisle's shots would stop falling. Our defense turned it up in the last half. We used good pressure and got a couple of key steals when we needed them."

Hickman was able to erase a 42-30 Carlisle advantage in the third period, behind Eugene Alexander. The senior guard hit 5 straight fielders to bring the Falcons back to within 45-43, after three quarters.

The game was nip-and-tuck throughout the final period. With 27 seconds remaining, Carlisle trailed 57-55, and had Billy Kellett at the line. The senior forward missed both shots, Hickman rebounded and Carlisle was forced to foul. Don Estes hit both shots in the bonus for Hickman ,and with 5 seconds remaining, Alexander hit 1 of 2.

"We showed a lot of guts and determination to come from 12 down with Carlisle playing an excellent game."

Hickman, which won its third straight title, got 21 pts. from Alexander. Brent Barnett had 16.

Carlisle…….....17 33 45 55
Hickman…..11 26 43 60

Carlisle (55)
Bu. Brower 10, B. Deweese 15, B. Draper 1, S. Draper 1, Kellett 13, M. Martin 8, O'Neill 7, T. Tyler.
Fgs. 20/45, 3 pts. 4 (B. Deweese 3, O'Neill), Fts. 11/19, Rebs 18. Fouls 20.

Hickman (60)
Alexander 21, Barrett 16, Davis 2, Estes 6, Pillow 3, Poffenberger 10, Suiter 2.
Fgs. 22/41, 3 pts. 1 (Pillow), Fts. 15/23, Rebs 16, Fouls 14.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Follow Pace,
Lack Marshal's Kick Down Homestretch

Carlisle Co. 43
Marshall Co. 52
03-06-89 - Away

Craynor Slone and the Carlisle County Comets captured the hearts of hundreds when the tiny west Kentucky school defied all odds, and played for the state championship in 1983.

Six years later, in Slone's first year back at Carlisle County since that glorious season, he grabbed the First District runner-up spot and played region Goliath Marshall County Monday night in the opening round of the First Region Tournament at Murray State's Racer Arena.

There's no doubt that flashes of another Cinderella bid passed through the minds of Carlisle County fans as the Comets extended Marshall in the closing seconds, only to lose 52-43, after a dramatic finish.

Marshall County center Dan Hall did most of the damage, and proved why he is a legitimate All-state candidate, and bound for Division 1 college basketball at Vanderbilt.

The 6-foot-7½ senior blocked four shots, and scored 27 points, including 16 in the final half as the Marshal's held off a Carlisle Co. run in the last five minutes, that trimmed the Marshals lead to six points.

"You have to give Coach Slone and Carlisle County a lot of credit," Marshall County coach Allen Hatcher said. "He had them prepared, and they came in here with a plan to spread us out and play a patient offense.

Slone's strategy wasn't complicated nor filled with assortment of gimmick defenses in an attempt to neutralize Hall and Marshall playmaker Aaron Beth. Instead, the Carlisle County mentor seemingly played right into the hands of the slow-down style of Marshall County.

"We play very similar," Slone said of his team's obvious kinship to the patient offense, which has become a trademark at Marshall County in recent seasons. "In some ways we're even more deliberate. We try to really slow the tempo in the beginning until our players can get into the flow of the game."

Carlisle's patient offense never trailed by more than five points in the opening period, but couldn't manage a lead after trying the game at 17 apiece with 2:23 to play in the second quarter. After a Brian O'Neill 16-footer tied the contest, Marshall scored five quick points, and led 22-19 at the half.

O'Neill sparked the Comets with seven points in the first half and was warming up to the bucket like never before. The 5-10 junior nailed four three-pointers in the second half and finished with a career high 24 points, 18 above his average.

Carlisle County center Todd Tyler, who led the team in scoring with a 14-point average, before missing the last four games of the season with injury, got into foul trouble early in the second half, and opened the door for Hall to dominate the inside game.

"After Marshall County got a six-or seven point lead, they were very patient and kept working the ball until they had Hall open, and we just didn't have anyone to match up with him," Slone said.

Tyler had one personal foul at the half, but when the Marshals came out in the third period, Hall went right to work on his sophomore counterpart.

Less than four minutes into the second half, Tyler was sitting beside his coach on the Carlisle bench with three fouls. Although his tenure on the bench wasn't long, he was forced to return to the seat with his fourth foul minutes later.

While Hall was exploiting his obvious height advantage on the second half before fouling out with five minutes left.

Hall, who said he was playing extra careful inside to avoid becoming another victim of the foul epidemic, was scoring consistently off a patient offense, while Tyler was being erased as Carlisle's only frontcourt threat.

"I think my experience helped me a lot tonight, Hall said after he established dominance on the block, and got Tyler into the official's dog house. "He is a really good player, but I think my strength was an advantage."

O'Neill went to work, and patched up the hole of Tyler's absence during the final stretch, and piloted the Comets' rally from a 13 pt. deficit in the third quarter.

Thirteen points from O'Neill in the fourth period helped Carlisle move within six, after

Marvin Martin came in and hit a pair of fts. with 1:59 left.

Marshall Co. turned the ball over on its next possession, and O'Neill tried to draw his team within two with a 3-point attempt. But the ball rimmed out, and the Marshall's tied up the rebound, and got the ball courtesy of the alternating possession light.

When Carlisle was forced to foul Marshall Co. in the closing seconds, the Marshall's, who shot an uncharacteristically low 13 of 20 from the stripe, did not convert a bonus attempt and the Comets were able to get off another shot. However, it just wouldn't go down for O'Neill and Marshall hit three of their next three free throws to seal the win.

"We missed some shots at the end, but we proved we could play with them," said Slone.

Marshall will face Paducah at 6:30 on Friday night in the semifinals.

Carlisle…….....6 19 27 43
Marshall……....9 22 41 52

Carlisle (43)

B. Draper, B. Deweese, Bu. Brower, O'Neill 24, M. Martin 2, Kellett 8, T. Tyler 9.
Fgs. 17/39, 3 pts. 6/11 (O'Neill 5, Tyler 1), Fts. 3/7, Fouls 16, Rebs. 21. Record 13-14.

Marshall (52)

Beth 9, Dunigan 4, Blossom 5, English 4, Myhand 4, Hall 27, M. Langhi.
Fgs. 19/32, 3 pts. 1/3 (Myhand), Fts. 13/20, Fouls 10, Rebs. 20.

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	Jackson North	St. Mary	Ballard Co.	Cairo, ILL.	Tilghman	Hickman Co.	Marshall Co.	Louis Shades Valley	Lone Oak	Mayfield	Calloway Co.	Fulton City	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.									
Burlin Brower	6	1	6	3	17	2	6	10	4	4	3	1	15	4									
Todd Tyler	5	16	12	7	10	13	16	16(1)	25	14		9	7	11									
Bruce Deweese	6	2	14	6	9(1)	6	2	8	16	7	5(1)	8(2)	8	3(1)									
Barry Draper	0	12	2	2	0	0	0	0	9(1)	0	3(1)	8(1)	6	7									
Billy Kellett	6	8(1)	8	23(1	12	6	4	7	9	10(1	13	12	7	11									
Marvin Martin	6	11	6	20	9	22	6	4	4	4	6	0	4	0									
Brian O'Neill	8	14	11	5	3	2	6	2	4	1	4	0	23	14									
Steve Draper			0		1	0	0	2	2	2	0		6	0									
Terry Choate	0		0					0	2		4		2	4									
Chris Thomas									2														
Lynn Deweese							0		0				0	0									

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	Massac Co., ILL.	New Madrid, MO.	Martin-Westview, TN.	Murray	Hickman Co.	Hickman Co.	Mayfield	St. Mary	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Tilghman	Graves Co.	Reidland	Ballard Co.	Fulton City	Hickman Co.				3-Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Burlin Brower	7	13	5	0	6	6	6	6	7	3	8	4	10	2	2	10				0	30	177	5.9
Todd Tyler	27(1)	11(1	16	25	18	18	16	20(1)	26(2)	10					3	0				6	25	351	14.04
Bruce Deweese	4	2	12	10			7(1)	6	5(1)	13(2	8	9	11(2)	9(1)	15(3)	15(3)				18	28	226	8.07
Barry Draper	8	2	2	4	0	0	4	6	6	2	4	2	5(1)	2	6	1				4	30	103	3.43
Billy Kellett	4	9	24	14	18	18	12	18	19	12	14	12	9	29	3	13				3	30	364	12.13
Marvin Martin	11	10	2	9	2	2	2	12	12	5	15	4	9	7	5	8				0	30	219	7.3
Brian O'Neill	15(1)	8	0	0	8(1)	8(1)	8	2	0	8(1)	8	13	8(1)	4	17(2)	7(1)				8	30	219	7.3
Steve Draper	4	0		12	0	0		0	2	0	6	6	0			1				0	22	44	2
Terry Choate		0		5	0	0		2	0											0	13	19	1.46
Chris Thomas																				0	1	2	2
Lynn Deweese				0				0	3					1						0	8	4	0.5
Todd Pearson														2						0	1	2	2
John Bowman														0						0	1	0	0
Kevin Lambert														4						0	1	4	4
	Team Record - 15-15							Per Game Avg. 57.8												39		1734	

Career	Games		3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Burlin Brower	56		10		1	115	177	293	5.23
Bruce Deweese	62		24		12	45	226	283	4.56
Barry Draper	55		5			61	103	164	2.98
Billy Kellett	78		3	0	45	424	364	833	10.67
Marvin Martin	77		0		19	154	217	390	5.06
Steve Draper	21		0				44	44	2.09
Chris Thomas	12		0	3	6	2		11	0.91
Lynn Deweese	8		0				4	4	0.57

1989-90

HEAD COACH - CRAYNOR SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH - JOHN TYLER

TROPHIES WON

TILGHMAN TOURN. - 4TH PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 8-18

1989-90

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-21-89	St. Mary	**64-69**	H	
11-27-89	Jackson Southside, TN.	**61-69**	A	**- KEN-TENN CLASSIC**
12-05-89	Ballard Co.	**48-49**	A	
12-08-89	Cairo, ILL.	**64-70**	A	
12-12-89	Hickman Co.	**44-48**	A	
12-15-89	Graves Co	68-65	A	
12-19-89	Tilghman	**54-59**	H	
12-27-89	Tilghman	**56-71**	A	**- TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-28-89	Lone Oak	59-47	A	**- TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-29-89	Mayfield	**58-59**	A	**- TILGHMAN TOURN. CONSOLATION**
01-02-90	Calloway Co.	**46-54**	H	
01-05-90	Fulton City	59-53	H	
01-09-90	Lone Oak	**60-66**	A	
01-12-90	Fulton Co	**49-83**	H	
01-15-90	New Madrid, MO.	**49-61**	A	**- MASSAC CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-17-90	Carterville, ILL.	55-54	A	**- MASSAC CO. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-20-90	Herrin, ILL.	56-55	A	**- MASSAC CO. TOURN. CONSOLATION**
01-23-90	Murray	**55-64**	H	
01-26-90	Hickman Co.	**63-64** ot	H	
01-31-90	Mayfield	**49-53**	A	**- CLASS A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
02-09-90	Fulton Co	**51-52**	A	
02-13-90	Fulton City	62-36	A	
02-19-90	Tilghman	**55-60**	A	
02-20-90	Reidland	71-43	H	
02-22-90	Ballard Co.	55-47	H	
02-28-90	Fulton Co	**58-61**	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 8-18

1990 Comets



Coach Craynor Sloane, Brian O'Neill, Todd Pearson, Kevin Burgess, Todd Tyler, Terry Choate, Casey Henderson, Chris Toon, Coach John Tyler, John Bowman, Kevin Lambert, Joey Burgess, Brad Reddick

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FINAL RECORD - 8-18

1989-90 COMET ROSTER:
Brian O'Neill, Todd Tyler, Terry Choate, Casey Henderson, Kevin Lambert, Todd Pearson, Chris Toon, Brian DeRousse, Kevin Burgess, John Bowman, Joey Burgess, Brad Reddick, Lance Wilson.

Regional Parity
Bites At Marshall's
Era Of Dominance

Marshall County's dominance of the basketball First Region is far from over with another strong team this season, but the parity around the league could offer some surprises in March.

The Marshall's, under the direction of first-year head coach Jeff Jackson, return four of last year's starting five. Senior guard Aaron Beth, who has already signed with Vanderbilt University, will run the show, but capable shooters Heath Dunigan, David English and Matt Blossom will provide a steady supporting cast.

Marshall Co. will not look the same this season. The loss of big men Dan Hall and Mike Langhi has forced Jackson to scrap the slow paced offense and move more toward a run-and-gun show.

Although the Marshall's return a steady nucleus from last year's First Region champion, which lost in the Sweet 16 quarterfinals to eventual champion Pleasure Ridge Park. There are a host of other regional teams on the verge of contention this season.

Calloway County, with first-year coach Russell Wall, could press Marshall Co. for the top spot in the regions toughest fourth district. The Lakers return nearly everyone from last year's district runner-up squad and have a good mix of muscle, size and perimeter shooting. Cary Miller's Murray Tigers are young, but are expected to be among one of the region's best.

There's more talent outside of the Fourth District.

Two time region runner-up Hickman County has Eugene Alexander back and Coach Todd Johnson says his team may be losing its underdog image.

"We haven't minded a bit being the underdogs the past two years," he said. "It has its advantages. We may not be as much an underdog this year, but we're still the underdog.

Johnson's teams have lost to Marshall County in the last two regional championship games. He says a rematch is what the Falcons desire, and they may get a chance in the Marshall Co. Christmas Invitational. The teams would have to win first round games before meeting in the final.

Paducah Ti1ghman struggled at times last year under a new coach, but Steve Dreher is in his second season behind the Tornados' steering wheel and opponents around the First Region fear what type of talent will show up, when the Big Blue gallops onto the hardwood.

Marshall, Calloway and Hickman, along with Paducah Tilghman, are at the top of the list, but a few others have outside hopes.

Bob Hoggard, second-year coach at Graves County, has had to replace nearly an entire starting lineup, but believes his Eagles are on the borderline of being a good team.

"Last year everyone was playing for second place in this region. I think it's much more balanced now, which should make things a lot more exciting this year.

Hoggard's Eagles will be strong outside shooters, but lacking in strength under the basket, where he's trying to fill a void left by Todd Thurston and Chris Wilson.

"We're bigger than we were last year," the coach said. "But I'm not sure how we're going to be able to use that height.

FIRST DISTRICT

Hickman County returns three starters and is obviously the district corner stone. The runner-up spot is wide open with Carlisle County and Fulton City having the best chance at walking away with the jewels.

Carlisle County's Todd Tyler grew up last season, and as a 6-foot-6 junior he'll, be a force in the First District. Brian O'Neill finished strong last year and returns a good shooting hand to keep some pressure off Tyler in the paint.

If there's a surprise team looming in the First District, it's Fulton City. Coach Dale Ray has an aggressive crew led by 6-3 Cedrick Lockett at center and 6-0 guard Homer Patton.

Sam Miller replaces Bobby Toon as coach at Fulton County. Miller was the girls coach and unless the Pilots perform a miracle, Miller's first year won't be too pleasant.

St. Mary 69
Carlisle Co. 64
11-21-89 Home

Matt Haas scored two points in the first quarter and Carlisle County jumped on the Vikings 18-11.

That didn't last long. The St. Mary senior forward went on a scoring binge and finished with 40 points as the Vikings picked up their first win, 69-64.

Chris Daniels scored 20 points for St. Mary, while Carlisle County got 24 points from guard Brian O'Neill and 23 from center Todd Tyler.

St. Mary….....11 24 21 13
Carlisle….....18 15 16 15

St. Mary (69)
Haas 40, Daniels 20, Miller 4, Harbison 3, Jenks 2.
Field goals 26/48, 3-pointers 6 (Haas 4, Daniels 2), Free throws 13/21, Rebounds 32, Fouls 15, Record 1-1.

Carlisle (64)
O'Neill 24, T. Tyler 23, Choate 12, K. Lambert 3, Todd Pearson 2.
Field goals 26/60, 3-pointers 0/0, Free throws 12/23, Rebounds 24, Fouls 18, Record 0-1.
Officials – Finley, Brewer.

Jackson Southside, TN. 69
Carlisle Co. 61
11-27-89 – Away

Carlisle County couldn't answer Jackson Southside's hot streak in the third quarter.

Southside converted 11 of 14 field goal attempts to outscore the Comets 23-11 and take a 49-38 lead. Jackson was also strong on the boards, out-rebounding Carlisle 28-18.

Brian O'Neill and Todd Tyler scored all but six of Carlisle's points.

Carlisle……....9 27 38 61
Jackson ……..15 26 49 69

Carlisle 61)
Choate 4, O'Neill 28, Todd Tyler 27, Todd Pearson, Toon 2, Brian DeRousse, K. Burgess.
Field goals 26/53, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 9/17, Rebounds 18, Fouls 18, Record 0-2.

Jackson Southside (69)
Jones 6, Sally 13, Pickens 10, Davies 1, Yarbrough 14, Harris 2, Goehring 23.
Field goals 29/51, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 11/20, Rebounds 28, Fouls 16, Record 2-1.

Ballard Co. 49
Carlisle Co. 48
12-05-89 - Away

Yogi Trice didn't have much of a voice left after his Bombers slipped past Carlisle County.

Trice's Ballard boys are 2-2 now and three of those games have been decided by one point. Unfortunately, Trice says, two of those games have gone against his Bombers.

Brian O'Neill, who hit two clutch 3-pointers in the closing minutes, almost left Trice on the short end again. O'Neill stole Ballard's inbounds pass with three seconds left and he got off a quick shot. That one didn't fall for the Comets, and neither did a put-back.

Bomber senior Scott Pearson hit the front end of two free throws with 10 seconds left to give Ballard the deciding margin.

Carlisle.....9 18 29 48
Ballard.....10 27 37 49

Carlisle (48)
K. Burgess, Choate 4, Brian DeRousse, K. Lambert, O'Neill 23, Todd Pearson 4, Toon, T. Tyler 17, Bowman.
Field goals 17/53, 3-pointers 3 (O'Neill 2, Tyler), Free throws 11/23, Rebounds 28, Fouls 16, Record 0-3.

Ballard (49)
Birney 12, Caudill 8, Crice 4, Knott 12, Logsdon 4, Pearson 7, Sullivan 2.
Field goals 19/43, 3-pointers 2 (Birney), Free throws 9/13, Rebounds 28, Fouls 15, Record 2-2.
Officials – Lovett, Palmer.

Cairo, ILL. 70
Carlisle Co. 64
12-08-89 - Away

Cairo, ILL. jumped on its Kentucky neighbors in the first quarter and built a 21-11 lead, but Carlisle came back.

"We got on them early and it looked like we were going to blow them out," Cairo coach Bill Chumbler said.

The Comets managed a two-point lead just before halftime, but Cairo went ahead for good, 32-31.

Carlisle's Todd Tyler led all scorers with 26 points.

Carlisle….....11 31 47 64
Cairo.....21 32 53 70

Carlisle (64)
K. Burgess, Choate 12. Henderson, O'Neill 17, Todd Pearson 5, Toon 2, T. Tyler 26, Bowman 2.

Field goals 27/53, 3-pointers 1/1 (O'Neill), Free throws 9/14, Fouls 16, Record 0-4.

Cairo (70)
K. Lowe 18, D. Lowe 21, Hughes, Russell 12, Nelson 7, Harris 6, Woods 4.
Field goals 30/62, 3-pointers 3/5, Free throws 9/17, Fouls 14, Record 3-1.
Officials- Newton, Lindsey.

Hickman Co. 48
Carlisle Co. 44
12-12-89 - Away

The win wasn't a pretty game by any means, according to Hickman County coach Todd Johnson, but it counted just the same - a big win for the Falcons.

The victory was the first meeting for the teams expected to battle for the First District crown.

"Neither team played exceptionally well," Johnson said. "We played a little better in the fourth quarter. We started hitting the goal better and we used the full-court press to cause a few turnovers."

Johnson said Don Estes and Brian Jewell hit key free throws for his team late in the game.

Hickman's Eugene Alexander led all scorers with 20 points, while Brian O'Neill and Todd Tyler scored 13 each for Carlisle.

Carlisle…….....7 14 29 44
Hickman ….....7 17 28 48

Carlisle (44)
K. Burgess 6, Henderson 8, Lambert, O'Neill 13, Todd Pearson, T. Tyler 13, Bowman 4.
Field goals 19/47, 3-pointers 2 (O'Neill, Tyler), Free throws 4/10, Rebounds 23, Record 0-5.

Hickman (48)
Alexander 20, Davis 4, Estes 11, Hunter 4, Jewell 7, Poffenberger 2, Swindler, Davis.
Field goals 17/44, 3-pointers 1 (Alexander), Free throws 13/24, Rebounds 23, Fouls 11, Record 3-3.

Carlisle County Guns Down
Eagles on '89 Homecoming.

Carlisle Co. 68
Graves Co. 65
12-15-89 - Away

Graves County fans were treated to a heart-stopping comeback a week ago, as the Eagles rallied from a five-point deficit in the game's final 28 seconds to beat the Paducah Tilghman Blue Tornado, 69-67.

Eagle followers witnessed an even bigger come-from-behind victory Friday night at the Eagles' Nest as Graves County hosted Carlisle County for the high school's 1989-90 basketball homecoming. Only this time, the Eagles were on the wrong side of the comeback.

"There was no way that they (Carlisle) should have been in that game," GCHS head coach Bob Hoggard said following the previously winless Comets' 68-65 upset of the Eagles. "They (Carlisle) weren't supposed to win, and they knew they weren't supposed to win."

Most observers of Friday night's contest would agree that Graves County had more talent than their Carlisle County opponents, but as Hoggard said, "the best team doesn't always win. Tonight, they were the better team."

Hoggard attributed the defeat to nothing more than a lack of experience and intensity.

"We played like an inexperienced team. We made so many silly fouls and turnovers," Hoggard said. "And there just wasn't any concentration. I don't know what gets into young men's minds. They just didn't have their minds on what they were doing."

The Eagles led by 13 points at 56-43 with only 5:31 to go in the ballgame, but Carlisle County rallied behind junior center Todd Tyler and senior guard Brian O'Neill. The duo combined for 21 points the rest of the way as Carlisle County outscored Graves County 25-9.

Tyler brought the Comets to within two on a long jumper with just over two minutes left in the game, but senior guard Matt Mills nailed a pair of free throws, his fifth and sixth straight in the quarter, to boost the GCHS leads back to four at 62-58, but Carlisle wasn't to be denied its first win of the '89-90 season.

The Eagles opened the ballgame with plenty of confidence and intensity, using their full court press to score the first 10 points of the contest. The Comets, however, managed to stay in the game behind seven first period points from Tyler.

Carlisle County cut the gap to three by scoring the first seven points of the second quarter, but Graves County managed to up their lead to six by halftime and to 11 at 50-39 by the end of the third stanza.

A pair of charity tosses and a jumper at the key by O'Neill knotted the score at 62-all, then junior forward Terry Choate hit two free throws with 29 ticks left on the clock to give Carlisle County its first lead of the night. Tyler hit four more bonus shots for the Comets to make it a 68-62 game, before Mills' trey at the buzzer accounted for the final three-point margin.

Mills paced the Eagles with 23 points, while junior center Greg Butler finished with 17. The Comets were led by O'Neill's 22 points, and Tyler finished with 20 and Choate added 17.

Carlisle…….....12 29 39 68
Graves……...22 35 50 65

Carlisle (68)
Pearson, Choate 17, Tyler 20, O'Neill 22, Bowman, K. Burgess 2, Toon, Henderson 7.
Fgs. 20/56 – 34%, 3 pts. 5/14, 36%, Fts. 23/28 - 82%.

Graves (65)
Galloway 5, King 8, Butler 17, Mills 23, Stephens 8, Hays 4, Brown.
Fgs. 21/45 – 47%, 3 pts. 2/8 - 25%, Fts. 21/25 – 84%

Twister Presses Comets.
Tilghman's Pressure Defense
Deflates Carlisle To 1-6.

Carlisle Co. 54
Tilghman 59
12-19-89 - Home

A swirling tornado ripped the roof off Carlisle County's gym back in 1971.

It could have happened again Tuesday night, but Todd Tyler and Brian O'Neill made sure it didn't. This time a different kind of twister – a Blue Tornado – whipped through Carlisle County, but did only minor damage and eased away with a 59-54 boys' basketball victory.

Tilghman used a forbidding full-court press to smother Craynor Slone's Comets in the second half and the Tornado came back from an eight-point deficit at halftime.

Tilghman coach Steve Dreher knows how tough it is to win at Carlisle. He guided teams there in 1984-85 and 1985-86 to undefeated home records.

"Carlisle is a very good 1-6 team," said Dreher, who coached the Comets before moving to Paducah. "They beat Graves County at Graves last week and we know what to expect down here."

Tyler and O'Neill led Carlisle's half-court game, which tackled Tilghman in the first half. Tyler, a 6-foot-5 center who likes to play on the perimeter at times, was a dominate force in the second quarter, when the Comets made their move. He had a 3-pointer and O'Neill had two at the half.

Tyler scored 13 points, blocked five shots and pulled down five rebounds in the second period to help Carlisle manage a 28-20 lead. O'Neill had 10 points in the first half.

However, Tilghman started using the entire floor with an aggressive press early in the third quarter and Carlisle labored just to get the ball across half-court. The Tornado pressed nearly the entire second half, although Dreher had hoped it wouldn't be necessary.

"I don't want us to keep relying on (the press). We want our half-court man defense to be able to carry some of the load," he said. "We still have to become a more poised team, but it's going to be a gradual learning process."

Tilghman, now 6-3, has lost two games (to Graves County and Marshall County) in which the results were decided in the final period.

"I think this one helped us," Dreher said.

Slone says his team's biggest problem is solving the full-court press.

"We've played Cairo, Hickman County, Graves, and Tilghman our last four games and if we could beat the press we could have won all of them," he said.

Carlisle's only victory in that stretch was a 68-65 triumph at Graves.

One of these days we're going to come together for a whole game instead of just quarters," Tyler said. "We're so young and inexperienced and it can be frustrating, but we're getting over it slowly.

"Turnovers killed us and that's been our downfall so far – the pressure. But we're playing good teams and getting used to it."

Tilghman's Jerome Tyler drew the assignment of guarding Carlisle's Tyler and came away impressed.

"I'm not just an inside shooter. I'm basically just an inside-type player but I'm all over the floor," said the 6-5 senior.

Tyler, who finished with 19 points, and O'Neill who led the Comets with 22, are the team's only returning players with varsity experience. That inexperience hurt against the fire of Tilghman's press.

Dreher also took advantage of a strong bench to refresh the press in the second half, while Carlisle suffered from a lack of depth.

The Comets committed 8 turnovers in the third period and 6 in the fourth. However, only a few of those were unforced as the Tornado had 16 steals, led by Paul McKnight's four.

Picking the Comets wasn't the only thing McKnight did. He hit 11 of 20 fielders for a game-high 26 pointers.

When Carlisle broke the press and pulled within three at the start of the last period, McKnight went to work from the wing, knocking in eight straight points. Two of those were trifectas.

McKnight thinks the Tornado may have gotten over the fourth-quarter syndrome that has cost Tilghman two close games.

"In the last quarter we've been running off and taking quick shots, I do it too," he said. "This time we slowed up some and worked around and got the ball inside. We're playing smarter."

Carlisle…..……6 28 35 54
Tilghman……...10 20 38 59

Carlisle (54)
K. Burgess, Choate 7, Henderson 3, O'Neill 22, Todd Pearson 3, Toon, T. Tyler 19, Bowman.
Fgs. 20/45, 3 pts. 5 (O'Neill 3, Tyler 1, Henderson 1), Fts. 9/22, Rebs. 22, Fouls 16, Record 1-6.
Tilghman (59)
Cole 4, Davis, Hunter, Jackson 4, Leggs 11, Mason 3, McKnight 26, Tyler 9, Warren 2, Wells, Young.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round

Tilghman 71
Carlisle Co. 56
12-27-89 - Away

Tilghman walked away with an easy victory in a sloppily played contest in yesterday's final opening-round game.

"We didn't maintain our intensity," Tilghman coach Steve Dreher said. "Both teams take pride in defense, but it was not a very well-played game."

The Tornado jumped out early and never trailed. They led 19-9, after the first period. Carlisle never got closer than eight points thereafter.

Tilghman was led by Jerome Tyler and Chris Cole with 18 and 17 points respectively. Todd Tyler paced the Comets with 20.

Carlisle.....9 18 36 56
Tilghman.....19 32 48 71

Carlisle (56)
K. Burgess 12, Choate 4, Henderson 3, K. Lambert 2, O'Neill 13, Toon, T. Tyler 20, Bowman 2.
Field goals 20, 3-pointers 2 (O'Neill, Tyler), Free throws 10/15, Fouls 15, Record 1-7.
Tilghman (71)
Cole 17, Davis 3, Dumas, Hunter 2, Jackson 5, Leggs 20, Lynn, Mason 3, McKnight 3, Tyler 18, Warren, Webb, Wells, Young.
Field goals 27, 3-pointers 1 (Leggs), Free throws 14/21, Fouls 15, Record 7-4.
Officials – Brewer, Behrendt.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 59
Lone Oak 47
12-28-89 - Away

Carlisle County's Comets hit three of their four 3-pointers in the second period to pull away from the Oakers.

Carlisle opened a 9 pt. lead as Lone Oak missed free throw opportunities and turned the ball over.

Casey Henderson hit his first 3-pointer to put the Comets up 16-12. Lone Oak hit a free throw on its next possession, before Brian O'Neill hit his second 3-pointer to boost the lead to six. Lone Oak then turned the ball over, and Henderson hit the last trifecta of the quarter to make the lead 22-13.

Carlisle extended its advantage to 19 points in the third quarter, but had difficulty handling Lone Oak's trapping defense in the final period. Lone Oak managed to cut the deficit to 10 points, but could get no closer.

Todd Tyler paced the Comets with 20 points. Chad Hawes had 20 for Lone Oak.

Lone Oak…....10 17 26 47
Carlisle…….....11 29 44 59

Lone Oak (47)
Hawes 20, Adams 9, Barrett 2, Chumbler 2, Gibson 6, Middleton, Wallis 8.
Field goals 15, 3-pointers 1 (Wallis), Free throws 15/19, Fouls 14, Record 0-6.
Carlisle (59)
K. Lambert, Bowman 4, Henderson 6, Brian DeRousse, O'Neill 16, Choate 11, T. Tyler 20, K. Burgess 2.
Field goals 18, 3-pointers 4 (Henderson 2, O'Neill 2), Free throws 11/13, Fouls 12, Record 2-7.

Tilghman Tourn.
Consolation
Brown Leads Cards To Tournament Win Against Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 58
Mayfield 59
12-29-89 - Away

The Mayfield Cardinals have been playing without the services of two of their top players, junior forward Steve Hite and classmate point guard Bubba Winfrey, because of injuries. Friday night, Scott Schlosser's team lost another top player, leading scorer Scott Duncan, to an ankle injury.

Despite Duncan severely spraining his left ankle with 7:20 left in first half, the Cardinals were able to regroup and defeat Carlisle County 59-58 Friday night to win the consolation bracket of the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Invitational Tournament.

Tilghman beat Calloway County, 68-52, for the title.

"The kids picked up the slack out there tonight," Schlosser said. "When Scott went down, we stopped getting after it out there on the court. But fortunately, we were able to get ourselves back together and win the ballgame."

Schlosser said Duncan will be sidelined for the next "two weeks, minimum."

Freshman forward Ben Brown continued to amaze everyone with his play. Thursday, he scored his only two points of the game, when he hit a pair of free throws with 0:16 remaining in the game.

Friday night, with Duncan out of the lineup, Brown took control for the Cardinals. He had a career-high 20 points, including four free throws in the final 36 seconds, and grabbed a game-high eight rebounds.

"Ben was just absolutely brilliant tonight," said Schlosser, whose team is now 3-4 on the season. "With Scott out, he knew we needed him to score some points and take the lead on this team, and he did just that. And this kid is just a freshman.

The Brooks brothers, Shannon and Steven, a pair of 6-0 sophomore guards, had a great deal to do with the Cardinal victory, also. With Mayfield trailing 36-25 at halftime, the Brooks' rallied the Cardinals by scoring 10 of Mayfield's first 12 points to cut the Carlisle lead to 38-37 with 4:38 remaining in the quarter.

"They (Shannon and Steven Brooks) were the difference in the ballgame," Schlosser said. "We were down emotionally and they just went out there and got after it on defense. Then, they put the ball in the basket and really got the team fired up."

Steven scored six points during the run on a five-footer, an 18-foot jump shot and a lay-up. Shannon scored four during the three-and-one-half minute stretch on a pair of 12-foot jump shots. Each of the brothers finished the night with 10 points.

After Mayfield closed to within one point, Carlisle got the ball to their big man, 6-5 junior center Todd Tyler, and Mayfield then proceeded to send him to the free throw line. Tyler made the Cards pay as Tyler made 4 of 6 free throws.

Tyler, who finished the night with game-high 24 points, hit 9 of 13 free throws in the game. For the night, the Comets hit 21 of 26 free throw attempts (80.8 percent).

"Their free throw shooting really kept them in the ballgame," Schlosser said. "But that's to their credit. The good teams are going to shoot free throws well."

After ending the third quarter tied at 44, the Cardinals fell behind 48-44 when Tyler hit a lay-up with 4:38 remaining in the game. Then Mayfield scored seven points, including a Brown three-pointer and a Shannon Brooks 13-foot jump shot and two free throws, to take a 51-48 lead with 1:57 remaining.

Carlisle cut the Cardinal lead to 1 two times under the 1:10 mark, but Brown and Shannon Brooks were perfect on six free throw attempts in the final 0:36. Carlisle guard Brian O'Neill, who scored 16 points, made the final score close as he hit two three-pointers in the final 10 seconds.

Schlosser said the win would give his team the confidence it needs heading into district play next week.

"This is definitely going to give us a great deal of confidence," he said. "Both the players and the coaches. We all needed this badly. Very badly."

The Cardinals (3-4) will be in action again on Tuesday night, when they play Fourth District foe Marshall County at the MHS Sports Arena.

Mayfield…….....11 25 44 59
Carlisle…….....14 36 44 58

Mayfield (59)
Yarber 5, Ben Brown 20, Stock 5, Duncan 5, O.J. Lancaster 2, Shannon Brooks 10, Jason Lancaster, Fields 2, Steven Brooks 10.
Fgs. 19/29, 3's 1/7, Fts 18/31, Rebounds 28.
Carlisle (58)
Choate 10, T. Tyler 24, O'Neill 16, K. Burgess, K. Lambert 2, Henderson 6.
Fgs. 14/35, 3 pts. 3/6 (O'Neill 2., Tyler), Ft 21/26, Rebounds 21,

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Calloway Co. 54
Carlisle Co. 46
01-02-90 - Home

Travis Turner hit all six of his free throws in the fourth quarter and Calloway County hit 13 of 16 to overcome a 1-point Carlisle County lead.

Carlisle, which led 37-35 at intermission, managed just five points in the third quarter and four in the final period.

Turner led the Lakers with 16 points and got scoring help from Chris Curd with 14. Benji Kelly finished with 11.

Brian O'Neill scored 19 for the Comets.

Calloway…….....10 35 41 54
Carlisle.....….....11 37 42 46

Calloway (54)
Boyd, Carpenter 7, Curd 14, Dennis, Hart 4, Kelly 11, Riccio 2, Turner 16.
Field goals 17/43, 3-pointers 2 (Turner), Free throws 18/26, Fouls 16, Record 7-7.
Carlisle (46)
K. Burgess, Choate 11, Lambert, O'Neill 19, Pearson 2, Toon, Tyler 12, Bowman, Henderson.
Field goals 16/45, 3-pointers 3 (O'Neill 3), Free throws 11/17, Fouls 22, Record 2-9.

Carlisle Co. 59
Fulton City 53
01-05-90 - Home

Senior guard Brian O'Neill scored 25 points and junior center Todd Tyler added 21 as Carlisle won their third game.

The Comets maintained a slim lead over the Bulldogs with the help of 19 of 21 shooting at the free throw line.

Homer Patton topped Fulton City with 11 points and teammate Jason Rodehaver added 14.
Fulton City…...11 28 37 53
Carlisle.....….13 29 42 59
Fulton City (53)
Biehslich 2, Kephart, Lockett 6, A. Patton, McClanahan, H. Patton 22, Pulley 9, Rodehaver 14.
Field goals 20, 3-pointers 5 (Rodehaver 4, Patton), Free throws 8/11, Fouls 17, Record 1-6.
Carlisle (59)
K. Burgess 2, Choate 4, Brian DeRousse 7, Lambert, O'Neill 25, Pearson, Tyler 21, Bowman, Henderson.
Field goals 18, 3-pointers 4 (O'Neill 3, DeRousse), Free throws 19/21, Fouls 13, Record 3-9.

Lone Oak 66
Carlisle Co. 60
01-09-90 - Away

Lone Oak coach Larry Hopper said every game is a big game, when you haven't won one.

"Being 0-8 you approach each game knowing you're only as good as the last game you played," Hopper said after his team picked up its first victory. "We know we're capable of playing well, but young kids sometimes have to play to win. No one is going to give you a game, no one feels that sorry for you."

The Purple Flash won in style, building up to a 16-point advantage in the third quarter. The Comets rallied with a pressing defense that pulled them within four of the lead.

"We didn't shoot free throws well (12 of 20 in the fourth quarter), but well enough to win," Hopper said.

Craig Barrett paved the way for the winners with 18 points. Carlisle County's one-two punch consisted of Brian O'Neill's 23 and Todd Tyler's 22.
Carlisle.....…..15 24 34 60
Lone Oak….....17 32 48 66
Carlisle (60)
K. Burgess 6, Brian DeRousse 5, Henderson 2, O'Neill 23, Todd Pearson, T. Tyler 22, Bowman 2.
Field goals 22/29, 3-pointers 6 (O'Neill 3, Tyler 2, DeRousse), Free throws 10/14, Fouls 17, Record 3-10.
Lone Oak (66)
Adams 6, Barrett 18, Brown 2, Gibson 8, Hawes 9, Lovelace, M. Wallis 14, D. Wallis 3, Chumbler 6.
Field goals 22/50, 3-pointers 4 (Barrett 2, Wallis, Adams), Free throws 18/26, Fouls 11, Record 1-8.
Officials - Higdon, Featherstone.

Fulton Co. 83
Carlisle Co. 49
01-12-90 - Home

Fulton County coach Sam Miller missed the game because of a death in his family, but the Pilots' girls' coach, Bill Mattingly, stepped in to guide Fulton County to a First District blowout.

Daniel Alexander had a game-high 26 points for the Pilots. Corey Smith had 17 points and Derrick Winters and P.J. Warlick tossed in 12 and 10, respectively.

Carlisle couldn't get anything going offensively, while Todd Tyler (15) and Brian O'Neill (12) scored more than half of Carlisle's total points.
Fulton Co.….....10 36 53 83
Carlisle.....…..6 18 29 49
Fulton Co. (83)
Adams 2, Alexander 26, Barnett 9, Davis, Elam, Gardner 7, C. Smith 17, V. Smith, Winters 12, Warlick 10.
Field goals 29/52, 3-pointers 3 (Alexander 2, Gardner), Free throws 22/30, Fouls 17, Record 4-6.
Carlisle (49)
J. Burgess 3, K. Burgess 3, Choate 5, Brian DeRousse, Henderson, K. Lambert, O'Neill 12, Pearson, Reddick, Toon 8, Tyler 15, Bowman 3.
Field goals 17/41, 3-pointers 5 (Toon 2, O'Neill, Tyler, J. Burgess), Free throws 10/28, Fouls 25, Record 3-11.
Officials – Behrendt, Brown.

Massac Co. Tourn.
1st Round
New Madrid, MO. 61
Carlisle Co. 49
01-15-90 - Away

Carlisle County center Todd Tyler collected his fourth personal foul early in the third period, and senior guard Brian O'Neill missed a portion of the second half, after getting kicked in the spine. Both went to the bench, but came back to play in the fourth quarter. Tyler eventually fouled out with 18 points.

Terry Choate led the Comets, now 3-12, with 19 points. O'Neill, who was 2 for 9 from the floor and scored five points, well below his 19.5 average.

Carlisle coach Craynor Slone said his offense couldn't get off the ground against the Eagles' trapping half-court defense. New Madrid also capitalized on several Comet turnovers caused by its full-court pressure.
Carlisle.....…..5 17 37 49
New Madrid.....14 28 48 61
Carlisle (49)
Lambert, Bowman 2, Henderson 3, Toon, Brian DeRousse, O'Neill 5, Todd Pearson, Choate 19, T. Tyler 18, K. Burgess 2, L. Wilson.
Field goals 16/33, 3-pointers 4/17 (T. Tyler 2, Henderson, O'Neill), Free throws 5/12, Rebounds 33, Fouls 17, Record 3-12.
New Madrid (61)
Price 2, Strong 4, Payne 3, Anderson 11, Day 13, Bennett 3, Mauk, Collier 11, Rucker 14, Thatch.
Field goals 23-37, 3-pointers 1/3 (Collier), Free throws 12/23, Rebounds 14, Fouls 13, Record 11-4.

Massac Co. Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Co. 55
Carterville, ILL. 54
01-17-90 - Away

Kevin Burgess' putback, with 20 seconds to play, lifted Carlisle County to a victory over Carterville in the consolation round of the Superman Classic boys' basketball tournament Thursday night.

Carlisle advances to Saturday's consolation finals against Herrin, Ill., a 70-69 overtime winner over Hickman County last night.

Burgess's returned shot saved the Comets, who led by 12 at the half, but slowly saw their lead dwindle. Carterville was within four, after three quarters.

Carlisle's tandem of Todd Tyler and Brian O'Neill scored all but 11 of the team's points with 24 and 20, respectively.
Carterville….14 25 40 54
Carlisle…..…16 37 44 55
Carterville (54)
Hampton 25, Anthony 11, Schateen 6, Schumaker, Gray 4, Bolen 2, Halstad 2, Edwards, Stalker 2.
Field goals 21/32, 3-pointers 2 (Hampton, Anthony), Free throws 10/17, Rebounds 15, Fouls 16, Record 4-12.
Carlisle (55)
K. Burgess 2, Choate 7, Brian DeRousse, Henderson, Lambert, O'Neill 20, Pearson, T. Tyler 24, Bowman 4, L. Wilson.
Field goals 19/43, 3-pointers 2 (O'Neill 2), Free throws 15/21, Rebounds 25, Fouls 15, Record 4-12.

Massac Co. Tourn.
Consolation Championship
Carlisle Co. 56
Herrin, ILL. 55
01-20-90 - Away

Junior center Todd Tyler scored 32 points and hit the winning free throws as Carlisle took the consolation championship.

Tyler scored 32 despite going scoreless in the second quarter, when he spent time on the bench in foul trouble.

Tyler, who hit 9 of 11 free throws in the final period, canned two with 1:23 to go that tied the game, then knocked home the game winner with 20 seconds to play.
Herrin…..…...19 37 42 55
Carlisle…..…...19 22 39 56
Herrin (55)
Wright 9, Nesler 4, Koerner 6, Alegnani 11, Murphy 9, Ankron 4, Linton, Samples.
Field goals 16/46, 3-pointers 3/10 (Wright 3), Free throws 21/29, Rebounds 44, Fouls 15.
Carlisle (56)
Henderson 3, Brian DeRousse 2, O'Neill 7, Choate 2, T. Tyler 32, K. Burgess, L. Wilson, Bowman.
Field goals 21/50, 3-pointers 1/7 (Henderson), Free throws 12/18, Rebounds 23, Fouls 24.

Murray 64
Carlisle Co. 55
01-23-90 - Home

Carlisle County's record, 5-13, isn't nearly as bad as Murray's is impressive, but the Comets can be tough to beat at home.

Cary Miller's 14-1 Tigers found that out when Carlisle made it an even game in the third quarter and stayed close until the end.

Willis Cheaney scored a game high 25 points for the Tigers, while Brian Sowerby chipped in 14. Todd Tyler got 22 for Carlisle County.
Murray…..…...15 34 45 64
Carlisle…..…...10 26 39 55
Murray (64)
Cheaney 25, Danner 6, Gordon 8, Joseph 7, Sowerby 14, Walls 4.
Field goals 21/47, 3-pointers 2 (Sowerby, Cheaney), Free throws 20/26, Fouls 17, Record 12-1.
Carlisle (55)
K. Burgess 2, Choate 11, Brian DeRousse, Henderson 6, O'Neill 14, Todd Pearson, T. Tyler 22, L. Wilson.
Field goals 19/41, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 17/21, Fouls 18, Record 5-13.
Officials – Henson, Winhurst.

Hickman Co. 64
Carlisle Co. 63
01-26-90 - Home

Senior guard Don Estes hit the game-winning field goal with four seconds left to play.

Carlisle rallied to force the overtime. The Comets trailed 54-53, after three quarters, but outscored the visitors 16-5 in the final period.

Eugene Alexander paced Hickman with 21 points, while Carlisle's Todd Tyler led all scorers with 32.

Hickman…19 41 54 59 64
Carlisle…..23 34 43 59 63

Hickman (64)
Alexander 21, Davis 9, Estes 9, Hunter 3, Jewell 14, Poffenberger 8, S. Davis.
Field goals 25/50, 3-pointers 3 (Alexander, Hunter, Davis), Free throws 11/18, Fouls 16, Record 16.

Carlisle (63)
Choate 4, Henderson 3, O'Neill 21, Pearson, Tyler 32, Wilson 1, Bowman 2.
Field goals 22/47, 3-pointers 5 (O'Neill 4, Henderson), Free throws 14/20, Fouls 16, Record 5-14.
Officials- Carter, Jackson.

All A Tourn.
1st Round
Youth Wears Slone's Patience Thin

Carlisle Co. 49
Mayfield 53
01-31-90 - Away

Times change and Craynor Slone can attest it.

Seven years ago his Carlisle County basketball team was playing for all the marbles in the Sweet 16 championship. Thursday night the Comets fell out of the "mighty mite" tournament, a.k.a. the All "A" Classic being played at Mayfield's gym.

"It's a lot different," Slone said as he wiped the sweat from his brow, after losing to host Mayfield, 53-49. "But that was a totally different situation. We had seven seniors on that team (1983's state final club that lost to Lexington Henry Clay). This team now is awfully young.

"With these young kids you have to just sit back and be patient, and it gets pretty doggone hard at times."

Times were hard Thursday.

Carlisle jumped ahead early, and had an eight-point lead late in the second period. But Mayfield rolled off six unanswered points to pull within 23-21 at the half.

Mayfield coach Scott Schlosser said he asked his team to be more aggressive in its half-court defense the second half and he wanted to put more pressure on Carlisle's young ball handlers.

"Our full-court press hurt them several times and we did a better job on (Todd) Tyler," the coach said.

Tyler, Carlisle's 6-foot-5 center, had eight points and two fouls at halftime and finished the game with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Although Schlosser's Cardinals gave the illusion that the players off the bench were doing most of the scoring, the coach said two of the players, who did not start (Shannon Brooks and Scott Duncan), but came in early to score a combined 24 points, were former starters recovering from injury and illness.

Brooks, who netted a team-high 13 points off the bench, had been sidelined for three games with the flu and a bout with pneumonia. Duncan scored 11 points in his first game back since an ankle injury during the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament.

Bulky 6-2 David Fields was a true reserve, Schlosser said, and he came in to help out struggling center Jarrod Stock at the post. Stock finished the game with one point. Fields got more playing time and knocked in eight. Stock did manage five rebounds.

"(Stock) was having trouble handling Tyler inside so we brought in Fields because he's a little stronger, and he gave us a great effort off the bench."

Schlosser added that he considers the home court advantage a big plus for his Cardinals as they advance to the semifinal round.

"Sure it's an advantage. These are goals we shoot at 365 days a year, even though we didn't look it tonight."

The Cardinals shot a lackluster 5 for 19 the first half, but recovered to finish the game 17 for 40 and beat Carlisle for the second time this year. Mayfield had edged the Comets 59-58 in the consolation championship of the Tilghman Tournament in December.

Carlisle…….11 23 37 49
Mayfield……..9 21 40 53

Carlisle (49)
K. Burgess, Choate 9, Henderson 4, O'Neill 19, Pearson 2, Tyler 15, Wilson.
Field goals 19/40, 3-pointers none, Free throws 11/15, Rebounds 32, Fouls 22, Record 5-15.

Mayfield (53)
Brown 10, Brooks 13, Duncan 11, Fields 8, Hite, O.J. Lancaster, Stock 1, Thomas, Winfrey 2, C. Yarber 8.
Field goals 17/40, 3-pointers 1 (Brooks), Free throws 18/32, Rebounds 26, Fouls 16, Record 7-11.
Officials – Finley, Jackson.

Fulton Co. 52
Carlisle Co. 51
02-09-90 - Away

Todd Tyler scored 39 points, but it wasn't enough to turn back the Pilots at home in a final District match up.

Carlisle County led by four at halftime and by one going into the final period, before the Comets ran out of gas.

Daniel Alexander led Fulton County with 21 points while Leonard Smith tossed in 11.

Carlisle……8 24 33 51
Fulton Co……9 20 32 52

Carlisle (51)
K. Burgess, Choate 2, Henderson 2, Lambert, O'Neill 4, Pearson 2, Tyler 39, Wilson 2, Bowman.
Field goals 16, 3-pointers 1 (Tyler), Free throws 18/24, Fouls 22, Record 5-15.

Fulton Co. (52)
Alexander 21, Barnett 2, Gardner 6, C. Smith 6, V. Smith 2, Winters 2, Warlick 2.
Field goals 16, 3-pointers 4 (Alexander 2, Gardner 2), Free throws 16/26, Fouls 25, Record 7-11.
Officials – Whiteside, Behrendt.

Carlisle Co. 62
Fulton City 36
02-13-90 - Away

Fulton City couldn't handle first District foe Carlisle, although Todd Tyler, the Comets' high-scoring center, was held to four points.

Carlisle went ahead 16-5 in the first period and never looked back as Brian O'Neill led the team with 15 pts.

Cedrick Lockett scored 13 for the losers. Neither team shot well from the charity stripe. Carlisle made 6 of 15 and the Bulldogs sank just 4 of 13.

The Pilots are without starting guard Homer Patton, a senior who quit the team last week.

Carlisle……16 35 47 62
Fulton City…….5 19 26 36

Carlisle (62)
J. Burgess 2, K. Burgess 6, Choate 8, Brian DeRousse 3, Henderson 3, O'Neill 15, Reddick 2, Tyler 4, Wilson 5, Bowman 6.
Field goals 27, 3-pointers 2 (O'Neill, DeRousse), Free throws 6-15, Rebounds 26, Fouls 16, Record 6-16.

Fulton City (36)
Barnes, Bieshlich, Crumble 8, Kephart, Lockett 13, McClanahan, A. Patton 2, Pulley 6, Rodehaver 4, Bushart 3, Space, Adams.
Field goals 15, 3-pointers 2 (Pulley, Crumble), Free throws 4/13, Fouls 17, Record 7-12.
Officials – Finley, Palmer.

Tilghman Tempo Hurts Carlisle In Second Half

Carlisle Co. 55
Tilghman 60
02-19-90 - Away

Tilghman opened up its offense in the second half to edge past Carlisle County 60-55.

"We struggled with our shooting in the first half. We were trying too hard, coming off that horrendous game at Madisonville," Tornado coach Steve Dreher said.

The game was played in spurts, with Carlisle gaining a 26-25 halftime lead, thanks to Todd Tyler's 10-foot jumper at the buzzer.

Carlisle didn't have any problems canning the outside shot, making 21 of 36 attempts compared to Tilghman's 24 of 73.

Tilghman used its press to force the tempo in the second half and take a one-point lead.

Kent Leggs led the assault in the fourth, scoring 11 of his 24 points, including a 3-pointer, to put Tilghman up by 8 with less than two minutes to go.

Carlisle cut the lead to three on a Tyler trifecta, but could get no closer, as the Tornado hit 4 of 5 free throws down the stretch.

Carlisle……14 26 42 55
Tilghman……..10 25 43 60

Carlisle (55)
Choate 8, Tyler 20, Wilson 2, O'Neill 15, Bowman 6, Pearson 4.
Field goals 21/36, 3-pointers 2 (Tyler, O'Neill), Free throws 11/16, Rebounds 26, Fouls 15, Record 6-17.

Tilghman (60)
Jackson 4, McKnight 14, Leggs 24, Young 4, Davis 4, Tyler 10, Mason, Warren, Cole.
Field goals 24/73, 3-pointers 6 (McKnight 3, Leggs 3), Free throws 11/16, Rebounds 35, Fouls 17, Record 19-8.
Officials – Behrendt, Higdon.

Carlisle Co. 71
Reidland 43
02-20-90 - Home

Todd Tyler scored 28 as Carlisle County drilled Reidland in a non-district match up.

The Comets, 7-17, went ahead 14-9 in the first period.

Tyler, who led all scorers, had just two points the first quarter, but knocked down 18 the second half. He made 12 of 17 shots from the floor.

Earon Smith scored 22 for Reidland, now 10-12.

Reidland……9 16 27 43
Carlisle ……14 34 49 71

Reidland (43)
Burnett 2, Claypool 4, Gibson, Haberstroh 2, McCleod, Newman 9, Patterson 2, Rister 1, Smith 22, Tucker, K. Newman.
Field goals 17/45, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 9/18, Fouls 16, Record 10-12.

Carlisle (71)
K. Burgess, Choate 14, Brian DeRousse, Henderson 2, Lambert 7, O'Neill 10, Pearson 2, Reddick, Toon, Tyler 28, Wilson, Bowman 8.
Filed goals 30/62, 3-pointers 1 (O'Neill), Free throws 10/15, Fouls 14, Record 7-17.
Officials – Moss, Smith.

Unranked Carlisle
Stops No. 7 Ballard

Carlisle Co. 55
Ballard Co. 47
02-22-90 - Home

Unranked Carlisle County jumped to an early 8-point first quarter lead and maintained that margin the rest of the way for a 55-47 victory over seventh-ranked Ballard Co. in a boy's high school basketball game Thursday night.

Carlisle extended the lead to 14 at intermission and 18 after three quarters.

Brian O'Neill led Carlisle with 16 points. Tony Logsdon had 16 for Ballard.
Ballard…..…..5 16 27 47
Carlisle…..…..13 30 45 55

Ballard (47)
Birney 9, Crice 10, Knott5, Logsdon 16, Pearson 5, Sullivan 2, Turner, Yates.
Field goals 18/42, 3-pointers 2 (Birney, Knott), Free throws 9/11, Rebounds 16, Fouls 16, Record 14-10.

Carlisle (55)
Choate 11, Henderson, O'Neill 16, Pearson 6, Toon, Tyler 12, Bowman 10, Wilson.
Field goals 21/44, 3-pointers 4 (O'Neill 4), Free throws 9/15, Rebounds 31, Fouls 13, Record 8-17.
Officials – Finley, Palmer.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Fulton Co. Pace
Tires Out Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 58
Fulton Co. 64
02-28-90 - Away

Fulton County's aggressive man-to-man defense and fast paced style contributed to their 61-58 win over Carlisle County.

"We didn't run up and down the court the whole game, but we ran as often as we could," Pilot coach Sam Miller said.

The two teams exchanged leads throughout the game with Fulton County taking 1 point advantages at the end of the first and second periods.

Carlisle went up by as many as seven in the third quarter, before the Pilots pulled within two with the help of Daniel Alexander and Leonard Smith, as they combined for 12 of Fulton County's 14 points in the period.

Coach Miller said he could tell the Carlisle team was getting tired and the Pilots took a three point lead with a minute and a half to go.

Fulton County blew two opportunities to add onto its lead, when they missed the front ends of two one-and-ones with under 30 seconds left.

Smith led the winners with 23 points. Alexander contributed 17. Brian O'Neill paced the Comets with 23.
Carlisle…..…..12 28 45 58
Fulton Co.…...13 29 43 61

Carlisle (58)
Choate 12, O'Neill 23, Pearson 4, Tyler 16, Bowman 3, Wilson.
Field goals 21, 3-pointers 1 (O'Neill), Free throws 15/21, Fouls 12, Record 8-18.

Fulton Co. (61)
Adams, Alexander 17, Gardner, C. Smith 4, L. Smith 23, Winters 8, Warlick 9.
Field goals 25, 3-pointers 2 (Alexander 2), Free throws 5-10, Fouls 20, Record 10-14.

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	St. Mary	Jackson S outhside, T	Ballard Co.	Cairo, ILL.	Hickman Co.	Graves Co.	Tilghman	Tilghman	Lone Oak	Mayfield	Calloway Co.	Fulton City	Lone Oak												
Brian O'Neill	24	28	23(2)	17(1)	13(1)	22(2)	22(3)	13(1)	16(2)	16(2)	19(3)	25(3)	23(3)												
Todd Tyler	23	27	17(1)	26	26(1)	20(2)	19(1)	20(1)	20	24(1)	12	21	22(2)												
Terry Choate	12	4	4	12		17	7	4	11	10	11	4													
Casey Henderson				0	8	7(1)	3(1)	3	6(2)	6			2												
Kevin Lambert	3		0		0			2	0	0	0	0													
Todd Pearson	2	0	4	5	0	0	3				2	0	0												
Chris Toon		2	0	2		0	0	0			0														
Brian DeRousse		0	0						0			7(1)	5(1)												
Kevin Burgess		0	0	0	6	2	0	12	2	2	0	2	6												
John Bowman			0	2	4	0	0	2	4		0	0	2												

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	Fulton Co.	New Madrid, MO.	Carterville, ILL.	Herrin, ILL.	Murray	Hickman Co.	Mayfield	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Tilghman	Reidland	Ballard Co.	Fulton Co.						3-Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Brian O'Neill	12(1)	5(1)	20(2)	7	14	21(4)	19	4	15(1)	15(1)	10(1)	16(4)	23(1)						39	26	442	16
Todd Tyler	15(1)	18(2)	24	32	22	32	15	39(1)	4	20(1)	28	12	16						14	26	541	20.93
Terry Choate	5	19	7	2	11	4	9	2	8	8	14	11	12						0	24	208	8.66
Casey Henderson	0	3(1)	0	3(1)	6	3(1)	4	2	3		2	0							7	19	61	3.21
Kevin Lambert	0	0	0					0			7								0	13	12	0.92
Todd Pearson	0	0	0		0	0	2	2		4	2	6	4						0	21	36	1.71
Chris Toon	8(2)	0									0	0							2	11	12	1.09
Brian DeRousse	0	0	0	2	0				3(1)		0								3	12	17	1.41
Kevin Burgess	3	2	2	0	2		0	0	6		0								0	21	47	2.23
John Bowman	3	2	4	0		2		0	6	6	8	10	3						0	21	58	2.76
Joey Burgess	3(1)								2										1	2	5	2.5
Brad Reddick	0								2		0								0	3	2	0.66
Lance Wilson		0	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	2	0	0	0						0	12	11	0.91
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					TEAM RECORD - 8-18						PER GAME AVG. - 55.73											

Career	Game	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Brian O'Neill	83	49		68	219	442	729	8.78
Chris Toon	11	2			12		12	1.09
Brian DeRousse	12	3	17				17	1.41
Kevin Burgess	21	0				47	47	2.23

1990-1991

HEAD COACH - CRAYNOR SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH - JOHN TYLER

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MASSAC CO. TOURN. - 3RD PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

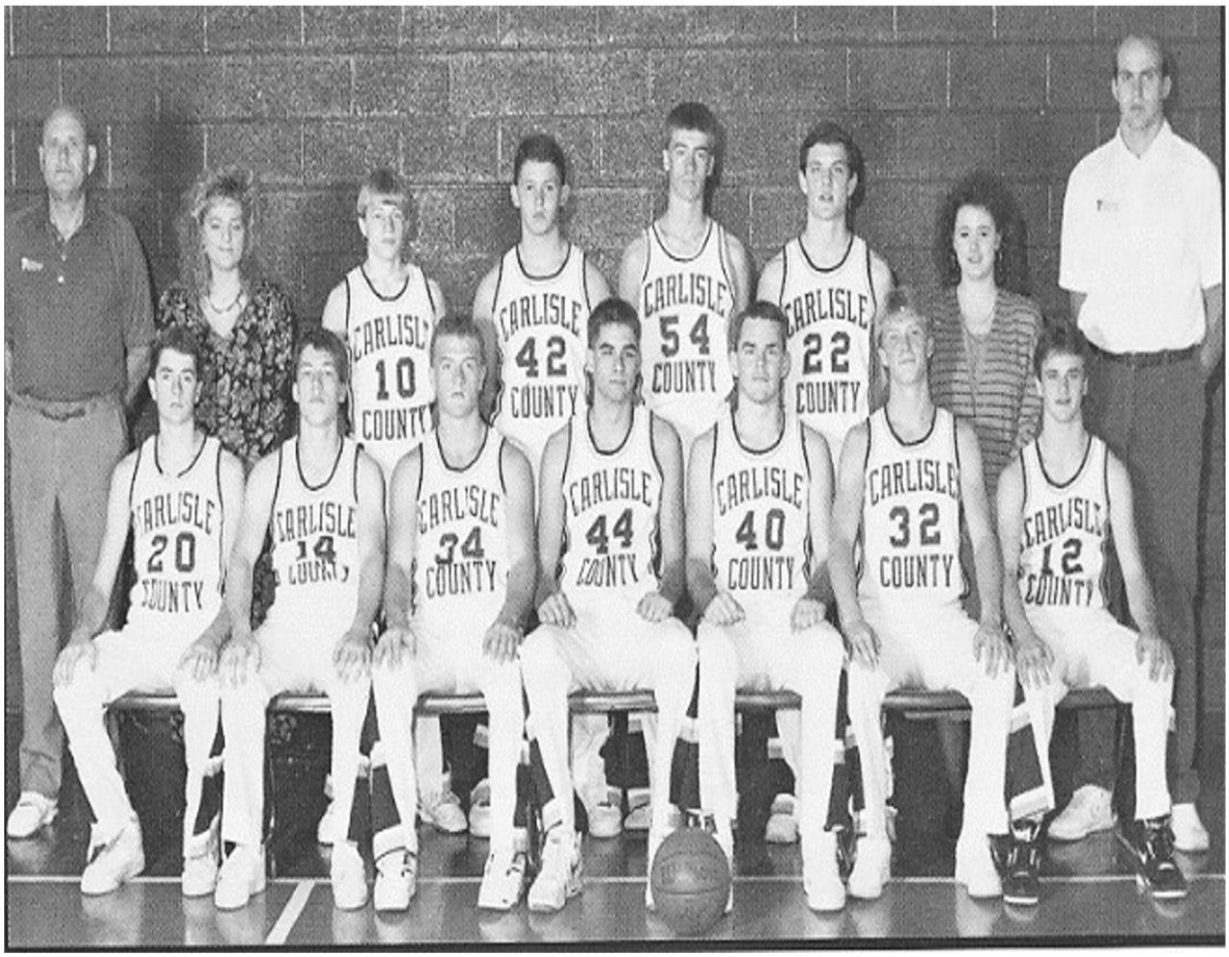
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11-27-90	Obion Co., TN.	**73-103**	A	
11-30-90	Calloway Co.	67-60	A	
12-07-90	Cairo, ILL.	**62-72**	H	
12-11-90	Hickman Co.	63-52	H	
12-14-90	Graves Co	**54-68**	H	
12-18-90	Tilghman	**91-102**	A	
12-20-90	Tilghman	**53-84**	A	**TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-22-90	Heath	95-57	A	**TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-23-90	Mayfield	**50-61**	A	**TILGHMAN TOURN. CONSOLATION**
01-04-91	Fulton City	**60-61**	A	
01-07-91	Mayfield	**35-53**	H	
01-08-91	Lone Oak	63-56	H	
01-11-91	Fulton Co	**50-56**	A	
01-15-91	Murray	**68-88**	A	
01-18-91	Ballard Co.	71-44	H	
01-19-91	Hickman Co.	**54-59**	A	
01-22-91	Charleston, MO.	47-44	A	**MASSAC CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-24-91	Obion Co., TN.	**77-81**	A	**MASSAC CO. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-26-91	Massac Co., ILL.	57-56	A	**MASSAC CO. TOURN. CONSOLATION**
01-30-91	Hickman Co.	72-44	A	**CLASS A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
02-02-91	Mayfield	**51-59**	A	**CLASS A TOURN. 2ND RD.**
02-05-91	Tilghman	**66-78**	H	
02-08-91	Fulton Co	61-58	H	
02-12-91	Fulton City	58-54	H	
02-19-91	Reidland	**46-50**	A	
02-21-91	Ballard Co.	67-49	A	
02-28-91	Hickman Co.	58-55	H	**1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD**
03-01-91	Fulton Co	58-47	H	**1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-04-91	Calloway Co.	**47-51**	A	**1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 14-16

1991 Comets - District Champion



Coach Craynor Slone, Tracy Davis (Manager), Jarrod Martin, Michael Gibson, Lance Wilson, Clark Terry, Maria Gibson (Manager), Coach John Tyler, Casey Henderson, John Bowman, Todd Pearson, Todd Tyler, Terry Choate, Kevin Lambert, Joey Burgess.

1990-1991

HEAD COACH - CRAYNOR SLONE

ASSISTANT COACH - JOHN TYLER

TROPHIES WON
MASSAC CO. TOURN. - 3RD PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 14-16

1990-91 COMET ROSTER:
Todd Tyler, terry Choate, Jarrod Martin, Todd Pearson, Casey Henderson, Kevin Lambert, Michael Gibson, John Bowman, Lance Wilson, Joey Burgess, Clark Terry, Brad Reddick.

One Win Will
Suit Carlisle

One game is all it takes for Carlisle County to meet Craynor Slone's number one goal.

"We've started 0-6 the last two years." Slone said. "Winning some games early is the best thing we can do. The last two years we've dug such a big hole for ourselves and when that happens, the kids get discouraged."

The Comets get their first crack at a victory in two weeks against St. Mary in what many expect will be a rebuilding campaign. After all, Carlisle went 8-18 a year ago and must replace second leading scorer Brian O'Neill. Nevertheless, one gets the feeling Slone has a few surprises in store.

"I like this team a lot," he said. "I like the way they work hard every day. You can't sit down and say we're going to win so-and-so number of games. We're going to be a better team, but so is everybody else. Almost every team in the First Region is improved over last year."

Leading the way is Todd Tyler, a thin senior and a 3 year starter who averaged 21 points per game last season, despite often being double teamed. He can play anywhere on the floor," Slone said. "We'll keep him inside a lot but the problem is he's also our best outside shooter.

"I wish we could make him a little stronger. He's one of those kids where it doesn't matter how much he eats or what he does in the weight room, because he's not going to get any bigger. That will have to come as he gets older."

Slone says only two other starters are set, those being 6-2 senior Terry Choate at one forward and 5-7 sophomore Jarrod Martin at point guard.

Martin could be one of the top point men in the region by seasons end. He's hot particularly quick or exceptionally talented, but has a good outside shot and is the kind of heady point guard Slone wants to run the offense.

"He's a very smart kid, both on and off the court," Slone said. "If there is anyone player that could jump out and develop quickly, he's it. He's only a sophomore, and he'll probably make a few mistakes, but he'll be a good one." Juniors Todd Pearson and Kevin Lambert and sophomore' Michael Gibson will fight for the other forward assignment. John Bowman, Casey Henderson, and Lance Wilson have the inside track at off-guard.

"It may be a while before we settle on a lineup," he said. "We had so many kids that started last year at one time or another because we were struggling. It could be the same way this year.

Eighteen-loss seasons aren't exactly commonplace in Carlisle Co., and Slone doesn't foresee another one in 1990-91.

"We'll be a better team just: because we're a year older," he said. "I think we learned a lot last year. It was one of those years where we'd play good for a while, then just fade. Fifteen of our losses were by 10 points or less and ten were by 5 or less.

An early winning streak would do much to dash away the dismal memories of a year ago and it would soothe Slone's nerves.

"Those 0-6 starts are still in the back of my mind." he said. "We can't do that again. We need a few early wins. That's what I'm looking for right now.

1990-1991
Comet's Roster
Seniors – Todd Tyler - 6-6 center; Terry Choate - 6-2 forward.
Juniors – Todd Pearson - 5-10 forward; Kevin Lambert - 5-11 forward; Casey Henderson - 6-0 guard, John Bowman - 5-9 guard; Joey Burgess - 5-8 guard.
Sophomores – Jarrod Martin - 5-7 guard; Lance Wilson - 6-0 guard; Michael Gibson - 5-10 forward; Clark Terry - 5-10 forward.

Tyler Explosion
Heads Carlisle Opener

Carlisle Co. 78
St. Mary 50
11-20-90 - Away

Todd Tyler exploded for 10 points in the second quarter and 14 points in the third to lead the Carlisle County Comets to a convincing 78-50 season opening victory over the St. Mary Vikings Tuesday night.

St. Mary held an 18-16 first quarter edge behind the shooting of Michael Cissell and Raymond Miller who finished with 12 and 14 points respectively.

The Vikings scored the first basket of the second half before watching Carlisle reel off 16 straight points to take a commanding 62-33 third period lead.

Tyler led all scorers with 27 points including a 3- pointer. Terry Choate added 15 for the Comets and Casey Henderson contributed 10 points.

Carlisle……....16 34 62 78
St. Mary…..…..18 26 33 50

Carlisle (78)
Bowman 4, Burgess, Choate 15, Gibson 5, Henderson 10, Lambert 4, Martin 6, Pearson 2, Tyler 27.
Field goals 28, 3-pointers 1 (Tyler), Free throws 21/29, Rebounds 28, Fouls 24, Records 1-0.
St. Mary (50)
Cissell 12, Anderson 4, Gough 4, Coleman 2, Miller 14, McMinn 2, Walker 2, Black 2, Durbin 4, Lineberry 4, Michel, Shelton, T Anderson, Sims.
Field goals 13, 3-pointer 1 (Cissell), Free throws 23/32, Rebounds 25, Fouls 21.

Obion Central, TN.103
Carlisle Co. 73
11-27-90 - Away

Foul trouble slowed the Comets down in the second quarter and lightning quick Obion Central whizzed by to a 49-27 halftime lead that it maintained the rest of the night.

The Comets Todd Tyler, a 6-foot-5 center, and forward Todd Pearson both rode the bench with three fouls in the pivotal second quarter as Obion Central outscored the Comets 26-7.

With those two back in the second half, the Comets kept pace. Tyler finished with 17 points, Pearson with 18 and senior forward Terry Choate had 18 for the Comets.

Obion Central was led by Denver Whitby's 32 pts.

Carlisle…..…..20 27 54 73
Obion…..…..23 49 71 103

Carlisle (73)
Bowman 6, Choate 18, Gibson 2, Henderson 1, Martin 8, Pearson 18, Tyler 17, Wilson 3.
Obion (103)
Whitby 32, Barnett 21, Hugg 9, Lewis 7, Deport 7, Cued 5, Parks 5, Darnell 3, Weatherby 5, Rock 7, Keeling 2.

Carlisle Co. 67
Calloway Co. 60
11-30-90 – Away

Carlisle County canned 10 points on the free throw line in the fourth quarter to hold off a Calloway County charge.

The Lakers were able to cut the lead to four late in the game, but never could close the gap. David Hart scored 10 in the spurt finishing with 21.

Todd Tyler scored 17 of his 29 points in the first half to help give Carlisle a 41-27 Edge.

Carlisle.....…..23 41 53 67
Calloway.....18 27 39 60

Carlisle (67)
Choate 12, Henderson 5, Martin 10, Pearson 6, Tyler 29, Wilson 6.
Field Goals 25/55, 3-Pointers 1 (Martin), Free throws 19/24, Rebounds 31, Fouls 18, Record 2-1.
Calloway (60)
Arrnet 2, Carroway 4, Dennis 8, Guerin 5, Hart 21, McNary 6, Turner 14,
Field goals 25/60, 3-pointers 3 (Turner 2, Guerin 1), Free Throws 7/16, Rebounds 29, Fouls 24, Record 1-1.

Cairo, ILL. 72
Carlisle Co. 62
12-07-90 - Home

Carlisle County adjusted to the Cairo full court pressure in the second half but couldn't quite catch up.

The Comets, who trailed 21-9 after one quarter and 44-36 at the half, pulled to within five points of the lead after three periods. The hosts then tied the contest in the fourth quarter before Cairo took command down the stretch.

Both teams had a tough time at the free throw line. Cairo hit 13 of 24 and Carlisle 16 of 31.

Kerwin Lowe scored 21 points and Bryant Lowe 20 for the winners.

Todd Tyler scored 21 and Terry Choate 18, both had 11 rebounds for Carlisle.

Cairo…..…..21 44 56 72
Carlisle…..…...9 36 51 62

Cairo (72)
Hollis 2, B. Lowe 20, Walker 4, Woodson 8, Russell 5, K. Lowe 21, Bingham, Barber 1, Whittaker 3, Box 8.
Field Goals 25/51, 3-pointers 3 (K. Lowe 2, Box), Free throws 13/24, Rebounds 30, Fouls 24, Record 2-1.
Carlisle (62)

Choate 18, Gibson, Henderson 4, Martin 5, Pearson 14, Tyler 21, Wilson.
Field Goals 20/30, 3-Pointers 2. (Tyler 2), Free throws 16/31, Rebounds 33, Fouls 21, Record 2-2, Officials – Mayes, Puckett.

Comet Streak Put To Rest.
Hickman's First District
Stranglehold Loosens Up.

Carlisle Co. 63
Hickman Co. 52
12-11-90 – Home

Craynor Slone can't remember the last time Carlisle County beat Hickman County.

He has good reasons. Slone was coaching in eastern Kentucky in 1986, the last time the Comets beat the Falcons.

"It's the first time we've beaten them since I came back," said Slone, whose Comets defeated Hickman 63-52 Tuesday night for the first win over the Comet's arch-rivals since he returned to Carlisle two years ago. "There was so much emotion in the game because they're our rivals and they've beaten us five straight times."

Terry Choate used the traditional "snowbird" strategy to score 26 points in leading the Comets to the key first district win. The tactic was especially prevalent during Carlisle's early-third-quarter scoring spurt for a 28-33 lead. Several times Choate, who connected on 11-of-16 field goals, snuck behind the Hickman press for easy baskets.

"We thought they were slow getting back on defense," Slone said. "He just waited under the basket and we got the ball to him. He's looking to score more than he did before. He's posting up well and he's going for the basket."

"Part of it was the man on the back of the press (sophomore forward Brian Coates) was coming up to far," Hickman coach Todd Johnson said. "(Choate) would get the pass and boom! One dribble and he was at the goal."

Hickman responded with a 10-0 spurt of its own to pull back within five at 38-33 late in the third quarter, but every time the Falcons got close, Carlisle's pressure defense caused a big turnover for an easy lay-up. Stephen Davis cut the Carlisle lead to four at 47-43with an 18-footer, but the Comet's Todd Tyler hit a pair of free throws after picking up a steal and Casey Henderson deflected another pass into the hands of point guard Jarrod Martin, whose short jumper pushed the Carlisle lead back to eight with 3:13 left.

From then on, Carlisle took control and hit their free throws, as Hickman County couldn't buy a basket.

"That's the sign of a young team that has not learned to win," Johnson said. "Later we'll make those plays: and be a formidable team. Right now we can't dig such a big hole for ourselves."

Carlisle hadn't beaten the Falcons since the 1985-86 seasons, and the streak was heavy on the Comet's minds.

It showed on the court. Both teams went after each other like back yard brawlers. In your face defense was the name of the game. That led to the somewhat sloppy performance by both teams. Neither team could claim better than 40 percent shooting from the field.

"It's always a little ragged in these games," Slone said. "Part of it is because we know each other so well. Todd was my assistant here and he knows my offense and I know his. And the game means a lot because it's a district game. The emotion is great, but you still have to execute."

Tyler hit on 12-of-24 free throws to account for most of his 16 points, while Martin added 11.

Michael Davis led Hickman with 21 points.

Hickman.....11 19 33 52
Carlisle.....11 31 41 63

Hickman (52)
Batts 2, Coates 8, M. Davis 21, S. Davis 7, Hunt 4, Jewel 6, Lathum, McClure 2, Swindler, Vaughn, Wilson 2.
Field goals 18/53, 3-pointers 0, Free Throws 16/22, Rebounds 23, Fouls 23, Record 1-4.
Carlisle (63)
Bowman, Choate 26, Gibson, Henderson 4, Martin 12, Pearson 2, Tyler 16, Wilson 3.
Field goals 18/34, 3-pointers 2 (Martin 2), Free throws 21/32, Rebounds 27, Fouls 24, Record 3-2.

Hoggard Feels Relief.
Eagles Rare Safe Visit To Carlisle A Big Hit.

Graves Co. 68
Carlisle Co. 54
12-14-90 – Home

Anytime Graves County can visit the friendly little confines of the Carlisle County gym and come away sane, it feels blessed.

Since Graves County consolidated in 1985, it has rarely won at the Comet sanctuary. The lone victory came two years ago.

Friday night the Eagles added win No. 2 in Comet Land before a full house of 900, and no one was more relieved than Graves coach Bob Hoggard.

"It sure is tough to win in death valley," Hoggard said with a shake of the head.

The Eagles' 68-54 victory wasn't decided, practically, until Carlisle center Todd Tyler exited by foul disqualification with 2:38 to go in the third period. At 6-foot-6 and with a 21-point scoring average, Tyler is the heart and soul of a team that has only one other senior and uses a lot of sophomores.

When Tyler fouled out with 16 points, a Graves lead which ran from 4 to 10 points for most of the third quarter bulged to 10 to 15 points in the final period despite the best efforts of Tyler's teammates.

"We missed him," Carlisle coach Craynor Slone said. "As much as anything we missed his experience and we missed his defense."

Without Tyler in the paint, the Graves offense opened for Greg Butler, a 6-5 center who finished with a game-high 24 points.

"Getting Tyler out was a big factor for us," Hoggard said. "When he got his third foul we tried to get the ball to Greg (Butler). Then he picked up his fourth foul while still guarding Graves County's Butler.

Carlisle took the advantage at the end of a nip-and-tuck first quarter, 14-9, on a strong effort by Tyler. Leading 12-9 and holding the ball for the final shot with 37 seconds to go, the ball was knocked out of bounds at 12 seconds. From there, they worked the ball to Tyler who missed a 3-point attempt from the deep left corner, but Martin hustled after the loose ball, fired from the free-throw line and also missed, but Tyler was there for the tip as the horn sounded.

Carlisle built high-point leads of eight four times in the second period before Graves rallied. The Comets first led by eight at 19-11 when Lance Wilson canned a three from the left of the key. The Comets also led by eight at 21-13, 23-15 and 25-17.

Carlisle….....14 31 35 54
Graves….…....9 33 44 68
Graves (68)
Ballard, Butler 24, Galloway 2, Hayes 9, Hurt 9, Jameson, King 1, Roberts, Stephens 21, Thomason 1, Wadlington 1, Mays, Redden.
Field goals 18/43, 3-pointers 4 (Stephens 2, Hurt, Butler), Free throws 28/38, Rebounds 25, Fouls 19, Record 5-3.
Carlisle (54)
Bowman, Burgess 1, Choate 9, Gibson 2, Henderson 3, Lambert 2, Martin 11, Pearson 1, Terry, Tyler 17, Wilson 5.
Field goals 19/44, 3-pointers 2 (Wilson, Pearson), Free throws 14/20, Rebounds 29, Fouls 29, Record 3-3.

Tornado Streaks By Comets.
Tyler's Record Effort
Fails To Slow Tilghman.

Carlisle Co. 91
Tilghman 102
12-18-90 - Away

Host Paducah Tilghman overcame Todd Tyler's school record 43 points behind a non- stop attack to pull away late in the second half for a 102-91 victory over Carlisle County Tuesday night.

Tyler, a 6-foot-6 senior center, took advantage of the fast pace to connect on 16 of 22 shots and 10 of 11 free throws. He eclipsed the mark of 39, held by Robert Martin, who graduated in 1975.

"That's 43 points, but we lost on the scoreboard and that's what really matters. That's what is disappointing," said Tyler who also grabbed a game high 13 rebounds.

Tilghman rode the 22-point efforts of Kent Leggs and Kincaid to its fifth victory in six games. The Tornado remains unbeaten against area teams. The lone loss came at Memphis Germantown by a point.

Tilghman's balanced scoring also featured Paul McKnight with 18 points and Jerome Tyler with 16, including 4 dunk shots. The team combined for 113 field goal attempts, 63 field goals, 44 fouls and 49 turnovers in the wild and wooly affair.

"The first thing that (Carlisle) coach (Craynor) Slone and I talked about after the game was that neither one of us will ever be able to lay claim on being a defensive coach," Tilghman coach Steve Dreher said.

"I have nothing against scoring 102 points, but I have a lot against giving up 92.

The 10-5 spurt at the start of the third quarter, the final points coming on a 10-foot jump shot by McKnight, gave Tilghman an 86-71 advantage with 4:55 to play. Carlisle never got closer than nine points the rest of the way.

"Tilghman just has more bench strength than we do," Slone said. "We took the ball and went with it most of the time. A few times we needed to slow the game down but that's something hard to do against a good team."

A six-point Tornado halftime lead remained at six two minutes into the third period when Kincaid threaded the nets for a 3-pointer and 59-50 advantage. Tilghman added three more points to that lead by the end of the quarter and the 10-5 run early in the fourth period produced the game's biggest spread at 15.

The pace remained furious until the end, with Tilghman unable to pull safely away and Carlisle unable to mount a lead-threatening run.

"Oh man, it was something else out there," said Tyler, whose previous high this season was 29 points against Calloway County. "That was the wildest game I've ever been in."

Carlisle's wildness was reflected by 32 turnovers, including 23 on steals by the Tornado, which committed 17 floor mistakes.

Carlisle.....20 44 64 91
Tilghman …..28 50 77 102

Carlisle (91)

Bowman 7, Choate 10, Gibson 7, Henderson 5, Martin 12, Pearson 7, Tyler 43, Wilson.

Field goals 30/56, 3-pointers 5/6 (Bowman 2, Tyler, Gibson, Henderson), Free throws 19/25, Rebounds 31, Fouls 23, Record 3-4.

Tilghman (102)

Mason 10, McKnight 12, Tyler 18, Leggs 6, Kincaid 7, Dumas 13, Lynn 10, Woodfork 2, Brisbon , Webb, Sloan 2, Smith 1, Coleman 1, Woods 2.

Field goals 29/79, 3 pointers 2 (McKnight, Kincaid), Free throws 22/33, Fouls 23, Record 6-1. Official-Behrent, Latham.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
Tornado Basic Change
Alters Scoring Totals

Carlisle Co. 53
Tilghman 84
12-20-90 - Away

What a difference two days makes.

Forty-eight hours ago, Paducah Tilghman defeated Carlisle County by 11 points in a 193-point game. Thursday night, Tilghman won again, but this time the margin was quite larger and the number of points quite lower.

"The main difference between the two games is that we went back to some basics and tried to play better defense," Tilghman coach Steve Dreher said following his team's 84-53 victory in first round of the Tilghman Christmas Tournament.

Carlisle coach Craynor Slone also said he changed his team's method of operation, but had mixed results. "There were a couple of things we tried to do differently, but they didn't work," Slone said. "With one day of practice between games, we didn't have the time to learn the things we needed to."

Slone probably wouldn't have minded a repeat effort by senior center Todd Tyler, who stuck the Tornado for a school record 43 points in Tuesdays 102-91 loss. Tyler however scored just nine points on 3 of 14 shooting from the field.

"We didn't make any changes in our man-to-man defense against him (Tyler)," Dreher said, "but we did switch up defenses more hoping to confuse them. I think that allowed some of our players to help each other out more on him."

Neither team shot well from the field. Carlisle was limited to 45 shots and hit 19 for 42 percent. Tilghman took 79 shots and hit 29 for 32 percent.

As in the earlier encounter, this contest was one of momentum swings. Tilghman had matters in hand early, racing ahead 14-5 before settling for a 20-11 first quarter advantage.

Not wanting things to get out of hand, the Comets went to work. Terry Choate rang up a pair of free throws, Michael Gibson counted a 3-point play the old fashion way and Choate added a toss from the line. All of a sudden the Tilghman lead was a scant 22-19. Just as suddenly, the Tornado exploded.

Over the remaining six minutes of the first half, Tilghman used it's speed, muscle, and experience wearing down the Comets with a 24-9 spurt for a 46-27, halftime edge.

"I inserted Michael Woodfork, Harry Lynn, and Eric Dumass and that helped us a lot during that period," Dreher said. "We were battling on the boards but we weren't winning and those players gave us some big bodies to put on the board."

Dumass, a beefy 6-foot-4 senior, did damage offensively. He scored eight points during the 24-9 run and junior guard Brent Kincaid added six.

The Comets battled the Tornado evenly for most of the third period, but Tilghman scored nine of the quarters final 11 points to up the margin to 70-45 after three periods.

Center Jerome Tyler scored a team leading 18 points for Tilghman and Dumass added 13 while Paul McKnight contributed 12. Senior guard Norman Mason gave the Tornado four players in double figure scoring with 10.

Choate topped the Comets with 18.

Carlisle.....11 27 45 53
Tilghman….....20 46 70 84

Carlisle (53)

Lambert, Burgess, Bowman 1, Henderson 1, Martin 4, Wilson 4, Gibson 10, Pearson 6, Choate 18, Tyler 9, Clark.

Field goals 19/45, 3-pointers 1 (Tyler), Free throws 14/23, Fouls 22, Record 3-5

Tilghman (84)

Mason 10, McKnight 12, Tyler 18, Leggs 6, Kincaid 7, Dumass 13, Lynn 10, Woodfork 2, Brisbon, Webb, Slone 2, Smith 1, Coleman 1, Woods 2.

Field goals 29/79, 3-pointers 2 (McKnight, Kincaid), Free throws 22/33, Fouls 23, Record 3-5. Officials –Behrent, Lathum.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round.
Heath Falls Short On Glass Job,
Comets Rebound Behind Tyler.

Carlisle Co. 95
Heath 57
12-22-90 - Away

Todd Tyler led Carlisle County's inside dominance as the Comet's turned back Heath 95-97 in Friday's consolation game of Paducah Tilghman Christmas Invitation.

Tyler jerked down a game high 11 rebounds helping the Comets gain an upper hand on the boards. Carlisle County used 20 offensive rebounds and 31 total while shooting 37 for 75 from the floor.

"We came out with more intensity than we did in the Tilghman game," Carlisle County coach Slone said. The Comets had lost 84-53 to Tilghman in the opening round Thursday, which sent them into the consolation bracket.

The Comets meet Mayfield in tonight's consolation bracket finals at 6.

While 6-foot-6 Tyler was busy cleaning the glass he took enough time out to score a game high 25 points.

After taking a 24-16 lead after one period Carlisle fueled up and outscored the Pirates 17-12 in the second quarter to build a comfortable 41-28 advantage at the half. Heath never threatened in the final half.

Junior forward Todd Pearson netted 19 points for the Comets while senior Terry Choate pitched in 15.

Mathew Blackwell who had to be carried to the hospital in an ambulance the night before in an opening round loss to Lyon County bounced back Friday to score a team high 14 for the Pirates.

Heath….....16 28 42 57
Carlisle….....24 41 66 95

Heath (57)

Allen 9, Beyer, Blackwell 14, Bobo 4, Duncan 3, Harrison 8, Te. Jackson 8, Tr. Jackson, McGregor 8, Phillips, Seaton, Tilford.

Fgs. 20/40, 3 pts. 5 (Blackwell 3, Duncan, Tilford), Fts. 12/15, Rebs. 18, Fouls 22.

Carlisle (95)

Bowman 2, Choate 15, Gibson 4, Henderson 6, Lambert 5, Martin 6, Pearson 19, Terry 6, Tyler 25, Wilson 7.

Fgs. 37/57, 3 pts. 3 (Tyler 2, Henderson), Fts. 20/24, Rebounds 31, Fouls 18.

Tilghman Tourn.
Consolation.
Awakened Offense
Pushes Cards.

Carlisle Co. 50
Mayfield 61
12-23-90 - Away

A score in the low 60's wouldn't be cause for celebration at other schools but it was more than enough to excite Mayfield coach Scott Schlosser.

"This was the first game where I thought we executed well offensively," Schlosser said after the Cardinals captured the consolation final by defeating Carlisle County.

Mayfield's sparkplug was senior guard Scott Duncan, a starter turned reserve who scored 20 points.

"He probably has to be a starter again," Schlosser said. "He came in and scored some big points and got the offense going."

Duncan started the Cardinals' first three games but shooting problems prompted Schlosser to experiment with bringing his team's most experienced player off the bench.

"He's gotten his confidence back now, so it's probably time to move him back," Schlosser said. "We're still not shooting well as a team. Shannon Brooks may be our best and nothings falling for him right now."

Ben Brown scored 17 points grabbed nine rebounds and tossed in three of Mayfield six 3-pointers while teammate Bubba Winfrey chipped in with 10.

Todd Tyler led Carlisle with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Mayfield.….....6 28 38 61
Carlisle….....8 23 37 50

Mayfield (61)

Brown 17, Yarber 2, Stock 1, Winfrey 10, Sh. Brooks 3, Duncan 20, Thomas 6, O.J. Lancaster, Fields 2.

Fgs. 18/43, 3 pts. 6/11 (Brown 3, Sh. Brooks, Duncan, Winfrey), Fts. 19/28, Rebs. 36, Fouls 18.

Carlisle (50)

Martin 4, Henderson, Tyler 19, Choate 10, Pearson 10, Gibson, Wilson 5, Bowman, Lambert 2.

Fgs. 17/30, 3 pts. 0/2, Fts. 16/21, Rebs 30, Fouls 23.

Fulton City 61
Carlisle Co. 60
01-04-91 - Away

Fulton City missed a pair of key free throws, but used the foul situation to its advantage in edging First District Carlisle County.

Fulton City coach John Wyatt said his team was at the line leading 61-59 with 20 seconds to play when it missed two free throws. Carlisle called time with 12 seconds to go. The Bulldogs fouled three times in the final 12 seconds, the last sending Carlisle center Todd Tyler to the line. Tyler hit the first shot, missed the second and Fulton City rebounded as the game ended.

"This was a well-played game and a good win for us," Wyatt said.

Tito Crumble and Gregg Hardin scored 15 points apiece and Crumble grabbed nine rebounds for the winners. Wyatt said Homer Patton played a key role with nine points and eight assists.

Terry Choate topped the Comets with 22 points while Tyler scored 16 and confiscated 18 rebounds.

Carlisle…….10 27 41 60
Fulton City…....9 32 48 61

Carlisle (60)
Choate 22, Henderson 5, Martin 14, Tyler 16, Wilson 3.
Field goals 25/62, 3-pointers 3/4 (Tyler, Martin, Henderson), Free throws 7/12, Rebounds 39, Fouls 19, Record 4-6.

Fulton City (61)
Crumble 15, Hardin 15, McClanahan 2, H. Patton 9, A. Patton 7, Pulley 6, Ware 3, Pettigrew 4.
Field goals 18/42, 3-pointers 5/7 (A. Patton 2, Pulley 2, Crumble), Free throws 16/25, Rebounds 23, Fouls 11, Record 4-6, Officials - Argo, Puckett.

Mayfield 53
Carlisle Co. 35
01-07-91 - Home

Carlisle County's in a slump, and there's no other way to describe it.

The Comets lost their fourth straight game, and for the second time to Mayfield this year, shooting just 23 percent (11-for-48) from the field in the process.

Ben Brown scored 14 points for Mayfield and Shannon Brooks tossed in a dozen. Terry Choate led Carlisle with 11 points.

Mayfield…….5 19 35 53
Carlisle…….8 18 28 35

Mayfield (53)
Brooks 9, Brown 14, Duncan 12, Fields 4, Lancaster 2, Stock 4, Thomas 2, Winfrey 4, Yarber 2.
Field Goals 18/37, 3-pointer 1 (Duncan), Free Throws 16/28, Rebounds 28, Fouls 20.

Carlisle (35)
Choate 11, Gibson 2, Lambert 1, Martin 4, Pearson 8, Terry, Tyler 7, Wilson 2, Henderson, Burgess, Bowman, Terry.
Filed goals 11/48, 3-pointers 2 (Tyler, Martin), Free Throws 11/22, Rebounds 24, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 63
Lone Oak 56
01-08-91 - Home

Carlisle County led most of the way and held strong to defeat the Oakers, now 6-5.

The Comets got a strong performance from senior forward Terry Choate, who scored 20 points behind 9 of 11 shooting from the floor. Jarrod Martin added 14 for Carlisle while center Todd Tyler notched 11 points. The Comets shot well as a team, making 24 of 40 fielders.

Lone Oak, which trailed 36-27 at the half, was led by Matt Willis' 16 points and John Griffon had 12.

Carlisle……..15 36 44 63
Lone Oak ….....14 27 34 56

Lone Oak (56)
Chumbler 7, Griffith 12, Kelly 5, Meece , Middleton, Shelton 5, Thurmon 2, Wallis 16, Williams 7, Byrd 2.
Field Goals 17/44, 3-pointers 1 (Wallis), Free Throws 21/29, Rebounds 16, Fouls 20.

Carlisle (63)
Bowman 8, Choate 20, Gibson 2, Henderson 2, Lambert, Martin 14, Pearson 6, Tyler 11, Wilson. Field Goals 24/40, 3-pointers 1 (Martin), Free Throws 14/16, Rebounds 23, Fouls 25, Record 5-8. Officials – Brewer , Finley

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Fulton Co. 56
Carlisle Co. 50
01-11-91 - Away

It wasn't a pretty game but Fulton County Sam Miler will take any victory he can get especially in the First District.

"Both teams played pretty good defenses," Miller said after the Pilots edged Carlisle County to take a two game lead in the district standings. "It just tickles me to be 3-0 in the district.

The Pilots held Carlisle leading scorer Todd Tyler to just nine points by double teaming the 6-6 senior inside. Jarrod Martin took advantage and scored 18 points including four 3-pointers.

"We had to give them something and we decided to let them shoot outside." Miller said. "We put (P.J) on Tyler and brought somebody else on him when he posted up."

Daniel Alexander led the Pilots with 17 points and freshman Jerome Warren added 16.

Carlisle…..….16 26 39 50
Fulton Co…....12 24 40 56

Carlisle (50)
Choate 9, Henderson 1, Martin 18, Pearson 8, Tyler 9, Wilson 5.
Fields goals 15, 3-pointers 5 (Martin 4, Wilson), Free Throws 15/22, Rebounds 22, Fouls 14.

Fulton Co.(56)
Adams 4, Alexander 17, Gardner 8, Smith 9, Warran 16, Winters 2.
Field goals 22, 3-pointers 1 (Alexander), Free Throws 11/16, Rebounds 31, Fouls 16.

Murray 88
Carlisle Co. 68
01-15-91 - Away

The Comet's two-sided attack couldn't overcome the 28 point performance of Willis Cheaney and the Tiger's depth as Murray exploded to a 30 point lead after three quarters.

Ahead 37-23 at halftime the Tigers outscored Carlisle County 30-9 in the third period. That was too much for the Comet leading scorers Terry Choate (23) and Todd Tyler (26) to overcome.

Chaney's scoring was bolstered by Chip Greene, Alan Rayburn, and Heath Walls, with a dozen each. Playing without starting 6 foot 7 center Jason Joseph, the Tigers were out-rebounded 29-24, but hit 34 of 60 from the field to offset the rebound difference.

Carlisle…….12 23 32 68
Murray…….18 37 67 88

Carlisle (68)
Choate 2,, Gibson 2, Henderson 4, Lambert, Martin 9, Pearson 2, Tyler 26, Wilson 2.
Field goals 28/62, 3-pointers 3/12 (Tyler 2, Martin), Free Throws 9/12, Rebounds 29, Fouls 18.

Murray (88)
Bailey 8, Cheaney 28, Crum 8, Greene 12, Jenkins 1, Rayburn 12, Thomas 1, Walls 12, Whitaker 5.
Field goals 34/60, 3-pointers 4/10 (Cheany 2, Rayburn, Greene), Free Throws 16/23, Rebounds 24, Fouls 17.

Carlisle Co. 71
Ballard Co. 44
01-18-91 – Home

Todd Tyler scored 15 points in the first half and 22 for the game as Carlisle County broke out of a slump with a win over Ballard Co.

The 6-6 senior hit 9-of-15 shots from the field and led the Comets' second quarter charge as the hosts took a 35-19 lead at the break.

Terry Choate and Todd Pearson added 11 points apiece for the Comets. Casey Henderson and Kevin Lambert added 9 points apiece also.

Michael Dowdy led Ballard with 10 points.

Carlisle…..20 35 50 71
Ballard…….11 19 30 44

Carlisle (71)
Tyler 22, Choate 11, Pearson 11, Lambert 9, Henderson 9, Martin 7, Wilson, Bowman 2, Gibson.

Hickman Co 59
Carlisle Co. 54
01-19-91 - Away

Hickman stayed in the First District race as four Falcons reached double figures.

Hickman led the close game all the way hitting 29 of 39 field goals while holding Carlisle County to 20 of 60. That's the highest shooting percentage we've had all year. We had a good balance scoring and rebounding." Hickman coach Todd Johnson said.

Brian Coates and Michael Davis led the Falcons with 15 points each and nine and eight rebounds respectively.

Carlisle…….11 28 39 54
Hickman…….14 33 45 59

Carlisle (54)
Bowman, Choate 13, Gibson, Henderson 4, Lambert 3, Martin 6, Pearson 5, Tyler 18, Wilson.
Fgs. 20/60, 3 pts, 5 (Tyler, Wilson, Martin 2, Lambert), Fts. 9/12, Rebs. 32, Fouls 22.

Hickman (59)
Coates 15, M. Davis 15, S. Davis 11, Hunt 3, Jewell 11, Lester 4, Swindler, Wilson.
Fgs. 22/39, 3 pts. 2 (M. Davis, Coates), Fts. 13/25, Rebs. 31, Fouls 19.

Massac Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Cool
Saves The Day.

Carlisle Co. 47
Charleston, MO. 44
01-22-91 – Away

Carlisle Co. deployed a lethal dose of Kryptonite to handle Superman's strong-arm Charleston Mo, in the opening round of the 8th annual Pepsi Superman Classic Basketball Tournament Tuesday night.

The giant killing Comets used stern defense to eliminate three-time and defending Classic champion Charleston, 47-44, in a game that wasn't decided until the final score.

"It was a huge win for us" said Todd Tyler. "The way we've been playing lately this means a lot to us."

Obion Central, 86-82 winner over Herrin, Ill. in the nightcap, will face Carlisle Friday in the semifinal round. Massac County meets Graves County in the other winner's bracket semi-final.

On Thursday, first round losers meet with Carterville ILL. playing New Madrid MO. and Charleston MO. matched with Herrin ILL.

The Comets 8-10 have struggled the last two weeks and have not won back-to-back games all season. However they chiseled through the Bluejays' press late in the game after the same full court pressure had nearly rendered Carlisle helpless most of the second half.

"We almost forgot what we were trying to do" said, Tyler who watched his team commit five

straight turnovers early in the fourth period against the press and lost a 6 pt. advantage.

"That's what happens when you start concentrating on not throwing the ball away," added Tyler who scored a team high 16 points and snatched eight rebounds.

Charleston a team currently ranked eighth in Missouri Class 3A and state champion the past two years, fell behind early in the second period and trailed by as many as 10 points. However the Bluejays' rebounded via their full court blanket early in the fourth quarter.

Carlisle, which had used a 15-0 scoring run in the second period to take the lead, held 35-29 margin as the game entered the final frame. But Charleston turned up the defensive pressure and the Comets committed five straight turnovers. The result was an 8-0 spurt by the Bluejays' which gave the defending champion a two point lead with 5:40 to play.

The Comets didn't score in the final period until Terry Choate knocked down a pair of free throws with 4:57 left which tied the game at 37.

Charleston forward Demetrius Murray scored the next five points to give his club a 42-37 advantage with 3:50 to go, but Carlisle County coach Slone rallied his club with some basic instruction.

"They had become satisfied with just getting the ball up the floor," Slone said. "I told them to get the ball in the middle and make diagonal passes."

Tyler admitted that his team had begun to play with the proverbial play not lose attitude early in the fourth period. But once the Comets began attacking the pressing and trapping Blue jay defense Carlisle returned to from and held off a late Charleston charge.

Charleston led by two points and had the ball with just over a minute to play, but a turnover against Carlisle's defense opened the door for Tyler on the offensive end.

The tall lanky center missed a seven foot jumper but followed strong to the boards splitting two defenders for the stick back. In the process he was fouled by Charleston's Eric Farmer. Tyler sank the free throw for a three-point play and 45-44 lead with 39 seconds left.

After the exchange Charleston rushed into its frontcourt and shot quickly. Farmers attempt from inside the paint missed, and Tyler rebounded for Carlisle.

The Bluejays desperate to stop the clock fouled Comet guard Jarrod Martin with 12 seconds left and the 80 percent free throw shooter sank a pair in the bonus to seal the victory.

"We haven't lost here in three years, but I guess what comes around goes around," Charleston coach Lennies McFerrien said about his clubs inability to defend the title.

His club, winner of its first 10 games this year after an undefeated campaign and state title last season, has now dropped four of the last five. Charleston had also won 55 consecutive games before Scott County, Mo. beat the Bluejays in the Cape Girardeau Christmas Tournament.

"This is the first game all year where we played good defense and blocked off the boards." Slone said.

Despite the top grade performance, Slone will not be able to use the game as an instructional tool for the future.

"Of all times, we went off and forgot our (video) camera," he said.

Carlisle…….....9 24 35 47
Charleston.....12 16 29 44

Carlisle (47)
Bowman, Henderson, Martin 9, Wilson, Pearson 7, Choate 15, Tyler 16.
Fgs. 14/31, 3 pts. 3/6 (Tyler 2, Martin), Fts. 10/15, Rebs. 27.
Charleston (44)
Bledsoe 2 McCauley 4 Murray 14 Sherrell 2 Rogers, Williams 10 Goodwin, Farmer 12.
Fgs. 19/44, 3 pts. 0/1, Fts. 6/10.

Massac Co. Tourn.
2nd Round

Obion Central, TN. 81
Carlisle Co. 77
01-25-91 - Away

After upsetting three- time Superman Classic champion Charleston, Mo. in the opening round of the annual Massac County invitational, the Comets underdog campaign came to end.

However, Obion Central, the sixth-ranked team in Tennessee's Class 3A, barely escaped unscathed.

After leading by 22 points 66-44 early in the fourth period Obion Central coach Jim Whitby unloaded his reserves and it nearly cost him the ball game.

For Terry Choate and company were not ready to hang up their giant killing ax quite so soon. Choate scored 15 of his game high 34 points in the fourth period as the Comets went on a 33-15 scoring run in the closing minutes and cut the Rebel's margin to four on Choate's put-back with 25 seconds left.

"Anything can happen in a situation like that." Carlisle County coach Slone said, "We just didn't have enough timeouts left to get the clock stopped like we wanted to there at the end."

Instead of timeouts, the Comets, the clock with fouls, and Obion Central missed 6-6 free throws in the final minute to keep Comets hope alive.

"Obion plays a lot of people," Slone said. "They go 9 or 10 deep all the time, but (Whitby) may have gone a little deeper then he usually does because he might have felt sorry for us."

However Slone said he wouldn't have felt bad about knocking off the favored Rebels.

When Carlisle center Todd Tyler, who also is the team's leading scorer, picked up his third personal foul in the first period, the Comets had to reorganize their game plan. However, Tyler returned in the second half and finished with 19 points before fouling out in the final minute.

Carlisle…….....7 22 30 77
Obion…….....14 37 58 81
Carlisle (77)
Bowman 3, Burgess 2, Choate 34, Gibson 7, Henderson, Martin 4, Pearson 5, Terry 3, Tyler 19.
Fgs. 24/52, 3 pts. 2/10 (Gibson, Terry), Fts. 27/37, Rebs. 41.
Obion (81)
Keeling 2, Jenkins 4, Cude 7, Huff 12, Whitby 15, Pars, Dyer 8, DePriest 7, Reed 6, Barnett 20.
Fgs. 31/61, 3 pts 7/24 (Whitby 3, Huff 2, Cude, Barnett), Fts. 12/26, Rebs. 27.

Massac Co. Tourn.
Consolation

Carlisle Co. 57
Massac Co., ILL. 56
01-26-91 - Away

Massac County coach Joe Hosman didn't want his team to give up two losses in the Patriots' own tournament, but Carlisle County edged Massac in the closing seconds.

Massac County led much of the way and 43-40 after three periods. But Carlisle outscored the Patriots 17-13 in the final frame to pull out third place in the tournament.

Todd Tyler and Terry Choate led the Comets with 17 points each

Carlisle…….....13 26 40 57
Massac…….....10 27 43 56
Carlisle (57)
Bowman 4, Choate 17, Gibson 2, Henderson, Lambert 4, Pearson 9, Tyler 17, Wilson 4.
Field Goals 20/32, 3-pointers 1 (Pearson), Free throws 16/27, Rebounds 16, Fouls 18, Record 8-12.
Massac (56)
Barnhill, Bradford 7, Cissell 5, Forthman 5, Harris 11, Miller 2, Pruitt 8, Westerman.
Field Goals 22/40, 3-pointers 1 (Markus), Free throws 11/20, Rebounds 24, Fouls 24, Record 4-12.
Officials- Conte, Bingham, Racinecker.

Class A Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 72
Hickman Co. 44
01-30-91 - Away

Carlisle County came to the dance armed with some fancy footwork and proved to be a legitimate contender for the All "A" regional crown.

The Comets, fresh off a third place finish among a strong field at the Massac County Superman Classic, waltzed all over Hickman County and led by as much as 30 points in the second half.

The Comets man-to-man defense and accurate shooting was more than Hickman could stand. While Carlisle shot 23-for-46 from the floor, Hickman was ice cold making just 15 of 44

Carlisle County has won three of its last four games, a streak which began Jan. 19th after a 59-54 First District loss to this same Hickman Co. club.

However that defeat has been fuel for Carlisle's rebirth which features wins over Charleston, Mo., Massac Co. and the Falcons. The Comets only loss was an 81-77 nudging by Superman champion Obion Central, TN.

"We decided after that last game that we would play better defense." Comet forward Terry Choate said.

Choate who scored 68 points in three games last week at the Superman Classic continued to churn out the buckets for Carlisle, leading the team with 21 points.

"Carlisle County did number on us with their defense and totally took us out of our game," Hickman coach Todd Johnson said. "It was black and white they just out played us in every aspect." Comets coach Slone says his team has regained the form it had out of the chute in of the first part of the season, and he believes he has a club to be reckoned within small school tournament.

"I'd say we have just as good a chance as anyone," Slone said, who guided the Comets to the 1983 Sweet 16 state tournament finals. "The tournament is very balanced and anyone could win it. We have some confidence coming in after the Superman tournament."

After leading by nine at the half, 30-21, Carlisle County went to war defensively. The Falcons scored just nine points in the third period. And while the Comets defense suffocated Hickman, Carlisle fired up the net on its end of the floor,

making 9 of 11 fielders for runs of 10-3 and 10-0.

After three quarters Carlisle led 54-30. The Comets out rebounded Hickman 36-18

Carlisle…..…..14 30 54 72
Hickman ….....10 21 30 44

Carlisle (72)
Bowman 11, Burgess, Choate 21, Gibson 4, Henderson 1, Lambert 4, Martin 4, Pearson 11, Terry 1, Tyler 13, Wilson 3.
Field goals 23/46, 3-pointers 0, Rebounds 36, Fouls 19.

Hickman (44)
Batts, Coates 2, M. Davis 15, S, Davis 5, Hunt 4, Jewell 6, Lester 5.
Field goals 15/44, 3-pointers 2 (M. Davis, Swindler), Fts. 12/21, Fouls 25, Rebounds 18.

Class A Tourn.
2nd Round

Mayfield 59
Carlisle Co. 51
02-01-91 - Away

The defending champions Cardinals are back in the finals again thanks to an early burst that held up.

The Cardinals jumped to a 14-4 first quarter advantage.

Carlisle pulled to within 28-21 at halftime and 39-35 after three quarters but never led.

At one point Mayfield led 17-4. Jarrod Martin had scored all four Carlisle points on lay-ups. Ben Brown, who led the winners with 15 points, scored 8 of his 10 first half points in the first period.

Mayfield center Jarrod Stock had seven points at the halftime break, six on 3-pointers. Carlisle center Todd Tyler, who topped all scorers with 17, scored all seven of his first half points in the second period.

Mayfield led 23-6 on a bucket by Chris Yarber. Then, Carlisle fought back outscoring the Cardinals 15-5 over the remainder of the half.

A sharp shooting touch gave the Cardinals an advantage. Mayfield knocked in 17 of its 29 two point field goal attempts, while Carlisle was 17 of 50. Stock and Scott Duncan backed Brown's team with 10 points apiece

Carlisle…..…....4 21 35 51
Mayfield ….....14 28 39 59

Carlisle (51)
Bowman 4, Choate 10, Gibson, Lambert 2, Martin 10, Pearson 2, Tyler 17, Wilson 6.
Field goals 18/53, 3-pointers 1/3 (Martin), Free throws 14/20, Fouls 25, Record 9-13.

Mayfield (59)
St. Brooks 7, Brown 15, Duncan 10, Fields 2, O.J Lancaster 2, Stock 10, Thomas 1, Winfrey 7, Yarber 5.
Field goals 19/35, 3-pointers 2/6 (Stock 2), Free throws 18/23, Fouls 19, Record 14-4. Officials – Jackson, Brown.

Tyler, Tilghman Efficiency
Beats Comets For Third Time

Carlisle Co. 66
Tilghman 78
02-05-91 - Home

Center Jerome Tyler scored a season high 30 points as Paducah Tilghman defeated Carlisle County for the third time this season 78-66 in a boys' basketball game Tuesday night.

Carlisle County assistant coach John Tyler said Tilghman shot selection and board work were big factors.

"Tilghman hurt us with a lot of shots 15 feet in - and they didn't even hit any 3-pointers, and they did good job of getting their rebounds and sticking them back in."

Tilghman's press was also effective causing Carlisle 29 turnovers.

Carlisle kept it close the first quarter when the score was knotted at 14, as Tyler contributed four points. The 6-foot-4 senior broke loose the in second period for 10 points as the Tornado took a five point half time lead. Tilghman outscored Carlisle by 7 in the third quarter to open up a 12-point advantage and both teams scored 18 points in the final period when Tyler counted 10.

Carlisle center Todd Tyler, who had scored a school record 43 points in the early meeting this season between the teams, scored 13. Terry Choate led the Comets with 20 points.

Tilghman's balanced scoring featured Brent Kincaid and Norman Mason with 10 points each, Kent Leggs had 9 and Eric Dumas 8.

Tilghman…..…..14 39 60 78
Carlisle Co.….....14 34 48 66

Tilghman (78)
Dumas 8, Kincaid 10, Leggs 9, Lynn, Mason 10, McKnight 7, Tyler 30, Webb, Woodfork 4, Hart.
Field goals 35/80, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 8/21, Fouls 16, Record 21-2.

Carlisle (66)
Bowman 6, Burgess, Choate 20, Gibson, Henderson 5, Lambert 4, Martin 6, Pearson 10, Terry, Tyler 13, Wilson 2.
Field goals 28/53, 3-pointers 0, Free Throws 10/15, Fouls 19, Record 9-14. Officials –Puckett, Moss

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Carlisle Co. 61
Fulton Co. 58
02-08-91 - Home

Carlisle County beat the Pilots, but Fulton County still wins the first district crown.

Despite trailing by 17 points in the second half, Fulton County trimmed the lead and made it close by games end. However, the Comets made 13-of-29 free throws in the game while the Pilots scored on just 4-of-7.

Fulton County finishes the district schedule 4-2 and champions over second place Hickman County (3-3). Carlisle, which has played well in the past three weeks, is tied for last in the districts alongside Fulton City. The two meet Tuesday to decide third place in the league.

Todd Tyler and Terry Choate led the Carlisle charge with 19 and 16 points, respectively

Fulton County's P.J Warlick led all scorers with 22.

Fulton Co…....11 26 36 58
Carlisle…..…....16 32 45 61

Fulton Co. 58)
Adams 2, Alexander 10, Barnett, Calcutt, 2, Edan, Gardner 2, Smith 3, Warlick 22, Warren 5, Winters 12.
Field Goals 25/63, 3-pointers 4, Free Throws 4/7, Rebounds 29, Fouls 24, Record 8-9

Carlisle (61)
Bowman 6, Choate 16, Lambert 4, Martin 7, Pearson 9, Tyler 19, Wilson.
Field goals 23/40, 3-Pointers 2, (Martin, Tyler), Free throws 13/29, Rebounds 32, Fouls 13, Record 10-14.
Officials Behrendt, Carter.

Baseline Game
Rescues Comets.

Carlisle Co. 58
Fulton City 54
02-12-91 - Home

First District rivals Carlisle County and Fulton City squared off for the right *not* to face Fulton Co. in the district tournaments opening round, and for 16 minutes the visiting Bulldogs appeared ready to claim a second place tie with Hickman County.

Carlisle's Todd Tyler scored just one point in the first half but he and baseline buddy Terry Choate took over in the second half as the Comets maintained a steady 3 to 5 point lead en-route to a 58-54 win over Fulton City in area boy's high school basketball action Tuesday night.

Choate scored 22 points on 11-of-16 shooting from the field and Tyler scored a dozen in the final two periods and grabbed 14 rebounds to set up two first-round games between archrivals. Carlisle meets Hickman while Fulton City meets Fulton County in the district tournament which takes place at Carlisle.

Homer Patton led the bulldogs with 22 points.

Fulton City…...16 29 42 54
Carlisle…..…....10 26 43 58

Fulton City (54)
Crumble 14, Hardin 5, H. Patton 22, A. Patton 4, Pettigrew 9.
Field Goals 26/58, 3-pointers 3 (H. Patton 2, Crumble), Free Throws 5/10, Rebounds 29, Fouls 13.

Carlisle (58)
Bowman 6, Choate 22, Henderson, Lambert 1, Martin 9, Pearson 7, Tyler 13, Wilson.
Filed Goals 25/57, 3-pointers 1 (Martin), Free Throws 7/12, Rebounds 31, Fouls 11.

Reidland 50
Carlisle Co. 46
02-19-91 - Away

Carlisle County, which trailed the entire way, tied the game at 43 in the 4th period, but the Greyhounds charged ahead to stay for their 9th win of the season.

"Our kids finally put it all together defensively and offensively," said Reidland coach Bryce Hibbard.

Brian Gibson and Sean Patterson led the offensive end with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Todd Tyler scored a game high of 18 points for Carlisle and snagged 10 boards.

Carlisle.....…..6 24 34 46
Reidland.....…....7 24 38 50

Carlisle (46)
Bowman 4, Choate 11, Gibson 8, Lambert 4, Pearson 1, Tyler 18.
Field goals 14, 3-pointers 1 (Gibson), Free throws 15/22, Rebounds 15, Record 11-15.

Reidland (50)
Gothran 2, Gibson 11, Clover 8, Harper 2, Hite 8, May 2, McLeod 7, Patterson 10.
Field Goals 18, 3-pointers 1 (Gibson), Free Throws 11/15, Rebs. 16, Fouls 23.

Carlisle Co. 67
Ballard Co. 49
02-21-91 - Away

Ballard Co. stumbled in the third period and Carlisle County took advantage by mounting a 17-8 run to pull away.

"We just can't seem to get our offense going in the second half. We sputtered in the third period and they put some defensive pressure on us. We were still able to shoot the ball thirteen times, but we only made two of them," Ballard Coach Yogi Trice said.

Carlisle.....…..7 27 44 67
Ballard.....…7 25 33 49

Carlisle (67)

Bowman 5, Burgess 6, Choate 12, Gibson 10, Henderson, Lambert 4, Martin 6, Pearson, Terry 1, Tyler 23, Wilson.
Field Goals 25/51, 3-Pointers 3 (Tyler, Martin, Gibson), Free Throws 14/19, Fouls 15, Record 12-15.

Ballard (49)
Allcock, Holt 2, Ross 3, Williams 5, Yates 3, Caldwell 2, Dowdy 6, Toensley 10, Moss 2, Lawrence 16, Downey 6, E. Williams 2.
Fgs. 26/63, 3 pts. 4 (Lawrence 4), Fts. 13/21, Rebs. 27, Fouls 16.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Repays Falcons

Carlisle Co. 58
Hickman Co. 55
02-28-91 - Home

Carlisle County's "TNT" duo of Terry Choate and Todd Tyler had one last explosion waiting for archrival Hickman County, one that ensures bragging rights for at least another year.

Tyler and Choate combined for all 17 of their squad's fourth quarter points as the Comets outlasted the Falcons 58-55 to claim a birth in tonight's First District tournament final against top seed Fulton County and next week's First Region tournament.

"They'll remember this," said Choate who scored 8 of his 13 points during the final eight minutes. "They've been bragging for years about beating us. We got our turn this year."

Hickman had established a short dominance in the rivalry between the small river countries. Until this season the Comets hadn't claimed a win over Hickman since 1987 but won three of the four meetings this year, the finale coming on a pair of lay-ups by Choate against Hickman's full court pressure.

Brian Jewell pulled Hickman within a point on a pair of foul shots with 28 seconds remaining and the Falcons applied pressure and appeared to trap Michael Gibson in the backcourt.

Gibson ducked under his defender and found Choate down court for an easy reverse lay-up with 19 seconds left.

"My man went over to double and that's when I took over." Choate said. "They were picking everybody up half court and I caught my man asleep. I was jumping up and down and hoping Michael found me open."

Hickman set up a final play for a 3-pointer but Michael Davis's attempt fell short and time ran out with the ball loose on the floor.

A defensive change made earlier in the period paid off in the final seconds. After Davis reeled off three baskets in a four minute span Carlisle switch the 6-6 Tyler onto the 6-4 Davis who along with Jewell scored 15 points for the Falcons.

"We were supposed to set a pick on Tyler so Mike could swing around," Hickman coach Todd Johnson said. "But we missed the pick and Mike had to try to shoot over him."

"That was the key to the game," Carlisle Coach Slone said. "(Davis) can score out there because of his size and he was about to take over. Todd Pearson did a good job on him but we needed somebody bigger."

Choate's previous basket came on a set inbounds play. Tyler took an inbound pass from Michael Gibson created a 2-on-1 break and found Choate streaking toward the basket for two points to put the Comets ahead by three.

"We've been able to reach each other so well this year." said Choate. "I knew exactly what he was going to do."

The play switched the momentum to the Comets corner, a sorely needed shift, after Hickman went ahead on an unlikely play.

Davis missed a jumper and Brian Jewell rebounded but lost the ball in double team. Hunt grabbed the loose ball and scored on a layup as Pearson drew his fifth personal.

Choate missed a short jumper in the paint but Tyler sneaked in for the carom and was fouled by Steven Davis, also his fifth. Tyler made both foul shots for his 19th point to put the Comets ahead.

"That was the key play," Johnson said. "We got the defensive stop and the miss but we let Tyler get the board. All we had to do is come down, get fouled, and make both free throws and we're riding home with a win."

Coates walked on the other end, setting up the inbounds play, and Davis drew a charge as he leaned into Tyler on the shot.

"We didn't use real good judgment in the last few minutes," Johnson said.

Carlisle appeared in control early in the third quarter, building a 34-25 lead before Hickman pulled an old friend off the dusty defensive shelf, a disruptive 1-2-1-1 full court press.
Hickman….....9 23 39 55
Carlisle….....16 29 41 58

Hickman (58)
Coates 3, Davis 15, Hunt 3, Jewell 15, Lester 9, Lumson 2.
Field Goals 23/43, 3-pointers 3 (M. Davis, Jewell, Coats), Free Throws 6/7, Fouls 15.

Carlisle (55)
Bowman 11, Choate 13, Martin 11, Pearson 4, Tyler 1, Gibson.
Field Goals 24/48, 3-pointers 2 (Martin 2), Free Throws 8/11, Fouls 18.

1st District Tourn.
Championship

Carlisle Co. 58
Fulton Co. 47
03-01-91 - Home

Todd Tyler never felt so popular.

It wasn't enough that his teammates constantly fed him the ball during the final minutes of Carlisle County's First District championship game victory over Fulton County, but as soon as he caught it, there was a swarm of Pilot defenders intent on trapping him and forcing a turnover.

Tyler, a returning All Purchase performer and the key player in the Comets resurgence this season, accounted for 17 of his team's 21 points in the fourth period of Carlisle's 58-47 win. The senior helped capture Carlisle's first title since 1986 with 15 points and five assists in the final 12 minutes and punctuated the onslaught with a dunk at the final buzzer.

Whenever Fulton County applied the trap with Carlisle in its delay game, the 6-6 Tyler threw over it to a teammate cutting to the basket. The ploy worked three times in the fourth period twice giving the Comets their biggest lead of the game.

"I struggled offensively all night. I couldn't throw the ball in the ocean," Tyler said. "on nights like that I just hit the boards and pick up my teammates. They double-teamed me so I knew somebody was open and my teammates cut to the hole.

Carlisle coach Slone wasn't surprised at Tyler's display of passing wizardry.

He got great skills but when you have a 6-6 kid and he's the tallest player on the team you've got to play him underneath Slone said. "He a dandy passer when he gets outside."

Tyler began his fourth quarter heroics after making a potentially costly turnover. Fulton County guard Daniel Alexander stripped the ball from him on the low post and dashed down-court for an uncontested lay-up to cut the lead to two less than a minute in the period.

Tyler answered with a drive down the lane and drew the fifth foul on the Pilots Derrick Winters for a reach in. Winters normally the sixth man, but thrust into a starting role by the illness of Matt Gardner, reacted by storming down court and heaving his jersey into the bleachers. He was charged with a technical foul and Tyler made 3-4 from the line.

Tyler followed the foul shots with a feed to Todd Pearson for a basket. Alexander hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to four and the Pilots ditched their customary 2-3 zone and went to a man-to-man set as Carlisle became more patient.

Tyler took the ball in the low post, faked left, and spun right around freshman Barnett for a jumper and then fed Martin cutting to the basket on the next trip.

The Pilots Warlick missed a jumper in the lane, and Tyler dribbled down to the left corner. Two defenders rushed for the trap and Tyler whipped the ball down the baseline to Terry Choate. The basket gave Carlisle a 48 40 lead with 3:04 left.
Carlisle….…..…...8 23 37 58
Fulton Co…....13 20 33 47

Carlisle (58)
Bowman 7, Choate 9 Lambert 2, Martin 4, Pearson 10, Tyler 26.
Field Goals 20/38, 3-pointers 0, Free Throws 18/25, Fouls 12.

Fulton Co. (47)
Adams 2, Alexander 15, Barnett, Calcutt 5, Warlick 14, Warren 2, Winters 7.
Field Goals 19/47, 3-pointers 3 (Alexander, Winters, Calcutt), Free Throws 6/9, Fouls 20.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Final Flash
Fizzles Out In Hurried Fall.

Carlisle Co. 47
Calloway Co. 51
03-04-91 - Away

Slone puts a great deal of faith in Jarrod Martin, much more than you'd expect for a sophomore starting his first year at a crucial position.

And with good reason. The diminutive Martin plays with a confidence of a much older player. A desirable trait considering he's responsible for igniting the Carlisle County offense.

So with 84 feet of hardwood standing between the Comets and the most important basket of the year during their first round clash with Calloway County and given just 11 seconds to navigate the Lakers pressure defenses, there wasn't anyone Slone would prefer be in possession of the ball.

"He's smart enough to make the right play," The Carlisle coach said. "I knew he'd do something to get the ball where we want it."

Down 49-47 after the Lakers' David Geurin made one of two free throws, Martin approached half-court, weaved his way past one defender and cut back toward the middle. Then the unthinkable happened.

Swerving away from Calloway point guard Jamar McNary, Martin's feet slipped from under him. He slid on one knee, reached a split second too late for the errant ball, and saw the ball carom off his foot to the waiting hands of a thankful Rob Dennis who hit McNary for a buzzer beating lay-up the final insult of a 51-47 Lakers victory.

"I got in a hurry and just lost my big feet," Martin said. "I was trying to get down court and get the ball to Todd Tyler for the last shot. McNary cut me off and I cut to get away from him."

The miscue provided breathing room at last for the Lakers, who lost a one-time 11 point lead in a third quarter barrage of Comet baskets, and nearly blew an eight point edge in the final 2 ½ minutes.

"We'd get a lead by running the offense and get some easy baskets, and then we'd come down an get wild and turn it over," Calloway coach Russ Wall said. "It seemed like we didn't want to settle down."

Wall was elated as the Lakers forged a 30-21 halftime lead with essentially no help from leading scorer and rebounder David Hart, who was lifted after committing two fouls in the opening three minutes. The 6-7 senior scored just 6 points equaling, his season low.

Travis Turner led the balance scoring effort, scoring Calloway's first seven points from the perimeter then watched Dennis and Geurin take over. The trio combined for 20 points in the half and received a boost from an unlikely source.

Hughron Payne, a 6-2 senior reserve playing his first season of organized basketball, contributed a pair of key garbage baskets and with Geurin and Dennis's help, leaned on the 6-6 Tyler in the paint. The double and triple team strategy paid off as Tyler hit just one field goal in the half. In turn Tyler got frustrated and was slapped with a technical foul late in the second quarter.

"Hughron probably hasn't gotten a total of two games worth of time all year." Wall said. "But he did a super job defensively. With Tyler and Choate their inside game is their strength later."

"The thing about Jamar is he makes things happen," Wall said. "Sometimes it's good, sometimes it's bad, but something will happen and it won't be dull."

McNary, also playing his first season at Calloway after transferring two years ago, scored on consecutive trips to put the Lakers up 45-40 and increased it to eight on a whip pass to Hart for a lay-up.

"We played well in the second half except we couldn't stop him from penetrating." Slone said. "He was the difference in the game."

Carlisle rallied as Tyler, who led all scorers with 25 points, got hot again. The lithe senior hit a 3 pointer then struck back a Martin miss and took the point guards low post feed to cut the lead to 48-47 with 29 seconds left.

The Comets, with no time outs and three fouls to give before putting Calloway on the line, knew they'd go to McNary with Hart out of the game.

"It was very physical in there and I got mad and opened my mouth," said Tyler, who feels more comfortable on the outside but was moved to the inside in an effort to take advantage of Hart's extended absence. "They did a lot of pushing on me."

Tyler got even, rather than mad, in the second half and led a Carlisle comeback as the Comets picked apart Calloway's 2-3 zone. Tyler drew Hart's third foul just seven seconds into the half and hit a lay-up and a 3-pointer to cut the lead for 30-26.

Calloway called time to stop the Comets momentum but Tyler wasn't finished. He hit John Bowman for a 14 footer and followed Martin's try with another one of his own to give Carlisle its first lead, 34-32, midway through the third quarter. Turner missed a jumper and Choate put back a Martin miss forcing Wall to call another time out.

"I don't usually have to call two but we needed both of them,' Wall said. " I was a little concerned because these kids never get rattled. The second time I didn't have to chew them out just calm them down."

At that point, McNary took command and scored 8 of his team high 14 points in the second half. By far the quickest player on the floor, he penetrated, drew Carlisle's defense, and opened up the middle. He dished off to Hart, which tied the game at 38, and his own 10 foot jumper put Calloway ahead for good two minutes later.

"The last play was just tough luck," Tyler said. "But we lost it in the first half. We really stunk it up in the first half. We came out in the second half and our defense created some points for us. That's what we had to do."

The win advanced Calloway to semifinal action. The Lakers 16-15 will play Paducah Tilghman in Friday's night lower bracket semifinal. Carlisle ended its season 14-16.

Calloway ….....15 30 40 51
Carlisle…..…....9 21 38 47

Calloway (51)
Dennis 12, Geurin 8, Hart 6, McNary 14, Payne 4, Turner 7.
Field goals 19, 3-pointers 1 (Turner), Free throws 12/17, Fouls 16.

Carlisle (47)
Bowman 8, Burgess 3, Choate 4, Gibson, Tyler 25, Wilson 1, Henderson, Lambert, Martin 6, Pearson 3.
Field Goals 16, 3-pointers 5 (Tyler 3, Martin 2), Free Throws 4/12, Fouls 17. Record – 14-16

1990-91

	St. Mary	Obion Co., TN.	Calloway Co.	Cairo, ILL.	Hickman Co.	Graves Co.	Tilghman	Tilghman	Heath	Mayfield	Fulton City	Mayfield	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Murray									
Todd Tyler	27(1)	17	29	21(2	16	17	43(1)	9(1)	25(2)	13	16(1)	7(1)	11	9	26(2)									
Terry Choate	15	18	12	18	26	9	10	18	15	10	22	11	20	9	23									
Jarod Martin	6	8	10(1)	5	12(2	11	12	4	6	4	14(1)	4(1)	14(1	18(4)	9(1)									
Todd Pearson	2	18	6	14	2	4(1)	7	6	19	10		8	6	8	2									
Casey Henderson	10	1	5	4	4	3	5)1)	1	6(1)	0	5(1)	0	2	1	4									
Kevin Lambert	4					2		0	5	2		1	0		0									
Michael Gibson	5	2		0	0	2	7(1)	10	4	0		2	2	0	2									
John Bowman	4	6			0	0	7)2)	1	2	0		0	8	0	0									
Lance Wilson		3	6	0	3	5(1)	0	4	7	5	3	2	0	5(1)	2									
Joey Burgess	0					1		0				0			0									
Clark Terry	5					0		0	6			0												
Brad Reddick																								

1990-91

	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Charleston, MO.	Obion Co., TN.	Massac Co., ILL.	Hickman Co.	Mayfield	Tilghman	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Reidland	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Fulton Co.	Calloway Co.					3-Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Todd Tyler	22	18(1	16(2)	19	17	13	17	13	19(1)	13	18	23(1)	19	26	25(3)					19	30	570	19
Terry Choate	11	13	15	34	17	21	10	20	16	22	11	12	13	9	4					0	30	464	15.47
Jarod Martin	7	6)2)	9(1)	4		4	10(1)	6	7(1)	9(1)		6(1)	11(2	4	6(2)					22	28	226	8.07
Todd Pearson	11	5	7	5	9(1)	11	2	10	9	7	1	0	4	10	3					2	29	206	7.1
Casey Henderson	9	4	0	0	0	1		5		0		0			0					3	25	70	2.8
Kevin Lambert	9	3(1)			4	4	2	4	4	1	4	4		2	0					1	20	55	2.75
Michael Gibson	0	0		7(1)	2	4	0	0			8(1)	10(1	0	0	0					4	25	67	2.68
John Bowman	2	0	0	3	4	11	4	6	6	6	4	5	11	7	8					2	27	105	3.88
Lance Wilson	0	5(1)	0	0	4	2	6	2	0	0		0			1					3	26	65	2.5
Joey Burgess	0			2		0		0				6			0					0	11	9	0.81
Clark Terry	0			3(1)		1		0				1								1	10	16	1.6
Brad Reddick																				0	0	0	0
					Team Record - 14-16							Per	Game Avg. - 61.76							57		1853	

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Todd Tyler	101	40	69	351	541	570	1531	15.15
Terry Choate	66	0		19	208	464	691	10.46

1991-1992

HEAD COACH - JOHN TYLER

ASSISTANT COACH - BARRY STEVENS

TROPHIES WON

TILGHMAN TOURN. - 3RD PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

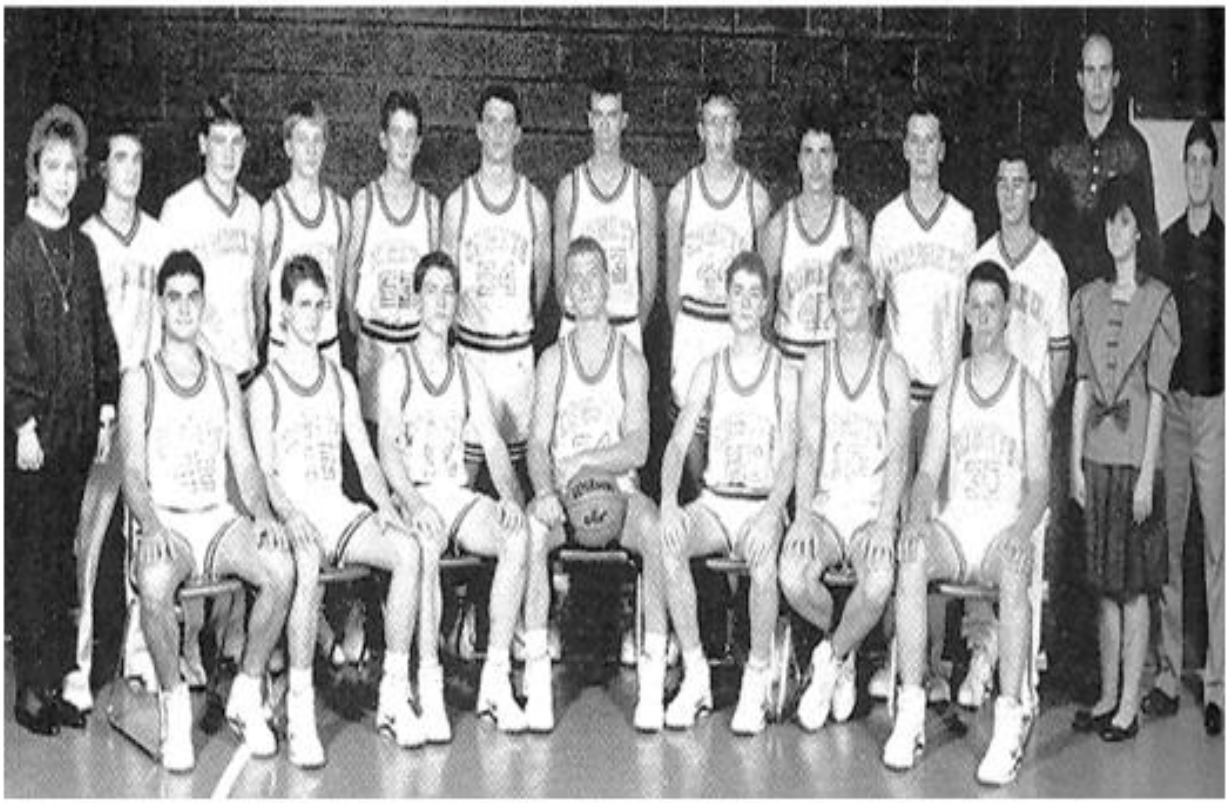
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1991-92

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-26-91	St. Mary	71-62	H	
11-29-91	Hickman Co.	**55-56**	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-30-91	St. Mary	**54-56 ot**	A	**- ST. MARY TOURN. CONSOLATION**
12-06-91	Calloway Co.	77-60	H	
12-10-91	Ballard Co.	58-46	A	
12-13-91	Cairo, ILL.	**74-100**	A	
12-17-91	Hickman Co.	58-55	A	
12-19-91	Heath	74-72	H	
12-20-91	Graves Co	64-54	A	
12-26-91	Caldwell Co.	**49-69**	A	**- TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-27-91	Calloway Co.	50-46	A	**- TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-28-91	Lyon Co.	71-69	A	**- TILGHMAN TOURN. CONSOLATION**
01-07-92	Hickman Co.	61-50	H	
01-10-92	Fulton City	68-43	H	
01-13-92	Mayfield	**49-64**	H	
01-14-92	Lone Oak	69-65	A	
01-17-92	Fulton Co	**60-88**	H	
01-20-92	Murray	84-56	H	
01-27-92	Heath	**47-82**	A	**- ALL A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
02-04-92	Mayfield	60-55	H	
02-07-92	Heath	**56-58 ot**	A	
02-11-92	Tilghman	**67-72**	A	
02-14-92	Fulton Co	**55-61**	A	
02-18-92	Fulton City	60-52	A	
02-25-92	Reidland	58-52	H	
02-27-92	Ballard Co.	71-55	H	
03-02-92	Hickman Co.	60-51	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-03-92	Fulton Co	**60-64**	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-12-92	Heath	63-55	A	**- 1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-16-92	Mayfield	**44-47**	A	**- 1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 18-12

1992 Comets - District Runner-Up



Pam Davis (Manager), Barry Oliver, Ryan Jackson, Jarrod Martin, Trent Deweese, Clark Terry, Lance Wilson, Chad Thornsborough, Jeremy Hickman, Aaron Thompson, Matt Gill, Kristena Bowles (Manager), Coach John Tyler, Coach Barry Stephens, Brad Reddick, Joey Burgess, John Bowman, Todd Pearson, Casey Henderson, Kevin Lambert, Michael Gibson

1991-1992

HEAD COACH - JOHN TYLER

ASSISTANT COACH - BARRY STEVENS

TROPHIES WON
TILGHMAN TOURN. - 3RD PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 18-12

1991-92 COMET ROSTER:
Todd Pearson Jarrod Martin, John Bowman, Kevin Lambert, Lance Wilson, Michael Gibson, Casey Henderson, Joey burgess, Clark Terry, Brad Reddick, Matt Gill, Ryan Jackson, Jeremy Hickman, Aaron Thompson.

Carlisle Loses Slone Again.
Veteran Coach Retires
To A New Job.

Craynor Slone announced his resignation as Carlisle County's head basketball coach Thursday and accepted a similar position at Fort Knox.

Sources said Carlisle superintendent Robert Watson offered the job Thursday to John Tyler, Slone's assistant, who was asked to make a decision by Monday. If Tyler turns down the offer, the school system would have little time to conduct a search now that classes would have already begun.

Slone's financial situation makes the move a lucrative one, since he can retire with 27 ½ years teaching service and draw full retirement from the Kentucky pension plan. In addition, he will draw a teaching and coaching salary at Fort Knox, which is operated by the federal government for dependents of U.S. Army personnel.

"Not many people have the opportunity to retire twice," said Slone, who accepted the Fort Knox job Thursday morning. "I'm able to take retirement and still coach and draw a salary."

Financial considerations weren't his only motive for accepting the position, Slone said. His daughter lives in his native Trimble County, about 70 miles away, and he will be somewhat closer to his ailing mother, who lives in far eastern Kentucky.

"There are a lot of reasons for it, including basketball," he said. "One thing about Fort Knox is they always have good athletes, but you never know when you might lose them. I still want to win, and it's a good situation. I haven't lost that competitive spirit."

Fort Knox has traditionally been competitive in basketball, but is in a tough district with Elizabethtown and North Hardin. Both of whom have been ranked in the state's top 10 during the past three seasons.

The Eagles were 6-19 a year ago and hoped to return all five starters, but the leading scorer and rebounder left for Virginia when his parents were transferred to an Army base there.

The move adds another chapter to Slone's coaching odyssey, which spans four decades and several schools. Slone is best known for his 1983 Carlisle team, which reached the state championship game, before losing to Lexington Henry Clay, 35-33 in triple overtime.

He left Carlisle soon thereafter to accept the job at Marshall County, but bolted again for Ashland later that spring. Slone also coached at Betsy Layne before returning to Carlisle in 1988. His teams went 37-48 over the past three seasons, with two of these teams reaching the First Region Tournament.

Slone said one of the reasons he came back to Carlisle was because of his friendships there.

Tyler Needs Height
To Improve Comets

John Tyler has taken the baton from Craynor Slone and doesn't want to miss a step in the Comets race toward building another regional contender.

Tyler, a 1984 graduate of Carlisle Co. and member of the much-heralded 1983 state finalists, replaces his long-time mentor, Slone, who resigned in late summer to become the coach at Fort Knox.

"Craynor always said if you have a team that will take care of the ball, get good shots and play a little defense, you'll be OK," said Tyler, pointing to the fundamental approach Slone instilled in him over a period of years as both player and assistant coach.

"I come into this knowing what these kids needed to work on. I've been around these players and know their abilities. It's nothing new."

The Comets will not see any major changes with the transition of Tyler from assistant to head coach, but his first objective as pilot will be ordering a few big men.

Tyler, 6-9 himself, says Carlisle Co. has slowed down in the production of true centers. In fact, Tyler would just like to have one or two players about 6-4.

"I think this is the smallest we've been since the mid 1970's," says the first year skipper. "I can think back that far and remember at least one player over 6-4."

This time the Comets are a bit closer to the floor, which leads Tyler to adjust his club accordingly.

"We'll be a bit more full-court because we don't have that post-up man inside," he said. "If I could make them all 7-footers I'd love it. But were going to have to utilize our quickness, block out very well, take care of the ball and run our offense and get good shots."

A pretty basic game plan and Tyler has 3 returning starters to help see that things go according to design. Point guard Jarrod Martin, a 5-9 junior, and forward Todd Pearson, a 5-10 senior, will provide team leadership along with returning regular John Bowman, a 5-9 senior swingman.

The Comets lost much of their scoring from last year's district title team when three-year starter Todd Tyler and Terry Choate graduated. The new coach says he's challenged some specific individuals to take the controls offensively and defensively. "What we need right now is a rebounder," he said.

Junior Chad Thornsbrough, a lanky 6-1 center, will play the post for Carlisle, and shares team height honors with classmate Lance Wilson, a forward and Casey Henderson, a 6-1 senior guard.

Although Tyler says none of his starting positions have been won yet, Martin and Pearson are probably the most predictable and consistent performers. The coach expects to look at 11 different individuals until he finds the right combination or combinations.

"We're going to have to be aggressive," he says. "We could play nine players, but I could see us going with just five if they can stay out there and do the job."

Comet's Roster
Seniors – John Bowman, 5-9; Joey Burgess, 5-8; Casey Henderson, 6-1; Kevin Lambert, 5-11; Todd Pearson, 5-10, Brad Reddick 5-11.
Juniors – Michael Gibson, 5-10; Jeremy Hickman, 6-0; Jarrod Martin, 5-9; Clark Terry, 5-10; Chad Thornsbrough, 6-1, Lance Wilson, 6-1.
Sophomores Trent Deweese, 5-10, Matt Gill, 5-7, Ryan Jackson, 5-9; Barry Oliver, 5-8, Aaron Thompson 5-9.

St. Mary	**71**
Carlisle Co.	**62**

11-26-91 - Home

Jarrod Martin's 19 second half points helped the Comets pull steadily away for a season-opening victory over the St. Mary Vikings.

Martin finished with 26 points, but his second half surge helped build the Comets lead to double digits.

St. Mary….....12 26 45 62
Carlisle….…....14 32 56 71

St. Mary (62)
Jenks 13, Kelley 7, Black 7, Durbin 14, Michael 13, Anderson 8.
Field goals 25, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 16/25, Fouls 23, Record 0-2.

Carlisle (71)
Bowman 6, Martin 26, Henderson, Wilson 12, Pearson 8, Gipson 10, Lambert 7, Burgess 2.
Field goals 26/54, 3-pointers 3 (Martin 1, Wilson 2), Free throws 16/26, Fouls 25, Record 1-0.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round

Hickman Co.	**56**
Carlisle Co.	**55**

11-29-91 - Away

Hickman County's boys and girls squad survived first-round scares Friday night in the St. Mary Holiday Tournament as the boys out dueled Carlisle County and the girls defeated Livingston Central.

Senior Forward Michael Davis easily outdistanced all scorers in the boys contest. Davis was the only Falcon player to reach double figures as he tallied 26 points while leading the Hickman team to a 56-55 win.

Jarrod Martin scored 18 and Lance Wilson 16 for the Comets.

Although Carlisle County took the early lead in the first quarter, Hickman pulled back and kept just ahead of the Comets at each quarter stop, clinging to a 30-29 halftime lead and 43-41 third quarter edge.

Hickman….....14 30 43 56
Carlisle….…....18 29 41 55

Hickman (56)
Coates 4, M. Davis 26, S Davis 6, Hunt 5, Jewell 2, Latham 4, Lester 4, Wilson 5.
Field goals 21/56, 3-pointers 2 (Davis, Wilson), Free throws 12/18, Rebounds 30, Fouls 20, Record 2-1.

Carlisle (55)
Martin 18, Wilson 16, Bowman 8, Gipson 1, Lambert 8, Pearson 4, Burgess.

Fgs. 17/45, 3 pts. 3 (Martin 2, Wilson), Fts. 18/24, Rebs. 27, Fouls 19.

St. Mary Tourn.
Consolation

Carlisle Co. 54
St. Mary 56
11-30-91 - Away

St. Mary took the boys consolation game of their own Tourn. when Chris Jenks hit a 12 ft. shot at the buzzer.

Jenks scored 23 pts. to lead all scorers. Teammate Chad Kelly pitched in 20.

Jarrod Martin and Todd Pearson led the Comets with 16 pts. each.

St. Mary took advantage of the free throws, hitting 19 of 21.

Carlisle…..18 28 40 50 54
St. Mary…..13 26 32 50 56

Carlisle (54)
Bowman, Burgess 2, Lambert 4, Martin 16, Pearson 16, Terry 2, Wilson 14.
Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 0, Fts. 4/8, Fouls 20

St. Mary (56)
Jenks 23, Kelly 20, Michel 6, Sims 5, Durbin 2, Black, Anderson 2.
Fgs. 18, 3 pts. 3 (Kelly 3), Fts. 15/21, Fouls 15.

Carlisle Co. 77
Calloway Co. 60
12-06-91 - Home

The Comets blasted to a 25-10 lead by the end of the first period and coasted to victory over Calloway County.

The Lakers out rebounded the Comets but managed only 36 percent shooting from the field.

Carlisle's Todd Pearson led all scorers with 20, while team-mates Jarrod Martin and John Bowman scored 14 and 11, respectively. Craig Caraway's 16 points led Calloway County while Matt Price added 11 and Thomas Hornbuckle 10.

While Carlisle improved to 2-2, the Lakers are winless in two games.

Calloway….....10 28 37 60
Carlisle…….....25 36 55 77

Calloway (60)
Caraway 16, Cogdell 2, Dunn 3, Gibson 2, Greer 7, Hornbuckle 10, Johnson 9, Price 11.
Field Goals 17/47, 3 pts. 2, Free Throws 20/29, Fouls 29, Record 0-2.

Carlisle (77)
Bowman 11, Burgess 4, Gibson 7, Henderson 7, Lambert 2, Martin 14, Pearson 20, Wilson 12, Terry, Reddick.
Field Goals 18/41, 3 pts. 6 (Martin 2, Pearson 2, Burgess, Henderson), Free Throws 23/37, Fouls 24, Record 2-2.
Officials—Argo, Behrednt

Carlisle Co. 58
Ballard Co. 46
12-10-91 - Away

Ballard Co. committed 25 turnovers to Carlisle County's nine as the Comets defeated the Bombers.

Ballard led at the end of the first period but scored only 17 points in the second and third periods.

The advantage in the turnover department and a good night at the free throw line were enough to negate a horrendous shooting performance from the field. Carlisle connected on only 20 of 66 field goal attempts, or 30 percent, but made 15 of 18 from the line.

Carlisle's Lance Wilson led all scorers with 20.

Wartz Yates led the Bombers in rebounding with 10.

Carlisle…..10 27 38 58
Ballard…..13 21 30 46

Carlisle (58)
Bowman 6, Martin 7, Henderson 3, Wilson 20, Pearson 4, Terry 5, Gibson 13.
Field Goals 20/66, 3 pts. 3 (Wilson 2, Martin), Free Throws 15/18. Fouls 25.

Ballard (46)
Holt 4, Williams 15, Yates 8, Allcock 8, Dowdy 11, Summers, Whipple, Lawrence.
Field Goals 19/43, 3 pts. 1 (Dowdy), Free Throws 7/13, Rebounds 34, Fouls 15.

Cairo, ILL. 100
Carlisle Co. 74
12-13-91 - Away

Carlisle County rambled over the swollen Ohio River to watch Cairo (4-0) turn the century mark as Dwight Russell scored one-quarter of the Pilots' points.

Cairo's press did the damage early as the Pilots feasted on steals and easy lay-ups or rim-shaking dunks. Russell scored 12 points, including one dunk in the first period and Tyrone Nesby added eight points, including three slams, as the pilots raced to a 29-16 edge.

Jarrod Martin 21 pts. was high for the Comets while Lance Wilson added 17.

Carlisle…..16 38 56 74
Cairo…….....29 51 71 100

Carlisle (74)
Burgess 7, Gibson 4, Lambert 11, Martin 21, Pearson 14, Wilson 17.
Field Goals 30/60, 3-pointers 4/14 (Martin 3, Pearson), Free throws 9/14, Rebounds 33, Fouls 16, Record 2-3.

Cairo (100)
Nesby 18, Lowe 9, Russell 25, D. Whitaker 4, Box 9, Bingham 9, Mallory 13, Davis 6, Purchase 2, C Whitaker 3.
Field goals 41/63, 3-pointers 5/13, Free throws 13/19, Rebounds 43, Fouls 18, Record 4-0
Officials—Quinalman, Elms.

Carlisle Co. 58
Hickman Co. 55
12-17-91 - Away

Carlisle County's Lance Wilson hit the game winning free throws with about a minute to play as Carlisle County edged Hickman in a First District encounter.

"It was just a typical Hickman County-Carlisle County game and Carlisle came out on top in this one," first-year Hickman coach Henry Edwards said.

Hickman had a one point lead with 90 seconds to go and missed a fielder that Carlisle rebounded. Seconds later Wilson was fouled and hit both free throws to make it 56-55. Hickman followed with a turnover and Jarrod Martin answered with a fielder for the game's final points. Hickman missed a 3-point attempt with time running out.

The game was tied at the end of the first and second quarters. Carlisle led by four at the three quarters mark.

The Comets, which hit 29 out of 39 fielders, got 19 points from Michael Gibson, who hit four 3-pointers. Hickman was led in scoring by Michael Davis with 22.

Carlisle…….....13 31 46 58
Hickman…….....13 31 42 55

Carlisle (58)
Bowman 7, Gibson 19, Lambert 2, Martin 9, Pearson 9, Wilson 12.
Field goals 21/39, 3-pointers 5 (Gibson 4, Martin 1), Free throws 15/16, Rebounds 18, Fouls 17, Record 2-3.

Hickman (55)
Coates 9, M. Davis 22, S. Davis 8, Hunt 4, Jewell 7, Latham, Lester, Vaughan, Wilson 5.
Field Goals 21/46, 3-pointers 3 (Coates, M. Davis, Wilson), Free throws 10/14, Rebounds 20, Fouls 15, Record 4-3.

Comets Pull Off
Second Straight Upset

Carlisle Co. 74
Heath 72
12-19-91 - Home

Carlisle County's Kevin Lambert converted a three-point play in the final seconds as the Comets knocked off Heath 74-72 for their second upset this week.

Coming off Tuesday's three-point First District victory over Hickman County, Carlisle trailed the Pirates most of the way, but continued chipping away until Lambert's heroics with five seconds left.

Heath led 72-67 with just over a minute to play when the Comets reeled of two quick baskets, moving to within 72-71. When Heath missed the front end of a bonus with 28 seconds to go, Carlisle rebounded and set up for the possible winning shot.

But Michael Gibson's jumper was off target and Lambert, who rebounded and stuck it back, was fouled with five seconds left. The senior guard made his follow up free throw for a two-point margin and the Comets sealed the victory by stealing Heath's ensuing inbounds pass.

Lambert's 24 points led all scorers as Carlisle County improved to 3-3 and Health lost for the first time in three games.

Heath…….....19 37 55 72
Carlisle…….....12 36 56 74

Carlisle (74)
Bowman 3, Burgess, Gibson 10, Lambert 24, Henderson, Martin 14, Pearson 11, Wilson 10.
Fgs. 23/44, 3 pts. 3/9 (Martin 2, Lambert), Fts. 19/26, Fouls 20.

Heath (72)
Beyer 5, Ma. Blackwell 9, Bobo 2, Harrison 17, Noles 19, Phillips 2, Seaton 5, Tilford 13.
Fgs. 25/42, 3 pts. 2/4 (Noles, Blackwell), Fts. 16/21, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 64
Graves Co. 54
12-20-91 - Away

Carlisle County won its third straight after making it's foul shots down the stretch. Graves was within three points with five minutes to play, but couldn't close the gap as the Comets made 8-of-10 free throws in the final period.

Carlisle guard Jarrod Martin led the game with 23 points while John Bowman and Todd Pearson added 12 apiece for the Comets, now 5-3. Ashley Brannon paced the 1-7 Eagles with 13 points.

Carlisle…….....20 32 42 64
Graves…….....13 24 36 54

Carlisle (64)
Bowman 12, Burgess 2, Gibson 3, Henderson 2, Lambert 2, Martin 23, Pearson 12, Wilson 8.
Fgs. 23/58, 3 pts. 5/12 (Wilson 2, Martin 3), Fts. 13/19, Fouls 16.

Graves (54)

Barber 10, Brannon 13, Brown 8, Floyd 2, Goatley 4, Mayes 6, Jameson 2, Thomason 9.
Fgs. 24/44, Fts. 6/15, Fouls 19.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round

Caldwell Co. 69
Carlisle Co. 49
12-26-91 - Away

Mike Fraliex scored 26 points to lead the Tigers past a flat Carlisle County team, but that wasn't exactly unexpected. The surprise bonus was the play of center Casey Newson.

The 6-4 sophomore scored 21 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and had the key basket as Caldwell stopped the Comets third-quarter rally. It was his dominating presence in the lane that brought the biggest smile to Caldwell coach Robin Scott's face.

"He's so aggressive on the boards and inside, something we haven't had for a couple of years," Scott said. "The improvement he has made in one year is phenomenal. He's going to be a real good player."

Newson came to the forefront as Carlisle threatened in the third quarter. Two straight baskets by Kevin Lambert and a lay-up by Jared Martin made the score 41-33. Carlisle suddenly went cold, and Nelson contributed a three point play to push the Tigers lead back to 13.

Carlisle came within 9 pts. in the fourth quarter, but lost several more opportunities to turnovers and Fraliex scored five straight points to salt the game away.

"We didn't show up to play," said Coach John Tyler.

Carlisle…..…....8 22 37 49
Caldwell…..…....17 34 48 69
Carlisle (49)
Martin 13, Pearson 11, Gibson 11, Henderson, Lambert 10, Wilson 4.
Field Goals 19/40, 3-pointers 2/9 (Martin, Gibson), Free Throws 5/11.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round
Greene Ejection Paves
Way For Carlisle Victory

Carlisle Co. 50
Calloway Co. 46
12-27-91 - Away

Carlisle County was the survivor in what coach John Tyler described as a "nip and tuck" game as the Comets came away with a 50-46 win over Calloway County in Friday's consolation round of the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament.

Play was suspended by officials with eight seconds left on the clock when Calloway coach Ron Greene was ejected and refused to leave the court.

The trouble began in the final seconds with Carlisle leading 48-46 when the ball rolled over to the Calloway sideline after a foul had been called on the Lakers. Greene said he picked up the ball and flipped it to the officials, who were in the process of notifying the official scorer of the foul and offender.

The ball, according to Greene, inadvertently struck the official.

Greene said there was about a six-to-eight second delay while the official pondered what to do. Greene said remarks from a bystander apparently prompted the referee to call a technical.

"It was like he thought 'Well maybe I ought to call a technical foul here,'" Greene said. "I had complete control over what I was doing."

That is, up to the point when the first technical was called. After that, Greene admitted he lost his temper. Two subsequent technical's resulted in automatic expulsion of the Calloway coach. According to high school rules, a coach or player being ejected from a game is not allowed to participate in the team's next game.

Carlisle…..…....12 27 39 50
Calloway…..…....6 25 37 46
Carlisle (50)
Bowman 2, Burgess 1, Gibson 11, Henderson, Lambert 6, Martin 16, Pearson 8, Wilson 8.
Field Goals 18/43, 3-pointers 1, Free Throws 11/19, Fouls 14, Record 6-4.
Calloway (46)
Boyle 3, Dunn, Gibson 14, Greer 15, Hornbuckle 2, Johnson 2, Price 10.
Field Goals 18/31, Free Throws 11/14, Rebounds 30, Record 0-7.

Tilghman Tourn.
Consolation

Carlisle Co. 71
Lyon Co. 69
12-28-91 - Away

Carlisle won the consolation of the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tourney, 71-to-69. The Comets lead at the half by 6 points 37 to 31.

Lyon Co. hit seven 3-pointers for the game, many of them in the second half, but the Comets made several free throws in the last quarter to defeat Lyon Co. by two points.

Carlisle…..…....15 31 54 71
Lyon…..…....24 37 49 69
Carlisle (71)
Bowman 5, Martin 23, Wilson 10, Pearson 12, Gibson 12, Burgess, Henderson 4, Lambert 10.
Field Goals 24/45, 3-pointers 1 (Martin), Free Throws 22/35, Fouls 21, Record 7-4
Lyon (69)
Allen 9, Cunningham 17, Hawkins 13, Herring 12, Hunsinger 16.
Field Goals 22/50, 3-pointers 7, Free Throws 18/27, Fouls 27, Record 6-3.

Stealthy Comets
Pursue Respect

Carlisle Co. 61
Hickman Co. 50
01-07-92 - Home

Quietly, almost anonymously, Carlisle County keeps turning heads and making waves across the First Region.

The Comets gained a few more admirers by completing a regular season sweep over archrival Hickman County Tuesday night, a 61-50 win that gave them their seventh victory in eight games and sole possession of first place in the first district with a 2-0 mark.

Todd Pearson proved to be the catalyst by dominating the offensive boards and exploding for 21 points. After hitting a 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer, the senior guard led a third-quarter surge by the Comets.

"Both teams were sort of standing around and watching the ball come off the basket," said Carlisle coach John Tyler. "We told the kids to hit the offensive boards and they did. On time Todd had three all by himself. He would miss, get it and miss again until he finally stuck it in there. He had seven offensive boards in the second half."

Carlisle outscored Hickman 18-9 in the decisive period to take a 50-36 lead and hit their free throws down the stretch. Carlisle hit 16 of 22 foul shots, with most coming in the fourth quarter.

Pearson led all scorers with 21 points and teammate Jarrod Martin added 13. Michael Davis led Hickman with 16 points.

Hickman…..…....16 27 36 50
Carlisle…..…....16 32 50 61
Carlisle (61)
Bowman 9, Burgess, Gibson 2, Martin 13, Henderson, Pearson 21, Terry 6, Wilson 10.
Field Goals 21/45, 3-pointers 3/7 (Martin, Pearson 2), Free Throws 16/22, Fouls 16, Record 9-4
Hickman (50)
Coates 15, M Davis 16, S Davis 10,
Jewell 4, Wilson 3,
Field Goals 21/44, 3-pointers 1/7 (Wilson), Free Throws 7/9, Fouls 20, Record 7-5.

Carlisle Co. 68
Fulton City 43
01-10-91 - Home

Carlisle County just keeps on winning.

The Comets, perhaps the most surprising team in the First Region, outscored district rival Fulton 26-10 in the second quarter on their way to a 10th win in 14 games. Carlisle also remains aloft the First District standings with a 3-0 mark.

The Comets held the Bulldogs to 39 percent shooting from the field while Carlisle's Jarrod Martin did much of the offensive damage, leading all scorers with 17 points.

Fulton City…...15 25 37 43
Carlisle…….…22 48 58 68
Carlisle (68)
Bowman 4, Burgess, Gibson 14, Gill, Henderson 6, Jackson 4, Lambert, Martin 17, Pearson 5, Reddick, Terry 4, Wilson 14.
Fgs. 29/60, 3 pts. 4/9, (Martin, Wilson 2,), Fts. 7/8, Fouls 10.
Fulton City (43)
Barnes 2, Burnette 4, Crumble 14, Dickerson, Kerney 2, Lee, Pettigrew 12, Pryor.
Fgs. 19/49, 3 pts. 0, Fts. 5/6, Fouls 10.

Pressure Cools
Off Comets

Mayfield 64
Carlisle Co. 49
01-13-92 - Away

Pressure defense was the difference in the second half as Mayfield pulled away from a halftime deadlock to defeat Carlisle County.

Full-court pressure in the third period enabled the Cardinals to outscore the Comets 19-11 and go on to the victory.

Mayfield out rebounded Carlisle by a convincing 35-21 margin and also held a big advantage from the free throw line, hitting 16 of 20 attempts, compared to only 4-of-8 for the Comets.

The Cardinals were led in scoring by David Fields with 18 points. Fields was also the top rebounder with eight.

Jarrod Martin had 17 pts. for Carlisle.

Carlisle…..…....13 21 32 49
Mayfield…..…....12 21 40 64
Carlisle (49)
Bowman 6, Burgess, Gibson 6, Lambert 6, Martin 17, Pearson 7, Wilson 7.
Field Goals 20/50, 3-pointers 5 (Martin 2, Wilson, Gibson 2), Free Throws 4/8, Fouls 18, Rebounds 21, Record 10-5
Mayfield (64)
Brooks 10, Brown 8, Fields 18, Thomas 8, Stock 7.
Field Goals 24/41, Free Throws 16/20, Rebounds 35, Fouls 10, Records 9-5.

Comet Streak.
Carlisle Catches Oakers
Off Guard Despite Success.

Carlisle Co. 69
Lone Oak 65
01-14-92 - Away

Whispers of skepticism are dissipating as quickly as Carlisle County's opponents are biting the dust.

The Comets, featuring no player taller than 6-foot-1, entered the season with first-year coach John Tyler at the controls and clinging to guarded optimism about their prospects for the season. However, after 16 games Carlisle is turning heads all across the First Region winning seven of its last nine.

Tuesday night, the Comets sent Lone Oak limping away 69-65 on the Purple Flash's home floor and, without a doubt; a few more Carlisle County doubters were converted to believers.

Lone Oak, which owned the Region's longest winning streak a week ago - 13 straight to start the year - lost its third straight despite 31-point performance from Matt Wallis.

The senior forward, who connected on 15 of 23 fielders for a season-best in the scoring department, confirmed that he, too, is convinced the Comets are for real.

"Coming in I didn't think (Carlisle) could beat us," Wallis admits "I won't underestimate them anymore."

Like a bad dream, the Comets kept hanging around and had the game well in hand before Lone Oak got the wakeup call. After leading by six points – the game's largest point differential - early in the second quarter, Lone Oak turned the ball over on three straight trips down the floor against the Comets' full court pressure, allowing Carlisle to close the gap and trail by just three at the half.

Behind nine Wallis points in the third period, Lone Oak maintained a five-point margin into the fourth quarter before Carlisle senior Todd Pearson entered the picture. Pearson, who scored a team-high 24, reeled off seven quick points, including a 3-pointer with five minutes left that put the Comets up 58-56.

Behind a stern defense and 7 of 8 foul shots in the last three minutes, Carlisle held off Lone Oak's final charge.

"We couldn't get the ball down the floor," said Wallis. "They kept a lot of pressure on our guards.

"They play harder than any team I've ever seen. They get after you and want to win. That's the way we played earlier in the year." He added.

Behind Pearson, Carlisle (11-5) got 16 points from center Lance Wilson and 15 from guard Jerrod Martin. Keith Byrd scored 14 and John Griffith 12 for Lone Oak, now 13-3.

Carlisle….....14 31 43 69
Lone Oak.....18 34 48 65

Carlisle (69)
Bowman 5, Gibson 7, Lambert 2, Martin 15, Pearson 24, Wilson 16.
Field Goals 20/46, 3-pointers 4/7 (Wilson 2, Pearson, Gibson), Free Throws 17/23, Rebounds 20, Fouls 14, Record 11-5

Lone Oak (65)
Byrd 14, Griffith 12, Thompson, Wallis 31.
Field Goals 27/52, 3-pointers 1/6 (Wallis), Free Throws 10/15, Rebounds 20, Fouls 21, Record 13-3 .

Pilots Bellow Loud, Clear
Note Of Excellence

Carlisle Co. 60
Fulton Co. 88
01-17-92 – Home

One way or another, Fulton Co. is determined to send a message to the rest of the First Region.

Quietly and confidently, the Pilots won their first 10 games, but felt they still hadn't received their due. Entering Friday night's First District showdown with a hot Carlisle Co. squad, the subtle approach flew out the window.

On this night, the pilots were about as subtle as a sledgehammer to the head. The visitors hard-rocked, cold-cocked and shell-shocked the comets and knocked them from the district summit, blitzing to a 28 pt. halftime lead en route to an eye-opening 88-60 win.

The defeat was enough to prompt Carlisle coach John Tyler to mangle the English language in his praise for the Pilots.

"They were the awesome team I've seen this year," said Tyler, whose team entered the contest with 9 wins in its last 11 starts. "They're like no team I've seen in this region. I don't think they need to send another message. They're here and here to stay for a while."

Nearly everybody got into the act as Fulton Co. pounded the Comets in the first half, racing to a 47-19 lead behind a deadly balanced attack. Carlisle tried to press but fell victim to a slew of easy fast-break buckets while the Pilots concentrated on taking their hosts completely out of their offence. The strategy worked, as the comets hit just 5 of 24 shots in the first half.

Center P.J. Warlick, perhaps the area's best post man, scored 18 of his 29 pts. in the first 16 minutes and point guard Jerome Warren controlled the tempo and the game while scoring 11 pts. of his own.

Forward Matt Gardner, the Pilots' only senior, got into the act by hauling in 11 of his game-high 15 rebounds before halftime, and junior guard Perry Calcutt tossed in a few transition baskets in addition to his most important duty.

"We wanted to take (Carlisle point guard Jarrod) Martin out of the offense," said Fulton Co. coach Sam Miller. "Calcutt is a super defensive player and he hounded (Martin). And we knew they didn't have anyone that could stop P.J."

Martin sprung free long enough to hit a 12-ft. jumper and pull Carlisle within a basket at 4-2 early on, but the Pilots went on an 8-0 run. Warren capped off the spurt after emerging from a loose ball scramble and rifling a perfect pall to Mancell Elam for an uncontested layup. Carlisle called time, but the carnage was just beginning.

Warlick and Warren combined forces and spearheaded a 12-0 surge in the second period to put the game out of reach. The two underclassmen took turns feeding each other for easy baskets, and Gardner added the demoralizing final touch with a 3-pt. play to make the score 36-10. Even then, halftime was nearly four minutes away.

"I looked at our kids and saw they didn't have that fire in their eye," Tyler said. "Either we didn't have it to begin with or they put it out quick. They were scary."

The Comets, whose tallest player stands only 6-1, double-teamed the 6-4 Warlick in the paint but still couldn't deny him the ball. The pilots lobbed into the junior center all night for easy scores. Warren earned several of his eight assists on such feeds.

"We knew we had the size on them," Gardner said. "We wanted to get the ball into P.J. a lot and let him dominate."

The Pilots shot 60% from the field, a statistic Warlick attributed to his teammates' unselfish nature and passing game.

"Last year we had some guys who just wanted to shoot and get their points," he said. "These guys just want to play ball. If we keep our heads right, we'll keep winning.

"We should get a little respect now, and people better get used to us. The best part is we'll have the same squad next year."

Calcutt was the third Pilot in double figures with 16 pts. Fulton Co., which took sole possession of first place in the district standings with a 3-0 mark, got 10 pts. from Gardner and 9 from sophomore Mancell Elam. Martin led Carlisle, 11-6 overall and 3-1 in district play, with 24 pts.

"It was time to shut some people up and prove how good we are," Gardner said. "I knew we'd be good, but 11-0 never crossed my mind."

Miller, for his part, has some ominous news for the First Region's other contenders. He doesn't think the Pilots have peaked.

"I guarantee they're not as good as they can be," he said. "I won't say they can play any better than they did in the first half, but we're going to get better. This bunch won't get the gig head. They won't get cocky. They'll just play ball."

Fulton Co…...18 47 67 88
Carlisle….…….7 19 38 60

Fulton Co. (88)
Amberg, Barnett 2, Bumpous, Calcutt 16, Carlton 4, Gardner 10, Smith 3, Warlick 29, J. Warren 15, Elam 9.
Fgs. 36/60, 3 pts. 0/1, Fts. 15/24, Fouls 19, Record 11-0.

Carlisle (60)
Bowman 5, Burgess, Gibson 9, Gill, Henderson 5, Lambert 7, Martin 24, Pearson 7, Reddick, Terry, Wilson 3.
Fgs. 19/59, 3 pts. 6/18 (Martin 3, Lambert, Gibson, Henderson), Fts. 16/21, Fouls 23 Record 11-6.

Carlisle Co. 84
Murray 56
01-20-92 - Home

Carlisle zoomed out to an early lead and used a massive advantage at the free-throw line to beat Murray

Comets' coach John Tyler said his squad was able to cause some turnovers and keep the Tigers out of their offense as they jumped to a 16-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. Jarrod Martin, who led all scorers with 23, posted 8 points in the first period.

Carlisle scored only one more field goal than the Tigers, but outscored Murray by 26 points from the foul line. The Comets connected on 30 of 36 free throws, for 83 percent. Meanwhile, the Tigers managed only a 4-of-15 showing at the charity stripe, for 27 percent.

Chris Allen led the Tigers with 14.

Murray….…..4 22 44 56
Carlisle….....16 44 60 84

Murray (56)
Adkins 9, Allen 14, Cheaney 2, Denhart 3, Foster 6, Gantt 3, Jenkins 13, Whitaker 2, Cahoon 2, Weatherly 4.
Field goals 23/53, 3-pointers 2/10 (Adkins 2), Free throws 4/15, Record 3-9.

Carlisle (84)
Bowman 14, Burgess 2, Gibson 2, Gill 2, Henderson 2, Jackson 2, Lambert 10, Martin 23, Pearson 10, Reddick 4, Terry 3, Wilson 10.
Field goals 24/48, 3-pointers 2/5 (Pearson, Lambert), Free throws 30/36, Fouls 17, Record 12-6.

Officials – Argo, Hodge.

All A Tourn.
1st Round
Heath's Shooting
Erases Paper Chase

Carlisle Co. 47
Heath 82
01-27-92 - Away

This is why they don't play basketball games on a paper court.

Every indication was Tuesday night's Heath-Carlisle County matchup in the First Region All A Classic was destined to go down to the wire. After all, Mr. Litkenhous (of ratings fame) and his computer printout made the Pirates and Comets the tournament's fourth and fifth seeds, and Carlisle had won a two-point decision earlier this season.

But this game was just one more reason you shouldn't believe everything you read.

Heath dismantled the Comets, 82-47, to advance to Friday's semifinal round, where it will meet the winner of tonight's 7:45 p.m. quarterfinal-round contest between St. Mary and host and top seed Mayfield.

The Pirates wasted no time establishing their dominance. Heath led 20-7 after one quarter, 44-22 at halftime and only let the Comets pull within 20 points once in the second half, and then just for 21 seconds. Heath shot 56 percent from the field (74 in the first half), held Carlisle to just 32 percent and forced 20 turnovers.

"I don't know what to say," Carlisle coach John Tyler said. "They came out on fire and laid it on us. I'm still trying to figure it out myself."

All in all, not a bad nights worth for the Pirates, who improved to 11-5 and put on a performance that improved Heath's chances of winning the tournament.

In the Pirates' camp, the celebration is on hold. Heath coach Jimmy Long, perhaps looking to keep his team hungry, was a bit subdued afterwards. Asked if his team was peaking just in time for a run at the regional small-school title, Long dismissed the question.

"I don't know if I want to talk about that," Long said. Then grudgingly allowed that, "we are a little bit more consistent. We shot the ball well, but we got the ball where we wanted it a lot and when you do that, good things will usually happen."

Chris Noles, who hit 10 of 15 shots from the field and led all scorers with 29 points, was slightly more exuberant. But he says the Pirates aren't clicking on all cylinders yet.

"We've been up-and-down lately, and we're playing well now, but I thing we can be better," said Noles, whose two separate stints on the injured list may have hampered the Pirates' search for consistency. "We're all finally coming together and getting used to everybody and their roles."

"We're finally getting a little rhythm," said Matt Harrison, who aided Noles with 15 points on 6-for-8 shooting. "We played all right when Chris had his hurt ankle, but we missed him. We think we're one of the better teams in the region, and we're finally starting to play like it."

Long also credited Harrison and Kent Beyer for their defensive jobs on Carlisle's scoring duo of Jarrod Martin and Todd Pearson.

Martin, who is considered one of the region's top point guards, is the focal point on the Comets offense. Much of Carlisle's attack centers around his ability to distribute the ball, but the Pirates took him out of the game almost immediately.

Martin put Carlisle on the board just a minute into the game, and then missed his next six shots, almost all with Beyer and/or another Heath defender in his face. Pearson scored 8 points, mostly on field goals that came on either offensive rebounds or out of the transition game and not as part of the half-court offense.

Beyer also contributed to the Pirates' hot shooting hitting 5-of-8 from the field and scoring 15 points. Martin led Carlisle with 19, 12 of which came after halftime.

Carlisle….....7 22 35 47
Heath…….....20 44 59 82

Carlisle (47)
Gibson 7, Henderson 2, Lambert 2, Martin 19, Pearson 11, Terry 1, Wilson 5.
Field goals 18/55, 3-pointers 4/18 (Martin 2, Gibson, Wilson), Free throws 7/11, Fouls 21, Record 12-7.

Heath (82)
Beyer 15, Ma, Blackwell 4, Mi. Blackwell, 4, Duncan 2, Harrison 14, Kaletch 1, Noles 28, Phillips 3, Seaton 2, Tilford 9.
Field goals 29/47, 3-pointers 6/13 (Noles 4, Beyer, Tilford), Free throws 18/26, Fouls 11, Record 11-5.
Officials – Brown, Palmer, Windhorst.

Comets Handle Late
3-Point Attack

Carlisle Co. 60
Mayfield 55
02-04-92 - Home

Carlisle County, one of the First Region's biggest surprises of the season, met up with Mayfield, perhaps the region's biggest mystery, in a non-district game Tuesday night and the result was on line with current trends.

Mayfield, which is considered a contender for the regional title, lost its third game in four tries as the Comets survived some late 3-pointers to win 60-55.

Mayfield (15-8) led by two points early in the first period, before the Comets turned to their man-to-man coverage for spark. Carlisle (13-7) raced out to a 34-22 half-time lead behind Todd Pearson's first-half points.

The Cardinals scraped their way back into contention in the final period, had the ball behind by two with less than a minute left, but couldn't get either of two 3-point attempts to fall and Carlisle rebounded to save the victory.

Pearson, a 5-foot-10 senior guard, finished with a game-high 25 points while teammate Kevin Lambert pitched in 12. Mayfield's Scottie Thomas paced the Cardinals with 21 points while Shannon Brooks scored 13.

Mayfield.….....11 22 38 55
Carlisle.….....14 34 41 60

Carlisle (60)
Bowman 4, Burgess, Gibson 5, Lambert 12, Martin 7, Pearson 25, Wilson 7.
Fgs. 25/50, 3 pts. 5/11 (Pearson 3, Martin, Gibson), Fts. 5/11, Fouls 16.

Mayfield (55)
Sh. Brooks 13, St. Brooks 8, Brown 9, Fields, J. Lancaster, O.J. Lancaster 4, Thomas 21, Stock.
Fgs. 21/53, 3 pts. 3/10 (Sh. Brooks 3), Fts. 10/13, Fouls 16.

Heath 58
Carlisle Co. 56
02-07-92 - Away

Senior forward Chris Noles rescued Heath from a mediocre free-throw shooting exhibition with a 3-point play in overtime to lift the Pirates past the Comets.

With Heath trailing 56-55, Noles hit a fielder and was fouled with 18 seconds showing in overtime. He canned the free throw for the final margin.

Carlisle had the opportunity to force a second overtime, but Lance Wilson missed the front end of a bonus free throw with five seconds to play. Cory Tilford rebounded Wilson's miss, was fouled, and missed a free throw and Carlisle rebounded, but time expired as the Comets tried to advance the ball.

Carlisle, which trailed by 12 in the final quarter, rallied to force overtime at 52-all on a bucket inside by Todd Pearson. Wilson scored nine points and Jarrod Martin five in the period
Heath hit 9 of 17 free throws and missed the front end of the bonus four times in the fourth quarter.

"We've been hitting our free throws, but not tonight," Heath coach Jimmy Long said.

Noles led all scorers with 21 points. Wilson topped his team with 17 while Martin added 16.

Carlisle…....11 23 32 52 56
Heath……..17 31 41 52 58

Carlisle (56)
Bowman 3, Burgess 2, Gibson 7, Lambert 4, Martin 16, Pearson 7, Wilson 17.
Fgs. 21, 3 pts. 5 (Martin 2, Wilson 2, Gibson), Fts. 9/19, Fouls 25, Rebs. 25.

Heath (58)
Beyer 6, Blackwell 4, Bobo 2, Harrison 7, Noles 21, Seaton 7, Tilford 11.
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 3 (Noles, Blackwell, Seaton), Fts. 15/25, Fouls 16, Rebs. 34.

Tornado Survives
Hot Comets

Carlisle Co. 67
Tilghman 72
02-11-92 - Away

Tilghman coach Steve Dreher drew a sigh of relief as he watched his former team walk out of the Tornado gym Tuesday night.

Carlisle County, where Dreher coached for 4 yrs. before he took the controls at Tilghman, nearly pulled off the upset but lost a six-point, third quarter lead as Tilghman, the First Region's second ranked team, bounced back to win 72-67.

"I know from coaching down there that those kids just don't quit," said Dreher, in the fourth season at Tilghman. "Basketball is all-important at Carlisle County. It unites the entire community."

Carlisle, facing a substantial height disadvantage, used a pesky defense and a burst of superb shooting to turn a 12 point, first quarter deficit into a four-point lead with less than minute to go in the first half. Carlisle committed 10 turnovers in the opening period and trailed 23-10. Tilghman scored the last four points of the opening half and settled for a 37-all tie at the break.

Dreher kept his club in the locker room for the entire intermission, not sending them back out to the floor until there were only seconds left before the second half was to start.

"This was not one of our better performances," Dreher said, whose team improved to 18-8. "We had a lot to talk about (at halftime).

Whatever Dreher said in the dressing room was apparently taken to heart as Tilghman blasted the Comets with a flurry of 3-pointers and reeled off a 24-4 scoring run that didn't end until Carlisle was looking at a 63-49 disadvantage with seven minutes to play in the game.

Tilghman guard Brent Kincaid (25 pts.) and center Harry Lynn (11 pts.) did much of the damage during that onslaught. Kincaid counted three straight treys and 13 points while Lynn

stepped out of the pivot for a three and scored seven during the stretch.

"I knew this wouldn't be an easy game," said Lynn, who was responsible for nine of Tilghman's' 11 blocked shots in the game. "Carlisle is feisty and plays a tough defense. We escaped this one. They wouldn't ever give up.

After Tilghman had marched out to its largest lead in the game, a 14 point margin on a 16-foot Kincaid jumper from the corner, it looked like Carlisle was about out of steam. That couldn't have been more wrong.

The Comets battled back to within 69-65 with 1:15 to play, but missed to many easy shots under their own goal and Lynn blocked another that would have pulled Carlisle to within a basket.

Despite the height disadvantage, Carlisle out-rebounded Tilghman 33-27 as Gibson led the Comets with six. The junior forward also scored 15 points before fouling out in the closing minute.

Carlisle…..…....8 37 49 67
Tilghman…....17 37 59 72

Carlisle (67)
Bowman 7, Burgess, Gibson 15, Lambert, Martin 16, Pearson 16, Wilson 13, Henderson.
Fgs 25/52, 3 pts. 4/11 (Martin 2, Pearson, Gibson), Fts. 13/20, Fouls 21, Rebs 33.

Tilghman (72
Blue 12, Brisbon, Freeman, Hart 3, Kincaid 25, Lynn 11, Myers, Slone 4, Smith 3, Woodfork 8, Young 2.
Fgs. 26/50, 3 pts. 5/8 (Kincaid 4, Hart), Fts. 15/25, Fouls 19, Rebs 27.

Fulton Co. 61
Carlisle Co. 55
02-14-92 - Away

Carlisle County led almost the entire game, up by as much as 10 points, but finally faltered in the fourth quarter against Fulton County.

The Comets led 40-31 at the half but scored only 15 points in the second half, five in the fourth period.

"We turned the defense up a little bit and they just didn't shoot as well (in the second half),"said Fulton coach Sam Miller.

P.J. Warlick was the Pilots' leading scorer with 17, and the leading rebounder with 10.

Michael Gibson topped the Comets with 15 points.

Fulton Co…....23 40 50 55
Carlisle…..…...10 23 42 58

Carlisle (58)
Bowman 8, Gibson 15, Lambert 2, Martin 12, Pearson 10, Wilson 8.
Fgs. 22, 3 pts. 4, Fts. 7/10, Fouls 18.

Fulton Co. (55)
Barnett 8, Calcutt 8, Carlton 6, Elam 4, Gardner 6, Warlick 17, Warren 12.
Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 1, Fts. 10/19, Fouls 14.

Carlisle Co. 60
Fulton City 52
02-18-92 - Away

An advantage at the foul line and a strong first half effort helped Carlisle build a 34-22 first half lead in the First District game.

Todd Pearson scored 17 points and seized 15 rebounds. The Comets hit four 3-pts shots, one each by Jarrod Martin, Casey Henderson, Michael Gibson, and Kevin Lambert.

Michael Don Burnette had 15 points and 14 rebounds for the Pilots.

Carlisle…..…....17 34 44 60
Fulton City…...11 22 34 52

Carlisle (60)
Bowman 5, Burgess 9, Gibson 5, Henderson 5, Lambert 6, Martin 7, Pearson 13, Clark, Wilson 10.
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 4 (Henderson, Martin, Gibson, Lambert), Fts. 16/29, Fouls 21.

Fulton City (52)
Barnes 3, Burrnett 15, Bushart, T. Crumble 10, Kerney 2, C. McClanahan 5, Pettigrew 17, Lusk, Butts, A. McClanahan, J. Crumble.
Fgs. 22, 3 pts. 2 (C. McClanahan, Barnes), Fts. 6/16, Fouls 24.

Carlisle Co. 58
Reidland 52
02-25-92 - Home

Carlisle outscored Reidland 19-9 in the third quarter to take the lead for good en route to its 15th victory.

Four players scored in double figures for Carlisle, led by Lance Wilson's 12 points. Reidland's John Riley scored 11 of his game-best 17 points in the second half.

Carlisle…..….....17 27 36 52
Reidland.…....10 23 42 58

Carlisle (52)
Bowman 8, Burgess 2, Gibson, Lambert 3, Henderson, Martin 11, Pearson 11, Wilson 12.
Fgs. 22/50, 3 pts. 1/7 (Martin), Fts. 13/19, Fouls 18.

Reidland (52)
Burden 4, Burchard 8, Concil 1, Gibson 6, Harper, May 8, Ramage 8, Riley 17, Tucker.
Fgs. 20/49, 3 pts. 1/4 (Gibson), Fts. 11/19, Fouls 18.

Carlisle Co. 71
Ballard Co 55
02-27-92 - Home

Carlisle County picked up the intensity in its man-to-man defense the last half and opened up what was a close game for two periods.

Carlisle's Jarrod Martin scored seven points in the third quarter as Carlisle outscored the Bombers 19-9 and forged ahead 54-38. Carlisle led 11-3 at the game's outset, but Ballard pulled to within one point and stayed close until halftime.

Ron Townsley scored a game high 19 points for the Bombers, now 7-16. Martin and John Bowman led Carlisle with 14 each.

Ballard.…..….....13 29 38 55
Carlisle…..….....14 35 54 71

Carlisle (71)
Bowman 14, Burgess 8, Gibson 7, Gill, Henderson 2, Hickman, Jackson, Lambert 10, Martin 14, Pearson 2, Reddick 2, Terry, Thompson, Wilson 8.
Fgs. 23/49, 3 pts. 5/8 (Burgess 2, Martin, Lambert, Gibson), Fts. 16/23, Fouls 18.

Ballard (55)
Allcock 12, Dowdy 11, Holt, Townsley 19, Williams 7, Yates 6.
Fgs. 19/42, 3 pts. 2/3 (Dowdy 2), Fts. 15/21, Fouls 20.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Falcons' Fiasco
Lights Up Comets

Carlisle Co. 60
Hickman Co. 51
03-02-92 - Away

The storied border war between Carlisle County and Hickman County may actually have topped itself, for it's unlikely even the oldest and biggest fan of both teams haven't seen a quarter quite like Thursday night's final eight minutes. That's because all the cheering was emanating from just one side of Fulton County's cracker box gymnasium.

Whether it was defense, bad decisions or just plain rotten luck (everybody had a different explanation), something kept the basketball from going through Hickman County's net. That's right, if not for Jason Vaughn's free throw with six seconds left in the game, the Falcons would have been held without a point in the fourth quarter. Ten times Hickman fired at the basket and ten times the ball skittered off the rim, and in the meantime Carlisle's rag-tag bunch of too small and too-slow players rallied for an almost unbelievable 60-51 win in the First District Semifinals.

"I've never seen anything like it." said Carlisle coach John Tyler, who didn't realize Hickman had endured such a drought until just before Vaughn's foul shot. "It's just like we always say when Carlisle and Hickman get together you never know what's going to happen.

The Falcons' Michael Davis had tormented Carlisle's man-to-man defense all night, until the 4th quarter, and his 15 foot baseline jumper with 38 seconds left in the third quarter looked like just another stake in Carlisle's collective heart. The bucket gave Davis his 26th and 27th pt. and more importantly, a 50-42 lead.

But Jarrod Martin was already in one of those unconscious streaks every player dreams of. The 5-9 junior point guard had already hit two straight shots to cut it to a 11 pt. deficit, and he hit his second 3 pointer in a row to make the score 50-45 late in the 3rd period.

John Bowman brought the Comets closer with a jumper in the lane, and Michael Gibson tied it with a 3 pointer from the corner.

Martin then stole the ball at mid-court and converted the lay-up for a 52-50 lead. He later added key fts. to extend the margin as Hickman kept misfiring.

"It seems it takes a steal or a 3 pointer to get us going," Tyler said. "And a lot of the times Jarrod's the one that gets us started. He makes a lot of big plays.

"And we played better defense in the fourth quarter. We had (three guys) guarding Davis and they all got in foul trouble. We put Gibson on him in the fourth quarter, and he did a good job. I don't think it was the switch that did it, but our whole team helped better and got after them like we have all year.

Martin, perhaps as good a guard as there is in the region, prefers to shun the lime light. But then there are times that demand his talents.

"I really don't like to but sometimes I have to take the team on my shoulders and get something started," Martin said. "It seems we get back up and everybody gets involved."

Carlisle went to the spread offence and Hickman was forced to foul. Because neither team was yet in the bonus, it took nearly two minutes to put Carlisle on the line. Martin made two and the Comets denied the inbounds pass for 5 seconds, getting the ball back on the turnover.

Carlisle gave the Falcons one opportunity when Gibson missed a front end of a bonus. Davis missed an off-balance jumper and teammate Brain Jewell watched two of his own shots do an unfriendly dance on the rim.

Carlisle rebounded and Gibson hit a free throw for a 6 pt. lead. Davis came down and tried to set up for a 3-pointer, but Gibson stripped the ball and was fouled down-court with 32 seconds left. He made both shots to seal the win.

"It was the same story for us," said Hickman coach Henry Edwards. "We just don't play real hard down the stretch. We get a lead and we play like were 10 pts. down We forced too many passes and didn't take care off the ball.

"I told John before the game that what we had done this year didn't account for anything," said Edwards, who, like his counterpart, played and now coaches at his alma mater. "They deserved to win. They beat us three times this year and they were all like this one."

Carlisle, 17-10, got 15 pts. from Gibson. Martin chipped in with 14, all coming in the second half. Davis, who tossed in 27, was the only Falcon in double figures. Hickman finished 18-10

Carlisle….....16 30 45 60
Hickman.....3 31 50 51

Carlisle (60)
Bowman 4, Martin 14, Henderson, Wilson 11, Pearson 11, Lambert 5, Gibson 15.
Fgs. 13, 3 pts. 7 (Martin 2, Gibson 2, Wilson, Pearson, Lambert), Fts. 13/19, Fouls 17, Record 17-10.

Hickman (51)
Jewell 6, M. Davis 27, S. Davis 7, Coates 8, Lester 1, Latham 1, Vaughn 1.
Fgs. 22, 3 pts. 0, Fts. 7-14, Fouls 18

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Pilots' Cushion
Prevents Fall

Carlisle Co. 60
Fulton Co. 64
03-03-92 – Away

The game-long cushion went flat on Fulton County in the final frantic seconds, but still broke the Pilots' fall as they held on for a 64-60 victory over spunky Carlisle County.

P.J. Warlick sank a pair of free throws with three seconds left and a wild last Comet shot went awry as the Pilots won their first District Championship in several years, coach Sam Miller said.

Carlisle trailed 60-49 late in the game, but spurted to a 9-1 scoring streak as Fulton County missed free throws and shots. Lance Wilson's steal and breakaway lay-up with four seconds left cut the lead 62-60.

Twice the Pilots missed the front end of a bonus situation during that streak. "We rushed things the last minute and put up some shots we didn't need to," said Fulton's Sam Miller. "It really didn't matter what we did, if we slowed the tempo or sped it up, Carlisle stayed right there with us."

The Pilots started at full speed, scoring on 7 layup in the first quarter for a 17-10 lead. They built the cushion up to 13 with a 6 pt. run to start the second quarter and kept it that way until the second half.

Fulton Co, led by Mancel Elam with 16 and Warlick with 15, pushed ahead 44-25 in the third quarter, but Carlisle cut the edge back with a 10 pt. run.

Carlisle….....10 22 37 60
Fulton Co.....17 33 48 64

Carlisle (60)
Bowman 2, Gibson 13, Henderson, Lambert 14, Martin 6, Pearson 11, Wilson 14.
Fgs. 19, 3 pts. 4 (Wilson 2, Gibson 2), Fts. 10/15.

Fulton Co. (64)
Barnett 6, Calcutt 9, Carlton, Elam 16, Gardner 8, Warlick 15, Warren 10.
Fgs. 27, 3 pts. 0, Fts. 10/20.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Out-Point Heath.
Martin Directs Carlisle Upset

Carlisle Co. 63
Heath 55
03-12-92 - Away

As any coach or basketball guru will attest, the measure of a great point guard is how better he makes his teammates.

Carlisle County's Jarrod Martin takes that task to heart whenever he steps on the court, and it's doubtful he could have met the job description as well was he did Thursday night.

Martin made sure all the Comets were involved as Carlisle defeated Second District champion Heath 63-55 in the opening round of the First Region tournament. Five players, including Martin, scored between 11 and 13 points as Carlisle claimed the early lead, then held off a late Pirate comeback.

The win advanced the Comets to Monday night's semifinal round against Mayfield, a 66-51 winner over Ballard Memorial.

"Whenever I'm left open, I know Jarrod's going to get the ball to me," said Todd Pearson, who scored two consecutive crucial baskets to end a fourth-quarter Pirate rally. "He's got eyes on every side of his head. He always seems to find the open man."

Never was it more evident when the Pirates made their final assault, midway through the final period. Heath, which had trailed by as much as 10 points, implemented a full-court trap to whittle the lead down to four. Chris Noles, who led all scorers with 19 points, was fouled while launching a 3-pointer and hit all three free throws to cut the lead to 50-46 with 4:54 left in the game.

But Martin finally solved the riddle of Heath's half-court trap after a timeout and made the Pirate's pay by triggering three straight baskets, all part of an 8-2 run that sealed the win.

Drawing the defense outside, Martin was able to squirt away and create easy shots for Pearson and Lance Wilson, who shared team-scoring honors with 13 points each.

On the first play, he split a trap and hit Wilson in the middle of the lane, and Wilson shoveled a pass to Pearson on the baseline for and easy basket.

Matt Harrison kept Heath close with a turnaround jumper, but Martin again split two defenders, this time hitting Pearson streaking toward the basket for another lay-up. Then after forcing Harrison to double dribble after an apparent steal, Martin found Wilson roaming the baseline, and the junior forward flipped in a reverse lay-up that all but ended the Pirates season.

"I was picking up my dribble too soon and not trying to break the trap," Martin said. "After we talked about it, as soon as I saw an opening I went for it and dished it to the open man,"

Kevin Lambert, who came off the bench to score 14 points, capped off the run by stealing the ball at mid-court and drawing a foul. He made both foul shots to give Carlisle an insurmountable 58-48 lead with just 1:22 remaining.

"They hadn't used (the half-court trap) against us in the three games we'd played against them, but we'd seem them use it against Tilghman in the district finals," said Carlisle coach John Tyler. "We had to call time out and go over how we were supposed to attack it, and the kids didn't get shaken by it.

"They were putting Noles and Harrison on the front, and it was hard for our little guys – Martin and (John) Bowman – to see over it. We told them they could dribble away from the trap and probably find someone open for the lay-up."

The spurt put an end to a frustrating night for Heath coach Jimmy Long, who felt his team might have been due for an off night after back-to-back wins over Lone Oak and Paducah Tilghman last week en route to its first Second District title since 1961.

"We were probably ripe and ready to be picked," Long said. "I don't know if we were scared or got nervous or what, but we just didn't look ready. They took a lot away from us, but we were very impatient offensively. Heck, Carlisle outplayed us and they deserved to win.

"But I can't be upset. It's been a great year, and I think the program is still coming up."

Long also felt the officials could have hurt his team with a pre-game admonition that took away some of the Pirates' customary shows of emotion. Heath has been one of the region's most animated teams, but Long said officials indicated at the first of the game that any move such as raising a fist would result in an automatic technical. He hinted the edict could have affected his team. "We never mentally got into the flow of the game." Long said. "I don't understand that and it didn't cost us the game or anything, but it doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me."

The subdued Pirates shot just 29 percent in the first half and went especially cold late in the second quarter. Heath went without a field goal for a six-minute stretch that spanned halftime and in the meantime, the Carlisle lead mushroomed from 3 to 10. The Comets maintained a steady 7-to-10-point lead until early in the fourth quarter, when Martin finally nailed the door shut.

Carlisle kept the lead with different players sharing the scoring load by tallying points in shifts, a strategy Pearson said reflects his team's "family like" approach.

"I think we're all so close because we've grown up together and know each other so well," he said. "We get on each like a family does. We don't cuss each other out very often, but if we do its out of love.

"We've played together for so long we know what everybody's going to do, and whenever somebody gets covered, somebody else can step up and score."

Martin scored 12 points for the Comets, who improved to 18-11, and John Bowman added 11, seven of which came in the first quarter.

Carlisle….....13 30 44 63
Heath….....12 24 37 55

Carlisle (63)
Bowman 11, Martin 12, Wilson 13, Pearson 13, Gibson 2, Lambert 12.
Fgs. 23, 3 pts. 3 (Lambert 2, Martin), Fts. 14/22, Rebs 24, Fouls 16.

Heath (55)
Noles 19, Beyere 2, Harrison 13, Ma. Blackwell 3, Seaton 5, Tilford 13, Bobo, Phillips, Mi. Blackwell, Duncan, O'Donley, Guthrie.
Fgs. 22, 3 pts. 4 (Noles 2, Seaton, Tilford), Fts. 15/19, Rebs. 32, Fouls 17

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Brooks Brothers Apply
Deadly Coverage

Carlisle Co. 44
Mayfield 47
03-16-92 - Away

In a First Region tournament semifinal match-up between patient teams with precision

offenses and belly-to-belly man defenses, a big defensive series fittingly finalized the outcome.

Free throws by Mayfield's David Fields were the only scoring in the last three minutes of play and the Cardinal defense denied Carlisle County a decent shot in the closing seconds in a 47-44 Mayfield win.

Monday night's victory pushes the 24-9 Cardinals into tonight's 7 p.m. final against Marshall County at Racer Arena.

In a game where the largest lead of the second half was a scant three points, Mayfield pulled the defensive stopper in the crunch to hold off upset-minded Carlisle.

"We came out and just played good defense," Mayfield guard Shannon Brooks said about the final 25 seconds. "We just wanted to make sure Carlisle didn't tie the game with a 3-point shot."

Trailing by the final score, Carlisle took a timeout with 25.5 seconds showing to set up the final sequence. When Lance Wilson went up for a 3-pointer at the top of the key, Brooks was there, forcing the Comet center to pass the ball away at the last second before shooting. Kevin Lambert ended up with the ball, and with the clock gunning past the 10-second mark, he attempted a 3-pointer, but this time Steven Brooks (Shannon's brother) was there with pressure, and the shot fell off. Mayfield grabbed the rebound and five seconds later was a winner for the ninth time in the last 10 games.

'We felt like Carlisle was going to go for the 3 point shot, so we extended our defense," Mayfield coach Scott Schlosser said, "and they didn't get a good shot off."

First year head coach John Tyler, who fashioned a 18-12 record after last year's 14-16 season, said his team's final possession was one he would like to have back.

"It was just one of those plays that just went awry on us," he said. "We were trying to get the best possible shot, a lay-up if we had it, but if we had the three we were going to take it."

Mayfield forward Scotty Thomas, who led his team with 16 pts, actually accounted for the winning pts., at the 3:33 mark with a put-back that made it 45-42. Carlisle answered at the three-minute mark when Michael Gibson scored inside. Thomas was called for an offensive foul, but Jarrod Martin missed a baseline jumper and Fields rebounded. Fields was then fouled in Mayfield's set offense and he hit both tosses with 1:43 showing. Carlisle missed three shots in the closing minute before the final foray.

"We missed too many shots," said Tyler, whose team hit three of four 3-pointers but only 13 of 33 shots from inside the 3 pt. line.

Wilson topped the Comets with 13 pts. while Martin added 11.

Carlisle, which overcame an 8 pt. deficit in the first half, last led 30-29 midway through the third quarter on a lay-in by John Bowman, compliments of a nice baseline dish and drive by Martin.

"We thought we could win," Martin said. "We knew that Mayfield was bigger than us, but it's not how big you are, it's how hard you play.

Gibson out-quicked two defenders inside for a fielder that just beat the horn and brought Carlisle to within 40-39 at the end of the third quarter. Carlisle trailed by as much as 3 pts. and tied the game once in the last quarter.

"We get after everybody we play," Tyler said. "We don't want anyone to think they're going to have a cakewalk."

"I didn't feel safe until the final horn sounded," Scholsser said. "I was scared. I knew Carlisle was capable of hitting the three point shot."

Mayfield now walks into the finals against Marshall Co., which handed the Cardinals their only loss in the last 10 games by winning the Fourth District Championship nine days ago. Mayfield and Marshall split regular season games.

"We know Marshall likes to get up and down the court," Scholsser said. "We can't let them get out on us 10-2. We can't let them get a big early lead.

Mayfield took the early initiative in the second frame when Thomas canned a turn-around jumper and Brown pick-pocketed Martin under the basket and laid the ball in for a 17-12 advantage.

The Cardinals matched that margin at 25-20 on a lay-up and free throw by Shannon Brooks and a minute later Brooks gave his team its biggest lead of the half, 23-15, on a three.

Carlisle patiently worked its way back in. Martin rung in a 3-pointer and Todd Pearson powered past Fields for a bucket and a 3 pt. play when he was fouled.

This is Mayfield's first trip to the regionals in 10 yrs. The Cardinals last advanced past district play in 1981 when they went on to win the regional championship.

Both Mayfield and Carlisle led by as many as 3 pts. in the first quarter, Carlisle 3-0 on a bomb by Gibson and a 5-2 on a put-back by Wilson, and Mayfield 8-5 on a 10 ft. jumper by Ben Brown and 11-8, the quarter score, on a 3-pointer from the top of the key by Brown.

Carlisle…..…....8 24 39 44

Mayfield.…....11 23 40 47

Carlisle (44)

Bowman 2, Gibson 8, Lambert 5, Martin 11, Pearson 5, Wilson 13.

Fgs. 17/39, 3 pts. 4/6 (Martin 2, Lambert, Gibson), Fts. 6/10, Fouls 14.

Mayfield (47)

Sh. Brooks 9, St. Brooks 4, Brown 8, Fields 6, J. Lancaster, O.J. Lancaster 2, Thomas 16, Stock 2.

Fgs. 19/38, 3 pts. 3/6 (Sh. Brooks 2, Brown), Fts. 6/8, Fouls 14.

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	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	St. Mary	Calloway Co.	Ballard Co.	Cairo, ILL.	Hickman Co.	Heath	Graves Co.	Caldwell Co.	Calloway Co.	Lyon Co.	Hickman Co.	Fulton City	Mayfield									
Todd Pearson	8	4	16	20(2)	4	14(1)	9	11	12	11	8	12	21(2)	5	7									
Jarod Martin	26(1)	18(2)	16	14(2)	7(1)	21(3)	9(1)	14(2)	23(3)	13(1)	8	23(1)	13(1)	17(1)	17(2)									
John Bowman	6	8	0	11	6		7	3	12		2	5	9	4	6									
Kevin Lambert	7	8	4	2		11	2	24(1)	2	10	6(1)	10		0	6									
Lance Wilson	12(2)	16(1)	14	12	20(2)	17	12	12	8(2)	4		10	10	14(2)	7(1)									
Michael Gibson	10	1		7	13	4	19(4)	10	3	11(1)	11	7	2	14	6(2)									
Casey Henderson				7(1)	3			0	2		0	4	0	6										
Joey Burgess	2	0	2	4(1)		7		0	2		1	0	0	0	0									
Clark Terry	0		2	0	5							0	6	4	0									
Brad Reddick				0										0										
Matt Gill														0										
Ryan Jackson														4										

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	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Murray	Heath	Mayfield	Heath	Tilghman	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Reidland	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Fulton Co.	Heath	Mayfield				3-Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Todd Pearson	24(1)	7	10(1)	11	25(3)	7	16(1)	10	13	11	6	11(1)	11	13	5				12	30	342	11.4
Jarod Martin	15	24(3)	23	19(2)	7(1)	16(2)	16(2)	12	7(1)	11(1)	14(1)	14(2)	6	12(1)	11(2)				39	30	446	14.86
John Bowman	5	5	14		4	3	7	8	5	8	14	4	2	11	2				0	27	171	6.33
Kevin Lambert	2	7(1)	10(1)	2	12	4	0	2	6(1)	3	10(1)	5(1)	14	12(2)	5(1)				10	28	186	6.64
Lance Wilson	16(2)	3	10	5(1)	7	17(2)	13	8	10	12	8	11(1)	14(2)	13	13				18	29	328	11.31
Michael Gibson	7(1)	9(1)	2	7(1)	5(1)	7(1)	15(1)	15	5(1)	11	7(1)	15(2)	13(2)	2	8(1)				20	29	245	8.44
Casey Henderson		5(1)	2	2		0			5(1)	0	2	0	0						3	17	38	2.23
Joey Burgess		0	2		0	2	0		9	2	8(2)				0				3	21	41	1.95
Clark Terry		0	3	1					0		0								0	13	21	1.61
Brad Reddick		0	4								2								0	5	6	1.2
Matt Gill		0	2								0								0	4	2	0.5
Ryan Jackson			2								0								0	3	6	2
Jeremy Hickman											0								0	1	0	0
Aaron Thompson											0								0	1	0	0
				Team Record - 18-12							Per Game Avg. - 61.10								105		1832	

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Todd Pearson	81	14	2	36	206	342	586	7.23
John Bowman	76	2	4	58	105	171	338	4.44
Kevin Lambert	62	11	0	12	55	186	253	4.08
Casey Henderson	61	13		61	70	38	169	2.77
Joey Burgess	34	4		5	9	41	55	1.61
Brad Reddick	8	0		2	0	6	8	1

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ASSISTANT COACH - BARRY STEVENS

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ST. MARY TOURN. - 3RD PLACE

TILGHMAN TOURN. - 7TH PLACE

MARSHALL CO. TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

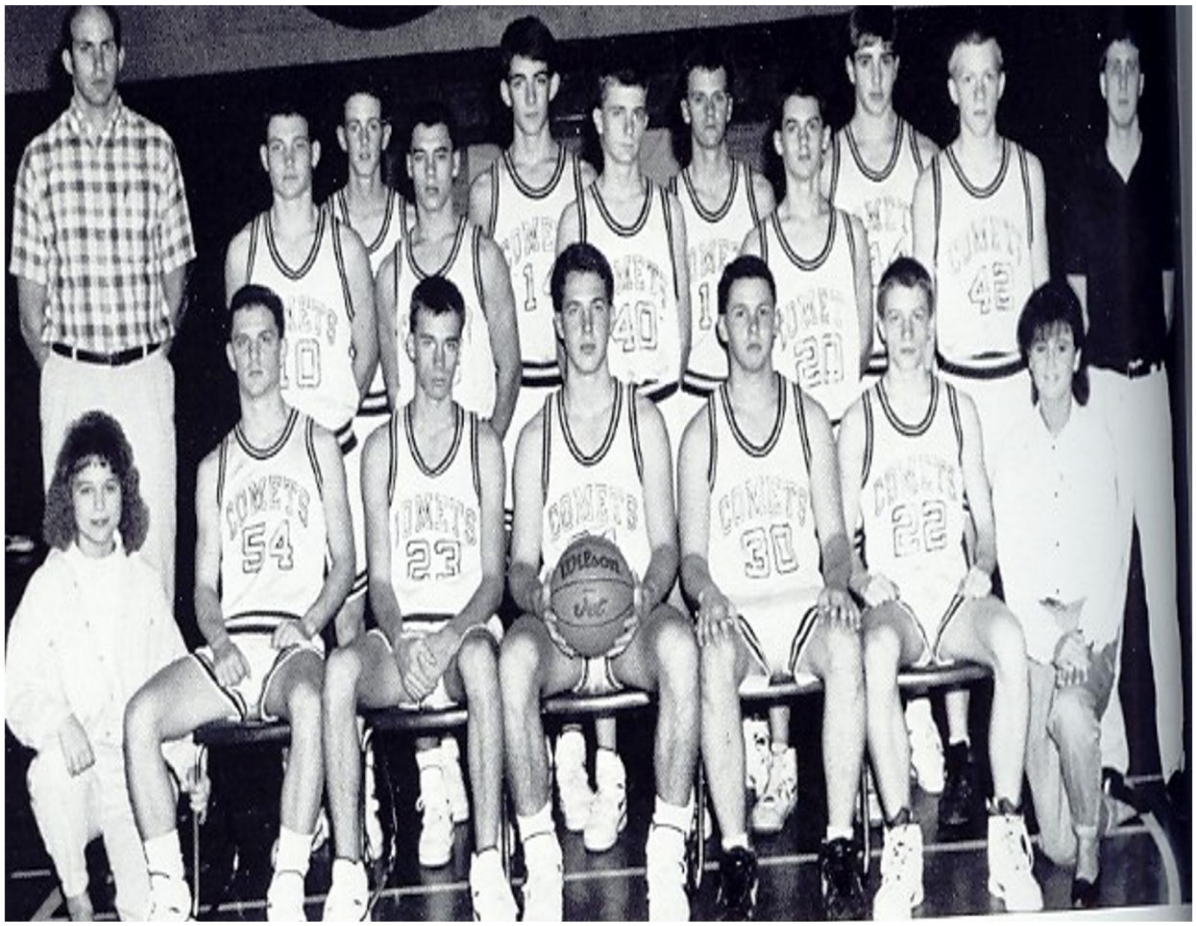
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11-26-92	Hickman Co.	**51-54 ot**	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-28-92	St. Mary	69-36	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. CONSOLATION**
12-07-92	Graves Co	77-68	H	
12-08-92	Hickman Co.	**50-61**	H	
12-11-92	Cairo, ILL.	**55-76**	H	
12-15-92	Ballard Co.	73-58	H	
12-20-92	Mayfield	**45-54**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-21-92	Tilghman	**55-61**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-23-92	Reidland	75-66	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. CONSOLATION**
12-28-92	Bourbon Co	64-54	A	- **MARSHALL CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-30-92	Lexington Henry Clay	**49-75**	A	- **MARSHALL CO. TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-05-93	Hickman Co.	**50-57**	A	
01-08-93	Fulton City	**57-79**	A	
01-11-93	Mayfield	**49-54**	H	
01-12-93	Lone Oak	77-76 ot	H	
01-15-93	Fulton Co	**62-76**	A	
01-22-93	Calloway Co.	**43-62**	A	
01-28-93	Mayfield	**56-59 ot**	A	- **ALL A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
02-05-93	Heath	**51-68**	H	
02-09-93	Tilghman	82-77	H	
02-12-93	Fulton Co	71-66	H	
02-16-93	Fulton City	58-50	H	
02-23-93	Reidland	74-67	A	
02-25-93	Ballard Co.	74-57	A	
03-04-93	Hickman Co.	**50-62**	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 12-14

1993 Comets - District Runner-Up



Coach John Tyler, Ryan Jackson, Trent Deweese, Matt Gill, Christopher O'Neill, Jerry Wilson, Aaron Thompson, Wesley Wilson, Troy Thornsborough, Kurt Martin, Asst, Coach Barry Stevens, Pam Davis (Manager), Clark Terry, Lance Wilson, Rodney Elder, Michael Gibson, Jarrod Martin, Kristena Bowles (Manager)

1992-1993

HEAD COACH - JOHN TYLER

ASSISTANT COACH - BARRY STEVENS

TROPHIES WON
ST. MARY TOURN. - 3RD PLACE
TILGHMAN TOURN. - 7TH PLACE
MARSHALL CO. TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 12-14

1992-93 COMET ROSTER:
Jarrod Martin, Lance Wilson, Michael Gibson, Clark Terry, Matt Gill, Ryan Jackson, Aaron Thompson, Trent Deweese, Rodney Elder, Troy Thornsbrough, Chris O'Neill, Kurt Martin, Jerry Wilson, Kris Garrett, Shane Shupe.

Tyler Feeds On
Team's Emotions

Carlisle County certainly appeared to be "hungry" at the end of last season.

The Comets went 18-12 last year and finished the season with a bang by defeating Hickman County in the First District Tournament. Next the Comets dropped Heath and nearly did the same to eventual regional champion Mayfield, losing by three points.

Second-year coach John Tyler hopes to feed on that emotional hunger again.

"I try to teach the players to be hungry for the ball, and if they are, they'll get it when it's loose on the floor and up for grabs," Tyler said.

"I told the kids last year and I'll be telling them again this year, a measure of a man is not from head to toe but how big his heart is."

"If they give it 110 percent every day, that's all I can ask for."

The Comets are bolstered by the nucleus of three returning starters, headed by Sun All-Purchase performer Jarrod Martin, a 5-foot-10 guard.

"He's a defender, he gets the ball up the court, he penetrates and dishes and he can shoot. He can really excite the crowd," Tyler said.

Martin averaged 15.4 points a game last season. He's joined by returnees 6-1 Lance Wilson and 5-11 Michael Gibson. Tyler calls Wilson a player who can aid the team inside and out, and said Gibson gives the Comets an additional presence in the mid-ranges and outside.

Tyler cautions, however, that with six seniors gone from last year's squad, back-up help is still in the developing stage.

"We have the nucleus, but there still has to be some ability to go with it," Tyler said. "Just because we have those three back doesn't mean we're going to be strong. They're all capable of having an off night. If one of them is off, someone else will have to pick us up."

Seniors Rodney Elder and Terry Clark will be called on for much of that help. At 6-3, Elder gives the team needed height. He did not play the last two seasons, but made progress in summer camps.

Three juniors should also be in the picture, Matt Gill (5-8), Aaron Thompson (5-11) and Ryan Jackson (5-10). Tyler also expects help from Martin's younger brother, Kurt Martin, a 5-10 freshman.

"We had a good experience at the end of last season, but this is a new season, and I've told the players that.

"The three returning senior starters are now tri-captains and they'll have to take more of a leadership role. And the juniors and sophomores are in new roles, too, and they'll have to fill those if we're to be a good team."

Seniors – Jarrod Martin 5'9", Lance Wilson 6'1", Michael Gibson 5'11", Clark Terry 5'10".
Juniors – Ryan Jackson 5'10", Matt Gill 5'8", Aaron Thompson 5'11", Trent Deweese 5'10".
Sophomores – Troy Thornsbrough 6'1".
Freshmen – Chris O'Neill 6'0", Kurt Martin 5'10", Jerry Wilson 5'9", Wes Wilson 5'7".

Comets Sweep
Vikings In Openers

Carlisle Co. 60
St. Mary 40
11-24-92 - Away

Carlisle County started their season off right with a 60-40 win over St. Mary in high school basketball action Tuesday night.

During the contest, the Comets outscored the Vikings in every period of the game except the fourth with nine different Comets scoring, led by Michael Gibson's 14 points.

Chris Sims led the Vikings with 10 points as they fell to 0-2 for the season.

Carlisle….....15 31 49 60
St. Mary.....10 17 27 40
Carlisle (60)
Clark 4, Deweese, Elder 8, Gibson 14, Gill 6, Jackson, J. Martin 9, K. Martin 6, O'Neill 3, Thompson, Thornsbrough, J. Wilson, L. Wilson 8, W. Wilson 2.
Field Goals 17, 3-pointers 4 (Gibson 3, J. Martin 1), Free Throws 12/17, Fouls 20, Record 1-0.
St. Mary (40)
Bruce 4, Dietrich 2, J. Durbin 8, Haas 6, McBride, Michel 6, Shelton, Shore 4, Sims 10, Vaughn, Wilson.
Field Goals 13, 3-pointers 1 (Sims 1), Free Throws 9/19, Fouls 17, Record 0-2.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Falcons Edge Carlisle
Rivals Decide Winner In OT

Carlisle Co. 51
Hickman Co. 54
11-26-92 - Away

It took some extra effort for a pair of First District rivals to separate themselves, but Hickman County eventually escaped the first of several meetings with Carlisle County in a 54-51 overtime thriller that promises more heated action ahead.

The Falcons outscored Carlisle 7 to 4 in the overtime period to reach tonight's boys' finals of the St. Mary Holiday Tournament.

Hickman's Steve Davis scored 18 points and Brian Coates 16 as a taller Falcon lineup escaped the Comets. The teams were never farther apart than three points at the quarter breaks.

Senior Lance Wilson led the Comets with 16 points, while Jarrod Martin added 14 and Michael Gibson 9. The Comets had trailed by 33-30 heading into the final quarter, but knotted the score at 47 as time in regulation expired. The two teams played evenly in nearly every statistical category.

Hickman....13 25 33 47 54
Carlisle…..13 26 30 47 51
Hickman (54)
Coates 16, Davis 18, Eddleman, Hunt, Latham 6, McClure 2, Vaughan 9, Wilson 3.
Field Goals 21, 3-Pointers 1 (Wilson 1), Free Throws 9/16, Fouls 16, Record 2-1.
Carlisle (51)
Terry 4, Elder 6, Gibson 9, Gill, J. Martin 14, K. Martin 2, L. Wilson 16.
Field Goals 18, 3-Pointers 2 (J. Martin 1, L. Wilson 1), Free Throws 9/16, Fouls 17, Record 1-1.

St. Mary Tourn.
Consolation

Carlisle Co. 69
St. Mary 36
11-28-92 - Away

Jarrod Martin scored 17 pts. as the Comets won a consolation game over the hosting Vikings.

Carlisle….....20 45 53 69
St. Mary.....11 14 25 36
Carlisle (69)
Terry, Deweese, Elder 3, Gibson 10, Gill 4, Jackson 10, J. Martin 17, K. Martin 12, O'Neill 2, Thompson, Thornsbrough 2, J. Wilson 4, L. Wilson 3, W. Wilson 2.
Field goals 26, 3-pointers 2 (J. Martin 1, L. Wilson 1), Free throws 11/14, Fouls 14, Record 2-1.
St. Mary (36)
Bruce,, Dietrich, J. Durbin 6, T. Durbin 2, C. Haas 5, McBride 4, Michel 9, Shelton 2, Shore 2, Sims 4, Vaughn 2, Wilson 2.
Field goals 13, 3-pointers 1 (Mitchell 1), Free throws 7/12, Fouls 23, Record 0-4.

Martin Leads Comets
Past Soaring Eagles

Carlisle Co. 77
Graves Co. 68
12-07-92 - Home

Senior guard Jarrod Martin scored 25 points and four other Comets joined him in double figures as Carlisle County defeated Graves County 77-68 Monday night in boys' basketball.

Carlisle, which led by nine at the half, outscored the visitors 17-9 in the third quarter to increase the advantage to 17, after three quarters.

Both teams shot well from the floor. Graves hit 30 of 52 fielders, including 5 of 15 from 3-point range, while Carlisle was 30 of 50.

The Comets gained an edge at the free-throw line, hitting 14 of 18, while the Eagles were 3 of 8.

Kurt Martin backed his older brother with 14 points, while Michael Gibson added 13 and Lance Wilson chipped in 11.

Graves County's balanced scoring featured John Michael Barber with 16 points, Jeremy Mayes with 13, Jason Goatley with 12, Richie Floyd with 11 and Richard Ballard 10.

Graves.....14 27 36 68
Carlisle….....16 36 53 77
Carlisle (77)
Deweese, Elder 4, Gibson 13, Jackson, J. Martin 25, K. Martin 14, Thompson, L. Wilson 11, J. Wilson, Terry 10.
Fgs. 30/52, 3-pts. 1/3 (Gibson), Fts. 14/18, Fouls 16.
Graves (68)
Ballard 10, Barber 16, Floyd 11, Goatley 12, Mayes 12, Thomason 2, Yarber 4.
Fgs. 30/52, 3-pts. 5/15 (Mayes 1, Goatley 4), Fts. 3/8, Fouls 17.

Comets Worse
Loss Could Be Martin

Carlisle Co. 50
Hickman Co. 61
12-08-92 – Home

It's understating the situation a bit to say Hickman Co. coach Henry Edwards was concerned before last night's First District game between his Falcons and Carlisle Co.

But in the end, Comet mentor John Tyler has even more reason to worry after the Falcon's 61-50 victory.

Carlisle point guard Jarrod Martin, a consensus choice as the area's top point guard and considered by many the First Region's top player, suffered what seemed to be a severe ankle injury late in the third quarter.

The Comets rallied in his absence and trailed by just two with less than 90 seconds left in the game, but Hickman knocked down nine consecutive free throws down the stretch to gain an early leg up in the district race.

"I'd hate to speculate on what it is," Tyler said of Martin's injury, the extent of which wasn't known late Tuesday night. "He was complaining about a cramp, but I don't know what it was. We'll just have to wait and see what they find at the hospital."

The Falcons weren't untouched by injury themselves, playing the entire game without starting forward Brian Coates, who is out for at least another week with a severely sprained ankle. The 6-4 leaper scored 18 points in Hickman's 54-51 overtime win over Carlisle in the St. Mary tournament two weeks ago, and Edwards figured to miss both his production and presence in the paint, especially on the road.

But Steven Davis and temporary starter Darrin McClure, in his second start filling in for Coates, helped Hickman control the inside. Davis scored 17 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, while McClure chipped in with 13 points and nine boards.

"Steven's been a warrior for us all year, and Darrin made a lot of big plays" Edwards said. "Steven was all over the floor, and Darrin hit some shots early in the game. It's been a while since we've won here, so this is a big win for us."

Davis said Coates' absence made him concentrate more on the boards.

"We've got other people that can score, so I was worried more about rebounding than anything else. I'll be glad to get (Coates) back, because it will give me some relief. But McClure came out and did a wonderful job. We couldn't have asked for more."

Davis and point guard Brad Latham, who scored 10 points and handed out five assists, were then instrumental players in Hickman's 13-2 run to open the second half, that turned a one-point deficit to a ten-point advantage. Davis nailed a pair of baseline jumpers to kick-start the Falcons' offense and Latham dished off for three assists in the charge. Jason Vaughn, whose 15 points gave Hickman four double-figure scorers, made a 3-pointer from the left corner and Latham fed McClure for a lay-up that gave Hickman a 38-28 lead with 3:01 left in the period.

The teams traded baskets and then Carlisle's Michael Gibson, who scored 15 of his game-high 22 points in the second half, keyed the Comet comeback with five consecutive points to cut the lead to 40-33, then stole a pass and fed Martin for a lay-up that cut the margin to five.

Then as time ran out in the quarter, Martin grabbed a long rebound and dashed down court, pulling up ten feet from the basket and fired a leaning jumper over two defenders. The 5-9 guard was called for a charging foul, but more importantly, came out of the pile limping badly and in obvious pain.

But even without its sparkplug, which was whisked away on a stretcher midway through the fourth quarter to a standing ovation, Carlisle managed to keep the game from being decided until the final minute.

"I told the kids they weren't about to lay down with him out of the game," Edwards said. "It was typical Carlisle County. They didn't quit. But our kids clawed their way back, too."

As Hickman struggled from the line, missing more than half their free throws in the first six minutes of the quarter, Gibson whittled away at the lead. The senior guard scored 10 points in the final period, and his putback with 1:39 remaining cut the lead to a single basket at 52-50.

But after Latham made both ends of a one-and-one, Gibson forced a jumper and fouled out on the next possession.

Hickman.....9 25 41 61
Carlisle.....12 26 35 50

Hickman (61)
Davis 17, Eddleman, Hunt 5, Latham 10, McClure 13, Vaughan 15, Wilson 1.
Field Goals 21/37, 3-pointers 1/2 (Vaughan 1), Free Throws 16/25, Fouls 15.

Carlisle (50)
Elder 2, Gibson 22, Gill, Jackson, J. Martin 10, K. Martin 5, L. Wilson 7, W. Wilson, Terry 4.
Field Goals 17/52, 3-pointers 1/9 (J. Martin 1), Free Throws 13/17, Fouls 23, Record 3-2.

Cairo, ILL. 76
Carlisle Co. 55
12-11-92 - Home

Cairo used scoring bursts in the second and fourth quarters to take care of the Comets.

Cairo, leading 16-14 after one quarter, outscored Carlisle 17-9 in the second quarter and 29-18 in the final period.

Cairo's balanced scoring overcame a 30-point effort by Michael Gibson, who canned 7 of 8 from 3-point range. As a team, Carlisle hit 9 of 15 from long range, but connected on only 6 of 21 free throws.

For the Pilots, Tyrone Nesby scored 19 points, Andre Williams added 15, Michael Hughes chipped in 13 and Marcus Davis added 12.

Cairo.....16 33 47 76
Carlisle.....14 25 37 55

Cairo (76)
Box 8, Nesby 19, Williams 15, Hughes 13, Koen 3, Merriweather 4, Holder 2, Davis 12.
Field Goals 29/68, 3-pointers 3/7 (Davis 2, Nesby), Free Throws 15/30, Fouls 18, Record 4-0.

Carlisle (55)
Elder 12, Gibson 30, Gill, Jackson 2, K. Martin, O'Neill, L. Wilson 9, Terry 2.
Field Goals 20/55, 3-pointers 9/1 (Gibson 7, Wilson 2), Free Throws 6/21, Fouls 21, Record 2-3.

Carlisle Co. 73
Ballard Co. 58
12-15-92 - Home

Michael Gibson scored 29 points and led Carlisle County to its fourth win in seven games as the Comets spanked winless Ballard Co. in a non-district contest.

Carlisle jumped ahead by eight early and maintained a comfortable margin the rest of the way. Without point guard Jarrod Martin, who is recovering from a sprained ankle, the Comets needed a well-balanced offense and got it. Backing Gibson were Rodney Elder with 14 points, Lance Wilson 13 and Kurt Martin 12.

Ballard.....12 24 40 58
Carlisle.....20 33 53 73

Ballard (58)
Allcock 14, Birney 4, Cooper, Dowdy 9, Northington 5, Wheeler 17, Whipple 4, Williams 2, Yates 3.
Field Goals 26/51, 3-pointers 3/3 (Dowdy 1, Wheeler 1, Yates 1), Free Throws 3/6, Fouls 25, Record 0-5.

Carlisle (73)
Elder 14, Gibson 29, Gill, Jackson 5, K. Martin 12, L. Wilson 13.
Field Goals 24/45, 3-pointers 7/15 (Gibson 8, K. Martin), Free Throws 15/27, Fouls 12, Record 4-3.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round

Mayfield 54
Carlisle Co. 45
12-20-92 - Away

Mayfield held off a furious Carlisle County comeback in the closing minutes to register an opening-round victory in the Tilghman Christmas Tournament.

Mayfield, which lost in the tournament finals to Tilghman last December, got 21 points from Koby Fritts and found its touch at the foul line late, to stifle the Comet rally.

After trailing by 14 early in the second half, Carlisle County worked its way back into the game late, with consecutive 3-pointers by Lance Wilson and Michael Gibson. Then pulled within two points, when Gibson sank a pair of foul shots with 4:02 to play.

However, the Cardinals, who had missed five straight at the charity stripe in the second half, found their range from 15 feet and sank 10 in a row from the foul line to pull the plug on Carlisle's comeback.

The Comets, playing without two starters, including point guard Jarrod Martin, were injured at times by Mayfield's press, which helped the Cardinals turn a 15-15 second-quarter tie into a 31-20 halftime edge.

Martin, who suffered a sprained ankle against Hickman County 1½ weeks ago, is joined on the disabled list by regular Clark Terry. Terry, who injured a knee a week ago, could be lost for the season, but Martin is expected to return in about three weeks.

"We're getting better," said Mayfield coach Scott Schlosser, whose club improves to 2-4. "And we're going to get better yet."

With Martin on the sideline, Carlisle County (4-4) has lost three of its last four games, including the defeat by Hickman County, when the senior point guard went down in the third quarter.

Carlisle.....11 20 32 45
Mayfield.....11 31 42 54

Carlisle (45)
Elder, Gibson 21, Gill 5, Jackson, K. Martin 6, J. Wilson, L. Wilson 13.
Field Goals 18, 3-pointers 4 (L. Wilson 2, Gibson, Gill), Free Throws 5/8, Rebounds 14, Fouls 17, Record 4-4

Mayfield (54)
Brown 13, Goodwin 4, Herndon, Leach 10, Fritts 21, Watkins, Travis 2, Bright 4.
Field Goals 20, 3-pointers 4 (Fritts 3, Brown), Free Throws 10/16, Rebounds 21, Fouls 12, Record 2-4.

2nd Round Consolation

Tilghman 61
Carlisle Co. 55
12-21-92 - Away

Larry Hart scored six straight points in a 90-second span of the fourth quarter to break a 48-48 tie as Tilghman struggled, but evened its record at 3-3 in the consolation round semifinals.

"He played with more intensity and confidence," said Tilghman coach Steve Dreher. "We can still play much better, but I was happy about the way our kids tried to play hard and execute what we as coaches want them to. That's a big step for us, the first step for us to be successful."

Hart's steal and successive free throws gave Tilghman the lead for good at the 3:32 mark of the fourth quarter, and then the Tornado focused on getting the ball inside. Hart wriggled free for a 12-foot jumper and then drove the baseline for a layup. Jerry Blue penetrated the lane for two more lay-ups and James Smith's putback and three-point play provided the final margin. Hart also blocked a 3-point attempt by Lance Wilson to help preserve the victory.

"We couldn't play two post players because of the way they shot threes," Dreher said. "So we just started posting up some of our guards. We drew some fouls, got ourselves in the bonus and that opened some things up for us."

Blue scored 17 points and Smith and Mike Myers added 10 apiece for Tilghman, 3-3, which played without Tiant Young, a part-time starter last season, who did not dress and has apparently left the team.

Carlisle, 4-5 overall and 1-3 since two starters were injured, got 22 points from Lance Wilson and 15 from Michael Gibson. All-Purchase point guard Jarrod Martin is out until mid-January with a severely sprained ankle and forward Clark Terry may require knee surgery.

Carlisle….....14 31 43 55
Tilghman….....15 37 46 61

Carlisle (55)
Elder 3, Gibson 15, Gill 4, K. Martin 11, L. Wilson 22, Jackson.
Field Goals 19, 3-pointers 7 (L. Wilson 4, Gibson 2, K. Martin), Free Throws 10/13, Record 4-5.

Tilghman (61)
Blue 17, Brisbon 3, Freeman 4, Hart 8, Myers 10, Smith 10, Thurman 8, Gregory, Reeves 1.
Field Goals 24, 3-pointers 4 (Myers 2, Smith, Blue), Free Throws 9/12, Record 3-3.

Tilghman Tourn.
3rd Round Consolation

Carlisle Co. 75
Reidland 66
12-23-92 - Away

With one-third of his tri-captaincy on the bench, Carlisle County coach John Tyler needed Michael Gibson and Lance Wilson to step up the offense. The duo responded, pouring in 54 points between them as the Comets salvaged seventh place.

"Michael's been playing really well and I've had several meetings with Lance trying to get him started," Tyler said. "The last two games he's played like he did toward the end of last season."

Gibson turned in his second 30-point game since point guard Jarrod Martin suffered an ankle injury two weeks ago.

"Jarrod, Michael and Lance are our captains, so the load fell onto their shoulders," Tyler said. "It feels good to get a win without Jarrod in there. They came out today with fire in their eyes, which we didn't have (in tournament losses to) Mayfield and Tilghman."

Junior guard Matt Gill added 11 points for Carlisle.

Reidland, 3-6, was led by center John Riley's 27 points. The Greyhounds played without second-leading scorer Brian Short, who served a mandatory one-game suspension, after being ejected during the second-round loss to Hickman.

Reidland….....23 33 44 66
Carlisle….....19 39 54 75

Reidland (66)
Aldridge 6, Barnes 2, Bowland 2, Council 2, Fox 6, Herrington, Jones 6, Ramage 11, Riley 27, Samsil 2, Tinsley 2.
Field goals 26, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 14/18, Fouls 15, Record 3-6.

Carlisle (75)
Elder 2, Gibson 30, Gill 11, Jackson, K. Martin 8, L. Wilson 24.
Field Goals 26, 3-pointers 6 (Wilson 4, Gibson, Gill), Free Throws 16/21, Fouls 14, Record 5-5.

Marshall Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 64
Bourbon Co. 54
12-28-92 - Away

Senior Lance Wilson scored 22 points and three other Carlisle County players placed in double figure scoring as the Comets advanced into the championship game.

Lexington Henry Clay takes on host Marshall County tonight and the winner meats Carlisle on Wednesday.

The Comets were near-deadly at the free throw line, canning 17 of 20 there to Bourbon County's 6 of 8.

Kurt Martin backed Lance Wilson with 12 points, while Michael Gibson and Matt Gill pitched in 11 each.

Carlisle.....18 31 45 64
Bourbon.....14 28 41 54

Carlisle (64)
Elder 8, Gibson 11, Gill 11, Jackson, K. Martin 12, L. Wilson 22.
Field goals 19/37, 3-pointers 3/8 (L. Wilson 2, Gibson), Free throws 3/8, Fouls 12, Record 6-5.

Bourbon(54)
Fowler 6, Lawson 6, Webb 25, Kerns 4, Purcell 2, Campbell 3, Eason 4, Morton 4.
Field goals 21/39, 3-pointers 2/10 (Webb, Campbell), Free throws 6/8, Fouls 16, Record 2-6.

Marshall Co. Tourn.
Championship
Henry Clay Match up
Recalls 1983 Title Tilt

Carlisle Co. 49
Lex. Henry Clay 75
12-30-92 - Away

Carlisle County coach John Tyler says he's been involved in too many basketball games in the past nine years to have let Wednesday night's rematch of the 1983 Boys State Championship game become an emotional stage.

However, it was on the tips of a few Comet fans' lips as Tyler's ball club met Lexington Henry Clay in the championship game of the Marshall County Holiday Classic.

Tyler was a junior center on that 1983 Carlisle team that lost the state title 35-33 in three overtimes to Henry Clay. In fact, it was on the same Marshall County floor that those 40-4 Comets won the First Region title game that year.

Still, the second-year Comet coach didn't use that to pump up his club, which was outmanned in a 75-49 loss to Henry Clay last night.

"That's just a fond, yet disappointing memory," Tyler said, remember the state finals of nearly a decade ago. "Anytime we play it brings back memories for me. I'm a young coach and some of the coaches here in our region were coaching when I was playing. So it's like that no matter who we play. I often feel like I want to be out there playing."

The Comets could have used Tyler Wednesday night.

Henry Clay, which dispatched tournament host Marshall County in the tournament's opening round 24 hours earlier, went to work on the Comets early, posting a 17-9 lead in the first period. However, Carlisle inched back to within three points just before the half and settled for a 31-25 deficit a half-time.

The Blue Devils, led by Carlos Bess' 19 points, rushed out to a 21-point lead in the third quarter, before Carlisle made one last run that brought the Comets within 55-42 with 6:50 to play. But in a matter of 1½ minutes, Henry Clay was back on top by 21 and cruised to the victory.

Carlisle County's Michael Gibson scored a game-high 21 points and teammate Lance Wilson added 19.

Henry Clay.....17 31 55 75
Carlisle.....9 25 37 49

Henry Clay (75)
Bess 19, Hatchett 12, Cornelison 2, Dixon 4, Holt 4, Mack 4, Sims 2, Thomas 14, Webb 8, Garrison 6.
Field Goals 33/61, 3-pointers 2/6 (Hatchett 2), Free Throws 3/7, Fouls 14, Record 4-6.

Carlisle County (49)
Deweese, Elder 3, Gibson 21, Gill 4, Jackson, K. Martin 2, O'Neill, J. Wilson, L. Wilson 19, W. Wilson.
Field Goals 15/30, 3-pointers 4/13 (L. Wilson 3, Gibson 1), Free Throws 7/11, Fouls 9, Record 6-6.

Hickman Co. 57
Carlisle Co. 50
01-05-93 - Away

Hickman County came from behind to claim a First District win over Carlisle County in the fourth quarter.

"We were down by two points at the half and came out and went on an 8-2 run. From there, it was back and forth," said Hickman County coach Henry Edwards. "We were able to hit free throws down the stretch and that helped us get the win."

Brian Coates led Hickman County with 15 points, while Darrin McClure scored 12 and led in rebounding with 10. Michael Gibson paced Carlisle County with 18 points.

Carlisle….....14 25 37 50
Hickman….....12 23 37 57

Carlisle (50)
Elder 1, Gibson 18, Gill 2, Jackson 2, J. Martin 6, K. Martin 5, L. Wilson 16.
Field Goals 17, 3-pointers 4 (Gibson 2, L. Wilson 2), Free Throws 12/15, Rebounds 21, Fouls 19, Record 6-7.

Hickman (57)
Coates 15, Davis 10, Hunt, Latham 10, McClure 12, Vaughan 8, Wilson 2.
Field Goals 18, 3-pointers 1 (Coates), Free Throws 20/23, Rebounds 37, Fouls 10, Record 9-5.

Fulton City 79
Carlisle Co. 57
01-08-93 - Away

The inside trio of Michael Don Burnette, Danny Pettigrew and Carlos Pryor, combined with pesky defense, allowed Fulton City to take an 11-point first quarter lead, that pounded Carlisle County into submission.

Burnette and Pettigrew grabbed 15 rebounds apiece to lead the Bulldogs to a 46-20 board advantage. Pettigrew threw in 25 points and Burnette 16, while Pryor added 11 as the Bulldog inside game took over early and supplied much of the offense.

The Comets hit only 4 of 21 three-point attempts trying to comeback from a 16-point halftime deficit. Lance Wilson led the team with 17 points, while All Purchase guard Jarrod Martin returned for his second game and managed only four points.

Carlisle.....8 25 41 57
Fulton City.....19 41 57 79

Carlisle (57)
Deweese, Elder 11, Gibson 13, Gill 2, J. Martin 4, K. Martin 8, O'Neill 2, Thornsbrough, J. Wilson, L. Wilson 17, Gravitt.
Field goals 22/61, 3-pointers 4/21 (Gibson 3, L. Wilson), Free Throws 9/13, Rebounds 20, Fouls 15, Record 6-8.

Fulton City (79)
Burnette 16, Bushart, Crumble 10, Dickerson, Flanigan 2, Kerney 9, Lee, Madding, Pettigrew 25, Pryor 11, Rose 2, Taylor 2.
Field Goals 31/60, 3-pointers 0/0, Free Throws 17/26, Rebounds 46, Fouls 23, Record 6-5.

Mayfield 54
Carlisle Co. 49
01-11-93 – Home

Monday night the Comets hosted the Mayfield Cardinals in a very exciting game. After trailing early in the first half, the Comets came back to tie the game several times. In the final minutes, Mayfield was able to hold on and win the game 54-49.

The Comets were led by Michael Gibson with 16 points (one three-pointer), followed by Jarrod Martin with 13 points (two three pointers). and Lance Wilson with 12 pts. (two 3-pointers. Kurt Martin added 8 points to round out the scoring.

The team was 15/32 from the field (47 percent) and a perfect 4 for 4 from the free throw line.

Carlisle….....11 20 36 49
Mayfield.....13 27 39 54

Carlisle (49)
Gibson 16, J. Martin 13, Wilson 12, K. Martin 8. Fgs. 15/32 47%, 3 pts. 5 (J. Martin 2, Gibson, L. Wilson 2), Fts. 4/4 100%.

Carlisle Co. 77
Lone Oak 76
01-12-93 - Home

Bouncing back from a loss the previous night and a serious ankle injury, Carlisle County's Jarrod Martin finally regained some of his early season form and whiffed out Lone Oak's victory chances with a 10-foot jumper with 10 seconds left in overtime.

Martin, who scored 28 points with four 3-pointers in the game, ignited his team after four lackluster outings since returning from his injury. He helped the Comets to a 40-30 halftime lead and a 51-46 edge, after three quarters.

But Lone Oak rallied in the final period, cutting the lead to three in the waning seconds and tied it at the buzzer on Brian Kinsey's three-pointer. Rickey Alexander scored 19, Chris Golightly 17 and John Griffith 16 for the Oakers.

Four Comets hit double figures with Lance Wilson scoring 18, Michael Gibson 13 and Kurt Martin 10.

Lone Oak…18 30 46 68 76
Carlisle…....23 40 51 68 77

Carlisle (77)
Gibson 13, Gill 3, J. Martin 28, K. Martin 10, O'Neill, J. Wilson 5, L. Wilson 18.
Fgs. 15/26, 3-pts. 8/10 (J. Martin 4, L. Wilson, Gibson 3), Fts. 23/30, Fouls 21.

Lone Oak (76)
Alexander 19, Bivin 7, Clark, Englert 3, Fox 2, Golightly 17, Griffift 16, Kinsey 3, Meese 7, Minter 2.
Fgs. 25/33, 3-pts. 5/8 (Alexander 2, Bivin, Meese), Fts. 14/23, Fouls 26.

Carlisle Co. 62
Fulton Co. 76
01-15-93 - Away

Senior forward P.J. Warlick scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half as Fulton County pulled away from Carlisle County in a First District matchup.

Fulton County jumped out to an 18-6 first quarter lead, but got in early foul trouble and several starters had to be benched, Pilot coach Sam Miller said.

The Comets took advantage of foul shooting to take the halftime lead, 32-30. The Pilots outscored Carlisle 23-17 in the third quarter to lead 53-49 entering the final frame.

Jerome Warren led the winners with 21 points, while Carlisle's Lance Wilson topped all scorers with 24.

Carlisle.....6 32 49 62
Fulton Co.....18 30 53 76

Carlisle Co. (62)
Gibson 15, Gill 4, J. Martin 10, K. Martin 2, J. Wilson 7, L. Wilson 24.
Field Goals 18, 3-pointers 5 (L. Wilson 2, J. Martin, Gibson, J. Wilson.), Free throws 11/17, Fouls 17, Record 7-10.

Fulton Co. (76)
Barnett 5, Bumpous 2, Calcutt 16, Carlton 3, Cheirs, Elam 12, McNeill, Warlick 17, Warren 21, Ervin.
Field Goals 31, 3-pointers 1 (Warren), Free Throws 11/20, Rebounds 31, Fouls 17, Record 11-3.

Calloway Co 62
Carlisle Co. 43
01-22-93 - Away

Calloway County held Carlisle County to 10 points in the second half en route to the upset.

Carlisle, the First Region's 9th-ranked team, was limited to three field goals in the third period and just three free throws in the fourth quarter.

No. 12 Calloway, meanwhile, hit 17 of 18 free throws in the final quarter to pull away.

Carlisle, which led 33-24 at the half, hit just 13 of 51 field goal attempts.

The Lakers' balanced scoring featured Thomas Hornbuckle with 16, Brad Cleaver with 14 and Trent Gibson with 10.

Michel Gibson and Lance Wilson each scored 13 for Carlisle.

Carlisle….....14 33 40 43
Calloway.....9 33 40 62

Carlisle (43)
Deweese, Gibson 13, Gill 2, J. Martin 5, K. Martin 8, O'Neill, J. Wilson 2, L. Wilson 13.
Field goals 13/51, 3-pointers 3/12 (L. Wilson 3), Free throws 14/19, Rebounds 19, Fouls 19, Record 7-11.

Calloway (62)
Anderson 2, Carraway 1, Cleaver 14, Darnell, Gibson 10, Greer 6, Hornbuckle 16, Johnson 4.
Field goals 19/48, 3-pointers 3/14 (Cleaver 3), Free throws 20/23, Rebounds 25, Fouls 15, Record 4-8.

All A Tourn.
1st Round
Odd Fortune
Favors Cards

Carlisle Co. 56
Mayfield 59
01-28-93 – Away

Scott Schlosser was as confused as anyone else how his Mayfield Cardinals advanced to the semi-final round of the All A Classic.

"Man, this is a hard ballgame to describe," Schlosser said. "I feel pretty lucky right now."

He probably should, considering the Cardinals, 9-9 overall and winners of five straight games, nearly fell victim to a Carlisle Co. comeback that was as gutsy as it was unlikely. The Comets, with two starters out for the year with injuries and frighteningly little depth, trailed by 9 pts. with less than 3 minutes left in regulation, but rallied to force Mayfield into overtime before losing 59-56.

"We've played them 17 times since I've been coaching here" Schlosser said. "And darn it if most every game is decided by less than three pts."

Ironically, the only thing that saved the Cardinals from a crushing loss was one of its season-long bugaboos, free throw shooting. Scott Leach, who normally hits barely over 50% from the line, canned 16 of 17 free throws and scored a career-high 20 pts., the same total as teammate Koby Fritts. Both added crucial foul shots in the overtime period.

"We're only hitting 50% from the line as a team, but we've usually hit them down the stretch," Schlosser said. "Tonight, it was just the opposite."

Mayfield led by as much as 13 and held a seemingly comfortable 49-40 edge with 2:58 left in the game, but the ever-persistent Comets scored off a couple of turnovers and pulled within 3, at 51-48, on a Michael Gibson putback with 36 seconds left. Gibson fouled out, however, five seconds later and sent Leach to the line.

At that point, Leach was a perfect 14 for 14 at the line. But the senior guard clanged his shot off the rim, Mayfield's 4th miss of the front end of bonus situations, and Carlisle went for the tie. Lance Wilson, Carlisle's hot hand with 30 pts., couldn't get a shot off and found Jarrod Martin in the left corner.

Martin backed up to create some room between him and the defender Greg Goodwin, but still launched the shot with Goodwin's hand in his face. The shot drew nothing but net and Carlisle had pulled even, setting off a frenzied celebration by the Comet fans.

Leach missed an off-balance 15 footer, just before the buzzer and the game went into overtime.

Wilson wriggled between two defenders for a short jumper that gave his team a 53-51 edge early in the overtime, but Mayfield dominated the rest of the way.

Freshman Michael Bright's putback tied the score and Leach hit Fritts for a layup off a backdoor cut to put the Cardinals on top again. Carlisle committed two straight turnovers, and Mayfield went to a delay game. Fritts and Leach

each hit two free throws for a 59-53 lead, and Wilson hit a last second 3 pointer to pull the Comets closer.

"It's been like this all year," said a clearly frustrated John Tyler, Carlisle's head coach. "We get close some games, but we can't get over the hump."

Carlisle, which fell to 7-12, has lost 7 of their last 8 games. Martin, the team's sparkplug at point guard, is still slowed by a severely sprained ankle suffered in early December, and two seniors are finished for the season. Forward Clark Terry underwent knee surgery last week.

"This has been pretty tough on the kids, fighting through all the injuries and stuff. I know the losses are killing me. We were 3-1 at one point and playing well, then people started getting hurt, and our chemistry isn't right or something. I told the kids we have one more month to go, before the big tournaments start and that's enough time to pull together.

Carlisle…....8 15 29 51 56
Mayfield.....15 23 40 51 59

Carlisle (56)
Gibson 8, Gill 2, Jackson 2, J. Martin 9, K. Martin 5, J. Wilson, L. Wilson 30.
Fgs. 22/51, 3 pts. 6/12 (L. Wilson 5, J. Martin), Fts. 6/6, Fouls 23.

Mayfield (59)
Brown 10, Goodwin 2, Hernon, Leach 20, Fritts 20, Travis, Bright 7.
Fgs. 17/33, 3 pts. 6/14 (Fritts 4, Brown 2), Fts. 19/25, Fouls 12.

Heath 68
Carlisle Co. 51
02-05-93 - Home

Carlisle County had a four point lead after the first quarter, but Heath's Matt Harrison scored 10 of his 17 points in the second quarter to begin a 23-9 Pirate run.

Heath owned a 53-40 lead, after three quarters.

Carlisle shot well from the free- throw line, hitting 15 of 19.

Michael Gibson scored 23 points for the Comets.

Carlisle….....16 25 40 51
Heath…..12 35 53 68

Carlisle (51)
Elder, Gibson 23, Gill 4, Jackson, J. Martin 10, K. Martin 7, O'Neill, J. Wilson, L. Wilson 5, Garrett 2.
Field goals 18/45, 3-pointers 0/3, Free throws 15/19, Fouls 16, Record 7-13.

Heath (68)
Beyer 4, Blackwell 4, Duncan 2, Duren, Guthrie, Harrison 17, Klausmeier 11 O'Donley 3, Phillips 9, Tilford 14, Gregory 1, Mullen 2.
Field goals 28/44, 3-pointers 2/2 (Tilford, Klausmeier), Free throws 9/13, Fouls 18, Record 17-3.

Carlisle's Martin Brothers
Bury Tilghman Hopes

Carlisle Co. 82
Tilghman 77
02-09-93 - Home

It's been a struggle all season for Paducah Tilghman's Steve Dreher, but probably rarely as painful as when Carlisle County's brother act of Jarrod and Kurt Martin combined for 29 points in the fourth quarter to snatch a victory from defeat for the Comets.

Jarrod Martin's 31-point effort with four other Comets in the double figures outbalanced the Tornado, 82-77, for Tilghman's 15th loss of the season.

Tilghman was leading by a dozen points in the third quarter, but the Comets rebounded and outscored the Tornado 41-26 in the final quarter, doubling their point total for the game.

Jarrod Martin scored 19 of his 31 points in the final period while freshman Kurt Martin scored 10 of his 15. Michael Gibson added 16 and Lance Wilson 13 for the Comets.

Ron Brisbon topped the Tornado with 18 points. Tilghman had trailed at halftime by a point, but outscored the Comets 23-12 in the third period.

Tilghman…..10 28 51 77
Carlisle…….18 29 41 82

Tilghman (77)
Blue 10, Brisbon 18, Hart 9, Myers 13, Smith 5, Thurman 1, Moore 17, Sivels 4.
Field goals 38/57, 3 pointers 1/4 (Myers), Free throws 16/26, Fouls 22, Record 6-15.

Carlisle (82)
Elder, Gibson 16, Gill 4, Jackson 1, J. Martin 31, K. Martin 15, O'Neill, J. Wilson 2, L. Wilson 13.
Field goals 29/60, 3-pointers 3/9 (Gibson 2, L. Wilson), Free throws 21/27, Fouls 20, Record 8-13.

Comets Knock
Steam From Pilots

Carlisle Co. 71
Fulton Co. 66
02-12-93 - Home

Without a win against district competition, Carlisle County picked an unlikely foe to crack its goose egg against Friday night.

With Jarrod Martin heating up on offense and a defense that frustrated Fulton County's running and inside game, the Comets knocked off First District leader and All A Classic state finalist Fulton County. The Pilots were previously unbeaten in district play.

Despite the big win, second-year Carlisle coach John Tyler isn't sure just what to make of the upset.

"It's just a regular season game," he said. "We're going to make the best of it, but Fulton County is coming off the All A Classic and it was their third game this week so I don't know how much fatigue played a part in this. It's their seventh game in two weeks so I'm sure that was part of it."

The game was close throughout the first half, but Carlisle forged ahead by 12 in the third period and held on down the stretch.

Martin scored 25 of his game-high 32 points in the second half, when the Comets stretched ahead, after clinging to a one-point lead at halftime. Martin scored 16 of his points in the final quarter.

The Pilots cut Carlisle's advantage to 66-63 in the closing minutes, but the Comets hit three straight free throws and survived any late theatrics.

Michael Gibson added 17 and Kurt Martin 10 for the Comets, now 9-13 overall and 1-4 in district play. Fulton County, which had clinched the district regular season championship on Tuesday, drops to 20-5 and finished the year 5-1 in district play.

Fulton Co.....17 29 42 66
Carlisle.....16 30 50 71

Fulton Co. (66)
Barnett 4, Calcutt 11, Carlton 7, Elam 13, McNeill, Warlick 18, Warren 13.
Field Goals 28/51, 3-pointers 4/12 (Warren, Carlton 2, Calcutt), Free Throws 6/10, Fouls 20, Record 20-5.

Carlisle (71)
Elder 2, Gibson 17, Gill 4, J. Martin 32, K. Martin 10, J. Wilson, L. Wilson 6.
Field Goals 23/41, 3-pointers 6/14 (Gibson 2, K. Martin, J. Martin 3), Free Throws 19/25, Fouls 11, Record 9-13.

Carlisle Co. 58
Fulton City 50
02-16-93 - Home

Senior Jarrod Martin scored 29 points to lead the Comets to a First District win over district foe Fulton City. Their District record goes up to 2-4, while Fulton City falls to 1-5.

The lead flip-flopped back and forth each quarter with Fulton City leading in the first and third quarters. Carlisle, however, had other ideas and in the last four minutes of the game, the Comets took the lead with Jarrod Martin scoring eight points to help his team's effort.

"We started playing better and played more team basketball in the last quarter," said Carlisle head coach John Tyler.

Fulton City was led by Michael Don Burnette with 21 points.

Fulton City.....14 20 40 50
Carlisle….....12 23 37 58

Fulton City (50)
Burnette 21, Bushart, Crumble 9, Dickerson 7, Flanigan, Kerney, Lee, Pettigrew 13, Rose.
Field Goals 15/38, 3-pointers 3/7 (Burnette 2, Crumble), Free Throws 5/11, Fouls 14, Record 7-14.

Carlisle (58)
Elder 5, Gibson 9, Gill 2, J. Martin 29, K. Martin 2, L. Wilson 11.
Field Goals 14/32, 3-pointers 4/12 (L. Wilson, J. Martin 3), Free Throws 18/22, Fouls 14, Record 10-13.

Carlisle Co 74
Reidland 67
02-23-93 - Away

Reidland was down by 11 points at halftime, but might have been in the lead if they hadn't missed six lay-ups in the first half.

Carlisle retained a seven-point lead until the fourth quarter.

With 50 seconds left in the game, Reidland executed a set play that would allow Brian Short a lay-up and tie the game. However, Carlisle's Jarrod Martin intercepted the pass and things went downhill from there for the Greyhounds, who fall to 6-18.

Jarrod Martin and Michael Gibson each scored 20 points for the Comets. Jared Aldridge and Brian Short led the Greyhounds with 21 and 20 points, respectively.

Carlisle….....15 38 53 74
Reidland.....10 27 47 67

Carlisle (74)
Elder 10, Gibson 20, Gill 10, Jackson 2, J. Martin 20, K. Martin 6, O'Neill 1, J. Wilson, L. Wilson 5, Garrett.
Field goals 24/51, 3-pointers 1/7 (Gibson), Free throws 25/37, Rebounds 38, Fouls 23, Record 11-13.

Reidland(67)
Aldridge 21, Barnes, Bowland 4, Council 3, Fox 5, Herrington, Melton 6, Short 20, Tinsley 3, Duncan 2, Patterson 3.
Field goals 23/55, 3-pointers 5/16 (Council, Alderidge 2, Short 2), Free throws 16/22, Rebounds 25, Fouls 25, Record 6-18.

Carlisle Co. 74
Ballard Co. 57
02-25-93 - Away

Carlisle displayed good shooting in its 17-point victory over Ballard on the road.

The Comets shot 17 of 32 (56.5 percent) from the field, 9 of 14 (64.3 percent) from three-point land, and 13-of-19 (68.4 percent) from the foul line.

Ballard hit only 2 of 11 (18.2 percent) from three-point range and 5 of 9 from the foul line, which made the difference.

Lance Wilson scored 26 points for Carlisle, followed by Jarrod Martin with 24.

Jason Allcock contributed 16 points for Ballard.

Carlisle….....19 45 59 74
Ballard.…….....14 29 44 57

Carlisle (74)
Deweese, Elder 4, Gibson 15, Gill, Jackson 2, J. Martin 24, K. Martin 3, O'Neill, Thompson, Thornsbrough, J. Wilson, L. Wilson 26, W. Wilson, Garrett, Shupe.
Field Goals 26/46, 3-pointers 9/14 (L. Wilson 5, J. Martin 4), Free Throws 13/19, Fouls 14.

Ballard (57)
Allcock 16, Birney 8, Cooper, Dowdy 15, Northington 4, Wheeler 6, Whipple 8, Williams, Yates.
Field Goals 25/52, 3-pointers 2/11 (Dowdy), Free Throws 5/9, Rebounds 20, Fouls 21.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Falcons' Defense
Saves Day

Hickman Co. 62
Carlisle Co. 50
03-04-93 - Away

In the first minute of Thursday night's First District grudge match of archrivals Hickman County and Carlisle County, the Comets' Michael Gibson caught the basketball just past the 3-point stripe.

Defender Brad Latham backed off a step, and Gibson let fly with a jumper that drew nothing but net. It was probably the last uncontested shot the Comets took all night.

Hickman's sticky man-to-man defense forced Carlisle into 17 percent shooting (4 for 23) in the first half, and by that time the Falcons held a sizable 29-13 lead. Hickman maintained control throughout the second half, weathering several small uprisings in a 62-50 victory, the Falcons' fourth without a loss over their border rivals this season.

Hickman hadn't pulled off that feat since the 1987-88 season. But more importantly, the Falcons advanced to next week's First Region tournament for the first time in three years. Hickman will meet another neighboring nemesis, defending district champion Futon County, in tonight's championship contest.

"I don't care who we play, I'm just glad to be going to (regional host) Murray State," said Hickman coach Henry Edwards. "This was a big win for us."

Edwards was especially pleased with the efforts of senior center Steven Davis. The 6-6 postman scored 15 points on 7 of 11 shooting, but his defense on the perimeter was just as important.

Davis spent the entire night chasing either Gibson or Lance Wilson, another one of the Comets' bombers. Gibson scored just 11 points, only four after the first quarter, and Wilson scored most of his team-high 16 points after the game was well in hand.

Offensively, the tandem of Davis and 6-4 forward Brian Coates ruled the inside. Coates led Hickman with 15 points, hitting 7 of 9 shots from the field against the smaller Comets.

Carlisle.....…..7 13 28 50
Hickman.....…..15 29 39 62

Carlisle (50)
Gibson 11, Jackson, K. Martin 5, L. Wilson 16, Elder 2, J. Martin 13, J. Wilson, Gill 3.
Field Goals 18, 3-pointers 8 (Gibson, K. Martin, L. Wilson 4, J. Martin, Gill), Free Throws 6/6, Rebounds 18, Fouls 23, Record 12-14.

Hickman (62)
Latham 10, K. Wilson, Davis 14, Coates 15, Bond 9, Hunt 12, McClure 2.
Field Goals 24, 3-pointers 0, Free Throws 14/22, Rebounds 27, Fouls 11, Record 15-13.

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	St. Mary	Hickman Co.	St. Mary	Graves Co.	Hickman Co	Calho, ILL	Ballard Co	Mayfield	Tilghman	Reidland	Bourbon Co	Lex. Henry Clay	Hickman Co												
Jarrod Martin	9(1)	14(1)	17(1)	25	10(1)								6												
Lance Wilson	8	16(1)	4(1)	11	7	9(2)	13	13(2)	22(4)	24(4)	22(2)	19(3)	16(2)												
Michael Gibson	14(3)	9	10	13(1)	22	30(7)	29(6)	21(1)	15(2)	30(1)	11(1)	21(1)	18(2)												
Clard Terry	4	4	0	10	4	2																			
Matt Gill	6	0	4		0	0	0	5(1)	4	11(1)	11	4	2												
Ryan Jackson	0		10	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	2												
Aaron Thompson	0		0	0																					
Trent Deweese	0		0	0								0													
Rodney Elder	8	6	3	4	2	12	14	0	3	2	8	3	1												
Troy Thomsbourgh			2																						
Chris O'Neill	3		2			0						0													
Kurt Martin	6	2	12	14	5	0	12	6	11(1)	8	12	2	5												
Jerry Wilson	0		3	0				0				0													
Wesley Wilson	2		2		0							0													

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	Fulton City	Mayfield	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Calloway Co.	Mayfield	Heath	Tilghman	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Reidland	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co								3-Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Jarrod Martin	4	13(2)	28(4)	10(1	5	9(1)	10	31	32(3)	29(3)	20	24(4)	13(1)								23	19	309	16.26
Lance Wilson	17(1)	12(2)	18(1)	24	24	13(3)	30(5)	5	13(1	6	11(1)	5	26(5)	16(4)							42	26	380	14.62
Michael Gibson	13(3)	16(1)	13(3)	15(1	13	8	23	16(3)	17(2)	9	20(1)	15	11(1)								40	26	432	16.62
Clard Terry																					0	6	24	4
Matt Gill	2		3	4	2	2	4	4	4	2	10	0	3(1)								3	24	87	3.62
Ryan Jackson						2	0	1			2	2	0								0	18	26	1.44
Aaron Thompson												0									0	4	0	0
Trent Deweese	0				0							0									0	7	0	0
Rodney Elder	11						0	0	2	5	10	4	2								0	21	100	4.76
Troy Thomsbourgh												0									0	4	2	1
Chris O'Neill	2		0		0		0	0			1	0									0	10	8	0.72
Kurt Martin	8	8	10	2	8	5	7	15	10(1)	2	6	3	5(1)								3	26	184	7.07
Jerry Wilson	0		5	7(1)	2	0	0	2	0		0	0	0								1	16	19	1.18
Wesley Wilson												0									0	5	4	0.8
Kris Garrett	0						0				0	0									0	4	0	0
Shane Shupe												0									0	1	0	0
						Team Record - 12-14						Per game Avg. - 60.57									112		1575	

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Jarrod Martin	77	84		226	446	309	981	12.74
Lance Wilson	93	63	11	65	328	380	784	8.43
Michael Gibson	80	64		67	245	432	744	9.3
Clark Terry	29	1		16	21	24	61	2.1
Ryan Jackson	18	0			26		26	1.44
Rodney Elder	21	0				100	100	4.76
Wesley Wilson	5	0	4				4	0.8

1993-1994

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ASSISTANT COACH - BARRY STEVENS

TROPHIES WON

ST. MARY TOURN. - 3RD PLACE

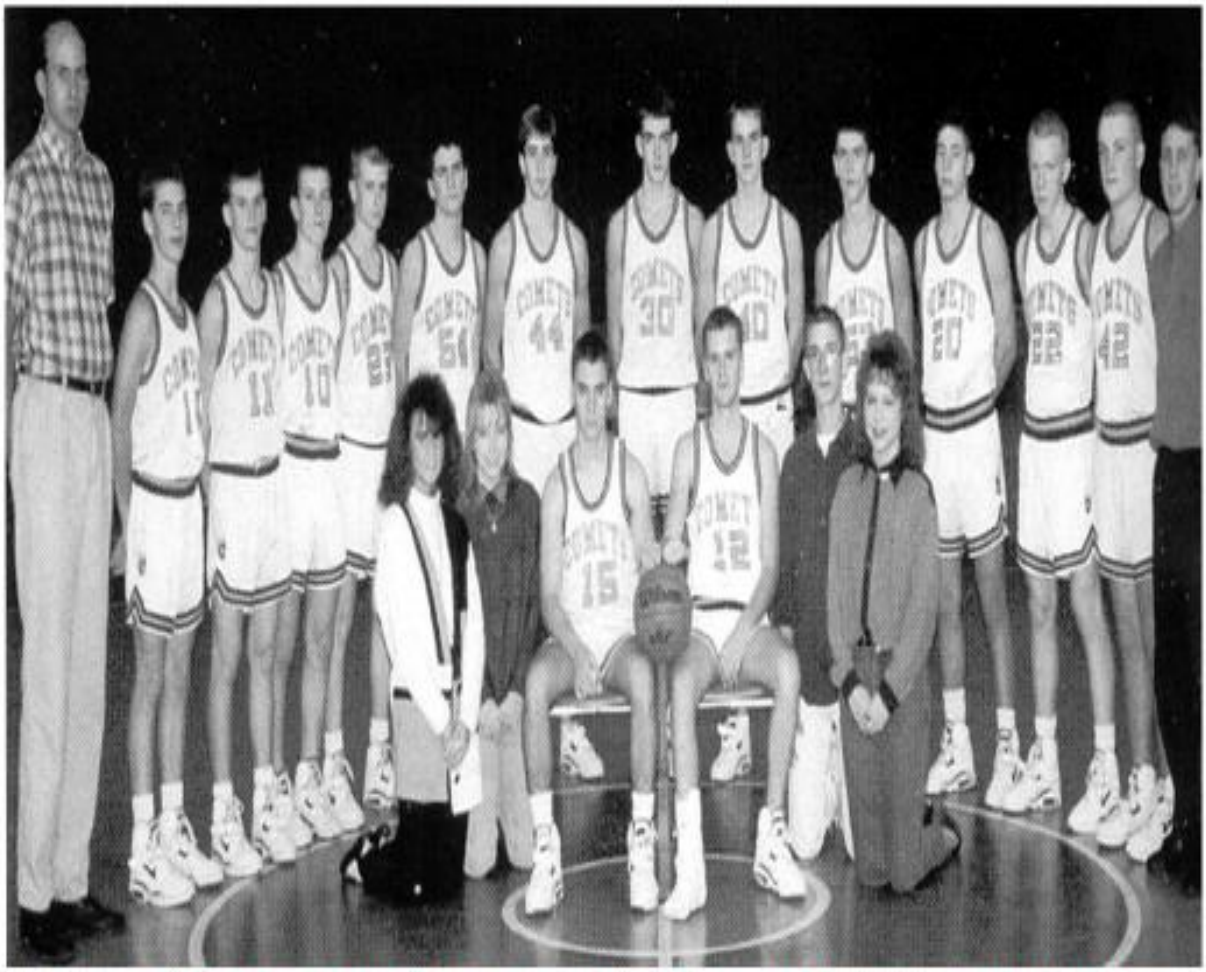
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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-23-93	St. Mary	**56-64**	H	
11-25-93	Livingston Co.	**53-59**	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-27-93	St. Mary	65-56	A	- **ST. MARY TOURN. CONSOLATION**
11-30-93	Tilghman	**38-71**	H	
12-06-93	Graves Co	**28-65**	A	
12-07-93	Hickman Co.	**37-58**	A	
12-10-93	Cairo, ILL.	**39-74**	H	
12-14-93	Ballard Co.	**62-71**	A	
12-17-93	Lone Oak	**55-80**	H	
12-20-93	Tilghman	**62-72**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-21-93	Reidland	**39-51**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. CONSOLATION**
01-04-94	Hickman Co.	**50-78**	H	
01-07-94	Fulton City	55-49	H	
01-10-94	Mayfield	43-40	H	
01-11-94	Lone Oak	**53-73**	A	
01-14-94	Fulton Co	**32-64**	H	
01-21-94	Calloway Co.	**59-70**	H	
01-25-94	Ballard Co.	**39-67**	A	- **ALL A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
02-01-94	Mayfield	**39-53**	A	
02-04-94	Heath	**47-55**	A	
02-08-94	Tilghman	**46-67**	A	
02-11-94	Fulton Co	**60-66**	A	
02-15-94	Fulton City	**60-67**	A	
02-22-94	Reidland	78-56	H	
02-25-94	Ballard Co.	**76-79**	H	
03-02-94	Hickman Co.	**58-78**	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**

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1994 Comets



Coach John Tyler, Curtis Sams, Kris Garrett, Robby Thompson, Jerry Wilson, Eric Wilson, Troy Thornsborough, Chris O'Neill, Shane Shupe, Korie Bowles, TJ Booker, Kurt Martin, Eric Yarbrough, Coach Barry Stephens, Kristena Bowles and Summer Davis (Managers) Matt Gill, Aaron Thompson, Micah Yarbrough and Pam Davis (Managers)

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TROPHIES WON
ST. MARY TOURN. - 3RD PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 4-22

1993-94 COMET ROSTER:
Kris Garrett, Matt Gill, Kurt Martin, Chris O'Neill, Jerry Wilson, Aaron Thompson, Barry Oliver, T.J. Booker, Trent Deweese, Micah Yarbrough, Troy Thornsbrough, Brian Grogan, Shane Shupe, Curtin Sams, Robby Thompson, Korie Bowles, Eric Wilson, Terry Hagen.

Comets Start
From Scratch

Here's a business proposition for anyone with the entrepreneurial spirit.

Sell programs at each of Carlisle County's basketball games this winter. Better yet, include pictures. Demand should be heavy. Five key players – including two-time All-Purchase point guard Jarrod Martin, who turned down offers from smaller schools to walk on at Murray State – picked up their diplomas last spring, leaving third-year coach John Tyler with more question marks than exclamation points.

His most experienced returnees are a pair of part-time starters. Projected major contributors include two seniors, who didn't play last season and a flock of untested sophomores.

"It's like starting from scratch," Tyler said.

He probably wouldn't mind a repeat of last season, when the injury-riddled Comets finished 12-14 thanks to a bench that proved deeper than anyone expected. Matt Gill and Kurt Martin, projected as the top two reserve guards, were both starting by mid-season. Now they are counted on as leaders.

"They're the only two we have with any kind of varsity experience," Tyler said. "It's not like they have plenty, they just have a little."

Gill, a 5-7 senior, averaged 3.5 points per game a year ago and will run the club from the point. Martin, a 5-10 sophomore, would play guard in virtually any other program, but will have to take his 5-10, 150-pound frame and 7.3 average inside for the height-starved Comets - only three players stand taller than 6 feet.

"It would be nice to have some size," Tyler said. "But then I think about David and Goliath --- you know how that came out."

Not that this is anything unusual. In his two seasons Tyler has drawn rave reviews for his ability to coax maximum effort and performance from smallish lineups. Once again, the Comets will rely on hustle, scrap and stifling man-to-man defense.

"We have to get out and play full court defense," Tyler said. "We're not slow, but we're not overly quick, either."

Defense probably won't be the problem. Proven scoring is. The trio of Jarrod Martin, Michael Gibson and Lance Wilson combined for 48 points a game last season. Gill and Kurt Martin will surely hike their averages, but someone else needs to step up to produce offensively.

One possibility is 6-2 sophomore Chris O'Neill, for the moment projected as the starting center. Troy Thornsbrough, a 6-2 junior, and 6-2 sophomore Shane Shupe will battle for significant playing time at center and forward.

"Right now, Chris has looked by far the best of the three," Tyler said. "He's the best inside player we have."

Another is Jerry Wilson, a 5-11 sophomore who has the edge at the forward spot alongside Martin. Wilson's game is similar to that of brother Lance.

"Lance was a good outside shooter, who could go inside and mix it up," Tyler said. "Jerry's more of an outside-type guy."

Gill will be joined in the backcourt by a combination of Kris Garrett, Barry Oliver, Aaron Thompson and Terry Hagen. Oliver and Hagen sat out last season, after playing as sophomores.

Carlisle Co. 56
St. Mary 64
11-23-93 - Home

On Tuesday night the Comets hosted the St. Mary Vikings and the young Comet team was defeated 64-56 in the season opener.

Sophomores Jerry Wilson and Chris Garrett led the Comets with 16 and 11 points, respectively.

Chris Garrett and Barry Oliver each sank one three-pointer.

The Comets shot 12/34 from the field for 35 percent and were 2/7 from three-point land and hit 26/34 free throws for 76 percent.
Carlisle…….....5 21 31 56
St. Mary…..…...12 31 49 64
Carlisle (56)
Garrett 11, Martin 7, Oliver 6, O'Neill 9, A. Thompson 7, J. Wilson 16.
Field goals 14/41, 3-pointers 2 (Garrett, Oliver), Free throws 26/34, Fouls 20.
St. Mary (64)
Dietrich 21, Guidry 15, C. Haas 9, D. Haas 3, McBride 4, Shore 11, Wilson 8, Vaughn 2, Langston, Roberts.
Field goals 26/50, 3-pointers 2 (Guidry, Shore), Free throws 10/15, Fouls 26.

St. Mary Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. 53
Livingston Co. 59
11-25-93 - Away

Thanksgiving night, the Comets met Livingston Co. in the St. Mary Tournament. After trailing most of the game, the Comets almost made a comeback in the fourth quarter, but were defeated 59-53 by the Cardinals.

The Comets pulled to within one point of the Cardinals in the final minutes of the game, but lost two players to five fouls in the last quarter.

Kurt Martin led the Comets with 17 points, followed by Christopher O'Neill with 11. Aaron Thompson connected on two three-pointers and Kurt Martin sank one.

The Comets hit 15 of 34 field goals attempts for 44 percent, three of nine three-point attempts for 33 percent and 14 of 28 free throws for 50 percent.
Carlisle…..…....9 21 37 53
Livingston…....14 32 44 59
Livingston (59)
Johnson 6, Hurst 8, Scarborough 2, Guess 2, Stringer 2, Quertermous 21, Smith, Ring 2, Crawford 12, Franklin 2, Stewart 2.
Field goals 14, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 11/19, Fouls 21.
Carlisle Co. (53)
Martin 19, Oliver 4, A. Thompson 10, Booker, O'Neill 11, J. Wilson 3, Deweese, Garrett 6.
Field goals 18, 3-pointers 2 (Martin, Thompson), Free throws 14/27, Fouls 22.

St. Mary Tourn.
Consolation
Carlisle Co. 65
St. Mary 56
11-27-93 - Away

Saturday afternoon the Comets took third place in the St. Mary Tournament with a win over St. Mary in the consolation round.

Kurt Martin led the Comets in a big way with 27 points. Christopher O'Neill added 11 points.

The team shot 19 of 38 field goal attempts for 50 percent, two of seven three-pointers (Aaron Thompson, one; Barry Oliver, one) and they shot 81 percent (21 of 26) free throws.

Carlisle County avenged a defeat to St. Mary earlier this week, riding Kurt Martin's 27-point performance in a 65-56 victory.
Carlisle…..…....7 26 42 65
St. Mary…..…....12 25 39 56
Carlisle (65)
Martin 27, Oliver 5, A. Thompson 3, Booker 2, O'Neill 11, Deweese, Garrett 8, Yarborough 6, Thornsbrough 3.
Field goals 21, 3-pointers 2 (Oliver, Thompson), Free throws 21/25, Fouls 18, Record 1-2.
St. Mary (56)
Guidry 13, Dietrich 12, C. Haas 10, W. McBride 7, D. Haas 2, Wilson, Roberts 2, Durbin 10, Langston, R. McBride.
Field goals 24, 3 pointers 2 (W. McBride, Durbin), Free throws 6/14, Fouls 24, Record 1-3

Tilghman 71
Carlisle Co. 38
11-30-93 - Home

Paducah Tilghman roared through Carlisle County behind the inside tandem of John Smith and Tiant Young.

After pulling within two points of Tilghman in the first quarter Carlisle was unable to overcome the height of their foe, said Comet coach John Tyler.

"They scored a lot of points down low on us on lay-ups," Tyler said. "I guess that their height hurt us more than anything. It was a case of their big men scoring a lot of points."

Smith, a 6-7 sophomore, scored 18 points as the Tornado improved to 2-0, while Young, a 5-11 senior, added 14 points. Sophomore Chris Sivels also scored 11 points.
Tilghman…....16 36 50 71
Carlisle.....14 19 24 38
Tilghman (71)

Smith 18, Young 14, Sivels 11, Warfield 9, Moore 8, Myers 5, Blaisdell 4, Bell, Clifton, Chamberlain, Champion, Duwe.
Field goals 30/43, 3-pointers 2/6 (Warfield, Sivels), Free throws 5/8, Fouls 25, Record 2-0.

Carlisle (38)
Martin 14, Garrett 8, Oliver 7, O'Neill 4, Booker 2, Deweese 2, Grogan, Sams, Shupe, A. Thompson, Thornsbrough, Yarborough.
Field goals 10/31, 3-pointers 1/6 (Oliver), Free throws 15/25, Fouls 12, Record 1-3.

Graves Co. 65
Carlisle Co. 28
12-06-93 - Away

Graves' Jason Goatley scored 13 points, while Michael Burnette and Jon Barber combined for 21 points to lift the Eagles to a decisive victory over the Carlisle County Comets.

Graves shot 52 percent from the field, while their defense rattled the Comets for 28 turnovers. Graves raises their undefeated record to 3-0.

Carlisle's Chris O'Neill scored 12 points and Kris Garrett added 8 points for the Comets only offensive highlights. Carlisle falls to 3-2.

Carlisle….....6 18 23 28
Graves.....…..17 35 58 65

Carlisle (28)
Garrett 8, Gill 2, Martin 4, O'Neill 12, Sams 2, Booker, Deweese, Grogan, Oliver, Shupe, Thornsbrough, J. Wilson, Yarborough.
Field goals 9/36, Free throws 12/18, Rebounds 22, Fouls 15, Record 3-2.

Graves (65)
Alderdice 2, Barber 10, Brown 2, Burnette 11, Floyd 8, Jason Goatley 13, Jody Goatley 2, Heath 2, Mayes 8, Veucasovic 4, Wooley 3, Byrd, Darnell, Hollman, Kendall.
Field goals 26/50, 3-pointers 5/13 (Jason Goatley 3, Mayes 2), Free throws 8/12, Rebounds 32, Fouls 16, Record 3-0.

Hickman Co. 58
Carlisle Co. 37
12-07-93 - Away

When the Falcons let their defense do the work, they broke down a district rival in the process.

A second quarter defensive spurt fueled a 19-8 scoring advantage for Hickman, which forged a 34-18 halftime lead that was never challenged.

"We pulled away in the second quarter, when we applied defensive pressure," said Falcon coach Henry Edwards. "We got quite a few turnovers."

Brad Latham and Darren McClure helped balance out the offense with 14 points apiece and Jason Vaughn added a dozen for Hickman in the First District contest. Carlisle was topped by Kurt Martin's 12 points.

Carlisle….....10 18 26 37
Hickman….....15 34 46 58

Carlisle (37)
Garrett 9, Gill, Martin 12, O'Neill 7, Thornsbrough, J. Wilson, Yarborough 7.
Field goals 13/35, 3-pointers 1 (Garrett), Free throws 10/15, Fouls 14, Record 1-5.

Hickman (58)
Byassee, Eddleman 4, Elliott, Hicks, Latham 14, McClure 14, Morgan 4, Samples, Swindler, Vaughn 12, Watson 10.
Field goals 23/47, 3-pointers 1 (Latham), Free throws 11/16, Rebounds 20, Fouls 18, Record 3-3.

Cairo, ILL. 74
Carlisle Co. 39
12-10-93 - Home

Cairo remains undefeated at 5-0, after a victory over Carlisle County.

University of Louisville signee Tyrone Nesby led the scoring for the Pilots with 25 points. Marcus Johnson added 15 and Andre Williams contributed 10.

Cairo hit 31 total shots from the field to Carlisle's 15. Carlisle hit 8 of 16 free throws to Cairo's 6 of 13.

Carlisle was led by Chris O'Neill with 11 points as the Comets fell to 1-6.

Carlisle….....8 10 20 39
Cairo.....10 22 47 74

Carlisle Co. (39)
Booker 8, Garrett 5, Martin 4, O'Neill 11, J. Wilson 4, Yarborough 7.
Field goals 15/43, 3 pointers 1/8 (Booker), Free throws 8/16, Fouls 10, Record 1-6.

Cairo (74)
Avery 6, Box 2, Davis 15, Johnston 2, Nesby 25, Spillers 2, Vasser 5, Williams 10, Wiggins 4, M. Johnson 4.
Field goals 31/71, 3 pointers 1/8 (Davis), Free throws 6/13, Fouls 12, Record 5-0.

Ballard Co. 71
Carlisle Co. 62
12-14-93 - Home

Senior forward Michael Dowdy scored 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as Ballard Co. moved above the .500 mark at 3-2.

Dowdy's board play led the Bombers to an important 31-18 rebounding advantage.

"He was a real horse on the boards," Ballard's coach Hugh Wear said.

Dowdy's play was important because starters Joe Paul Northington and Matthew Wheeler got into foul trouble. Northington still managed 12 points. Brandon Birney backed Dowdy with 16 points.

Ballard led by 10 at the half and by 16 after three quarters.

Carlisle's Jerry Wilson led all scorers with 25 points. He hit five 3-pointers as the Comets went 8 of 20 from 3-point range.

Carlisle….....10 25 39 62
Ballard….....15 35 55 71

Carlisle (62)
Booker, Garrett 11, Martin 17, O'Neill 9, J. Wilson 25.
Field goals 22/51, 3-pointers 8/20 (J. Wilson 5, Garrett 2, Martin), Free throws 10/18, Rebounds 18, Fouls 14, Record 1-7.

Ballard (71)
Birney 16, Bishop 2, Dowdy 24, Lawrence 3, Northington 12, Yates 4, Williams 2, Wheeler 8.
Field goals 31/54, 3-pointers 3 (Dowdy 2, Lawrence), Free throws 6/9, Rebounds 31, Fouls 15, Record 3-2.

Lone Oak 80
Carlisle Co. 55
12-17-93 - Home

Lone Oak senior Chris Golightly scored 16 points to lead his team to a win over Carlisle County.

The Oakers jumped out to a 21-7 lead at the end of the first period and were able to double their lead by the halftime buzzer, 42-20.

Golightly was followed in double-digits by SheRon Minter with 14 points, Tony Englert with 11 and Eric Fox with 10.

Carlisle was led by sophomore Kurt Martin with a game high 13 points.

Lone Oak…...21 42 58 80
Carlisle….....7 20 34 55

Lone Oak (80)
Golightly 16, Minter 14, Englert 11, Fox 10, Felker 8, Bivin 7, Davis 4, Moore 4, Stone 4, Kinsey 2, Saners, Lampe.
Field goals 31/58, 3-pointers 4/7 (Fox, Felker, Englert, Biven), Free throws 6/9, Fouls 24, Record 5-0.

Carlisle (55)
Martin 20, J. Wilson 13, O'Neill 9, Garrett 6, Booker 5, Thornsbrough 2, Yarborough, A. Thompson.
Field goals 13/35, 3-pointers 3/7 (J. Wilson 2, Martin), Free throws 3/7, Fouls 9, Record 1-8.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
Tilghman Edges Carlisle.
Myers' 32 Points
Overcomes Generous Defense.

Carlisle Co. 62
Tilghman 72
12-20-93 - Away

There are times, even in this the most joyful of seasons, when an Ebenezer Scrooge can have merits.

On Monday night, Paducah Tilghman coach Steve Dreher thought his team could have used some of the miserly personality of Charles Dickens' most famous Christmas tale character.

Hosting a first-round game of its own invitational holiday tournament, the Tornado had to fight off upstart Carlisle County before coming away with a 72-62 victory.

"I guess we had our minds on Christmas too much and were in a giving mood," Dreher said. "Carlisle wanted to win this game much more than we did and we almost gave it to them."

Senior forward Mikey Myers rescued the Tornado with a season-high 32 points.

The 5-4 Tornado faces Lyon County on Wednesday in the semifinals of the eight-team tournament.

On Nov. 30, Tilghman defeated Carlisle County 71-38 at Carlisle. The story was much different this time for Carlisle, which started five sophomores and got 29 points from 5-foot-10 swingman Kurt Martin.

The Comets did have troubles early before adjusting. They trailed 16-6, before coach John Tyler signaled for time.

"I let them know that it looked like we had just showed up and were letting Tilghman walk all over us," Tyler said. "We were through being intimidated by them like the first time we played them. I let (the players) know that we could be in this game if we went out and fought like we should."

Presto. Using an aggressive offense and sound board work, the Comets outscored the Tornado 14-5, to pull within 21-20 early in the second quarter on a pair of free throws by Chris O'Neill, the Comets' tallest player at 6-foot-2.

At the 2:30 mark, Carlisle took its first lead, 29-28, on a Martin lay-up off a beautiful half-court pass from Kris Garrett.

"Carlisle took it to us," Dreher said. "They were prepared."

Tilghman, however, rebounded in the third quarter. The Tornado outscored the Comets 23-12 to push ahead 59-45.

"In the third quarter we tried to run with Tilghman and play their style of ball," Tyler said. "We did alright with that until we had to give some starters a breather. We're so young and short on

the bench that our substitutes were just not used to playing like that."

Myers started the third quarter run with a fielder in the lane then a dunk after a steal and nice flip pass from sophomore point guard Brandon Warfield. Myers ended the quarter run with a lay-up.

Carlisle wasn't through. The Comets made a putback by T.J. Booker. Myers answered with a nothing-but-thread 3-pointer, and following a Carlisle charge, got an inside-out pass from center John Smith to can another three. Senior Tiant Young added a lay-up seconds later and Tilghman was finally safe, leading 70-55, with just over two minutes to play.

The Comets kept it close by out rebounding the much-taller Tornado, 28-21, and hitting 23 of 39 field goal attempts.

Tilghman.....19 36 59 72
Carlisle.....16 33 45 62

Tilghman (72)
Warfield 6, Sivels 2, Page 8, Myers 32, Smith 8, Duwe 3, Moore, Blaisdell.
Field goals 32/71, 3-pointers 7/21 (Myers 6, Duwe), Free throws 1/6, Rebounds 21, Fouls 21, Record 5-4.

Carlisle (62)
Martin 29, J. Wilson 2, O'Neill 10, Garrett 13, Booker 8, Yarborough, Thornsbrough.
Field goals 23/39, 3-pointers 1/3 (Garrett), Free throws 15/18, Rebounds 28, Fouls 16, Record 1-7.

Tilghman Tourn.
Consolation

Reidland 51
Carlisle Co. 39
12-21-93 - Away

Reidland coach Bryce Hibbard, so disconsolate after Monday's opening-round loss to Lyon County, couldn't have been happier with his shorthanded team's victory over Carlisle County in the consolation bracket semifinal.

Jared Aldridge, Chad Hamm, and David Rammage stepped up, combining for 38 points in the absence of leading scorer Brian Short, who sprained an ankle in the loss to Lyon County.

"We took another step forward tonight," said Hibbard, who claimed his first Tilghman tournament win in his four years as the Greyhounds' head coach. "It's funny. Sometimes we're not mentally there, but knowing Shorty was out tonight, they came to play. I was really happy with our team effort on defense."

Reidland held Carlisle to just 11 points in the middle two quarters and took a commanding 12-point lead into the fourth period. The Comets briefly cut the lead to seven, but Aldridge hit a wing jumper and Hamm put the game away with a 3-point play.

Hamm and Aldridge each scored 13 points, while Rammage added 12. Jerry Wilson led Carlisle with 15 points.

Reidland.....14 27 39 51
Carlisle.....15 21 26 39

Reidland (51)
Aldridge 13, Hamm 13, Rammage 12, Tinsley 2, Fox 2, Patterson, Duncan 2, Rhodes, Barnes 4, Green 3, Wall, Beal.
Field goals 22, 3-pointers 1 (Green), Free throws 6/9, Fouls 17, Record 3-5.

Carlisle (39)
J. Wilson 15, Martin 8, Booker 9, Yarborough 2, Thornsbrough, O'Neill 1, Garrett 6.
Field goals 13, 3-pointers 2 (J. Wilson, Booker). Free throws 11/19, Fouls 14, Record 1-10.

Hickman Co. 78
Carlisle Co. 50
01-04-94 - Home

Hickman County's Brad Latham and Jason Vaughn each scored 18 points, while teammate Darren McClure added 14 as the Falcons handed Carlisle County its 11th loss.

Carlisle posted a 13-3 lead early before Hickman went on a 10-point run to tie the game at the end of the first quarter. Hickman went on to outscore Carlisle 23-10 to take a 36-23 advantage at the half.

Kurt Martin scored 21 points and Chris O'Neill added 12 to lead the Comets.

Hickman…….13 36 54 78
Carlisle…….13 23 34 50

Hickman (78)
Byassee 4, B. Latham 18, McClure 14, Morgan 8, Samples 8, Swindler 2, Vaughn 18, Watson 6, Hicks.
Field goals 35/55, Free throws 8/14, Fouls 15.

Carlisle (50)
Booker 1, Garrett 7, Martin 21, O'Neill 12, J. Wilson 5, Yarborough 4, R. Thompson.
Field goals 18/38, 3-pointers 1/3 (Garrett), Free throws 11/12, Fouls 18, Record 1-11.

Carlisle Co. 54
Fulton City 49
01-07-94 - Home

Off to a good start, Carlisle held Fulton City at bay for three quarters to register its first First District victory of the season.

Four Comet players reached double figures topped by Chris O'Neill with 14. Jerry Wilson scored 13, Kurt Martin 11, and T.J. Booker 10 as the Comets hit just under 50 percent from the field.

Fulton City, which fell behind 15-7 in the opening period, never got closer than three points the rest of the way. Danny Pettigrew topped the winless Bulldogs with 16 points.

Fulton City.....7 25 35 49
Carlisle.....15 29 40 54

Fulton City (49)
Butts 3, Crumble 10, Flanigan 5, Madding 2, Nanney 4, Pettigrew 16, Rose 4, Taylor 5, Williams.
Field goals 19/49, 3-pointers 1 (Butts 1), Free throws 10/13, Fouls 23, Record 0-11.

Carlisle (54)
Booker 10, Garrett 4, Martin 11, O'Neill 14, A. Thompson, Thornsbrough 2, J. Wilson 13. Field goals 17/35, 3-pointers 2/7 (Booker, J. Wilson), Free throws 18/29, Fouls 17, Record 2-11.

Carlisle Co. 43
Mayfield 40
01-10-94 - Home

Kurt Martin's consecutive defensive plays helped Carlisle County fend off rival Mayfield.

Martin's cross-court interception that led to a lay-up tied the game at 39 with less than 40 seconds. Martin stole a pass under Mayfield's basket and called time out. When play resumed, Kris Garrett hit a 10-foot jumper to give Carlisle a 2-point advantage. Mayfield's Koby Fritts had a chance to tie the game at the free throw line, but only managed to hit the front end of a one-an-one free throw. T.J. Booker's uncontested layup gave Carlisle the three-point win.

Martin scored 19 points to lead Carlisle County. Fritts scored 15 points to lead the Cardinals.

Mayfield.....9 18 32 40
Carlisle.....9 18 29 43

Mayfield (40)
Almand 3, Bright 8, Fritts 15, Cherry 2, Ray 4, Travis 6, Daniel 2.
Field goals 17/36, 3-pointers 5/9 (Fritts 4, Almand), Free throws 1/6, Fouls 14, Record 3-8.

Carlisle (43)
Booker 8, Garrett 3, Martin 19, O'Neill 8, J. Wilson 5, Thornsbrough.
Field goals 11/25, 3-pointers 1/1 (Booker), Free throws 20/26, Fouls 9, Record 3-11.

Lone Oak 73
Carlisle Co. 53
01-11-94 - Away

Lone Oak's Chris Golightly and Eric Fox scored 18 points each to give their team a win over Carlisle County.

The Oakers took the lead early in the first quarter and held throughout the game to up Lone Oak's record 12-1.

Golightly aided his team's cause by pulling down 14 rebounds. Sophomore Kurt Martin topped Carlisle with 18 points while Chris O'Neill followed with 16.

Carlisle.....12 25 35 53
Lone Oak.....21 37 60 73

Carlisle (53)
Martin 18, O'Neill 16, J. Wilson 11, Booker 5, Garrett 3, Thornsbrough.
Field goals 19, 3-pointers 3 (J. Wilson 2, Booker), Free throws 12/19, Fouls 8, Record 3-12.

Lone Oak (73)
Fox 18, Golightly 18, Minter 12, Kinsey 7, Englert 6, Felker 2, Moore 2, Davis, Kirk, Sanderson.
Field goals 34, 3-pointers 4 (Fox 3, Kinsey), Free throws 1/3, Rebounds 31, Fouls 21, Record 12-1.

Fulton Co. 64
Carlisle Co. 32
01-14-94 - Home

Once the Fulton Co. power took over on the boards, Carlisle County just couldn't keep up as an 11-point Fulton County halftime lead swelled to 41-24.

The Pilots' inside duo of Kirk Barnett and Mancell Elam scored 16 and 15, respectively, as the Pilots powered to a 3-0 First District record.

The Comets, who were led in scoring by Booker with 8 pts., also had four players with six points each, and dropped to 1-3 in the district.

Fulton Co…....19 29 41 64
Carlisle.....12 18 24 32

Carlisle (32)
Booker 8, Garrett 6, Gill 3, Martin 6, O'Neill 4, Sams, Thornsbrough, J. Wilson 6, Bowles.
Fgs. 13/42, 3 pts. 2/10 (Garrett, Gill), Fts. 4/9, Fouls 11.

Fulton Co. (64)
Barrett 16, Carlton 4, Cheirs 6, Elam 15, Ervin 3, McNeill 5, Smith 5, Warren 8, Lattus 2, Dinwiddie.
Fgs. 28/62, 3 pts. 3/5 (Smith, Ervin, McNeill), Fts. 5/12, Fouls 10.

Calloway Co. 70
Carlisle Co. 59
01-21-94 - Home

Brad Cleaver scored 11 of his team-high 15 points in he second-half as Calloway County pulled away from Carlisle.

Calloway led 37-29 in the second- half. The Lakers hit 52 percent (24 of 46) from the field for the game.

Carlisle's Kurt Martin led all scorers with 24 points.

Carlisle.....14 27 37 59

Calloway.....20 37 54 70
Carlisle (59)
Booker 8, Garrett 9, O'Neill 6, Gill 6, Martin 24, R. Thompson 4, A. Thompson 2.
Field goals 19/41, 3-pointers 0/1, Free throws 21/24, Rebounds 22, Record 3/21.
Calloway (70)
Darnell 6, Cogdell 9, Bohannon 12, Cleaver 15, Hornbuckle 11, Boyle 8, Anderson 9.
Field goals 24/48, 3-pointers 1/5, Free throws 21/35, Rebounds 21, Record 14-7.

All A Tourn.
1st Round

Ballard Co. 67
Carlisle Co. 39
01-25-94 - Away

Ballard Co. experienced little trouble in advancing to tonight's quarterfinal contest with Murray. Joe Paul Northington tossed in 20 points, and Brandon Birney and Matt Wheeler added 13 and 12 points, respectively, but Bomber coach Hugh Wear was particularly pleased with his team's defense.

"Defense has killed us most of the year," said Wear, whose team improved to 5-8. "We're starting to play a little now."

Ballard, which also surprised many by upsetting Lone Oak two weeks ago, has played fairly well since ringing in the New Year.

Kris Garrett and Chris O'Neill led Carlisle (3-14) with 10 points.
Ballard.....16 33 44 67
Carlisle.....11 17 30 39
Carlisle (39)
J. Wilson 9, O'Neill 10, Martin 8, Gill 2, Garrett 10.
Fgs. 16/36, 3 pts. 1/8 (Garrett), Fts. 4/11, Rebs. 12, Fouls 23.
Ballard (67)
Birney 13, Dowdy 7, Fritz 2, Kennedy 6, Northington 20, Reed 2, Yates 5, Wheeler 12, Elliot.
Fgs. 23/35, 3 pts. 2/3 (Northington, Yates), Fts. 15/25, Rebs. 26, Fouls 14.

Mayfield 53
Carlisle Co. 39
02-01-94 - Away

The Mayfield Cardinals were spurred on by the shooting of Phillips Travis and Koby Fritts as they claimed a win over Carlisle County.

Travis scored 20 points to lead his team to the win that began with Mayfield leading 10-6 at the end of the first quarter. From there, the Cardinals didn't look back and continued to widen their lead.

Fritts followed Travis in scoring with 14 points, while Chris O'Neill led Carlisle with 12 points.
Carlisle.....6 12 20 39
Mayfield.....10 27 38 53
Carlisle (39)
O'Neill 12, Booker 9, Garrett 8, J. Wilson 2, Gill, A. Thompson, Bowles, Martin 13.
Field goals 13, 3-pointers 1 (Booker), Free throws 12/17, Rebounds 22, Fouls 19, Record 3-15.
Mayfield (53)
Travis 20, Fritts 14, Qualk 5, Ray 4, Daniels 4, Almand 2, Watkins 2, Sherrill 2, Grooms, Kemp.
Field goals 18/40, 3-pointers 2/8 (Fritts 2), Free throws 13/21, Rebounds 29, Fouls 13, Record 6-12.

Heath 55
Carlisle Co. 47
02-04-94 - Away

Saturday night's game was very exciting. The Comets held the lead during most of he game against Heath, who had just returned from the state Class A tournament, where they advanced to the final four.

Kurt Martin led the Comets with 24 points. The Comets hit 17 of 31 field goal attempts, 10 of 19 free throws and 1 of 5 three-pointers.
Carlisle.....13 24 37 47
Heath.....11 20 33 55
Carlisle (47)
Booker 4, Garrett 8, Gill 3, Martin 24, O'Neill 4, Thornsbrough 4, A. Thompson.
Field goals 18, 3-pointers 1 (Garrett), Free throws 10/19, Rebounds 20, Fouls 23, Record 3-17.
Heath (55)
Blackwell 8, Cartner, Crane, Gregory 11, Guthrie 18, Klausmeier 10, Marana, Mullen 1, O'Donley 2, Shaberg 3, Wellington 2.
Field goals 18, 3-pointers 1, Free throws 18/23, Rebounds 24, Fouls 18, Record 14-9.

Tilghman 67
Carlisle Co. 46
02-08-94 - Away

The Tornado's balance wore down Carlisle County, especially in the second half when it battered the Comets 17-9 in the third period to break open a close game.

Tilghman had taken a 21-13 quarter lead, but Carlisle trimmed it to 29-25 by halftime.

Tilghman's John Smith scored 16, Brandon Warfield 13 and Chris Sivels 10 as the sophomores topped Tilghman's scoring. Carlisle sophomore Chris O'Neill led all scorers with 19.
Carlisle.....13 25 34 46
Tilghman.....21 29 46 67
Carlisle (46)
Booker 9, Bowles 2, Garrett 3, Gill 3, Martin 5, O'Neill 19, A. Thompson 5.
Field goals 18/45, 3-pointers 3/7 (Garrett 1, Gill 1, Thompson 1), Free throws 7/11, Rebounds 21, Fouls 14, Record 3-16.
Tilghman (67)
Blaisdell 2, Duwe 5, Moore 7, Myers 5, Page 7, Sivels 10, Smith 16, Warfield 13, Timberland 2.
Field goals 29/49, 3-pointers 3/7 (Duwe, Myers, Page), Free throws 6/10, Rebounds 25, Fouls 16, Record 12-10.

Fulton Co. 66
Carlisle Co. 60
02-11-94 - Away

Last Saturday night the Comets almost defeated the First District's top-rated team.

The Comets only lost to Fulton County by six points in the away contest.

Kurt Martin was awesome with 27 points. He was three for three from the three-point line. Two other Comets scored in double figures, Chris O'Neill 12 and Kris Garrett 11. Kris had one three-pointer. T.J. Booker scored 8 points, including two three-pointers.

The team hit 15 of 37 field goal attempts, 6 of 10 three-point shots, and 12 of 15 free throws.
Carlisle.....12 26 41 60
Fulton Co.....14 39 48 66
Carlisle (60)
Martin 27, O'Neill 12, Garrett 11, Booker 8, Gill 2, Shupe, A. Thompson.
Field goals 21, 3-pointers 6 (Martin 3, Booker 2, Garrett), Free throws 12/15, Fouls 23, Record 3-20.
Fulton Co. (66)
Warren 17, Barnett 16, Cheirs 14, Carlton 12, McNeill 7, Ervin, Smith, Winters, Lattus.
Field goals 24, 3-pointers 2 (McNeill, Carlton), Free throws 16/29, Fouls 13, Record 17-4.

Fulton City 67
Carlisle Co. 60
02-15-94 - Away

There was a jubilant celebration for Fulton City basketball fans when their Bulldogs claimed their first season win over First District adversary, Carlisle County.

Jewel Crumble led Fulton City with 23 points, while forward Danny Pettigrew had a triple double with 11 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists.

After jumping to a 33-26 halftime lead, the Bulldogs saw their lead dwindle to five at the end of the third quarter. The Comets were plagued in the fourth quarter with fouls that came at crucial times for Fulton City, who hit 16 of 24 from the charity stripe. Junior Paul Butts hit 7 of 12 free throws in the quarter.

With about eight seconds remaining in the game, Fulton City was up by four, when Butts was fouled. He missed both free throws, but pulled down his own rebound to score, giving the Bulldogs a six-point advantage.

Carlisle was led in scoring by T.J. Booker with 17.
Carlisle.....10 26 40 60
Fulton City.....14 33 45 67
Carlisle (60)
Booker 17, Martin 14, O'Neill 13, Gill 10, Garrett 6, A. Thompson, R. Thompson, Thornsbrough.
Field goals 24, 3-pointers 2 (Gill 2), Free throws 10/10, Rebounds 24, Fouls 23, Record 3-20.
Fulton City (67)
Crumble 23, Flanigan 18, Pettigrew 11, Butts 7, Rose 5, Williams 3, Madding, Nanney.
Field goals 22, 3-pointers 1 (Rose), Free throws 19/31, Rebounds 31, Fouls 14, Record 1-19

Carlisle Co. 78
Reidland 56
02-22-94 - Home

Hot-shooting Kurt Martin scored a game-high 27 pts. to lead Carlisle over Reidland.

The Comets jumped to 10-pt. first quarter lead and never trailed thereafter. Carlisle led by as many as 21.

Martin went 12 of 14 from the field. He was followed in double-figures by Chris O'Neill with 14 and Chris Garrett with 11.

Brian Short led Reidland with 17 pts. followed by Jared Aldridge with 11.

The Comets improved to 4-20, while Reidland falls to 7-18.
Reidland.....11 23 38 56
Carlisle.....21 37 50 78
Reidland (56)
Short 17, Aldridge 11, Barnes 9, Fox 8, Patterson 4, Hamm 3, Rhodes 2, Tinsley 2, Green, Ramage, Beal, Wall, Samsil.
Field goals 22/47, 3-pointers 3/9 (Short 2, Aldridge), Free throws 9/18, Fouls 21, Record 7-18.
Carlisle (78)
Martin 27, O'Neill 14, Garrett 11, Gill 9, Booker 6, R. Thompson 6, Thornsbrough 3, E. Wilson 2, Sams, Shupe, A. Thompson, Bowles.
Field goals 26/43, 3-pointers 1/6 (Garrett 1), Free throws 21/33, Fouls 17, Record 4-20.

Ballard Co. 79
Carlisle Co. 76

02-25-94 - Home

Ballard Co.'s big lead crumbled and Comet Matt Gill's 40-ft. shot to tie the game fell just short with 3 seconds left to finally stop a Carlisle Co. comeback.

The Bombers ran ahead 20-9 in the first quarter and led by 19 at halftime, but Carlisle rallied in the fourth quarter behind sophomore T.J. Booker. Booker hit 3 of 4 from 3 pt. range and scored 11 of his 20 pts. in the final period as Carlisle out-scored the Bombers 31-15.

Kurt Martin led Carlisle with 25, while Matthew Wheeler scored 22, Brandon Birney 20 and Joe Paul Northington 19 for Ballard.

Ballard…….....20 42 62 79
Carlisle…….....9 23 45 76

Ballard (79)
Birney 20, Dowdy 13, Elliot 4, Fritz, Northington 19, Yates 1, Wheeler 22.
Field goals 28/48, 3-pointers 1/5 (Dowdy 1), Free throws 20/31, Fouls 18, Record 8-13.

Carlisle (76)
Booker 20, Garrett 6, Gill 9, Martin 25, O'Neill 11, A. Thompson, Thornsbrough, J. Wilson 5.
Field goals 18/37, 3-pointers 6/12 (Booker 4, Gill, J. Wilson), Free throws 22/24, Fouls 25, Record 4-21

1st District Tourn.
1st Round

Hickman Co. 78
Carlisle Co 58

03-02-94 - Away

Best remedy for this fever was hard work, claims Hickman's boys coach Edwards.

"You come out and play hard and you don't have to worry about any upsets," Edwards said, after his team jumped to a 20-8 lead in the first quarter and was rarely threatened again.

"We had a lot of intensity right at the start of the game and that will do a lot for you. We got the ball in the areas we need to, to score, and when you do that you can hit a high percentage."

Brad Latham scored 18 pts. to lead Hickman, but Jason Vaughn and Ward Morgan led the first quarter charge with 7 pts. each. Vaughn finished with 16 and Morgan with a dozen.

Carlisle never got back within 10 pts. and fell behind by 20 early in the second half, when Hickman scored the first 5 pts. of the half. From there, the Falcons kept them back by double digits the rest of the night.

Kurt Martin finished with 23 pts. for Carlisle, most of them in the fourth quarter, while Kris Garrett scored 15 and Chris O'Neill 10.

Carlisle…….....8 22 33 58
Hickman.....20 37 59 78

Carlisle (58)
Booker 2, Deweese, Garrett 15, Gill, Grogan, Hagen, Martin 23, Oliver, O'Neill 10, Sams, Shupe, A. Thompson, Thornsbrough, J. Wilson 8, Yarborough.
Field goals 20/47, 3-pointers 2/6 (Martin, Garrett), Free throws 13/23, Fouls 25, Record 4-22.

Hickman (78)
Byassee 3, Eddleman 4, Elliott, Hicks, Jones, Latham 18, McClure 8, Morgan 12, Naranjo, Samples 9, Swindler, Vaughn 16, Walker, Watson 8.
Field goals 26/41, 3-pointers 0/2, Free throws 26/41.

1993-94

	St. Mary	Livingston Co.	St. Mary	Tilghman	Graves Co.	Hickman Co.	Calf. o. ILL.	Ballard Co.	Lone Oak	Tilghman	Reidland	Hickman Co.	Fulton City									
Kris Garrett	11(1)	6	8	8	8	9(1)	5	11(1)	6	13(1)	6	7(1)	4									
Matt Gill					2	0																
Kurt Martin	7	19(1	27	14	4	12	4	17(1	20(1)	29	8	21	11									
Chris O'Neill	9	11	11	4	12	7	11	9	9	10	1	12	14									
Jerry Wilson	16	3			0	0	4	25(5	13(2)	2	15(1)	5	13(1)									
Aaron Thom;son	7	10(1	3(1)	0					0													
Barry Oliver	6(1)	4	5(1)	7(1)	0																	
T.J. Booker		0	2	2	0		8(1)	0	5	8	9(1)	1	10(1)									
Trent Deweese		0	0	2	0																	
Micah Yarbrough			6	0	0	7	7		0	0	2	4										
Troy Throrns brough			3	0	0	0			2	0	0		2									
Brian Grogan				0	0																	
Shane Shupe				0	0																	
Curtis Sams				0	2																	
Robby Thom pson												0	0									

1993-94

	Mayfield	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Calloway Co.	Ballard Co.	Mayfield	Heath	Tilghman	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Reidland	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.					3-Pointers	Game's	Pts.	Avg.
Kris Garrett	3	3	6(1)	9	10(1	8	8(1)	3(1)	11(1)	6	11(1)	6	15(1)					12	26	201	7.73
Matt Gill			3(1)	6	2	0	3	3(1)	2	10(2)	9	9(1)	0					5	13	49	3.76
Kurt Martin	19	18	6	24	8	13	24	5	27(3)	14	27	25	23(1)					7	26	426	16.38
Chris O'Neill	8	16	4	6	10	12	4	19	12	13	14	11	10					0	26	259	9.96
Jerry Wilson	5	11(2	6		9	2						5(1)	8					12	18	142	7.88
Aaron Thom;son				2		0	0	5(1)	0	0	0	0	0					3	14	27	1.92
Barry Oliver													0					3	6	22	3.66
T.J. Booker	8(1)	5(1)	6	8		9(1)	4	9	8(2)	17	6	20(4	2					12	23	147	0.4
Trent Deweese													0					0	5	2	0.4
Micah Yarbrough													0					0	10	26	2.6
Troy Throrns brough	0	0	0	0			4			0	3	0	0					0	17	14	0.82
Brian Grogan													0					0	3	0	0
Shane Shupe									0		0		0					0	5	0	0
Curtis Sams			0								0		0					0	5	2	0.4
Robby Thom pson				4						0	6							0	5	10	2
Korie Bowles			0	0		0		2			0							0	5	2	0.4
Eric Wilson											2							0	1	2	2
Terry Hagen													0					0	1	0	0
					Team Record - 4-22							Per. Game Avg. 51.19						54		1331	

Career	Game	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Curtis Sams	5	0			2		2	0.4
Robby Thom pson	5	0			10		10	2
Terry Hagen	1	0			0		0	0
Troy Thornsbrough	21	0		2	14		16	0.76

Career	Game	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Matt Gill	41	8		2	87	49	138	3.36
Aaron Thom pson	19	3		0	0	27	27	0.05
Barry Oliver	6	3				22	22	3.66
Trent Deweese	12	0		0	0	2	2	0.16

1994-1995

HEAD COACH - JOHN TYLER

ASSISTANT COACH - BARRY STEVENS

TROPHIES WON

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 13-15

1994-95

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE
11-22-94	St. Mary	67-61	A
11-26-94	Martin Westview, TN.	61-53	A - **KEN-TENN CLASSIC**
11-29-94	Tilghman	**66-75**	A
12-02-94	Calloway Co.	**41-43**	H
12-05-94	Graves Co	**34-49**	H
12-06-94	Hickman Co.	54-48	H
12-13-94	Ballard Co.	64-55	H
12-16-94	Lone Oak	**63-67**	A
12-21-94	Heath	**51-54**	A - **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-03-95	Hickman Co.	**47-45**	H
01-05-95	Murray	**47-61**	A
01-09-95	Mayfield	**57-61 ot**	A
01-10-95	Lone Oak	71-59	H
01-13-95	Fulton Co	**64-73**	A
01-27-95	Heath	63-58 **ot**	A - **ALL A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-28-95	Murray	**57-61**	A - **ALL A TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-31-95	Mayfield	**59-68**	H
02-02-95	Fulton City	**46-51**	A
02-03-95	Heath	72-55	H
02-07-95	Tilghman	**56-72**	H
02-10-95	Fulton Co.	68-56 **2ot**	H
02-14-95	Fulton City	65-41	H
02-16-95	Calloway Co.	78-76 **2ot**	A
02-21-95	Reidland	70-64	A
02-24-95	Ballard Co.	69-60	A
03-02-95	Fulton City	72-50	H - **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-03-95	Fulton Co	**50-61**	H - **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-07-95	Calloway Co.	**48-64**	A - **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 13-15

1995 Comets - District Runner-Up



Asst. Coach Barry Stevens, TJ Booker, Korie Bowles, Shane Shupe, Bret Draper, Chris O'Neill, Jerry Wilson, Eric Wilson, Coach John Tyler, Michael Toon (Manager), David Hutchinson, David Wilson, Jeremy Draper, Kris Garrett, Kurt Martin, Katy Thompson (Manager)

1994-1995

HEAD COACH - JOHN TYLER

ASSISTANT COACH - BARRY STEVENS

TROPHIES WON
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 13-15

1994-95 COMET ROSTER:
Kurt Martin, Chris O'Neill, Jerry Wilson, Kris Garrett, T.J. Booker, Eric Wilson, Korie Bowles, Shane Shupe, David Wilson, Jeremy Draper, Matt Gill, David Hutchinson.

50 Years 0f
Keeping Stats

She hasn't missed 30 Carlisle Co. High School games in 38 years.

Both of her sons played for a Carlisle Co. team. One daughter is on the regular score-keeping rotation along with her niece.

Since 1969, no one except a member of her family has kept score at the high school games.

They didn't have basketball as a team sport at Blandville High School, so Rosella Young played 1st base on the boy's baseball team.

Principal L.M. Williams showed her the "fine points of keeping score" after recognizing her attention to detail as she worked in the school office. She not only recorded the score, she kept time with a stopwatch and blew the whistle to signal ends of quarters and halves.

She sat on the stage and had a runner who would record the score on a blackboard for spectators.

When her son was in 7th grade, principle R.L. Petrie recognized her from her score-keeping days at Blandville and she has become a institution at the score-keepers table for Carlisle Co. since then.

Her books are first in demand when any newspaper or broadcast journalist checks his or her stats or when the officials or coaches want to know the facts

"Sometimes a player or former player will greet me," Mrs. Young said, "and I have to tell him I may not remember his name, but give me a minute and I can give him his jacket number," she laughed.

She says even the rowdy fans have a healthy respect for her and "I don't know any official I can't appease," she said proudly.

"I know how far I can go and when to back off," she said.

She's strictly business when she's the official score keeper. "You can't get involved (in the game) when you keep the official book," she said, "or you'll lose your perspective. The toughest game I ever had to keep was for the 1983 semi-finals in the regional against Tilghman.

"The score kept going back and forth. I could pray a little, but I couldn't holler. When it was over," she remembered, "I reminded the kids that they said they were going to win, but did they have to cut it so close?

She is a commanding presence with the heart of an angel and the memory of an elephant. She can rattle off statistics from basketball season, especially the exciting year of 1983, a year, she says, that will stand in eternity.

"It was David against Goliath," she said. "Carlisle against Henry Clay and the final score was 35-33. We had a 40-4 team record that year."

With 38 years (counting 1994-95), the stories roll ever on. Rosella Young, we salute your integrity, your steadfastness, your great example, and your love for the sport of basketball, especially in Carlisle Co.

Anybody know where we can find a gold scorebook?

Graduation Opens
Up 1st District

As they first came on the scene four years ago, the athletic talent was visible, but raw. The Fulton, Co. class of 1994 had the power, size and speed almost from the first moment it hit the court in first district play. Even as freshmen on a mediocre Pilot team, it added enough firepower to win the district's regular season crown, before falling short in the regional tourn.

After that, aspirations reached the heights. Jerome Warren, Mancel Elam, Steve Cheirs and Kirk Barnett were the core of three more regular season district titles, a near miss for the All A Classic state championship the same season.

Their last three years included 66 victories, and only last year's First District Tourn. semi-final loss to Fulton City ruined the fun.

"They had a lot of size to go along with that class and had some great athletes," said Hickman Co.'s Henry Edwards. "This year, with those guys graduating as many as they did and us graduating as many as we did, the district will be more balanced than it has been in a long time.

The Pilots return only one starter and two top reserves, while defending district tourn. champion Hickman Co. lost 6 of its top 8 players to graduation, evening out the district race for a junior-dominated Carlisle Co. team and a young Fulton City squad.

The Comets and Bulldogs combined for just 6 victories last year, leaving the district in questionable status in the region.

All four teams will be relying on its younger classes to improve its prospects outside the league.

"I'm not so sure Fulton Co. won't be the favorite and I'm going to base it on the fact that they've had tremendous junior high success the past years," said Fulton City's new coach Randle Neal, the Bulldogs assistant last year. "They don't have as much experience because of the tremendous talent that has been there the past three years. Until someone proves me wrong, I'll have to go with Fulton Co.. Everything past that is wide open."

Carlisle County's John Tyler wants to squeeze through the gap despite a lineup of 5 junior starters. He's not thinking about next year with this group.

"Schools in this district change fast from year to year, because you have good ones move in and some good ones move out," he said." Hopefully this year will be the one, you can't wait till next year."

And Fulton Co.'s Joel Dreher is working double time to restore the Pilots. He took over the boys job in the off season and didn't quit his girls job. The result is double practice, double worries and 11 doubleheaders on his schedule beginning with one against Marshall Co.

"I come home exhausted each night, but it's fun," said Dreher. "The glory years (for the boys) may be over, and were going to have to work hard to play people."

"I don't think they ever had a group like they had the last two years and I don't think that's going to happen at all that often."

Last Year's Lumps Ready
To Pay Off For Carlisle

In the cold days of February, John Tyler's youthfull Carlisle Comets began to warm up on themselves. After weekly hustling through the first three months of their season, they finished strongly.

That sophomore dominated lineup, now expects to return the Comets to the top of the first district ladder and hopefully become a regional contender.

"I'm not sure what it was, but they started believing in themselves," said Tyler, whose team was 4-22, but competitive in its last few games. "We were a young bunch and they just kept working at it and working at it.

"We were playing pretty well at the end of the year and hopefully it will carry over."

With most of his starting lineup back, including leading scorers Kurt Martin (16.2 pts.), Chris O'Neill (19.0 pts. and 5.9 rebs.) and Chris Garrett (7.7 pts.), the Comets should be able to pick up where they left off.

Part-time junior starters T.J. Booker and Jerry Wilson are also back.

Tyler's only experience concern will be the winning kind.

"We've got the experience, but now we need to experience winning," Tyler said. "Toward the end of last year we were close and I hope it will be an extension of that."

Carlisle expects an 8-deep lineup with Shane Shupe (6'4" forward), freshman David Wilson (6"2" forward) and sophomore Eric Wilson (6 foot) the early candidates. A possible force for the future may be Bret Draper, a 6'8" junior that is playing for the first time in his career. Tyler feels the 205-lb. Draper has a lot of work ahead of him.

"It's the best size since I've been here," said Tyler, in his 4th season. "There are some offensive threats there and hopefully we'll find the right chemistry between them."

Carlisle County
Too Much For Vikes

Carlisle Co. 67
St. Mary 61
11-22-94 - Away

The due of Chris O'Neal and Kurt Martin scored a combined 40 points for the Carlisle County Comets to down St. Mary 67-61 in boy's high school basketball Tuesday.

The Comets trailed 26-24 at halftime.

After ending the third period tied at 40, Carlisle broke away in the fourth, outscoring the host 27-21.

O'Neill netted a game-high 22 points for Carlisle. Martin tossed in 18.

Tim Durbin, Gabe Crider, and Joe Langston scored 13 points apiece for the Vikings.

Carlisle…..…..5 24 40 67
St. Mary…..…..9 26 40 61

Carlisle (67)
Martin 18, E. Wilson 7, Shupe 4, D. Wilson, O'Neill 22, J. Wilson 8, Garrett 6, Bowles 2.

Field goals 22, 3-points 0, Free throws 27/42, Rebounds NA, Fouls 19, Record 1-0.

St. Mary (61)

Durbin 13, Crider 13, Langston 13, Schipp 6, McBride 4, Sherron, Guidry, M. Mangino, Jenks 4, Ellis 6, Howard 2.

Field goals 23, 3-points 4, Free throws 9/17, Rebounds NA, Fouls 30, Record 0-2

Ken-Tenn Classic

Carlisle Co. 61
Martin Westview, TN. 53
11-26-94 - Away

The Carlisle Co. Comets defeated Martin Westview 61 to 53, at Hickman Co., in the Ken-Tenn. Classic.

Carlisle was never behind in the game.

Chris Garrett led the Comets in scoring with 16, followed by Kurt Martin and Chris O'Neill with 14 each.

Carlisle…….....13 29 43 61
Westview……..13 23 32 53

Carlisle (61)

Garrett, 16, Martin, 14, O'Neill, 14; J. Wilson, 11; Booker 4; Shupe 2; Bowles, E. Wilson.

Field Goals 20/37, 3-pointers 3/9 (Garrett 2, Martin), Free Throws 11/18.

Tough Start.
Tilghman Squeaks By Carlisle.

Carlisle Co. 66
Tilghman 75
11-29-94 – Away

Future Tilghman basketball fans will remember Nov. 29, 1994, as the start of the Bill Chumbler era.

Chumbler's previous reign featured 491 wins during 21 seasons at Cairo, ILL.

And let it be noted that 15 seconds into Tilghman's opener with Carlisle Co., big John Smith backed into a defender and scored on a post move for the first Tornado points under Chumbler.

Let it be noted that at 1:21 left in the opening quarter, Brandon Warfield hit the first 3 pt. shot under Chumbler.

Let it be noted, that 10 seconds into the second quarter, Brandon Moore came up with the first steal and dunk under Chumbler.

And let it also be noted that scrappy Carlisle Co. played the pants off the Tornado in their first game under Chumbler, a harrowing 75-66 Tilghman victory.

As with most coaches of his experience, Chumbler saw the positives in a game where a 24 pt. lead was twice whittled to two in the closing minutes by the underdog.

"It's good in a way to play a close game like this one to start off because I needed to see how we would react," Chumbler said. "We lost both our big guys (6-6 Smith and 6-3 Moore to fouls), but we still held our composure.

Tilghman hit 9 of 14 free throws after Carlisle pulled to 64-62 with just under four minutes to play.

Twice in the final seconds, Tilghman missed the second of two free throws, but came up with the ball. Those plays spoiled an otherwise strong comeback bid by the Comets, who at 2-1 are halfway to matching last year's win total.

"We deserved better," Carlisle coach John Tyler said. "We cut a 24 pt. lead to two, but then went back to our old ways. At the end we let them push us out and get to the ball. We weren't hungry at the end.

Kurt Martin, one of 5 junior starters for the Comets, led all scorers with 34 pts. on 11 of 15 shooting from the field, but he fouled out with 2:38 to play.

The Comets, who seemed to take advantage of the smallest of defensive cracks for quick-step drives and scores, hit 22 of 35 fielders from 2 pt range, but couldn't find the range from outside, going 2 of 12 on 3 pointers.

Tilghman, also a junior-heavy squad, got 18 pts. from Chris Sivels and 17 from Warfield.

The Tornado switched from a man-to-man to 1-3-1 press with some fresh troops early in the second quarter. The move helped spur a turnover-generated run. A Warfield 3 pointer made it 27-13 and Tilghman led 42-21 at halftime.

Tilghman outscored Carlisle 4-2 early in the third, before the Comets went on a wild 17-2 run, pulling to 48-42 late in the third period on two free throws by T.J. Booker.

"I had a little heart to heart talk with (the team) at halftime and we found our guts in the second half," Tyler said.

With 3:50 to play, Booker drove by a defender, hit a soft jumper and also drew a fifth foul on Smith. The old-fashioned 3 pointer shaved the deficit to 64-62. But Sivels answered with two free throws.

A slicing Martin again cut it to two, but Warfield came right back with two more free throws. Tilghman then hit enough fts. and got enough loose balls the rest of the way to win the game.

"If we had come out with the same intensity to start the third quarter, that we did to start the game, we wouldn't have had problems," Chumbler said. "I thought Carlisle played well. We knew they'd be scrappy."

Carlisle…..…….8 21 47 66
Tilghman.....16 42 54 75

Carlisle (66)

Booker 16, Bowles 2, Garrett 11, O'Neill 8, J. Wilson 5, Martin 24, E. Wilson, Shupe.

Field goals 24/47, 3-pointers 2/12 (Garrett 2), Free throws 16/22, Fouls 13, Rebounds 21.

Tilghman (75)

Avery 7, Blaisdell 2, Clifton, B. Moore 11, Roach, Sivels 18, Smith 12, Warfield 17, Moore 6, Brown 2.

Field goals 27/54, 3-pointers 3/10 (Warfield 3), Free throws 16/28, Fouls 14, Record 1-10.

Calloway Co. 43
Carlisle Co. 41
12-02-94 - Home

A pair of free throws by Jerry Wilson tied the game at 41 with two and a half minutes left and the deciding bucket didn't come until Brad Cleaver nailed a shot with 3.5 seconds left. Between that, the two sides traded turnovers.

Carlisle committed the last in a series of turnovers with 20 seconds left, allowing Calloway to set up a final shot to its hot hand, Brad Cleaver. Cleaver had scored 13 of his 17 points to bring the Lakers from behind, including three 3-pointers in a row.

The Lakers built their second half lead to seven in the final quarter, before Carlisle fought its way back. Kurt Martin led the Comets charge with 15 points.

Calloway…..…..7 19 36 43
Carlisle…..…….12 22 32 41

Calloway (43)

Anderson 2, Bohannon 6, Cleaver 17, Greene 9, Herndon 3, Hornbuckle 6, Leet.

Field goals 12/35, 3-pointers 3/9 (Cleaver 3), Free throws 6/9, Fouls 20, Records 12-3.

Carlisle (41)

Booker 2, B. Draper, Garrett 7, Martin 15, O'Neil 8, Shupe 3, J. Wilson 6.

Field goals 15/33, 3-pointers 1/5 (Garrett), Free throws 10/14, Fouls 13, Record 6/8.

Carlisle Co. 34
Graves Co. 49
12-05-94 - Home

Graves County's size finally wore down Carlisle Co..

Jacob Wooley, a 6-foot-4 forward, scored six points and 6-8 center David Holeman added four as the Eagles outscored the Comets 16-6 in the fourth quarter.

Carlisle stayed close despite hitting just 9 of 26 field goals while the visitors hit 22 of 23.

Wooley led the Eagles with 15 points and Holeman added 14.

Jerry Wilson topped the Comets with 11 points while T.J. Booker added eight and Chris Garrett seven.

Carlisle…..…..10 15 28 34
Graves…..……..10 22 32 49

Carlisle (34)

Garrett, 7, Martin, 4, O'Neill 2; J. Wilson, 11; Booker 8; Shupe 4; Bowles, E. Wilson.

Field Goals 9/26, 3-pointers 0/4 (), Free Throws 5/10, Fouls 12, Record 2-2.

Graves (49)

Byrd, Burnette 6, Darnell, Goatley, Heath, Holeman 14, Johnson, Kendall 6, Smith, Veucasovic 8, Woolet 15.

Field Goals 22/33, 3-pointers 3/10, Free Throws 5/10, Fouls 12.

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Carlisle Co.
Downs Hickman Co.

Carlisle Co. 54
Hickman Co. 48
12-06-94 - Home

What can you tell about the First District basketball race in the first week of December? Not much, except that Carlisle County took its first positive step.

The Comets defeated Hickman County, but the results were hardly convincing evidence that either team would rule the First District by tournament time.

Hickman Co. endured a 3 of 9 shooting performance from the field in the first half, but trailed just 50-48 with 15.3 seconds left, before Carlisle's Chris Garrett put the game away with a pair of free throws and a 54-48 victory.

Any hints of the future?

"If there was I don't see it," said Carlisle's John Tyler, whose team led by as much as 19 twice in the second half. "I take it game by game. In the back of our minds you tell your players this is a district game that counts to the district standings, but you won't see a real good measure.

The game was far different each half. Both teams started poorly, with only one basket scored in the first quarter's first seven minutes. It ended 4-2 Carlisle.

But while Hickman still struggled, Carlisle warmed up on its own court and built a 26-11 lead by halftime. That edge swelled to 19 in the second half, but the Falcons were reversing fortunes, before the third quarter ended.

Kevin Harper rallied the Falcons and led his team with 12 points. An inside move early in the final period cut the Comet lead to 40-30, then Kory Naranjo hit one of his two three-pointers in the game. Carlisle clung to its lead, then helped

Hickman rally by missing the front end of three bonus-foul situations in the last three minutes.

Vick Swindler's 3-pointer with 55 seconds left cut the Comet lead to 50-46, then Gaylon Byassee netted a shot inside with 20 seconds left to cut Carlisle's lead to 50-48.

Even Garrett, who led the Comets in scoring along with Kurt Martin with 14, got into a foul slump. Fouled with 15.3 seconds left he missed his first shot. A lane violation gave him a second chance and he drilled two straight. Chris O'Neill's tip-in at the buzzer ended the scoring.

"We quit doing the things we did to get the lead," said Tyler. "We started making turnovers down the floor, and Hickman County capitalized. I knew the game wasn't in our pocket yet.

"Our lack of aggressive play and slacking up on our part gave them the chance to capitalize on that and make a game of it."

Hickman.....2 11 28 48
Carlisle.....4 26 40 54

Hickman (48)
Harper 12, Naranjo 10, Alexander 6, Byassee 6, Jones, Morgan, Samples 8, Swindler 6.
Field goals 21/49, 3-pointer 3/11 (Naranjo 2, Swindler), Free throws 2/9, Fouls 24, Record 4-2.

Carlisle (54)
Garrett 14, Martin 14, Booker 5, Bowles 2, O'Neil 10, Shupe 2, J. Wilson 7.
Field goals 20/36, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 14/24, Fouls 20, Record 3-2.

Carlisle Co. 64
Ballard Co. 55
12-13-94 - Home

Carlisle County nailed 14 free throws in the fourth quarter and used a balanced attack to down Ballard Co.

Kurt Martin led the Comets with 20 points and T.J. Booker, Kris Garrett and Chris O'Neill scored 14 points each.

In the third, Carlisle rebounded from a 28-20 halftime deficit. The Comets trimmed the deficit to four points at the end of the third quarter and Ballard's luck soured in the fourth as they were hit with the turnover bug.

Joe Paul Northington scored 20 points for the Bombers.

Ballard.....11 28 42 55
Carlisle.....9 20 38 64

Ballard (55)
Abell 6, Birney, Elliot 6, Kennedy 10, Lassiter 4, Northington 20, Quertermous 5, Jamie Smith 4.
Field goals 19/47, 3-pointers 4/8 (Abell 2, Elliot 2), Free throws 5/6, Fouls 31, Record 1-4.

Carlisle (64)
Booker 14, Bowles, Garrett 14, Martin 20, O'Neill 14, Shupe, J. Wilson 2.
Field goals 16/33, 3-pointers 3/11 (Booker 2, Garrett), Free throws 22/33, Fouls 14, Record 4-2.

Oakers No
Flash In The Pan

Lone Oak 67
Carlisle Co. 63
12-16-94 - Away

Meet Lone Oak's basketball team. Maybe better described as the "Cardiac Kids."

The Purple Flash, one of the First Region's two remaining unbeaten boy's squads, kept the streak alive by the slimmest of margins in Friday night's 67-63 victory over Carlisle County.

First of all, guards Eric Fox and Ryan Bivin and reserve Chad Kirk keyed a 16-2 fourth-quarter run that rallied Lone Oak (7-0) from a 10-point deficit. That only set up the dramatic final minute, when Lone Oak desperately clung to a 65-53 lead.

Then twice in the final 36 seconds, Carlisle's Kurt Martin missed 10-foot pullup jumpers in the lane, both of which would have tied the game. On both occasions, hustling sophomore Donnie Stone retrieved the rebound. And both times Fox went to the foul line with the intention of putting the game away.

The first time, Fox missed the front end of the bonus. He made sure he didn't repeat the mistake.

Fox's two free throws with 9.3 seconds left sealed the victory, capping off a splendid 30-point performance, all of which came on a heavily taped left ankle that he hurt in a preseason scrimmage, then reinjured in a game last week.

"Hopefully, I will be 100 percent by the Eldorado Tournament (later this month)," Fox said. "Judging from where I was before I hurt it a month ago, I'm still at about 75 percent (effectiveness)."

"I'd say he's probably less than 75%," said Lone Oak coach Steve Dreher. "I think he's somewhere between 60 and 75 percent. That is probably not good news for people that have to play us later in the year."

Definitely not. Remarkably, Fox, who has missed two games, had managed to toss in an average of 23.8 points when he can play and went wild against Carlisle even though his shot was a little off (9 for 26 from the field). Instead, his penetration skills enabled him to make a steady procession to the foul line. He was 11 for 13 from the stripe, 8 of 9 in the second half.

Fox credited Carlisle's defense for most of his shooting woes.

"I didn't get a lot of good looks at the basket," Fox said. "Carlisle played a tough man-to-man defense. Fortunately, the ankle has gotten better. I'm moving better, so I can drive in and create shots a little easier,"

"He doesn't have the elevation yet," Dreher said. "When he's healthy, he's our best rebounder, our best penetrator ... name it.

"I don't think he'll be 100 percent until January, but if anybody will be before then, it's him. Because of his work ethic, he'll pay the price with pain if it makes him better."

Still, Fox wasn't the only major contributor down the stretch. Kirk, a 6-1 junior forward, gave the Flash a lift off the bench with his rebounding. He was 5 for 6 from the line in the fourth quarter, drawing each foul after grabbing an offensive rebound. Kirk finished the game with 5 points and 7 rebounds in less than 15 minutes of playing time.

"He didn't get to play a whole lot because he got two quick fouls in the first half," Dreher said. "I was afraid he would play tentatively when he got back in, but he played a great second half."

Carlisle seemed in control at the outset of the fourth quarter. T.J. Booker's 3-pointer from the right corner gave the Comets a 59-49 lead at the 7:24 mark, but Bivin began the comeback with a trey of his own. Kirk went to the line twice and cut the lead to 59-55, and Fox eventually tied the game with a pair of foul shots.

The Comets, perhaps tiring a bit and without one of their primary ballhandlers, Jerry Wilson, who fouled out early in the final period, turned the ball over against Lone Oak's full court pressure, and Kirk led Fox downcourt for a layup. After another turnover, Bivin drove through the lane for a basket that put the Flash up 65-61.

Chris O'Neill cut the lead to two with a pair of free throws, but Martin misfired on the next two possessions.

"I'd hate to bank on him missing that shot again," Dreher said.

Martin, O'Neill and Jerry Wilson each scored 17 points for the Comets, which fell to 4-3. Jeremy Felker was Lone Oak's other double-figure scorer, tallying 8 of his 11 points in the first five minutes of the contest.

The late heroics gave Lone Oak its second dramatic victory this week. On Tuesday, Bevin's last-second tip-in forced Fulton City into overtime and the Flash escaped that night with a two-point win.

Lone Oak faces its biggest test tonight, when it travels to cross-town rival Paducah Tilghman in a key Second District matchup. Both teams are 1-0 in district play and the winner gets a leg up in the race for the top seed in the district tournament.

"It might get worse for me against them," Fox said. It's going to be tougher for me to get my shots, because they're so quick."

Carlisle.....15 38 56 63
Lone Oak.....19 33 49 67

Carlisle (63)
Martin 17, Booker 3, O'Neill 17, J. Wilson 17, Garret 3, Bowles 6, D. Wilson.
Field Goals 25/56, 3-pointers 1/6 (Booker), Free throws 12/15, Fouls 20, Record 4-3.

Lone Oak (67)
For 30, Stone 5, Felker 11, Bivin 7, Englert, Kirk 5, Sanderson 2, Sanders 5, Duncan 2, Cargil.
Field Goals 21/58, 3-pointers 4/8 (Felker, Bivin, Fox, Sanders), Free Throws 21/27, Fouls 19, Record 7-1.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
OH THE ANGUISH!
Heath's Marana Turns
Coach's Pain Into Joy

Carlisle Co. 51
Heath 54
12-21-94 - Away

It was early in the second half and Heath basketball coach Jimmy Long was beginning to look a bit anguished. That comes as no surprise to Pirate fans, who say Long almost always looks that way.

But this time he had good reason. Carlisle County was running away with Wednesday night's first-round game of the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament, and the Pirates looked nearly helpless.

His team trailing by 14 points, Long tried to do one last bit of psychological motivation. His guinea pig was forward Nick Marana.

"There was one time they tipped the ball about seven or eight times and finally scored," Long said, "and I turned to Nick and said 'You see that. That's how bad you look out there.' Hey, at halftime he had three points and one rebound, and I made sure he knew about it. I asked him if he wanted to play or sit by me the rest of the game, and he said he wanted back in."

Somewhere in the midst of that conversation, Long created a monster. Marana exploded for 14 points over the final 11½ minutes, and the Pirates waltzed out of the Tilghman gymnasium with a 54-51 victory and a berth in tonight's 8:30 semifinal against Union City (Tenn.), a 63-60 winner over Christian County. Tilghman and Hickman County hook up in the opener, scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

"He went nuts," Long said of Marana. "That's the way I've always wanted him to play."

Marana, a 6-foot-4 junior, has always shown flashes of talent among long stretches of

inconsistency, but Carlisle saw him at his best in the final 1½ quarters.

The Comets had built a comfortable 36-22 lead, but Heath had whittled it to 11, when Marana started his surged He bobbled a Kyle Wellington pass, but still put the ball in the basket. Wellington sank a 3-pointer, Marana scored again in the post, then hit a 12-footer in the lane to tie the game at 37.

Heath's 17-3 run closed out the third period and turned a snoozer of a game into a barnburner, and frustrated Carlisle coach John Tyler, who has seen his team blow big leads in back-to-back losses.

"We did the same thing against Lone Oak," Tyler said. "We slacked up and let them get back into it. I know this is the holiday season, and it's better to give than receive, but we're giving away too much."

Marana wasn't through. He scored Heath's first three baskets of the fourth quarter, then tipped in a missed Jeff O'Donely free throw for a 50-45 lead at the 3:01 mark. Carlisle cut the lead to one behind six straight points by T.J. Booker, but Wellington and Eric Crane hit 4 of 5 free throws down the stretch to preserve the win.

The Comets had a chance to tie the game with a late trey, but never seemed to get set into their offense for the final play. Kris Garrett rushed a three from the corner, and time ran out before Carlisle could throw the ball back out for another try.

When it was over, Marana had 17 points and a team-high six rebounds. His tag-team partner in the paint, 6-5 O'Donley, was 8 for 9 from the field and had 17 points and five boards.

The Pirates also did an excellent defensive job on Kurt Martin, who scored a game-high 20 points, but only two the second half.

"We made a big step in the right direction tonight," said Long, whose team has won two straight, after an 0-3 start, that included an overtime loss and a four-point defeat to Murray, one of the First Region's top teams. "I thought he could play, but I think the kid had some doubts. We closed out a win, and we committed only nine turnovers (two in the second half) against a team that plays good defense.

"Really, I thought Derek Warford came off the bench and gave us some good defense that gave us a little ray of light, and Eric Crane played his best game, as far as handling the ballclub."

Heath ….…..10 20 39 54
Carlisle…..…..9 28 39 51

Heath (54)
Marana 17, Hesley 2, O'Donley 17, Crane 8, Wellington 5, Cartner 5, Warford.
Field goal 23/43, 3-pointers 2/7 (Wellington, Cartner), Free throws 6/7, Rebounds 22, Fouls 10, Record 2-3.

Carlisle (51)
Booker 8, Martin 20, O'Neill 7, J. Wilson 8, Garrett 6, Bowles 2, D. Wilson.
Field goal 21/40, 3-pointer: 2/5 (Martin, Booker), Free throws 7/11, Rebounds 28, Fouls 13, Record 4-4

Swindler's Jumper
Sinks Comets

Carlisle Co. 45
Hickman Co. 47
01-03-95 - Home

Hickman County used every bit of its last possession to beat Carlisle County 47-45 in boys' high school basketball Tuesday night. Hickman got the ball back from Carlisle with 10 seconds remaining and the score tied at 45.

The Falcons passed the ball several times before going to Vic Swindler, who sank a jumper in the paint as the buzzer sounded. Hickman led by four at halftime, but Carlisle led by one after three quarters. Morgan Ward led Hickman with 19 points and six rebounds. Carlisle's Kurt Martin topped all scorers with 20.

Carlisle…..…..9 21 38 45
Hickman….....12 25 37 47

Carlisle (45)
Booker 2, Bowles 6, B. Draper, Garrett 6, Martin 20, O'Neill 6, J. Wilson 5, D. Wilson.
Field Goals 14, 3-pointers 1 (J. Wilson), Free throws 14/22, Rebounds 27, Fouls 23, Record 4-5.

Hickman (47)
Alexander, Byassee 6, Harper 5, Morgan 19, Naranjo 4, Samples 7, Swindler 6.
Field Goals 19, 3 Pointers 0, Free Throws 9/19, Rebounds 28, Fouls 19, Record 6-6.

Murray 61
Carlisle Co. 47
01-05-95 - Away

James Foster scored 16 of his game-high 36 points in the pivotal fourth quarter to lead the Tigers past the pesky Comets.

The game was close for the first three quarters, with Murray holding a slim 36-35 edge going into the fourth quarter. Once that period started, Foster was an almost perfect shooter, going 6-for-7 from the field and hitting all four of his free throws.

Murray connected on 50 percent of its shots from the field, and held Carlisle to 38 percent. Murray won the battle of the boards 29-15.

Jerry Wilson led Carlisle with 13 points, and teammates Kris Garrett and Kurt Martin each tossed in 10 points.

Carlisle…..…..11 22 35 47
Murray…..…..14 25 36 61

Carlisle (47)
Booker 3, Bowles, J. Draper 4, Garrett 10, Martin 10, O'Neill 7, Shupe, J. Wilson 13.
Field Goals 16/42, 3-pointers 5/17 (Garrett 2, J. Wilson 2, Booker), Free throws 10/15, Rebounds 15, Fouls 15, Record 4-6.

Murray (61)
Cheaney 6, Crouch 2, Foster 36, Hayman, Howard, Poyner, Rayburn, R. Weatherly 8, West 9.
Field goals 24/48, 3-pointers 5/12 (Foster 2, R. Weatherly 2, West), Free throws: 8/10, Rebounds 29, Fouls 16, Record 7-3.

Mayfield 61
Carlisle Co. 57
01-09-95 - Away

Cory Smith scored four points and hit two free throws with six seconds in overtime to produce the final points.

The game involved a lot of free throw shooting. The teams combined to shoot 96 free throws. Carlisle hit 30 of 46 and Mayfield 27 of 48.

Carlisle…...14 25 39 53 57
Mayfield….11 25 33 53 61

Carlisle (57)
Booker 3, Garrett 11, Martin 20, O'Neill 18, J. Wilson 5.
Field goals 12/37, 3-pointers 3/9, Free throws 30/46, Fouls 34.

Mayfield (61)
Grantham 4, Power 2, Qualk 2, Schlosser 4, Sherrill 14, Smith 14, Starts 9, Travis 12.
Field goals 17/45, 3-pointer 0/2, Free throws 27/48, Rebounds 28, Fouls 33.

Carlisle Co. 71
Lone Oak 59
01-10-95 - Home

Two players scored over 20 points each for the Comets as they blazed to an upset win over the Purple Flash. Long distance shooting and avoiding foul trouble were the keys to the Carlisle victory.

The Comets were 7 for 9 from the 3-point line and their generally clean play limited Lone Oak to only 1 for 5 shooting from the foul line. Kurt Martin led Carlisle with 24 points and four 3-pointers. Jerry Wilson was not too far behind with 22 points and a pair of long distance shots. Eric Fox led Lone Oak with 24 points.

Lone Oak…....19 33 39 59
Carlisle….....20 38 52 71

Lone Oak (59)
Bivin 13, Englert 4, Felkner 8, Fox 24, Kirk, Sanderson 2, Stone 8, Taylor.
Field goals 27/57, 3-pointers 4/11 (Felkner 2, Bivin, Fox), Free throws 1/5, Fouls 23, Record 10-3.

Carlisle (71)
Booker 13, B. Draper, Garrett 4, Martin 24, O'Neill 4, Shupe 7, J. Wilson 22.
Field goals 24/52, 3-pointers 7/9 (Martin 4, J. Wilson 2, Booker), Free throws 16/23, Rebounds 40, Fouls 12, Records 5-7.

Fulton Co. 73
Carlisle Co. 64
01-13-95 - Away

Five players scored in double figures to guide the Pilots past the Comets in the First District matchup.

Joe Cheirs and Freddie Thomas shared the Fulton County scoring lead with 12 points each. The Pilots also got 11 points from Marty Dinwiddie and 10-point efforts from Brad Carlton and Tyrone Ervin.

Carlisle's Kurt Martin led all scorers with 22.

Carlisle.....9 26 42 64
Fulton Co.....14 32 52 73

Carlisle (64)
Booker 2, Bowles 5, B. Draper 2, J. Draper 2, Garrett 9, Gill, Hutchinson, Martin 22, O'Neill 8, Shupe 6, J. Wilson 8, E. Wilson.
Field Goals 22, 3-pointers 2 (Garrett, Martin), Free throws 18/25, Rebounds 23, Fouls 19, Record 9-11.

Fulton Co. (73)
Carlton 10, Cheirs 12, Coulson, Craddock 5, Dean, Dinwiddie 11, Ervin 10, Hagler 1, Lattus 2, Polk, Smith 2, Thomas 12, Tucker, Winters 8.
Field Goals 27, 3-pointers 4 (Carlton 2, Craddock, Dinwiddie), Free Throws 15/22, Rebounds 34, Fouls 22, Record 3-12.

All A Tourn.
1st Round
Garrett's Bombs
Advance Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 63
Heath 58
01-27-95 - Away

Cut out the scorebook and frame it. Save it for posterity. Kris Garrett isn't sure he'll scored 29 points again.

Carlisle County coach John Tyler hopes he doesn't have to.

"Normally we want him to run the point and be a defensive stud," Tyler said. "He can shoot. I

know he can. He hit about eight straight at the end of practice the other day, but he hadn't stepped up and hit them in a game."

Until now.

Garrett put together a career evening as the Comets advanced to the All A Classic First Region semifinal with Friday night's 63-58 victory over tournament host Heath. He tied the contest with a 3-pointer with 25 seconds left in regulation, buried another trey to start the overtime and added some key free throws down the stretch.

Carlisle meets top-seeded Murray in today's 11 a.m. game. The winner advances to tonight's championship game against either Hickman Co. or Christian Fellowship.

Garrett was 9 of 15 from the field including a torrid 5 for 8 performance from 3-point range on a night where two of Carlisle's top three scorers suffered poor shooting nights. Center Chris O'Neill scored 18 points despite sporadic foul trouble, but the other members of Carlisle's "Big Three", Jerry Wilson and Kurt Martin, struggled from the field.

Wilson scored a season-low 3 points and Martin scored 9 despite 2 for 10 shooting from the field. Tyler, however, was pleased with the play of reserve center Shane Shupe and, of course, Garrett's emergence as a scoring threat.

"The most I've ever scored in a varsity game is 16," Garrett said. "I scored 20 once, but that was in a freshman game."

Martin, however, did contribute some clutch points down the stretch. Heath led 46-43 with a minute left in regulation, but Martin cut the lead to one on a baseline jumper. Martin fouled Brandon Cartner on the inbounds pass, and Cartner converted both free throws for a 48-45 lead.

The Pirates called a timeout to set their defense, but Garrett wriggled free on the right wing. His 21-footer tied the game, and Cartner missed a 15-footer in the waning seconds. Garrett sank a three at the start of the overtime, but Heath's Tony Austin tied it with a trey of his own.

Carlisle then began to force the ball inside, and the strategy paid off in more ways than one. O'Neill hit four straight from the line for a 55-51 lead, and the Comets connected on 12 of 18 from the stripe in the extra period.

Eventually, Heath's entire starting front line and the bulk of its offense fouled out. Jeff O'Donley, the Pirates' 6-5 center, scored 10 points, before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Austin (13 points) and Nick Marana (11 points) drew their fifth fouls in overtime. They were three of Heath's four double-digit scorers.

And Tyler is well aware of the inside threat his team faces this morning. Murray's James Foster scored 36 against Carlisle County just three weeks ago, and Tyler is afraid another monster performance will end his team's hopes of a regional small-school title.

"He's so explosive," Tyler said. "He's probably the best player in the region. We're going to have to make him earn every point he gets."

Still, history may be on the Comets' side. In the All A Classic's five years of existence, the First Region's top seed has never advanced to the state tournament and no team has won the region more than once. Murray is seeking to break both streaks. The Tigers were the First Region champions in 1991, while Carlisle has never advanced to the finals.

Carlisle…..17 24 38 48 63
Heath……..13 25 38 48 58

Carlisle (63)
Martin 9, Booker, O'Neill 8, J. Wilson 3, Garrett 29, Shupe 4, J. Draper.
Field Goals: 18/42, 3-pointers 6/13 (Garrett 5, Martin 1), Free Throws 21/35, Fouls 19, Record 7-8.

Heath (58)
Marana 11, Austin 13, O'Donley 10, Wellington 7, Cartner 10, Hesley 2, Warford 5, Massey.
Field Goals: 21/47, 3-pointers 5/10 (Cartner 2, Wellington, Austin, Warford), Free Throws 27, Record 4-11, Fouls 27.

All A Tourn.
2nd Round

Murray 61
Carlisle Co. 57
01-28-95 - Away

It took a nearly superhuman effort from James Foster to lift Murray past upset-minded Carlisle County. Foster had 37 points, eight rebounds, five blocked shots and still found time to dish out three assists.

Every bit of it was needed against the Comets, who tied the game when Kris Garrett hit two of three free throws late in regulation and led the first half of the overtime period.

"We had our chances," said Carlisle coach John Tyler. "In the overtime, we had a two-point lead and the ball twice. We had some missed shots and turnovers, failed to go up by four and they went to their horse. He's got a dangerous turnaround jumper. I don't know if anybody is capable of stopping him."

Kurt Martin's 15-footer gave Carlisle a 55-53 lead early in overtime, and Murray didn't answer until the 1:53 mark. Chris Cheaney fed Foster twice for turnaround jumpers and a 57-55 lead, and Jason West hit four consecutive free throws in the final 31 seconds.

"He's close to 80 percent for the year, I guess," Murray coach Cary Miller said of West. "He's a winner, and he's been in these situations before. Pressure is nothing new to him.

"And (Foster) is just a great player. We did a good job of getting the ball to him and he knows what to do to score. And he had some big blocks and big-time plays by a big-time player."

Foster hit 15 of 24 shots from the field, including both his 3-point attempts. Cheaney and West scored 8 and 7 points, respectively. The Comets were led by Martin's 22-pt. effort, which included 9 for 12 shooting from the field. Jerry Wilson added 12 and Garrett contributed 11.

Carlisle.....8 19 38 53 57
Murray.....11 23 39 53 61

Carlisle (57)
Martin 22, Booker 5, O'Neill 2, J. Wilson 12, Garrett 11, Shupe 5.
Field goals 23/40, 3-pointers 6/10 (Martin 3, J. Wilson 2, Booker), Free throws 5/9, Rebounds 20, Fouls 15, Record 7-9.

Murray (61)
Rayburn 3, Foster 37, Weatherly 3, West 7, Cheaney 8, Crouch 3, Poynor, Hayman.
Field goals 22/48, 3-pointers 4/9 (Foster 2, West, Rayburn), Free throws 9/18, Rebounds 22, Fouls 14, Record 12-4.

Mayfield 68
Carlisle Co. 59
01-31-95 - Home

Shooting was the key for this game as the Cardinals made the most of their opportunities to cool off the Comets and push themselves over the 500 mark.

Both teams attempted 37 field goals, but Mayfield was successful on three more than Carlisle. Free throws, especially off of shooting fouls, helped Mayfield out as the Cardinals went to the line 34 times and sank 23.

Mayfield.…....18 25 40 68
Carlisle….....13 23 34 59

Mayfield (68)
Grantham, Power 5, Scholsser, Sherrill 17, Smith 13, Starks 16, Travis 17.
Field goals 22/37, 3-pointers 1/3 (Smith), Free throws 23/34, Fouls 21, Record 9-8.

Carlisle (59)
Booker 12, Bowles, J. Draper, Garrett 19, Martin, O'Neill 16, Shupe 6, J. Wilson 6, D. Wilson 6.
Field goals 19/37, 3-pointers 4/11 (Booker 2, Garrett, J. Wilson), Free throws 15/22, Fouls 26, Record 7-10.

Nanney's Double
Tightens Race

Carlisle Co. 46
Fulton City 51
02-02-95 - Away

Bradley Nanney dominated things for Fulton City, as he scored 16 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs to the First District victory over Carlisle County in high school basketball Thursday night.

The Bulldogs helped their cause by cutting back on turnovers, after they cost the team some recent games. They also kept the Comets from getting many second shots with a strong 31-rebound performance.

Fulton City canned 51 percent from the field, while holding Carlisle to just under 40 percent.

J. T. Saxton and Marcus Taylor also hit double digits for Fulton City with 12 and 10 points, respectively. Kris Garrett scored 16 points to lead the Comets.

Carlisle loses its hold on the district lead, dropping to 2-2. Fulton City also is 2-2 in the district.

Carlisle…….13 25 32 46
Fulton City…...11 24 36 51

Carlisle (46)
Booker 3, Garrett 16, Martin 8, O'Neill 15, Shupe 2, J. Wilson 2, D. Wilson.
Field goals 21/41, 3-pointers 2/16 (Garrett, Martin), Free throws 8/16, Rebounds 24, Fouls 14, Record 7-11.

Fulton City (51)
Butts 5, Dickerson 2, Lusk 4, Nanney 16, Taylor 10, Vinson, Williams, Cross 2, Saxton 12, Mayo.
Field goals 21/41, 3-pointers 0/3, Free throws 9/15, Rebounds 31, Fouls 13, Record 3-13.

Carlisle Co. 72
Heath 55
02-03-95 - Home

Kurt Martin had the hot hand for the Comets, scoring 28 points to lead Carlisle over the Pirates.

Jeff O'Donley led Heath with 17 points.

Heath…….....17 31 37 55
Carlisle….....12 27 45 72

Heath (55)
Austin 10, Cartner 2, Hesley 2, Marana 8, Massey 2, O'Donley 17, Warford 3, Wellington 11.
Field goals 23/40, 3-pointers 6/12 (Wellington 3, Austin 2, Warford), Free throws 13/18, Fouls 23, Record 5-11.

Carlisle (72)
Booker 8, J. Draper, Garrett 9, Martin 28, O'Neill 16, Shupe, D. Wilson, J. Wilson 11.

Field goals 23/40, 3-pointers 3/6 (Martin 3), Free throws 23/30, Fouls 17, Record 8-11.

Defense
Sparks Tilghman

Carlisle Co. 56
Tilghman 72
02-07-95 - Home

After a slow start, Paducah Tilghman defeated Carlisle County 72-56 in boy's high school basketball action Saturday.

Carlisle used a trio of threes, including a half court shot by Kurt Martin, to take a nine-point lead at the end of the first quarter. After that, the Blue Tornado poured on the defense and eventually routed the Comets.

Paducah's Brandon Warfield led all scorers with 17 points, while Kris Garrett topped the Comets with 15 points.

Tilghman….....12 35 53 72
Carlisle…..…..21 34 45 56

Tilghman (72)
Avery 14, Bell, B. Moore 15, J. Moore 6, Sivels 9, Smith 11, Warfield 17.
Field goals 20/44, 3-pointers 0/4, Free throws 32/45, Fouls 17, Record 14-9.

Carlisle (56)
Booker, Bowles 4, J. Draper 4, Garrett 15, Martin 14, O'Neill 7, E. Wilson 2, J. Wilson 10.
Field goals 18/40, 3-pointers 6/16 (Garrett 3, Martin 2, J. Wilson), Free throws 14/25, Fouls 32, Record 8-12.

Carlisle Co. 68
Fulton Co. 56
02-10-95 - Home

Carlisle hit 10 of 10 free throws in the second overtime to defeat First District foe Fulton County.

In the second overtime, Kris Garrett and T. J. Booker both went 4 for 4 at the line, while Chris O'Neill hit the other two.

Kurt Martin, who led all scorers with 22 points, scored all four of Carlisle's points in the first overtime.

Joe Cheirs and Marty Dinwiddie had two points each for the Pilots in the first extra period, which ended tied at 56.

Carlisle, which hit 28 of 36 free throws, got 15 points each from O'Neill and Garrett. Dinwiddie topped Fulton County with 14 points.

Fulton Co…...12 30 39 52 56 56
Carlisle ….…...16 29 42 52 56 68

Carlisle (68)
Booker 6, Bowles 3, J. Draper, Garrett 15, Gill, Hutchinson, Martin 22, O'Neill 15, E. Wilson 3 , J. Wilson 4.

Carlisle Co. 65
Fulton City 41
02-14-95 - Home

Hot shooting by Carlisle County left Fulton City cold.

From the field, Carlisle made just over 50 percent of its shots, while Fulton City shot less than 33 percent.

It was no better from long distance for the Bulldogs. They missed all eight of eight of their 3-point attempts, while the Comets went an astounding 8 for 12.

Kris Garrett led Carlisle with 15 points, with Jerome Flannigan matching that for Fulton City. Comets Chris O'Neill (12 points) and Kurt Martin (10) were the only other players to score in double figures.

Fulton City…...12 20 30 41
Carlisle.....…..25 39 59 65

Fulton City (41)
Butts, Dickerson, Flannigan 15, Lusk 6, Nanney 8, Taylor 6, Vinson, Williams 4, Cross, Mayo, Gearhart, Neal 2, Hendrix.
Field goals 19/60, 3-pointers 0/8, Free throws 3/10, Fouls 21, Record 6-15.

Carlisle Co. (65)
Booker 7, Bowles 7, J. Draper, Garrett 15, Gill, Hutchinson, Martin 10, O'Neill 12, E. Wilson 6, J. Wilson 8.
Field Goals 21/41, 3-pointers 8/12 (Garrett 4, Booker, Bowles, Martin, J. Wilson), Free Throws 15/21, Fouls 15,
Record 9-13.

Booker Sinks Lakers In Thriller.
Carlisle Spoils Senior Night

Carlisle Co. 78
Calloway Co. 76
02-16-95 - Away

T.J. Booker scored all six of his points in the second overtime to help Carlisle spoil Calloway County's Senior Night with a 78-76 win in boy's high school basketball action Thursday.

Kris Garrett was on fire from long distance for the Comets. He scored most of his game leading 29 points on six 3-pointers as his last trey went in as the buzzer sounded in overtime, forcing the second extra session.

Calloway had no shortage of stellar performances on offense. Brad Cleaver led the Lakers with 28 points in his final home regular season game. Thomas Hornbuckle (15 points) and Tyler Bohanan (11 points) also hit double digits.

Carlisle…...18 32 50 60 65 78
Calloway…...11 27 47 60 65 76

Carlisle (78)
Booker 6, Bowles, J. Draper, Garrett 29, Martin 19, O'Neill 14, E. Wilson, J. Wilson 10.
Field Goals 29/55, 3-pointers 7/16 (Garrett 6, J. Wilson), Free Throws 13/21, Rebounds 25, Fouls 14, Record 10-13.

Calloway (76)
Anderson 14, Bohanan 11, Cleaver 28, Duncan, Greene 8, Herndon, Hornbuckle 15.
Field Goals 29/61, 3-pointers 5/15 (Cleaver 3, Anderson 2), Free Throws 13/18, Rebound 26, Fouls 17, Record 17-5.

Carlisle Co. 70
Reidland 64
02-21-95 - Away

Kurt Martin scored 20 points to lead the Comets past the Greyhounds.

After a close first half, Reidland's defense gave Carlisle too many offensive putbacks in the second half. Free throws also helped the Comets. They hit 19 for 25 in the second half.

Carlisle got a 17-pt. performance from Kris Garrett and a pair of 12-pt. efforts from T.J. Booker and Chris O'Neill. Billy Wilford led Reidland with 13 points, while Brandon Pope added 11.

Carlisle…..…..18 30 49 70
Reidland…..….12 23 36 54

Carlisle (70)
Booker 12, Bowles 1, J. Draper 4, Garrett 17, Gill, Hutchinson 2, Martin 20, O'Neill 12, D. Wilson, E. Wilson, J. Wilson 2.
Field goals 18, 3-pointers 4 (Garrett 3, Booker), Free throws 22/29, Fouls 10, Records 11-13.

Reidland (64)
Aldridge 7, Bradley 2, Glover, Green 2, Woolridge, Pitt, Froedge, Campbell
Fields goal 24, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 6/6, Rebounds 23, Fouls 20, Record: 5-17.

Carlisle Co. 69
Ballard Co. 60
02-24-95 - Away

If Joe Paul Northington played the first half the way he played the second, the Bombers would have had no problems with the Comets. Instead, Carlisle takes the win.

Northington scored all but eight of Ballard's points in the second half, but the Comets were successful in shutting him out in the first half.

Jerry Wilson led Carlisle with 22 points.

Carlisle…..…..16 29 46 69
Ballard.…..…..9 22 38 60

Carlisle (69)
Booker 12, Bowles 4, J. Draper, Gill, Martin 13, O'Neill 12, J. Wilson 22, E. Wilson 6.
Field goals 22/40, 3-pointers 0-5, Free throws 25/32, Fouls 22, Records 12-13.

Ballard (60)
Birney 8, Draper, Elliot 2, Kennedy 12, Lassiter 8, Northington 30, Quetermous, J. Smith.
Field goals 23-48, 3-pointers 2/7 (Lassiter, Northington), Free throws 12/20, Rebounds 23, Fouls 26, Records 4-20.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Sweep
Into Finals

Carlisle Co. 72
Fulton City 50
03-02-95 - Home

Kurt Martin's 25 points and nine rebounds paced the Carlisle County Comets to a 72-50 win over the Fulton City Bulldogs Thursday night in the First District semifinals.

After breaking out to a 15-6 first quarter lead, the Comets were challenged in the final period, when Fulton pulled within 49-42 on a Jerome Flanigan basket. But Carlisle went on an 11-2 scoring run that put the game away.

The 5-10 Martin, who had 15 at halftime, played defense on 6-4 Fulton City center Bradley Nanney and held him to seven points, before Nanney fouled him out of the game.

"The last game we played, Nanney got in foul trouble and so we just took it to him and got him in foul trouble again," said Carlisle coach John Tyler, whose team split with Fulton City in the regular season.

"Our guard play and neutralizing Fulton City's penetration was another key to the game. We knew they like to penetrate, and everybody knew we only wanted to give them one opportunity to score. When they took a shot we were all concentrating on blocking out."

After trailing 28-15 at the half, Fulton City closed to 35-31 with 2:49 left in third quarter. T. J. Booker scored 10 straight points, capped off with a three-pointer with 10 seconds left, for a 47-37 Carlisle County edge.

The Comets' big burst came in the first quarter, when they broke from a 5-4 lead by holding Fulton City scoreless for six minutes. Fulton City's Daniel Lush hit a basket with 1:33 left, but Martin answered with a three-pointer before the end of the quarter.

Martin started off the second quarter with a layup, seized an offensive rebound over Nanney and scored, then had a steal and lay-up for a 21-8 lead early in the second quarter. Fulton was never closer than 11 the rest of the half.

Fulton City……..6 15 37 50

Carlisle……..15 28 47 72

Fulton City 50)

Butts 6, Dickerson 8, Flanigan 12, Lusk 12, Nanney 7, Cole 2, Mayo 3.

Field goals 16/34, 3-pointers 4/14, Free throws 6/13, Record 6-16.

Carlisle (72)

Booker 14, Bowles 4, J. Draper 2, Garrett 12, Gill 3, Martin 25, J. Wilson 10, E. Wilson 2.

Field goals 13/28, 3-pointers 6/14, Free throws 28/38, Rebounds 48, Record 13-13.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Fulton Co. Takes
First District Title

Carlisle Co. 50
Fulton Co. 61
03-03-95 - Home

Coach Joel Dreher's boys' basketball team trailed 49-41 with 4:31 left against Carlisle, then held the Comets to just one free throw the rest of the game to outscore the Comets 20-1. Just two days earlier, they went on a 20-0 run to open their semi-final game with Hickman Co., a streak the Falcons never overcame.

Marty Dinwiddie and reserve Freddie Thomas sparked the fourth quarter surge. Thomas' two driving layups pulled Fulton Co. within 4 pts., then Dinwiddie scored 14 of the Pilots next 17 pts. and finished with 17 for the night.

Thomas set up the tying score at 49 when he lobbed a pass to the corner to Byron Tucker, who caught it under the basket and shot before he came down.

Carlisle went back up when Eric Wilson sank one of two free throws with 2:31 left, the last pts. his team would score. Fulton Co. scored the next 12.

Dinwiddie put the Pilots up to stay with a remarkable shot. Caught in a scramble for a pass inside, he lost his balance and direction under the basket. As he fell backwards toward the baseline, he hooked up a short shot with his right hand that went in for a 51-50 lead.

"I was in a zone," said Dinwiddie. "We had a tough schedule early in the year and coach Dreher said to just keep working hard and good things would happen."

From there, the Pilots hit 10 of 12 fts. in the last two minutes to clinch the lead.

"I guess working hard and practicing fts. at 6 a.m. paid off," said Dreher. "I kept telling this team hard work would pay off in the end, but I thought it would be next year. They made it happen this year.

Carlisle…….18 26 40 50
Fulton Co.....17 21 34 61

Carlisle (50)

Booker 9, Garrett 3, Martin 19, O'Neill 14, E. Wilson 1, J. Wilson 4.

Fgs. 16/38, 3 pts. 1/5 (J. Wilson), Fts. 17/28, Fouls 19.

Fulton Co. (61)

Carlton 4, Cheirs, Coulson, Craddock, Dinwiddie 27, Ervin 5, Hagler 5, Lattus 2, Thomas 5, Tucker 5, Winters 8.

Fgs 21/53, 3 pts. 1/10 (Winters), Fts. 18/26, Fouls 23.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Senior Games.
Calloway's Experience Turns
Tables On Carlisle's History

Carlisle Co. 48
Calloway Co. 64
03-07-95 - Away

Respect earned in the regular season came back to haunt Carlisle Co., while helping Calloway Co. blow past their first-round opponent in the First Region Tourn. Tuesday night, 64-48.

It was an unlikely blowout, as a pair of regular season matches between the two teams had ended in a two pt. victory for each. Yet Calloway's senior leadership seemed to profit from those experiences more in the regional than Carlisle's junior dominated club.

"It was good that we knew they could beat us," said Laker Senior Brad Cleaver, whose 34 pt. performance provided the surges, the Lakers needed to distance themselves from Carlisle.

"That really helped. We knew if we played around with this team they were capable of beating us. You can't ever let up on them, they'll make a run."

Because the Lakers didn't let up, Carlisle's runs were few and far between. The Laker defense frustrated Carlisle into 6 of 22 shooting in the first half, while a 14-4 scoring burst early in the second period and a 5 pt. burst in the last seven seconds of the half, built a 30-17 halftime edge.

"They're a pesky team and they're a very good team, solid from start to last," said Laker coach Ron Green. "We had all the respect in the world for them. I believed we were a more focused team than the last two times we played them."

"What happened was, we got off to a good start and that helped a lot."

That start might not have looked so good when senior point guard Thomas Hornbuckle picked up his third foul with just 5 minutes gone in the game. Hornbuckle had held two of the region's leading scorers to a combined 10 pts. in last week's Fourth District Tourn. James Foster, of Murray, scored six against him and Marshall County's Dan Langhi managed four. Although Calloway led 9-4 when Hornbuckle checked out, it was a serious concern..

The Laker offence suddenly ignited, thanks largely to Cleaver. David Green started the run with a layup after Tyler Bohanan set him up with a pass in the lane. After a pair of Comet misses, Jay Herdon sank a 3 pointer for a 16-10 Laker edge. Brent Anderson sank two fts. seconds later and Cleaver scored on a pair of jumpers in the lane as he cut across the middle.

A costly last 7 seconds also hurt Carlisle at halftime. Green was fouled driving to the basket with 7.3 seconds left and Carlisle's T.J. Booker got the foul and a technical on top of it. Green hit one of two fts. and Cleaver hit both technical tosses. On the inbounds play, Herndon passed to Green and broke to the bucket for a return pass and layup and a 30-17 halftime edge.

The third quarter ensured the devastation. Calloway hit 9 of 11 from the field and 3 of 4 from the 3 pt. range. It outscored Carlisle 11-2 to start the period and opened up a 35 pt. lead twice. Cleaver scored 14 straight pts. in the last four minutes of the period with a 3 pointer from the corner opening a 51-26 edge.

"A lead nowadays is not that much anymore, and we wanted to come out and do a little better after halftime," said Green. "Those people who have to guard Cleaver will attest to how tough he is. He's a moving target and it's hard to hit a moving target. He works hard to get his shots."

Cleaver, and his team, also get them in bunches.

"Sometimes I get on a roll and I just feel like it's going," said Cleaver about his shooting streaks. "I guess it's confidence. And when one person gets in a rhythm the whole team seems to get in a rhythm. That's the way we like to play."

Anderson was the only other Laker in double figures with 10, while Carlisle had 3. Martin led the way with 18, while Jerry Wilson and Chris O'Neill added 11 each.

Carlisle….....8 17 30 48
Calloway.....11 30 52 64

Carlisle (48)

Martin 18, Booker, O'Neill 11, Draper 2, J. Wilson 11, Garrett 2, Bowles 2, D. Wilson 2, Shupe.

Fgs. 17/57, 3 pts. 1 (J. Wilson), Fts. 13/20, Rebs. 33, Fouls 16, Record 13-15.

Calloway (64)

Anderson 10, Bohanan 5, Cleaver 34, Duncan, Green 7, Herndon 8, Hornbuckle, McNeel.

Fgs. 22/44, 3 pts. 5 (Anderson 2, Cleaver 2, Herndon), Fts. 14/21, Rebs. 30, Fouls 16, Record 23-5.

1994-95

	St. Mary	Martin Westview, TN.	Tilghman	Calloway Co.	Graves Co.	Hickman Co.	Ballard Co.	Lone Oak	Heath	Hickman Co.	Murray	Mayfield	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.
Kurt Martin	18	14(1)	24	15	4	14	20	17	20(1)	20	10	20	24(4)	22(1)
Chris O'Neill	22	14	8	8	2	10	14	17	7	6	7	18	4	8
Jerry Wilson	8	11	5	6	11	7	2	17	8	5(1)	13(2)	5	22(2)	8
Kris Garrett	6	16(2)	11(2)	7(1)	7	14	14(1)	3	6	6	10(2)	11	4	9(1)
T.J. Booker		4	16	2	8	5	14(2)	3(1)	8(1)	2	3(1)	3	13(1)	2
Eric Wilson	7	0	0											0
Korie Bowles	2	0	2		0	2	0	6	2	6	0			5
Shane Shupe	4	2	0	3	4	2	2				0		7	6
David Wilson	0							0	0	0				
Bret Draper				0						0	4		0	2
Jeremey Draper														2
Matt Gill														0
David Hutchinson														0

1994-95

	Heath	Murray	Mayfield	Fulton City	Heath	Tilghman	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Calloway Co.	Reidland	Ballard Co.	Fulton City	Fulton Co.	Calloway Co.	3-Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Kurt Martin	9(1)	22(3)	0	8(1)	28(3)	14(2)	22	10(1)	19	20	13	25(1)	19	18	19	28	469	16.75
Chris O'Neill	18	2	16	15	16	7	15	12	14	12	12		14	11	0	27	309	11.44
Jerry Wilson	3	12(2)	6(1)	2	11	10(1)	4	8(1)	10(1)	2	22	10	4(1)	11(1)	13	28	243	8.67
Kris Garrett	29(5)	11	19(1)	16(1)	9	15(3)	15	15(4)	29(6)	17(3)		12	3	2	32	27	316	11.7
T.J. Booker	0	5(1)	12(2)	3	8	0	6	7(1)	6	12(1)	12	14(1)	9	0	12	27	177	6.55
Eric Wilson						2	3	6	0	0	6	2	1		0	12	27	2.25
Korie Bowles			0			0	3	7(1)	0	1	4	4		2	1	20	46	2.3
Shane Shupe	4	5	6	2	0									0	0	16	47	2.93
David Wilson			6	0	0					0				2	0	9	8	0.88
Bret Draper								0							0	6	6	1
Jeremey Draper	0		0		0	4	0	0	0	4	0	2		2	0	12	14	1.16
Matt Gill							0	0		0	0	3			0	6	3	0.5
David Hutchinson							0	0		2					0	4	2	0.5
		Team Record - 13-15							Per Game Avg. - 59.53						77		1667	

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Kurt Martin	80	29	184	426	469		1079	13.48
Bret Draper	6	0				6	6	1

1995-1996

HEAD COACH - JOHN TYLER

ASSISTANT COACH - BURLIN BROWER

TROPHIES WON

McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

MARSHALL CO. TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 13-9

1995-96

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-21-95	St. Mary	68-58	H	
11-25-95	Lyon Co.	**65-72**	A	**- KEN-TENN TOURN.**
12-05-95	Hickman Co.	53-50	A	
12-14-95	Heath	72-43	A	**- McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-15-95	Christian Fellowship	74-63	A	**- McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-16-95	Ballard Co.	75-54	A	**- McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-21-95	Union Co.	**47-68**	A	**- UNION CO. CLASSIC**
12-27-95	Webster Co.	60-54	A	**- MARSHALL CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-29-95	Marshall Co.	79-70	A	**- MARSHALL CO. TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-04-96	Murray	45-44	H	
01-05-96	Fulton City	**56-66 ot**	H	
01-12-96	Fulton Co	57-44	H	
01-15-96	Graves Co	57-56	A	
01-19-96	Calloway Co.	55-42	A	
01-24-96	Christian Fellowship	**37-42**	A	**- ALL A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
02-03-96	Hickman Co.	**46-52**	A	
02-06-96	Tilghman	**47-77**	A	
02-09-96	Fulton Co	60-57	A	
02-13-96	Fulton City	**41-61**	A	
02-17-96	Heath	**57-65**	A	
02-23-96	Ballard Co.	75-61	H	
03-01-96	Hickman Co.	**51-62**	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 13-9

1996 Comets



Asst Coach Burlin Brower, Katy Thompson and Michael Toon (Managers), John Lemons, Mark Smith, Eric Wilson, Korie Bowles, David Wilson, Todd Shuemaker, Clint Gill, Wendy Davis and Jill Boyd (Managers), Jeremy Draper, Shane Shupe, Brian Grogan, Chris O'Neill, TJ Booker, Kris Garrett, Eric Yarbrough, Jerry Wilson.

1995-1996

HEAD COACH - JOHN TYLER

ASSISTANT COACH - BURLIN BROWER

TROPHIES WON
McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
MARSHALL CO. TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 13-9

1995-96 COMET ROSTER:
Kris Garrett, Chris O'Neill, T.J. Booker, David Wilson, Eric Wilson, Jeremy Draper, Todd Shuemaker, Shane Shupe, Eric Yarbrough, Korie Bowles, Clint Gill, Brian Grogan, David Hutchinson, Mark Smith.

Discovering
Comets

For two seasons Carlisle County has labored through growing pains, that this year were supposed to produce joyous times. With basically five sophomore starters, the Comets won four games two seasons ago. Last year they won 13. And this year?

Well, this year has been altered because of the injury to linchpin Kurt Martin. With Martin in the picture, the Comets were the rock-solid favorite to win the First District. Without him, they are still the favorite, just not as strong a favorite.

The district's leading scorer and the third-leading returning scorer in the region (16.8 points), Martin tore an anterior cruciate ligament and is expected to be out for the season.

Suddenly, Hickman County, Fulton City and Fulton County, all squads with key returnees, appear to be much closer to the Comets.

"You don't want to play Carlisle," maintains Fulton County coach Joel Dreher.

But even he concedes the race should now be much closer.

District coaches prefer to point to the district's strength as a whole, and the parity that could develop.

"To me, the First District will be as tough as it has been in years," Carlisle County coach John Tyler said.

"It's going to be a pretty evenly matched battle for the district title," said Fulton City's Sam Miller, whose school has traditionally been the weak link in the district.

CARLISLE COUNTY

Martin hurt his knee before practice started and with doctors unsure of the severity, went into rehabilitation instead of surgery. A week into practice, Martin returned, but reinjured the knee. An MRI scan showed the tear. He will undergo surgery Tuesday.

We'll just have to wait and see if we get him back at all," Tyler said. "At first I thought about how devastating this was to the team, but it's more devastating to Martin. It's something now that we've all accepted. We still have down days, but it's time to move on."

The Comets are far from powerless without him.

The other four returning senior starters averaged between 6 and 12 points a game. Kris Garrett 11.6, Chris O'Neill 11.0, Jerry Wilson 8.6 and T.J. Booker 6.9. In addition, four other seniors are back. Jeremy Draper, Shane Shupe, Brian Grogan and Eric Yarbrough. "We're going to be pretty deep this year," Tyler said. "We've got about eight to nine players, maybe even up to 10 who are going to help us out. "Even though Booker was a starter a year ago at forward, he's getting competition for playing time this year from junior Eric Wilson, Draper and junior Korie Bowles. With Garrett at 5-10 and Jerry Wilson and Booker at 6-0, the play of the 6-3 O'Neill in the middle will be important. O'Neill was the second-leading rebounder in the region last season. He should get help from the 6-4 Shupe, although he has been slowed by off-season knee surgery.

The adaptability of the other returning starters to play all positions except for center gives Tyler options.

"We're somewhat interchangeable. We're looking at different combinations to see what makes us best," he said. "Offensively we've got some different weapons."

Not only do the Comets have the experience of their senior class, they have the experience in close games. The Comets played five overtime games last year, two of which were double overtime and two were in the All A Tourn.

Comets' Freebies
Seal Viking's Fate

Carlisle Co. 68
St. Mary 58
11-21-95 - Home

Chris O'Neill had 18 pts. and 13 rebounds, three Carlisle teammates scored in double figures and the Comets hit 14 of 18 fts. in the fourth quarter to beat St. Mary 68-58 in Tuesday night's high school basketball action.

Carlisle got 16 pts. from Jerry Wilson in winning its season opener. Booker hit 5 of 6 from the line in the final frame, David Wilson and Kris Garrett each converted 3 of 4. The Comets hit 30 of 42 from the line.

St. Mary shot only 20% (13 for 66) from the field, and got a dozen pts. from Kerry Guidry.
St. Mary…..…....7 21 40 58
Carlisle…..…....10 23 42 68
St. Mary (58)
Willett, Mi. Mangino 2, Crider 4, Howard 6, Kennedy 8, Stovesand, Ma. Mangino 9, Guidry 12, Ellis 4, Schipp 3, Langston 8, Jenks 2
Fgs. 13/66, 3 pts. 5/13 (Ma. Mangino 3, Guidry 2), Fts. 7/14, Fouls 31.
Carlisle (68)
Garrett 6, J. Wilson 16, O'Neill 18, Booker 14, Draper 2, D. Wilson 12, E. Wilson, Shupe.
Fgs. 19/45, 3 pts. 0/7, Fts. 30/42, Fouls 18.

Ken-Tenn Tourn.
Carlisle Co. 65
Lyon Co. 72
11-25-95 – Away

Jed Ramey and Mark Herring each smashed the 20-pt. barrier to lead Lyon Co. over Carlisle Co. at the Ken-Tenn Shootout.

Ramey (23 pts.) and Herring (22 pts.) led a patient, balanced Lyon Co. attack that outscored the Comets 19-9 in the second quarter. Carlisle used long-distance shooting to climb back into the contest in the fourth quarter. Jerry Wilson scored all 12 of his pts. on fourth-quarter 3-pointers. Lyon kept the game from getting too out of hand with 12 for 18 ft. shooting in the fourth.

Kris Garrett led the Comets with 15 pts., while teammates Chris O'Neill, T.J. Booker and Jerry Wilson each added 12. Travis Lock also hit double digits with 16 pts. for the Lyons.
Carlisle…..….....12 21 35 65
Lyon…..…..…....15 34 52 72
Carlisle (65)
D. Wilson 8, Shuemaker 4, E. Wilson 2, O'Neill 12, Booker 12, J. Wilson 12, Garrett 15, Yarbrough.
Fgs. 24/56, 3 pts. 9/18 (J. Wilson), Fts. 8/13, Fouls 20.
Lyon (72)
Barrett 3, Cothran, Tyler 8, Ramey 23, Hemming 22, Lock 16, Walls.
Fgs. 28/49, 3 pts. 2/4 (Barrett, Herring), Fts. 14/23, Fouls 13.

Carlisle Co. 53
Hickman Co. 50
12-05-95 - Away

Carlisle Co. came away with a tough First District road win over Hickman Co. as Cory Knox misfired on a three-point attempt with 8 seconds remaining in the contest and forward Brian Harper's successful three-pointer was waived off because it was after the buzzer.

Chris O'Neill scored a game high 22 pts. for the Comets with 7 of those coming in the final quarter as Carlisle broke open a 39-all game and forced Hickman into the last second three-point tries. Jerry Wilson added 11 points for Carlisle.

For the Falcons, Harper tossed in 14 pts.
Carlisle…..…....8 22 39 53
Hickman.....13 22 39 50
Carlisle (53)
Booker 9, D. Wilson 2, O'Neill 22, J. Wilson 11, Garrett 9, E. Wilson, Shuemaker, Draper, Shupe.
Fgs. 16/29, 3 pts. 2/7 (Booker, J. Wilson), Fts. 11/20, Fouls 15, Rebs. 25.
Hickman (50)
Knox 12, Naranjo 12, Harper 14, Alexander 6, Byassee 4, Boaz 2, Jones, Kelly.
Fgs. 19/52, 3 pts. 5/14 (Knox 3, Harper 2), Fts. 7/13, Rebs 33, Fouls 18.

McCracken Co. Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. 72
Heath 43
12-14-95 - Away

Carlisle Co. took a 9 pt. first half lead and turned it into a 72-43 blowout of Heath last night.

Four players scored in double figures for the Comets. Chris O'Neill led the way with 16 pts. followed by teammates Chris Garrett (14 pts.), T.J. Booker (12 pts.), and Jerry Wilson (11 pts.).

Brent Charles led the winless Pirates with 10 pts.

The round-robin continues tonight with Carlisle Co. playing Christian Fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by Heath against Ballard Co, at approximately 7:45 p.m.
Carlisle…..…....9 25 48 72
Heath…..…..…....6 16 30 43
Carlisle (72)
Booker 12, Bowles, J. Draper, Garrett 14, Gill, Grogan, O'Neill 16, Shuemaker 4, Shupe 3, J. Wilson 11, E. Wilson 6, D. Wilson 6, Yarbrough, Hutchinson.
Fgs. 24/16, 3 pts. 4/12 (Garrett 2, J. Wilson, Booker), Fts. 15/20, Fouls 10.

Heath (43)
Austin 4, Bellamy, Bradley 3, Charles 10, Colman 2, Finke, Harris 8, Hesley 2, Massey 2, Morrison, Schaberg 4, Wellington 6, Warford 2.
Fgs. 20/43, 3 pts. 1/9 (Wellington), Fts. 6/10, Fouls 14.

McCracken Co. Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 74
Christian Fellowship 63
12-15-95 - Away

A four–man combination of Comets helped offset a 30 pt. performance by Christian Fellowship's Johnson, in the second night of action at the McCracken Co. Invitational round-robin.

Kris Garrett scored 21, Chris O'Neill 19, Jerry Wilson 16 and Eric Wilson 12, as the Comets took over with a 20-12 advantage in the third quarter. The Comets also exploited its foul line edge hitting 18 of 25, while C.F.S. managed just 8 of 26 from 3 pt. range.

McKenzie Logston scored 10 and Landon Owen 10 for C.F.S.

C.F.S.…..…....14 26 38 63
Carlisle…..…....19 28 48 74

C.F.S. (63)
Etherdge 5, Johnson 30, Lamb 3, Logsdon 12, Lones, Owen 10, Patterson 2.
Fgs. 25/62, 3 pts. 8/26 (Johnson 3, Logston 2, Owen 2, Lamb), Fts. 5/5, Fouls 16.

Carlisle (74)
Booker, J. Draper, Garrett 21, O'Neill 19, Shuemaker, J. Wilson 16, E. Wilson 12, D. Wilson 6.
Fgs. 26/51, 3 pts. 4/13 (J. Wilson, Garrett 3), Fts. 18/25, Fouls 10.

McCracken Tourn.
Championship

Carlisle Co. 75
Ballard Co. 54
12-16-95 - Away

Carlisle Co. won the McCracken Co. Tourn. by demolishing Ballard Co. 75-54.

Jerry Wilson paced the Comets with 20 pts., including four 3-pointers. Eric Wilson added 13 pts. and Kris Garrett 11 to aid the Comets, who gained a 19 pt. halftime lead with a 21-8 run.

Ethan Flint lead the Bombers with 15 pts. Jamie Smith contributed 10 in the losing effort.

The tale of the game, however, may have been the late ft. shooting. Carlisle made 24 of 32 fts., while Ballard attempted just 17 and made only 10 of those.

Carlisle…..…....14 35 52 75
Ballard…..…....8 16 33 54

Carlisle (75)
Booker 9, Bowles 5, J. Draper 6, Garrett 11, Gill, O'Neill 5, Shuemaker 2, Shupe, J. Wilson 20, E. Wilson 13, D. Wilson 4, Yarbrough, Smith, Hutchinson.
Fgs. 23/41, 3 pts. 5/8 (J. Wilson 4, Booker), Fts. 24/32, Fouls 16.

Ballard (54)
Abell 3, Flint 15, Fritz 2, Lassiter 8, Quertermous 8, Rails, Smith 10, Overstreet 2, Powell, Green 4, Toombs, Polivick 3, Kinsey, Hunter, Thomas, Burnley.
Fgs. 20/51, 3 pts. 4/13 (Lassiter 2, Quertermous, Polivick), Fts. 10/17, Fouls 25.

Union Co. Classic

Carlisle Co. 47
Union Co. 68
12-21-95 - Away

Union Co. jumped to a 20-9 first quarter lead and increased the lead to 19 pts. by halftime in a blowout of Carlisle Co. in the nightcap of the Union Co. Classic.

Darren Price paced Union with 19 pts. Troy Meadows added 15 and Paul Hendrickson chipped in 12.

The Comets were led by Chris O'Neill's 16 pts. Jerry Wilson contributed 11.

Carlisle…..…....9 20 36 47
Union…..…....20 39 50 68

Carlisle (47)
Booker 4, Draper 2, Garrett 7, Gill, O'Neill 16, Shuemaker, J. Wilson 11, E.. Wilson 6, D. Wilson 1.
Fgs. 17, 3 pts. 2 (Garrett, J. Wilson), Fts. 11/17, Fouls 16.

Union (68)
Meadows 15, Price 19, Hendrickson 2, Dalton 4, Fraley 6, Winders 2, Washburn 8, Bell 2, Davis, Curtis, Moore, Johnson.

Marshall Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 60
Webster Co. 54
12-27-95 - Away

In a game mistakenly omitted from Thursday's Sun, Carlisle Co. hit 8 of 9 fts. in the 4th quarter and outscored Webster Co. 26-20 in the final period to advance to the boys' final.

Carlisle finally cut loose in the final period behind the scoring of Chris O'Neill (8 pts.), Jerry Wilson (7), T.J. Booker (6) and David Wilson (5).

For the game, the Comets hit 13 of 15 fts..

Trailing 23-14 at halftime, Carlisle outscored Webster 20-11 in the third period. Kris Garrett had 6 pts, all on 3-pointers, for the Comets in the quarter.

O'Neill led the 6-2 Comets with 19 pts., while Jerry Wilson added 13.

Carlisle…..…....5 14 34 60
Webster…..…....12 23 34 54

Carlisle (60)
Booker 7, Bowles, Draper 4, Garrett 8, O'Neill 19, Shuemaker, J. Wilson 13, E. Wilson 1, D. Wilson 8.
Fgs. 22, 3 pts. 3 (Garrett 3), Fts. 13/15, Fouls 15.

Webster (54)
Townsend 25, Boswell 2, Mooney 7, Duncan 6, Gentry 6, Margelot 8, Warren.
Fgs. 21, 3 pts. 5, Fts. 7/11, Fouls 16.

Marshall Co Tourn.
Championship

Carlisle Co. 79
Marshall Co. 70
12-29-95 - Away

Carlisle Co. pulled off the first shocker of the early season, leading from start to finish for a 79-70 victory over Marshall Co. in the boys' final of the Marshall Co. Tourn., Friday night.

The Comets (7-2) placed 4 players in double-figure scoring, shot 72% from the field, outrebounded Marshall and fashioned leads of 18 pts. in the first half and 16 in the second.

T.J. Booker came off the bench to score 22 pts, Chris O'Neill had 19, Chris Garrett 13 and tourn. MVP Jerry Wilson 11.

"It was a team effort. The players all did what they were supposed to do and here is the proof," said Carlisle coach John Tyler, clutching the championship trophy in his right hand.

Marshall Co. coach Kirk Chiles explained it this way. "They outhustled us and that's what I'm most disappointed in. Carlisle Co. is scrappy and they're well coached. They played better defense and they were aggressive."

Marshall Co. returns 4 starters from last year's First Region Championship squad, including a leading candidate for Kentucky's Mr. Basketball in 6-9 Dan Langhi, who scored 22 against the Comets. But the Marshall's are now 5-3, with two losses coming at the prestigious King of the Bluegrass Tourn. in Louisville.

"We have to have a gut-check right now," Chiles said. "An assistant coach brought it up (after the game) that our players might have thought Carlisle is not supposed to be able to play with Marshall Co. Well, that's "Fool's Gold."

The Comets entered the season expecting their best season in years, with 5 returning starters from a 13-9 team, but when team leader Kurt Martin was lost in preseason, questions arose. Those questions got answered last night.

"We reshuffled things and the kids just pulled together (after Martin's injury). And tonight we went out there hungry," Tyler said.

Three times Marshall made runs at the Comets, after they jettisoned to a 28-10 lead early in the second quarter, and each time Carlisle turned the Marshall's away.

Two fts. by O'Neill with 2:07 to play gave the visitors a 68-55 lead. But the Marshall's kept the outcome in suspense behind the play of senior guard Tommy Goins, who scored 19 pts. in the last 5 minutes. A Goins 3, with 45 seconds showing, left the Marshall's down 72-68. On the ensuing possession, Carlisle broke the Marshall press and David Wilson, fouled with 26 seconds left, hit a pair at the line.

Goins answered 6 seconds later with a pair of fts. to again cut the margin to 4, but the Comets cemented the upset by again breaking the full-court pressure and finding Booker, who scored, was fouled and hit the ft., for a 77-70 lead with 12 seconds left.

"We came into (the Tourn.) with the attitude that it was ours for the taking," Booker said. "We worked hard for it."

Carlisle hit 21 of-29 2-pointers, 5 of 7 3-pointers and outrebounded the Marshall's 23-21. Marshall hit 20 of 42 from the field.

"We came out prepared on defense." Coach Tyler Said. "We gave them one chance shooting the ball."

Carlisle jumped to a 15-7 lead that was dampened only slightly when Ben Myers sank a running 3-pointer at the buzzer to make it 15-10 at the end of the first quarter. Carlisle then reeled off 13 unanswered pts, spurred by a pair of baskets by Jerry Wilson, to take it's biggest lead of the game, 28-10. During that period, Chiles benched his starters for a minute.

"We had to do the same things last night (in an opening round win against Livingston Co.). "It was for shock value," he said.

But it was the Comets who continued to shock, turning back the Marshall's, after they had trimmed the deficit to 10 by taking a 36-23 halftime lead.

Carlisle pushed the advantage to 40-26, before Marshall made another run, this time getting as close as three, 40-37, on a ft. by Myers, before the Comets bounced back once again. Carlisle outscored Marshall 11-2 over the remainder of the quarter for a 51-39 lead.

Carlisle led by as much as 60-44 in the final period on a pair of fts. by Garrett, before Marshall made its final charge.

Carlisle…..…....15 36 51 79

Marshall…..10 23 39 70

Carlisle (79)

Booker 22, Draper 3, Garrett 13, O'Neill 19, J. Wilson 11, E. Wilson 2, D. Wilson 9.

Fgs. 21/29, 3 pts. 5 (Booker 2, J. Wilson 2, Garrett), Fts. 32/45, Fouls 20, Rebs. 23.

Marshall (70)

Brewer 11, Burkeen, English, Fresley, Goins 21, Langhi 22, Leeper 4, Morton, Myers 10, Sanders 2, Culp.

Fgs. 22/52, 3 pts. 7 (Goins 3, Myers 2, Brewer, Langhi), Fts. 19/23, Fouls 30, Rebs. 21.

Carlisle Co. 45
Murray 44

01-04-96 - Home

Jason West's 3 point attempt didn't fall through the basket and Carlisle escaped an upset bid by Murray in a low scoring contest.

Jerry and Eric Wilson paced the Comets with 12 and 10 points, respectively. Chris O'Neill added 9 points.

The Tigers were led by Stephen Crouch's 18 points with Jason West getting 12 points, including three threes.

Murray…..11 18 31 44
Carlisle…..10 21 32 45

Murray (44)

Byrd 6, Crouch 18, Crum 8, Hayman, Howard, Poynor, Underhill, West 12.

Fgs. 15/37, 3 pts. 5/16, Fts. 3/10, Fouls 14.

Carlisle (45

Booker 3, Bowles 2, Draper 2, Garrett 5, O'Neill 9, J. Wilson 12, E. Wilson 10, D. Wilson 2.

Fgs. 15/45, 3 pts. 3/13 (Garrett, J. Wilson, Booker), Fouls 15, Fts. 10/14, Rebs. 21.

Fulton City 66
Carlisle Co. 56

01-05-96 - Home

J.T. Saxton scored 7 of his game-high 21 pts. in overtime to lead Fulton City to a big First District win over Carlisle Co.

Saxton and Grant Gearhart each sank a 3-pointer in the extra frame for the Bulldogs, But it was ft. shooting that determined this contest. At the foul line, Saxton was 4 for 6, while Bradley Nanney sank both his tries. This forced the Comets to attempt treys which fell short.

Nanney had 14 pts. for Fulton City, while Fred Gray had 10 pts.

T.J. Booker led Carlisle with 14 pts., while Jerry Wilson sank three 3-pointers on his way to 12 pts. and Chris O'Neill ended up with 10.

Fulton City….16 28 38 48 66
Carlisle…..10 28 39 48 56

Fulton City (66)

Gearhart 7, Lusk, Gray 10, Saxton 21, Nanney 14, Williams 8, Dickerson 8, Vinson, Smith.

Fgs. 28/49, 3 pts. 2/6 (Gearhart, Saxton), Fts. 8/15, Fouls 16.

Carlisle (58)

E. Wilson 4, Booker 14, D. Wilson 5, O'Neill 10, Draper 2, J. Wilson 12, Garrett 9, Bowles.

Fgs. 22/60, 3 pts. 5/18 (J. Wilson 3, Booker, Garrett), Fts. 7/19, Fouls 18.

Carlisle 57
Fulton Co. 44

01-12-96 - Home

Taking advantage of a second quarter scoring drought by the Pilots, Carlisle County outscored its First District foe 14-4 for a 28-21 halftime edge it never surrendered.

Kris Garrett scored 8 of his 13 points in the second period and Jerry Wilson hit 4 of 6 free throws in the final period to clinch the victory.

Wilson scored 16 to lead his team, while Comet Chris O'Neill added 12. Marty Dinwiddie topped the Pilots with 17.

Fulton Co…..17 21 33 44
Carlisle…..14 28 42 57

Fulton Co. (44)

Coulson 4, Craddock 5, Dean, Dinwiddie 17, Hagler 4, Mangold 6, Polk, Tucker 4, Winters 4.

Fgs. 20/52, 3 pts. 1 (Craddock), Fts. 3/7, Fouls 13.

Carlisle (57)

Draper 2, Garrett 13, O'Neill 12, Shuemaker, D. Wilson 6, E. Wilson 8, J. Wilson 16.

Fgs. 24/48, 3 pts. 2 (Garrett 2), Fts. 7/12, Fouls 7, Rebs. 31.

Giant-Killing Carlisle Clips Eagles.
Wilson's Jumper Snaps
Graves' 12 Game Streak

Carlisle Co. 57
Graves Co. 56

01-15-96 - Away

Last week Graves Co. clipped themselves, but on Monday, Eric Wilson's 10-ft. jumper along the baseline with 0:03 to play clipped the Eagles again.

Wilson and the giant-killing Carlisle Co. Comets nipped Graves Co. 57-56 at the Eagles' nest, marking the second road win this season by the Comets over two of the first region's top contenders. Carlisle Co. beat Marshall Co. on its home floor in December.

Prior to last weekend's trip to the Muhlenburg, Ky., Classic, the Graves players shaved their heads.

Carlisle's victory ended Graves unbeaten season as the Eagles had won their first 12 games to start the season, which was a school record. The Eagles had also moved up to second in this week's Associated Press High School Basketball Poll, which was released today. The deadline for voting in this week's poll was prior to Monday's games.

In the preseason, Carlisle Co. was not considered among the region's leading contenders, particularly following a season-ending injury to Kurt Martin, the team's top player. Even though Carlisle has compiled a 10-3 record thus far, the Comets may still be surprising some people.

"I hope teams do overlook us," Carlisle head coach John Tyler said. "But that's not likely to happen after these two wins."

Graves head coach Allan Hatcher said the Comets are for real. "I think they are legitimate contenders. They played with a lot of emotion tonight. They deserved to win. It wasn't a fluke," he said.

Hatcher said the Eagles were expecting a tough contest from Carlisle Co. "It's not like we didn't think they had a good team. They did the same thing to Marshall Co. during Christmas. There are no alibis for our team. They just out-played us and out-coached us."

While Wilson's jumper was the game-winner, Graves lost the game in the third quarter. The Eagles fell behind by 13 pts. as the Comets opened the second half with a 13-2 run.

Leading only once in the first half at 6-5, the Eagles trailed 27-25 at the break and were hoping to capture the momentum early in the third quarter. "We needed a good start to the second half and instead they got a great start," Hatcher said.

Graves was held scoreless for more than 3:30 as the Comets increased their lead to 40-27.

"We were searching all night for the right combination on the offensive end that would also give us enough quickness to guard them on the defensive end," Hatcher said. "I was so intent on getting the ball inside, our perimeter players became hesitant to shoot the ball. That was my fault."

The Eagles did rally in the fourth quarter. Back-to-back 3-pointers by Brian Byrd and Jamie Norsworthy followed by two consecutive turnovers by the Comets against the Graves press preceded a lay-up by Norsworthy. When Wes Smith scored in the lane with 4:38 to play, the Eagles had cut the Margin to 3.

Carlisle maintained the upper hand until throwing the ball away twice against Graves' trapping defense in the final 2:00. Jacob Wooley gave the eagles their only lead of the second half, scoring on the blocks with 0:33 to play.

Carlisle called time-out with 0:18 remaining. The Comets ran the clock down against Graves triangle-and-two defense before Eric Wilson hit the game winner. "By getting two pts. out of it, it worked perfectly, but it wasn't exactly what we had in mind," Tyler said. "I think our guys have enough experience if anything goes awry they can adjust."

With Garrett, who had scored 14 pts., fouled out of the game, Graves opted to guard Jerry Wilson, who had 15 pts. and T.J. Booker, who had 7, man-to-man in the triangle-and-two defense. "Those are their better shooters," Hatcher said. "You've got to give (Eric Wilson) the credit. He hit the big shot. Our mistake was putting them in that situation."

The Eagles had 0:02 remaining after Wilson's basket, but after a timeout, they did not get a good shot at the basket.

Tyler said his team showed its character by surviving Graves 4th quarter rally. "Graves did everything it could to win the game. I'm glad our guys had the character to fight through it."

Wooley led Graves with 16 pts., while Norsworthy came off the beach for 13. The Eagles were hampered by 11 of 22 shooting from the ft. line.

The Eagles play their first road game of the season Friday at Mayfield. Graves has played 7 games at home and 6 games at neutral sites. Graves won the team's first regular-season meeting 57-50 on Dec. 12th.

"We've got a gut check on Friday," Hatcher said. "Everything had been going pretty smooth for our team up until now. We can either handle this loss in a bad way or in a positive way."

Carlisle…..14 27 45 57
Graves…..8 25 35 56

Carlisle (57)

E. Wilson 9, D. Wilson 3, Chris O'Neill 6, J. Wilson 15, Kris Garrett 14, T.J. Booker 7, Draper 3.

Fgs. 17/33, 3 pts. 5/11, Fts. 18/26, Rebs. 26.

Graves (56)

Wooley 16, Smith 6, Holman 3, Byrd 3, Kendall 4, Norsworthy 13, Dopwell 5, Wilson 6.

Fgs. 21/45, 3 pts. 2/12, Fts. 11/22, Rebs. 22.

Carlisle Co. 55
Calloway Co. 42

01-19-96 - Away

Carlisle County's Kris Garrett scored 19 points, including four 3 pointers and the Comets made 9 of 14 free throws in the fourth quarter to hold off Calloway County.

The win was the third for the Comets over the regions higher rated teams. They beat Graves Co. and Marshall Co. earlier this season.

Chris O'Neill added 14 points for Carlisle, while Eric Wilson contributed 9.

For Calloway three players scored in double figures with Brad Duncan scoring 13. David Greene and Josh McKeel added 12 points apiece.

Calloway….....7 22 30 42
Carlisle….....10 21 40 55

Calloway (42)
Anderson 3, Duncan 13, Greene 12, McKeel 12, Morton, Seibner 2, Stonecipher, Yezerski.
Fgs. 18/47, 3 pts. 3/11 (Greene, Duncan, Anderson), Fts. 3/6, Fouls 13.

Carlisle (55)
Booker 2, Draper 2, Garrett 19, O'Neill 14, D. Wilson 3, E. Wilson 9, J. Wilson 6.
Fgs. 18/34, 3 pts. 6/9 (Garrett 4, J. Wilson 2), Fts. 11/18, Fouls 13.

All A Tourn.
1st Round
Johnson's Outburst
Lifts C.F.S. Past Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 37
C. F. S. 42
01-24-96 - Away

Chris Johnson scored Christian Fellowship's last 12 points and the Eagles stopped Carlisle County 42-37 at the First Region Boys' All A Classic on Wednesday.

Mayfield downed Murray 62-44 in the second game.

In the opener, Johnson scored 17 of his game-high 28 points in the fourth period, as the Eagles overcame a six point (27-21) deficit at the start of the quarter. Johnson's basket with 4:05 remaining gave Christian Fellowship the lead for good, 32-31. After the Eagles took a three-point lead inside two minutes to play, Carlisle closed to within 36-35 on a Chris O'Neill hoop with 1:27 left, but Johnson connected on six free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Barry Etheridge added 10 points and a game-high 12 rebounds for Christian Fellowship.

Garrett led the Comets with 13 points.

C.F.S.…….....9 18 21 42
Carlisle…….....6 12 27 37

Christian Fellowship (42)
Etheridge 10, Johnson 28, Lamb, Logsdon 2, Lones, Owen, T. Patterson 2, Taylor, Wallace, J. Patterson.
Field Goals 14/52, 3 Pointers 4/22 (Johnson 4), Free throws 10/15, Fouls 11, Rebs 34.

Carlisle (37)
Booker 4, Bowles, Draper 2, Garrett 13, O'Neill 7, D. Wilson 2, E. Wilson 4, J. Wilson 5.
Field Goals 7/50, 3 pointers 1/14 (Garrett), Free throws 2/4, Fouls 19, Rebs. 21.

Hickman Co. 52
Carlisle Co 46
02-03-96 - Home

Using free throws and Kevin Harper, the Hickman Falcons took off on a 33-21 second half run, that locked up a First District victory.

Harper scored 13 of his 23 points in the second half and grabbed 15 rebounds for the Falcons. Hickman hit just 16 of 33 free throws, but that gave them a 10 point margin over Carlisle.

The Comets hit just 2 of 20 from three point range and were led by Chris O'Neill's 12 points and Kris Garrett with 10.

Hickman…..13 19 32 52
Carlisle…...13 15 21 46

Hickman (52)
Alexander 5, Byassee 5, Harper 23, Jones, Kelly 3, Knox 3, Naranjo 13.
Fgs. 16/39, 3 pts. 2/10 (Knox, Naranjo), Fts. 16/33, Fouls 14.

Carlisle (46)
Booker 5, Draper, Garrett 10, O'Neill 12, Shuemaker 3, D. Wilson 8, E. Wilson 2, J. Wilson 6.
Fgs. 19/64, 3 pts. 2/20 (Booker, D. Wilson), Fts. 6/9, Fouls 23.

Tilghman 77
Carlisle Co. 47
02-06-96 - Away

The giant-killers ran out of ammunition.

Carlisle Co., whose reputation had grown by leaps and bounds with upset victories this season at Graves and Marshall Counties, was no match for Tilghman Tuesday night.

The Comets shot 32% from the field, trailed by 18 less than two minutes into the second quarter and eventually fell behind by as many as 32 in a 77-47 loss.

"We had good games offensively against Graves and Marshall, but we didn't tonight and you can't beat a team like Tilghman shooting like that," Carlisle coach John Tyler said. "We've been in an offensive slump. We shot about 25% in the All A Classic (in a loss to Christian Fellowship) and 25% (in a loss) against Hickman Co., before tonight's game."

Tilghman, meanwhile, smoked at 58%. Brandon Warfield, who led Tilghman with 17 pts., hit 8 of 13 shots. John Smith and John Moore, scoring 15 and 14, respectively, combined to hit 14 of 21.

"The reason we shot that well is because every player was willing to give the ball up, to make that extra pass," Tilghman coach Bill Chumbler said. "And our defense made a big difference in the game. Our defense provided us with some high percentage shots."

Shots like lay-ups and stuffs.

Tilghman used an early 13-0 run to take a 17-4 lead. Moore started the run with a put-back and it continued like this: a steal and a slam by Chris Sivels, a Sivels' steal resulting in a lay-up by Moore, a fastbreak lay-up by Warfield, a lay-in and ft. by Sivels assisted by Warfield, and a steal and a lay-up by Warfield.

"We threw it, they took it and then they were gone." Tyler said. "Billy had them ready tonight. They snuffed us out real quick."

Tilghman pushed the lead to 26-8 early in the second period on buckets by Smith and Brandon Moore and a Sivels' ft..

Carlisle rallied behind Kris Garrett, who led all scorers with 18 pts. Garrett hit a 3-pointer, was fouled, and added the ft. for a 4 pt. play, and Chris O'Neill's put-back of a missed ft. cut the lead to 7, 33-26 at the half.

John Moore scored quickly to start the third period. Smith followed with a hoop inside, and after Warfield stole a O'Neill pass and went in for a lay-up, Tyler was forced to call time, his team now down 13 at 39-26.

"That was kind of good for us that Carlisle cut the lead to 7 at halftime," Chumbler said. "It gave me the chance to do some chewing out and we came out the second half and cranked it up."

"The first few minutes of the second half are always important. If they score the first 6 pts. of the second half instead of us, it's a 1 pt. ballgame.

"The Tornado led by as many as 17 in the third period and hit 13 of 17 shots in the final quarter en route to a game-high lead of 75-44.

Carlisle, 11-6, defeated Graves Co, now the states 6 ranked team, 57-56 earlier this season and downed Marshall Co. 79-70.

The Comets are the only area team to defeat those teams this season, with the exception of games played among the Eagles, Marshall's and Tornado's.

Tilghman, 21-2, has now won 12 straight, tying a mark set earlier this year by Graves and snapped by Carlisle. The Tornado, ranked 7th in the state, has 5 games left. Tilghman's final two contests will be at home against University Heights, ranked No. 2 state-wide, on Feb. 19th and home the following night with Graves.

Carlisle….…....8 26 35 47
Tilghman….....21 33 49 77

Carlisle (47)
Booker 1, Bowles 3, Garrett 18, O'Neill 12, Shuemaker 1, D. Wilson, E. Wilson 4, J. Wilson 8.
Fgs. 15/47, 3 pts. 3/13.

Tilghman (77)
Warfield 17, Brown 4, Colman, Shumpert, B. Moore 10, Roach, Titsworth 4, Sivels 11, Goodyke, Smith 15, J. Moore 14.
Fgs. 34/59, 3 pts 0/3.

Carlisle Co. 60
Fulton Co. 57
02-09-96 - Away

The ejection of leading Comet scorer Chris O'Neill fired up his teammates, who outscored their First District rivals 23-16 in the third quarter and held on in the stretch against the Pilots.

Eric Wilson scored eight of his 21 points in that stretch for Carlisle, while Jerry Wilson added 16 and David Wilson 10.

Marty Dinwiddie had 19 for the Pilots, who never got closer than three in the final period. Byron Tucker and J.R. Winters added 13 each.

Carlisle….….....11 22 45 60
Fulton Co….....10 23 39 57

Carlisle (60)
Booker 6, Gill 3, O'Neill 3, Shuemaker, D. Wilson 10, E. Wilson 21, J. Wilson 16, Yarbrough.
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 1 (J. Wilson), Fts. 19/30, Fouls 9, Rebs. 34.

Fulton Co. (57)
Coulson 3, Craddock 3, Dean, Dinwiddie 19, G. Hagler, W. Hagler 6, Mangold, Polk, Tucker 13, Wilson, Winters 13.
Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 4 (Tucker, W. Hagler, Dinwiddie, Winters), Fts. 3/8, Fouls 23, Rebs. 23.

Fulton City 61
Carlisle Co. 47
02-13-96 - Away

Fulton City got double-digit nights from three players as it clinched first place in the First District with the win over Carlisle County.

The Bulldog defense got to the Comets the most in the second quarter, where the visitors turned it over 12 times. J.T. Saxton led all scorers with 16 points for Fulton City, while Grant Gearhart added 14 points and Daniel Lusk 10. Gearhart also made half of the Bulldogs six 3 pointers.

Carlisle also had three double-digit scorers and one player sank three treys. Jerry Wilson led the Comets with 13 points and had a hot hand behind the long distance arc. Kris Garrett and Eric Wilson also shined for Carlisle.

Carlisle….....….11 25 38 49
Fulton City.....18 35 43 61

Carlisle (49)
Booker 2, Garrett 11, O'Neill 9, Shuemaker 2, D. Wilson 2, E. Wilson 10, J. Wilson 13.
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 4 (J. Wilson 3, Garrett), Fts. 5/11, Fouls 26, Rebs. 30.
Fulton City (61)
Dickerson 1, Gerahart 14, Gray 5, Hendrix, Lusk 10, Mitchell 1, Nanney 4, Neal, Pate 1, Saxton 16, Vinson 5, Williams 4.
Fgs. 19, 3 pts. 6 (Gerahart 3, Lusk 2, Saxton), Fts. 17/32, Fouls 13, Rebs. 23.

Carlisle Co. 57
Heath 65
02-17-96 - Away

In a make-up varsity game, getting more than 60 points was key as Heath defeated Carlisle County Saturday night.

Three players scored in double figures for Heath as the Pirates won the game 65-57. Kyle Wellington led with 16 points, while teammates Brent Charles (14 pts.) and Tony Austin (13 pts.) also starred.

Kris Garrett led all scorers with 20 points and a pair of 3-pointers for the Comets.

Carlisle….…....13 21 33 57
Heath…..……...20 32 44 65
Carlisle (57)
Shuemaker 11, Booker 7, D. Wilson 3, Draper 4, E. Wilson 2, Gill, J. Wilson 4, Bowles 2, Garrett 20, Yarbrough 4.
Field Goals 20, 3 pointers 3 (Garrett 2, Shuemaker), Free throws 12/18, Fouls 24.
Heath (65)
Charles 14, Morrison 4, Austin 13, Wellington 16, Massey 9, Warford 9, Schaberg.

Carlisle Co. 75
Ballard Co. 61
02-23-96 - Home

Four players scored in double figures for Carlisle County as it had little trouble with Ballard Co.

Chris O'Neill led the Comets with 18 points, followed by Kris Garrett, Eric Wilson, and Jerry Wilson. Both Garrett and Jerry Wilson sank a pair of 3 pointers. Ethan Flint and Jamie Smith each had 10 points for the Bombers.

Ballard….…....10 19 35 61
Carlisle…..…….22 37 53 75
Ballard (61)
Abell 5, Burnley, Flint 10, Fritz, Green 5, Kiney, Lassiter, Overstreet 2, Polivick 2, Quetermous 8, Rials 2, Smith 10, Thomas, Holloway 13, Roberts 4.
Fgs. 21/46, 3 pts. 4/8 (Holloway 2, Abell, Flint), Fts. 15/26, Fouls 16.
Carlisle (75)
Booker 8, Bowles, Draper 2, Garrett 15, Gill, Grogan 4, Hutchinson, O'Neill 18, Shuemaker 2, D. Wilson, E. Wilson 13, J. Wilson 11, Yarbrough.
Fgs. 28/50, 3 pts. 4/11 (Garrett 2, J. Wilson 2), Fts. 15/22, Fouls 16.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Hickman's Streak
Comes At Right Time

Carlisle Co. 51
Hickman Co. 62
03-01-96 - Away

Hickman Co. outscored Carlisle Co. 17-9 in the third quarter, then hit it's fts. in the final quarter to defeat the Comets 62-51 in the opening round of the First District Tourn.

"We got the ball in the places where we needed to score," Hickman Co. coach Henry Edwards said.

That included getting the ball into the hands of Cory Knox, who hit a pair of 3-pointers, and substitute front-liner Shaun Boaz, who hit a pair of short-range jumpers.

The Falcons moved the ball around and found Knox open for a 3-point jumper that made it 41-29 with under a minute to play in the third period. Kevin Harper, one of 5 Falcons in double figures, followed with a blocked shot. The ball was then tipped ahead to him, he was fouled, and hit the first of two fts. as Hickman reached its largest lead, 42-29.

The Falcons are now 11-14 and will advance to the First Region Tourn. for the third time in 3 years. Earlier this season the Falcons reached the finals of the All A Classic, losing to Mayfield.

Hickman's sharpshooters included Harper, who led his team with 15 pts. and hit 6 of 9 shots from 2-point range, and Bo Alexander, who scored 13 and hit 5 of 6 shots.

Carlisle, meanwhile, suffered terribly from the field in the third period. The Comets (13-9) hit their first 2 shots of the quarter to take a 28-27 lead, but then missed 12 of its next 13 shots.

"We've had games like this before, where our shots just did not fall. I was just hoping that it wouldn't happen in this game," Carlisle coach John Tyler said. "But you have to give Hickman credit. They answered us every time and we didn't answer them."

"Carlisle had trouble hitting the basket (in the third quarter), but I thought we had something to do with that. We contested most of their shots," Edwards said.

A T.J. Booker 3 trimmed the deficit to 48-40 with 5:24 remaining, but Boaz hit back-top-back shots on the block and the Falcons connected on 8 of 9 fts. the rest of the way.

"We've really been struggling at the ft. line, but did extremely well there tonight," Edwards said. The teams split during the regular season. Carlisle winning 53-50 and Hickman 52-46.

In a give-and-take first quarter, Carlisle took a 13-11 lead on an inside move by Eric Wilson, but Harper did the same moments later to knot the contest after one quarter.

Neither team led more than 2 pts. in the second quarter. With 1:33 remaining in the half, O'Neill scored on the post to tie it at 23, but Boaz returned the favor to give the Falcons a 25-23 advantage.

Hickman hit 19 of 38 shots, while Carlisle made 17 of 43. Kris Garrett, one of 4 seniors on Carlisle's team to start most of the past 3 seasons, led his team with 18 pts. Classmates Jerry Wilson and Chris O'Neill added 10 and 9, respectively, and senior T.J. Booker pitched in 6.

Hickman….....13 25 42 62
Carlisle….…....13 23 32 51
Hickman (62)
Alexander 13, Boaz 11, Byassee, Harper 15, Jones, Knox 12, Naranjo 11.
Fgs. 23, 3 pts. 4 (Knox 3, Naranjo), Fts. 12/17, Fouls 11.
Carlisle (51)
Booker 6, Draper, Garrett 18, O'Neill 9,
Shuemaker 1, D. Wilson 1, E. Wilson 6, J. Wilson 2.
Fgs. 17, 3 pts. 5 (Garrett 2, J. Wilson 2, Booker), Fts. 12/17, Fouls 15.

1995-96

	St. Mary	Lyon Co.	Hickman Co.	Heath	Christian Fellowship	Ballard Co.	Union Co.	Webster Co.	Marshall Co.	Murray	Fulton City	Fulton Co.
Kris Garrett	6	15(3)	9	14(2)	21(3)	11	7(1)	8(2)	13(1)	5(1)	9(1)	13(2)
Jerry Wilson	16	12(4)	11(1	11(1)	16(1)	20(4)	11(1)	13(1	11(2)	12(1)	12(3)	16
Chris O'Neill	18	12	22	16	19	5	16	19	19	9	10	12
T.J. Booker	14	12	9(1)	12(1)	0	9(1)	4	7	22(22	3(1)	14(1)	
David Wilson	12	8(2)	2	6	6	4	1	8	9	2	5	6
Eric Wilson	0	2	0	6	12	13	6	1	2	10	4	8
Jeremy Draper	2		0	0	0	6	2	4	3	2	2	2
Todd Shuemaker		4	0	1	0	2	0	0				0
Shane Shupe	0		0	3		0						
Eric Yarbrough		0		0		0						
Korie Bowles				0		5		0		2	0	
Clint Gill				0		0	0					
Brian Grogan				0								
David Hutchinson				0		0						
Mark Smith						0						

1995-96

	Graves Co.	Calloway Co.	Christian Fellowship	Hickman Co.	Tilghman	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Heath	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	3-Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Kris Garrett	14	19(4)	13(1	10	18(1)		11(1)	20(1	15(2)	18(2)	28	21	269	12.81
Jerry Wilson	15	6(2)	5	6	8	16(1)	13(3)	4	11(2)	10(2)	29	22	255	11.59
Chris O'Neill	6	14	7	12	12	4	9		18	9	0	21	268	12.76
T.J. Booker	7	2	4	5(1)	1	6	2	7	8	6(1)	9	21	154	7.33
David Wilson	3	3	2	8(1)	0	10	2	3	0	1	3	21	101	4.59
Eric Wilson	9	9	4	2	4	21	10	2	13	6	0	22	144	6.54
Jeremy Draper	3	2	2	0				4	2	0	0	18	36	2
Todd Shuemaker				3	1	0	2	11(1	2	1	1	15	27	1.8
Shane Shupe											0	4	3	0.75
Eric Yarbrough						0		4	2		0	6	6	1
Korie Bowles			0		3			2	0		0	9	12	1.33
Clint Gill						3		0	0		0	6	3	0.5
Brian Grogan									4		0	2	4	2
David Hutchinson									0		0	3	0	0
Mark Smith											0	1	0	0
					Team Record - 13-9					Per Game Avg. - 58.27	70		1282	

Career Games		3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Chris O'Neill	84	0	8	259	309	268	844	10.04
Jerry Wilson	84	55	19	142	243	255	659	7.84
T.J. Booker	71	33		147	177	154	478	6.73
Kris Garrett	78	72	0	201	316	269	786	10.07
Jeremy Draper	30	0			14	36	50	1.66
Shane Shupe	26	0	0	0	47	3	50	1.92
Erick Yarbrough	16	0		26		6	32	2
Brian Grogan	5	0		0		4	4	0.8
David Hutchinson	7	0			2	0	2	0.28

1996-1997

HEAD COACH - JOHN TYLER

ASSISTANT COACH - BURLIN BROWER

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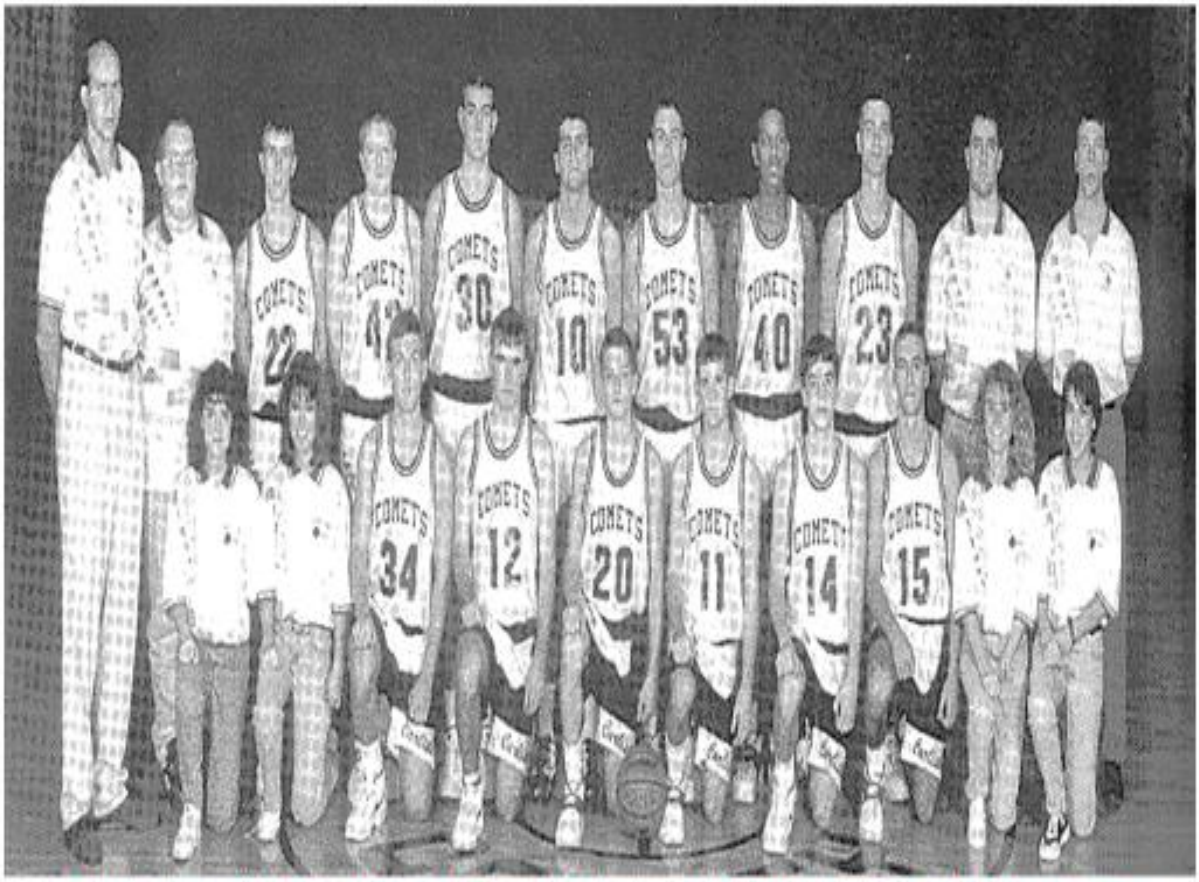
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1996-97

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-26-96	St. Mary	**56-65**	A	
11-30-96	Lyon Co.	50-45	A	**- WEST KY. SHOOTOUT**
12-02-96	Marshall Co.	**54-80**	A	
12-10-96	Hickman Co.	**42-57**	H	
12-12-96	Murray	**58-60**	A	
12-20-96	Ballard Co.	**53-71**	A	**- McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-21-96	Heath	**47-61**	A	**- McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-21-96	Christian Fellowship	64-40	A	**- McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. 3RD RD.**
12-27-96	Ballard Co.	**54-63**	A	**- MARSHALL CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-03-97	Fulton City	**57-67**	H	
01-06-97	Mayfield	**45-65-**	H	
01-07-97	Lone Oak	84-75	A	
01-17-97	Calloway Co.	**41-43**	A	
01-21-97	Murray	**56-57**	A	**- ALL A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-31-97	Heath	48-42 **ot**	H	
02-01-97	Hickman Co.	**31-56**	A	
02-04-97	Tilghman	**43-60**	H	
02-07-97	Fulton Co.	**52-60**	H	
02-11-97	Fulton City	**59-76**	A	
02-14-97	Butler Co.	69-53	H	
02-17-97	Fulton Co.	**66-71**	A	
02-21-97	Ballard Co.	**52-63**	H	
02-24-97	Hickman Co.	**33-54**	A	**- 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 5-18

1997 Comets



Coach John Tyler, Michael Toon (Manager), Greg Jones, Roq Martin, Eric O'Neill, Eric Wilson, Korie Bowles, Marcus Hamilton, David Wilson, Coach Brian O'Neill, Coach Burlin Brower, Regina Clark and Jill Boyd (Managers) Todd Shuemaker, Steven Green, Brian Hobbs, Andy Hayden, Corey Peek, Clint Gill, Katy Thompson and Wendy Davis (Managers)

1996-1997

HEAD COACH - JOHN TYLER

ASSISTANT COACH - BURLIN BROWER

ASSISTANT COACH - BRIAN O'NEILL

FINAL RECORD - 5-18

1996-97 COMET ROSTER:
Korie Bowles, Eric Wilson, Clint Gill, Greg Jones, David Wilson, Steven Green, Todd Shuemaker, Marcus Hamilton, Andy Hayden, Brian Hobbs, Corey Peek, Kole Kiraly, Eric O'Neill, Roq Martin.

Bulldogs' Bite
Looks Serious

Long the First District's doormats, the Fulton City Bulldogs bared their teeth late last season.

A postseason surge earned Fulton it's First District championship since 1964 and with 6'8" center Bradley Nanney in tow, the Bulldogs could easily repeat.

"Anytime you have a Division 1 signee, the expectations are higher than normal," said coach Sam Miller, referring to Nanny, who inked a letter of intent with the University of Richmond last week. "But he's got a good supporting cast, and his team has set some high goals.

"I think our starting five can match up with anybody in the region, but we don't have much depth right now. Early in the season, if we can take care of business, we can get some of those guys in and try to develop a little depth."

The Bulldogs could face stiff challenges from Hickman Co. and Fulton Co., both of which return three starters. Carlisle Co. was hit heavily by graduation but the Comets could be a factor by March.

Carlisle County

Comets coach John Tyler lost seven seniors, three of which were two and three year starters and starts another season with another small, scrappy, guard dominated lineup.

"Everybody else in the district has the bulk of their systems back," Tyler said, and we lost 5 of our top 7."

The Comets return cousins Eric and David Wilson, both in the 6'1" and 6'2" range, and hope that 6'2" senior Korie Bowles can succeed in the low post.

"Eric has a nice shot within 15 ft. and he can take it out a little farther and David can shoot the ball," Tyler said. "Korie was hurt some last year and played some for us after Christmas, but he really never got back into the flow."

Greg Jones, a 5'11" junior, moved in from Oklahoma over the summer, and has a good shot at becoming the Comets' point guard. Also in the mix are 5'8" junior Clint Gill and sophomore Todd Shuemaker.

Comets Roster

Seniors: Korie Bowles (6'2"), Eric Wilson (6'1").
Juniors: Clint Gill (5'8"), Greg Jones (5'11"), David Wilson (6'2"), Kole Kiraly (6'4").
Sophomores: Steven Green (5'10"), Eric O'Neill (6'3"), Todd Shuemaker (5'11").
Freshmen: Marcus Hamilton (6'0"), Andy Hayden (5'7"), Brian Hobbs (5'7"), Cory Peek (5'8"), Roq Martin (5'10").

Viking Cagers
Pull Upset

St. Mary 65
Carlisle Co. 56
11-26-96 - Away

St. Mary outscored Carlisle County 11-5 down the stretch to take a 65-56 boys high school basketball decision Tuesday.

Carlisle entered the fourth period trailing 46-39, but closed the gap to 54-51 before the Vikings pulled away.

St. Mary's Josh Howard led all scorers with 18 points. Teammate Corey Jenks added 15 and John Ellis 11.

Korie Bowles and Todd Shuemaker tossed in 12 points each for Carlisle.

Carlisle…..…...12 24 39 56
St. Mary…..…..10 27 46 65

Carlisle (56)
Bowles 12, E. Wilson 8, Gill 7, Jones 9, D. Wilson 4, Green 4, Shuemaker 12, Hamilton.
Fgs. 18, 3 pts. 3 (Jones 2, Shuemaker), Fts. 11/19, Fouls 22, Rebs. 14.

St. Mary (65)
Crider 2, Ellis 11, Guidry 7, Howard 18, Jenks 15, Ma. Mangino 4, Mi. Mangino 2, Warren, Wurth, Hyberger, Hosea 6.
Fgs. 18, 3 pts. 3 (Guidry, Jenks, Hosea), Fts. 20/27, Fouls 18, Rebs. 18.

West Ky. Shootout
Comets, Falcons
Win Shootout

Carlisle Co. 50
Lyon Co. 45
11-30-96 - Away

First District hosts Carlisle County and Hickman County took advantage of their Fifth District visitors in the West Kentucky Shootout Saturday as the Comets and Falcons won the two game tournament.

Carlisle won its first game of the season with a 50-45 victory over Lyon Co., in the tournament opener. The Comets went on a 17-5 third quarter run to recover from a 22-21 halftime deficit, then never let the Lyons closer than five the rest of the way.

Carlisle….....7 21 38 50
Lyon Co.....8 22 27 45

Carlisle (50)
D. Wilson 4, Bowles 8, E. Wilson 16, Gill 7, Shuemaker 12, Jones 3, Green.
Fgs. 19/45, 3 pts. 1/5 (Jones), Fts. 11/16, Fouls 12, Rebs. 28.

Lyon (45)
Cummins 20, Shockley, English 17, Skinner 4, Marton 2, Walls, Spurlock, Davis, Baker, McDanials 2.
Fgs. 20/45, 3 pts. 2/9 (English 2), Fts. 3/4, Fouls 18.

Marshall Tops Carlisle
After Foul-Prone Start

Marshall Co. 80
Carlisle Co. 54
12-02-96 - Away

Marshall County overcame some early foul trouble to open its season with an 80-54 victory over Carlisle County in boys' high school basketball on Monday.

Several Marshall starters rode the bench in the second quarter with foul trouble. The Marshall's committed 14 fouls in the first half and the Comets cut a 12-point first quarter deficit to six by the half. Once the Marshall's starters were back in the game for the third quarter, the lead ballooned again.

Josh Culp led the Marshall's with 17 points and five rebounds. Keith Morton had 16 points and Mark English added 11 to the Marshall cause.

Todd Shuemaker had the hot hand for Carlisle with (18 pts.) and three 3-pointers. Eric (14 pts.) and David (13 pts.) Wilson also added to the Comet effort.

Carlisle.....13 35 43 54
Marshall…..…...25 41 61 80

Carlisle (54)
Bowles 3, Gill 2, Green, Hamilton, Hayden 2, Hobbs, Jones 2, Peek, Shuemaker 18, D. Wilson 13, E. Wilson 14.
Fgs. 17/36, 3 pts. 5/13 (Shuemaker 3, Bowles, D. Wilson), Fts. 15/21, Fouls 12, Rebs. 11.

Marshall (80)
Burkeen 9, Culp 17, English 11, Henson 7, Larkin 4, Lovett 9, Moore 2, Morns, Morton 16, Phillips 5, Powell.
Fgs. 35/47, 3 pts.(Burkeen, English, Lovett), Fts. 7/12, Fouls 22, Rebs. 20.

Hickman Co. 57
Carlisle Co. 42
12-10-96 - Home

Hickman County won its first district opener over archrival Carlisle county, behind seventeen points from Shawn Boaz and fifteen from Scottie Kelley, who combined with running mate Cory Knox to hit five 3-pointers.

David Wilson led Carlisle in scoring with 18 points and Todd Shuemaker added 11.

Carlisle….....7 20 29 42
Hickman.....12 31 45 57

Hickman (57)
Alexander 4, Boaz 17, Byassee 7, Kelly 15, Knox 11, Larkins 3.
Fgs. 16/22, 3 pts. 5 (Knox 3, Kelly 2), Fts. 10/13, Fouls 14.

Carlisle (42)
Bowles 2, Hayden 7, Shuemaker 11, D. Wilson 18, E. Wilson 4.
Fgs. 12/32, 3 pts. 3 (D. Wilson 2, Hayden), Fts 9/15, Fouls 10.

Murray 60
Carlisle Co. 58
12-12-96 - Away

Anderson Howard scored all 11 of his points in the fourth quarter to help Murray beat Carlisle County in a thriller.

The Tigers led by as much as 10 in the third quarter, before Todd Shuemaker and Eric Wilson took charge for the Comets. Wilson scored eight points in the third and Shuemaker added seven as Carlisle overtook Murray for a 3 point lead entering the fourth.

In that final period, Howard caught fire, as Murray came from behind, with all three of his team's 3-pointers. The Tigers regained the lead and were up by as much as five, before a long distance basket from the Comets David Wilson provided the final margin.

Shuemaker led all scorers with 23 points, including five 3-pointers. Eric Wilson added 17 to

the Carlisle cause. Kenney Hammonds topped the Tigers with 18 points, while Brent Underhill was close behind with 15-points.
Carlisle.....7 27 44 58
Murray…….....15 33 41 60
Carlisle (58)
Bowles 2, Gill 2, Green 4, Hayden 3, Shuemaker 23, D. Wilson 7, E. Wilson 17.
Fgs. 21/52, 3 pts. 7/16 (Shuemaker 5, Hayden, E Wilson), Fts. 9/13, Fouls 15, Rebs. 18.
Murray (60)
Foster, Hammonds 18, Holton 4, Aa. Howard 6, An. Howard 11, Hudspeth 4, Plan 2, Underhill 15.
Fgs. 24/41, 3 pts. 3/8 (An. Howard 3), Fts. 9/11, Fouls 13, Rebs. 19

Heath Tourn.
1st Round

Ballard Co. 71
Carlisle Co. 53
12-20-96 - Away

After a tight first half, Ballard Memorial exploded on both sides of the ball to defeat Carlisle County in the opener of the Heath Invitational.

The Bombers only had a one-point lead at the half, but the third quarter proved to be the turning point. Ballard increased its defensive pressure and forced more turnovers and sloppy shooting out of the Comets. On the offensive side of the ledger, the Bombers stopped Carlisle 21-5 in the third.

Dustin Roberts and Jamie Smith were Ballard's leaders during this game. Roberts led with 26 points ,while Smith was also impressive at 24 points. During the third, Roberts scored 10 points, while Smith added nine. Todd Shuemaker led the way for Carlisle with 21 points and a pair of 3-pointers.
Ballard…..11 27 48 71
Carlisle…..11 26 31 53
Ballard (71)
Bumley, Dowdy, Evans, Flint 7, Green 5, Holloway 2, Mayes 1, Polivick 2, Powell 2, Renfrow, Roberts 26, Smith 24, Underwood.
Fgs. 29, 3 pts. 1 (Green), Fts. 12/20, Fouls 18,
Carlisle (53)
Bowles 4, Gill 2, Green Hamilton, Hayden 6, Hobbs 7, Jones, Kiraly, O'Neill, Peek, Shuemaker 21, D. Wilson 7, E. Wilson 6.
Fgs. 18, 3 pts. 3 (Shuemaker 2, Hobbs), Fts. 14/18, Fouls 18.

Heath Tourn.
2nd Round

Heath 61
Carlisle Co. 47
12-21-96 - Away

By turning off the Carlisle County offense in the second half, Heath picked up its third straight win and stayed unbeaten along with Ballard Co. in the Heath Invitational round-robin tournament Friday night.

The Pirates outscored Carlisle 34-16 in the second half to erase a four-point halftime deficit in the 61-47 victory.

Dante Coleman and Kevin Bellamy gave the Pirates an offensive boost in the second half, but it was the defense that did the damage, limiting Carlisle to just six points in the third period.

Carlisle's top scorer Todd Shuemaker collected all 14 of his points in the first half.

Coleman scored 13, while Bellamy, Tony Austin and Preston Hesley all scored a dozen for Heath.
Carlisle.....13 31 37 47
Heath…….....10 27 40 61
Carlisle (47)
Bowles 5, Gill 4, Jones 2, Peek 1, Shuemaker 14, D. Wilson 11, E. Wilson 10.
Fgs. 15, 3 pts. 5 (D. Wilson 2, Bowles, Shuemaker 2,), Fts. 12/14, Fouls 17, Rebs. 24.
Heath (61)
Abanatha, Allen, Austin 12, Bellamy 12, Bradley 4, Colman 13, Harris Hasley 12, Taylor 8, Whisman.
Fgs. 22/37, 3 pts. 4 (Colman 2, Taylor 2), Fts. 13/18, Fouls 10, Rebs. 25.

Heath Tourn.
3rd Round

Christian Fellowship 40
Carlisle Co. 64
12-21-96 - Away

After trailing by one point after the first quarter, Carlisle Co. poured on the pressure and Christian Fellowship wilted in the third place game of the Heath invitational.

Todd Shuemaker continued to shine from behind the 3-point arc for the Comets. He sank four long distance baskets on his way to a game high 24 points. Nine of those came in the second quarter when Carlisle began to pull away.

David Wilson and Korie Bowles had 10 points apiece for the Comets. Joe Davis led the Eagles with 12 points.
Carlisle (2-6).....12 33 53 64
C.F.A……13 25 35 40
Carlisle (64)
Bowles 10, Gill 4, Green, Hamilton 2, Hayden 3, Jones 5, O'Neill, Shuemaker 24, D. Wilson 10, E. Wilson 6.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. 7 (Hayden, Jones, Bowles, Shuemaker 4), Fts. 9/13, Fouls 11.
C.F.A. (40)
Bennett, Ja. Davis 2, Jo. Davis 112, Garrand 5, Klatt 11, Rich 7, Sircy, Wallace 2, Winsted 1.
Fgs. 17, 3-pts. 1 (Rich), Fts. 5/9, Fouls 11.

Marshall Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Ballard Co. 63
Carlisle Co. 54
12-27-96 - Away

Dustin Roberts and Ethan Flint scored 16 points apiece as Ballard Co. handled Carlisle County to earn a shot at Marshall.

Jamie Smith (14 points) and Travis (11) also hit double figures for the Bombers, who also hit 15 of 19 from the free throw line. David Wilson scored 11 points for Carlisle.
Carlisle…..8 20 34 54
Ballard…..16 30 46 63
Ballard (63)
J. Smith 14, Holloway, Flint 16, Powell 11, Roberts 16, Polivick 2, Mayes 4, Renfro, Underwood.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. 0, Fts. 15/19, Fouls 17.
Carlisle 54)
D. Wilson 11, Bowles 6, E. Wilson 4, Hayden 10, Gill 6, Shuemaker 8, Jones 9, Peek.
Fgs. 19, 3 pts. 2 (Hayden, Jones), Fts. 14/21, Fouls 20.

Fulton City 67
Carlisle Co. 57
01-03-97 - Home

Grant Gearhart scored seven of his 17 points in the final quarter as Fulton City leapt from a 49-47 third quarter lead to a 10-point win in a First District contest.

Ben Mitchell scored 18 to lead the Bulldogs, whose 18-11 early 1st quarter lead turned into a 32-31 halftime deficit. Bradley Nanney added 14 and Cornelious Dickerson 10 for the Bulldogs.

Carlisle was topped by David Wilson with 21. Korie Bowles added 15 and Eric Wilson 11 for the Comets.
Fulton City.....18 31 49 67
Carlisle…….....11 32 47 57
Fulton City (67)
Brown, Dickerson 10, Gearhart 17, Gerbert 2, Hendrix, Mitchell 18, Nanny 14, Neal 3, Pate 3, Vinson, Williams.
Fgs. 23/38, 3 pts. 3/8 (Mitchell 2, Pate), Fts. 18/34, Fouls 19.
Carlisle (57)
Bowles 15, Gill 4, Green, Hamilton, Hobbs, Jones, Peek, Shuemaker 6, D. Wilson 21, E. Wilson 11.
Fgs. 22/50, 3 pts. 4/10 (Bowles, Shuemaker, D. Wilson, E. Wilson), Fts. 9/16, Fouls 28.

Carlisle Co. 45
Mayfield 65
01-06-97 - Home

Alonzo Sherrill scored 10 of his game-high 21 pts. in the first period as Mayfield downed Carlisle Co.

Mayfield led 30-22 at intermission and held the Comets scoreless for the first four minutes of the second half. The Cardinals closed out the game outpointing Carlisle 21-13 in the final stanza.

Jeremy Tyler added 14 pts. for Mayfield.

David Wilson paced Carlisle with 12 pts.
Carlisle.....14 22 32 45
Mayfield…….....16 30 44 65
Fgs. 22/39, 3 pts. 5/8 (Sherrill 4, Scholsser), Fts. 16/23, Fouls 17.
Carlisle (45)
D. Wilson 12, Jones 2, Bowles 6, Hayden 6, E. Wilson 7, Hobbs 1, Gill 2, Shuemaker 9, Hamilton, Green, Peek.
Fgs. 15/36, 3 pts. 4/13 (Shuemaker 3, Hayden), Fts. 11/18, Fouls 14

Carlisle Co. 84
Lone Oak 75
01-07-97 - Away

Lone Oak was in foul trouble from the beginning as three of its key players fouled out, giving the Comets an advantage in a game with 62 fouls called. Lone Oak had 38 fouls called against them.

Carlisle used free throws to secure the win over the Flash hitting 42 of 55 as Lone Oak made 23 of 35. In the second half Carlisle had 32 of 42 free throws.

Sophomore Todd Shuemaker led overall scoring with 24 for the Comets. Clint Gill followed in team scoring for Carlisle with 20.

Lone Oak senior Kyle Sanderson led this team with 21.
Carlisle…..24 44 64 84
Lone Oak.....7 36 56 75
Carlisle (84)
Bowles 8, Gill 20, Hamilton, Hayden 10, Hobbs 1, Jones 3, Shuemaker 24, D. Wilson 3, E. Wilson 15.
Fgs 18/39, 3 pts 2 (Hayden, Shuemaker 5), Fts. 42/55, Fouls 24, Rebs. 23.
Lone Oak (75)
Cargill 2, Cashon, Duncan 13, Flood 2, Gosa, Long 6, Sanderson 21, Shelby 11, Stone 20
Fgs. 25/43, 3 pts. 2 (Stone 2), Fts. 23/35, Fouls 38, Rebs. 21

Carlisle Co. 41
Calloway Co. 43
01-17-97 - Away

David Greene scored Calloway County's final seven points to lift the Lakers to a come-from-behind win over Carlisle County.

The game was played at a slow pace in the first half and the Comets used their patient game and eight points from Eric Wilson to build an 18-12 lead at the half. Calloway sped things up in the second half and got back into the game.

With his team down 39-36 with 2:30 left, Greene first nailed a 3-pointer to tie it up, then another one 45 seconds later to give the Lakers the lead for good. One final free throw from Greene provided the final margin.

Austin Wyatt led Calloway with 16 points and three 3-pointers, while Greene finished with 12 points.

Carlisle….....11 18 27 41
Calloway….....7 12 29 43

Carlisle (41)
Bowles 3, Gill 3, Hayden, Jones 2, Shuemaker 12, D. Wilson 9, E. Wilson 12.
Fgs. 16/49, 3 pts. 4/10 (Shuemaker 3, Bowles), Fts. 3/6, Fouls 10, Rebs. 25.

Calloway (43)
Clendenen 5, Greene 12, McKeel 10, Jo. Morton, Stonecipher, A. Wyatt 16, Yezerski.
Fgs. 15/43, 3 pts. 6/16 (A. Wyatt 3, Greene 2, Clendenen), Fts. 7/11, Fouls 10, Rebs. 29.

All A Tourn.
1st Round

Murray 57
Carlisle Co. 56
01-21-97 - Away

An offensive putback with six seconds left turned defeat into victory for Murray in the first round of the All A Classic First Region tournament at Mayfield High School.

Brent Underhill picked off the wayward shot for Murray and scored to put the Tigers ahead for good. Carlisle County set up an easy shot in the final six seconds but missed. Clint Gill had given the Comets the lead with 24 seconds left on a layup and a free throw.

Underhill scored 11, while teammate Anderson Howard scored 16 for the Tigers in the nip-in-tuck game. David Wilson scored 18 with teammates Clint Gill and Korie Bowles adding 10 each.

Carlisle….....12 26 41 57
Murray…….....5 24 40 58

Murray (58)
Andus 4, Foster 4, Hammonds 8, Holt 6, Anderson 16, Hudspeth 8, Underhill 11.

Carlisle (57)
Bowles 10, Gill 10, Hayden 8, Shuemaker 2, D. Wilson 18, E. Wilson 8.

Carlisle Co. 48
Heath 42
01-31-97 - Home

For the second night in a row Heath fell in overtime as Carlisle County outscored the Pirates 8-2 in the extra period.

Heath's Daunte Coleman hit one of two free throws to tie the game in regulation and the Comets missed a last shot at winning the nip-in-tuck game in regulation. Freshman Andy Hayden scored five of his eight points in the extra period to lockup the Comet victory.

Coleman hit three 3-pointers for 12 points for the Pirates, while Kevin Bellamy scored 15. No Comet reached double figures, but four scored 8 or more, topped by Todd Shuemaker with 9.

Carlisle…..10 17 27 40 48
Heath…….....8 19 26 40 42

Heath (42)
Abanatha, Allen 2, Bellamy 15, Bradley, Colman 12, Harris 3, Hesley 4, Whisman 6.

Carlisle (48)
Bowles 7, Gill 6, Hayden 8, Jones 2, Shuemaker 9, D. Wilson 8, E. Wilson.
Fgs. 17/51, 3 pts. 2/5 (Shuemaker, Hayden), Fts. 12/19, Fouls 18.

Hickman Co. 56
Carlisle Co. 31
02-01-97 - Away

Cory Knox did the most damage for Hickman with 15 points and three 3-pointers as the Falcons defeated Carlisle Co. 56-31 in a First District matchup last night. Bo Alexander also did his part for the Falcons by scoring 10 points.

Eric Wilson led Carlisle with 14 points.

Carlisle.....4 8 16 31
Hickman…….....9 20 29 56

Carlisle (31)
Hamilton, Hayden 5, Hobbs, Jones 3, Peek 3, Shuemaker 4, D. Wilson 2, E. Wilson 14.
Fgs. 12/37, 3 pts. 2/10 (Hayden, Peek), Fts. 5/7, Rebs. 26.

Hickman (56)
Alexander 10, Beard, Boaz 8, K. Byassee 7, R. Byassee, B. Edwards, R. Edwards 2, Kelly 6, Knox 15, Larkins 6, Lyman, Natividad 2, Sugg, Walker.
Fgs. 24/48, 3 pts 4/6 (Knox 3, Larkins), Fts. 4/7, Fouls 11, Rebs. 28.

Tilghman 60
Carlisle Co. 43
02-04-97 - Home

Although Paducah Tilghman accumulated 16 fouls to give Carlisle an advantage at the foul line, superior shooting from the field led the Tornado to victory over Carlisle.

The Tornado shot 27 of 47, while Carlisle made 14 of 47. They held a steady lead, holding an 11-point lead at the end of the first half.

Junior Terry Shumpert led Tilghman to victory with 16. Mike Brown added 12.

Carlisle…….....12 22 34 43
Tilghman…….....18 33 47 60

Carlisle (43)
Bowles, Gill 9, Green, Hayden 2, Hobbs, Jones 2, Roq Martin 3, O'Neill, Peek 2, Shuemaker 8, D. Wilson 9, E. Wilson 8.
Fgs. 14/47, 3 pts. 4/13 (Shuemaker 2, Gill, Martin), Fts. 13/16, Fouls 10.

Tilghman (60)
Brown 12, Burgdolf, Colman, Goodyke 8, Hamilton, Holt 4, Kelly 2, Pitt, Roach 8, Shumpert 16, Wilson 3, Beaton.
Fgs. 27/47, 3 pts. 0/1, Fts. 6/7, Fouls 16.

Fulton Co. 60
Carlisle Co. 52
02-07-97 - Home

Willie Hagler took over down the stretch and gave Fulton Co. the boost it needed to win the First District clash. Hagler scored 13 of his 21 points in the final quarter, when the Pilots outscored Carlisle County 19-13.

Hagler hit 9 of 11 free throws in the last quarter as Fulton County had a decisive 15-5 edge at the foul line. Carlisle made just 5 of 14 free throws.

J.R. Winters led the Pilots with 25 and Chris Coulson added 11.

Todd Shuemaker made four 3-pointers, to score 18 for Carlisle and Eric Wilson added 17.

Carlisle…….....18 31 39 52
Fulton Co.....16 30 41 60

Fulton Co. (60)
Bridges, Coulson 11, Ervin, Hagler 21, Polk 3, Wilson, Winters 25.
Fgs. 21/37, 3 pts. 3/9 (Winters 2, Coulson), Fts. 15/20, Fouls 15.

Carlisle (52)
Bowles 5, Gill 2, Hayden, Jones 2, Shuemaker 18, D. Wilson 8, E. Wilson 17.
Fgs. 21/51, 3 pts. 5/18 (Shuemaker 4, E. Wilson), Fts. 5/14, Fouls 17.

Fulton City 76
Carlisle Co. 59
02-11-97 - Away

Cornelius Dickerson poured in 25 points as Fulton City outdistanced Carlisle County in a First District matchup.

Fulton City led 54-45 entering the fourth period and put the game away, outscoring Carlisle 22-14 in the final stanza.

Bradley Nanney added 15 points and Grant Gearhart 12 for Fulton City.

Todd Shuemaker led Carlisle with 22. David Wilson and Eric Wilson added 10 each.

Fulton improves to 2-3 in district play; Carlisle is 0-5.

Carlisle…….....14 31 45 59
Fulton City.....19 40 54 76

Carlisle (59)
Bowles 2, Gill 2, Hamilton 2, Hayden 4, Jones 7, Shuemaker 22, D. Wilson 10, E. Wilson 10, Peek.
Fgs. 23, 3 pts. 7 (Shuemaker 4, D. Wilson 2, Jones), Fts. 6/6, Fouls 17.

Fulton City (76)
Brown 2, DeFreece 5, Dickerson 25, Gearhart 12, Gebert 2, Mitchell 9, Nanny 15, Williams 6, Elliott, Neal, Pate.
Fgs. 31, 3 pts. 4 (Gearhart 2, Mitchell 1, DeFreece), Fts. 10/12, Fouls 14.

Carlisle Co. 69
Butler Co. 53
02-14-97 - Home

Carlisle County scored the game's first 15 points and never looked back in its win over Butler County.

Todd Shuemaker sank a trio of 3-pointers, to lead the Comets with 20 points, while teammates Eric Wilson had 16 points and David Wilson added 10. Carlisle was 11 for 17 from the foul line, while the Bears missed their only foul shot attempt.

Carlisle….....20 30 51 69
Butler.....…10 22 36 53

Butler (53)
Easley 16, Hudson 9, Phelps 4, Smith, Hawkins 5, Proctor 6, Stovall 3, Hawes, Baker 10.
Fgs. 22/53, 3 pts. 9/21 (Easley 4, Hudson 3, Hawkins, Stovall), Fts. 0/1, Fouls 17

Carlisle (69)
Bowles 9, Gill 2, Green 2 Hamilton 2, Hayden 3, Hobbs 2, Jones, Kiraly 1, Martin 2, O'Neill, Peek, Shuemaker 20, D. Wilson 10, E. Wilson 16.
Fgs. 25/50, 3 pts. 5/13 (Shuemaker 3, Hayden, E. Wilson), Fts. 11/17, Fouls 11.

Fulton Co. 71
Carlisle Co. 66
02-17-97 - Away

J.R. Winters and Chris Coulson made this a Senior Night to remember for Fulton County as they combined for just over half the Bulldog offense to shut down Carlisle County in a tight First District match up.

Winters led all scorers with 24 points, while Coulson added 12. Willie Hagler also contributed mightily for Fulton County with 16 points.

Todd Shuemaker led the Comets with 19 points followed by Eric Wilson (16) and Korie Bowles (10).

Carlisle ….…..14 32 50 66
Fulton Co….....14 35 55 71

Carlisle (66)
Bowles 10, Gill 5, Hayden 8, Jones 4, Shuemaker 19, D. Wilson 4, E. Wilson 16.
Fgs. 26, 3 pts. 4 (Hayden 2, Shuemaker 2), Fts. 10/14, Fouls 15.

Fulton Co. (71)
Bridges 6, C. Coulson 12, J. Coulson, Crumble, Ervin, Hagler 16, McClerkin, Polk 4, Stray 6, Wilson 3, Winters 24.
Fgs. 31, 3 pts. 3 (Winters 2, C. Coulson), Fts. 6/13, Fouls 12.

Ballard Co. 63
Carlisle Co. 52
02-21-97 - Away

Ballard Co. stepped up its man-to-man defense in the second quarter and it did the job in putting Carlisle County away.

Dustin Roberts (22 points) and Casey Green (14) split the second quarter scoring the Bombers, who dominated the Comets by a 13-4 edge in that period.

Todd Shuemaker led Carlisle with 19 points and five 3-pointers.

Carlisle….…..11 15 27 52
Ballard.…..…..12 25 41 63

Carlisle (52)
Gill 6, Hamilton, Hayden 12, Hobbs 1, Jones 4, Peek, Shuemaker 19, E. Wilson 10
Fgs. 16/41, 3 pts. 7/17 (Shuemaker 5, Hayden 2), Fts. 13/19, Fouls 22, Rebs. 25.

Ballard (63)
Evans, Flint 9, Fritz 4, Green 14, Holloway 2, Koehler 1, Mayes, Overstreet, Polivick 2, Powell 4, Renfrow, Roberts 22, Smith 5.
Fgs. 22/49, 3 pts. 4/11 (Roberts 2, Green, Smith), Fts. 15/27, Fouls 22, Rebs. 31.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Falcons Threes Send
Comets Crashing Down

Carlisle Co. 33
Hickman Co. 54
02-24-97 - Away

Outside the 3-point arch was available, so Hickman County was more than happy to snatch up the opportunity and shoot its way past Carlisle County in the opening game of the First District tournament, Wednesday night.

The Falcons nailed seven long-range shots, just the 21 extra points they needed to beat the Comets 54-33.

Even with junior Clint Larkins perfect in 4 attempts from 3-point range, Hickman led just 32-23 with less than three minutes left in the third quarter and Carlisle quickly cut that lead to five on a David Wilson layup inside and an Eric Wilson putback, with 1:40 left.

The Falcons missed their next shot and Carlisle had a chance to get even closer, but missed a long 3-pointer, hitting just 3 of 12 for the night. Hickman scored on two Kendall Byassee free throws and his lay-up moments later off a pass from Shawn Boaz for a 36-27 lead, after three quarters.

A long cold drought opening the fourth quarter finished off the Comets. While Carlisle couldn't hit a shot in the next five minutes, Hickman County rolled off a dozen points, including three baskets by senior Bo Alexander. After that flurry, the Falcons led 48-26, before Todd Shuemaker hit a pair of free throws for the Comets.

It was Larkins, however, who put the Falcons up to stay. Hickman wrestled ahead 10-5 in the opening quarter before Larkins scored 11 of his team's dozen second-quarter points. He hit three 3-pointers in the stretch and finished a perfect 5 for 5 from beyond the arch, scoring 19 points. His second-quarter show put the Falcons ahead 22-14 at halftime.

Eric Wilson led the Comets with 12 points and Todd Shuemaker added 10

Carlisle.....5 14 27 33
Hickman…..…..10 22 36 54

Carlisle (33)
Bowles 2, Gill 4, Hayden, Hobbs, Shuemaker 10, D. Wilson 5, E. Wilson 12, Green, Hamilton, Jones, Kiraly, Martin, O'Neill, Peek.
Fgs. 14/23, 3 pts. 3/12, Fts. 2/4, Fouls 14.

Hickman (54)
Alexander 14, Boaz 3, Byassee 8, Kelly 5, Knox 5, Larkins 19, Beard, R. Byassee, B. Edwards, R. Edwards, Lyman, Natividad, Sugg, Walker.
Fgs. 17/41, 3 pts. 7/19, Fts. 13/17, Fouls 9.

1996-97	Games Played	Field Goal Attempts	Field Goal's Made	Field Goal %	Free Throw Attempts	Free Throws Made	Free Throw %	2 Point Attempts	2 Pointers Made	2 Point %	3 Point Attempts	3 Pointers Made	3 Point %	Average Points	High Point Total	Total Points	Total Steals	Total Rebounds	Total Assists	Personal Fouls	Total Turnovers
David Wilson	22	192	75	39	69	46	67	148	65	44	44	10	23	9.4	21	206	24	92	19	54	22
Korie Bowles	21	133	49	37	42	22	52	106	42	40	27	7	26	6	15	127	10	70	16	60	29
Eric Wilson	23	211	102	48	60	43	72	203	100	49	8	2	25	11	17	249	17	115	27	55	35
Clint Gill	23	96	34	35	58	40	69	78	33	42	18	1	5.6	4.7	20	109	31	50	77	61	51
Todd Shuemaker	23	241	103	43	81	67	83	127	51	40	114	52	46	14	24	325	29	76	29	27	36
Andy Hayden	21	95	32	34	29	18	62	51	17	33	44	15	34	4.6	12	97	16	23	15	46	20
Greg Jones	21	77	24	31	14	8	57	52	17	33	25	7	28	3	9	63	10	28	57	48	65
Steven Green	14	8	2	25	9	6	67	5	2	40	3	0	0	0.7	4	10	1	4	3	1	4
Marcus Hamilton	14	10	3	30	4	0	0	10	3	30	0	0	0	0.4	2	6	0	5	1	7	1
Brian Hobbs	13	7	2	29	13	7	54	5	1	20	2	1	50	0.9	7	12	0	12	2	5	2
Corey Peek	13	8	1	13	4	3	75	2	0	0	6	1	17	0.5	3	6	1	1	0	2	3
Eric O'Neill	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roq Martin	2	3	2	67	0	0	0	1	1	100	2	1	50	2.5	5	5	0	2	0	0	0
Kole Kiraly	3	1	0	0	2	1	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total for Team	218	1083	429	40	385	261	68	790	332	42	293	97	33	53	24	1216	140	478	246	366	268

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	St. Mary	Lyon Co.	Marshall Co.	Hickman Co.	Murray	Ballard Co.	Heath	Christian fellowship	Ballard Co.	Fulton City	Mayfield	Lone Oak																
Korie Bowles	12	8	3(1)	2	2	4	5(1)	10(1)	6	15(1)	6	8																
Eric Wilson	8	16	14	4	17(1)	6	10	6	4	11(1)	7	15																
Clint Gill	7	7	2		2	2	4	4	6	4	2	20																
Greg Jones	9(2)	3(1)	2			0	2	5(1)	9(1)	0	2	3																
David Wilson	4	4	13(1)	18(2)	7	7	11(2)	10	11	21(1)	12	3																
Steven Green	4	0	0		4	0		0		0	0																	
Todd Shuemaker	12(1)	12	18(3)	11	23(5)	21(2)	14(2)	24(4)	8	6(1)	9(3)	24(5)																
Marcus Hamilton	0		0			0		2		0	0	0																
Andy Hayden			2	7(1)	3(1)	6		3(1)	10(1)		6(1)	10(1)																
Brian Hobbs			0			7(1)					1	1																
Cory Peek			0			0	1		0	0	0																	
Kole Kiraly						0																						
Eric O'Neill						0																						

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	Calloway Co.	Murray	Heath	Hickman Co.	Tilghman	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Butler Co.	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.										3-Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Korie Bowles	3(1)	10	7		0	5	2	9	10		2										4	21	129	6.14
Eric Wilson	12	8	8	14	8	17(1)	10	16(1)	16	10	12										4	23	249	10.82
Clint Gill	3	10	6		9(1)	2	2	2	5	6	4										1	21	109	5.19
Greg Jones	2		2	3	2	2	7(1)	0	4	4	0										6	20	61	3.05
David Wilson	9	18	8	2	9	8	10(2)	10	4		5										8	22	204	9.27
Steven Green					0			2			0										0	11	10	0.9
Todd Shuemaker	12(3)	2	9(1)	4	8(2)	18(4)	22(4)	20(3)	19(2)	19(5)	10										51	23	325	14.13
Marcus Hamilton				0			2	2		0	0										0	12	6	0.05
Andy Hayden	0	8	8(1)	5(1)	2	0	4	3(1)	8(2)	12(2)	0										13	19	97	5.1
Brian Hobbs				0	0			2		1	0										1	9	12	1.33
Cory Peek				3(1)	2		0	0		0	0										1	12	6	0.5
Kole Kiraly								1			0										0	3	1	0.33
Eric O'Neill					0			0			0										0	5	0	0
Roq Martin					3(1)			2			0										1	3	5	1.66
																					90		1214	
					Team Record - 5-18							Per Game Avg. - 52.78												

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Korie Bowles	58	6	2	46	12	129	189	3.25
Eric Wilson	58	5	2	27	144	249	422	7.27
Greg Jones	20	6				61	61	3.05
David Wilson	52	11	8	101	204		313	6.01
Kole Kiraly	3	0				1	1	0.33

1997-1998

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RACER CHRISTMAS TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

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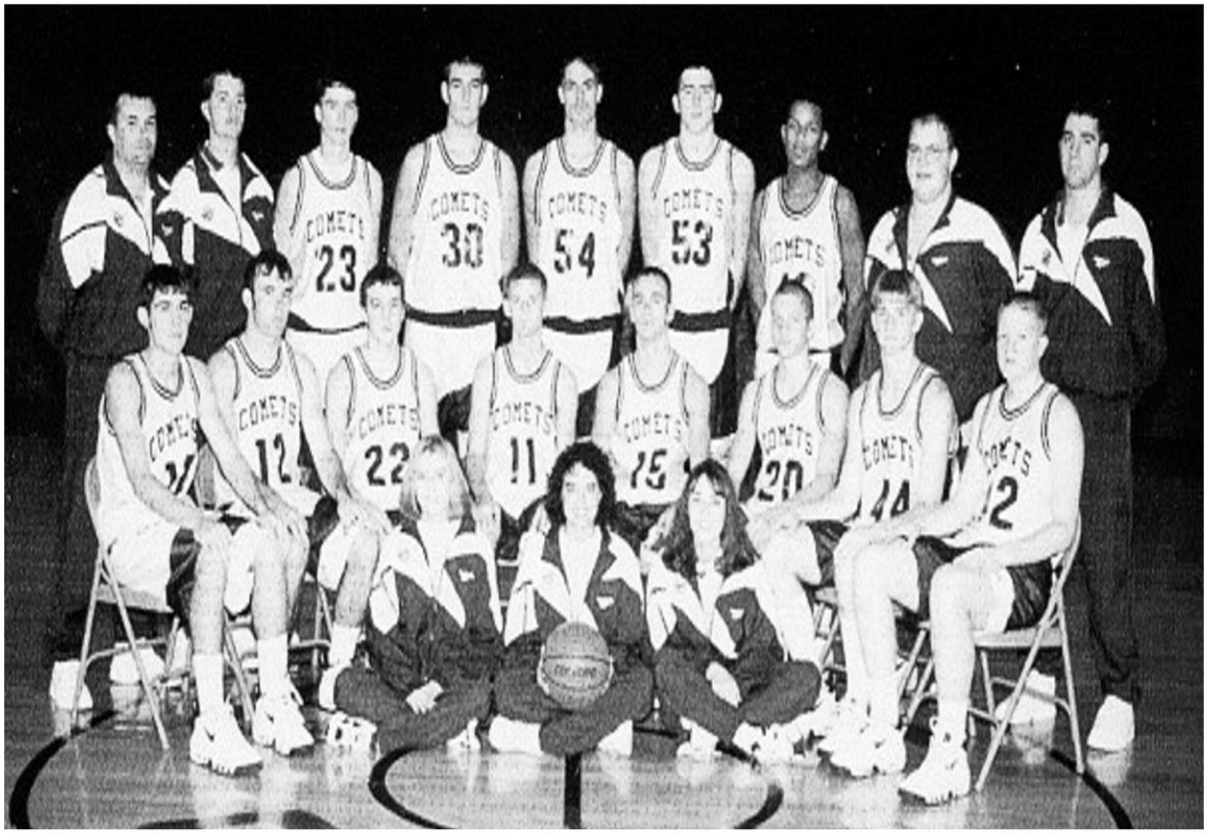
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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-25-97	St. Mary	76-73	A	
11-29-97	Livingston Co.	74-53	A	- **WEST KY. SHOOTOUT**
12-09-97	Hickman Co.	**50-71**	A	
12-11-97	Murray	82-70	H	
12-15-97	Marshall Co.	**51-67**	H	
12-22-97	Murray	70-66	A	- **RACER CHRISTMAS TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-23-97	Calloway Co.	**36-57**	A	- **RACER CHRISTMAS TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-26-97	Martin Westview, TN.	66-56	A	- **MARTIN WESTVIEW TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-29-97	Greenfield, TN.	62-52	A	- **MARTIN WESTVIEW TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-30-97	Covington, TN.	**51-65**	A	- **MARTIN WESTVIEW TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-05-98	Mayfield	56-44	A	
01-06-98	Fulton City	94-85	A	
01-09-98	Fulton Co	62-58	A	
01-12-98	Ballard Co.	93-82	H	
01-16-98	Calloway Co.	**46-72**	H	
01-22-98	Fulton City	**90-91 ot**	A	- **ALL A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-27-98	Mayfield	61-58 ot	H	
01-30-98	Heath	96-78	A	
02-03-98	Tilghman	**60-91**	A	
02-06-98	Fulton Co	**58-62**	H	
02-07-98	Hickman Co.	**55-65**	H	
02-10-98	Fulton City	**74-81**	H	
02-13-98	Lone Oak	64-50	H	
02-16-98	St. Mary	**48-60**	H	
02-20-98	Ballard Co.	68-65	A	
02-26-98	Fulton Co	**57-62**	A	- **1st DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 14-12

1998 COMETS



L to R: Mgr. Michele Byassee, Mgr. Regina Clark, Mgr. Karrie Neace, Brandon Orr, Steven Green, Corey Peek, Andy Hayden, Clint Gill, Brian Hobbs, Matt Hoskins, Roq Martin, Coach Rob Anderson, Coach Casey Henderson, Justin Arnold, Eric O'Neill, Josh Tyler, Joe Ben Hogancamp, Marcus Hamilton, Mgr. Michael Toon, Head Coach Brian O'Neill.

1997-1998

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TROPHIES WON
RACER CHRISTMAS TOURN. - 2ND PLACE
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1997-98 COMET ROSTER:
Clint Gill, Todd Shoemaker, Josh Tyler, Eric O'Neill, Andy Hayden, Brian Hobbs, Marcus Hamilton, Ben Hogancamp, Matt Hoskins, Steven Green, Cory Peek, Brandon Orr, Roq Martin, Mark Smith, Justin Arnold.

Tyler Quits At
Carlisle County

After six years as head coach at Carlisle County and nearly a lifetime affiliation with the school, John Tyler has resigned as the school's head basketball coach.

"I've given my heart and soul to this program as a player, an assistant coach and as head coach and I just felt that it was time for a change here," said Tyler, who was 64-89 overall as the Comets' coach.

Tyler played his high school career at the school where he led his team to the 1982-83 state championship game, losing after three overtime periods.

The Comets were 116-25 in Tyler's years as a player with the varsity program and he earned a spot on the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star team during his career.

He played at Transylvania College for four seasons, the school had a 78-34 record, before returning to Carlisle County as an assistant coach.

His best team was in his first year in 1991-92 with a 18-12 mark and he won the Sun's Purchase Coach of the Year in 1992. Tyler's team was 4-18 this past season.

Tyler retains his teaching position at the school but said he would be interested in another job, if the right opportunity surfaced.

Carlisle Shops At Home
To Get Basketball Coach.
O'Neill Moves Up From
Assistant's Post To Take Comet's Job

Carlisle County basketball keeps building from within, as the school replaced boys' coach John Tyler, with one of his assistants, Brian O'Neill, on Monday night.

Tyler resigned as coach in March, after six seasons in charge of the Comets' basketball program. O'Neill takes over just two years after graduating from McKendree College (ILL.), and after one year as assistant at Carlisle County.

Casey Henderson and Rob Anderson became the new assistant coaches.

O'Neill, 24, graduated in 1990, when Tyler was a varsity assistant and 2 years before Tyler took over as head coach. O'Neill spent two years at Shawnee College and two years at NAIA power McKendree College, playing for longtime coach Harry Statham. He played point guard for two years and McKendree was a combined 53-14, those two seasons, losing its conference tournament championship game both years.

O'Neill served a year on Statham's staff, then took over the junior high program at Carlisle County last year, along with assistant's duties with the varsity program.

"It's kind of strange," O'Neill said about taking over the program he played for: "If you told me this would happen a few years ago, I wouldn't have believed it. It's funny how things work out.

I hope it will be an advantage. You know how it is. It's hard to go back to your former school, but you try to use it as an advantage. I know the kids. I know their character and how they are."

Carlisle County was 4-18 in Tyler's last season and O'Neill figures his team will be a young and inexperienced squad again next season.

I think we have enough players and talent to get the program going again," he said. "We have had a couple of letdown years and we'll be young again next year, so we have something to build for.

"I plan to get a little more up tempo. That's what we did in college and I would like to implement that here a little."

O'Neill was one of three final candidates for the job.

Carlisle Co.
Preseason

The Comets will live up to their nickname, with O'Neill's charges streaking up and down the court in their new up-tempo style.

"We scored 80 and 79 points in our two (preseason) scrimmages," said O'Neill, a former assistant who took the head coaching job in the spring. "The kids learned the system this summer and they're starting to look comfortable in it."

Carlisle lost four of the top six players from a team that went from 4-18, including two players who were expected to start this year, point guard Greg Jones moved back to Oklahoma and David Wilson elected not to come back to the program.

Andy Hayden moves in at the point, pushing Clint Gill, the only senior, to the two-guard spot. Todd Shumaker gives Carlisle a good outside shooter and a third guard. Eric O'Neill (no relation to the coach) and Josh Tyler, a pair of 6-5 juniors, have first shot at low post duties.

The inside reserves are all underclassmen; juniors Marcus Hamilton and Joe Ben Hogancamp and freshman Matt Hoskins, with Steven Green and Brian Hobbs slated as the backup guards.

"We've been playing 10 or 11 people quite a bit," O'Neill said. "We'll look to Gill and Shoemaker to score, and we're going to be playing a lot of sophomores."

1997-98 Comet Roster
Seniors: Clint Gill (5-11)
Juniors: Justin Arnold (6-1), Todd Shuemaker (6-1), Josh Tyler (6-5), Eric O'Neill (6-5), Steve Green (5-10)
Sophomores: Andy Hayden (5-8), Brian Hobbs (5-10), Marcus Hamilton (6-1), Joe Ben Hogancamp (6-5), Roc Martin (6-1), Corey Peak (5-10), Brandon Orr (6-0).
Freshmen: Matt Hoskins (6-1).

Shuemaker's Huge Night
Proves Too Much For Viking's

Carlisle Co. 76
St. Mary 73
11-25-97 - Away

Todd Shuemaker had a big night in a wild game for Carlisle County as he scored 30 points to lead the Comets past St. Mary in the season opener for both schools.

Carlisle led by seven at the half and commanded a lead of that amount during the third quarter. The Vikings tightened down on their defense at that point and came back for a 3-point edge entering the final period.

St. Mary was up by as much as eight in the fourth, before making some costly mistakes. Up by five with two minutes left, the Vikings fouled Shuemaker as he was shooting from long distance. He drained the trey then made the free throw to cut the lead to one. Clint Gill later made his only 3-pointer to put the Comets up for good.

Ryan Cochran led St. Mary with 23 points, including five 3-pointers. Ben Warren had 17 points for the Vikings while Charles Hosea and Brad Wurth each scored 12.

Andy Hayden had 18 points for Carlisle and Gill scored 13.

Carlisle.....21 39 49 76
St. Mary.....12 32 52 73

Carlisle (76)
Gill 13, Shuemaker 30, Tyler 3, O'Neill 4, Hayden 18, Hobbs 2, Hamilton, Hogancamp 5, Hoskins 1.
Field goals 26, 3-pointers 4 (Shuemaker 2, Gill, Hayden), Free throws 20/32, Rebounds 28, Fouls 21.

St. Mary (73)
Cochran 23, Cowne 2, Crider 3, Guidry 2, Hosea 12, Paxton, Roof 2, Warren 17, Wurth 12.
Field goals 26, 3-pointers 7 (Cochran 5, Crider 3, Warren), Free throws 14/22, Rebounds 24, Fouls 24.

West Ky. Shootout
Carlisle Co. 74
Livingston Co. 53
11-29-97 - Away

Carlisle County's press finally wore down Livingston Co. in the second half as the Comets won their game in the West Kentucky Shootout.

Clint Gill and Todd Shuemaker each scored 21 points to lead Carlisle County. Shuemaker got eight of his in the third quarter in addition to the game's only 3-pointer. Gill scored 10 in the fourth for the Comets.

Dustin Larkins was on top for the Cardinals with 19 points.

Carlisle.....10 29 51 74
Livingston.....12 23 39 53

Carlisle (74)
Gill 21, Shuemaker 21, Tyler 4, O'Neill, Hayden 3, Hogancamp 2, Hobbs 4, Hamilton, Green 9, Hoskins 10, Orr, Martin, Peek, Arnold.
Field goals 29/63, 3-pointers 1/6 (Shuemaker), Free throws 15/23, Rebounds 19, Fouls 23.

Livingston (53)
Quertermous 2, Owen 12, Larkins 19, Riley 2, Crittenden 8, Champion 3, Culver 4, Smith, Doyle, Hughes 2, Simmons 1.
Field goals 18/50, 3-pointers 0/4, Free throws 17/26, Fouls 17.

Young Falcons
Unflappable In Border Battle

Carlisle Co. 50
Hickman Co. 71
12-09-97 - Away

At Hickman County, youth is being served.

Archrival Carlisle County found Tuesday night's menu far from appetizing.

Super sophomore Ben Rushing and junior Anthony Beard provided plenty of thrills, giving Carlisle the chills as the Falcons took the early lead in the race for the First District tournament's top seed with a 71-50 victory over their border county rivals.

Rushing riddled the Comet's full court press for 23 points and eight assists. Beard's 14 pt., 10-reb. performance included a pair of ferocious dunks and Hickman (3-2), showing off its most athletic group in years, converted a slew of easy buckets against Carlisle's press-till-they-drop attack.

"They just destroyed our press," said Carlisle coach Bryan O'Neill. "I bet they had 20 points on layups. Once they broke the first trap, we didn't get anybody back to challenge their shots.

"And Rushing … gosh, he beat our press so many times. He's got to be one of the best sophomores in the region, probably in this part of the state."

Rushing keyed Hickman's decisive surge after Todd Shuemaker drilled a 3-pointer to pull the Comets (2-1) within 33-28, midway through the third quarter. The tide turned when sixth man Micah Sugg, on a 3-on-2 fast break, delivered the ball on the block to Beard, who rocketed off the floor and power-dunked over 6-5 Joe Ben Hogancamp and also drew the foul, Hogancamp's fourth. Beard hit the free throw to complete the 3-point play.

Rushing drained a three for a 41-33 lead, then beat the press three consecutive times, giving the Falcons three easy baskets in less than a minute. Rushing found Byassee for a fast-break layup, found Beard for another dunk, then drilled another trey (he was 3 for 3 from behind the arc) for a 48-35 lead as the clock ran out on the third period.

Carlisle kept up the pressure, and Hickman kept beating it, as the lead eventually swelled to as much as 26 points. The Falcons were almost automatic from the free-throw line, hitting 20 of 23, and the Comets grew more frustrated by the minute, forced too many wild shots and hit just 28 percent (15 of 53) from the field.

"We had a long layoff and maybe that had something to do with how we played," said O'Neill, whose team had an unscheduled day break, after a team from Alabama cancelled its weekend trip to Western Kentucky. "With this beginning our first district game, we were a little tense. We played hard, but we didn't play very hard at the start."

The Hickman coach, Henry Edwards, gave much of the defensive credit to Beard, whose 6-3 frame and long arms and quick feet, kept Todd Shuemaker, Carlisle's leading scorer, under wraps. Shuemaker, a fine outside shooter averaging 25.5 points in the Comets' two victories, scored just nine points.

"Shuemaker is the key for them, and Anthony is our best matchup for him because he gives us a lot of scores and quickness to put on him," Edwards said. "Our defense has been behind some other things with his team, but this was our best defensive game so far."

Carlisle, which had averaged 75 points in its first two games, had only Clint Gill (10 points) in double figures.

Clint Larkins, one of just two senior starters for the Falcons, ripped in with 12 points and Edward's top two reserves, Sugg a senior and sophomore Ricky Byassee, combined for 14 points and 15 rebounds.

"The big thing was we got off on the right leg in the district," said Edwards, whose team has now won nine consecutive games against local rivals Carlisle, Fulton City and Fulton County.

Nothing will come easy for the Falcons, whose top seven players include two sophomores, but with the inexperience comes explosiveness. As good as he looked against Carlisle, Rushing will make a sophomore mistake every now and then in his exuberance. He once lobbed an intended ally-oop pass for Beard out of bounds and also missed a layup, after ball-faking a defender and Beard is just now realizing how effective he can be in the post.

"I was planning on bringing Beard along slowly," Edwards said with a smile. "But in the first game, I realized he had to be in there. When you have a point guard that can run and handle the ball like that, he's a press breaker. And Anthony has the potential to be really good.

"Really, though, we're still playing with last year's junior varsity. Last year, we had a group of seniors that had grown up together and they played together. This team is more of a mixture. We could start some more experience, but so far it's been a pretty good combination."

Carlisle.....7 20 35 50
Hickman.....11 27 48 71

Carlisle (50)
Shuemaker 9, Hogancamp 2, Hobbs 4, Hayden 8, Gill 10, Hamilton, Tyler 8, O'Neill 2, Hoskins, Green, Peek 3, Arnold 2, Orr 2, Martin.
Field goals 15/53, 3-pointers 4/17 (Shuemaker 2, Hayden, Peek), Free throws 8/13, Rebounds 21, Fouls 20.

Hickman (71)
Lyman, Beard 14, R. Edwards 6, Larkins 12, Rushing 23, Byassee 8, Sugg 6, Mathis, B. Edwards 2, Perkins, Stepp, Walker, Dillard, Evans, McClure.
Field goals 24/53, 3-pointers 3/7 (Rushing 3), Free throws 20/23, Rebounds 39, Fouls 13.

Carlisle Co. 82
Murray 70
12-11-97 - Home

Todd Shuemaker and Clint Gill saved their best for last and it helped push each of their individual totals past the 20-point barrier, while lifting their team over Murray.

The Tigers led by four, after the first quarter. The Comets were up by 10 at the half and Murray used its press and improved shooting to take a one-point edge into the fourth quarter. Shuemaker scored 13 points and Gill 10 in the final period as part of Carlisle's 27-14 run that iced the contest.

Shuemaker finished with 27 points, while Gill ended up with 23.

O'Shea Hudspeth had the top game for the Tigers with 25 points, while Shane Andrus and Austin Groves each chipped in 11 points.

Murray.....18 33 56 70
Carlisle.....14 43 55 82

Murray (70)
Alexander, Andrus 11, Brown, J. Garland, T. Garland, Groves 11, Holton 10, Hudspeth 25, Hunt 6, Price, Workman 7.
Field goals 26/66, 3-pointers 0/6, Free throws 18/23, Fouls 30.

Carlisle (82)
Arnold, Gill 23, Green 10, Hamilton, Hayden 11, Hobbs, Hogancamp, Hoskins 4, Martin, O'Neill 2, Orr, Peek, Shuemaker 27, Tyler 5.
Field goals 26/52, 3-pointers 6/19 (Shuemaker 4, Hayden 2), Free throws 26/37, Fouls 25.

Marshall Co. 67
Carlisle Co. 51
12-15-97 - Home

Josh Culp scored 28 points as Marshall County claimed a win at cold shooting Carlisle County.

The Comets hit just 33 percent (17 of 52) from the field and was even icier (1 for 15) from 3-point range.

Todd Shuemaker led Carlisle with 17 points, while Jay Larkin added 13 for the Marshals.

Marshall.....19 35 52 67
Carlisle.....19 28 39 51

Marshall (67)
Culp 28, Dunn 6, Howell, Larkin 5, Lovett, Lyles 2, Moore 2, Morris, Powell 13, Phillips 7, Rockne 4, Sanders.
Field goals 25/51, 3-pointers 2/11 (Phillips, Larkin), Free throws 15/19, Fouls 24.

Carlisle (51)
Gill 8, Green 8, Hamilton 1, Hayden, Hobbs 2, Hogancamp 2, Hoskins 2, Martin, O'Neill 2, Orr, Peek, Shuemaker 17, Tyler 9.
Field goals 17/52, 3-pointers 1/15 (Shuemaker), Free throws 16/34, Fouls 16.

Racer Christmas Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 70
Murray 66
12-22-97 - Away

Carlisle defeated Murray 70 to 66 in a close game at the end.

Carlisle led by 13 at the half, but Murray closed the gap to make it exciting for the home crowd.

Shuemaker led the Comets in the scoring with 34 points. He hit six, 3 pointers.

Carlisle.....15 39 55 70
Murray.....13 26 43 66

Carlisle (70)
Gill 12, Shuemaker 34, Tyler 4, Hayden, Hoskins 9, O'Neill, Hogancamp, Green 10, Hamilton, Hobbs 1.
Field goals 16/52, Free throws 14/20, Fouls 18, 3-pointers 8/16 (Gill 2, Shuemaker 6).

Murray (66)
Hurt 5, Andrus 15, Groves 22, Halton 4, Hudspeth 14, Garland 6.
Field goals 20/41, Free throws 23/34, Fouls 17, 3-pointers (Andrus 1).

Racer Christmas Tourn.
Championship

Carlisle Co. 36
Calloway Co. 56
12-23-97 - Away

Calloway County outscored Carlisle County 17-1 in the fourth quarter to win the first-ever Racer Christmas Classic, Tuesday at Murray State's Racer Arena.

Austin Wyatt, who led all scorers with 17 points and Payton Patterson each scored six points in the final quarter for the Lakers, who improve to 3-4. Carlisle was nearly shut out in the final period, hitting a free throw with less than 20 seconds to play.

John Eric Yezerski, who pitched in 14 points for Calloway, helped hold Carlisle scoring leader Todd Shuemaker to six points. Shuemaker had scored 32 points in a first-round 70-66 victory over Murray High.

Andy Hayden was Carlisle's lone double-figure scorer with 12 points.

Carlisle.....11 21 35 36

Calloway.....12 25 39 56

Carlisle (36)

Gill 4, Green, Hamilton, Hayden 12, Hobbs 4, Hogancamp 3, Hoskins 2, Martin, O'Neill 2, Orr 1, Shuemaker 6, Tyler 2, Smith.

Field goals 13/42, 3-pointers 3/10 (Hayden 3), Free throws 7/15, Rebounds 27, Fouls 20.

Calloway (57

Jones, Lowe, Patterson 10, Stubblefield, Tracy 2, Underhill 7, A. Wyatt 17, M. Wyatt 6, Yezerski 14.

Field goals 20/39, 3-pointers 2/6 (A. Wyatt, Yezerski), Free throws 14/19, Rebounds 34, Fouls 11.

Martin Westview Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Holds Off
Westview Rally

Carlisle Co. 66
Martin Westview, TN. 59
12-29-97 - Away

Carlisle County held off a late rally to propel itself past Martin Westview 66-59 in the opening round of the Martin Lions Club Christmas Tournament, on Friday.

The Comets had eight different players score in the second quarter as they pulled away to a 39-27 halftime lead. Clint Gill scored half of his 14 points in that pivotal period.

Westview trailed by 11 going into the fourth quarter and pulled within three, before Carlisle broke the press and found Todd Shuemaker (17 points) for a layup.

In the absence of star Eric Batchelor, who sat out one game after being ejected in Westview's semifinal loss in the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament, Damon McDonald and Calvin Williams led the Chargers with 12 points apiece. Carlisle advances to face Greenfield, TN. in a Monday semifinal at 6 p.m.

Carlisle.....16 39 51 66
Martin.....17 27 40 59

Carlisle (66)

Gill 14, Smith, Green 7, O'Neill 2, Shuemaker 17, Tyler 2, Hamilton 2, Hayden 10, Hobbs 2, Hogancamp, Peek, Orr, Martin 5, Hoskins 5.

Field goals 23, 3-pointers 6 (Hayden 2, Shuemaker 2, Gill, Green), Free throws 14/19, Fouls 25.

Westview (59)

Evans 11, Williams 12, T. Thomas 10, A. Thomas 1, Carpenter 6, Clay 6, Phelps 1, McDonald 12.

Field goals 20, 3-pointers 2 (McDonald 2), Free throws 14/26, Fouls 14.

Martin Westview Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 62
Greenfield, TN. 52
12-29-97 - Away

Down by 14 at the half to Greenfield, Carlisle County proved it was not out with a furious rally that put the Comets in the finals of the Lions Club Christmas Tournament.

Greenfield used hot shooting from the field to open up a 22-11 lead at the half. The team from Tennessee then went further south in the third quarter by scoring only eight points.

Carlisle exploded in that period with 23 points. Clint Gill hit two field goals and two free throws in the third quarter to lead the way among seven Comets. Still, Carlisle only had a one-point lead after the third. The fourth quarter sealed this game up with 6 for 10 foul shooting from the team and a pair of 3-pointers from Todd Shuemaker.

Gill led all scores with 16 points, followed in the Comet lineup by Shuemaker (14) and Roq Martin (11).

Brock Peters led Greenfield with 15 points, 11 of those in the first half. Mathew Geania (13) and Russ Hufferteler (10) also hit it big for Greenfield.

Carlisle will face Covington, TN., who defeated Gleason 66-43 in Monday's other semifinal in tonight's championship at 7:30. Greenfield faces Gleason in the third place game at 4:30.

Carlisle.....11 19 42 62
Greenfield.....22 33 41 52

Carlisle (62)

Gill 16, Smith, Green, O'Neill, Shuemaker 14, Tyler, Hamilton 2, Hayden 9, Hobbs 5, Hogancamp 2, Peek, Orr, Martin 11, Hoskins 3.

Field goals 20, 3-pointers 5 (Shuemaker 3, Hayden, Martin), Free throws 17/24, Fouls 25.

Greenfield (52)

McAdams 2, B. Porter 15, A. Porter 2, Darby Huffsteller 10, Jones, Vejicic, Higgs 2, Geania, Cartell 2.

Field goals 20, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 12/24, Fouls 23.

Martin Westview Tourn.
Championship

Covington, TN. 65
Carlisle Co. 51
12-30-97 - Away

Tony Ross scored a game-high 24 points and tournament MVP Jeremy Edwards added 18 as Covington, TN. defeated Carlisle County in the finals of the 33rd annual Martin Lions Club Christmas Tournament.

Ross scored six points and Edwards five as Covington jumped out to an 18-9 first quarter lead and was never threatened thereafter.

Todd Shuemaker scored 22 points, 18 in the second and third quarters, to lead Carlisle. Shuemaker, along with teammate Clint Gill, who added 10 points, were named to the six-member all-tournament team.

Covington.....18 36 49 65
Carlisle.....9 21 35 51

Covington (65)

Edwards 18, Stowers 9, Ross 24, Taylor 4, White 2, Stavers 2, Smith 4, White, Bringle 2.

Field goals 27, 3-pointers 1 (Stowers), Free throws 8/14, Fouls 16.

Carlisle (51)

Gill 10, O'Neill 2, Shuemaker 22, Tyler, Hamilton 2, Hayden 6, Hobbs, Martin 7, Hoskins 2, Smith, Hogancamp, Peek, Orr, Green.

Field goals 14, 3-pointers 3 (Shuemaker 2, Martin), Free throws 14/19, Fouls 14.

Comets' Streak
Shuts Down Mayfield

Carlisle Co. 56
Mayfield 44
01-05-98 - Away

Momentum can be pretty fickle when it wants to be. Just ask Mayfield coach Scott Scholsser.

Twice the Cardinals seemed to have the momentum against visiting Carlisle County. Once in the first quarter, then late in the third, but the flow of the game quickly went the other direction, when the Comets were able to capitalize on a 2-point Mayfield second period and once more on a surge of three-pointers to come away with the win, 56-44.

"They outworked us, especially in the second half," the Cards coach said after the loss. "Defensively, we were giving up the penetration and weren't getting any help and that's hurt us in the last three ballgames.

What also hurt Mayfield, was its shooting efforts. Mayfield (3-7) shot just 30% from the field by going 14 of 54, including a blank night on 17 three-point tries. Of that, the Cardinals went just one-of-seven right after being down by seven in the opening frame.

"We're not shooting the ball and I don't know what that's about," Schlosser added. "When we shoot that bad it means we're not ready to play."

Early on, Mayfield took away the Comets' sizable height advantage, to build up a 16-9 lead with eight of Jeremy Tyler's game high 21 points. Tyler also accounted for a majority of the Cards' rebounding (45-21). But when the Cardinals went cold in the second period, it allowed Carlisle to creep back into the picture.

Mayfield regained its composure midway through the third by regaining the lead, 24-23, following back-to-back buckets from Tyler and another from Robbie Morris. The Cards got their biggest lead of the second half, when Steve Fulcher finished a long battle for the offensive rebound to go up 30-26. But the Comets answered off a turnover and an offensive put-back within 20 seconds of each other to knot the game at 30.

Tyler closed out the quarter's scoring with a driving score and two of three shots at the line, but then C.C.H.S. (7-5) got the momentum back when Todd Shuemaker nailed a trey with 0:13 left to go up by one, once again.

That three-pointer, as well as another from Andy Hayden 15 seconds into the fourth and a turnover basket by Clint Gill started the ball rolling once more for the Comets as they went on a 15-6 run.

"We just didn't get to it." Schlosser commented on his team's inability to effectively guard Carlisle's 3's, where they were four of eight. "They (Carlisle) weren't setting any picks ... we just weren't getting out."

Seven of Carlisle's points, during that span, also came off turnovers which plagued M.H.S., 15-13.

The six points M.H.S. managed in the Comets run, all came from the line. Fulcher's pull-up 15-footer with 1:45 to go was the Cardinals' first of only two 2-pointers in the final frame.

Mayfield returns to action tonight (Tuesday) with a home district doubleheader game against St. Mary.

Schlosser said he hopes his team will rebound from the loss, their fourth in a row, but also hopes to return Terral Starks to the lineup as well.

Starks, who sat out the early part of the schedule due to a shoulder injury, did not play last night due to an illness.

"We wanted to rest him and get him ready for (St. Mary)," the coach added." But right now it looks like we're not ready to play and there's only one way to get back and that's get out there and work a little harder."

Carlisle.....9 19 35 56
Mayfield.....16 18 34 44

Carlisle (56)

Shuemaker 17, Gill 17, Hayden 8, Green 5, O'Neill 3, Tyler 2, Hoskins 2, Hobbs 2, Hamilton, Hogancamp, Martin.

Fgs. - 17/38 - 45%, 3's - 4/8 (Shuemaker 2, Hayden, Green) - 50%, Fts. - 18/26 - 69%, Rebs. 21, Fouls 19, Record 7-5.

Mayfield (44)
Tyler 21, Morris 9, Fulcher 7, Dodson 6, Neely 1. Fgs. - 14/54 - 30%, 3's - 0/17, Fts. 16/21, Rebs 45, Fouls 18, Record 3-7.

Carlisle Co. 94
Fulton City 85
01-06-98 - Away

Todd Shuemaker hit seven 3-pointers and scored 38 points as Carlisle County's red-hot second half, turned a 8 pt. halftime deficit into a 9 pt. win on the road against Fulton City, evening its First District record at 1-1.

"We moved the ball well and played good in the transition in the first half, but we came out flat in the third quarter and they got hot," said Fulton City coach Sam Miller.

The Comets hit four 3-pointers in the third, two each by Shuemaker and Andy Hayden. Their outside shooting led Carlisle to a 27-13 third quarter pt. total. Hayden, a 5-8 sophomore, hit four 3-pointers and all came in the second half.

Ben Mitchell led Fulton City with 22 points, but had only eight of those in the second half. The second half drop-off was a reflection of the team's "complacent" second half effort, according to Miller. Duron Pettigrew had 18 and Grant Gearhart finished with 15 for the Bulldogs.

Carlisle.....14 38 65 94
Fulton City.....22 46 59 85

Carlisle (94)
Gill 9, Green 8, Hamilton, Hayden 14, Hobbs 2, Hogancamp 6, Hoskins 6, Martin 8, O'Neill 3, Orr, Peek, Shuemaker 38, Tyler.
Field goals 34, 3-pointers 14 (Shuemaker 7, Hayden 4, Martin 2, Green), Free throws 12/22, Fouls 21.

Fulton City (85)
Dickerson 12, Elliott 5, Gearhart 15, Mitchell 22, Neal 3, Pate 7, Pettigrew 18, Rose, Taylor 3.
Field goals 31, 3-pointers 5 (Gerahart 2, Neal, Elliott, Pate), Free throws 18/24, Fouls 22.

Carlisle Co. 62
Fulton Co. 58
01-09-98 - Away

Carlisle County hit six free throws to close out the game and escape with a four-point road victory.

Carlisle was led by a trio of double-digit scorers, led by Andy Hayden's 14 points.

Byron Tucker hit three treys and had a game high 27 points for Fulton Co. Prentiss Terrell added 12 points and 14 rebounds for the Pilots.

Carlisle.....22 37 43 62
Fulton Co.....16 31 45 58

Carlisle (62)
Gill 13, Green 6, Hamilton, Hayden 14, Hobbs, Hogancamp, Hoskins 9, Martin 3, O'Neill, Shuemaker 12, Tyler 5.
Field goals 19, 3-pointers 6 (Shuemaker 2, Hayden 2, Martin, Gill), Free throws 7/15, Fouls 18.

Fulton Co. (58)
Hagler, Hays 2, Stray 2, Terrell 12, Tucker 27, Wilson 10.
Field goals 24, 3-pointers 3 (Tucker 3), Free throws 18/26, Fouls 19.

Carlisle Co. 93
Ballard Co. 82
01-12-98 - Home

In a game with plenty of offensive fireworks, Carlisle County proved to be more economical with its shots as it downed Ballard Co.

Through both teams hit 30 field goals, the Comets burned the nets with 60 percent field goal accuracy, while holding Ballard to 44 percent.

Todd Shuemaker had three of the Comets' six 3-pointers as he led the way with 26 points, followed by Clint Gill (18) and Matt Hoskins (13).

Dustin Roberts led all scorers with 27 points for Ballard, while Brian Overstreet, who nailed four treys, had 16 points.

Ballard.....18 33 63 82
Carlisle.....20 41 64 93

Ballard (82)
J. Dowdy 2, Evans Green 2, Heal 9, Mayes, Myers 6, Overstreet 16, Polivick 5, Powell 5, Renfrow 10, Roberts.
Field goals 30/68, 3-pointers 4/10 (Overstreet 4), Free throws 18/28, Fouls 30.

Carlisle (93)
Gill 18, Green 3, Hayden 5, Hobbs 8, Hogancamp 3, Hoskins 13, Martin 4, O'Neill 2, Orr, Peek, Shuemaker 26, Smith 3, Tyler 8.
Field goals 30/50, 3-pointers 6/11 (Shuemaker 3, Hayden, Hobbs, Smith), Free throws 31/40, Fouls 26.

Calloway Co. 72
Carlisle Co. 46
01-16-98 - Home

Calloway County came out red-hot in the second half and turned a three-point halftime deficit into a 26-point road win at Carlisle County.

Calloway outscored Carlisle 22-10 in the third quarter and 24-7 in the fourth.

Austin Wyatt had 19 pts. and Payton Patterson scored 18 for Calloway. Ben Underhill and Matt Wyatt added 11 and 10, respectively.

Clint Gill was Carlisle's leading scorer with 15 points.

Calloway.....14 26 48 72
Carlisle.....14 29 39 46

Calloway (72)
Jones 1, Patterson 18, Stubblefield 2, Tacy, Underhill 11, A. Wyatt 19, M. Wyatt 10, Yezerski 8, Williams, Owen 3.
3-pointers 0/3, Free throws 24/35, Fouls 8.

Carlisle (46)
Gill 15, Green, Hayden 3, Hobbs 3, Hogancamp, Hoskins 10, Martin 10, O'Neill, Orr, Peek, Shuemaker 4, Tyler, Smith 1.
Field goals 18/40, 3-pointers 5/15 (Gill, Hayden, Hobbs, Martin 2), Free throws 5/10, Fouls 24.

All A Tourn.
1st Round
Seeds Prove Rank
Despite Records

Carlisle Co. 90
Fulton City 91
01-22-98 - Away

When the seeds for the Boys First Region All A Tournament at Cutchin Field house were announced, something looked strange regarding Thursday night's games.

The high seeds for both contests had worse records than their lower seeded opponents. The number four ranked Bulldogs from Fulton City (4-7) faced their First District rivals from Carlisle County (10-5) in the first game while the number three Ballard Co. Bombers (8-8) went up against Third District foe St. Mary (11-4) in the nightcap. The higher seeds had something to prove and did so with victories.

Fulton City advances to face top-seeded Mayfield in Saturday morning's first All A semifinal at 11, while Ballard will take on second ranked Hickman County in the second game at approximately 12:45 p.m. Those winners advance to Saturday night's championship at 7:30 p.m.

Fulton City led much of the way, but needed overtime to stop the Comets 91-90. Ballard used an explosive second half to pull away from St. Mary 58-48.

Both Fulton City and Carlisle poured it on in the fourth by combining for 38 points. The Bulldogs seemed to have the game well in hand, when Brandon Neal drilled the last of his five 3-pointers for a 79-74 lead with 40 seconds left. But Carlisle hit another from downtown to close the gap with 22 seconds to go. Duron Pettigrew missed the front end of a one-and-the-bonus with 18.5 seconds remaining and the Comets brought the ball down.

Clint Gill attempted to shoot a game-winning three and the shot missed, but O'Neill put it in from under the rim with three ticks left to force overtime.

Pettigrew made up for his last second misses in the extra period. He scored six of the Bulldogs' 12 overtime points, with a Dickerson field goal at the 17 second mark being the game winner. Shuemaker brought the Comets back to within one on a 3-pointer with three seconds left, but there was not enough time for Carlisle to pull it off.

Pettigrew led all scorers with 23 points, while Grant Gearhart finished with 21 points and four 3-pointers. Dickerson (18) and Neal (15) also finished big for Fulton City. O'Neill and Shuemaker shared the honors for the Comets with 20 points each. Gill had 17, while Josh Tyler came off the bench for 12 points.

Carlisle.....18 38 52 79 90
Fulton City…...22 43 59 79 91

Carlisle (90)
Gill 17, Green, Hayden 6, Hobbs 6, Hogancamp, Hoskins 9, Martin, O'Neill 20, Shuemaker 20, Tyler 12.
Field goals 36/65, 3-pointers 4/21 (Shuemaker 4), Free throws 14/18, Fouls 21.

Fulton City (91)
Dickerson 18, Elliot 2, Gearhart 21, Neal 15, Pate 2, Pettigrew 23, Rose 23, Ross 2, Taylor 3.
Field goals 34/64, 3-pointers 10/15 (Neal 5, Gearhart 4, Rose), Free throws 13/22, Fouls 20.

Carlisle Co. 61
Mayfield 58
01-27-98 - Home

Carlisle County chipped away at Mayfield's lead and finally forced overtime, where the Comets came away with a three-point home win.

Mayfield dominated the first quarter, outscoring Carlisle 24-8. The Comets reduced the lead to 12 at halftime and got within four entering the fourth quarter. The Comets gained a five-point lead with 2:40 left in the game, when Mayfield's Steve Fulcher hit two straight 3-pointers, to give the Cardinals a one-point advantage.

Mayfield led 58-57 in overtime when Todd Shuemaker, who led Carlisle with 18 points, got fouled and hit the first free throw, but missed the second. Roq Martin grabbed the rebound, was fouled and hit both free throws, giving Carlisle a 60-58 lead. Mayfield then had a chance to tie the game, but the shot missed and Eric O'Neill grabbed the board for Carlisle with 2.4 seconds remaining. He was fouled and hit the first free throw to give the Comets the 61-58 win.

Terral Starks led Mayfield with 21 and Jeremy Tyler added 13.

Clint Gill had 14 for Carlisle.

Mayfield.....24 33 40 52 58
Carlisle.....8 21 36 52 61

Mayfield (58)
Brady, Brown 5, Fulcher 6, Ivey 6, Morris, Neely, Simmons, Starks 21, Tyler 13, White 7, Redd.
Field goals 20/50, 3-pointers 5/8 (Fulcher 2, White, Starks, Ivey), Free throws 13/22, Fouls 29.

Carlisle (61)
Gill 14, Green 1, Hamilton, Hayden 3, Hobbs 3, Hogancamp 3, Hoskins 4, Martin 7, O'Neill 7, Shuemaker 18, Tyler 1.
Field goals 19/43, 3-pointers 4/14 (Shuemaker 3, Hobbs), Free throws 19/35, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 96
Heath 78
01-30-98 - Away

The Comets from Carlisle County were a little slow out of the blocks, but soon were up and running and left Heath in their dust.

Carlisle's up-temp style resulted in 22 points in the second quarter, 30 in the third and 28 in the fourth. The Comets were 32 of 55 from the field (53 percent) and a blistering 26 of 30 (87 percent) from the line.

Clint Gill poured in 23 to lead Carlisle. Todd Shuemaker had 17 and Andy Hayden 13 for the Comets.

Kevin Bellamy led Heath with 25 points and seven rebounds. Rob Allen added 16 and Brian Taylor had 11.

Carlisle.....16 38 68 96
Heath.....17 27 52 78

Heath (78)
Abanatha 2, Allen 16, Anderson 2, Bellamy 25, Bradley 5, Green, Harris 3, Lusk 2, Mens-Cole 2, Quarles, Story 2, Taylor 15, Weaver .
Field goals 30/62, 3-pointers 5/13 (Allen 2, Bradley, Taylor, Harris), Free throws 11/18, Rebounds 18, Fouls 27.

Carlisle (96)
Arnold 2, Gill 23, Green 6, Hamilton 2, Hayden 13, Hobbs 7, Hogancamp 5, Hoskins 8, Martin 4, O'Neill 9, Orr, Peek, Shuemaker 17.
Fgs. 32/55, 3 pts. 4/7 (Hayden 2, Gill, Shuemaker), Fts. 26/30, Rebs. 28, Fouls 18.

Tilghman 91
Carlisle Co. 60
02-03-98 - Away

Terry Shumpert had another 20 plus point performance to help Paducah Tilghman defeat Carlisle County as Tornado head coach Bill Chumbler reached two coaching milestones.

The Comets held a 14-13 lead midway in the first quarter, but the rest of the game was all Tilghman as it outscored the visitors 77-46.

Shumpert finished with 26 points. Brett Jones and George Wilson each had 17 points, while Jerick Carruthers scored 12 points. Todd Shuemaker had four long-distance baskets for two-thirds of his 18 for the Comets and teammate Clint Gill ended up with 12 points.

With the win, Chumbler secured his fourth 20-win season for the Tornado in four seasons. He also moved into sole possession of fourth place on the all-time Tilghman basketball coaches win list, just ahead of 1920's coach Curtis Sanders.

Carlisle.....19 31 44 60
Tilghman.....25 53 72 91

Carlisle (60)
Arnold 2, Gill 12, Green 6, Hayden 4, Hobbs 2, Hogancamp 4, Hoskins, Martin 4, O'Neill 7, Orr 1, Peek, Shuemaker 18, Smith, Tyler.
Field goals 22/63, 3-pointers 5/23 (Shuemaker 4, Gill), Free throws 11/16, Fouls 12.

Tilghman (91)
Carruthers 12, Holt 8, Jones 17, Kelly 7, Pit, Sanderson, Shumpert 26, Strow, Winscott, White, C. Wilson 4, G. Wilson 17.
Field goals 38/82, 3-pointers 4/11 (Jones 3, Kelly), Free throws 13/15, Fouls 19.

Fulton Co. 62
Carlisle Co. 58
02-06-98 - Home

Fulton County made a big showing in the second quarter of its First District matchup with Carlisle County, then held off a fourth quarter rally for the win.

Byron Tucker got 8 of his game-high 24 points in the second period, after being down seven in the first quarter. Fulton County then took a seven-point lead of its own into the fourth quarter.

The Comets fought back with a turnover-producing press and three treys from Todd Shuemaker in the final period. Carlisle even had a one-point lead with 90 seconds to go, but free throws saved the Pilots. They were 6 for 7 from the line in the fourth.

Willie Hagler also had a big game for Fulton County with 16 points. Matt Hoskins led Carlisle with 19 points, while Shuemaker finished with 17 points.

Fulton Co.....7 27 45 62
Carlisle.....14 27 38 58

Fulton Co. (62)
Bridges, Hagler 16, Hayes 2, Miner, Stray 7, Terrell 2, Tucker 24, Westbrook 4, Wilkins, Wilson 7.
Field goals 26/52, 3-pointers 2/11 (Hagler, Tucker), Free throws 8/11, Fouls 17.

Carlisle (58)
Gill 6, Green, Hayden 4, Hobbs, Hogancamp 2, Hoskins 19, Martin 7, O'Neill 3, Shuemaker 17, Tyler.
Field goals 24/48, 3-pointers 3/11 (Shuemaker 3), Free throws 7/9, Fouls 15.

Carlisle Co. 55
Hickman Co. 65
02-07-98 - Home

Better shooting on all fronts made the difference as Hickman County downed Carlisle County 65-55 in high school basketball on Saturday, taking control of the First District race.

Carlisle got the early upper hand with a 12-2 run to start the game, but the Falcons got the open shots later and increased their defensive pressure to pull away. Hickman was 18 for 21 from the foul line and out shot Carlisle from both inside and outside.

Ben Rushing led the Falcons with 20 points, followed by Clint Larkins (17), Anthony Beard (12) and Robert Edwards (10). Todd Shuemaker topped the Comets with 19 points and both of his team's 3-pointers. Clint Gill (14) and Matt Hoskins (11) also hit double digits for Carlisle.

The win gives Hickman County a 4-1 district record, a game ahead of Fulton County (3-2). Carlisle falls to 2-4 in the district.

Hickman.....8 24 44 65
Carlisle.....14 23 34 55

Hickman (65)
Beard 12, Byassee 2, R. Edwards 10, Larkins 17, Lyman, Rushing 20, Sugg 4.
Field goals 23/45, 3-pointers 1/6 (Larkins), Free throws 18/21, Fouls 18.

Carlisle (55)
Arnold, Gill 14, Green, Hamilton, Hayden 2, Hobbs 3, Hogancamp, Hoskins 11, Martin, O'Neill 6, Shuemaker 19.
Field goals 22/54, 3-pointers 2/21 (Shuemaker 2), Free throws 9/19, Fouls 21.

'Twin Terrors'
Put Out Comets

Carlisle Co. 74
Fulton City 81
02-10-98 - Home

Describing Cornelius Dickerson and Duron Pettigrew, as Fulton City's post players would be inaccurate.

"Twin Terrors" would, at least as far as Carlisle County is concerned. Dickerson and Pettigrew, isolated often on the Comets' bigger, slower front line, scored 23 points apiece and dominated the inside as the Bulldogs tightened up the First District race with Tuesday night's 81-74 win at Carlisle.

"They usually give up some height, but they can match strength and quickness with anybody," said Fulton City coach Sam Miller. "They're both good football players and that helps them, too. We have an offense where we can get them one-on one, and they also get a lot of rebounds and putbacks."

Pettigrew, a 6-foot-3 180-pound junior, was a near perfect 10 for 11 from the field, all of his shots coming from within five feet of the basket. Guard Grant Gearhart was the primary triggerman, handing out five assists to go along with his 16 pts. Dickerson (6-2, 186) also grabbed a dozen rebounds and helped the Bulldogs (8-10) establish a whopping edge on the boards.

"The only other team that beat us on the boards like that was Paducah Tilghman," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "We had no post defense. Our big guys were letting them get the entry pass too easily, then we'd let their guards penetrate and get it to them."

Fulton City (8-10) improved to 1-2 in the district standings, and cleared the first hurdle in a key four-game stretch of district contests. The Bulldogs face archrival Fulton County (2-2 in the district) on Friday, then host Hickman County (4-1) on Monday and close out the regular season next weekend at Fulton County.

They could still snare the top seed but they could also finish in the No. 4 slot, probably drawing defending district champion Hickman in the first round.

"I don't know if it really matters that much, but certainly we would like to get three more wins," Miller said. "This is the first time we've really played like a team, as far as executing our offense like we're supposed to."

Fulton city will be dangerous enough come postseason, especially since the Bulldogs will host the district tournament. By then, they may have regained the services of starting guard Ben Mitchell, who broke his collarbone in a game last month and could return to the lineup as early as late this week. He was on the Bulldog's bench Tuesday night, but wasn't dressed out.

"He hasn't been officially cleared to play," Miller said. "He wants to play Friday night, but we'll have to see how it goes in practice. He's just now healing and I don't want to risk hurting him again. Even if he comes back, I doubt he would be back in the starting lineup before the district tournament."

Meanwhile, it's time to regroup for the Comets (12-10), who have lost to each of their three district opponents in the past five days, all coming on their home floor.

"Believe me, we'll be working on our defense much more than our offense," O'Neill said. "When you score 74 points in a high school basketball game, you should be winning."

Todd Shuemaker led Carlisle with 20 points, hitting 4 for 8 from 3-point range, while senior guard Clint Gill contributed 13 points and six assists.

The Comets never led in the second half, although they pulled within one on a Shuemaker trey late in the third period. Josh Tyler, who came off the bench to score 10 points, pulled Carlisle to within 65-61 on a tip-in at the 6:45 mark of the fourth quarter, but Pettigrew extended the lead with a basket from the low block. On the next trip, he missed a jumper from the baseline, but Elliot Taylor streaked in from the weak side for a tip and a 69-61 edge.

Carlisle later pulled within four when Roq Martin blocked a Dickerson shot to set up a basket by Matt Hoskins. But Gearhart hit a couple of free throws and with Fulton City running its delay game, Brandon Neal nailed a 3-pointer with 1:11 left to make it 78-69.

Fulton City.....25 44 62 81
Carlisle.....23 40 57 74

Fulton City (81)
Pate 2, Dickerson 23, Pettigrew 23, Neal 6, Gearhart 16, Rose 9, Elliot, Taylor 2, Ross.
Field goals 31/55, 3-pointers 4/11 (Gearhart 2, Neal, Rose), Free throws 15/23, Rebounds 30, Fouls 11.

Carlisle (74)
Shuemaker 20, Hoskins 9, O'Neill, Hayden 7, Gill 13, Martin 4, Tyler 10, Hobbs 5, Hogancamp 4, Hamilton 2.
Field goals 31/55, 3-pointers 7/13 (Shuemaker 4, Gill, Hayden, Hobbs), Free throws 5/9, Rebounds 14, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 64
Lone Oak 50
02-13-98 - Home

Carlisle County snapped a four-game losing streak by breaking the game open in the fourth quarter and beating Lone Oak by 14.

Clint Gill led the fourth-quarter charge for Carlisle with 10 of his 16 points. Todd Shuemaker had 19 points to pace Carlisle. Jon Shelby paced Lone Oak with 18 and Matt Hopper pitched in 10.

Lone Oak.....12 29 40 50
Carlisle.....19 26 42 64

Lone Oak (50)
Cargill 3, Dunn 4, Flood 5, Fortney, Gosa 4, Heath 4, Hopper 10, Miller, Powell 2, Shelby 18, Walter, Yarbrough, Brazzell, Williams.
Field goals 19/41, 3-pointers 0/5, Free throws 12/18, Fouls 20.

Carlisle (64)
Arnold, Gill 16, Green, Hamilton 2, Hayden 5, Hobbs 1, Hogancamp, Hoskins 3, Martin 5, O'Neill 2, Orr, Peek, Shuemaker 19, Tyler 11, Smith.
Field goals 22/49, 3-pointers 3/11 (Shuemaker, Martin, Hayden), Free throws 17/24, Fouls 21.

St. Mary 60
Carlisle Co. 48
02-16-98 - Home

Ryan Cochran began the game with two 3-pointers and sent St. Mary on its way to a victory over Carlisle County.

Cochran scored 8 of his 14 points in the opening frame, sparking the Vikings to a 19-8 lead. Ben Warren also chipped in 12 first-half points as St. Mary led 34-23 at halftime and kept control the rest of the way.

Warren led St. Mary with a game-high 19 points as the Vikings shot a blistering 59 percent from the floor and 76 percent from the line. Luke Crider pitched in 13 points.

For the Comets, Matt Hoskins led the way with 12 points. Todd Shuemaker added 11.

St. Mary.....19 34 51 60
Carlisle.....8 23 37 48

St. Mary (60)
Warren 19, Cochran 14, Crider 13, Hosea 6, Wurth 6, Roof 2, Cowne, Guidry, Hyberger, Paxton.
Field goals 20/34, 3-pointers 4/7 (Cochran 2, Crider, Hosea), Free throws 16/21, Fouls 16.

Carlisle (48)
Hoskins 12, Shuemaker 11, Gill 9, O'Neill 5, Hobbs 4, Tyler 3, Arnold 2, Martin 2, Green, Hamilton, Hayden.
Field goals 16/52, 3-pointers 1/8 (Shuemaker), Free throws 15/23, Fouls 17.

Carlisle Co. 68
Ballard Co. 65
02-20-98 - Away

Todd Shuemaker's fourth-quarter shooting heroics propelled Carlisle Co. to an exciting road win over Ballard Co.

The most crucial of all his shots came with the score knotted 65-65 and 4.7 seconds remaining. Shuemaker buried one of his 3 fourth quarter treys to give Carlisle the win.

Shuemaker's first 3-pointer of the fourth quarter came with Ballard leading 55-54. He hit another trey to put the Comets up 60-55, before Ballard came back to tie the score, 65-65.

His 16 pts. were good enough to lead Carlisle as Clint Gill added 15 and Matt Hoskins had 10. Josh Tyler had 11 pts. and 9 rebs. as Carlisle out-rebounded the hosts 33-22.

Dustin Roberts had 29 to lead Ballard and Travis Heal added 15.

Carlisle.....16 33 48 68
Ballard.....17 34 43 65

Carlisle (68)
Arnold 1, Gill 15, Green 7, Hamilton, Hobbs 5, Hoskins 10, O'Neill, Shuemaker 16, Tyler 11, Smith 3.
Fgs. 23/55, 3-pts. 5/14 (Shuemaker 4, Gill), Fts. 17/25, Rebs. 33, Fouls 22.

Ballard (65)
Evans, Green 2, Heal 15, Myers 4, Overstreet 9, Polivick, Powell 4, Renfrow 2, Roberts 29.
Fgs. 22/43, 3-pts. 3/7 (Heal 2, Overstreet), Fts. 16/25, Rebs. 22, Fouls 21.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Pilots Muscle
Through Carlisle Co.

Carlisle Co. 57
Fulton Co. 62
02-26-98 - Away

Fulton Co. has a football team, Carlisle Co. doesn't.

Even in basketball season, that sometimes makes a difference.

The bigger, stronger Pilots dominated the offensive boards in the fourth quarter, pulling out a 62-57 victory in Thursday night's semi-final round of the First District Tourn. Fulton Co. earned a spot in next week's First Region Tourn. and will meet Hickman Co. in tonight's championship game

Guess what? Hickman doesn't have a football team either.

"They just pushed us around," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "It wasn't roughhousing or anything. They're just so much more physical around the basket."

The Pilots start James Bridges (6' 3", 260 lbs.) at center, then bring powerful forwards Prentis Terrell (6'2", 220 lbs.) and Russell Stray (6'2", 220 lbs.) in its front-line rotation. Three of the Pilots' five baskets in a stretch of the fourth quarter came off the offensive boards and it was Bridges' putback at the 1:47 mark that gave Fulton Co. the lead for good at 56-55.

Carlisle's Todd Shuemaker misfired on a 3-pointer, with Willie Hagler rebounding and hitting Byron Tucker on the outlet pass for a layup and a 58-55 edge. Matt Hoskins hit a baseline jumper to cut the lead to one, but Tucker was fouled and made both fts. to make it 60-57 with 15.2 seconds left.

Shuemaker, who scored 13 pts., but hit just 5 of 17 shots from the field, felt some contact as he let go with a 3 pt. shot, that was partially blocked, but no foul was called until after the shot. Shuemaker missed the front end of a one-and-one, and Hagler was fouled on the rebound. He sank both fts. with 5.4 seconds left to seal the victory.

Tucker led the Pilots with 15 pts., six in the last 3½ minutes and also did a admirable job guarding Shuemaker, who has had four 30 pt. games this season. Tramaine Wilson added 12 pts. off the bench, while Hagler chipped in with 11. Bench scoring was a huge factor for Fulton Co., who got 8 pts. from Stray and 6 from Terrell. The Pilots reserves outscored the Carlisle subs, 26-7.

"If there were a award for sixth man in this region, Tramaine would have a shot at it," said Fulton Co. coach Perry Collins. "He started about 3 or 4 games at the start of the season, but he says he feels more comfortable playing off the bench. He usually gets 8 to 10 pts. off the bench.

Carlisle (14-10) got a game high 22 pts. from Clint Gill, the teams only senior.

"I told Tuck that if Shuemaker went to get a bag of popcorn, to go right there with him," Collins said. "I gave him a breather at the start of the fourth quarter and that's when Shuemaker hit a big three on us. You can't give him a foot or he'll bury it.

Fulton Co. was the only First District team to beat Hickman Co. this season and Collins' team will have a shot to go up 2-1 on the season series.

Few teams are hotter than the Pilots, who have played their best basketball since a heartbreaking loss in the All A Classic regional tourn.. Fulton Co. nearly beat Mayfield in the quarterfinals of that tourn., but a potential game tying three was waved off because the Pilots had called a timeout just before the shot was released.

"We also missed some big free throws in that game, but we've won 9 of 11 since then," said Collins, who has taken the Pilots to the regional tourn. in each of his two seasons. "I just hope we can keep it up.

Carlisle.....6 26 41 57
Fulton Co.....12 28 46 62

Carlisle (57)
Shuemaker 13, Hoskins 9, O'Neill, Hobbs 6 Gill 22, Tyler 5, Hayden 2, Hamilton, Green.
Fgs. 23/49, 3-pts. 3/11 (Shuemaker 3), Fts. 8/16, Fouls 12.

Fulton Co. (62)

Westbrook, Hayes 6, Bridges 4, Tucker 15, Hagler 11, Terrell 6, Stray 8, Miner, Wilson 12.
Fgs. 24/63, 3-pts. 3/10 (Wilson 2, Tucker), Fts. 11/15, Fouls 13.

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	Games Played	Field Goal Attempts	Field Goals Made	Field Goal %	Free Throw Attempts	Free Throws Made	Free Throw %	2 Point Attempts	2 Pointers Made	2 Point %	3 Point Attempts	3 Pointers Made	3 Point %	Average Points	High Point Total	Total Points	Total Steals	Total Rebounds	Total Assists	Personal Fouls	Total Turnovers
Clint Gill	26	238	126	52.9	149	94	63.1	197	116	58.9	41	10	24.4	14	23	364	74	85	134	0	97
Todd Shuemaker	26	416	152	36.5	135	111	82.2	217	85	39.2	199	67	33.7	18.5	38	482	24	93	56	0	46
Andy Hayden	25	139	57	41	49	30	61.2	90	34	37.8	49	23	46.9	6.68	18	167	38	37	58	0	58
Eric O'Neill	26	82	38	46.3	16	7	43.8	82	38	46.3	0	0	0	3.19	20	83	10	100	10	0	17
Josh Tyler	24	97	44	45.4	30	14	46.7	97	44	45.4	0	0	0	4.37	12	105	13	94	3	0	19
Ben Hogarcamp	23	32	18	56.3	16	7	43.8	32	18	56.3	0	0	0	1.87	6	43	4	53	1	0	8
Matt Hoskins	26	129	67	51.9	60	37	61.7	125	67	53.6	4	0	0	6.61	19	172	16	131	13	0	34
Marcus Hamilton	21	12	4	33.3	5	3	60	12	4	33.3	0	0	0	0.61	2	13	1	14	3	0	9
Steven Green	24	75	37	49.3	20	11	55	59	34	57.6	16	3	18.8	3.58	10	86	15	27	23	0	24
Brian Hobbs	26	68	23	33.8	47	30	63.8	50	19	38	18	4	22.2	3.11	8	81	19	45	40	0	43
Roq Martin	22	78	31	39.7	20	13	65	48	23	47.9	30	8	26.7	3.68	11	81	5	56	11	0	17
Brandon Orr	14	3	1	33.3	4	2	50	3	1	33.3	0	0	0	0.2	2	4	2	2	0	0	5
Mark Smith	9	3	1	33.3	10	4	40	2	0	0	1	1	100	0.3	3	7	0	5	1	0	2
Corey Peek	13	7	1	14.3	2	0	0	4	0	0	3	1	33.3	0.1	3	3	1	2	1	0	2
Justin Arnold	9	6	2	33.3	4	3	75	6	2	33.3	0	0	0	1	2	9	0	10	1	0	0
Total for Team	314	1385	602	43.5	567	366	64.6	1024	485	47.4	361	117	32.4	4.52	38	1700	222	754	355	0	381

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	St. Mary	Livingston Co.	Hickman Co.	Murray	Marshall Co.	Murray	Calloway Co.	Martin Westview, TN.	Greenfield, TN.	Covington, TN.	Mayfield	Fulton City	Fulton Co.											
Clint Gill	13(1)	21	10	23	8	12(2)	4	14(1)	16	10	17	9	13(1)											
Todd Shuemaker	30(2)	21(1)	9(2)	27(4)	17(1)	34(6)	6	17(2)	14(3)	22(2)	17(2)	38(7)	12(2)											
Josh Tyler	3	4	8	5	9	4	2	2	0	0	2	0	5											
Eric O'Neill	4	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	3	3	0											
Andy Hayden	18(1)	3	8(1)	11(2)	0	0	12(3)	10(2)	9(1)	6	8(1)	14(4)	14(2)											
Brian Hobbs	2	4	4	0	2	1	4	2	5	0	2	2	0											
Marcus Hamilton	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0											
Ben Hogancamp	5	2	2	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	0	6	0											
Matt Hoskins	1	10	0	4	2	9	2	5	3	2	2	6	9											
Steven Green		9	0	10	8	10	0	7(1)	0	0	5(1)	8(1)	6											
Cory Peek		0	3(1)	0	0			0	0	0		0												
Brandon Orr		0	2	0	0		1	0	0	0		0												
Roq Martin		0	0	0	0		0	5	11(1)	7(1)	0	8(2)	3(1)											
Mark Smith							0	0	0	0														
Justin Arnold		0	2	0																				

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	Ballard Co.	Calloway Co.	Fulton City	Mayfield	Heath	Tilghman	Fulton Co.	Hickman Co.	Fulton City	Lone Oak	St. Mary	Ballard Co.	Fulton Co.						3-Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Clint Gill	18	15(1)	17	14	23(1)	12(1)	6	14	13(1)	16	9	15(1)	22						10	26	364	14
Todd Shuemaker	26(3)	4	20(4)	18(3)	17(1)	18(4)	17(3)	19(2)	20(4)	19(1)	11(1)	16(4)	13(3)						67	26	482	18.54
Josh Tyler	8	0	12	1		0	0		10	11	3	11	5						0	24	105	4.37
Eric O'Neill	2	0	20	7	9	7	3	6	0	2	5	0	0						0	26	83	3.19
Andy Hayden	5(1)	3(1)	6	3	13(2)	4	4	2	7(1)	5(1)	0		2						23	25	167	6.68
Brian Hobbs	8(1)	3(1)	6	3(1)	7	2	0	3	5(1)	1	4	5	6						4	26	81	3.11
Marcus Hamilton				0	2			0	2	2	0	0	0						0	21	13	0.61
Ben Hogancamp	3	0	0	3	5	4	2	0	4	0									0	23	43	1.87
Matt Hoskins	13	10	9	4	8	0	19	11	9	3	12	10	9						0	26	172	6.61
Steven Green	3	0	0	1	6	6	0	0		0	0	7	0						3	24	86	3.58
Cory Peek	0	0			0	0				0									1	13	3	0.23
Brandon Orr	0	0			0	1				0									0	14	4	0.28
Roq Martin	4	10(2)	0	7	4	4	7	0	4	5(1)	2								8	22	81	3.68
Mark Smith	3(1)	1				0				0		3							1	9	7	0.77
Justin Arnold					2	2		0		0	2	1							0	9	9	1
						Team Record - 14-12							Per Game Avg. - 64.92						117		1700	

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Clint Gill	59	11	3	3	109	364	479	8.11
Roq Martin	25	9	5	81			86	3.44
Justin Arnold	9	0			9		9	1
Marcus Hamilton	33			6	13		19	0.57

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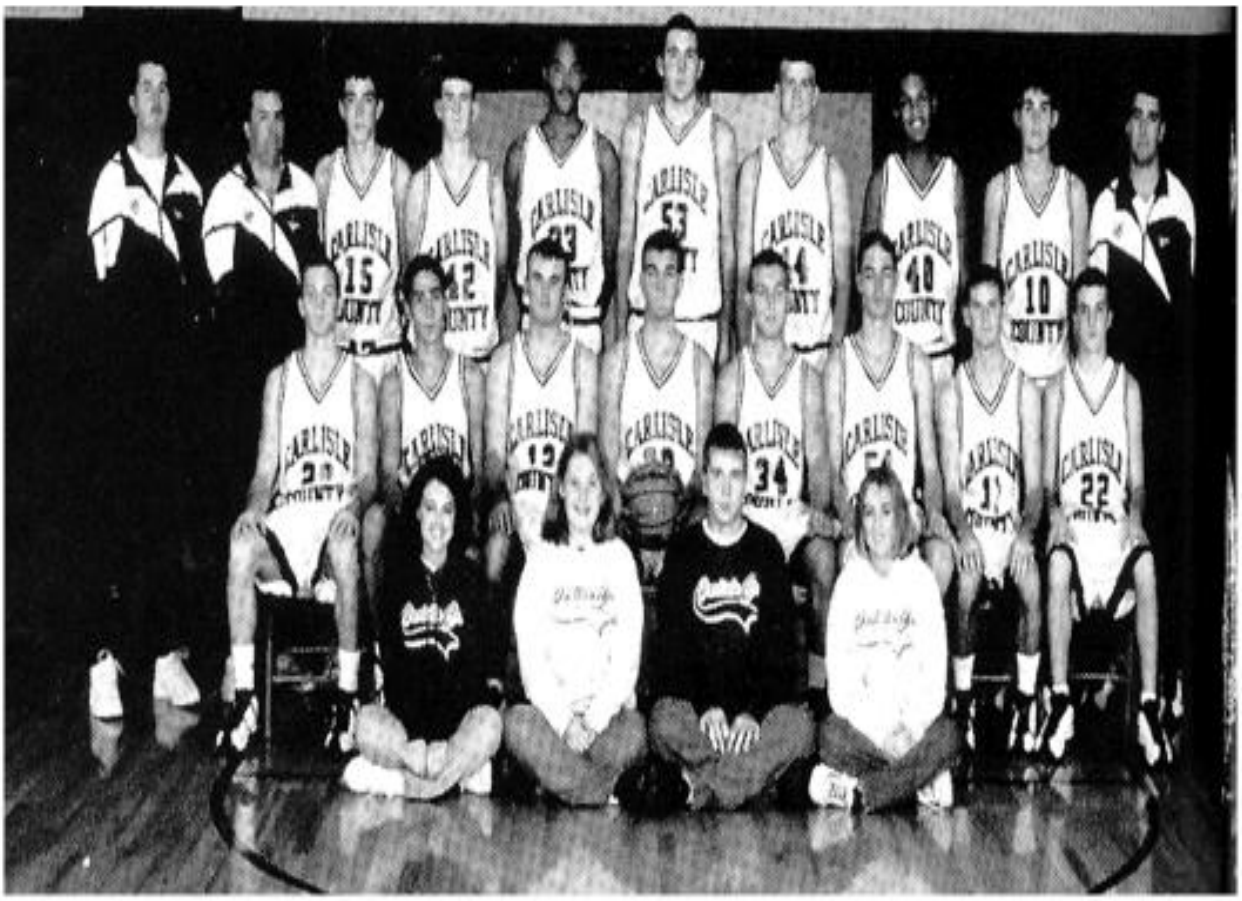
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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-24-98	St. Mary	**53-63**	A	
11-27-98	Martin Westview, TN.	68-55	A	- **KEN-TENN SHOOTOUT**
12-04-98	Marshall Co.	94-91 **ot**	A	
12-08-98	Hickman Co.	59-53	H	
12-10-98	Murray	85-65	A	
12-18-98	Reidland	80-61	A	
12-21-98	Murray	60-37	A	- **MURRAY-CALLOWAY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-22-98	Calloway Co.	**42-68**	A	- **MURRAY-CALLOWAY TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-26-98	Martin Westview, TN.	65-37	A	- **MARTIN WESTVIEW TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-28-98	Greenfield, TN.	69-53	A	- **MARTIN WESTVIEW TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-30-98	Calloway Co.	**48-60**	A	- **MARTIN WESTVIEW TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-04-99	Mayfield	53-50	H	
01-05-99	Fulton City	88-82	H	
01-11-99	Ballard Co.	**64-75**	A	
01-15-99	Calloway Co.	78-65	H	
01-19-99	Murray	83-65	A	- **ALL A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-22-99	Fulton City	60-54	A	- **ALL A TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-23-99	St. Mary	**45-63**	A	- **ALL A TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-26-99	Mayfield	**52-58**	A	
01-29-99	Heath	77-48	H	
01-30-99	Hickman Co.	**56-72**	A	
02-02-99	Tilghman	**45-83**	H	
02-05-99	Fulton Co	88-52	A	
02-09-99	Fulton City	68-61	A	
02-12-99	Lone Oak	82-77	A	
02-15-99	Fulton Co	88-70	H	
02-19-99	Ballard Co.	**71-81**	H	
02-23-99	Fulton City	**56-68**	H	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 18-10

1999 Comets



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1998-99 COMET ROSTER:
Todd Shuemaker, Eric O'Neill, Brian Hobbs, Andy Hayden, Matt Hoskins, Ben Hogancamp, Steven Green, Josh Tyler, Orlandus Hill, Mark Smith, Brandon Orr, Doug O'Neill, Cory Peek, Jeff Solomon.

Favored Falcons
Feel Packs Heat

Although Hickman Co. might not be a clear-cut favorite in the boy's 1998-99 First District race, Coach Henry Edwards team will return four starters from a squad that won 21 games, but Carlisle Co. could make a lot of noise. The Comets won 14 games a year ago and return four starters, also.

"After watching (Hickman) play the other night, I think the edge is going to go to Carlisle," Fulton City coach Sam Miller said. "They've got outside shooting and an inside presence with a couple of big guys.

"I see third place as a toss-up between us and Fulton Co."

Edwards, whose team lost only to Fulton Co. in the district last season, believes anything can Happen.

"I guess you can look at us on paper and like us, but Carlisle has four starters back and they are a very large team and both Fulton Co. and Fulton City have several players back," Edwards said. "If you're not ready to play on any given night during any given game, you can get beat in this district.

Carlisle County

A team that won 14 games returns four starters, including one of the area's leading returning scorers (18.5 pts.) in senior Todd Shuemaker.

But Shuemaker's scoring may actually go down on a team that coach Brian O'Neill hopes will have more offensive weapons.

"With so many returning players, we've got a good foundation," O'Neill said. "I think Todd is really looking to pass the ball more this year, especially if teams key on him."

O'Neill will employ the same fast-paced, baseline-to-baseline offence and defense, but with an improved inside game, will try to feed the ball to the post more.

Eric O'Neill, a 6'5" senior, returns at center. He'll get help from 6'6" junior Joe Ben Hogancamp and 6'5" senior Josh Tyler.

"To be more successful, we'll have to work the ball inside more. We'll probably play two of our big guys at the same time," O'Neill said.

We've got a big freshman, and three of our four big guys can get up and down the court.

Also back as starters are junior Andy Hayden and sophomore Matt Hoskins, who each averaged about 7 pts. a game. Senior Steven Green contributed off the bench and should see more playing time this year.

"We should have strength in numbers. We try to wear the other team down. We're fortunate to have this many kids at a school this size," O'Neill said. "We will have to improve defensively and in rebounding.

Carlisle Co. 53
St. Mary 63
11-24-98 - Away

St. Mary put three players in double figures and pulled away from Carlisle County. The Vikings expanded a 25-16 halftime lead to 42-29, entering the final eight minutes. After St. Mary took its biggest lead, 44-29, Carlisle fought back to as close as 59-53, before the Vikings hit four free throws for the final margin.

Ben Warren led St. Mary with 16 points. Charles Hosea had 15 and Ryan Cochran 12. Brain Hobbs led Carlisle with 14 points. Matt Hoskins added 13 and Todd Shuemaker 10.

Carlisle (0-1)…..…8 16 29 53
St. Mary (2-0)…....10 25 42 63

Carlisle (53)
Shuemaker 10, E. O'Neill 4, Hobbs 14, Hayden 4, Hoskins 13, Hogancamp, Green 3, Tyler 5, Smith, Hill.
Field goals 18, 3 pointers 1 (Hoskins), Free throws 16/29, Rebounds 28, Fouls 18.

St. Mary (63)
Warren 16, Wurth 4, Cochran 12, Hyberger 5, Hosea 15, Crider 7, Guidry 4, Paxton.
Field goals 23, 3-pointers 5 (Cochran 3, Hyberger, Crider), Free throws 12-19, Rebounds 25, Fouls 23.

Ken-Tenn Shootout

Carlisle Co. 68
Martin Westview, TN. 55
11-27-98 - Away

Carlisle Co. defeated Martin Westview, TN. in the second game of the Ken-Tenn Shootout, played at Hickman Co High School.

The Comets led by 4, after the first quarter and increased that lead at the end of every quarter thereafter to win by 14 pts., 68-55.

Carlisle was led in scoring by Matt Hoskins with 21 pts.

Carlisle.....15 33 51 68
Westview …..…..11 25 41 55

Carlisle (68)
Shuemaker 15, Hobbs 3, E. O'Neill 3, Hoskins 21, Hayden 3, Hogancamp 8, Tyler 4, Green 2, Hill 7, Smith 2, Peek, Solomon, D. O'Neill, Orr.
Field Goals 25/45, 3 pts. 4/8 (Shuemaker 3, Hobbs 1), Free throws 6/20, Fouls 20.

Westview (55)
Bright 8, Evans 4, Ferrell 11, Carpenter 16, Phelps 5, F. Alexander, Scott, J Alexander 4, Conter 4, Horrell 3.
Fields Goals 15/36, 3 pts. 3/7 (Carpenter 3), Free throws 16/27, Fouls 18.

Carlisle Wins Over
Marshall In OT

Carlisle Co. 94
Marshall Co. 91
12-04-98 - Away

Todd Shumaker scored a game-high 29 points as Carlisle County beat Marshall County in overtime Friday night.

Carlisle (2-1….22 44 61 79 94
Marshall (1-1)...16 35 53 79 91

Carlisle (94)
Shuemaker 29, Hoskins 20, Tyler 10, Hobbs 9, E. O'Neill 8, Green 5, Hayden 4, Smith 4, Hill 3, Hogancamp 2, Orr.
Field goals 27, 3 pointers 6 (Shuemaker 5, Hayden), Free throws 34/49, Fouls 18.

Marshall (91)
Howell 19, Moore 16, Lyles 13, Powell 13, Perry 10, Sanders 9, Dunn 7, Merritt 2, Dougherty 2, Ladd, Long.
Field goals 37, 3 pointers 8 (Lyles 3, Moore 3, Howell, Powell), Free throws 9/18, Fouls 29.

Free Throws Pad Lead
As Carlisle Beats Hickman Co.

Carlisle Co. 59
Hickman Co. 53
12-08-98 - Home

Sure, it's only December and the most meaningful games are still three months away, but Carlisle County had a reason to celebrate its win over archrival Hickman County. In a rivalry as intense as the bordering county was between these two schools, six consecutive losses in the series over a three season span, can become much more than a minor annoyance.

"It's been a while since we've beaten those guys," said Carlisle Coach Brain O'Neill, whose squad eked out a 59-53 victory over the struggling Falcons on Tuesday night. "I'm still stressing to those guys that it's just one game, but there's no question it gives us a little confidence and it was nice to win another close one."

With Hickman star Ben Rushing, his team's leading scorer and primary ball handler, briefly out of the game with a sprained ankle midway through the fourth quarter, the Comet's full court pressure defense forced two straight turnovers and provided just enough cushion to seal the win at the free throw line.

Senior Brian Hobbs was 10 for 10 from the foul line down the stretch and backcourt mate Andy Hayden had a critical steal that turned into a late basket, as Carlisle, which won a 94-91 overtime game at Marshall County last week, posted its second straight win against a highly-rated First Region foe.

Carlisle (3-1) takes the early lead in the First District standings in what was the district opener for both teams. Hickman (1-4) suffered its third straight defeat. The Falcons lost to Marshall last week, and then lost an 83-73 decision to southern Illinois power Pope County, in the Player's Super Shootout at Massac County.

What was shaping up as a defensive struggle turned when Rushing, who scored a game-high 28 points, was fouled by Hobbs on a drive to the basket at the 4:21 mark. He came up limping, yet stayed in the game and hit one of two free throws to tie the score at 42-42.

Rushing came out after the next defensive series, and his absence left Hickman without its best weapon against the Comets' pressure.

Hobbs stole the ball in the backcourt, earned a trip to the foul line, and sunk both for a 44-42 edge. Then Hoskins picked off an errant pass at

mid-court and fed freshman Orlandus Hill for a dunk, sending at least half of a nearly-packed Carlisle gym into a frenzy.

"We put him on the point of that press because he's got such a wingspan and he can really cause some problems," O'Neill said, "And the dunk really got us and our crowd fired up. It's hard to believe he's a freshman, with some of the things he can do around the basket."

Robert Edwards sliced the lead to one with a 3-point play, but Hoskins hit a couple of free throws to push the lead back to three. With Hickman looking for a game-tying 3-pointers, Hayden knocked the ball away from Billy Edwards, and scored, to push the lead back to 50-45.

"We've got other people out there that can handle the ball, but we didn't show much patience," said Hickman coach Henry Edwards, whose team committed 24 turnovers, 15 in the second half. "We haven't played well in the fourth quarter yet this year. We haven't been patient with the ball and we haven't played very good defense."

Hobbs, who scored 10 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter, put it away by hitting all 10 free throws in the final 1:50. The Comets were 17 for 19 from the foul line, 13 of 15 in the final four minutes.

"Believe it or not, we were only hitting 45 percent from the foul line before the Marshall County game," O'Neill said. "I bet they've all shot about 200 free throws since then, and I guess it's paid off."

Part of Hickman's problem has been the inability to get any consistent offensive production from anyone other than Rushing, who is averaging 25.4 points per game. Anthony Beard was saddled by foul trouble and still managed 10 points and 12 rebounds, but he was the only other Falcon to score in double figures.

"We can't do that and win very many ballgames," Edwards said. "We've got to get everybody contributing and that's the bottom line."

"Robert Edwards looked to score more than he has lately and we need that. And we missed a lot of close shots. A lot of them just kind of hung up there on the rim and wouldn't fall."

Meanwhile, Carlisle County had four players in double digits, led by Todd Shuemaker's 16 points. Hayden chipped in with 11 and Hoskins added 10.

"That's one advantage we have, the fact that we've got some balance and some depth," O'Neill said.

Hickman (1-4)…..12 28 34 53
Carlisle (3-1)……...11 25 32 59

Hickman (53)
Beard 10, Byassee 7, R. Edwards 7, Rushing 28, B. Edwards, Evans, Mathis 1.
Field Goals 18/41, 3-pointers 2/5 (Rushing 2), Free throws 15/19, Fouls 20.

Carlisle (59)
Shuemaker 16, Hoskins 10, E. O'Neill 2, Hayden 11, Hobbs 14, Hogancamp 2, Smith, Hill 2, Tyler 2, Green, Orr.
Field Goals 19/50, 3-pointers 4/9 (Shuemaker 2, Hayden 2), Free throws 17/19, Fouls 18.

Carlisle Co. 85
Murray 65
12-10-98 - Away

Orlandus Hill scored 21 points and Matt Hoskins 13 as Carlisle County beat Murray in a game played Thursday night.

Murray's Markise Foster led all scorers with 23.

Carlisle (4-1)……..11 42 64 85
Murray (0-2)…….....11 30 50 65

Carlisle (85)
Green 3, Hayden 9, Hill 21, Hobbs 6, Hogancamp 5, Hoskins 13, D. O'Neill, E. O'Neill 2, Orr, Peek 3, Shuemaker 9, Smith 2, Solomon 2, Tyler 10.
Field Goals 33/60, 3-pointers 6/6 (Shuemaker 3, Hayden, Hill, Peek), Free Throws 13/21, Rebounds 35, Fouls 12.

Murray (65)
Cogdell 2, Compton 10, Duncan, Foster 23, J. Garland 2, Trice 2, Villafor 5, Workman 4, Young 2, Masthay 2, Kellehen 2.
Field Goals 27/50, 3-pointers 5/9 (Foster 3, Compton 2), Free throws 6/9, Rebounds 23, Fouls 15.

Carlisle Co. 80
Reidland 61
12-18-98 - Away

A 23-15 second quarter run gave Carlisle County some breathing room at it held back Reidland, for a 19-point win.

Free throws were the difference as Carlisle hit 24 of 35, while Reidland was only 9 of 20. Corey Faith had 25 points to lead Reidland and Chris Briggs added 11. Andy Hayden and Todd Shumaker had 13 points each for Carlisle and Brian Hobbs scored 12.

Carlisle (5-1)…….16 39 54 80
Reidland (1-6)……...2 27 42 61

Carlisle (80)
Green 4, Hayden 13, Hill, Hobbs 12, Hogancamp 7, Hoskins 8, D. O'Neill, E. O'Neill 4, Orr 1, Peek 4, Shuemaker 13, Smith 8, Solomon, Tyler 6.
Field Goals 26, 3-pointers 4 (Hayden, Hobbs, Peek, Shuemaker), Free Throws 24/35, Fouls 19.

Reidland (61)
Amyx 2, Briggs 11, Behrent 2, Kirksey 4, Matlock, Poole 4, Patterson 3, Wilson 3, M. Wilson 7.
Field Goals 25, 3-pointers 2 (Briggs), Rebounds 26, Fouls 18.

Murray-Calloway Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co.
Rolls Over Murray

Carlisle Co. 60
Murray 37
12-21-98 - Away

Carlisle Co. got 12 pts. from Todd Shuemaker and 10 from Eric O'Neill in a win over a winless Murray squad that started two freshman and a sophomore.

The Comets held a comfortable 20-pt. halftime lead and played the whole roster, with eight players scoring at least six points.

Murray, which shot just 31% from the field, got 9 pts. from Jeremy Workman and 7 from Trent Garland.

Carlisle…..19 35 48 60
Murray…..8 15 30 37

Carlisle (60)
Shuemaker 12, Hoskins 8, E. O'Neill 10, Hayden 6, Hobbs, Hogancamp 6, Tyler 6, Green 2, Hill 6, Smith, Orr 1, D. O'Neill, Peek, Solomon 3.
Fgs. 23/48, 3 pts. 4/8 (Shuemaker 2, Hoskins, Solomon), Fts. 10/18, Fouls 14.

Murray (37)
Villaffor 2, Workman 9, Masthay 2, T. Garland 7, Trice 6, Kellehere 3, Compton 6, Duncan, Cogdrll 2, J. Garland, Vince, Young, Prince.
Fgs. 15/48, 3 pts. 5/10 (Trice 2, Kellehere, T. Garland, Workman), Fts. 2/4, Fouls 14.

Murray-Calloway Tourn.
Championship
Lakers Buoyed By Win.
Wyatt Scores 32 As Calloway
Stop's Carlisle's Streak At
The Racer Classic.

Carlisle Co. 42
Calloway Co. 68
12-22-98 - Away

Calloway County was reeling from back-to-back close losses. Carlisle County was riding high with six straight wins. So much for streaks. Both came to a screeching halt Tuesday night as the Lakers destroyed Carlisle 68-42 in the final game of the Racer Christmas Classic at Murray State University's Regional Special Events Center.

Calloway coach Ron Greene's holiday spirits were buoyed by what he thought was one of his team's best efforts of the young season. His opposite number, Brain O'Neill, showed his disgust by removing his regulars at the beginning of the fourth quarter, playing the entire eight minutes with "A lack of hustle and intensity," was O'Neill's stated reason." It was that way from the beginning of the game. The most we showed all night was from the five on the floor at the end of the game."

"Maybe we were a little cocky after our 6-1 start." said coach O'Neill. Carlisle lost its swagger early. The Lakers (4-3) jumped ahead 9-2 and eventually built an 11 point halftime lead, then ended a brief uprising with an 8-0 run midway through the third quarter. Austin Wyatt scored six straight points in that stretch, two baskets coming off his steals on the defensive end.

Wyatt ended the contest with 32 points, a dozen of them coming against the Comet's reserves in the fourth quarter and center Ben Underhill chipped in with 12 points. Only Todd Shumaker (10 points) scored in double figures for the Comets, who shot just 27.6 percent (16 of 58) from the field.

"We'd been playing a lot of zone because of (a lack of) depth and other reasons," Greene said. "But we challenged them and asked them to guard the man in front of them. I think we took eight charges for the game. That's a good, courageous effort in a pretty physical game."

Calloway and Carlisle could meet again next week. The teams are in the opposite brackets at the Martin, TN. Lions Tournament and might play each other in the championship game.

"We might play them three times this year, at least," said Greene, whose team will visit Carlisle on Jan. 15. Suffice it to say, either rematch isn't likely to mirror the first encounter. "You never know," Greene said. "With us, I never know which team will show up, but I sure like this one a lot better."

Carlisle (6-2)…….....7 16 25 42
Calloway (4-3)……15 27 43 68

Carlisle (42)
Hoskins 4, Shuemaker 10, E. O'Neill, Hayden 3, Hobbs, Tyler 5, Smith, Hogancamp 2, Hill 5, Orr, D. O'Neill 4, Solomon 3, Peek 6.
Field Goals 16/58, 3-pointers 5/18 (Shumaker 2, Peek 2, Hayden, Solomon), Free throws 4/9, Fouls 13.

Calloway (68)
A. Wyatt 32, Patterson 6, Underhill 12, Stubblefeild 7, Tracy 4, Harris, M. Wyatt 4, Owen 1, Greenfield, Ringstaff, McCallon 2, Greer.
Fgs. 27/54, 3 pts. 4/10 (A. Wyatt 4), Fts. 10/13, Fouls 13.

Martin Westview Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Parlays
Early Advantage

Carlisle Co. 65
Martin Westview, TN. 37
12-26-98 - Away

Carlisle County jumped out to an 18-1 lead and coasted over host Martin Westview 65-37 at its Lions Christmas Tournament on Saturday.

The Comets increased their lead to 35-12 by halftime and that would prove to be insurmountable for any Westview comeback effort.

Carlisle's Todd Shumaker had a game high 16 points, while teammate Matt Hoskins added 13.

Justin Alexander had 10 for Westview.

Carlisle (7-2)…..…..18 35 51 65
Westview…….…....1 12 24 37

Carlisle (65)
E. O'Neill 7, Shuemaker 16, Hogancamp 9, Hobbs 4, Hayden 2, Orr 12, Hoskins 13, D. O'Neill 2, Smith, Peek, Solomon.
Field Goals 26, 3-pointers 5 (Shumaker 3, Orr 2), Free Throws 8/18.

Westview (37)
Alexander 10, Carpenter 3, Bright 2, Clay 4, Harris 8, Ferrell 4.
Field Goals 13, 3-pointers 1 (Alexander), Free Throws 10/19.

Martin Westview Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 69
Greenfield, TN. 56
12-28-99 - Away

It's an all Kentucky final in the Martin Lions Club Christmas Tournament.

Calloway County came through with a 69-56 victory in Monday night's final game to join Carlisle County in Wednesday's 7:30 p.m. championship of the eight-team tournament.

Carlisle County overcame a 10-point halftime deficit by outscoring Greenfield, TN. 24-10 in the third quarter to power a 69-56 victory. Todd Shumaker bounced back from a two-point second quarter with 12 points in the third period. Shumaker hit one 3-pointer and all five of his free-throw attempts in the period.

The Comets continued the assault in the fourth quarter, outscoring Greenfield 22-12 as Orlandus Hill and Mark Smith scored six points each.

The Comets went 26 of 35 at the line, led by Shumaker's 7 for 7 and Brian Hobbs 9 for 11.

Carlisle (8-2)…..…...9 23 47 69
Greenfield.…..…..…16 33 43 56

Carlisle (69)
Green, E. O'Neill 8, Shuemaker 18, Smith 4, Tyler 3, Hogancamp, Hobbs 11, Hayden 4, Hoskins 9, Hill 10, Orr, O'Neill.
Fgs. 21, 3 Pts. 1 (Shuemaker), Fts. 26/35, Fouls 29.

Greenfield (56)
McAdams 5, Porter 14, Darby, Huggins, Jones 9, Grooms, Higgs 26, Pitt.
Fgs. 14, 3 Pts. 4 (Higgs 2, Jones 2), Fts. 24/41, Fouls 24.

Martin Westview Tourn.
Championship
Calloway Takes
Martin Tourney Title

Carlisle Co. 48
Calloway Co. 60
12-30-98 - Away

Calloway County was the model of consistency against Carlisle County in the championship game of the Marshall Lions Club Christmas Club Tournament, winning the crown 60-48 on Wednesday.

The Lakers had the lead after the first quarter, and then built on it little by little to claim the crown. Calloway led 16-12 after the first period, but extended its lead to 31-23 by halftime.

The Laker's Austin Wyatt led all scorers with 21 points, scoring 13 in the second half and made the all-tournament team, as he scored 19 points in the title game. Todd Shuemaker was the only Comet to score in double-digits (10) and make the all-tournament team. Fulton County's Tremaine Wilson was the only other local player named to the tournament team.

Calloway (8-2)……16 31 44 60
Carlisle (8-3)…….…12 23 34 48

Calloway (60)
A. Wyatt 21, Stubblefield 19, M. Wyatt 2, Owen, Patterson 8, Tracy 5, Underhill 5, Harris.
Field goals 20, 3-pointers 4 (A. Wyatt 2, Stubblefield, Tracy), Free Throws 16/21, Fouls 18.

Carlisle (48)
Green, E. O'Neill 6, Shuemaker 10, Smith 2, Tyler 2, Hogancamp 2, Hobbs 9, Hayden, Hoskins 2, Hill 15.
Field goals 18, 3-pointers 2 (Shuemaker 2), Free Throws 10/19, Fouls 20.

Carlisle Co.
Edges Mayfield

Carlisle Co. 53
Mayfield 50
01-04-99 - Home

Carlisle County did a better job of shooting from the foul line and behind the three-point arc and both made the difference in a close 53-50 win over Mayfield in high school boys' action Monday.

Both teams exchanged one-point leads over the first two quarters. The Comets had a three-point edge entering the fourth quarter, but the Cardinals scored the first four points in the final period to retake the lead. Carlisle would win this one with free throws, hitting 9 of 11 in the final quarter. Each team hit three 3-pointers, but the Comets did it in three fewer attempts.

Todd Shuemaker had the hottest hand, nailing three treys to lead Carlisle with 17 points. Orlandus Hill also scored big for the Comets with 15 points. Brent Moore topped Mayfield with 15 points, while teammate Trey Barclay made a pair of 3-pointers to finish with 12 points.

Mayfield (2-4)……15 24 37 50
Carlisle (9-3)……..14 25 40 53

Carlisle (53)
Green, Hayden 4, Hill 15, Hobbs 2, Hogancamp 3, Hoskins 4, E. O'Neill 6, Shuemaker 17, Smith 2.
Fgs. 17/43, 3 pts. 3/9 (Shuemaker 3), Fts. 16/21, Fouls 14.

Mayfield (50)
Barkley 12, Brown 6, Heath 4, Moore 15, Neely, Redd 8, Tyler 5.
Fgs. 21/44, 3 pts 3/12 (Barclay 2, Moore), Fts. 5/8, Fouls 18.

Comets Prevail
In See-Saw Battle

Carlisle Co. 88
Fulton City 82
01-05-99 - Home

Andy Hayden hit 5 of 7 shots from 3-point range and scored 21 points as Carlisle County held off Fulton City 88-82 in a wild First District boys' basketball match up on Tuesday.

The visiting Bulldogs led by 12 in the second quarter, but Carlisle stormed back to take a 36-31 halftime lead and led by as much as 16 in the third period. Fulton City rallied to as close as two in the fourth quarter, but couldn't regain the lead.

Matt Hoskins scored 17 points and Todd Shuemaker added 13 for Carlisle, which also got 11 points from Joe Ben Hogancamp as its bench outscored Fulton City's 29-1. The Comets are now 2-0 in district play, while Fulton City is 1-1.

All five starters scored in double figures for the Bulldogs, which got 20 points from Duron Pettigrew and a combined 35 points from freshmen Aaron Ferrell (18) and Rod Ross (17). Fulton City made it close with a 35-point fourth quarter.

Fulton City (6-5)….18 31 47 82
Carlisle (10-3)…....10 36 61 88

Fulton City (88)
Mitchell 13, Pettigrew 20, Rose 13, Ross 17, Ferrell 18, Wright 1, Maze.
Field Goals 31/62, 3-pointers 5/14 (Ferrell 2, Mitchell, Rose, Ross), Free throws 15/21, Fouls 25.

Carlisle (88)
Shuemaker 13, Hobbs 8, E. O'Neill, Hoskins 17, Hayden 21, Hogancamp 11, Green 7, Hill 8, Smith 3, Peek, Orr, D. O'Neill, Solomon.
Field Goals 30/63, 3-pointers 6/16 (Hayden 5, Shuemaker), Free Throws 22/30, Fouls 22.

Roberts Bombs
Comets With 38

Carlisle Co. 64
Ballard Co. 71
01-11-99 - Away

Dustin Roberts scored 27 of his 38 points in the second half as Ballard Co. beat Carlisle County 75-64 in high school basketball action Monday night. Ballard led 28-24 at halftime, but outscored Carlisle 23-17 in the third for a 10 point cushion entering the final quarter. The Comets could do little to contain Roberts. He was 12 for 18 from the field for the game and drained 13 free throws in the second half. Ballard picked up its defense and made the easy baskets in the third quarter and defended their edge at the foul line in the final period.

Brain Overstreet also performed well for the Bombers in scoring 10 points. Todd Shuemaker topped Carlisle with 16 points and a pair of 3-pointers, followed by Ben Hogancamp (14) and Matt Hoskins (12).

Carlisle (10-4)……12 24 41 64
Ballard (6-4……...14 28 51 71

Carlisle (64)
Hayden 6, Hill 8, Hobbs 3, Hogancamp 14, Hoskins 12, E. O'Neill 2, Shumaker 16, Smith 3.
Field Goals 22/50, 3-pointers 4/15 (Shumaker 2, Hoskins, Smith), Free Throws 16/27, Rebounds 22.

Ballard (71)
Bard, Dowdy 6, Evans 2, Heal 2, Myers 8, Overstreet 10, Renfrow 2, Roberts 38, Trice 7, Underwood.
Field Goals 26/47, 3-pointer 0/5, Free throws 23/31, Rebounds 23.

Comets Streak
Beats Lakers

Carlisle Co. 78
Calloway Co. 65
01-15-99 - Home

There's and old adage that says good players seem to feed off one another. In Carlisle's 13 pt. win over Calloway, this held true as Andy Hayden and Todd Shuemaker each had a big half.

The first half belonged to Hayden, who scored 9 of his 15 pts. The game was close, though, until Shuemaker poured in 7 pts. in both

the third and fourth quarters. Joe Ben Hogancamp also had a big game, coming off the bench to earn a double-double with 13 pts. and 10 boards.

Austin Wyatt led four Lakers in double figures with 21 pts.

Carlisle….....22 36 55 78
Calloway….....15 34 53 65

Carlisle (78)
Green 2, Hayden 15, Hill, Hobbs 10, Hogancamp 13, Hoskins 1, D. O'Neill 1, E. O'Neill 6, Orr 3, Peek, Shuemaker 19, Smith 8, Solomon.
Fgs. 25/49, 3 pts. 7/12 (Hayden 3, Hobbs, Shuemaker, Smith, Orr), Fts. 21/31, Fouls 21.

Calloway (65)
Harris 2, Owens 2, Stubblefield 10, Tracy 13, Underhill 12, A. Wyatt 21, M. Wyatt 5, McCarlton.
Fgs. 25/46, 3 pts. 3/9 (Tracy 2, Stubblefield), Fts. 12/19, Fouls 21.

All A Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 83
Murray 65
01-19-99 - Away

Carlisle County used a balanced scoring attack to overcome a Murray surge in the third quarter and advance to Friday's semi-finals at Murray State. Carlisle will face the winner of tonight's Ballard Co.-Fulton City quarterfinal.

The Comets grabbed a 16-point lead at the half, but the Tigers made their move at the start of the second half. Murray's improved their shooting and they applied a full-court press, while Carlisle got sloppy and the Comets saw its lead dwindling to three. The Tigers up-tempo game eventually wore them down and let the Comets roar back for the victory.

Five Carlisle players scored in double digits with Todd Shumaker leading the way with 19 points and three 3-pointers, while Matt Hoskins had (17), Ben Hogancamp (15), Eric O'Neill (12) and Brain Hobbs (10) also came up big with Hogancamp getting a double-double with 12 rebounds.

Bobby Smith topped all scorers with 23 points for Murray.

Carlisle…..….....18 40 60 83
Murray…..….....9 24 52 65

Carlisle (83)
Green, Hayden 4, Hill, Hobbs 10, Hogancamp 15, Hoskins 17, D. O'Neill, E. O'Neill 12, Orr, Peek 2, Shuemaker 19, Smith 5, Solomon.
Fgs. 32/61, 3 pts. 4/14 (Shuemaker 3, Smith), Fts. 15/21, Fouls 15.

Murray (65)
Cogdell 6, Compton 7, Duncan 2, Foster 5, J. Garland, T. Garland, Kellehere, Masthay, Prince, B. Smith 23, Trice 6, Villaflor 14, Young 2.
Fgs. 27/63, 3 pts. 3/9 (Trice 2, Foster), Fts. 8/13, Fouls 17.

All A Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 60
Fulton City 54
01-22-99 - Away

Andy Hayden carried the scoring load early and then gave way to Todd Shuemaker and sixth man Ben Hogancamp in the fourth quarter as Carlisle County advanced to the finals.

Hogancamp and Shuemaker combined to score the Comets final 14 points and Fulton City went without a field goal for the final 3 minutes. After Cory Rose and Aaron Ferrell hit back-to-back 3-pointers to cut a 9-pt. lead to 55-52 with 3:14 left, Shuemaker found Hogancamp for an 8-footer, then buried a pair of late free throws to seal the win.

Shuemaker scored seven of his 15 points in the final six minutes and also handed out four assists and the 6-foot-6, 200-pound Hogancamp, whose emergence as a consistent force, gives the Comets a badly needed inside presence, had most of his 10 points and 9 rebounds in the second half.

"Ben's averaging a double-double over the last five games," said Coach Brian O'Neill. "He went into a little slump around Christmas and we kind of gave him a pep talk to let him know he was still in our plans. He's such an emotional player and that seemed to really pick him up."

Hayden scored a game-high 18 points, while leading the Comets (13-4) back from an 11-point deficit in the first half. Fulton City scored 15 consecutive points in a span of 5½ minutes to take a 21-10 lead early in the second quarter. Carlisle trailed much of the third quarter, but took the lead for good with a 9-0 run that lasted until early in the fourth period.

"We went to a zone for the first time this year and I think it confused them," O'Neill said. "Then we started switching back-and-forth and they had trouble figuring it out."

Fulton City (8-7)….19 33 41 54
Carlisle (13-4)…....10 31 44 60

Carlisle (60)
Shuemaker 15, Hoskins 6, E. O'Neill, Hobbs 5, Hayden 18, Hogancamp 10, Hill 4, Smith, Green 2, Peek.
Fgs. 24/47, 3 pts. 4/8 (Shuemaker 3, Hayden), Fts. 8/9, Fouls 17.

Fulton City (54)
Mitchell 9, Rose 8, Pettigrew 17, Ross 7, Ferrell 11, Fly 2.
Fgs. 18/48, 3 pts. 3/14 (Mitchell, Ross, Ferrell), Fts. 12/18, Fouls 12.

All A Tourn.
Championship

Carlisle Co. 45
St. Mary 63
01-23-99 - Away

There's something vaguely familiar about the way St. Mary point guard Charles Hosea goes about his job: the super quick feet and hands and excellent man-to-man defensive skills, the suspect outside shooting tempered by a remarkable ability to penetrate and create.

Sounds a lot like Wayne Turner, the point guard who led the University of Kentucky to the national title last season.

"You know, he does play a lot like Turner," said St. Mary center Ben Warren. "I think he's got a little better touch than Turner – anybody does – but he does a lot of things like him. He creates, gets the ball to everybody else, and he can take it to the hole. Yeah, he is a lot like him."

"Coach tells me that all the time," Hosea said. "I never think about it. I just play."

Like Turner, Hoesa seems to save his best performances for the biggest games, witness his 23 pt. effort as the Vikings won their first All A Classic regional title Saturday with a 63-45 victory over Carlisle Co. at Murray State University's Regional Special Events Center.

Factor in Hoesa's jersey number (5) and a penchant for iffy ft. shooting (1 for 6 from the line against Carlisle), and you've got a nearly perfect match .

"He's getting better at the line," Middleton said. "E's over 60% this year. Last year he was down around 40%.

"We had him with 3 assists, two steals, six rebs. He's the engine that makes us go. His defense, his penetration, his ballhandling, the way he pushes the ball up the floor."

With all the things he does for us, on both ends of the court, night after night, he's got to be the best all-around point guard in the region. He's got my vote."

Hoesa's campaign should merit some support from the Carlisle precincts too, especially after the Comet faithful watched him set the tone for perhaps the Viking's most meaningful victory ever. He carried his team early with 8 first quarter pts., then converted a couple of Carlisle turnovers into transition baskets as St. Mary took a 13 pt. lead midway through the second period.

"He beat us with his penetration, he beat us with defense on our point guard." said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "When we turned the ball over he beat us on the break. He beat us a lot of different ways."

Hosea had plenty of help, of course. Ryan Cochran was 3 for 5 from 3 pt. range and scored 15 pts. and the 6-foot-6 Warren was a pillar in the post with 14 pts. and 7 rebs. The Viking's shot 52% from the field and their defense did a number on the Comets, who committed 20 turnovers and made only 39% of their shots.

"You know, guys like Brad Wurth and Nathan Hyberger don't get a lot of ink, but it's the way they play defense and sacrifice themselves that really makes this team." Middleton said.

Andy Hayden and Ben Hogancamp led Carlisle with 10 pts. apiece, while leading scorer Todd Shumaker was hounded all day and managed just 8 pts., barely half his 15 pt. average.

"We did what we wanted to do defensively, which was take the threes away from Shuemaker." Hosea said. "He couldn't get open to take his shots."

Carlisle managed to cut the lead to single digits just once in the third quarter, when Warren missed a dunk attempt and Hogancamp scored on the other end to make it 54-45 with 2:16 remaining. But Cochran drove and dished to Warren for a layup to reclaim the momentum, then hit 4 straight fts. to push the lead back to 15, less than a minute later.

"The two things that killed us were their pressure and offensive rebounding." O'Neill said. "We didn't do a very good job of handling the ball and they got some big baskets off the boards in the first half. That's the best defense we've faced all season."

St. Mary moves on to next week's All A Classic state tourn. at Eastern Kentucky University.

Carlisle…..….....11 22 35 45
St. Mary….....13 31 48 63

Carlisle (45)
Shuemaker 8, Hoskins 6, E. O'Neill 2, Hobbs 7, Hayden 10, Hogancamp 10, Hill 2, Green, Smith.
Fgs. 17/44, 3 pts. 2/10 (Shuemaker, Hayden), Fts. 9/14, Fouls 18.

St. Mary (63)
Cochran 15, Wurth 2, Warren 14, Hyberger 4, Hosea 23, Crider 5, Paxton, Guidry, Walter, Ogden, Mosko, Stovesand, Baker.
Fgs. 26/50, 3 pts. 4/7 (Cochran 3, Crider), Fts. 7/16, Fouls 17.

Carlisle Co. 52
Mayfield 58
01-26-99 - Away

Carlisle was defeated 58 to 52 at Mayfield. The visiting Comets tied the score in the third quarter but couldn't pull out the win.

Carlisle was led by Shuemaker with 15 points.

Carlisle…..…9 20 36 52
Mayfield….13 26 36 58

Carlisle (52)
Shuemaker 15, Hobbs 8, E. O'Neill 3, Hoskins, Hayden 7, Hogancamp 6, Green, Hill 6, Smith 7.
Field Goals 13/24, 3-pointers 4/14 (Shuemaker 3, Hobbs), Free Throws 14/23, Fouls 20.

Mayfield (58)
Neely 3, Heath 14, Moore 10, Howard, Simmons 10, Barclay 5, Ivey, Redd 9, Brown 7.
Field Goals 17/36, 3-pointers 2/4 (Heath 2), Free Throws 18/26, Fouls 16.

Carlisle Co. 77
Heath 48
01-29-99 - Home

Carlisle County dominated its game with Heath early and often from behind the 3-point arc.

The Comets were 10 for 18 on long distance goals. Andy Hayden led Carlisle in both treys (4) and points (15) Matt Hoskins (14 points) and Todd Shumaker (10) also scored big for the Comets.

Sanjay Patel topped the Pirates with 12 points.

Carlisle (77)
Green 2, Hayden 15, Hill 6, Hobbs 4, Hogancamp 6, Hoskins 14, D. O'Neill 9, E. O'Neill 4, Orr 4, Peek, Shumaker 10, Smith, Solomon 3.
Fgs. 29/53, 3 Pts. 10/18 (Hayden 4, D. O'Neill 2, Shuemaker 2, Hoskins, Solomon.), Fts. 9/19, Fouls 16.

Heath (48)
T. Davis 2, Green 5, Mendscole 8, Quarters, Patel 12, Story 9, Tuner 2, Weaver 4.
Fgs. 17/45, 3 Pts. (Patel, Story), Fts. 12/18, Fouls 20.

Falcons' Duo
Burns Comets

Carlisle Co. 56
Hickman Co. 72
01-30-99 - Away

Anthony Beard and Ben Rushing combined for 59 points as Hickman County beat Carlisle County 72-56 in boys' high school basketball action on Saturday.

Leading just 14-13 at the end of the first quarter Hickman Co. picked up the intensity in the second period, sparked by the hot shooting of Rushing, who had 13 of his game-high 33 points in the period.

The Comets could never seem to close the margin after that as Anthony Beard lead the Falcons in the second half, scoring 10 in the third and 8 in the final period with the Falcons leading by as much as 20 in the final eight minutes.

Ben Hogancamp and Todd Shuemaker both finished in double figures for the Comets with 15 and 13 points, respectively.

Carlisle (14-6)…..14 29 45 56
Hickman (9-6)……13 36 56 72

Carlisle (56)
Green, Hayden, Hill 5, Hogancamp 15, Hoskins 10, E. O'Neill 2, Shumaker 13, Smith 5.
Fgs. 22/55, 3 pts. 3/17 (Shuemaker 2, Smith), Fts. 9/16, Fouls 21.

Hickman (72)
Beard 26, Cruse, B. Edwards, R. Edwards 6, Evans 5, Mathis 2, McClure, Rushing 33.
Fgs. 27/50, 3 pts. 4/11 (Rushing 3, Evans), Fts. 14/19, Fouls 17.

Carlisle Co. 45
Tilghman 83
02-02-99 - Home

Great shooting, including a perfect night at the foul line, helped Paducah Tilghman defeat Carlisle County for its 20th victory of the season.

The Tornado hit better than 55 percent of their shots from the field. Both teams sank five 3-pointers, but the Comets had 8 more attempts. Tilghman also hit all six of its free throw attempts. The Wilson's provided a nice chunk of the Tornado scoring, Chris had 13 pts. and George 12. Jerick Carruthers and Brent Jones each had 10 pts. for Tilghman.

Mark Smith led Carlisle with 14 points.

Tilghman (20-3)….23 39 65 83
Carlisle (14-8)……..8 11 20 45

Carlisle (45)
Green, Hayden 3, Hill 2, Hobbs 1, Hogancamp 5, Hoskins 6, D. O'Neill, E. O'Neill 2, Orr 4, Shuemaker 8, Smith 14.
Fgs. 17/48, 3 pts. 5/21 (Shuemaker 2, Smith 2, Hayden), Fts. 6/11, Fouls 8.

Tilghman (83)
Adams, Carruthers 10, Danials 7, Dobbins 6, Holt 8, Jones 10, Morrison, Pitt 8, Sanderson, Q. Smith 4, Strow 3, Wainscott, C. Wilson 13, G. Wilson 12.
Fgs. 36/65, 3 pts. 5/13 (Jones 2, Pitt, Strow, C. Wilson), Fts. 6/6, Fouls 12.

Carlisle Co. 88
Fulton Co. 51
02-05-99 - Away

The Comets ran out to a 19 point lead in the first quarter and cruised to an easy First District victory in a late reported Friday night game

Todd Shuemaker, Mark Smith and Orlandus Hill each scored 15 for the Comets with five players in double figures.

Carlisle……..23 48 71 88
Fulton Co…..4 16 33 51

Carlisle (88)
Green 1, Hayden 4, Hill 15, Hobbs, Hogancamp 12, Hoskins 11, D. O'Neill 2, E. O'Neill 6, Orr 3, Peek 3, Shuemaker 15, Smith 15, Solomon.
Fgs. 34, 3 pts. 8 (Shuemaker 3, Smith 3, Orr, Peek), Fts. 12/23, Fouls 14.

Fulton Co. (51)
Bridges 6, Coulson 4, Goodman, McKinnis 7, Moss, Pierce 5, Taylor, Westbrook 12, Wilkins 5, Smith 13.
Fgs. 19, 3 pts. 3 (McKinnis, Pierce, Smith), Fts. 11/16, Fouls 15.

Carlisle Co. 68
Fulton City 61
02-09-99 - Away

Fulton City led by 5 at the end of the first quarter, but a 20-10 second quarter run established a lead that Carlisle would not relinquish.

Ben Hogancamp was too much inside for the Bulldog's, scoring 14 of his 20 pts. on offensive putbacks. Todd Shuemaker and Andy Hayden provided the perimeter game, scoring 13 and 12 pts., respectively.

Ben Mitchell scored 11 pts. in the fourth quarter as Fulton City closed the lead to five pts., twice. The Bulldogs settled for perimeter shots and did not score a 2 pt. fg. in the fourth quarter as Carlisle hung on for the win.

Mitchell led Fulton City with 23 and Duron Pettigrew scored 19.

Carlisle…….....8 28 49 68
Fulton City.....13 23 36 61

Carlisle (68)
Hayden 12, Hill 5, Hobbs 9, Hogancamp 20, Hoskins 7, E. O'Neill, Shuemaker 13, Smith 2.
Fgs. 26, 3 pts. 3 (Hayden 2, Shuemaker), Fts. 13/17, Fouls 14, Rebs. 25.

Fulton City (61)
Ferrell, Fly 5, Mitchell 23, Pettigrew 19, Rose 8, Ross 6, Wright.
Fgs. 23, 3 pts. 9 (Mitchell 4, Ross 2, Rose 2, Fly), Fts. 6/10, Fouls 14, Rebs. 25.

Carlisle Co. 82
Lone Oak 77
02-12-99 - Away

Carlisle County hit 11 out of 12 free throws in the 4th period and Todd Shuemaker sank two 3-pointers as part of a 32-23 run, that completed a comeback.

Ben Hogancamp led all scorers with 26, followed by Shuemaker's 19.

Jonathon Shelby topped the Flash with 22 points.

Carlisle (17-8)……19 35 50 82
Lone Oak (9-3)…..18 42 54 77

Carlisle (82)
Hayden 7, Hill 9, Hobbs 8, Hogancamp 26, Hoskins 13, E. O'Neill, Shuemaker 19, Smith.
Fgs. 31/49, 3 pts. 5/9 (Shuemaker 3, Hayden, Hoskins), Fts. 15/22, Fouls 20, Rebs. 33.

Lone Oak (77)
Bazzell 2, Dunn 13, Flood 8, Hopper 2, Heath 10, Powell 13, Shelby 22, Walter 4, Williams 3.
Fgs. 31/59, 3 pts. 5/10 (Powell 3, Dunn, Williams), Fts. 10/18, Rebs 28, Fouls 20.

Hogancamp Nets 30
As Comets Clinch Tie

Carlisle Co. 88
Fulton Co. 70
02-15-99 - Home

Ben Hogancamp scored 30 points for Carlisle County, which earned a tie for the top seed in the First District tournament with a 88-70 win over Fulton County on Monday.

Hogancamp and Eric O'Neill teamed up to score 15 of the Comets 26 pts. in the opening period.

Todd Shuemaker had a double-double for the Comets with 11 points and 11 assists. Brian Hobbs had 13 points for Carlisle and O'Neill ended up with 10.

Carlisle and Hickman County, who split two regular season games and are both 5-1 in district play, will flip a coin to determine the top seed on Wednesday.

Kenvon Pierce led Fulton County with 19 points.

Carlisle…….....26 45 67 88
Fulton Co…....17 33 53 70

Carlisle (88)
Hayden 8, Hill 7, Hobbs 13, Hogancamp 30, Hoskins 6, E. O'Neill 10, Shuemaker 11, Smith 3.
Fgs. 32/57, 3 pts. 5/12 (Hayden 2, Hobbs, Shuemaker, Smith), Fts. 19/27, Rebs. 29, Fouls 13.

Fulton Co. (70)
Bridges 9, Coulson 11, Goodman 1, McKinnis 4, Moss, Pierce 19, Taylor, Westbrook 11, Wilkins 15.
Fgs. 29/62, 3 pts. 6/14 (Coulson 2, Pierce 2, Bridges, Wilkins), Fts. 6/9, fouls 21, Rebs. 25.

Ballard Co. 81
Carlisle Co. 71

02-19-99 - Home

Ballard's fourth-quarter free-throw shooting was the key as the Bombers hung on for a 10-point win at Carlisle County.

The Bombers were 22 of 25 from the line in the fourth, as Dustin Roberts hit all 10 of his free attempts. He was 12 of 12 from the charity stripe for the game and led all scorers with 25 points.

Ballard went up 6-0 to start the game and led by a 6 to 10 point margin from there on out. The Bombers went in the bonus early in the fourth quarter and Carlisle began fouling with three minutes left, in an attempt to come back.

Todd Shuemaker led four Carlisle players in double digits with 15 points.

Ballard (14-8)…....17 36 51 81
Carlisle (18-9)…....14 26 43 71

Ballard (81)
Dowdy 5, Heal 13, Myers 9, Overstreet 11, Renfrow 12, Roberts 25, Trice 5, Underwood 1.
Field Goals 25 46, 3-pointers 5/10 (Overstreet 2, Roberts, Heal, Trice) Free Throws 26/33, Fouls 25.

Carlisle (71)
Green, Hayden 8, Hill 6, Hobbs 10, Hogancamp 10, Hoskins 12, D. O'Neill, E. O'Neill 7, Orr, Shuemaker 15, Smith 3.
Field Goals 20 50, 3-pointers 7/19 (Shuemaker 2, Hobbs 2, Hoskins, Smith, Hayden), Free Throws 24/31, Fouls 25.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round

Fulton City 68
Carlisle Co. 56

02-23-99 - Home

Duron Pettigrew dominated early and Rod Ross turned it up late as Fulton City reached the First District championship with an impressive win over Carlisle County. Fulton City had lost its three previous games against Carlisle, but coach Sam Miller felt that helped his team's chances.

"Psychologically, we had the edge," Miller said. "We had nothing to lose and everyone stepped up and played a huge role."

Carlisle recovered from a 10-2 deficit to tie the score at 22, but the Bulldogs eventually took a 3-point lead into both halftime and the end of the third quarter.

After scoring 10 points in the first quarter, Pettigrew only had eight more over the next two. Someone else had to come through to help Fulton City advance. Ross did, scoring 11 of his 15 points in the final eight minutes to sew up the win.

Fulton City (13-13)..17 31 43 68
Carlisle (18-10)…....12 27 39 56

Fulton City (68)
Ferrell 10, Mitchell 15, Pettigrew 26, Rose 2, Ross 15.
Field Goals 27/50, 3-pointers 2/11 (Mitchell 2), Free Throws 12/16, Fouls 12.

Carlisle (56)
Hayden 7, Hill 2, Hobbs 5, Hogancamp 15, Hoskins 20, E. O'Neill 2, Orr, Shuemaker, Smith 5.
Field Goals 23/53, 3-pointers 3/14 (Hayden, Hoskins, Smith), Free Throws 7/9.

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	Game's Played	Field Goal Attempts	Field Goals Made	Field Goal %	Free Throw Attempts	Free Throws Made	Free Throw %	2 Point Attempts	2 Pointers Made	2 Point %	3 Point Attempts	3 Pointers Made	3 Point %	Average Points	High Point Total	Total Points	Total Steals	Total Rebounds	Total Assists	Personal Fouls	Total Turnovers
Todd Shuemaker	28	337	126	37.4	95	74	77.9	162	69	42.6	175	57	32.6	14	29	383	47	76	89	0	64
Eric O'Neill	28	101	47	46.5	39	23	59	101	47	46.5	0	0	0	4.2	12	118	15	117	15	0	17
Steven Green	23	50	9	18	21	16	76.2	30	9	30	20	0	0	1.5	7	34	5	15	20	0	19
Josh Tyler	11	52	23	44.2	19	7	36.8	52	23	44.2	0	0	0	4.8	10	53	3	48	2	0	7
Mark Smith	28	97	36	37.1	22	12	54.5	49	23	46.9	48	12	25	3.5	15	97	14	23	29	0	32
Brian Hobbs	28	136	51	37.5	108	84	77.8	118	45	38.1	18	7	35.7	6.9	14	194	26	80	89	0	82
Andy Hayden	28	172	70	40.7	53	42	79.2	90	42	46.7	82	28	34.1	7.5	21	210	53	45	74	0	81
Ben Higgancamp	28	191	108	56.5	86	48	55.8	191	108	56.5	0	0	0	9.4	30	264	15	183	11	0	30
Corey Peek	11	17	5	29.4	5	3	60	4	0	0	13	5	38.5	1.6	6	18	1	5	5	0	10
Brandon Orr	17	20	11	55	7	2	28.6	14	7	50	6	4	66.7	1.6	12	28	3	5	6	0	11
Matt Hoskins	28	207	112	54.1	98	52	53.1	177	105	59.3	30	6	16.6	10	21	283	53	150	51	0	61
Doug O'Neill	13	13	5	38.5	10	6	60	7	3	42.9	6	2	33.3	1.4	9	18	4	5	6	0	11
Jeff Solomon	11	13	3	23.1	2	2	100	2	0	0	11	3	27.3	1	3	11	3	7	2	0	4
Orlandus Hill	27	109	68	62.4	70	32	45.7	108	67	62	1	1	100	6.3	21	169	10	97	7	0	23
Total for Team	309	1515	674	44.5	635	403	63.5	1105	548	49.6	410	125	29.3	6.7	30	1880	252	856	406	0	452

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	St. Mary	Martin Westview, TN.	Marshall Co.	Hickman Co.	Murray	Reidland	Murray	Calloway Co.	Martin Westview, TN.	Greenfield, TN.	Calloway Co.	Mayfield	Fulton City	Ballard Co.									
Todd Shuemaker	10	15(3)	29(5)	16(2)	9(3)	13(1)	12(2)	10(2	16(3)	18(1)	10(2)	16(3)	13(1)	16(2)									
Eric O'Neill	4	3	8	2	2	4	10	0	7	8	6	6	0	2									
Brian Hobbs	14	3(1)	9	14	6	12(1)	0	0	4	11	9	2	8	3									
Andy Hayden	4	3	4(1)	11(2)	9(1)	13(1)	6	3(1)	2	6	0	4	21(5)	6									
Matt Hoskins	13(1	21	20	10	13	8	8(1)	4	13	9	2	4	17	12(1)									
Ben Hogancamp	0	8	2	2	5	7	6	2	9	0	2	3	11	14									
Steven Green	3	2	5	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	7										
Josh Tyler	5	4	10	2	10	6	6	5	0	3	2												
Orlandus Hill		7	3	2	21(1)	0	6	5		10	15	15	8	8									
Mark Smith	0	2	4	0	2	8	0	0	0	4	2	2	3	3(1)									
Brandon Orr		0	0	0	0	1	1	0	12(2)	0			0										
Doug O'Neill		0			0	0	0	4	2				0										
Corey Peek		0			3(1)	4(1)	0	6(2)	0				0										
Jeff Solomon		0			2	0	3(1)	3(1)	0				0										

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	Calloway Co.	Murray	Fulton City	St. Mary	Mayfield	Heath	Hickman Co.	Tilghman	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Long Oak	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Fulton City					3 Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Todd Shuemaker	19(1	19(3)	15(3)	8(1)	15(3)	10(2	13(2)	8(2)	15(3)	13(1)	19(3)	11(1)	15(2)	0					57	28	383	13.7
Eric O'Neill	6	12	0	2	3	4	2	2	6	0	0	10	7	2					0	28	118	4.21
Brian Hobbs	13(1	10	5	7	8(1)	4	6	1	0	9	8	13(1)	10(2)	5					7	28	194	6.92
Andy Hayden	15(3	4	18(1)	10(1)	7	15(4	0	3(1)	4	12(2)	7(1)	8(2)	8(1)	7(1)					28	28	210	7.5
Matt Hoskins	1	17	6	6	0	14(1)	10	6	11	7	13(1)	6	12)1)	20(1)					6	28	283	10.1
Ben Hogancamp	13	15	10	10	6	6	15	5	12	20	26	30	10	15					0	28	264	9.42
Steven Green	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2				0						0	23	34	1.47
Josh Tyler																			0	11	53	4.81
Orlandus Hill	0	0	4	2	6	6	5	2	15	5	9	7	6	2					1	27	169	6.25
Mark Smith	8(1)	5(1)	0	0	7	0	5(1)	14(2	15(3)	2	0	3(1)	3(1)	5(1)					12	28	97	3.46
Brandon Orr	3(1)	0				4		4	3(1)				0	0					4	17	28	1.64
Doug O'Neill	1	0				9(2)		0	2				0						2	13	18	1.38
Corey Peek	0	2				0			3(1)										5	11	18	1.63
Jeff Solomon	0	0				3(1)			0										3	11	11	1
						Team Record - 18-10							Per Game Avg. - 67.50						125		1880	

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Todd Shuemaker	92	175	27	325	482	383	1217	13.2
Eric O'Neill	59	0		0	83	118	201	3.4
Steven Green	57	3		10	86	34	130	2.28
Josh Tyler	46	0			105	53	158	3.43
Orlandus Hill	27	1	169				169	6.25
Mark Smith	37	13			7	97	104	2.81

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ALL A TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD - 19-11

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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-23-99	St. Mary	80-79 **ot**	H	
11-26-99	Charleston, MS	**60-68**	A	- **POCAHONTAS ARK. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
11-27-99	Greenfield, TN.	73-60	A	- **POCAHONTAS ARK. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-02-99	Calloway Co.	75-51	H	
12-07-99	Hickman Co.	**68-84**	A	
12-09-99	Murray	73-57	H	
12-14-99	Fulton City	71-69	A	
12-17-99	Memphis Wooddale, TN.	71-61	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-18-99	Tilghman	**66-84**	A	- **TILGHMAN TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-20-99	Massac Co., ILL.	**61-64**	A	- **MURRAY-CALLOWAY TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-21-99	Hopkinsville	56-46	A	- **MURRAY-CALLOWAY TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-04-00	Lone Oak	**59-76**	H	
01-07-00	Fulton Co	74-64	A	
01-10-00	Ballard Co.	**57-68**	H	
01-14-00	Tilghman	59-50	A	
01-19-00	Hickman Co.	69-62	A	- **ALL A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-21-00	Ballard Co.	78-67 **2ot**	A	- **ALL A TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-22-00	St. Mary	**58-61**	A	- **ALL A TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-25-00	Mayfield	61-54	H	
01-31-00	Reidland	80-56	H	
02-04-00	Heath	47-40	A	
02-08-00	Fulton City	85-73 **ot**	H	
02-12-00	Hickman Co.	78-52	H	
02-14-00	Fulton Co	49-43	H	
02-18-00	Ballard Co.	**70-73**	A	
02-22-00	Mayfield	**58-76**	A	
02-25-00	Calloway Co.	58-42	A	
02-28-00	Fulton Co	66-53	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-02-00	Fulton City	**53-69**	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-06-00	Graves Co	**54-67**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

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2000 Comets – District Runner Up



Coach Brian O'Neill, Derek Lemons, Phillip Gonzales, Jeff Solomon, Douglas O'Neill, Matt Hogancamp, Matt Hoskins, Ronnie Canary, Dustin Williams, Coach Casey Henderson, Coach Jarrod Martin, Corey Peek, Brian Hobbs, Joe Ben Hogancamp, Brandon Orr, Andy Hayden, (Managers) Kristen Larkins, Emily Reid, Dustin Goode, Michelle Byassee, Lindsey Ballard

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1999-00 COMET ROSTER:
Matt Hoskins, Doug O'Neill, Ben Hogancamp, Brian Hobbs, Andy Hayden, Derek Lemons, Dustin Williams, Jeff Solomon, Brandon Orr, Matt Hogancamp, Cory Peek, Ronnie Canary, Phillip Gonzales, Josh Green.

Bulldogs Bench Suspect;
Others Have Weaknesses.

They say anything can happen in the First District wars. Last year, when third seeded Fulton City won the District Tourn., it did.

Is a repeat possible, or will the crown fall to either Carlisle Co. or Hickman Co.

"I think Fulton City has a strong starting five, but (the Bulldogs) need to get some bench," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "Hickman has Ben Rushing and Fulton Co. always comes on strong late in the year. It'll be a three-team race, but we'll be in there."

Count on it. The Comets lost two starters to graduation, plus future star Orlandus Hill, who transferred to Tilghman, yet is still considered the district favorite in many circles.

Carlisle won 18 games last season, but that mattered little in the district tourn., after the Comets suffered a 68-56 first-round loss to Fulton City. It was a defeat that stunned coach O'Neill and his players, but one that now provides incentive for the coming season.

"We beat Fulton City 3 times last season and we expected to win the district," O'Neill said. "The disappointment of last season should help drive us this year.

The Comets graduated Todd Shuemaker, last year's leading scorer, and Eric O'Neill, the starting center for the past 3 seasons.

Two of last year's part-time starters – Ben Hogancamp, a 6-6 senior, and Matt Hoskins, who averaged 10.1 pts. last season – must improve. The Comets also bring back a solid backcourt in Brian Hobbs and Andy Hayden.

"Our key to this season will be finding a fifth starter and getting someone off the bench to help us," O'Neill said. Among those contending for the big spots on the team are Brandon Orr, Dustin Williams and Corey Peek.

Fulton City was also hurt by a key transfer – guard Rod Ross, who averaged 10.6 pts. per game as a sophomore, transferred to St. Mary. But coach Sam Miller's team got on a roll in the postseason and he's looking to have and even better season this year.

"Carlisle didn't want to play us in the tourn. and we had a good game against Hickman Co. (in the district finals)," Miller said. "Our mentality has improved since the regional. We had some mental mistakes in the final two minutes against Lone Oak (at the regional) and we should have beaten them."

The Bulldogs aren't low on talent, with senior Duron Pettigrew (14.9 ppg) back to provide low-post play. Guard Aaron Ferrell (9.6 ppg.) scored 21 pts. in the district championship game as a freshman, and his back-court mate is Corey Rose. The biggest of the new players will be Daniel Maze, a 6-5 sophomore. Miller will look to Maze more for rebounds than pts.

Ask anyone about Hickman Co. and the first thing that comes to mind is Ben Rushing, who averaged 22.5 pts. per game last season and is generally considered the region's top senior. Rushing has to carry the scoring load this season and the Falcons' success may depend on how much help he receives.

First year coach Tom Hulsey, promoted from assistant coach last spring, will count on forward Rickey Byassee, a three-year starter, and guard Michael Evans. Several youngsters will have to step up and this is a team that will have to jell quickly, given its first few games.

"We've got a tough early schedule with games at St. Mary, Marshall Co., Mayfield and Massac Co.," Hulsey said. "We'll get tested very early and find out before Christmas what we have."

Fulton County's most important newcomer is the coach, Joel Dreher, who built the school's girl's program into a regional power, returns to the boys bench this season. He saw plenty of the boys' games and at times, they were difficult to watch.

"I watched them play a lot and they struggled the last couple of years," Dreher said. "We might surprise a few people this year."

Dreher will be looking to 6-1 guards Jarrod Coulson, Robert Taylor and Lamont Smith to lead from the point. He'll also have Kenvon Pierce and Reggie Westbrook back as forwards. Usually, having someone 6-7 as your center is a big advantage. With senior Matt Most, it's a different story for Dreher.

"He's a late-comer to the game and he's not very fundamentally sound," Dreher said. "He's come a long way, but he has a long way to go. We're looking for a lot of improvement.

Carlisle Co. Roster – 1999-00
Returning starters
Andy Hayden (5'8" Sr.), Brian Hobbs (5'8" Sr.), Ben Hogancamp (6'6" Sr.), Matt Hoskins (6'4" Jr.),
Remaining Roster
Ronnie Canary (6'1" Jr.), Phillip Gonzales (6'2" Jr.), Matt Hogancamp (6'4" Jr.), Doug O'Neill (6'2" Jr.) Brandon Orr (6'0" Sr.), Cory Peek (5'8" Sr.), Jeff Solomon (6'0" Jr.), Dustin Williams (6'0" Jr.), Derek Lemons (5' 10" Soph.)

Comets Edge
Vikings In Overtime

Carlisle Co.	**80**
St. Mary	**79**

11-23-99 - Home

Doug O'Neill hit one of two free throws, with only seconds remaining in overtime, as Carlisle County edged St. Mary 80-79 in a high school boys' basketball game Tuesday.

Carlisle trailed by four with two minutes remaining, but closed the gap in the final minute thanks to some timely free throw shooting. For the game, Carlisle was a dismal 15-for-21, but St. Mary went to the line only once in overtime.

St. Mary led by 10 with four minutes left in regulation, but Carlisle rallied and went ahead 68-67 late.

The Vikings' Ryan Cochran, who had 30 points, hit two free throws to put St. Mary ahead 69-68, but Matt Hoskins hit one of two free throws on the ensuing possession to send the game to overtime.

Hoskins had 26 and led four Comets players in double-figures. Ben Hogancamp had 20, Brian Hobbs 15 and Andy Hayden 11.

Charles Hosea had 12 and Jamie Paxton 11 for St. Mary.

St. Mary…..19 41 56 69 79
Carlisle…..13 32 50 69 80

St. Mary (79)
Hosea 12, Cochran 30, Ross 23, Paxton 3, Colgan 3, Crider, Gragg, Warren.
Fgs. 24/49, 3 pts. 8/20 (Cochran 3, Paxton 3, Ross, Colgan), Fts. 21/21, Fouls 23.

Carlisle (80)
Hoskins 26, D. O'Neill 4, J.B. Hogancamp 20, Hobbs 15, Hayden 11, Lemons 4, Williams, Solomon, Orr.
Fgs. 32/56, 3 pts. 1/7 (Hayden), Fts. 15/31, Fouls 9.

Pocahontas, Ark. Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co.	**60**
Charleston, MS.	**68**

11-26-99 – Away

Carlisle Co. ended the first quarter tied with Charleston, MS. But the Bluejays outscore the Comets in every quarter after that to win, 68-60. Charleston hit seven 3-pointers to Carlisle's none and that proved to be the difference in the ballgame.

Leading the Comets in scoring was Hogancamp with 20, followed by Hoskins with 14.

Carlisle…..20 32 43 60
Charleston…...20 33 50 68

Carlisle (60)
Hoskins 14, O'Neill 8, J.B. Hogancamp 20, Hobbs 11, Hayden 7, Orr, Lemons, M. Hogancamp, Williams.
Fgs. 21/35, 3 pts. 0/9, Fts. 18/30, Fouls 19.

Charleston (68)
A. Taylor 7, Hamilton 22, Tellis 19, J. Taylor 7, Weston 5, Johnson 8.
Fgs. 15/32, 3 pts. 7/16 (Hamilton 4, Tellis 3, J. Taylor), Fts. 17/20, Fouls 19.

Pocahontas Ark. Tourn.
Consolation
Comets Win Consolation

Carlisle Co.	**73**
Greenfield, TN	**60**

11-27-99 - Away

Douglas O'Neill scored 20 points and grabbed eight offensive rebounds in the first half to power Carlisle County to a 73-60 victory over Greenfield, TN. in the consolation game of the Pocahontas Invitational.

O'Neill finished with 23 points and 10 rebounds, while teammate Ben Hogancamp added 15 points as both were named to the all-tournament team. O'Neill's big first half helped Carlisle gain a

35-28 halftime edge that grew to 21 pts. in the third quarter.
Greenfield…..14 28 45 60
Carlisle…….17 35 56 73
Greenfield (60)
McAdams 22, Page, Hugins 1, Higgs 31, Webb, Berry, Page, Turbyville 4, Farmer 2, Porter.
Fgs. 22/47, 3 pts. 6/12 (McAdams 5, Higgs), Fts. 10/13, Fouls 17.
Carlisle (73)
Hoskins 10, D. O'Neill 23, J.B. Hogancamp 15, Hobbs 8, Orr 2, Lemons 5, M. Hogancamp, Peek, Williams 6, Canary, Gonzales 2, Solomon 2.
Fgs. 28/50, 3 pts. 0/6, Fts. 17/25, Fouls 16.

Carlisle's Inside Pair
Keeps Lakers At Bay

Carlisle Co. 75
Calloway Co. 51
12-02-99 - Home

Carlisle County dominated the court as Matt Hoskins and Ben Hogancamp recorded double-figures in scoring and rebounding a 75-51 boys' high school basketball victory over Callaway County Thursday.

Carlisle blistered the nets with 50% field goal accuracy, while holding the Lakers to 33%. Calloway was 4 of 13 from 3-point range.

Hoskins scored 19 points and had 10 rebounds and Hogancamp added 15 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Brian Hobbs added 14 points and six steals for the Comets.

Kyle Tracy sank two 3-pointers on his way to leading Calloway with 18 points.
Calloway (0-1)...8 20 31 51
Carlisle (3-1)…24 35 42 75
Calloway (51)
Boggess, Byrum, Greer 2, Greenfield 1, Harps 8, McCallum, McClure 8, Overby, Owen 5, Ringstaff 1, Tracy 18, Underhill 8.
Fgs. 18/49, 3 pts. 4/13 (Tracy 2, McClure, Underhill), Fts. 15/24, Fouls 27.
Carlisle (75)
Canary 2, Gonzales, Hayden 4, Hobbs 14, J.B. Hogancamp 15, Hoskins 19, Lemons, D. O'Neill 9, Orr 6, Peek 1, Solomon 2, Williams 2, M. Hogancamp 2.
Fgs. 24/40, 3 pts. 1/1 (Orr), Fts. 26/40, Rebs 31, Fouls 23.

Hickman Co. 84
Carlisle Co. 68
12-07-99 - Away

Both teams produced 30-plus scorers, but Hickman County got more support from its outside players than Carlisle County had from its height to win a First District shootout.

Ben Rushing scored 33 points and drained four treys for the Falcons, out dueling Carlisle's big man Ben Hogancamp, who tossed in 31. Michael Evans lent plenty of help with 21 points and a trio of 3-pointers for Hickman, which also got good performances from Alan Cruse (12 points) and Aaron McClure (11).

Matt Hoskins scored 13 points for the Comets, while teammate Andy Hayden made three treys for most of his 11 points.
Carlisle (3-2)…14 27 47 68
Hickman (1-4)..21 38 64 84
Carlisle (68)
Hayden 11, Hobbs 4, J.B. Hogancamp 31, Hoskins 13, Lemons 7, O'Neill 2, Orr, Solomon, Williams, M. Hogancamp.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. 3 (Hayden 3), Fts. 17/27, Fouls 22.
Hickman (84)
Allen, Cruse 12, Evans 21, McClure 11, O'Neal, Roach, Rushing 33, Stephens 4, Ward 3.
Fgs. 29, 3 pts. 9 (Rushing 4, Evans 3, Cruse 2), Fts. 17/22, Rebs. 29, Fouls 22.

Carlisle Co. 73
Murray 57
12-09-99 - Home

Ben Hogancamp hit a double-double for Carlisle County with 15 points and 10 rebounds in an impressive win over Murray.

The Comets attempted one fewer shots than the Tigers, but hit on seven more. Carlisle dominated the boards 44-25, while Murray made 20 turnovers and only hit three of the 16 free throws it tried.

Matt Hoskins led the Comets scoring with 18 points.
Murray…..…..8 23 38 57
Carlisle……20 32 59 73
Murray (57
Codeoll 8, Cole, Compton, Foster 11, French 12, Garland 4, Kelleher 1, Lambert, Masthay 1, Prince, Rayburn 7, Smith 8, Trice 5, Volt.
Fgs. 25/54, Fts. 3/16, Rebs. 25, Fouls 11.
Carlisle (73)
Canary, Gonzales, Hayden 6, Hobbs 12, B. Hogancamp 15, M. Hogancamp 4, Hoskins 18, Lemons 7, O'Neill 6, Orr, Peek, Solomon 5, Williams.
Fgs. 32/53, 3 pts. 3/9 (O'Neill 2, Solomon), Fts. 6/10, Rebs. 44, Fouls 19.

Hobbs Late Free Throws
Enough To Down Bulldogs

Carlisle Co. 71
Fulton City 69
12-14-99 - Away

Aaron Ferrell drove the length of the floor and missed a layup at the buzzer, which would have forced an extra frame, as Fulton City fell 71-69 to First District rival Carlisle County in boys' basketball Tuesday.

The Comets led until the five-minute mark in the fourth quarter and then trailed by as much as six during a two-minute Bulldog spurt.

The Pilots, now 1-1 in district play, tied it up in the final minute, but fouled Brian Hobbs with just six seconds remaining. Hobbs sank both free throws, which set up Ferrell's desperation sprint.

Carlisle's Matt Hoskins led all scorers with 30; Ben Hogancamp added 14 and Hobbs 10. Duron Pettigrew's 19 points led Fulton City, which lost its district opener.
Carlisle…….13 34 57 71
Fulton City…..17 38 58 69
Carlisle (71)
Hayden 7, Hobbs 10, B. Hogancamp 14, M. Hogancamp 4, Hoskins 30, Lemons, O'Neill 2, Orr 4, Solomon, Williams.
Fgs. 28, 3 pts. 1 (Hayden), Fts. 18/25, Fouls 25.
Fulton City (69)
Burton 5, Ferrell 11, Fly 12, Mulcahy 8, Pettigrew 19, Rose 13, Wright 1.
Fgs. 21, 3 pts. 4 (Mulcahy 2, Burton, Fly), Fts. 19/35, Fouls 23.

Tilghman Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Goes Inside
To Utilize Hogancamp

Carlisle Co. 71
Memphis Woodale, TN. 61
12-17-99 - Away

Senior center Ben Hogancamp scored 23 points to lead five players in double figures and he helped even the odds against a taller opponent with his play inside as the Comets advanced to the tournament semifinals against Tilghman.

Ben Hogancamp scored 12 points as Carlisle outscored Woodale, a school with about 1,000 more students than Carlisle, 20-14 in the third period to erase a four-point halftime deficit.

Carlisle's sharp ball movement often allowed Hogancamp to receive the ball open inside. Hogancamp scored his 11th and 12th points of the third period on a lob and dunk to give his team a 44-41 advantage. The winless Cardinals knotted the score with a three, but Matt Hoskins came through with a tip-in and a strong drive and layup in the final 28 seconds of the quarter to regain the momentum.

"I was pretty pleased with our effort," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill, whose team sank 21 of 35 shots. "At halftime we talked about shot selection and getting the ball inside to Ben."

The Comets hit 14 of 19 shots from the foul line in the final quarter, including 12 of 16 in the final 3 minutes.

Hoskins and Brian Hobbs finished with 14 pts. each, while Andy Hayden and Doug O'Neill chipped in 10.
Carlisle…..15 28 48 71
Woodale…….18 32 44 61
Carlisle (71)
Hayden 10, Hobbs 14, B. Hogancamp 23, M. Hogancamp, Hoskins 14, Lemons, O'Neill 10, Solomon, Orr.
Fgs. 23/35, 3 pts. 2 (Hayden 2), Fts. 23/31, Fouls 15.
Woodale (61)
Underwood, Broadnax 7, Driscoe 22, Perry 10, Johnson, King, Rayford, Draine 13, Williams, Strong 4, Johnson 2, Anderson, Beattie.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. 8, Fts. 5/8, Fouls 25.

Tilghman Tourn.
2nd Round
Jones Record Puts
PTHS In Finals

Carlisle Co. 66
Tilghman 84
12-18-99 - Away

Brett Jones made his first shot, and his second, and his third, then his fourth, fifth and sixth…
Eventually, he made history, too.

Jones hit his first 11 shots - seven of them 3-pointers - on the way to a career-high 42 points as Paducah Tilghman defeated Carlisle County 84-66 in the semifinals of the Tornado's 55th annual Christmas tournament.

Eclipsing the tournament's previous single-game scoring record of 39, set by Tilghman's Charlie Hamilton in 1967, his awe-inspiring performance overshadowed almost everything else most notably, St. Mary reaching the championship game for the third consecutive year.

Also lost in the shuffle was a 27-point effort by Carlisle's center Ben Hogancamp.

Once little more than a spot-up shooter, Jones still a junior, now sports the complete offensive package. His gradual subtle development over the last two seasons has produced a player that can score off the screen, off the dribble, on the run, through traffic in the lane, sometimes even creating his own shot from almost anywhere on the half court.

There was nothing subtle, though in how Jones torched the Comets. Setting the tone from

the outset, Jones nailed a 3-pointer on Tilghman's first possession, then another three, an 18 footer from the wing and a 15-foot pull-up jumper in the lane.

On and on it went, with Jones' shots drawing nothing but white twine. Eight shots produced eight swishes - five from beyond the arc - in a mind bogging 21-point first quarter.

"At one time, Brett wasn't able to do all of that," Chumbler said. "It used to be that once he was covered up, he had to give up."

Chumbler knows a great scorer when he sees one. A two-time all-state selection and a 2,000-point scorer at now-defunct Lowes, Chumbler had only one 40-point game in his career - a 42-point explosion against Louisville Central in the Louisville Invitational Tournament.

"I'm sure he'll be telling me about his big game now," Jones said. "We play 'H-O-R-S-E' in practice sometimes and I can just go five feet behind the line and beat him because he can't get it that far anymore. I can beat him until he starts banking in threes. I can't do that."

Jones' performance was enough to remind Carlisle couch Brian O'Neil of a first region shooting star of the past.

"I haven't seen anything like this since (former Marshall county all stater) Barry Goheen," O'Neil said. "Jones was making shots from everywhere. Goheen was the same way. You know how they are going to get him the ball and where he is going to get it, but you still can't stop him."

Jones, who was 9-for-13 from 3-point range - didn't miss a shot till the middle of the third quarter - by which time Tilghman held a 20-point lead.

Point guard Luke Adams scored 11 points and handed out five assists. Backup center Orlandus Hill, who transferred from Carlisle over the summer, scored 11 points against his former team.

"Adams hit some big shots," O'Neill said. "If they can get that, they will be really hard to stop."

Carlisle (6-3)…..16 28 43 66
Tilghman (6-0)….25 37 59 64

Carlisle (66)
Hoskins 10, O'Neill 8, B. Hogancamp 27, Hayden 3, Hobbs 12, M. Hogancamp 2, Lemons 2, Williams 2, Orr, Solomon.
Fgs. 29/61, 3 pts. 2/5 (Hayden, O'Neill), Fts. 6/10, Fouls 17, Rebs. 17.

Tilghman (84)
Danials 5, Wilson 4, Holt 2, Jones 42, Adams 11, Morrison 5, Hill 11, Smith, F. Perry, Miller, Gibson, A. Perry, Cooper, Wainscott 2, Hamiliton 2.
Fgs. 30/61, 3 pts. 10/17 (Jones 9, Adams), Fts. 14/20, Rebs. 28, Fouls 14.

Murray-Calloway Tourn.
1st Round
Patriot's Overcome
Misfires With Defense

Carlisle Co. 61
Massac Co., ILL. 64
12-20-99 - Away

Massac County probably shouldn't win games like this.

The Patriots shot 35 per cent from the field. Their top player, veteran guard Zack Hosman, had one of his poorest outings. Nearly an hour away from home, in a strange out-of-state arena, they were looking all too ripe for Carlisle County's picking.

Yet somehow, they survived, thanks to a stingy defense that simply slammed the door on the Comets' final advances.

Trailing by three points with less than a minute remaining, the Patriots got a game-tying 3-pointer from Kyle Carter and then forced three straight turnovers to turn back Carlisle 64-61 in Monday afternoon's feature game in the Racer Classic Shootout at Murray State University's Regional Special Events Center.

"We played about two good minutes," said Massac coach Joe Hosman. "We got some steals, made some big free throws and came out with a win. It wasn't very pretty and it wasn't very fun, but we'll take it."

Three days after a humiliating 28-point loss at River-to-River Conference foe Murphysboro, the Patriots (6-1) needed a win, any win, any way they could get it.

This one didn't come easy. Down 57-53, Carlisle (6-4) scored three straight baskets to take the lead with Ben Hogancamp's putback putting the Comets up by two with 2:02 left. A minute later, Hogancamp's blocked shot denied a potential game-tying basket and Carlisle's Andy Hayden - fouled on the rebound - hit one of two free throws to make it 61-58.

Hosman beat Carlisle's pressure defense, penetrating into the lane before pitching the ball back to Carter on the 3-point line. Carter faked as a defender flew by, then let fly with a three that drew nothing but net and Hosman called a timeout to set up his three-quarter-court press.

Carter stole the ball at mid-court and was fouled on the way to the hoop, but missed both free throws. Carlisle, which had 22 turnovers, set up its offense, but center Brent Johnson deflected the entry pass from Hogancamp and saved the ball to Hosman, who was fouled in the backcourt.

Hosman hit both free throws to make it 63-61 and Johnson - playing in the middle of the floor on the press - tipped another pass to John Cooper, who was fouled and hit one-of-two from the line to make it 64-61 with 10.5 seconds left.

With the Patriots hounding Carlisle guard Andy Haden, who hit 6 of 8 shots from 3-point range and scored a game-high 20 points, the Comets couldn't get off a good final shot. Brian Hobbs had to launch an off-balance 3-pointer over Carter, his shot falling well short before the buzzer.

Johnson had 12 points and 13 rebounds for Massac, which also got 11 points from Cooper. Matt Hoskins tossed in 18 points for Carlisle, while Ben Hogancamp had 14 points and eight rebounds.

"Brent did a real good job on Hogancamp," Hosman said. "He got his hands on some passes and really denied the ball, but we didn't stop their shooter (Hayden) like we should have. I don't know what it is - we're just not playing well. We've played a lot of games, but I think what we need is practice time. We need some time to work on some things."

Massac 6-1)…..17 28 49 64
Carlisle (6-4)....16 25 47 61

Massac (64)
Carter 22, Copper 11, Johnson 12, Burnham 5, Z. Hosman 8, Woodward, A. Hosman 5, Fgs. 19/54, 3 pts. 4/10 (Carter 2, Burnham, A. Hosman), Fts. 22/32, Rebs 32, Fouls 17.

Carlisle (61)
Hoskins 18, O'Neill, B. Hogancamp 14, Hobbs 4, Hayden 20, Lemons 2, Orr 2, M. Hogancamp 1, Solomon.
Fgs. 21/49, 3 pts. 6/13 (Hayden 6), Fts. 13/20, Fouls 24, Rebs. 28.

Murray-Calloway Tourn.
Consolation
Comets Flying
High With Defense

Carlisle Co. 56
Hopkinsville 46
12-21-99 - Away

Carlisle County's two opponents in the Racer Shootout Classic combined to shoot 30 per cent from the field, an indication the Comets have made a commitment to improve their defense.

"After (an 84-68 loss to) Hickman county (two weeks ago), we went back to some of the basic stuff," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "I think the kids have become more defensive-minded."

There is still plenty of improvement to be made, but the Comets are making progress. Taking advantage of Hopkinsville's ice-cold start, the Comets staked themselves to an early double-digit lead, and then held off a late run in Tuesday afternoon's 56-46 victory over Hopkinsville at Murray State University's Regional Special Events Center.

Ben Hogancamp, Carlisle's 6-6 center, had a monster game, amassing 23 points and 19 rebounds against the smaller Tigers, and the Comets (7-4) held Hopkinsville to just 26 per cent (18 of 70) shooting from the field.

One day after Massac County shot just 35 per cent from the field in a 64-61 win over Carlisle, the Tigers (2-5) missed their first 18 shots and didn't score until there were 20 seconds remaining in the first quarter, by which time the Comets were already off to a 13-0 lead.

"The first half was some of the best half-court defense we've ever played," O'Neill said. "I know they weren't shooting well, but I think we had a little bit to do with it."

Hogancamp and Matt Hoskins did the rest. Hogancamp, a 6-6 senior center, was an unstoppable force in the paint, while Hoskins, a 6-4 junior and one of the First Region's most versatile players, had 18 points and three assists.

Hogancamp, who emerged as one of the region's better big men late last season, has posted some big numbers early in the season. Still most comfortable in the post, he has also developed the ability to take the ball to the basket.

"As much as he's improved, he still works as hard as any kid I have," O'Neill said. "He can put the ball on the floor and drive to the hole, something he hadn't been able to do before."

Even with their poor shooting, the Tigers put a scare into Carlisle in fourth quarter. Hopkinsville cut the lead to 47-42 and was shooting two free throws, but John Johnson missed both shots.

Hogancamp, fouled on the rebound, hit two from the line to make it 49-42, and Doug O'Neill - who had 13 points, nine rebounds and four assist, hit four straight to push the lead back to double digits.

Hopkinsville…...2 13 32 46
Carlisle……..15 28 41 56

Hopkinsville (46)
Quarles, Sanford 10, Harrison 4, Fort 8, Warfield 6, Johnson 4, Sanchez 7, Poston 5, Mills, Powell, Graham, Dudas 2.
Fgs. 18/70, 3 pts. 2/17 (Fort 2), Fts. 8/16, Fouls 19.

Carlisle (56)
Hoskins 18, O'Neill 13, B. Hogancamp 23, Hayden, Hobbs 2, M. Hogancamp, Orr, Lemons.
Fgs. 19/48, 3 pts. 1/8 (Hoskins), Fts. 17/25, Fouls 16.

Lone Oak 76
Carlisle Co. 59
01-04-00 - Home

Lone Oak used selective shooting and Carlisle County turnovers to overturn a halftime deficit and earn a victory.

Lone Oak was down by three after two quarters, but forced 15 turnovers from the Comets in the second half and converted many of those into easy lay-ups. Lone Oak hit nearly 70 per cent of its free throws. Carlisle hit only 50 percent from the foul line.

Ryan Dunn led the Flash attack with 22 points, and Bryan Powell hit three 3-pointers.

Comet's Ben Hogancamp had 20 points and 11 rebounds and Doug O'Neill had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Lone Oak……..15 30 51 76
Carlisle…….....16 33 48 59

Lone Oak (76)
Bazzell, Blackman 11, R. Dunn, Lilly 9, Maddux, Phelps 11, Powell 17, Williams.
Fgs. 30/43, 3 pts. 7/11 (Powell 3, Phelphs 2, Blackman, Lilly), Fts. 9/15, Fouls 20, Rebs 21.

Carlisle (59)
Hayden 11, Hobbs 4, B. Hogancamp 20, M. Hogancamp, Lemons 3, O'Neill 10, Orr 3, Solomon 8, Williams.
Fgs. 22/42, 3 pts. 5/8 (Hayden 3, Solomon 2), Fts. 10/25, Fouls 17, Rebs 28.

Carlisle Co. 74
Fulton Co. 64
01-07-00 - Away

Ben Hogancamp scored 30 points for Carlisle County, which made the most of its free-throw opportunities in a First District battle with Fulton County.

The Comets made 13 more trips to the foul line than their opponents and hit 68 per cent. The Pilots could only manage 58 per cent from the charity stripe.

Brian Hobbs (12 points), Matt Hoskins (11) and Doug O'Neill (10) also had big games for Carlisle. Lamont Smith led Fulton County with 16 points, while Quinton Hendrix and Reggie Westbrook each scored 12 points.

Carlisle……..13 33 50 74
Fulton Co……..10 25 36 64

Carlisle (74)
Canary, Gonzales 1, Hayden 2, Hobbs 12, B. Hogancamp 30, M. Hogancamp, Hoskins 11, Lemons 4, O'Neill 10, Orr 2, Peek, Solomon 2, Williams.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. 1 (Hoskins), Fts. 25/37, Fouls 20.

Fulton Co. (64)
Coulson 11, Goodman, J. Hendrix 3, B. Hendrix 12, McKinney 2, Pierce 8, Smith 16, Westbrook 12.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. 2 (Smith 2), Fts. 14/24, Fouls 27.

Fourth Quarter
Spurt Lifts Bombers

Carlisle Co. 57
Ballard Co. 68
01-10-00 - Home

Lawrence Arnold and Ross Myers combined for 17 of Ballard County's 24 fourth quarter points as the Bombers pulled away from Carlisle County on their way to a 68-57 boys' high school basketball victory Monday.

Ballard trailed 33-31 at halftime, but scored the first 10 points of the third period. Carlisle rallied to cut the final margin to two entering the final frame before Ballard surged ahead again, helped by a 12-for-18 fourth quarter free throw performance.

Arnold led all scorers with 20 points, Myers had 18 and Travis Heal 12.

For Carlisle, Ben Hogancamp scored 16 points, Matt Hoskins 14 and Brian Hobbs 11.

Carlisle……..16 33 42 57
Ballard……...18 31 44 68

Ballard (68)
La. Arnold 20, Le. Arnold, Bard 1, Heal 12, Myers 18, Overby 6, Pittman, Trice 5, Wear 6.
Fgs. 24/50, 3 pts. 5/14 (Heal 3, Wear 2), Fts. 15/23, Fouls 15.

Carlisle (57)
Hayden 6, Hobbs 11, B. Hogancamp 16, M. Hogancamp, Hoskins 14, Lemons 1, O'Neill 9, Orr, Solomon, Gonzales.
Fgs. 22/53,, 3 pts. 3/10 (Hayden 2, Hoskins), Fts. 10/15, Rebs 28, Fouls 17.

Shooting, Ball Control, Lift
Comets Over No. 9 Tornado

Carlisle Co. 59
Tilghman 50
01-14-00 - Away

Taking advantage of their hosts' cold shooting, Carlisle County shocked Paducah Tilghman on the Tornado's home court for a 59-50 victory in Friday's boys' high school basketball action.

The Tornado, ranked ninth in the state in this week's Associated Press poll, grabbed a one-point edge of its own after the third quarter, but scored only nine points in the fourth while the Comets started blazing. They shot 6-for-11 from the field without turning the ball over in the last frame.

Three players scored in double digits for Carlisle, which shot 53% from the floor. Ben Hogancamp led all scorers with 16 points. Matt Hoskins added 14 points, while Brian Hobbs pitched in 13.

The Tornado went to the outside late in an attempt to catch up, but ended up going 2-for-13 from behind the arc for the line. Jerick Carruthers toped the Tornado with 14 points and Orlandus Hill, who transferred to Tilghman from Carlisle last summer, had 12.

Carlisle…….....13 29 40 59
Tilghman……...12 28 41 50

Carlisle (59)
Gonzales, Hayden 9, Hobbs 13, B. Hogancamp 16, M. Hogancamp, Hoskins 14, Lemons 2, Orr 4, Solomon 1.
Fgs. 18/34, 3 pts. 1/7 (Hoskins), Fts. 22/32, Rebs. 23, Fouls 20.

Tilghman (50)
Adams, Carruthers 14, Clarke, Cooper, Daniels 2, Gibson 5, Hamilton 2, Hill 12, Jones 4, Miller 5, Smith, Wilson 6.
Fgs. 19/49, 3 pts. 2/13 (Gibson, Miller), Fts. 10/21, Fouls 23, Rebs. 24.

Class A Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Gets past Falcons
In All-A Border Battle

Carlisle Co. 69
Hickman Co. 62
01-19-00 - Away

The First District border war came to the All A Classics on Wednesday night and the ensuing battle between neighboring counties Carlisle and Hickman surprised no one.

Hickman came armed with guard Ben Rushing, the first region's leading scorer. Carlisle came packing center Ben Hogancamp, the regions second-leading scorer.

And their fans kept Racer Arena quite noisy.

Rushing won the battle with a game high 35 points, but the Falcons lost the war.

Rushing fired the game's last salvo - a 3 point attempt with a good three seconds to play, that if good would have put his team ahead by one. But the shot circled the rim and fell off and Carlisle added three free throws and a fielder in the game's final 2.3 seconds for a 69-62 quarter-final victory.

This was a war that Hickman led for most of the game. Carlisle's first lead since 2-0 came with just under six minutes to play.

The Falcons tried to contain the 6 foot 7 Ben Hogancamp with 6-2 defenders Ricky Byassee and Brian Allen, but both eventually fouled out. Hogancamp finished with 22 points and Matt Hoskins 19.

In the earlier match up, Hickman's Ricky Evans scored 21, but this time only one other Falcon reached double figures - Alan Cruse with 11.

The Comets finished runner up to St. Mary in the Tournament a year ago. They'll meet Ballard Co. in Friday's First semi-final at 6 pm.

Hickman quickly fouled Brian Hobbs, an 80% free-throw shooter and he hit the second of the two shots in the double bonus.

Carlisle needed one stop on Rushing, but couldn't get it. The 5-11 senior ignored a double team and rose for a 3-point shot. He had to double-clutch, but got the shot and was fouled with 13.2 ticks left.

A 90% free throw shooter, who hit 14 of 15 for the game, Rushing sank all three tosses to cut the deficit to one.

Hobbs then hit two free throws with 12 seconds to go.

Following the time out, Rushing received the ball on the inbounds, drove up the middle then slashed to his left and rose for a 20 footer, under pressure, but not enough for a clean look at the basket.

Carlisle scored the five points in the final 2.3 seconds on three free throws – two resulting of a technical, when Hickman called a time out and didn't have one and a lay-up as time expired.

Carlisle……....4 18 33 69
Hickman…….....6 18 38 62

Hickman (62)
Allen 2, Byassee 2, Cruse 11, Evans 8, McClure 2, O'Neal, Rushing 35, Stephens 2.
Fgs. 20/48, 3 pts. 3/13 (Rushing 3), Fts. 19/24, Fouls 26.

Carlisle (69)
Hayden 6, Hobbs 11, B. Hogancamp 22, M. Hogancamp, Hoskins 17, Lemons 5, O'Neill 7, Orr 2, Solomon.
Fgs. 25/52, 3 pts. 1/6 (O'Neill), Fts. 18/31, Fouls 23.

All A Tourn.
2nd Round
Classic Survival.
Hayden Keeps Carlisle Alive.

Carlisle Co. 78
Ballard Co. 67
01-21-00 – Away

Somehow, someway, Carlisle County found a way into the championship game of the All A Classic First Region tournament.

More often than not, it was by putting the ball in Andy Hayden's hands at crunch time.

Hayden made a career's worth of clutch shots

as the Comets survived a double-overtime thriller, prevailing 78-67 Friday night over a Ballard Co. ball-club, that twice came within an inch of advancing to the regional small-school title game for the first time.

"For about eight trips in a row, we just kept calling his number," Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill said of Hayden. "As hot as he was, we wanted to keep getting him the ball."

Suffice it to say that if Hayden wasn't around it would have been the Bombers celebrating in front of more than 1,500 hoarse fans at Murray State University's Racer Arena.

And it would have been the Bombers taking the court tonight against defending regional champion St. Mary, a 65-54 winner over Fulton City, for a trip to next week's state tourn. at Eastern Kentucky University.

Instead, it's Carlisle (12-6) that gets another shot at the Vikings, the team it lost to 63-45 in last season's All A Classic regional final.

Tossing in a career-high 30 points, Hayden hit 6 of 7 shots from 3-point range. Among them were two threes in
the last minute of regulation, inc1uding a bomb from the left corner with 14 seconds remaining to force overtime. Twice in the next four minutes, he penetrated and scored game-tying baskets, the second a spinning eight-footer with 1:07 left that eventually sent the game to a second extra period.

And as the Bombers (12-7) went ice cold in overtime No. 2, Hayden hit another jumper and four straight free throws to put the game safely away.

His final numbers 9-for-10 from the field and 6-for-8 from the foul line, each shot coming in the heat of a gut-wrenching battle between fierce rivals.

Three other Comets made huge contributions. Swingman Matt Hoskins had 16 points and 17 rebounds, while 6-6 center Ben Hogancamp had 18 points, 11 rebounds and five blocked shots. Brian Hobbs had 12 points and six assists.

"We've been wanting to get back to the championship game ever since St. Mary beat us last year," Hayden said. "Going to Richmond has been our dream."

"To me, it doesn't really matter who we play to get there. St. Mary would be fine, but not because of last year. We just want to play in the state tournament."

For Hayden, the most memorable basket was the 3-pointer that set up the first overtime. He rebounded the ball from the baseline, got a delayed screen from Doug O'Neill, then caught Hobbs' pass in the left corner.

Ballard had time to win it, but missed two shots. Sophomore Lawrence Arnold (24 pts.) grabbed the second rebound and made the follow shot, but it was ruled after the buzzer.

The Bombers were shut out in the second overtime and went 1-for-13 from the field in the two extra periods, but coach Billie Prince was quick to point out his team's woes at the free throw line.

Austin Trice one of Ballard's most reliable foul shooters, missed the front end of a bonus late in the fourth quarter, then two more in the first overtime, both coming with one point leads.

Our best shooter missed some, and our worst (Arnold) went 10-for-11," Prince said. Explain that.

"I don't know. Down the stretch one of the things we do is take shots we don't need to take. We forced several in the overtime. Really, we just went bonkers."

Ballard……13 32 48 61 67 67
Carlisle……16 30 43 61 67 78

Ballard (67)
Heal 11, Arnold 24, Myers 15, Wear 8, Trice 7, Pittman,
Overby 2, Sullivan, Smith, Jones, Weaver.
Fgs. 22/65, 3-pts. 7/25 (Heal 3, Wear 2, Trice 2), Fts. 16/21, Fouls 18, Rebs 30.

Carlisle (78)
Hoskins 16, O'Neill, B. Hogancamp 18, Hayden 30, Hobbs 12, Lemons, Orr 2, M. Hogancamp, Williams.
Fgs. 27/50, 3 pts. 7/11 (Hayden 6, Hoskins), Fts. 17/24, Rebs. 38, Fouls 17.

All A Tourn.
Championship
Vikings Carry
Region Banner Again

Carlisle Co. 58
St. Mary 61
01-22-00 – Away

For having bagged its second consecutive All A Classic First Region title, St Mary can thank Luke Crider and Charles Hosea.

Saturday night's 61-58 squeaker over Carlisle Co. was a show case for the little-publicized Crider, whose 23 pt. effort included five 3-pointers. Hosea, a natural point guard forced to play inside against much bigger opponents, had 19 pts., 10 rebs., 4 assists and 4 steals as St. Mary repeated as regional champions by beating the Comets in the championship game for the second straight year.

"Seniors. They're seniors," was head coach Steve Middleton's explanation, "Man, Luke hit some big shots early when we needed them. He was in that zone in the first half. Charles…. Well, we all know what he can do. He does everything for us, and he does it every night. That's what makes him such a special player."

"But I tell you what – the kid that won this game was Jamie Paxton, another senior," Middleton said. "Because he kept big Ben Hogancamp off the boards. He's always playing against bigger people and he always makes big shots. He never gets much attention, and he didn't make the All Tourn. team, but we wouldn't have won it without him."

The Viking's, (18-3), advance to next week's state tourn. and a first-round match-up on Thursday afternoon at Eastern Kentucky University against the 10th Region champion, either Maysville, St. Patrick or Nicholas Co. St. Patrick would be a familiar foe – the Shamrocks beat St. Mary by a single pt. in last year's state quarter-finals.

Crider, for one, feels like he's due another trip. He was mired in a deep shooting slump during last year's state tourn. and didn't hit a 3-point basket in either of the Viking's two games in Richmond.

"I was terrible, I couldn't hit anything," Crider said. "I plan on doing a lot better this time."

With about 2,000 fans on hand for the regional final in Murray State University's Racer Arena, the two teams didn't disappoint. The lead went back and forth throughout the second half and Carlisle pulled even at 54-54 when Matt Hoskins (25 pts., 10 rebs.) hit one of two fts. with 2:55 remaining.

Ryan Cochran (12 pts., 9 rebs.) hit one of two fts. to give St. Mary the lead and after Hoskins tipped in a Ben Hogancamp miss to give the Comets (12-7) the lead, Cochran beat the defense back and scored on a long pass from Rod Ross to take the lead for good.

Hosea hit a pair of fts. to make it 59-56 with 47.5 seconds left and the Viking's defense made three huge stops in the final minute. Carlisle missed shots on two trips and turned the ball over on another possession.

"We had the plays we wanted, but we couldn't get a shot to go," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill, whose team shot just 36% from the field. "We executed to win close games against Hickman Co. and Ballard Co. But we didn't tonight. That was the difference."
Carlisle…..15 27 47 58
St. Mary…..18 30 51 61

Carlisle (58)
O'Neill 8, Hoskins 25, B. Hogancamp 14, Hayden 7, Hobbs 2, Lemons 2, Orr, M. Hogancamp, Solomon.
Fgs. 22/61, 3 pts. 0/4, Fts. 14/19, Rebs. 40, Fouls 19.

St. Mary (61)
Crider 23, Cochran 12, Paxton 3, Ross 4, Hosea 19, Colgan, Gragg, Myre, Warrer.
Fgs. 21/47, 3 pts. 9/21 (Crider 5, Cochran 2, Paxton, Hosea), Fts. 10/15, Rebs 29, Fouls 19.

Carlisle Co. 61
Mayfield 54
01-25-00 - Home

Carlisle County's zone defense slowed Mayfield in the 4th quarter and allowed the Comets to streak back and take the win.

The Cardinals were up by 6 late in the third quarter, before Carlisle switched and closed on a 20-7 run. Matt Hoskins had 26 and Hogancamp and O'Neill each had 13 points.
Mayfield……18 32 50 54
Carlisle……19 35 49 61

Mayfield (54)
Barclay 9, Howard 8, Ivey 9, Lynch 13, De. Parrott 9, Saxton 4, Tate 2.
Fgs. 20/34, 3 pts. 4/9 (Barclay 3, Lynch), Fts. 10/17, Fouls 13.

Carlisle (61)
Hayden 2, Hobbs 5, B. Hogancamp 13, M. Hogancamp, Hoskins 26, Lemons, O'Neill 13, Orr 2.
Fgs. 24/38, 3 pts. 3/8 (Hoskins 2, O'Neill), Fts. 10/14, fouls 17.

Carlisle Co 80
Reidland 56
01-31-00 - Home

Carlisle shot a blistering 61% from the field to offset Reidland's free throw advantage.

Both teams attempted 57 shots, but the Comets hit more by a decisive 35-17 margin. The Greyhounds did make 22 of 33 free throws against 7 of 12 for Carlisle.

Clutch performances helped the Comets pull away. Ben Hogancamp scored 15 of his game high 23 points in the third quarter. He also grabbed 10 rebounds for a double-double. Matt Hoskins added 15 points for Carlisle and Doug O'Neill scored 12.
Reidland……11 28 43 56
Carlisle……19 35 58 80

Reidland (56)
Amyx 10, Behrent 11, Kirksey 18, Matlock 7, Mitchell 5, Moore, Poole 2, Smith 2, Terry 1, Watson, Woodruff.
Fgs. 17/57, 3 pts. 0/3, Fts. 22/33, Rebs. 33, Fouls 17.

Carlisle (80)
Canary 2, Gonzales, J. Green, Hayden 8, Hobbs. 10, B. Hogancamp 23, M. Hogancamp 4, Hoskins

15, Lemons, O'Neill 12, Orr, Peek, Solomon 6, Williams.
Fgs. 35/57, 3 pts. 3/7 (Solomon 2, Hoskins), Fts. 7/12, Fouls 26, Rebs. 37.

Carlisle Co. 47
Heath 40
02-04-00 - Away

Heath kept the game at a slower pace, but not slow enough to stop Carlisle County on the offensive boards in the second half.

The Comets gathered seven rebounds on offense in the second half and converted most of those into baskets.

The Pirates only had four offensive boards in each half.

Ben Hogancamp dominated for Carlisle with 23 points and 17 rebounds, while Matt Hoskins finished with 12.

Carlisle……..9 18 32 47
Heath ……..6 16 28 40

Carlisle (47
Hayden 2, Hobbs 4, B. Hogancamp 23, Hoskins 12, Lemons, O'Neill 6, Orr, M. Hogancamp, Solomon.
Fgs. 18/43, 3 pts. 1/4 (Hoskins), Fts. 10/13, Rebs. 32, Fouls 15.

Heath (40)
Green 5, Lusk 10, Mends-Cole 2, Patel 8, Story 2, Weaver 10, Youngblood 3.
Fgs. 15/48, 3 pts. 1/11 (Green), Fts. 9/15, Fouls 11.

Carlisle Co. 85
Fulton City 73
02-08-00 - Home

Carlisle County used a 9-0 run at the start of overtime to down visiting Fulton City.

The Comets' Doug O'Neill was 7 of 8 from the line in the extra frame and 16 of 18 at the foul line to go along with his career high 26 point night.

Carlisle led by three in the waning moments of regulation, but fouled Fulton City's Aaron Ferrell as he attempted a 3-pointer. He hit all three of his accompanying foul shots to send the game into the extra frame.

Ben Hogancamp had 19 points, Brian Hobbs 12, Andy Hayden 10 and Matt Hoskins 10 for the Comets.

Fulton City….12 25 40 70 73
Carlisle……..13 32 44 70 85

Fulton City (73)
Burton 1, A. Ferrell 30, Gonzales, Johnson 2, Maze 2, Mulcahy 7, Pettigrew 13, Rose 17, Tillmac, Wright 1, Yamauchi, J. Ferrell, Hodges.
Fgs. 23/49, 3 pts. 2/7 (Mulcahy, Rose), Fts. 21/31, Fouls 28, Rebs. 29.

Carlisle (85)
Canary, Gonzales, Hayden 10, Hobbs. 12, B. Hogancamp 19, M. Hogancamp 3, Hoskins 10, Lemons 2, O'Neill 26, Orr, Peek, Solomon 3, Williams, J. Green.
Fgs. 22/51, 3 pts. 3/6 (Hayden, M. Hogancamp, Solomon), Fts. 34/42, Fouls 28, Rebs 36.

Comets Gets Hot
At District Title

Carlisle Co. 78
Hickman Co. 52
02-12-00 - Home

Hickman County came out tingling, but lost the touch as they fell to host Carlisle County 78-52 in Saturday's High Scholl basketball.

The Falcon's led by three after one quarter, thanks to Aaron McClure and Ben Rushing, who provided 11 and 6 points, respectively. McClure finished with 14 and Rushing with 23.

The Comets found its nitch in the second quarter, going inside to Ben Hogancamp and Matt Hoskins, who accounted for all but three of Carlisle's points in the quarter.

Hogancamp had 10 in that quarter and finished with a game high 25 to go along with his 10 rebounds. Hoskins finished with 16 along with Brian Hobbs and Andy Hayden who added 14 and 10.

Hickman……...17 30 43 52
Carlisle……..14 36 55 78

Hickman (52)
Allen 2, Byassee, Cruse 2, Evans 8, McClure 14, O'Neal, Roach, Rushing 23, Stephens 2, Ward, Workman 1.
Fgs. 19/48, 3 pts. 7/13 (McClure 4, Rushing 3), Fts. 15/26, Rebs. 23, Fouls 22.

Carlisle (78)
Canary, Gonzales, Hayden 10, Hobbs. 14, B. Hogancamp 25, M. Hogancamp 3, Hoskins 16, Lemons 8, O'Neill 2, Orr, Peek, Solomon, Williams, J. Green.
Fgs. 31/48, 3 pts. 1/4 (Hayden), Fts. 15/26, Fouls 16, Rebs. 37.

Carlisle Co. 49
Fulton Co. 43
02-14-00 - Home

Carlisle County erased a Fulton County lead in the third quarter, then delivered from the foul line in the fourth to win this First District showdown.

Ben Hogancamp dominated for Carlisle with 22 points and 14 rebounds. Matt Hoskins finished with 10 boards and 9 points. Reggie Westbrook led Fulton Co. with 10 points.

Fulton Co…….8 21 36 43
Carlisle……..10 17 36 49

Fulton Co. (43)
Coulson 8, L. Hendrix 2, Q. Hendrix 6, Taylor 9, Westbrook 10, Wilson 8.
Fgs. 18/44, 3 pts. 0/1, Fts. 7/11, Rebs 22, Fouls 28.

Carlisle (49)
Hayden 4, Hobbs 8, B. Hogancamp 22, M. Hogancamp, Hoskins 9, Lemons, O'Neill 4, Orr 2, Peek, Solomon.
Fgs. 15/43, 3 pts. 0/5, Fts. 19/28, Fouls 15, Rebs. 28.

Ballard Slips
By Comets

Carlisle Co. 70
Ballard Co. 73
02-18-00 - Away

Ballard Co. got just what it needed in the last seconds of its homecoming game to defeat Carlisle County 73-70 in boys high school basketball action Friday Night.

This game was fairly even in the stats column, but wild on the scoreboard. Both teams hit 21 field goals including two 3-pointers.

The Bombers jumped out to an eight point lead, after the opening period, then hit a brick wall when four starters had two fouls apiece in the second quarter.

The Comets grabbed the halftime lead, but Ballard focused on the inside in the second half.

Carlisle's Matt Hoskins got a good look at a trey from 25 feet away, but his last second shot hit the back of the rim at the buzzer.

Hoskins led all scorers with 24 points, while teammate Ben Hogancamp added 21 points.

Carlisle……..10 29 40 70
Ballard……..18 25 46 73

Carlisle (70)
Hayden 6, Hobbs 11, B. Hogancamp 21, M. Hogancamp, Hoskins 24, Lemons, O'Neill 3, Orr, Solomon 5.
Fgs. 21, 3 pts. 2 (Hayden, Solomon), Fts. 26/33, Fouls 25.

Ballard (73)
Arnold 16, Bard 5, Heal 19, Jones 1, Myers 17, Overby, Pitman, Trice 5, Wear 10.
Fgs. 21, 3 pts. 2 (Bard, Heal), Fts. 29/38, Fouls 22.

Mayfield 76
Carlisle Co. 58
02-22-00 - Away

Trey Barclay went on a tear in the third quarter, that helped Mayfield cruise on past Carlisle County.

With the Cardinals up by 2 early in the third quarter, Barclay hit 2 consecutive threes. He followed another Mayfield basket with his third trey of the quarter for a double digit lead the hosts would not relinquish.

Carlisle's Matt Hoskins topped all scorers with 24 points.

Carlisle……..11 23 35 58
Mayfield……..12 27 47 76

Carlisle (58)
Gonzales, Green, Hayden 10, Hobbs 6, M. Hogancamp, Hoskins 24, Lemons 5, O'Neill 3, Orr 5, Peek, Solomon 3, Williams 2.
Field goals 19/40, 3-pts. 3/8 (Hoskins 2, Solomon), Free throws 17/28, Fouls 20,

Mayfield (76)
Barclay 22, Bean, Burget, Howard, Ivey 11, Lynch 29, Moore 18, Da. Parrott 1, De. Parrott 14, Saxton 6, Tate 2.
Field goals 26/44, 3 pts. 4/9 (Barclay 3, Ivey), Free throws 20/26, Fouls 20.

Carlisle Co. 58
Calloway Co. 42
02-25-00 - Away

Carlisle County found a way around an early Calloway County strategy to claim victory in its regular season finale.

The Lakers focused their defense on the inside, particularly on 6 foot 7 Ben Hogancamp. Jeff Solomon helped the Comets overcome this by hitting four 3-pointers to lead the team with 12 points. Calloway hurt themselves further with 18 turnovers.

Hogancamp did finish with 10 points for Carlisle.

Carlisle……..13 29 45 58
Calloway……..11 22 33 42

Carlisle (58)
Canary, Gonzales 3, Green, Hobbs 9, B. Hogancamp 10, M. Hogancamp 2, Hoskins 9, Lemons 8, O'Neill 2, Orr 3. Peek 3, Solomon 12, Williams.
Field goals 21, 3 pts. 5 (Solomon 4, Orr), Free throws 11/19, Fouls 20.

Calloway (42)
Boggess 2, Bynum 2, Greenfield 11, Greer 8, Harris, Lamb, McCallum, McClure 5, Overby, Ringstalf 5, Sexton, Sykes, Travis, Tracy 9.
Field goals 15, 3 pts. 3 (Greenfield, McClure, Tracy), Fts. 9/16, Fouls 19.

1ST District Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Advance
To Finals

Carlisle Co. 66
Fulton Co. 53

02-28-00 - Away

A first round exit in the district tournament just a year ago helped Carlisle County focus on its advantages and escape the agony of another one game post season.

Exploiting its inside blessings of center Ben Hogancamp and forward Matt Hoskins to the maximum in the first half, top seeded Carlisle County ensured its season would extend to next week's First Region Tournament with a 66-53 win over Fulton County Monday night in the opening game of the First District tournament.

Carlisle Co. made sure it was in the championship by dominating the Pilots inside. Hogancamp was especially effective early underneath, scoring 15 of his 17 pts. in the first half as his jam-dunk built a 32-25 lead on offensive rebounding.

"We knew coming up here we were going to try to get them down early with me and Matt (Hoskins) inside." "I thought we did a pretty good job of that," said Hogancamp.

The Comets seized a dozen offensive rebounds by halftime and converted most of them into baskets to force the Pilots into a game-long chase from behind. While Fulton Co. managed to stay close, it never got ahead.

Hogancamp had 9 pts. in the first quarter on 3 put-backs, including a slam-dunk off his own miss. He was fouled on the play and sank the ft. for a 14-9 lead. Carlisle switched to a zone in the second quarter that put the Pilots offense on hold and jumped ahead 23-15 on a couple of fast breaks, but Fulton Co. held on to trail just 32-25 at the half.

Carlisle finally put the game away in the third quarter, building a double digit lead at 45-35 with a minute left on Hoskins' power move inside. He scored 16 pts. for the Comets, while Brian Hobbs added 13. Fulton Co. did get within 6 at 54-48 in the final quarter, but the Comets kept their distance hitting 9 of 10 from the foul line in the final 2 minutes.

The win takes some of the sting off last year's loss to Fulton City in the first round, even though the Bulldogs went on to win the Tourn.

"These kids have never been to the regional, so we've got some of the pressure off us now," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "And we can try and loosen up and just play a little bit now."

Fulton Co…..…..15 25 37 53
Carlisle.....…...16 32 45 66

Fulton Co. (53)
Campbell, Q. Hendrix 9, L. Hendrix 5, Wilson 16, Coulson 4, Taylor 7, Westbrook 12, Langford.
Fgs. 23/56, 3 pts. 3/13 (Taylor 2, Q. Hendrix), Fts. 4/9, Fouls 27.

Carlisle (66)
Hoskins 16, O'Neill 7, B. Hogancamp 27, Hobbs 13, Hayden, Orr, Lemons, Solomon 3, M. Hogancamp, Gonzales, Peek, Williams, Green.
Fgs. 23/44, 3 pts. 4 (Solomon), Fts. 19/32, Fouls 14.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Ferrell Shines In Finals

Carlisle Co. 53
Fulton City 57
03-02-00 – Away

The First District Finals have become the Aaron Ferrell show.

For the second consecutive year Ferrell played the starring role as Fulton City upset the top-seeded team to win the district title. A year after he scored 21 points to lead the Bulldogs past Hickman County, Ferrell had 28 points and 6 assists as Fulton City pulled away in the final 2 minutes.

And he's only a sophomore.

"When we need a basket you can tell him 'beat your man' and he will." said Fulton coach Sam Miller. "He's one of the best I've seen at going to the basket, and he's a big-game player."

Ferrell scored 15 points in the fourth quarter, including seven straight in a two minute span as the Bulldogs (19-8) seized control with a 26-3 run over the last four minutes, winning their third district title in Miller's five-year coaching tenure. Until Miller came along, Fulton City hadn't won a district title since 1963.

"We've been a doormat for so long people start wondering about us," Miller said. "But I think we can play with anybody."

With Ferrell running the show, maybe Fulton City can. His baseline drive past foul-plagued center Ben Hogancamp gave the Bulldogs a 51-50 lead with 4:02 left. Then he grabbed a rebound on the defensive end and went coast-to-coast for the basket, neatly sidestepping Carlisle guard Andy Hayden, who was set up in the lane to take a charge.

After Hogancamp hit one of two free throws, Ferrell went one-on-one with defender Brian Hobbs, bobbing and weaving and spinning his way through the lane for a basket, drawing the foul and completing the three-point play. For good measure, he also hit seven straight free throws, six in the final 1:03. "He does things you don't see from anybody else," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "He can drive full speed, stop on a dime, elevate over everybody and still hit the shot. And he's so good at avoiding the charge."

Carlisle (19-10) got 14 points from Matt Hoskins and 13 points and 11 rebounds from Ben Hogancamp. Fulton's Duron Pettigrew had 16 points and "maybe 15 or 16 rebounds," Miller said, even though his team doesn't keep such statistics on the bench.

The Comets had taken a 56-49 lead on reserve Jeff Solomon's second three-pointer and a Hogancamp put-back, but didn't hit a field goal in the final 5:50, missing 10 straight shots. The Comets shot 33 percent for the game and were only 4-of-21 from 3-point range. In the fourth quarter, they were 4 of 17 overall and 1 of 7 from the perimeter.

Their penalty? In all likelihood, a first round First Region tournament game with either Paducah Tilghman, Graves County or Marshall County, which are generally considered the region's top teams. Graves and Marshall are favored to win their district championship games tonight.

Fulton City…...18 29 45 57
Carlisle.....…...9 31 41 53

Fulton City (57)
Burton 4, Mulcahy 7, Pettigrew 16, Rose 12, Ferrell 28, Fly, Wright, Johnson, Yamauchi, Tillman, Maze, Roe 2, Gonzalez.
Fgs. 23/43, 3 pts. 2/5 (Rose 2), Fts. 21/35, Fouls 20.

Carlisle (53)
O'Neill, Hoskins 14, B. Hogancamp 13, Hayden 9, Hobbs 9, Lemons, M. Hogancamp, Solomon 8, Orr, Green, Williams, Peek, Gonzales, Canary.
Fgs. 20/60, 3 pts. 4/21 (Solomon 2, Hoskins, Hayden), Fts. 9/15, Fouls 29.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Graves Weapons Dim Comets' Star.
Graves Co. Balance
Overcomes Hogancamp's 33 Pts.

Carlisle Co. 54
Graves Co. 67
03-06-00 – Away

For Graves County, there was no stopping Carlisle County's Ben Hogancamp.

For Carlisle, there was no stopping Graves.

Hogancamp, a 6-foot-7 senior center, scored a career-high 33 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, but it wasn't enough to overcome Graves' balanced scoring attack and marksmanship at the free-throw line.

Kent Manning and Wes Johnson scored 17 points and Wes Hatcher added 13, and the Eagles hit 22-of-27 free throws for a 67-54 victory in opening-round play of boys' First Region tournament in Murray on Monday night.

Graves (25-3) jump-started the Eagle offence and opened up a 16-point lead and Carlisle (19-11) never got closer than nine, and that came with just over a minute to play.

"This is a team that somebody always seems to score when we need it," said Graves coach Allan Hatcher, whose team advanced against Heath. "Those three players (Manning, Johnson, and Hatcher) really got us going."

Wiles and Hatcher started a Graves' third-quarter run with two 3-pointers, each from different sides of the court.

"We switched defenses and didn't find our men and Graves got those two threes and that got us down 11 in a hurry," O'Neill said. "Then we had to fight back the rest of the game."

Manning hit a pair of free throws with 3:11 remaining in the period to complete the streak and put his team up 41-25. Johnson scored five points in the run and he leads the Eagles in scoring, but Manning and Hatcher are the squad's third and fourth leading scorers, respectively.

And speaking of scoring, Hogancamp did a bunch of it. He was nearly unstoppable, hitting 12-of-19 shots and 9-of-11 free throws to keep the Comets within striking distance.

"We thought that if we eliminated his second shots, we'd do a good job on him, but we didn't eliminate his second shots. He certainly earned my respect," Alan Hatcher said.

The Eagles scored the first points of the fourth quarter on two foul shots by Johnson to take their largest lead of the game, 49-31.

With Hogancamp scoring seven points, Carlisle battled back with a run of its own, outscoring Graves 19-10 to pull within 59-50 on a bucket and free throw by Hogancamp. But Graves hit 9-of-10 at the line in the last 68 seconds to wrap it up.

"It seems like Graves answered every run," O'Neill said.

"You have to make a stretch run and we did," Alan Hatcher said.

"Graves limited the Comets to 38 percent shooting from the floor," Hatcher said. Hogancamp got little support. Matt Hoskins added eight points, but no other Comet scored more than five. Three starters accounted for only eight combined points.

"Graves took us out of some of our strengths," Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill said. "And Graves had several players step up for them."

Wiles and Hatcher started it all up. The Comets made only 1-of-11 3-pointers and minus Hogancamp's shooting made just 8-of-24 shots.

The Comets used some defense of its own to rally in the final period, applying full-court pressure. The Eagles wound up with 18 turnovers.

"You know Carlisle County," Hatcher said. "They're not going to quit."

Carlisle (19-11).....6 19 31 54
Graves (25-3).....11 24 47 67

Carlisle (54)
Hayden 2, Hobbs 4, B. Hogancamp 33, Peek, Gonzales, M. Hogancamp, Hoskins 8, O'Neill 2, Solomon 5, Williams, Lemons, Orr.

Fgs. 20/53, 3 pts. 1/11 (Solomon), Fts. 13/17, Fouls 18.

Graves (67)
Elliott 3, Wiles 8, Hatcher 14, Doughty, Kendall, Manning 17, Brown, Wilkerson 8, Johnson 11, Hatchell.

Fgs. 20/43, 3 pts. 5/13 (Hatcher 2, Lyles 2, Manning), Free throws 22/27.

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	Game's Played	Field Goal Attempt's	Field Goal's Made	Field Goal %	Free Throw Attempt's	Free Throws Made	Free Throw %	2-Point Attempt's	2-Point's Made	2-Point %	3-point Attempt's	3-Point's Made	3-Point %	Average Point's	High Point Total	Total Point's	Total Steals	Total Rebounds	Total Assist's	Personal Foul's	Turnovers
Brian Hobbs	30	190	82	43	153	110	72	179	82	46	11	0	0	12.2	15	275	49	105	99	0	86
Ben Hogancamp	29	414	241	58	173	100	58	414	241	58	0	0	0	20.1	33	582	18	329	15	0	56
Brandon Orr	30	44	13	30	28	11	42	31	11	36	13	2	15	1.3	6	39	13	33	37	0	34
Corey Peek	13	6	0	0	4	1	25	3	0	0	3	0	0	0.07	1	1	2	2	1	0	5
Matt Hoskins	29	312	172	55	166	113	68	263	160	61	49	12	25	16.2	30	470	34	230	50	0	94
Doug O'Neill	29	165	72	44	85	60	71	135	67	50	30	5	17	7.2	26	209	24	147	44	0	70
Matt Hogancamp	29	28	9	32	13	6	46	27	8	30	1	1	100	0.72	4	21	4	43	5	0	10
Jeff Solomon	26	54	23	43	5	3	60	13	7	54	41	16	39	2.5	12	65	5	13	7	0	8
Dustin Williams	19	11	4	36	6	4	69	8	4	50	3	0	0	0.63	6	12	1	7	2	0	5
Phillip Gonzales	14	10	2	20	6	2	33	10	2	20	0	0	0	0.42	3	6	1	13	1	0	3
Ronnie Canary	12	8	2	25	0	0	0	8	2	25	0	0	0	0.3	2	4	0	5	0	0	2
Derek Lemons	30	56	27	48	37	13	35	56	27	48	0	0	0	2.23	8	67	31	44	42	0	26
Andy Hayden	28	187	64	34	71	57	80	91	35	39	96	29	30	7.6	30	213	33	61	89	0	75
Josh Green	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Total for Team	325	1491	711	48	745	480	64	1243	646	52	248	65	26	6.56	33	1964	215	1036	392	0	474

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	St. Mary	Charleston, MS.	Greenfield, TN.	Calloway Co.	Hickman Co.	Murray	Fulton City	Memp. Wooddale, TN.	Tilghman	Massac Co., ILL.	Hopkinsville	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Tilghman								
Matt Hoskins	26	14	10	19	13	18	30	14	10	18	18(1)		11(1)	14(1)	14(1)								
Doug O'Neill	4	8	23	9	2	6(2)	2	10	8(1)	0	13	10	10	9									
Ben Hogancamp	20	20	15	15	31	15	14	23	27	14	23	20	30	16	16								
Brian Hobbs	15	11	8	14	4	12	10	14	12	4	2	4	12	11	13								
Andy Hayden	11(1)	7		4	11(3)	6	7(1)	10(2)	3(1)	20(6)	0	11(3)	2	6(2)	9								
Derek Lemons	4	0	5	0	7	7	0	0	2	2	0	3	4	1	2								
Dustin Williams	0	0	6	2	0	0	0		2			0	0										
Jeff Solomon	0		2	2	0	5(1)	0	0	0	0		8(2)	2	0	1								
Brandon Orr	0	0	2	6(1)	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	3	2	0	4								
Matt Hogancamp		0	0	2	0	4	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0								
Corey Peek			0	1		0							0										
Ronnie Canary			0	2		0							0										
Phillip Gonzales			2	0		0							1		0								

1999-00

	Hickman Co.	Ballard Co.	St. Mary	Mayfield	Reidland	Heath	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Mayfield	Calloway Co.	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Graves Co.					3 Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Matt Hoskins	17	16(1)	25	26(2)	15(1)	12(1)	10	16	9	24	24(2)	9	16	14(1)	8					12	29	470	16.2
Doug O'Neill	7(1)	0	8	13(1)	12	6	26	2	4	3	3	2	7	0	2					5	29	209	7.2
Ben Hogancamp	22	18	14	13	23	23	19	25	22	21		10	27	13	33					0	29	582	20.07
Brian Hobbs	10	12	2	5	10	4	12	14	8	11	6	9	13	9	4					0	30	275	12.16
Andy Hayden	6	30(6)	7	2	8	2	10(1)	10(1)	4	6(1)	10		0	9(1)	2					29	28	213	7.6
Derek Lemons	5	0	2	0	0	0	2	8	0	0	5	8	0	0	0					0	30	67	2.23
Dustin Williams		0			0		0	0			2	0	0	0	0					0	19	12	0.63
Jeff Solomon	0		0		6(2)	0	3(1)	0	0	5(1)	3(1)	12(4)	3(1)	8(2)	5(1)					16	26	65	2.5
Brandon Orr	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	3(1)	0	0	0					2	30	39	1.3
Matt Hogancamp	0	0	0	0	0	0	3(1)	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0					1	29	21	0.72
Corey Peek					0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0					0	13	1	0.07
Ronnie Canary					2		0	0			0	0		0						0	12	4	0.33
Phillip Gonzales		0			0		0	0			0	3	0	0	0					0	14	6	0.42
Josh Green					0		0	0			0	0	0	0						0	7	0	0
					Team Record - 19-11							Per Game Avg. - 65.33								65		1964	

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Ben Hogancamp	80	0		43	264	582	889	11.11
Brian Hobbs	93	14	12	75	194	275	556	5.97
Andy Hayden	101	93	97	167	210	213	687	7.38
Brandon Orr	61	6		4	30	39	73	1.19
Corey Peek	37	6		3	18	4	25	0.67
Ronnie Canary	12	0			4		4	0.33

2000-2001

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TROPHIES WON

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. – 1ST PLACE

1ST REGION TOURN. – 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD --- 23-6

2000-01

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-14-00	St. Mary	89-79 ot	A	
11-28-00	Christian Fellowship	97-43	H	
12-01-00	Calloway Co.	66-57	A	
12-05-00	Hickman Co.	77-48	H	
12-07-00	Murray	**42-60**	A	
12-09-00	Webster Co.	83-81 ot	A	– **MADISONVILLE TOURN.**
12-13-00	Fulton City	69-58	H	
12-19-00	Heath	61-52	A	
12-21-00	Henderson Co.	49-47	A	– **RACER HOLIDAY TOURN.**
12-28-00	Memphis Ridgeway, TN.	**45-57**	A	– **MARSHALL CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-02-01	Lone Oak	61-48	A	
01-05-01	Fulton Co	73-67	H	
01-08-01	Ballard Co.	70-52	A	
01-14-01	Heath	**38-40 ot**	A	– **ALL A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-23-01	Mayfield	72-71 **2ot**	A	
01-26-01	Hickman Co.	72-53	A	
01-29-01	Reidland	53-49	A	
01-30-01	Calloway Co.	60-43	H	
02-02-01	Heath	61-51	H	
02-09-01	Fulton City	**58-61**	A	
02-12-01	Fulton Co	88-45	A	
02-16-01	Ballard Co.	64-48	H	
02-20-01	Mayfield	**65-66**	H	
02-26-01	Hickman Co.	68-43	A	– **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-01-01	Fulton City	65-57	A	– **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-05-01	Ballard Co.	53-43	A	– **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-10-01	Marshall Co.	45-42	A	– **1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**
03-11-01	Tilghman	62-54	A	– **1ST REGION TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-16-01	Lexington Lafayette	**49-62**	A	– **KY. STATE TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD – 23-6

2001 Comets District Champions
Regional Champions



Lucian Rogers, Derek Lemons, Sam Melton, Kristopher Kelley, Austin Tyler, Brett Reddick, Dirk Draper, Brett Hoskins, Kirk Arnold, Dustin Williams, Phillip Gonzales, Douglas O'Neill, Matt Hoskins, Matt Hogancamp, Jeff Solomon,(Managers) Matt Hunt, Grant Hoskins, Kristin Larkins, Dustin Goode, Lane Davis, Eric Gonzales.

2000-2001

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TROPHIES WON
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. – 1ST PLACE
1ST REGION TOURN. – 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD --- 23-6

2000-01 COMET ROSTER:
Matt Hoskins, Doug O'Neill, Phillip Gonzales, Matt Hogancamp, Jeff Solomon, Dustin Williams, Derek Lemons, Kirk Arnold, Brett Hoskins, Austin Tyler, Dirk Draper, Kris Kelley, Brett Reddick, Lucian Rogers, Sam Melton, Cody Martin.

Comets Inside Power
Fuels Favorite's Role

Carlisle County coach Brian O'Neill accepts the role as First District favorite, only because he has no choice.

"I guess that's where everybody's going," O'Neill said. "But Fulton City will have some talent, based on what I saw this summer, and you know Fulton County will have some athletes."

The Comets get the edge, though, because of forwards Matt Hoskins and Doug O'Neill. Both are 6-4 seniors with good inside-outside skills.

Hoskins, a returning All-Purchase selection, can bang with anybody inside. O'Neill has a good jumper, even at the 3-point line.

Fulton City is the no. 2 choice with do-everything guard Aaron Ferrell. Hickman County starts over without high-scoring guard Ben Rushing, now at Eastern Kentucky University.

CARLISLE COUNTY:

No one in the district wants to get the Comets into a half-court game. With 6-4 seniors Matt Hoskins and Doug O'Neill returning at forward to go along with 6-5 Matt Hogancamp and 6-2 wide body Phillip Gonzales, Carlisle clearly has the edge in the low post.

But Carlisle's success will ultimately be decided in the backcourt.

"If our guards step up, we'll have a pretty good year," said coach Brian O'Neill. "We lost two three-year starters (Brian Hobbs and Andy Hayden), and those guys are hard to replace."

Senior Dustin Williams will take over at point with Jeff Solomon at off-guard.

Freshman Brett Hoskins will help off the bench, and even O'Neill and the elder Hoskins can provide ball-handling help.

"Doug was a point guard in middle school, before he shot up in height." O'Neill said. Matt's played back there too, and if our other big guys can come through we can move Matt and Doug outside and create some good matchups for them."

2000-2001 ROSTER

SENIORS: Phillip Gonzales - 6'2", Matt Hogancamp - 6'4", Matt Hoskins - 6'3", Doug O'Neill - 6'3", Jeff Solomon - 6'1", Dustin Williams - 6'0"
JUNIORS: Derek Lemons - 5'10", Sam Melton - 5'11", Lucian Rogers - 5'9".
SOPHOMORES: Dirk Draper - 6'0", Cody Martin - 6'0", Brett Reddick - 6'2", Austin Tyler - 6'5".
FRESHMEN: Kirk Arnold - 5'10", Brett Hoskins - 5'11", Kris Kelley - 6'2".

Carlisle Tops
Vikings In OT

St. Mary 79
Carlisle Co. 89
11-14-00 – Away

Matt and Brett Hoskins Combined for 12 points in overtime as Carlisle County beat St. Mary 89-79 in overtime in boys high school basketball November 14. Matt Hoskins led Carlisle with 27 points.

St. Mary had a monster game out of Rod Ross, who popped in a game-high 38 points, before fouling out in overtime. Ryan Cochran, who fouled out in regulation, added 23.

Carlisle outscored St. Mary, which lost all five starters and a reserve to fouls, 37-18 at the charity stripe.

Carlisle…...18 39 51 73 89
St. Mary…...16 35 49 73 79

Carlisle (89)
Arnold 2, Gonzales 19, M. Hogancamp 7, B. Hoskins 6, M. Hoskins 27, O'Neill 19, Tyler 1, Williams 8, Lemons, B. Reddick, D. Draper, Kelley.
Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 2 (M. Hoskins 2), Fts. 37/59, Fouls 26.

St. Mary (79)
Baker 1, Byrd 5, Ry. Cochran 23, Colgan 4, Gragg 2, Kennedy 4, Myre 2, Ross 38, Re. Cochran, Roof 3, Thompson, Warren, Zellmer.
Fgs. 26, 3 pts. 9 (Ross 5, Ry. Cochran 3, Roof), Fts. 18/28, Fouls 38.

Carlisle Co. 97
Christian Fellowship 43
11-28-00 – Home

With a 51-21 rebounding edge, Carlisle County was too much for Christian Fellowship. Four Comets scored in double-digits, led by Doug O'Neill with 14 points followed by Matt Hoskins (12), Brett Reddick (11) and Phillip Gonzales (10).

Josh Donohoo had 15 points for the Eagles, while teammate Eric Klope finished with 14 points.

Carlisle……..…25 49 74 97
C.F.S.……..……....8 19 31 43

Carlisle (97)
Arnold 6, Draper 5, Gonzales 10, Hogancamp 5, B. Hoskins 6, M. Hoskins 12, Kelley 3, Lemons 4, O'Neill 14, Reddick 11, Rogers 3, Solomon 8, Tyler 3, Williams 7.
Fgs. 38/88, 3 pts. 5/17 (Solomon 2, Draper, Kelley, Rogers), Fts. 16/29, Fouls 21, Rebs. 51.

C.F.S. (43)
Adams 2, Donohoo 15, Driver, A. Klope 1, E. Klope 14, Lewis 6, Lofton, Moore 5.
Fgs. 14/40, 3 pts. 2/5 (Donohoo, Moore), Fts. 13/21, Fouls 20, Rebs. 21.

Carlisle Co. 66
Calloway Co. 57
12-01-00 – Away

Matt Hoskins scored 6 of his team-high 19 points in the fourth quarter to help Carlisle County bounce back to upend Calloway County.

Both teams traded leads over the first three quarters, with the Lakers up by two entering the final period. The score was tied with four minutes left when Calloway made several late turnovers. Hoskins converted those to baskets to build a substantial lead. Carlisle also went 10/11 from the free throw line.

Phillip Gonzales and Doug O'Neill had 13 points, Jeff Solomon had 12.

Carlisle…….....15 33 45 66
Calloway…..…....17 32 47 57

Carlisle (66)
Arnold, Gonzales 13, Hogancamp 3, B. Hoskins, M. Hoskins 19, Lemons, O'Neill 13, Solomon 13, Williams 6.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. 1 (Solomon), Fts. 15/17, Fouls 13.

Calloway (57)
Boggess 3, Bynum 2, Greer 5, Harris 6, Lamb 2, McCallum 12, McClure 25, Sexton 2.
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 8 (McClure 5, McCallum 2, Boggess), Fts. 5/7, Fouls 20.

Hoskins Gets 1000th Pt. As
Comets Streak By Falcons

Carlisle Co. 77
Hickman Co. 48
12-05-00 - Home

Matt Hoskins scored a game high 28 points and surpassed the 1,000-point mark for his career as Carlisle County beat Hickman County 77-48 in boy's high school basketball.

Hoskins scored 22 points in the first half, and got his 1,000th point on a dunk in the second period. He also grabbed a team high 10 rebounds.

Doug O'Neill added 14 points for Carlisle and Phillip Gonzales pitched in 11. The Comets shot a blistering 65% from the floor, while holding the Falcons to 38%.

Alan Cruse led Hickman Co. with 14 points.

Carlisle…….....20 38 57 77
Hickman…..…....12 26 36 48

Hickman (48)
Allen 6, Behrens 2, Blalock 2, Cruse 14, Grimmitt 4, Harper 5, Mason 2, O'Neal, Pruitt, Roach 1, Stephens 8, Ward 2, Workman 2.
Fgs. 17/45, 3 pts. 0/5, Fts. 14/24, Fouls 18, Rebs. 20.

Carlisle (77)
Gonzales 11, Hogancamp 4, B. Hoskins 4, M. Hoskins 28, Lemons 2, O'Neill 14, Reddick 2, Rogers 3, Solomon 6, Williams 3, Arnold, Draper, Kelley, Tyler.
Fgs. 30/46, 3 pts. 3/7 (Solomon 2, Rogers), Fts. 14/20, Fouls 22 Rebs. 24.

Carlisle Co. 42
Murray 60
12-07-00 – Away

The Murray Tigers didn't take the lead until the last minute of the first half, but used the boost to pin the first loss of the season on Carlisle County.

Kwen Trice scored 23 points for the Tigers, who took a 24-22 lead with a minute left in the half and led by four at the buzzer. They built the lead to nine after three.

Anthony Cogdell scored 13 for Murray, while Matt Hoskins led the 4-1 Comets with 17.

Carlisle…….....14 22 31 42
Murray…….....12 26 40 60

Carlisle (42)

Arnold, Gonzales 2, Hogancamp 8, B. Hoskins, M. Hoskins 17, Lemons 2, O'Neill 6, Solomon 2, Williams 5.
Fgs. 18, 3 pts. 3 (Hogancamp, M. Hoskins, Williams), Fts. 3/10, Fouls 14.
Murray (60)
Cogdell 13, Cole 2, French 5, Garland 2, Kellehere, Masthay 8, Rayburn 7, Trice 23.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. 4 (Trice 3, Rayburn), Fts. 8/12, Fouls 12.

Carlisle Co. 83
Webster Co. 81
12-09-00 – Away

Matt Hoskins tossed in 22 points as Carlisle County edged Webster County in overtime.

Phillip Gonzales scored 16 points and Doug O'Neill 15 for the Comets, who handed the Trojans their first loss.

Webster's Robert Pendleton led all scorers with 25 points.

Carlisle…..19 28 53 77 83
Webster…..18 35 55 77 81

Carlisle (83)
Gonzales 16, Hogancamp 6, B. Hoskins 9, M. Hoskins 22, Lemons 4, O'Neill 15, Solomon 6, Williams 5.
Fgs. 28/59, 3 pts. 3 (Solomon 2, M. Hoskins), Fts. 18/24, Fouls 15.
Webster (81)
Pendleton 25, Owens 8, Forker 12, Newton 20, Dunville 14, J.B. Wright 2.
Fgs. 26/57, 3 pts. 5 (Newton, Owens 2, Pendleton 2), Fts. 14/18, Fouls 16.

Comets Streak To 6-1 Start

Carlisle Co. 69
Fulton City 58
12-13-00 – Home

Phillip Gonzales scored a game-high 23 points as Carlisle County beat Fulton City, 69-56.

Matt Hoskins added 19 and Doug O'Neill 15 for the Comets, who outscored the Bulldogs 20-13 in the third to build a safe 16-point margin entering the final stanza.

Aaron Ferrell led Fulton City with 18 points and Brian Forest added 11.

Carlisle……17 30 50 69
Fulton City……9 21 34 58

Carlisle (69)
Gonzales 23, Hogancamp 2, B. Hoskins 2, M. Hoskins 19, Lemons 2, O'Neill 15, Williams 6, Arnold, Draper, Kelley, Melton, Reddick, Rogers, Solomon, Tyler.
Fgs. 22/50, 3 pts. 1/4 (M. Hoskins), Fts. 14/22, Fouls 20, Rebs. 39.
Fulton City (58)
Ferrell 18, Fly 9, Forrest 11, Maze 2, Mulcahy 9, Rose 4, Wright 5, Allen, Benjamin, Gordon, Hodges, Minor, Yamauchi.
Fgs. 22/50, 3 pts. 0/4, Fts. 14/25, Fouls 13, Rebs. 30.

Carlisle Co. 61
Heath 52
12-19-00 – Away

Matt Hoskins scored a game high 22 points as Carlisle County used it's inside muscle to mount a fourth quarter comeback and down Heath.

The first three quarters were tight with the Pirates clinging to a 2 pt. edge entering the final period of play. The Comets turned it around with 10/14 shooting from the field in the fourth. Three of those misses came in the game's final minute. Carlisle also out-rebounded Heath 26-11, including 12-1 in the second half.

Doug O'Neill and Dustin Williams each scored 12 points for the Comets.

Chris Brawner topped the Pirates with 11 points and three 3-pointers.

Carlisle……9 24 35 61
Heath……10 27 37 52

Carlisle (61)
Gonzales 8, Hogancamp 2, B. Hoskins, M. Hoskins 22, Lemons, O'Neill 12, Solomon 5, Williams 12.
Fgs. 26/47, 3 pts. 2/4 (M. Hoskins, Solomon), Fts. 7/15, Fouls 17, Rebs. 26
Heath (52)
Bennett 3, Brawner 11, Crane 2, Irvan 7, Patel 8, Skinner 2, Throgmorton 7, Turner 4, Weaver 8.
Fgs. 18/34, 3 pts. 6/9 (Brawner 3, Throgmorton 2, Bennett), Fts. 10/17, Fouls 19, Rebs. 11.

Racer Holiday Classic

Carlisle Co. 49
Henderson Co. 47
12-21-00 – Away

Matt Hoskins scored his final two points on a seven-foot jumper with two seconds left to give Carlisle County a victory over Second Region power Henderson County in a hard-fought Thursday night game in the Racer Holiday Classic at Murray State University's Regional Special Events Center.

Hoskins scored 19 points for the Comets (8-1), who handed Henderson its first loss. Carlisle, which led most of the way, took it's biggest lead at six points with two minutes left, but Henderson tied the game with 15 seconds left, before Carlisle turned to Hoskins one more time for the winning shot.

Carlisle……..12 24 36 49
Henderson……..9 19 34 47

Carlisle (49)
M. Hoskins 19, O'Neill 12, Gonzales 4, Williams 4, Solomon 3, Hogancamp 7, Lemons, B. Hoskins.
Fgs. 18/38, 3 pts. 3/8 (M. Hoskins, Solomon, Hogancamp), Fts. 10/15, Fouls 13, Rebs 22.
Henderson (47)
Forman 6, Hay 7, Eserayeka 5, Duncan 11, Stone 2, Smithhart 2, Beglet 2, Gibson 2, Jarrett 10.
Fgs. 20/45, 3 pts. 0/1, Fts. 7/11, Rebs. 30, Fouls 14.

Marshall Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 45
Memphis Ridgeway, TN. 57
12-28-00 - Away

A taller Ridgeway team outscored Carlisle 15-5 in the third quarter to erase a 3 pt. halftime lead and grabbed the momentum.

Ridgeway's 6' 7" Derrick Byars, scored 9 pts. and had 7 rebs. in the second half and finished with team high totals of 14 pts and 9 rebs. to offset the hot hand of Carlisle's Matt Hoskins, who scored a game-high 25 pts. by hitting 9 of 12 shots from the field and 6 of 8 at the line.

Hoskins had 11 of his team's 17 first-quarter pts. and added 5 more in the second period as Carlisle took a 30-27 halftime advantage by out-shooting the Memphis team 53% to 40% from the field, and committing 7 floor mistakes to Ridgeway's 10.

Ridgeway's 6'4" Donzel Crenshaw added 13 pts. and 6'3" Josef McLeod added 11.

While Hoskins was hot, some of his teammates suffered. Starters Jeff Solomon and Doug O'Neill combined to hit only 4 of 20 shots. Carlisle, however, rebounded well with its taller opponent, grabbing 23 boards to Ridgeway's 29. Hoskins led all rebounders with 11.

Carlisle ……17 30 35 45
Memphis……..17 27 42 57

Carlisle (45)
Gonzales, Hogancamp 8, M. Hoskins 24, Solomon 3, O'Neill 9, Lemons, B. Hoskins.
Fgs. 13/27, 3 pts. 2/8 (M. Hoskins, Solomon), Fts. 7/11, Fouls 8, Rebs. 16.
Memphis (57)
Banks, Brown 2, Okoth, Michael 10, Davis, McLeod 5, Crenshaw 11, Bryars 8, Fields, Henderson 6.
Fgs. 16/36, 3 pts. 5/13 (Michael 2, Crenshaw, Byars 2), Fts. 5/6, Fouls 13, Rebs. 20.

Carlisle Co. 61
Lone Oak 48
01-02-01 – Away

Carlisle County had the size and shooting touch needed to defeat Lone Oak.

The Comets got 18 points from 6-2 Phillip Gonzales and 16 points from 6-4 Matt Hoskins.

Jonathan Blackmon and West Harris each scored 13 points for Lone Oak.

Carlisle……..13 28 41 61
Lone Oak…..10 22 33 48

Carlisle (61)
Arnold 2, Gonzales 18, Hogancamp 6, B. Hoskins 2, M. Hoskins 16, Kelley, Lemons 4, Martin, O'Neill 5, Reddick, Rogers, Solomon 3, Tyler, Williams 5.
Fgs. 27, 3 pts 2 (Solomon, Williams), Fts. 5/10, Fouls 15.
Lone Oak (48)
Blackmon 13, Denson 1, Edwards 7, Gregory 3, Harris 13, Montgomery 7, Parsley, Powell 3, Williams 1.
Fgs. 17, 3 pts. 2 (Montgomery, Powell), Fts. 12/18, Fouls 12.

Carlisle Co. 73
Fulton Co. 67
01-05-01 – Home

Matt Hoskins scored a game-high 25 points and hit 7 of 10 free throws in the fourth quarter as Carlisle County held off Fulton County, 73-67.

Carlisle took a two-point lead into the fourth period and never led by more than the final margin. Doug O'Neill added 17 points for the Comets, and Hoskins grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds.

Fulton Co. was led by Lamont Smith's 18 points. Rod Houston added 16 points and Quinton Hendrix 15.

Carlisle……..20 33 54 73
Fulton Co……..12 30 52 67

Carlisle (73)
Gonzales 6, Hogancamp 8, B. Hoskins 4, M. Hoskins 25, Lemons 4, O'Neill 17, Williams 9, Solomon.
Fgs. 26/46, 3 pts. 0/7, Fts. 21/32, Fouls 17, Rebs. 27.
Fulton Co. (67)
Campbell 2, Q. Hendrix 15, W. Hendrix 9, Houston 16, Smith 18, Wilson 7, Couch, Goodman, Holloway, Lankford.
Fgs. 26/48, 3 pts. 4/8 (W. Hendrix 3, Smith), Fts. 11/16, Rebs. 25.

Carlisle Co. 70
Ballard Co. 52
01-08-01 – Away

Carlisle County took the ball inside during the second half and Ballard Co. could not keep up.

The Comets, who were only up by three at the half, added four to their lead after the third and put it away on a 24-13 run through the fourth.

Matt Hoskins topped Carlisle with 24 points followed by teammates Doug O'Neill (18) and Jeff Solomon (14), who also had two of his team's three 3-pointers.

Lawrence Arnold led the Bombers with 18 points, while Austin Trice nailed a pair of 3-pointers en route to 14 points.

Carlisle……..18 28 46 70
Ballard……..15 25 39 52

Carlisle (70)
Arnold, Draper, Gonzales 3, Hogancamp 3, B. Hoskins 2, M. Hoskins 24, Kelley, Lemons 1, Martin, O'Neill 18, Rogers, Solomon 14, Tyler, Williams 5.
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 4 (Solomon 2, Hogancamp, M. Hoskins), Fts. 26/40, Fouls 18.

Ballard (52)
La. Arnold 18, Le. Arnold, Brooks, Doublin, hurt, Jones 2, Overby, Pittman 5, Scott 3, Smith, Trice 14, Weaver 2, Wear 8.
Fgs. 18, 3-pts. 3 (Trice 2, Wear), Fts. 13-22, Fouls 26.

All A Tourn.
1st Round
Back Door Opens Way
For Heath's All A Upset.

Carlisle Co. 38
Heath 40
01-14-01 – Away

Charlie Throgmorton wasn't Heath's first option on its try for the potential game-winning basket, but a smart decision at crunch time made him the one that worked.

Throgmorton's backdoor cut positioned him for a lay-up with 3.3 seconds remaining in overtime, lifting Heath to a 40-38 upset of top-seeded Carlisle County in the All A Classic First Region tournament at Murray State University's Racer Arena with the Comets' apparent game tying basket a running, double-clutch 19-footer by Matt Hoskins coming just after the final horn.

Hoskins had hit a pair of free throws to tie the score at 38 all with 1:08 remaining, and Heath (7-8) held for the final shot. Seeing point guard Matt Weaver start to penetrate, Throgmorton made a cut toward the basket to give Weaver another option.

Weaver slipped the pass around a defender to Throgmorton, who had cut from the left wing to the right side of the basket, then had to turn back toward the goal to get off his shot.

"Hoskins was over playing me and when (Weaver) started toward the basket, he drew everybody's attention." said Throgmorton, a 5'10" sophomore reserve who also made some critical fts. late in regulation and in the overtime period. "I just cut to the basket and Matt got it to me."

Carlisle called time out to set up a play, and Hoskins took the inbounds pass. Keeping one eye on the clock, he managed to get off a shot on a takeoff from just inside the 3 pt. line, but double clutched and let the ball go a split-second after the horn.

"I didn't think it was good," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill, clearly frustrated after losing what had been seen as the Comets best chance yet to win a small-school title. "It was the right call."

But Heath, controlling the tempo and slowing the game down to its preferred pace, pulled off the night's most memorable finish. After Hoskins hit 2 fts. with 25.6 seconds left in regulation, Weaver penetrated, drove past a pair of defenders and let fly with a makeable 8 ft. jumper. But Hoskins, coming from the weak side, blocked the shot off the backboard to end the threat.

"We were going to run the same thing again, because Matt's a good ft. shooter and he's hard to defend," said Heath coach Jimmy Long. "In our last timeout, I told him he'd have a chance to dump it off."

Throgmorton, who had hit 2 fts. to give Heath a 38-36 lead with 1:22 left in overtime, led the Pirates with 9 pts. Hoskins scored 13 for the Comets, but was 5 of 10 from the free throw line. He missed his first four, but hit 5 of 6 in the final minute of regulation and in the overtime.

"Free throws hurt us, and we didn't have the offensive patience we needed," O'Neill said. "Doug O'Neill kind of rushed a shot in the overtime, and he got knocked off balance on a 10 ft. jumper he usually makes.

"But that was kind of the way it went for us. We were making them work for seconds on the defensive end, and they made us work for minutes. In the end, we got worn down."

Carlisle…...10 18 29 36 38
Heath……...7 19 26 36 40

Carlisle (38)
O'Neill 8, M. Hoskins 13, Gonzales 5, Lemons 6, Williams 2, Solomon 4, B. Hoskins.
Fgs. 14/32, 3 pts. 0/3, Fts. 10/16, Fouls 15, Rebs. 16.

Heath (40)
Patel 7, Brawner 8, Crane, Turner 6, Weaver 6, Throgmorton 9, Irvan 4, Davis.
Fgs. 14, 26, 3 pts. 3/8 (Brawner 2, Throgmorton), Fts. 9/11, Rebs. 11, Fouls 14.

Carlisle Co. 72
Mayfield 71
01-23-01 - Away

Matt Hoskins and Doug O'Neill combined for all of Carlisle County's points in two overtime periods as the Comets edged Mayfield 72-71.

Hoskins tossed in a game-high 32 points for the game and scored seven in the extra time. Phillip Gonzales added 16 points and O'Neill 15.

Mayfield, which missed three shots that could have given it the victory at the end of the second OT, was led by Derrick Parrott's 29 points and Dominique Redd's 22.

Carlisle….12 21 43 61 67 72
Mayfield...14 34 48 61 67 71

Carlisle (72)
Gonzales 16, M. Hoskins 32, Lemons 3, O'Neill 15, Solomon 3, Williams 3, B. Hoskins.
Fgs. 27/45, 3 pts. 1/5 (Solomon), Fts. 17/25, Rebs. 36, Fouls 13.

Mayfield (71)
Bean 2, Biggers 4, Da. Parrott 4, De. Parrott 29, Redd 22, Saxton 7, Tate 3.
Fgs. 32/60, 3 pts. 2/10 (Redd, Tate), Fts. 5/11, Rebs. 17 Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 72
Hickman Co. 53
01-26-01 - Away

Carlisle County put Hickman County away in this First District match-up thanks to a 21-3 romp through the third quarter.

Matt Hoskins had a double-double for the Comets with 20 points and 12 rebounds while Jeff Solomon had four 3-pointers en route to 15 points.

Alan Cruse led all scorers with 21 points for the Falcons and teammate Adrian Harper finished with 11 points.

Carlisle……..18 34 55 72
Hickman……..16 25 28 53

Carlisle (72)
Arnold 2, Draper 2, Gonzales 17, B. Hoskins 2, M. Hoskins 20, Kelley, Lemons 2, Martin, O'Neill 2, Reddick 2, Rogers, Solomon 15, Tyler 3, Williams 5.
Fgs 24/46, 3 pts. 4/11 (Solomon 4), Fts. 20/32, Fouls 22, Rebs. 37.

Hickman (53)
Blalock 2, Cruse 21, Grimmitt 8, Harper 11, Mason 2, Pruitt 2, Roach 2, Stephens 3, Ward, Workman 2.
Fgs. 21/55, 3 pts. 4/12 (Grimmitt 2, Harper 2), Fts. 17/25, Fouls 24, Rebs. 24.

Carlisle Co. 53
Reidland 49
01-29-01 – Away

Carlisle Co. took advantage of a pair of 3 pointers and an injured player to erase an 11 pt. halftime deficit and defeat Reidland.

The Greyhounds used great ball movement to control the first half and build a 31-20 lead. Justyn Knees was a catalyst, but had to leave late in the third quarter with an ankle injury. In the third quarter, the Comets slashed the gap to 2 on a 18-9 run. Carlisle went ahead for good when Jeff Solomon hit both of his 3 pointers in the final 2 minutes.

Matt Hoskins led Carlisle with 14 pts., while Derek Lemons chipped in with 10 pts. Tim Amyx topped all scorers with 16 pts., while Reidland teammate Brian Behrent also finished with 10.

Carlisle……..12 20 38 53
Reidland…...22 31 40 49

Carlisle 53)
Arnold, Gonzales 9, Hogancamp, B. Hoskins, M. Hoskins 14, Lemons 10, O'Neill 9, Solomon 6, Williams 5.
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 2 (Solomon 2), Fts. 11/18, Fouls 17.

Reidland (49)
Amyx 16, Behrent 10, Cope 4, Felkere, Knees, Matlock 9, Spiceland 2, Terry 8, Woodruff.
Fgs. 15, 3 pts. 3 (Amyx 2, Behrent), Fts. 16/19, Fouls 17.

Carlisle Co. 60
Calloway Co. 43
01-30-01 - Home

Matt Hoskins scored 21 points and grabbed 16 rebounds as Carlisle County pulled away from Calloway County.

Phillip Gonzales and Doug O'Neill combined for 10 points for a 16-4 second quarter advantage for Carlisle which gave the Comets a 16-point lead at intermission. Gonzales finished with 16 points and O'Neill 10.

Mitchell McClure led Calloway with 14 points and Patrick Greer had 10.

Carlisle……..12 28 42 60
Calloway……..8 12 32 43

Carlisle 60)
Gonzales 16, Hogancamp 2, M. Hoskins 21, Lemons 2, O'Neill 10, Reddick 2, Solomon 5, Williams 2, Arnold, B. Hoskins, Rogers, Tyler, Martin.
Fgs. 22/43, 3 pts. 1/3 (Solomon), Fts. 15/24, Fouls 19, Rebs. 36.

Calloway (43)
Boggess 8, Greer 10, Harris 5, Lamb 5, McCallum 1, McClure 14, Overby, Walker, Young, Adams.
Fgs. 15/52, 3 pts. 1/7 (McClure), Fts. 12/17, Fouls 16, Rebs. 23.

Carlisle Co. 61
Heath 51

02-02-01 - Home

Matt Hoskins had 17 points and 10 rebounds and Phillip Gonzales tossed in 19 points as Carlisle County knocked off Heath.

Chris Brawner, who had four 3-pointers and 13 points for Heath, hit a three to tie the score at 43-43 early in the fourth quarter, but the Comets fueled off 10 straight points. Gonzales was 8-for-9 from the field and 3-for-3 from the line to lead Carlisle.

Carlisle…..…...15 27 43 61
Heath…..…..…...8 18 37 51

Carlisle (61)
M. Hoskins 17, O'Neill 10, Gonzales 19, Williams, Lemons 4, Solomon 7, Hogancamp 4, B. Hoskins, Arnold, Reddick, Tyler, Rogers, Draper, Kelley, Martin.
Fgs. 21/37, 3 pts. 1/6 (Solomon), Fts. 18/26, Rebs. 23, Fouls 21.

Heath (51)
Weaver 10, Davis 6, Patel 10, Throgmorton 2, Brawner 13, Turner 4, Bennett 2, Crane 2, O'Donley 1, Irvan 1.
Fgs. 16/37, 3 pts. 4/15 (Brawner 4), Fts. 15/23, Fouls 22, Rebs 16.

Carlisle Co. 58
Fulton City 61
02-09-01 - Away

Aaron Ferrell picked himself up from the ankle sprain in the first quarter and scored a dozen second-quarter points as Fulton City handed Carlisle County its first district loss of the season.

Ferrell's surge fueled a 17-4 run that put Fulton City ahead by 12 in the third quarter, but the Comets rallied in the final frame to tie the game at 56 with a minute left. Fulton City nailed down the win with a 5-2 run.

Ferrell finished with 29 points and Robby Mulcahy had 12 for the Bulldogs, now 3-2 in the district.

Phillip Gonzales scored 18 and Matt Hoskins 11 for Carlisle.

Carlisle…..…...17 24 35 58
Fulton City.…..7 25 47 61

Carlisle (58)
Arnold, Gonzales 18, Hogancamp 2, B. Hoskins, M. Hoskins 11, Lemons 6, O'Neill 5, Reddick, Solomon 9, Williams 7.
Fgs. 22/48, 3 pts. 3/6 (Solomon 3), Fts. 11/17, Fouls 18.

Fulton City (61)
Benjamin 2, Ferrell 29, Fly 8, Forrest 3, Maze, Mulcahy 12, Rose, Wright 7.
Fgs. 232/42, 3 pts. 4/9 (Ferrell 3, Forrest), Fts. 11/15, Fouls 16.

Carlisle Co. 88
Fulton Co. 45
02-12-01 - Away

Jeff Solomon hit seven 3-pointers to finish with a game-high 27 points and help Carlisle close First District play with a big win over Fulton County.

The Comets also got big nights from Doug O'Neill (16) and Matt Hoskins (15).

Quinton Hendrix got a double-double for the Pilots with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Whitney Hendrix had 11 points for Fulton Co.

Carlisle…..…...18 43 68 88
Fulton Co…...10 29 43 45

Carlisle (88)
Arnold, Draper, Gonzales 6, Hogancamp 3, B. Hoskins 3, M. Hoskins 15, Kelley 2, Lemons 2, O'Neill 16, Reddick 2, Rogers, Solomon 27, Tyler 6, Williams 6.
Fgs. 37, 3 pts. 9 (Solomon 7, B. Hoskins, M. Hoskins), Fts. 5/10, Rebounds 32, Fouls 12.

Fulton Co. (45)
Campbell, Couch 6, Freeman, Goodman 7, Q. Hendrix 20, W. Hendrix 11, Holloway 1, Lankford, Winters.
Fgs. 19, 3 pts. 2 (Q. Hendrix, W. Hendrix). Fts. 5/13, Fouls 20.

Carlisle Co. 64
Ballard Co. 48
02-16-01 - Home

Senior Doug O'Neill had 19 points and 14 rebounds for Carlisle County, who needed to hit 9 of 13 free throws in the final quarter to hold off Ballard Co. for a victory.

Matt Hoskins scored 18 points for the Comets, who led just 26-25 at halftime.

Josh Weaver scored 18 points for Ballard.

Carlisle…..…...16 26 40 64
Ballard…..…...19 25 37 48

Carlisle (64)
Arnold, Gonzales 4, B. Hoskins 1, M. Hoskins 18, Kelley, Lemons 6, Martin, O'Neill 19, Reddick, Rogers 3, Solomon 11, Tyler, Williams, Hogancamp.
Fgs. 24/46, 3 pts. 4/12 (Solomon 3, Rogers), Fts. 12/19, Rebs. 34, Fouls 16.

Ballard (48)
La. Arnold, 11, Dublin 2, Pitman 7, Smith 1, Trice 5, Weaver 18, Wear 4.
Fgs. 18/40, 3 pts. 2/15 (Weaver, Wear), Fts. 10/22, Fouls 20 Rebs. 24.

Carlisle Co. 65
Mayfield 66
02-20-01 - Home

Derrick Parrott sank one of two free throws with 3.4 seconds left to help Mayfield edge Carlisle County 66-65.

After Parrott's free throws, Carlisle had a final possession, but Matt Hoskins slipped, while trying to hurry down the court as time expired.

The Cardinals led by 15 at the half, but Hoskins was primed to explode for the Comets. He scored 10 points in the third quarter and 11 in the fourth as Carlisle cut the gap to seven, after three.

Hoskins finished with 30 points, Followed by O'Neill (14) and Solomon (10).

Parrott scored 20 points for Mayfield, which got 14 points from Dominique Redd and 13 from Jerome Saxton.

Carlisle…..…..12 23 45 65
Mayfield…..…...15 38 52 66

Carlisle (65)
Arnold, Gonzales 5, Hogancamp, B. Hoskins 4, M. Hoskins 30, Lemons 2, O'Neill 14, Solomon 10, Williams.
Fgs. 24/43, 3 pts 3/11 (Solomon 2, B. Hoskins), Fts. 14/21, Fouls 20, Rebs. 26.

Mayfield (66)
Bean, Biggers 7, Da. Parrott 2, De. Parrott 20, Redd 14, Saxton 13, Tate 10.
Fgs. 22/41, 3 pts. 3/5 (Tate 2, Redd), Fts. 19/25, Fouls 22, Rebs. 25.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Streak
With Fast Start

Carlisle Co. 68
Hickman Co. 43
02-26-01 - Away

Proving how well they learned their lesson just a month ago, Carlisle County squeezed the air out of any upset hopes from Hickman County, before the pressure had a chance to grow.

Jumping off to a 9-0 start and never allowing Hickman County closer than seven again, the top seeded Comets blazed to the First District Championship game and next week's regional tournament with a 68-43 victory over the Falcons in the first round.

The Comets learned their lesson in mid-January, when they lost a 2 pt. quarterfinal game to Heath in the All A Classic First Region Tourn. Carlisle was the top seed in that tourn. as well, but lost it's opening game.

"We know it's all over now if we get beat," said Comet coach Brian O'Neill, his team now 20-5. "In the Class A we were sick a little bit and tense, and I told them we've just got to let it all hang out now. You don't want to walk off that floor thinking we didn't give it our best effort. I thought that was one of our hardest efforts, although it may have not been one of our best."

Comet Matt Hoskins gave Hickman a jolt scoring Carlisle's first 9 pts. as a Comet press forced several first period turnovers. Hoskins scored 13 in the quarter and 27 for the game with Doug O'Neill scoring 13. Alan Cruse led the Falcons with 17.

The Comets kept that 9 pt. buffer until midway of the second quarter, with another strong run to jump the lead to 34-20 at halftime. They blew the game open in the third quarter, exploding from a 12 pt. lead to a 45-25 edge with a minute left, on a Jeff Solomon layup and Hickman never closed the gap.

Carlisle…..…...17 34 51 68
Hickman…..…...8 20 27 43

Carlisle (68)
M. Hoskins 27, O'Neill 13, Gonzales 6, Williams 4, Lemons, Solomon 4, Hogancamp 2, B. Hoskins 9, Arnold, Tyler 2, Rogers, Kelley, Martin, Reddick.
Fgs. 28/49, 3 pts. 0/3, Fts. 12/26, Fouls 23.

Hickman (43)
Stephens 2, Ward 3, Workman 6, Cruse 17, Harper 3, Grimmitt 7, Roach 1, Goby, Mason, Blalock 2, Pruitt 2.
Fgs. 15/42, 3 pts. 2/13 (Ward, Grimmitt), Fts. 13/24, Fouls 23.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Comets Soar On.

Carlisle Co. 65
Fulton City 57
03-01-01 – Away

The First District's two dominate programs of the 1980s spent most of the 90s watching other teams wear the tourn. crown, but Carlisle's boys and Hickman's girls returned to the top Thursday night.

The Comets won 6 titles in the 1980s, but only one since 1986 and that one was way back in 1991. A year ago, they missed a chance to break an 8 year drought, losing the Championship to Fulton City, but avenged that with a 65-57 victory over the Bulldogs.

Carlisle seemed on pretty steady ground early in the second half against the bulldogs, outscoring Fulton 14-2 in the half's first 6 minutes to expand a 28-24 halftime edge to 42-26.

But Fulton ran off the last 8 pts. of the quarter, then the first 7 of the fourth quarter to trim a 16 pt. deficit to 44-43 with 6:57 left in the game. Doug O'Neill, who led Carlisle with 18 pts., broke the 15-0 Fulton run with 2 fts., and Carlisle hit 7/8

from the line over the next 2 minutes to swell the lead to 51-43.

That surge helped Carlisle outscore the Bulldogs 11-2 for a 57-45 lead with less than 4 minutes left on a layup by Phillip Gonzales off a Derek Lemons pass. Fulton never got closer than 8 pts. in the last 3 minutes of the game.

Aaron Ferrell, who led all scorers with 20, was held in check most of the night by a box-and-one defense, with a rotation of Lemons and freshman Kirk Arnold chasing Ferrell all over the court. Ferrell had just 4 at halftime and scored a dozen in the final period.

Carlisle's Matt Hoskins contributed 16 pts. and dominated on the defensive end, rebounding and blocking shots for the Comets.

Gonzales added 10 for Carlisle, while Michael Fly scored 12 and Brian Forrest had 11 for Fulton City.

Carlisle…….....14 28 44 65
Fulton City…...12 24 36 57

Carlisle (65)
Arnold 2, Draper, Gonzales 10, Hogancamp 2, B. Hoskins 4, M. Hoskins 16, Kelley, Lemons 2, O'Neill 18, Reddick, Rogers, Solomon 2, Tyler, Williams 9.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. 1 (B. Hoskins), Fts. 16/31, Fouls 18.

Fulton City (57)
Benjamin 7, Ferrell 20, Fly 12, Forrest 11, Mulcahy 2, Rose 3, Wright.
Fgs. 21, 3 pts. 5 (Fly 2, Ferrell, Forrest, Rose), Fts. 10/15, Fouls 25

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
O'Neill Tips
Advantage To Comets.
Comets Pull Away From Upstart.

Carlisle Co. 53
Ballard Co. 43
03-05-01 - Away

When border rivals Carlisle County and Ballard Co. butted heads in the opening game of the boy's First Region basketball tournament, Carlisle's Matt Hoskins and Ballard's Lawrence Arnold, as expected, led the way.

Hoskins, a versatile 6-foot-4 senior frontliner, has averaged more than 20 points a game since the season started.

Arnold a 6-2 junior center carrying the inside load on a smallish squad, averages 17.6 points per game and turned on late in the season with three 30-point-plus outings.

So both Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill and Ballard coach Billie Prince figured they needed key contributions from other players to tip the scales in their favor. Each needed someone else, anyone else, to come through.

Doug O'Neill did.

O'Neill matched a season-high with 19 points and knocked down a pair of big 3-point shots at the horn as the Comets (21-5) held off the underdog Bombers (11-17) 53-43 at the Regional Special Events Center.

O'Neill, a 6-4 senior, hit a running bank shot at the end of the first quarter to hand the Comets a six-point advantage. He also dropped in a three from the right corner at the third quarter horn for a 38-30 cushion that the Comets needed in the worst way, when the Bombers charged within two points three times in the fourth quarter.

Ironically, O'Neill's 3-point shot portfolio this season looked like this: "0".

"Those are the first two threes he's even shot all year," Brian O'Neill said. Maybe we can keep him shooting them for us."

"Those were two big plays, six big points," Prince said, "We wanted to limit Hoskins' touches, but we didn't do a good job on O'Neill."

Hoskins and Arnold scored their averages with 21 and 18, respectively, but Arnold had a tougher time of it. Arnold made only eight of his 21 shots from the field, while Hoskins went 7 for 10.

"We doubled-down on (Arnold) and that's the first time we've done that this year," Brian O'Neill said. "The (Matt) Weaver kid from Ballard had 18 points against us last time and I think Hoskins shut him down, so that kind of took' their second option away."

Weaver, a junior forward, came on strong at season's end, with five double-figure scoring performances in his team's last seven games. He scored five.

"Carlisle had beaten the Bombers by 18 and 16 during the regular season, although one of the games was much closer than the final score indicates," Brian O'Neill said.

Ballard never trailed by more than eight points until the games' final seconds.

O'Neill's three at the end of the third quarter came on an inbound play with the clock stopped at five-tenths of a second. O'Neill caught the ball, jumped and shot and the officials counted the goal.

Ballard's Austin Trice hit a pair of free throws 30 seconds into the final period, after which Ballard slapped on an in-your-face, full-court press that shook the Comets. Matt Wear, who backed Arnold with 11 points, got a steal and a lay-up. After a Comet travel, Arnold put back a miss to make it 38-36.

"That press gave us a lift," Prince said. "It was big because it put the fire back in us.

A wild scramble for the ball resulted in a jump ball, giving Ballard possession, but the Bombers missed their only chance to take the lead when a Trice three missed the mark. O'Neill provided breathing room with a bucket that quickly followed the missed three.

Arnold came back with a score inside, but was matched by Matt Hogancamp when Carlisle beat the press.

The Bombers trimmed the deficit to two for the final time on a nice up-and-under move by Derek Dublin that fooled Hoskins, making it 44-42 with 1:28 left.

But when freshman Brett Hoskins missed on the other end, Matt Hoskins was there for the cleanup. He scored the put-back, was fouled and converted the 3 pt. play for a 47-42 lead with time running out.

Wear missed a pair of jumpers, and on the second miss Hoskins rebounded and fed Derek Lemons who assisted nicely to O'Neill for a lay-up and a 49-42 lead with 25 seconds left.

"We just couldn't make the big ones (shots) or make the big stops on them late in the game," Prince said.

Carlisle advances to the 6 p.m. semi-final against Marshall Co., an 87-42 winner over Lone oak in Monday's second game.

"We haven't had a lot of big-game experience this season, but we've had a lot of close-games experience and that helped us in this game," Brian O'Neill said.

Ballard ….....8 21 30 43
Carlisle.....14 24 38 53

Ballard (43)
Arnold 18, Dublin 2, Pittman, Trice 7, Weaver 5, Wear 11.
Field goals 15/46, 3 pts. 4/12 (Wear 3, Weaver), Fts. 7/11, Fouls 13.

Carlisle (53)
Arnold, Gonzales 2, Hogancamp 6, B. Hoskins 3, M. Hoskins 21, Lemons, Martin, O'Neill 19, Rogers, Solomon, Tyler, Williams 2.
Fgs. 19/37, 3 pts. 3/7 (O'Neill 2, B. Hoskins), Fts. 12/14, Fouls 11.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets Crash Big Three's
First Region Playoff Party.
Comets Pull Region Surprise.

Carlisle Co. 45
Marshall Co. 42
03-10-01 - Away

Just because Carlisle County hadn't played against the big three, (Paducah Tilghman, Graves County, and Marshall County) didn't mean they couldn't play with them.

Striking quickly out of the shadows in the regional semifinals, the Comets seized a strong early lead and then outlasted Marshall County's frantic fourth-quarter efforts to interrupt everyone's plan for a Big Three championship game.

Carlisle Co.'s 45-42 victory over the Marshall's Friday night puts them in the championship game for the first time since 1983, when they beat Calloway Co. and went on to a triple-overtime loss in the state championship against Henry Clay.

The Comets meet Tilghman at 7:00 p.m. tonight, after Tilghman won a battle of state-ranked powers 43-42 against Graves county in Friday's second semi-final. Either, Tilghman, Graves, or Marshall has won the last 8 regional crowns and 14 of the last 15. Carlisle did not play any of those teams in the regular season.

"I think being unknown has helped us out, as far as these teams having not played us," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "They've been battling each other and know what to face (against each other), but they didn't know what they had to face against us.

"These kids don't understand pressure right now. They're just out here having fun and not scared of anybody. We just have to do it for one more game. We can't stop now. We're not satisfied yet."

First one to prove that point was senior Matt Hoskins, who dominated Marshall Co. in the lane defensively, blocking shots and grabbing rebounds in the first half. Hoskins scored 17 of his 20 pts. in the first half, and led the Marshall's 17-12 at halftime by himself. His teammate's chipped in 6 more for a 23-12 lead.

Carlisle also led 19-9 in rebounding in the first half and finished the game with a surprising 34-16 edge there. Its perimeter defense was just as dominating early as Marshall was 1 of 9 from 3-pt. range in the first 3 quarters.

"Everyone has been talking about them (the big three) all year and we just wanted to prove we could play with anyone in this region," said Hoskins, who had 13 of the Comets' rebounds.

"Coach said if we don't jump on them early they would put us away like they did against Lone Oak the other night. With them you get down, you don't come back. That's why they're in the big three. They get you down and it's over.

Hoskins made sure that Carlisle got the lead early, scoring 8 of the Comets first 10 pts. for a 10-4 edge with 2:58 left in the first quarter. The lead allowed Carlisle to slow down the game's pace, run a patient offense and prevent Marshall from gaining any momentum for the first three quarters.

"That (a slow tempo) hadn't been our way, we kind of went against our way tonight," said O'Neill. "Marshall is a very good running team, so we had to slow down the tempo a bit. The key was getting out on top and forcing them to play like that. If they got ahead we probably would have had to run up and down the floor with them."

Marshall finally got the game it wanted in the 4th quarter, thanks largely to finding the range from beyond the 3 pt. arc. Aaron Lyles, who led the Marshall's with 19, hit 3 straight treys as Marshall rallied from a 31-20 deficit in the game's last 6 minutes.

A rare put-back by Chuck Tveite with 3:40 left pulled Marshall within four with 3:40 left, and Lyles' trey with 2:50 left cut Carlisle's edge to 39-37. Derek Lemons made one of two fts. for a 3-point edge, but Marshall failed to score and Justin Ard was called for a charge trying to score on a put-back with 52.8 seconds left.

Doug O'Neill, who added 12 for the Comets, hit 2 fts. for a 44-39 edge. Lyles last trey with 5.9 seconds left cut it to 44-42, but O'Neill made 1 of 2 fts. with 3.9 seconds left to finish off the Marshall's.

"They were very physical and their defense pushed us out a little bit and they were able to bang us inside and on the boards," said Lyles. "I would have never dreamed we would let that happen.

"I knew we would make a run, and if we hadn't been down so great, we would have won the game. They overcame our run and hit they're fts. You just have to hand it to them. It was their night tonight.

Of course, there's one more night left, and one more of the big three to chop down.

"This is the first time in 10 years we've ever won a game in the regional," said Hoskins. "We're happy to be here, but we aren't satisfied yet. All you can do is play your hardest (tonight), but I ain't backing down from anyone.

Carlisle….....12 23 27 45
Marshall….....8 12 20 42

Carlisle (45)
M. Hoskins 20, O'Neill 12, Solomon 5, Hogancamp 3, Lemons 1, Williams 2, Gonzales 2, B. Hoskins.
Fgs. 15/36, 3 pts. 2/3 (M. Hoskins, Solomon), Fts. 17/23, Rebs. 34, Fouls 15.

Marshall (43)
Ard 11, Lyles 19, Merrit 5, Dunn, Tveite 4, Cary 3, Bryant, Beck.
Fgs. 19/57, 3 pts. 5/15 (Lyles 4, Merritt), Fts. 9/12, Rebs. 34, Fouls 15.

1st Region Tourn.
Championship
"Comet Glory Reborn."
Region's New Champions Born After
Carlisle Last Streaked To Sweet 16.

Carlisle Co. 62
Tilghman 54
03-11-01 – Away

Eighteen years ago, a team from tiny Carlisle Co. captivated high school basketball fans across Ky. with an improbable run to the state championship.

Many of their state-record 40 wins coming against schools with several times their 250-student enrollment, the Comets streaked through the Sweet 16 bracket with wins over Breathitt Co., Scott Co. and Owensboro, before a heartbreaking 35-33, triple overtime loss to Lexington Henry Clay, the contest decided on a last-second put-back by Greg Bates.

Next Thursday night, the Comets will make their triumphant return to Rupp Arena.

And they won't be there for sightseeing.

Riding a wave of confidence fueled by it's passionate, exuberant fans and fulfilling its season-long quest for respect, Carlisle stunned heavily favored Tilghman in Sat. night's First Region Championship game, disposing of the 10th-ranked Tornado 62-54 in front of 3,235 fans at Murray State University's Regional Special Events Center.

Senior Matt Hoskins tossed in 26 pts. and classmate Doug O'Neill added 22 for Carlisle (23-5), which seized control of the game with an 11-0 surge spanning both the third and fourth quarters and protected the lead by making 13 of 16 ft. attempts in the final minutes.

"It's unbelievable," Hoskins said. "Nobody thought we had a chance to do this. I don't know if I did either for a long time, but we just played our hearts out and hoped it would be enough."

It was. Playing its final card, Tilghman (28-5) used it's full-court pressure and a pair of 3-pt. baskets by Brett Jones (22 pts.) to creep back within 2 pts. late in the contest.

But O'Neill and Hoskins combined to hit 6 of 8 at the line in the final minute to seal the win, ensuring Carlisle's date with another Lexington school playing on it's home turf – this time, it's Lafayette, which won the 11th Region Title with a 56-52 win over cross-town rival Lexington Catholic.

"I've never been to Rupp Arena," said Doug O'Neill. "Not for a Ky. game, the state tourn., anything."

At one point, the Comets were nearly on life support. Tilghman got some big contributions from it's bench, with 3-pointers by Chris Clarke and Ryan Wagner keying a 12-3 run that put the Tornado up 27-18 midway through the second quarter.

Tilghman's starters, refreshed by the brief respite, came in for the kill.

Only Hoskins answered with a couple of baskets and O'Neill beat Tilghman's press for a game-tying lay-up. Hoskins, fouled on a rebound with 2.7 seconds left in the half, buried both fts. to give the Comets a 30-28 halftime advantage.

"We were almost dead then," said coach O'Neill. "If we don't get back in it, it's over and we're done. With these guys, it's all heart.

His team undone by poor shooting (36% from the field, including a miserable 6 for 22 from 3 pt. range) and sloppy ball-handling (16 turnovers), Tilghman coach Chumbler wondered if the Tornado was simply a victim of destiny.

"It sure looks that way," Chumbler said. "They held together pretty good when it looked like we could have put them away. They handled our pressure, and Hoskins and O'Neill made a bunch of big plays. Those two guys do a little bit of everything – they score, they handle the ball. They're two awfully good players."

Truly, it's another generation of Comets that have taken its long-faithful fans back to the sweet 16. Brian O'Neill, who attended all four of Carlisle's state tourn. games as a 5th grader in 1983 and admits he "cried in the stands" at the conclusion of the championship game, said that only one player on this year's squad – center Phillip Gonzales, then barely a year old – had yet been born on that eventful night in March.

"I was born on May 10th," said Hoskins, who was nonetheless at Rupp that week. ... sort of. His mother, who attended the state tourn. that year, was 7 months pregnant at the time. O'Neill was also born later that year.

Indeed, 1983 was a special time for Carlisle Co. basketball.

For that matter, so is 2001.

Actually, the Comets expected to play in the State Tourn. this year. The top-seeded club in the All A Classic Regional Tourn. in mid-January, Carlisle's hopes for a small school title were derailed by a shocking first-round loss to No. 8 seed Heath.

"We blew it, choked, whatever you want to call it," Hoskins said. "But after it was all over, we just told ourselves there was another (regional title) to win in March."

Dropping off most fans radar screens for the remainder of the season, Carlisle regrouped and won its first district title in 10 years, then knocked off Marshall Co. in the regional semi-finals to set up its shot at Tilghman.

By the end of the contest, many Comet fans were again moved to tears. Rozella Young, who's kept Carlisle's scorebook for nearly 40 years, wept openly at the scorer's table as the Comets celebrated on the floor.

Young always wondered if she would see Carlisle get back to the state tourn.

"I didn't think it would be this year," said Young. "I've always hoped we could go one more time."

While discussing his team, O'Neill even invoked the patron Saint of underdogs – the Hickory Huskers of "Hoosiers" fame.

"We watched part of that movie after our shoot-around, and the guys were all teary–eyed when it was over," O'Neill said. "You know, the players on that team kind of looked like our guys, too."

In the movie, Hickory – a fictional team based on rural Milan, which produced Indiana's 1952 state championship title team - won the state on a last second shot.

Could it happen to Carlisle?

"If it was all about heart, this team could do just about anything," O'Neill said. "We'll be there, and we'll give it a shot. Right now these guys know they can play with anybody.

Carlisle.....….…13 30 41 62
Tilghman…….…15 28 34 54

Carlisle (62)
O'Neill 22, M. Hoskins 26, Gonzales 4, Lemons, Williams, Solomon 10, Hogancamp, B. Hoskins.
Fgs. 20/38, 3 pts. 2/8 (Solomon 2), Fts. 20/27, Fouls 24.

Tilghman (54)
Wilson 6, Danials 4, Hill 6, Jones 22, Hamilton 1, Gibson, Miller 1, Perry 4, Clarke 7, Wagner 3.
Fgs. 17/47, 3 pts. 6/22 (Jones 3, Clarke 2, Wagner), Fts. 14/17, Fouls 17.

Tourney Victory Unites Carlisle.
A Countywide Pep Rally Lasted
2 1/2 Hours Saturday Night.
Many Carlisle Fans Say
<u>The Celebration Is Not Over</u>

Between 800 and 1000 people crowed the Carlisle Co. High School gym for a county wide pep rally Saturday night, after the school's basketball team won the First Region Tourn.

Saturday's 62-54 win over Tilghman put the Comets in the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1983.

The team, escorted in their 40-car caravan from the county line by the blaring sirens of fire-trucks, ambulances and sheriff's department cruisers, entered the building to the rock group Queen's, "We are the champions."

A disc jockey played music, fans danced, people grilled hamburgers and the celebration lasted for 2 ½ hours, past midnight, long after this community is usually in bed.

Dan Bowles, chief of the Cunningham volunteer fire dept., was not surprised.

"This school system is small and I think when one person wins, everybody wins," he said. "When one person loses, everybody loses. When one is happy, we're all happy. It's just a close-knit community, and we do everything together.

Bowles' son, Korie, a former Carlisle Co. basketball player, came up with the idea of the escort. He called his dad after the game to see if it was possible.

"Everybody knows everybody," Korie Bowles said. "Everybody knows the sheriff. It's kind of like Mayberry. I just told him, "You need to get hold of the sheriff and have him waiting for us at the county line."

And from there, Dan Bowles said, "It was just something that snowballed all at once."

Wayne Floyd, director of the Carlisle Co. Ambulance Service, was happy to go along with the idea.

"They need the recognition because they've worked hard," he said. "We're awful proud of them."

Following the police, firetruck, and ambulance escort, coaches, players and the principal addressed the packed stands in the gym.

Matt Hoskins was one of the 6 seniors on the team asked to speak at the pep rally. He talked about his classmates and coaches.

"Those five guys have meant more to me throughout my high school career, because no matter what I did they stuck with me through it all." he said. "And the same with the coaches, whether it was school or not, they helped us any way they could."

Doug O'Neill, another senior, thanked his two older brothers, both of whom, like him, have worn the No. 30 for Carlisle. He also thanked the fans. "We knew that if we won, that there'd be something big waiting for us back in Carlisle," he said. "We've had the fans behind us all season."

He said he's not worried about the competition at the state tourn., including Thursday's game with Lafayette High School in Lexington's Rupp Arena.

The basketball team has been consistently compared with the 1983 Carlisle team that lost the state championship by two pts. in triple overtime. Only one member of the current basketball team was alive then, but the team's fans haven't forgotten.

"I've heard one person tell them that when they get there don't worry about it," Korie Bowles said. "If you lose, you lose. If you win, great. Just have a good time. But then I've heard others say you need to go out there and take care of some unfinished business."

He said the players take that seriously.

"Those boys do not want to lose," Korie Bowles said. "Its in their eyes that they do not want to get beat. I've never seen a team like that. It's just unbelievable."

Head coach Brian O'Neill, no relation to the player, said he's still in awe of his players. "I'm still dreaming," he said. "I still haven't landed on my feet yet."

The team has been thrilled with the support, he said.

"It means everything to have everybody come out there and show their appreciation," he said. "They know everybody's out there cheering for them, but to see all those faces out there (Saturday) night, they couldn't wipe the smiles off their faces.

The celebration is far from over, however. Principle Frankie Brazzell called it "a time of euphoria."

He is to meet with the county superintendent this morning, and the school board will vote on whether to cancel classes Thursday and Friday. He said he does not anticipate any problems with the closing.

Also, there will be a sendoff for the basketball team Wednesday morning at the school. A time has not been set.

"Winning is a way to bring the school and the community together," Brazzell said. "It's good for everybody, it really is. It's not just good for athletes. It's good for the whole school atmosphere."

Comets Story Proves Class Warfare Not Fit For Kentucky. Carlisle Perfect Fit For State Cinderella. Hot Ticket: It's Been A Crazy Week For Carlisle Co. Heading Into The Sweet 16.

Every state tourn. yearns for a Cinderella. This year, the best candidate might be Carlisle Co., whose basketball team will arrive in Lexington this afternoon, preparing for it's first Sweet 16 appearance in nearly 2 decades. It's first order of business: going to watch tonight's session.

"It's not that the match-ups are all that compelling. Campbell Co. and South Laurel are two nice, but largely anonymous teams. Nationally ranked Louisville Male, the State's preseason No. 1 team, will be a heavy favorite to slap high-flying Oldham Co. back to reality.

So what's the hurry?

"I want our guys to get a look at Rupp Arena," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "Only two or three of our guys have ever been in there, and I want them to get a feel of how big it is and the atmosphere of the state tourn.

Oh, yeah. Actually, I wasn't sure this was really the Sweet 16. If so, where are all the big name teams, the likes of Tilghman, Bowling Green, Muhlenburg North, Lexington Catholic and Scott Co.?

This was a year of the underdogs. Only 3 of the top ten teams in the final Associated Press poll made it to Lexington. Nearly all of the top-shelf Mr. Basketball candidates will be watching forlornly from the stands.

And the field includes a few schools we haven't seen in a while and some we haven't seen … ever. South Floyd? Campbell Co.? Grayson Co.? South Laurel? Who are these guys?

In central and eastern Ky., fans wonder the same thing about the Comets.

Carlisle has a reputation, all right, but only with the adults in attendance. It was forged 18 years ago, when a team representing a tiny (enrollment 250 or so) school reached the state championship game, losing a triple-overtime game to big, powerful and talented Lexington Henry Clay, a school with about 7 times as many students.

To today's players, it's so much ancient history.

Still, no one can wear Cinderella's gown and slippers quite as comfortably as the Comets.

With an enrollment of 271 students in the top four grades, Carlisle is one of three small schools in the tourn., joining 14th Region champion Hazard (298) and 15th Region winner South Floyd (444) as the teams most likely to become the darlings of the fans.

Neither team, though, can quite match Carlisle's rags-to-riches (or is it reject-to-respect) story. Hazard and South Floyd came out of weak mountain regions; the Comets had to survive a field that included two top-ten teams, Graves Co. and Tilghman.

Carlisle had to beat Marshall Co., the other member of the region's big three, then knocked off a Tilghman club that had designs on repeating its final four finish of two years ago.

And all this after one of the most talented players, Orlandus Hill, moved to Paducah with his family two years ago. Hill enrolled at Tilghman, no doubt with the notion that he would someday play at Rupp Arena, only to find his road blocked by his former teammates.

One hope is that it sent a message to parents and prospective ballplayers across western Ky., those that consider switching schools and allegiances in the quest for exposure and a chance to play in the state tourn.

Carlisle's story is refreshing – if for no other reason than to point out that the big programs aren't necessarily the only ticket to the Sweet 16. That sometimes teams with heart and chemistry can overcome those with more talent and exposure.

Indeed, the best stories are those that come from places like Carlisle. And it reminds us that, frankly, basketball in this region is a lot more fun when it isn't always dominated by the Big Three, who have combined to win 14 of the last 16 regional titles.

On Thursday night, Carlisle will take on Lafayette, which could qualify as a Cinderella story of its own – the General's weren't supposed to win their regional title, either, but it's hard to wear the underdog role when you're from the big city.

Actually, this is the kind of game that makes Ky's state tourn. so special. Illinois once had a grand all-comers tourn., but it went with a two-class system 30 years ago that has nevertheless, proven wildly successful. Indiana held out until four years ago, then butchered it's legacy with an unwieldy four-class format that's been a bust at the box office.

Ky. has its own small-school tourn., a midseason affair that is put on by the school themselves. It's also why Ky. schools have the best of both worlds – they compete against themselves in Jan. and Feb., then get a shot at the big boys in March.

After Carlisle's upset of Tilghman on Sat. night O'Neill echoed the sediment.

"This game is why Ky. will never go to classes," O'Neill said. "If we had classes, we would never have had a chance to experience something like this."

If Carlisle makes another remarkable run this week, we wouldn't have either.

State Tourney Trip Unites Comets' Fans

They never got over it. Not entirely.

It's been 18 years now, and what might have been, the one that got away, remains as enduring, as haunting, as Christian Laettner and "The Shot."

March 1983. Rupp Arena. Tie score. State championship on the line. Final seconds ticking away. 5... 4... 3....

The ball hits the rim and bounces off. Then

with one second to go, the player on the other team tips it in.

Lexington Henry Clay…...35

Carlisle County…..…..…...33

Triple overtime.

John Roberts, now the Carlisle County judge-executive, was there that day. "I thought I was going to have a heart attack, I was so nervous."

Now, for the first time since 1983, Carlisle County is on the way back to the Sweet 16. So are Roberts, several members of that 1983 team - and perhaps more than 25% of the county's entire population (5,381).

In an age of large countywide consolidated schools, and far fewer schools statewide, once again here comes a little David going after a Goliath.

Not only is it a classic Kentucky basketball story, it's a universal story the five-and-dime versus Wal-Mart, the mom-and pop grocery versus Kroger.

On Tuesday morning in Bardwell, 800 tickets the school received disappeared in 30 minutes - and there was still a long line. Residents began dialing the ticket office in Lexington in hopes of obtaining more.

By upsetting Marshall County and then Paducah Tilghman in the regionals, Carlisle (23-5), which is only 250 students grades 9-12 - only l20 of them boys did more than win a trip to Lexington." Roberts said. "It brought the whole county together. And we needed something like that."

Until 1957, there were four high schools in Carlisle County: Bardwell, Arlington, Cunningham and Mi1burn.

Then came consolidation.

"It killed all four towns, Roberts said. To avoid controversy, the school board didn't build the consolidated school in any of the four towns. It selected a site smack dab in middle of all four, five miles or so away in each direction. "

Carlisle County is far from in the middle of things. "We're primarily a farming community," Robert's said. "Most people drive to Paducah and Mayfield and Union City, Tenn. to work and shop and for entertainment.

Carlisle County, one of four Kentucky counties, on the Mississippi River, is 282 miles and a five hour drive from Lexington. It's closer to Memphis, TN. and St. Louis, ILL. But this is rabid Kentucky basketball country, make no mistake about that.

"And this year's team isn't heading to Lexington just for the ride," says Coach Brian O'Neill. "Nobody gave us a chance against Marshall County. I'd say we were 10 to 12-point underdogs. We were given even less of a chance against Paducah Tilghman, probably 15 points. They both probably have eight times as many students as we do. But our players believed. Before the game Saturday we watched the video "Hoosiers."

O'Neill, who looks young enough to start in Thursday's game against Lexington Lafayette, is 28 and a 1990 Carlisle County graduate. This is his fourth team. Six of his players are seniors - only three of the entire 15-man roster have even set foot in Rupp Arena. None has played there.

Back in his courthouse office, Roberts had just called Lexington and obtained 14 more tickets, four of them for county road supervisor Greg Terry. Making Terry happy was nothing compared to the problem he had just solved: placating an angry caller who already had two tickets. Problem was, the tickets were-for section 238, high in the upper deck, and she, demanded that Roberts, get better seats.

The caller was his wife. Nickie Roberts looked much relived.

He had just arranged to get two at floor level.

Following a big send-off, O'Neill and his team will leave at 10 a.m. today to begin the chartered bus ride to Lexington.

Donations have poured in from all over the county to pay for the bus and help with the meals and lodging," Roberts said. "People are real excited about this tournament."

And this time, the measure won't entirely be in the winning and losing," said Terry, the road supervisor. "It's going. I think the people here are just happy that our team is in the Sweet 16 again."

Besides that heartbreaking 1983 loss, Carlisle played in the state tournament in 1966, 1971 and 1975.

Could Carlisle win it all this time? Not likely. But when it comes to Carlisle County basketball, it has always been a good idea to expect the unexpected

In 1955, before consolidation, tiny Bardwell almost went to the state tourn. for the second year in a row. It lost by one point to Mayfield on a fluke last-second shot. But that isn't the game people around here talk about.

They like to tell about the night before. When Bardwell stunned heavily favored Tilghman.

One of the players on that 1955 team was Bobby Hoskins. People here like to point out that one of the players on this year's team is his great-nephew, Matt, Hoskins.

Oh yeah, Bardwell held the ball the entire game and beat Paducah Tilghman 6-5.

Former Comets Return
To Rupp As Cheerleaders

Greg Wilson, the sixth man on Carlisle County's 1983 state runner-up, thought Rupp Arena looked a little differently than it did 18 years ago.

It sure seems a lot smaller now," said Wilson, one of more than 1,000 fans that made the 4 hour drive to watch Carlisle meet Lexington Lafayette on Thursday night in this year's Sweet 16. "It's the first time I've been back."

For Wilson, who lives in Farmington and runs his own business in Murray, the Comets' return to Rupp was nearly as emotional an experience as it was in 1983.

"At the regional championship game, seeing those guys beat Paducah Tilghman, the hair was standing on the back of my neck," Wilson said. "I still follow them a lot because my wife teaches at Carlisle, and it was a real special feeling to see them get the chance to play up here."

At least two of Wilson's teammates were on hand as well, David Rambo, the Comets' point guard that season, and off-guard, David Henley, now the coach at Covington Holmes.

"I was at our (Ninth Region), finals last Saturday night, and one of our girls coaches, called to tell me that they had seen on the Internet that Carlisle had won," said Henley, wearing a maroon Carlisle T-shirt brought to him, by some friends. "I still didn't believe it. The first thing I did on Sunday morning was to go get a paper and make sure it was right. "

Rambo, who lives in Cunningham, hopes he will be invited back to Rupp in two years, the 20th anniversary of the triple-overtime loss to Lexington Henry Clay in the championship game.

"I hope they bring us back up here for a reunion," Rambo said. "We've never really had a (formal) get together, but I'm sure Carlisle will do something in 2003."

I'd like to see the Henry Clay guys, too.

One big difference in the 1983 and 2001 Carlisle teams 18 years ago, the Comets expected to compete for a state title, and the regional title was a mere stepping stone.

Carlisle was 37-3 going into the Sweet 16 that year and had played in Kentucky's two most prestigious tournaments, the King of the Bluegrass Classic and the Louisville Invitational Tournament.

The Comets finished fourth in the LIT, losing to a Winston Bennett led Louisville Male team in the semifinals, then to Louisville Ballard in the third-place game. Rambo said coach Craynor Slone benched the starters for much of the Ballard game, apparently unhappy with their play.

Carlisle reached the title game at the King of the Bluegrass, losing to one of America's all-time best high school teams, a Baltimore Dunbar squad that included three future NBA first-round draft picks - Reggie Williams, Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogues and the late Reggie Lewis. Dunbar was so good and so deep that Lewis, who starred for the Boston Celtics before dying of a heart attack suffered in a pickup game, was the Poets sixth man.

"I know they were watching us warm up and thinking, "We're going to hammer those old boys.

I'm sure they didn't think we could play with then," Rambo said. "We stayed with them until the fourth quarter."

"Bardwell Will Be Vacant"
Following Comets

Tears rolled down Diane Dunn's cheeks Wednesday morning as she stood on the sidelines of the packed Carlisle County High School gym, watching students cheering wildly as the boys basketball team prepared to leave for the Sweet 16 in Lexington.

"I'm just touched," said Dunn, aunt of player Jeff Solomon. "I'm so proud of them. We're all excited. The support from the community has been unreal," "Look at the team going through the crowd," she said, pointing to the players as they received high fives and hugs from fellow students." "That's what small communities are about."

Everybody loves, everybody! Everybody knows everybody. There's no jealousy. . They're all rooting for each other. When one does good, we're proud and when one does wrong they pull him up."

The noise level in the gym was deafening at times as elementary, middle and high school students cheered, chanted, screamed and danced through a 30 minute pep rally, while speakers blared songs such as "Great Balls of Fire" in support of the Comets.

"This is just like a movie," said senior basketball player Phillip Gonzales, just before the team was introduced. "I couldn't go to sleep (Tuesday night) until 2:30 a.m. From the very beginning, we had those second-place trophies out there, but we don't want any more of those. We're just going to go there and play hard."

After earning their first state tourn. trip since 1983 by defeating Tilghman in Saturday night's regional finals, the Comets play Lexington Lafayette at 6 tonight at Rupp Arena.

School is dismissed until Monday so students can attend the tourn.

"I think everybody's going," said Lane Davis. "Even my grandmother and grandfather are going. We're all home grown. All of us grew up here and I think that's something to be proud of."

Pam Gill will attend just like she did in 1983 when her father, Burley Mathis, was the high school principal.

"I wouldn't miss it for anything," she said. "Bardwell will be vacant. There will be nobody around to do anything. It brings back so many memories. We'll have our moment in glory. Everybody talks about the 83 game, but we expected them to go to the state tournament. Nobody expected this team to go, but we showed them."

The pep rally ended with students lining the rural road in front of the school as the team and cheerleaders boarded the bus for the five-hour drive to Lexington. A 15-car caravan of fans followed.

Senior player Douglas O'Neill said the support is nothing new.

"They always have supported us. Basketball is a big part of our lives around here. Nobody has any idea what's going to happen."

Bobby Hoskins, who played in the 1954 state tourn. as a member of the Bardwell High School Indians, said nobody could count out the kids from Carlisle Co.

"Anytime you walk out on the floor you have a chance," said Hoskins, the great-uncle of senior player Matt Hoskins. "They just need to stay focused and take care of business.

Hoskins, like his great-nephew, was a member of the Sun's All Purchase Team, said Carlisle has a rich history of beating bigger schools.

"Teams, like Carlisle, have a hard time getting to the state tourn., but Carlisle has done extremely well. It must be something in the water. They'll never forget playing on a championship team."

Hoskins thinks more championships are in Carlisle's future.

"Next time I hope we don't have to wait hardly as long, but I don't think we will. These younger kids will come up and play hard and they'll be knocking on the door again.

Comets Lead Parade Of Under-Dogs.
Bevy of Upsets Makes For An
Intriguing Boys' Sweet 16.

Carlisle Co. Coach Brian O'Neill isn't sure how his team will handle its first trip to the state basketball tourn. in 18 years.

He does know, however, he's going to make sure it's an experience his players will not forget.

"It's been crazy around here since we won the regional tourn.," O'Neill said, whose team will take on Lafayette in it's first-round match-up. "People congratulating us … and we sold out our tickets in like 10 or 15 minutes.

"We never imagined that this could be a reality at the beginning of the season. Back then, we didn't even figure we'd be one of the top teams in the region. Now all of this … It's overwhelming, to tell you the truth."

The First Region Champion Comets (23-5) and 15 other battle-tested teams will converge on Lexington beginning today as the 2001 Ky. High School Boys Sweet 16 gets under way.

Many of the names most figured would be among the parade of regional champions – Louisville Ballard, Scott Co., Bowling Green, Lexington Catholic, Paducah Tilghman, Newport Catholic and Madison Central – are absent, victims of a slew of regional upsets that have made this year's tourn. a wide-open affair.

"Favorites were dropping like flies," said Madisonville coach James Davis, whose Maroons (28-3) were one of the few to survive. "I don't know if some of those teams were overrated, or if by the end of the year other teams just caught up with them. Maybe it was a combination of both."

Two teams, South Floyd and South Laurel – are making their first-ever trips to the state tourn., while Grayson Co. will be making the trek for the second time.

Like Carlisle Co., who fell to Henry Clay 35-33 in a heart-breaking triple-overtime title game in 1983, it's been a lifetime since Lafayette (21-11) made an appearance – 22 years to be exact.

"It's a thrill to represent the 11th region after not making the state tourn. for more than two decades," Lafayette coach Don Adkins said. "We have to make sure we keep playing aggressively on defense and rebound if we're going to be successful."

I'd think Male would have to be considered the favorite since they've been ranked nationally for most of the season and they were there last year," O'Neill said. "Madisonville and Fairdale would have to be right up there, too. But if there's a few upsets, like in the regionals, anyone could win it.

Male is one of only 5 schools to win back-to-back state championships, claiming the 1970 and 1971 titles. The Bulldogs fell to St. Xavier in this year's district finals, but rebounded to beat Moore, Seneca and powerhouse Ballard – the state's top-ranked team – to advance to the Sweet 16 for the second consecutive year.

"We took the rough route into the regional tourn. as runner-up, but the kids were determined to get back to Rupp Arena.," said Male coach Bryce Hibbard, who coached Eastern to the 1997 state championship. "The key for us is 'team.' If we play like a team, were pretty good. But anything can happen in one game, just look at all the upsets in this year's districts and regionals."

Crossing Paths.
Big-City Lafayette, Rural Carlisle
Share Rare Taste Of Sweet Reward

On the surface, Carlisle County: and Lexington Lafayette would appear to have little in common.

Then again….

When the two teams meet tonight in the first round of the Sweet 16 at Lexington's Rupp Arena, the rural pride of the small-schools Comets, will officially end their 18-year state tournament drought. For big city entry Lafayette, it's been an even longer stretch between regional titles.

They haven't been there since 1979," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "Once they get out on the floor. They might be as giddy as we are."

From what I hear, they didn't even know they could cut down the nets ,after they won the (11th Region) championship.

They ran to the locker room to celebrate, then had to come back out to get the trophy. That tells you it's been a long time for them

Like Carlisle, Lafayette surprised many with its postseason run. The Generals' trip to the Sweet 16 includes back-to-back wins over perennial powers Madison Central and Lexington Catholic, both generally rated among the state's top 15 teams.

The Comets, of course, posted their own unlikely exacta last weekend too, bouncing perennial powers Marshall County and Paducah Tilghman for the First Region crown.

Separated by a 4½ hour drive, they have only one common opponent. Tilghman beat Lafayette 65-59 in the second round of Lexington Catholic's Christmas tournament, the Fifth Third Bank Kentucky Holiday Classic. Carlisle (23-5) beat the 10th ranked Tornado 62-54 in Saturday night's regional final at Murray State University's Regional Special Events Center.

If Carlisle fans need a reference point to evaluate Lafayette (21-11), they don't have to look very far. Think of the Generals, champions of the 11th region, as a bigger version of Mayfield with quick-on-quick guards and taller, slightly less athletic post players.

We've played a couple of teams like that with good size inside and real quick players on the wing," O'Neill said.

"Henderson County was a lot like that and so was Memphis Ridgeway. We beat Henderson and we played Ridgeway pretty tough, so we know we can match up with those kinds of teams."

How Lafayette will use that speed is anybody's guess.

"The last few games, they've kind of backed off the press," O'Neill said. "They've gone to a slower tempo, become more of a half-court team, but they might try to run a little more on us."

Lafayette, which has an enrollment of 1,691, does have an edge in strength of schedule.

Seven of the Generals' 11 losses are to teams that were ranked in the AP's top 10 at one point or another (during the regular season) including defeats at the hands of Tilghman, Louisville Ballard, Madisonville, Newport Catholic, Madison Central, Simon Kenton and Scott Co.

The Generals' three-guard attack is led by 6-3 senior Robert Madison, who averages 15.9 pts. and 6.6 rebounds a game. Madison had 20 points and 15 boards in the win over Lexington Catholic in the regional finals.

Quinton Roberts, a 6-0 senior, averages nine points and six assists per game and 5-9 senior James Gentry averages 12 points and three assists. Reserves Jeff Floyd (6-0) and Brandon Riley, (5-11) give the Generals additional quickness when they wish to go with a smaller lineup.

Lafayette goes big inside with 6-7, 200-pound center Vernard Hazard and 6-6 forward Dudley Hall, who transferred from Scott County to Lafayette two years ago

Carlisle counters with 6-4, 200 pound Matt Hoskins, who averages 21 points and 10 rebounds per game and had three double-doubles in the regional tournament and 6-3 swingman Doug O'Neill. Guards Dustin Williams and Derrick Lemons played well in the regional against Marshall's and Tilghman's well-regarded backcourts.

In its last two games, Carlisle often went smaller replacing 6-2 270-pound center Phillip Gonzales with a rotation of 3-point shooter Jeff Solomon and freshman guard Brett Hoskins.

"Our guards handled the pressure pretty well against Tilghman and Marshall," O'Neill said. "But I'm sure we'll see it again."

Carlisle's challenge is to stay close and maintain a shot to win it in the fourth quarter. And if they do …

"You know we'll pick up a lot of fans along the way," O'Neill said. "Fans up there, they're always rooting for the underdog. By the time it's over, most of them will be with us.

Ky. State Tourn.
1st Round
Sudden Turnover
Drain Taps Comets

Carlisle Co. 49
Lexington Lafayette 62
03-16-01 - Away

It began as a trickle, then became a steady stream and finally, a full-fledge flood.

The bleeding caused by Lexington Lafayette's furious full-court pressure finally drained Carlisle Co. of life – the Comets dream of repeating the program's famed 1983 state tournament run dying slowly and painfully from a cascade off turnovers.

Carlisle committed 19 of their 25 miscues in the second half, its hope of an upset washing away in the gore that was the final three minutes of Thursday night's 62-49 loss in the first round of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's Sweet 16 at Rupp Arena.

Unranked Lafayette (22-11) advances to tonight's quarterfinals against Louisville Fairdale, which got a last second steal and 3-pointer from James Peterson to edge No. 3 Madisonville 42-39.

"We're like sharks," said Lafayette guard Robert Madison. "When we see blood in the in the water, we start attacking."

Actually, the Generals swarming defense better resembled a school of angry piranha, their four and five guard lineup cutting and slashing nearly at will against a tired, ragged squad that was barely staying afloat the second half.

"I've never faced a team that quick," said Carlisle star Matt Hoskins, whose 12 pt., 8-rebound performance was tempered by 9 turnovers, virtually all of them trying to find a way to navigate the General's relentless press. "They're not just quick; it's their hands. They keep slapping at the ball and don't let you get away from them. When their on you, their on you. You can't go anywhere."

For three quarters, the Comets (25-6) never trailed, thanks to Hoskins and Doug O'Neill, who tossed in 25 pts. They survived a sloppy stretch and looked to be in good shape, after Hoskins scored on an inbounds pass from Dustin Williams, then notched a 3-point play off a steal for a 35-28 advantage with 2:38 left in the third quarter.

Lafayette called a timeout and went to its all-out full-court heat, and by the end of the third quarter had cut the lead to 36-34. Carlisle lost the ball on six of its first seven possessions of the fourth quarter and the Generals took a 41-38 lead on a Quinton Roberts ft. and a low post jumper from 6'7" Vernard Hazard.

"Until we really got into our press, we were struggling to score," said Lafayette coach Don Adkins. "We decided to sell out everything and gamble, but that's the way our kids play best."

Carlisle managed to break through the press on a couple of occasions, and O'Neill hit 3 of 4 fts. to tie the score at 41-41 before Madison penetrated and pitched to Roberts for a 3-pointer from the left corner.

Derek Lemons hit O'Neill for a lay-up to cut the lead to 44-43 with 3:05 remaining, but Roberts nailed a 8-footer and James Gentry slapped the ball away from Hoskins, creating a fast break that ended with a Madison lay-up and a 3-point play.

Two more turnovers produced Lafayette baskets, and the lead was in double digits before the Comets had a chance to catch their breath.

"Whenever we got into a half-court game, we found a way to score," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "Our set plays were getting us a lot of good shots, but after a while, we couldn't even get the ball past mid-court."

Lafayette got a combined 48 pts. from it's guard trio of Roberts Madison and Gentry. Roberts scored all of his pts. in the second half, he and Madison (17 pts.) doing most of the damage in transition. Gentry scored 11 straight pts. in the second quarter, cutting a 20-10 deficit down to 24-23 at halftime.

It was a gallant effort for Carlisle Co., which had upset perennial powers Marshall Co. and Tilghman en route to its first regional title in 18 years. Few expected them to match the 1983 club's legendary run, which ended with a triple-overtime loss to Lexington Henry Clay in the state championship game, but the small school Comets (enrollment 270 managed to battle Lafayette (enrollment 1,691) on even teams for 29 gut-wrenching minutes.

"One loss isn't going to ruin this season," said Doug O'Neill, one of the Comets six seniors. "We won the district tourn. for the first time in 10 years, won the regional and got Carlisle Co. back to Rupp Arena for the first time in 18 years."

"I've got to live out one of my dreams," said Hoskins, who wasn't yet born when Carlisle last advanced to the Sweet 16. "I got to play in Rupp Arena, in the state tourn.. The six of us (seniors), we spent a lot of years working to get here and we can always say that we made it."

Carlisle…..…...16 24 36 49
Lafayette…...10 23 34 62

Carlisle (49)
O'Neill 25, M. Hoskins 12, Gonzales 6, Lemons 2, Williams, Hogancamp 2, Solomon 2, B. Hoskins, Arnold, Rogers, Reddick, Martin, Tyler, Kelley, Draper.
Fgs. 18/32, 3 pts. 0/4, Fts. 13/22, Rebs. 29, Fouls 15.

Lafayette (62)
Floyd, Madison 17, Hazard 6, Roberts 16, Gentry 15, Riley 8, Hall, Faulknere, Everman, Smith.
Fgs. 23/49, 3 pts. 3/10 (Gentry 2, Roberts), Fts. 13/19, Rebs. 19, Fouls 16.

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	Games Played	Field Goal Attempts	Field Goals Made	Field Goal %	Free Throw Attempts	Free Throws Made	Free Throw %	2-Point Attempts	2-Pointers Made	2-Point %	3-point Attempts	3-Pointers Made	3-Point %	Average Points	High Point Total	Total Points
Matt Hoskins	29	352	214	61	233	150	64.4	317	203	64	34	11	32	20.31	32	589
Doug O'Neill	29	293	146	50	144	94	65.5	291	144	50	2	2	100	13.31	25	386
Phillip Gonzales	29	187	112	60	74	54	73	187	112	60	0	0	0	9.58	23	278
Jeff Solomon	28	185	62	34	23	16	69.6	53	22	42	132	40	30	6.53	25	183
Dustin Williams	29	84	38	45	68	46	67.6	65	36	55	19	2	11	4.27	12	124
Matt Hogancamp	26	77	38	49	27	16	59.3	70	35	50	7	3	43	3.65	8	95
Derek Lemons	29	70	29	41	33	13	39.4	69	29	42	1	0	0	2.44	10	71
Brett Hoskins	29	43	20	47	31	17	54.8	32	16	50	11	4	36	2.1	9	61
Brett Reddick	14	16	9	56	2	1	50	16	9	56	0	0	0	1.35	11	19
Austin Tyler	15	11	3	27	12	9	75	11	3	27	0	0	0	1	6	15
Kirk Arnold	20	14	6	43	4	2	50	12	6	50	2	0	0	0.7	6	14
Lucian Rogers	14	13	3	23	1	0	0	3	0	0	10	3	30	0.64	3	9
Dirk Draper	10	9	2	22	2	2	100	4	1	25	5	1	20	0.7	5	7
Kris Kelley	13	7	2	29	3	0	0	5	1	20	2	1	50	0.38	3	5
Cody Martin	9	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Melton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total for Team	324	1363	684	37	659	420	48	1136	617	37	226	67	22	4.185	11	1856

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	Offencive Rebs.	Defencive Rebs.	Total Rebounds	Avg. Rebs.	Total Assists	Avg. Assists	Total Steals	Blocked Shots	Turnovers	Avg. Turnovers						
Matt Hoskins	100	189	289	10	65	2.2	59	46	96	3.3						
Doug O'Neill	60	121	181	6.2	82	2.8	24	17	95	3.3						
Phillip Gonzales	65	76	141	4.9	14	0.5	17	1	39	1.3						
Jeff Solomon	11	29	40	1.4	46	1.6	16	3	41	1.5						
Dustin Williams	31	58	89	3.1	120	4.1	34	1	82	2.8						
Matt Hogancamp	23	41	64	2.4	16	0.6	5	9	26	1						
Derek Lemons	30	30	60	2.1	77	2.7	22	0	31	1.1						
Brett Hoskins	4	21	25	0.9	26	0.9	12	0	29	1						
Brett Reddick	3	11	14	0.9	1	0.1	1	1	9	0.6						
Austin Tyler	8	8	16	1.2	0	0	0	3	1	0.1						
Kirk Arnold	4	11	15	0.8	11	0.6	10	0	15	0.8						
Lucian Rogers	2	4	6	0.4	3	0.2	2	0	3	0.2						
Dirk Draper	1	1	2	0.2	3	0.3	2	0	1	0.1						
Kris Kelley	3	4	7	0.6	2	0.2	1	1	5	0.4						
Cody Martin	0	4	4	0.4	1	0.1	1	0	3	0.3						
Sam Melton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Total for Team	345	608	953	2.2	467	1.1	206	82	476	1.1						

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	St. Mary	Christian Fellowship	Calloway Co.	Hickman Co.	Murray	Webster Co.	Fulton City	Heath	Henderson Co.	Mem. Ridgeway, TN.	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Heath										
Matt Hoskins	27(2)	12	19	28	17(1)	22(1)	19(1	22(1	19(1)	24(1)	16	25	24(1)	13										
Doug O'Neill	19	14	13	14	6	15	15	12	12	9	5	17	18	8										
Phillip Gonzales	19	10	13	11	2	16	23	8	4	0	18	6	3	5										
Matt Hogancamp	7	5	3	4	8(1)	6	2	2	7(1)	8	6	8	3(1)											
Jeff Solomon		8(2)	13(1)	6(2)	2	6(2)	0	5(1)	3(1)	3(1)	3(1)	0	14(2)	4										
Dustin Williams	8	7	6	3	5(1)	5	6	12	4	0	5(1)	9	5	2										
Derek Lemons	0	4	0	2	2	4	2	0	0	0	4	4	1	6										
Kirk Arnold	2	6	0	0	0		0				2		0											
Brett Hoskins	6	6	0	4	0	9	2	0	0	0	2	4	2	0										
Austin Tyler	1	3		0			0				0		0											
Dirk Draper	0	5(1)		0			0						0											
Kris Kelley	0	3(1)		0			0				0		0											
Brett Reddick	0	11		2			0				0													
Lucian Rogers		3(1)		3(1)			0				0		0											
Sam Melton							0																	
Cody Martin											0		0											

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	Mayfield	Hickman Co.	Reidland	Calloway Co.	Heath	Fulton City	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Mayfield	Hickman Co.	Fulton City	Ballard Co.	Marshall Co.	Tilghman	Lexington Lafayette				3 Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Matt Hoskins	32	20	14	21	17	11	15(1)	18	30	27	16	21	20(1)	26	12				11	29	589	20.31
Doug O'Neill	15	2	9	10	10	5	16	19	14	13	18	19(2)	12	22	25				2	29	386	13.31
Phillip Gonzales	16	17	9	16	19	18	6	4	5	6	10	2	2	4	6				0	29	278	9.58
Matt Hogancamp			0	2	4	2	3	0	0	2	2	6	3	0	2				3	26	95	3.65
Jeff Solomon	3(1)	15(4)	6(2)	5(1)	7(1)	9(3)	27(7	11(3	10(2)	4	2	0	5(1)	10(2)	2				40	28	183	6.53
Dustin Williams	3	5	5	2	0	7	6	2	0	4	9	2	2	0	0				2	29	124	4.27
Derek Lemons	3	2	10	2	4	6	2	6	2	0	2	0	1	0	2				0	29	71	2.44
Kirk Arnold		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0			0				0	20	14	0.7
Brett Hoskins	0	2	0	0	0	0	3(1)	1	4(1)	9	4(1)	3(1)	0	0	0				4	29	61	2.1
Austin Tyler		3		0	0		6	0		2	0	0			0				0	15	15	1
Dirk Draper		2			0		0				0				0				1	10	7	0.7
Kris Kelley		0			0		2	0		0	0				0				1	13	5	0.38
Brett Reddick		2		2	0	0	2	0		0	0				0				0	14	19	1.35
Lucian Rogers		0		0	0		0	3(1)		0	0	0			0				3	14	9	0.64
Sam Melton																			0	1	0	0
Cody Martin		0		0	0			0		0		0			0				0	9	0	0
					Team Record - 23-6							Per Game Avg. - 63.41							67		1856	

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Matt Hoskins	112	29	162	283	470	589	1504	13.42
Doug O'Neill	71	9		18	209	386	613	8.63
Phillip Gonzales	43	0			6	278	284	6.6
Matt Hogancamp	55	4			21	95	116	2.1
Jeff Solomon	65	59		11	65	183	259	3.98
Dustin Williams	48	2			12	124	136	2.83
Sam Melton	0	0			0		0	0

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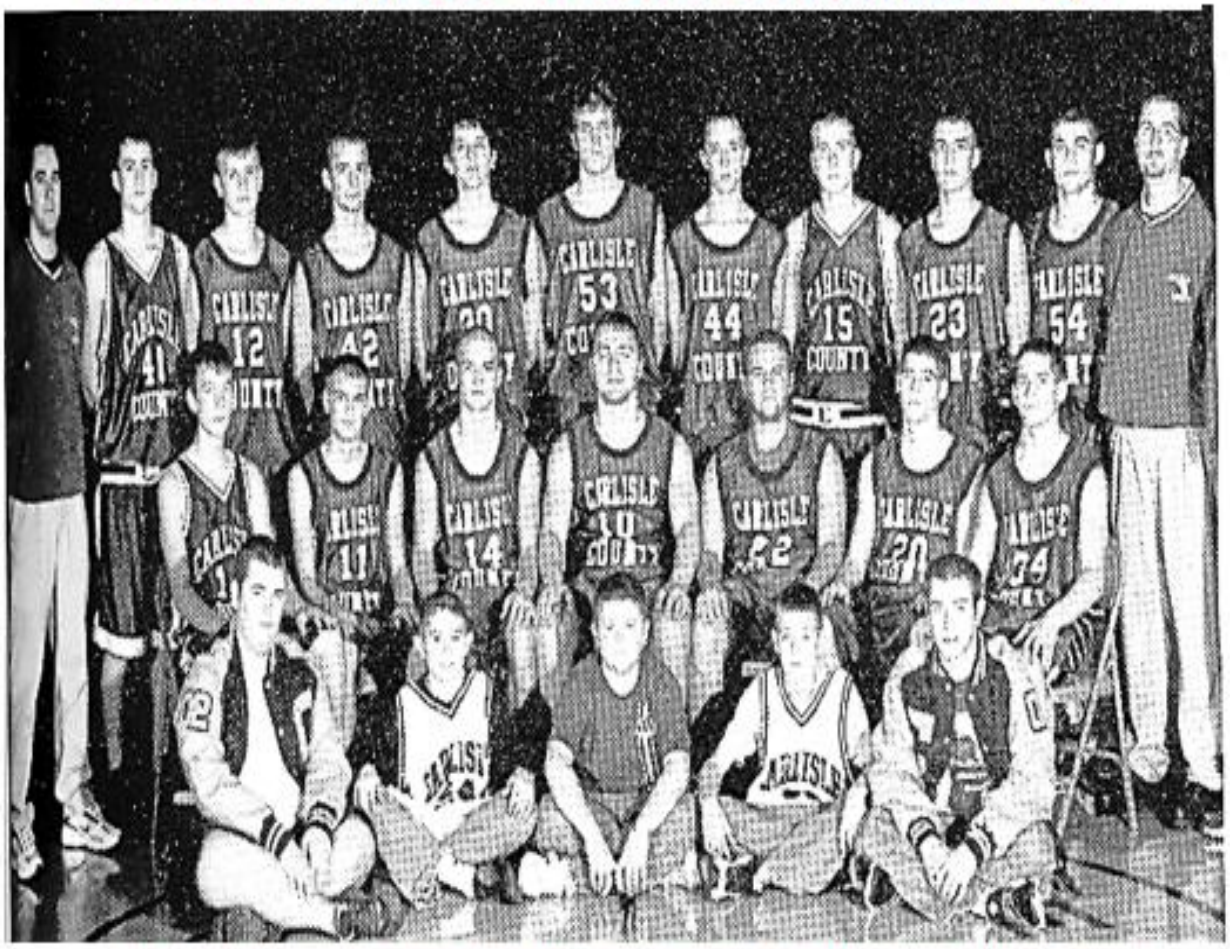
FINAL RECORD - 12-17

2001-02

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-27-01	St. Mary	**77-80 ot**	H	
11-30-01	Calloway Co.	**60-63**	A	
12-01-01	Dyersburg, TN	**45-58**	A	- **KEN-TENN CLASSIC**
12-04-01	Hickman Co.	44-42	A	
12-06-01	Murray	**48-51**	H	
12-11-01	Fulton City	**68-82**	A	
12-14-01	Heath	82-75	H	
12-22-01	Martin Westview, TN.	**68-91**	A	
12-27-01	Wapahani, ILL.	52-44	A	- **McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-28-01	Heath	61-55	A	- **McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-29-01	Ballard Co.	**52-55**	A	- **McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-03-02	Fulton Co	87-82	A	
01-05-02	Lone Oak	71-64	H	
01-07-02	Ballard Co.	**68-72**	H	
01-11-02	Hickman Co.	64-54	H	
01-15-02	Mayfield	**71-80**	H	
01-21-02	Christian Fellowship	68-46	A	- **ALL A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-24-02	Fulton City	**69-82**	A	- **ALL A TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-28-02	Reidland	63-48	H	
02-01-02	Heath	**72-77 ot**	H	
02-02-02	Graves Co	**54-69**	A	
02-05-02	Fulton Co	67-61	H	
02-08-02	Fulton City	46-44	H	
02-15-02	Ballard Co.	**41-64**	A	
02-16-02	Marshall Co.	**68-83**	A	
02-19-02	Mayfield	**56-61**	A	
02-26-02	Hickman Co.	66-57	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
02-28-02	Fulton City	**65-71**	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-05-02	Marshall Co.	**54-70**	A	- **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 12-17

2002 Comets - District Runner-Up



Top Row; Coach Brian O'Neill, Tim Burpo, Brett Hoskins, Dirk Draper, Kristopher Kelley, Austin Tyler, Cody Yates, Kevin Cope, Brett Reddick, Joseph Hunt, Assistant Coach; Casey Henderson, Middle Row; Hunter Hoskins, Caleb Ballard, Kirk Arnold, Derek Lemons, Lucian Rogers, Cody Martin, Ross Teasley, Bottom Row; (Managers) Ben Hocker, Luk Nichols, Joel Hammonds, Ty Owens, Matt Hunt.

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2001-02 COMET ROSTER:
Derek Lemons, Kris Kelley, Dirk Draper, Cody Martin, Brett Reddick, Austin Tyler, Kirk Arnold, Brett Hoskins, Cody Yates, Tim Burpo, Hunter Hoskins, Lucian Rogers, Ross Teasley, Kevin Cope, Caleb Ballard, Joseph Hunt.

Bulldogs Happy To
Shoulder 1st District Load

Carlisle Co. played the Cinderella role to the max last year with surprising wins in the First Region Tourn. beating Marshall Co. in the semi-finals and Paducah Tilghman in the finals to earn the school's first Sweet 16 berth since 1983.

But the Comets were senior heavy, and like most small schools, will pay the price this year. Coach Brian O'Neill has one returning starter and two seniors.

"I don't want to put a jinx on us, but this is the first year that I've gone into the district thinking we had the upper hand," Miller said. "This is my seventh year here and we've won three district toumaments in the last 6 years and we were runner-up once. But those teams were not sure things."

Says O'Neill: "Fulton City's Ferrell is the best player in our district and I expect them to be the favorite. I think it's wide open among the other teams.

Carlisle County

O'Neill's squad may break from out of the pack and challenge Fulton City if some youngsters come through. The freshmen team went 18-4 and the juniors and sophomores, who didn't start last year, gained valuable experience practicing against a 23-6 state tourn. team.

"Our kids are used to winning so hopefully that attitude will help carry over," O'Neill said. "We lost our top 6 scorers so we're definitely rebuilding."

Guard Derek Lemons is the lone returning starter. He'll get help from sophomores Brett Hoskins and Kirk Arnold and juniors Dirk Draper and Brett Reddick. The team's other senior, Lucian Rogers, will also contribute. O'Neill expects to go 8 to 10 players deep and play more up-tempo. Austin Tyler, a 6'6" junior, broke a foot in September, but has recovered and should start contributing after reconditioning.

2001-02 Comet Roster
Derek Lemons (5'10" Sr.)
Lucian Rogers (5'10" Sr.)
Dirk Draper (6'1" Jr.)
Cody Martin (5'11" Jr.)
Brett Reddick (6'1" Jr.)
Austin Tyler (6'6" Jr.)
Kirk Arnold (5'10" Soph.)
Caleb Ballard (5'9" Soph.)
Tim Burpo (6'0" Soph.)
Kevin Cope (6'2" Soph.)
Brett Hoskins (6'0" Soph.)
Hunter Hoskins (5'11" Soph.)
Joe Hunt (5'10" Soph.)
Kris Kelley (6'1" Soph.)
Ross Teasley (5'10" Soph.)
Cody Yates (6'1" Soph.)

St. Mary 80
Carlisle Co. 77
11-27-01 - Home

Ryan Cochran tossed in 34 points, but he wasn't around in overtime when St. Mary beat Carlisle County. Cochran was one of eight players to foul out; six of Carlisle's players were lost on fouls; as John Colgan and Mike Myre scored six of the Vikings' 10 overtime points.

Shawn Roof netted 16 points for the Vikings and John Colgan 13.

Brett Hoskins, whose basket with 30 seconds left forced overtime, led the Comets with 19 points. Kris Kelley and Derek Lemons added 11 each and Dirk Draper had 10.

The teams combined for 67 fouls and 86 free throws.

St. Mary…..21 33 53 70 80
Carlisle…...18 33 46 70 77

St. Mary (80)
Ry. Cochran 34, Colgan 13, Grimes 2, Kennedy 6, Myre 4, Ogden 5, Roof 16, Gragg, D. Miller, Thompson.
Fgs. 23/52, 3 pts. 5/18 (Ry. Cochran 4, Colgan), Fts. 29/50, Fouls 30.

Carlisle (77)
Arnold 6, Draper 10, B. Hoskins 19, Kelley 11, Lemons 11, Reddick 9, Tyler 6, Yates 5, Cope, H. Hoskins, Martin, Teasley.
Fgs. 26/68, 3 pts. 3/10 (B. Hoskins 2, Yates), Fts. 22/36, Fouls 37.

Calloway Co. 63
Carlisle Co. 60
11-30-01 - Away

Hitting 15 of 18 free throws in the final quarter, Calloway County held off Carlisle County, which crept to within two points twice in the final two minutes of the game, before losing 63-60 in boys' basketball action.

Jimmy Bynum hit 9 of 10 free throws in the final quarter and scored 5 points in the opening quarter when Calloway took an 18-8 lead. He finished with 18, while teammate Mitchell McClure led the Lakers with 19.

Kirk Arnold scored 18 and Brett Hoskins 11 for the Comets.

Carlisle.....8 22 36 60
Calloway.....18 31 42 63

Carlisle (60)
Arnold 18, Burpo 2, Draper 8, B. Hoskins 11, Kelley 6, Lemons 7, Martin 5, Reddick 1, Tyler, Yates 2.
Fgs. 26, 3 pts. 2 (Hoskins 2), Fts. 6/15, Fouls 20.

Calloway (63)
Adams 2, Barrow 2, Boggess 5, Bynum 18, Jones, Lamb 7, McClure 19, Sexton 7, Walker 3.

Ken-Tenn Classic
Dyersburg, TN. 58
Carlisle Co. 45
12-01-01 - Away

Carlisle County couldn't find the hoop with consistency and the Comets fell to Dyersburg (Tenn.) at the Kentucky-Tennessee Classic. Jeremy Taylor scored a game-high 20 points for Dyersburg, which pulled away hitting 11 of 17 free throw attempts in the fourth quarter.

Carlisle, led by Kris Kelley's 16 points, made only 27 percent of its field goal tries, missing all eleven 3 point attempts.

Dyersburg……...9 21 37 58
Carlisle…….....7 20 30 45

Dyersburg (58)
Je. Taylor 20, Childers 18, McLin 5, O. Taylor 2, Mann 3, Burris, Pitts
Fgs. 18/54, 3 pts. 1/2 (Dye), Fts. 21/37, Fouls 21.

Carlisle (45)
Arnold 6, Burpo 2, Draper 2, B. Hoskins 5, Kelley 16, Lemons 7, Martin 2, Reddick 4, Yates 1
Fgs. 16/60, 3 pts. 0/11, Fts. 13/23, Fouls 33.

Carlisle Co. 44
Hickman Co. 42
12-04-01 - Away

Brett Hoskins sank a baseline jumper with 3.2 seconds left in the game as Carlisle County edged Hickman County in a First District showdown. The Falcons attempted a desperation three that hit the back of the backboard and bounced off the rim.

Derek Lemons led the Comets with 11 points, while Travis Roach topped Hickman with 10 points.

Carlisle.....14 17 33 44
Hickman.....8 17 28 42

Carlisle (44)
Arnold 2, Burpo, Draper 9, B. Hoskins 5, Kelley 6, Lemons 11, Martin 3, Reddick, Tyler 5, Yates 3.
Fgs. 15/33, 3 pts. 1/6 (Martin), Fts. 13/25, Fouls 23.

Hickman (42)
Allen 8, Behrens 6, Blalock 4, Brazzell, Glasco, Je. Grimmitt 9, Mason, Pruitt 5, Roach 10.
Fgs. 13/30, 3 pts. 0/0, Fts. 16/25, Fouls 22.

Carlisle Co. 48
Murray 51
12-06-01 - Home

Kyle Erwin scored only three points for Murray in its boys high school basketball game Thursday night against Carlisle County. Those points, however, came in the form of a 3-pointer that went in with 2.1 seconds left to give the Tigers a 51-48 win. It was their only lead of the night.

The Comets, whose leading scorer Brett Hoskins was sidelined with stomach flu, played man-to-man defense throughout the game. It succeeded in limiting Murray's Kwen Trice and Daryl Cole to a combined nine points, after three quarters. Carlisle played its best ball in the third with a 14-8 run good for an eight-point lead entering the final quarter.

That's when Trice and Cole finally broke loose. Trice scored eight points in the fourth, Cole scored seven and both finished with 12 points.

Derek Lemons topped all scorers with 14 points for the Comets and teammate Kris Kelley finished with 11. Kelley also took the game's final shot, but his 25-footer bounced off the backboard to wrap it up for Murray.

Murray……12 21 29 51
Carlisle…..10 23 37 48

Murray (51)
Cole 12, Daniel 2, Erwin 3, M. Kelleher 3, Masthay 14, Raybum 2, Trice 12, Volp 3.

Fgs. 18, 3 pts. 4 (Trice 2, Erwin, M. Kelleher), Fts. 11/20, Fouls 22.

Carlisle (48)

Arnold 8, Burpo 2, Draper 4, Kelley 11, Lemons 14, Martin 6, Reddick 2, Tyler 1, Yates.

Fgs. 17, 3 pts. 1 (Martin), Fts. 13/23, Fouls 16.

Fulton City 82
Carlisle Co. 68

12-11-01 - Away

Fulton City countered a 30-point effort from Carlisle County's Brett Hoskins with a balanced attack that claimed this rough match-up from the First District.

Keith Burton and Aaron Ferrell shared Bulldog scoring honors with 17 points apiece. Ferrell made the double-double with 11 rebounds, while brother Josh finished with 11 points.

Derek Lemons finished with 13 points for the Comets and teammate Kirk Arnold got 11.

Carlisle.....10 30 42 68
Fulton City…..14 34 55 82

Carlisle (68)

Arnold 11, Ballard, Burpo, Cope, Draper 2, B. Hoskins 30, H. Hoskins, Kelley 3, Lemons 13, Martin 3, Reddick 4, Rogers, Tyler, Yates 2, Teasley.

Fgs 20/45, 3 pts. 5/13 (B. Hoskins 4, Arnold), Fts. 22/38, Fouls 31.

Fulton City (82)

Burton 17, Dickerson 7, A. Ferrell 11, Fly 5, Martin 1, Maze 9, McNeal, Mulcahy 15

Fgs. 27/47, 3 pts. 1/7 (Ferrell), Fts. 27/43, Fouls 29.

Carlisle Co. 82
Heath 75

12-14-01 - Home

Carlisle County started off against Heath with a 15-0 run and never surrendered that lead in a victory over Heath. The Pirates cut the lead as close as six at the half, but allowed Carlisle to pull away in the last half of the game.

Brett Hoskins lead all scorers with 33 points, 15 of which came in the fourth quarter. Charlie Throgmorton led the Pirates with 21.

Heath…….....7 26 40 75
Carlisle.....…23 33 54 82

Heath (75)

Bennett 13, Crane 2, Davis 6, Eidson 7, Jeter 2, Morehead 8, O'Donely 3, Skinner, Throgmorton 21, Turner 12, Wrinkle 1.

Fgs 27, 3 pts. 3 (Throgmorton 3), Fts. 20/30, Fouls 32.

Carlisle (82)

Arnold 6, Burpo, Cope, Draper 11, B. Hoskins 33, H. Hoskins 2, Kelley 8, Lemons 12, Martin 5, Reddick 5, Rogers, Yates.

Fgs. 27, 3 pts. 0, Fts. 28/48, Rebs. 29, Fouls 26.

Martin Westview, TN. 91
Carlisle Co. 68

12-22-01 - Away

Marcus Bright scored a game-high 23 points as Westview won its third game over a First Region team this season, using a 10-0 third-quarter run to dispose of Carlisle County.

Justin Harrell, a Tennessee football signee, scored 18 points for Westview, who have already beaten Fulton City and Lone Oak this month. Brett Hoskins led the Comets with 18 points.

Westview…....18 43 70 91
Carlisle.....…19 33 45 68

Westview (91)

Sturdivant 8, Dotson 5, Harell 18, Mc. Bright 23, Black 7, Mayfield, Hill 8, Booker 8, Mi Bright 7, Brown 2, Nielsen 2, Evans, Cedeno 1, Byrd 2.

Fgs. 32, 3 pts. 8 (Mc. Bright 3, Sturdivant 2, Hill 2, Dotson), Fts. 19/30, Fouls 23.

Carlisle (68)

Lemons 8, Draper 8, Kelley 2, Arnold 5, B. Hoskins 13, Tyler 6, Reddick 8, Yates, Burpo 3, Martin 9, Cope 2, Teasley, H. Hoskins 4, Rogers, Ballard.

Fgs. 26, 3 pts. 2 (B. Hoskins, Arnold), Fts. 14/23, Fouls 19.

McCracken Co. Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 52
Wapahani, IND. 44

12-27-01 - Away

Carlisle Co. defeated Wapahani, Ind. 52 to 44 in the first round of the McCracken Co. Invitational Tourn.

Carlisle led throughout the game from start to finish.

Leading the Comets in scoring were Brett Hoskins with 16 points and Brett Reddick with 10 points.

Carlisle.....…15 22 32 52
Wapahani…....14 19 25 44

Carlisle (52)

B. Hoskins 16, Reddick 10, Lemons 8, Arnold 3, Kelley 4, Draper 4, Yates 1, Martin 4, Tyler 2, Burpo, Teasley.

Field Goals 18/38, Free throws 16/31, 3 Pointers 0/4, Fouls. 17.

Wapahani (44)

Hughes, Morris 4, Simmons 3, Wilson 6, Conwell 5, Kisher 3, Roysez, Johnson 6, Nemyer 3, Hussman 12.

Field Goals 14/36, Free throws 7/20, 3 Pointers 3/10 (Simmons 1, Wilson 1, Kisher 1), Fouls 22.

McCracken Co. Tourn.
2nd Round

Carlisle Defeats Heath In Semi-Final Round Of McCracken Tourney.

Carlisle Co. 61
Heath 55

12-28-01 - Away

Carlisle County stepped up to the foul line plenty of times in its semifinal game in the McCracken County Invitational. That helped the Comets defeat Heath 61-55 and reach tonight's finals against Ballard Co., a 62-31 winner over Reidland.

Consolation play begins this morning with the boys championship following the girls 7 p.m. championship game between Heath and Hickman County.

The Pirates were up by one with 90 seconds left in the game, when they were called for two technicals. Carlisle hit three of the four foul shots to seal victory.

Brett Reddick sank 10 free throws in the fourth and finished the game with 15 points for the Comets. Charlie Throgmorton drained all three of Heath's treys to finish with 13 points. Cody Morehead led the Pirates with 18 points.

Carlisle.....…13 28 38 61
Heath…….....12 25 34 55

Carlisle (61)

Arnold 7, Draper 2, B. Hoskins 8, Kelley 9, Lemons 9, Martin 9, Reddick 15, Tyler 2, Yates.

Fgs 21/49, 3 pts. 3/8 (Arnold, B. Hoskins, Martin), Fts. 16/27, Fouls 11, Rebs. 20.

Heath (55)

Bennett 8, Braboy, Crane 2, Davis 6, Eidson, Morehead 18, O'Donely 2, Skinner, Throgmorton 13, Turner 6.

Fgs. 23/52, 3 pts. 3/7 (Throgmorton 3), Fts. 6/9, Fouls 21, Rebs. 29.

McCracken Co. Tourn.
Championship

Ballard Shoots Down Comets In Finals

Carlisle Co. 52
Ballard Co. 55

12-29-01 - Away

Even while the celebration carried on without him his ball club secured the championship trophy of the inaugural McCracken County Invitational Tournament, Ballard Co. coach Billie Prince was focused on the big picture.

Prince's Bombers won the title the hard way, rallying from a seven-point deficit in the final five minutes behind their defense, nipping Carlisle County 55-52 on Saturday night in front of a nearly packed house at Heath.

Plagued by sloppy ball handling (21 turnovers) and shoddy free throw shooting (14 of 27, including a woeful 2-for-7 in the final three minutes), Ballard somehow managed to take home it's first tournament championship "in quiet awhile" Prince said.

"It's the first since I've been here," Prince said, who first came to Ballard as an assistant coach in the mid-1990's. "We didn't look real good doing it, but we won it.

"Really, it's almost symbolic of what the First Region is this year. I don't know. Maybe Paducah Tilghman and Mayfield are a little ahead of the pack, but everybody else is battling it out every night. The rest of us are in there fighting and battling for all we can get, and it ain't pretty.

The Bombers (7-3) won in more dramatic fashion, surviving two close calls on the tournament trail. Ballard, which got 15 points and nine rebounds from Lawrence Arnold, barely defeated Butler County in the opening round, then appeared ready to let a lead slip away against the pesky Comets.

Cody Martin's two free throws gave Carlisle (4-7) a 41-40 lead in the third period and a brief lead. Brett Hoskins (19 points) and Derek Lemons (14 points, four assists) put the Comets up 52-45 with 4:39 remaining.

Ballard began whittling away at the lead, first on a pair of Tyler Scott free throws, then Arnold's short jumper over a double team. Arnold, a spotty free throw shooter at best, hit a pair to make it 52-51, then Josh Weaver scored, while being fouled on a drive (but missed the free throw) to put Ballard ahead.

Then it got real fun. Hoskins missed a pair of jumpers that could have taken the lead and was called for an offensive foul on another possession - with Arnold saddled with four fouls - taking the charge. Weaver missed three of four foul shots in the final 33 seconds, but Arnold hit one of two with 2.3 seconds left for the final margin.

"You would think someday we'd realize the importance of free throws," Prince said. "We keep missing them, and it's cost us games. If I was our opponents, I'd work on blocking out, because it's going to come off the rim. For us, it's just another offensive opportunity."

Derek Doublin scored 11 points for Ballard, which also got 10 points each from Scott and reserve Brandon Brooks, who scored 10 straight, while Arnold sat out much of the first half in foul trouble.

"We need all the points we can get," Prince said. "We've got to get some fluidity to our offense. Sometimes it's simply a matter of setting a pick. We've got to get rid of all the one-on-one shows."

Ballard.....…..14 32 40 55
Carlisle.....…..15 27 43 52

Ballard (55)
Doublin 11, Weaver 5, La. Arnold 15, Smith 4, Scott 10, Le. Arnold, Hurt.
Fgs. 19/43, 3 pts. 3/9 (Brooks 2, Doublin), Fts. 14/27, Fouls 15.

Carlisle (52)
Lemons 14, Kelley 7, Tyler, B. Hoskins 19, Arnold 4, Reddick, Draper 4, Yates 2, Martin 2, Burpo 4.
Fgs. 24/47, 3 pts. 1/8 (B. Hoskins), Fts. 3/10, Fouls 25.

Carlisle Co. 87
Fulton Co. 82
01-03-02 - Away

Carlisle County utilized a better inside game and more opportunities at the foul line to stop Fulton County in the First District contest. The Pilots sank five 3-pointers - three of those shots by Whitney Hendrix - but the Comets dominated field goals inside the arc 32-26. Both teams hovered around 50% at the foul line with Carlisle making five more on four extra attempts.

Brett Reddick led Carlisle with 19 points with four of his teammates also scoring in double figures. Lamont Smith led Fulton County with 24 points and Hendrix ended up with 21.

Carlisle.....22 38 59 87
Fulton Co….....9 40 58 82

Carlisle (87)
Arnold 7, Draper 12, B. Hoskins 16, Kelley 12, Lemons 13, Reddick 19, Tyler 4, Yates 4, Burpo.
Fgs. 33, 3 pts. 0, Fts. 20/35, Fouls 20

Fulton Co. (82)
Busby 2, Campbell 10, Hamrick, Hendrix 21, Hodges, Holloway 16, Polk 9, Smith 24.
Fgs. 31, 3 pts 5 (Hendrix 3, Holloway, Polk), Fts. 15/31, Fouls 24.

Hoskins' 3-Point Play
Completes Big Night

Carlisle Co. 71
Lone Oak 64
01-05-02 - Home

With about a minute left in the game, Brett Hoskins completed a 3-point play to put Carlisle County up for good against Lone Oak in a 71-64 win in boys basketball. It was just one part of a big night for Hoskins, who scored 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Dirk Draper (12 points), Kirk Arnold (11) and Kris Kelley (10) also put up big numbers for Carlisle. Jonathan Blackman topped Lone Oak with 23 points, while Eric Parsley finished with 16.

Lone Oak….....16 32 43 64
Carlisle.....…19 31 45 71

Lone Oak (64)
Blackman 23, J. Elliott, Harris 4, Holland 2, Montgomery 5, Parsley 16, Sither 7, Walters, Williams 7.
Fgs. 21, 3 pts. 5 (Parley 2, Montgomery, Sither, Williams), Fts. 17/21, Fouls 27, Rebs. 27.

Carlisle (71)
Arnold 11, Burpo, Draper 12, B. Hoskins 29, Kelley 10, Lemons 5, Reddick 4, Tyler, Yates.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. 3 (B. Hoskins 3), Fts. 20/35, Fouls 19, Rebs. 31.

Ballard Co. 72
Carlisle Co. 68
01-07-02 - Home

Exploiting a strong shooting first quarter, Ballard Co. went up 24-7 early and never let Carlisle County get closer than the final score, although the Comets stayed within 10 points most of the second half of a boys' game.

Seniors Lawrence Arnold and Josh Weaver led three Bombers in double figures with 16 each, while Derrick Doublin added a dozen. Brett Hoskins led Carlisle with 19 and Kris Kelley added 16.

Ballard.....….....24 39 50 72
Carlisle.....….…11 29 44 68

Ballard (72)
La. Arnold 16, Le. Arnold 2, Brooks 9, Doublin 12, Hurt, Potter 4, Scott 8, Smith 5, Weaver 16.
Fgs. 25/58, 3 pts. 4 (Brooks 2, Doublin, Potter), Fts. 18/30, Fouls 22.

Carlisle (68)
Arnold 8, Burpo, Draper 7, B. Hoskins 19, H. Hoskins, Kelley 16, Lemons 11, Reddick 7, Tyler, Yates.
Fgs. 22/53, 3 pts. 2 (B. Hoskins, Arnold), Fts. 22/32, Fouls 22.

Carlisle Co. 64
Hickman Co. 54
01-11-02 - Home

Carlisle County improved on a season of bad foul shooting by making 23 of 29 from the line against First District rivals Hickman County. The Comets were up by 12, after three quarters and further sealed the win with 11-for-14 shooting from the charity stripe.

Carlisle's Brett Hoskins topped all scorers with 24 points, while teammate Austin Tyler added defense with eight blocks. Brian Allen led the Falcons with 19 points.

Hickman.....…..13 25 37 54
Carlisle.....….…18 34 49 64

Hickman (54)
Allen 19, Batts, Behrens 6, Black, Blalock 3, Brazzell 4, Glasco, Godby, Je. Grimmitt 11, Pruitt 6, Roach 5.
Fgs. 21/50, 3 pts 2/5 (Allen, Je. Grimmitt), Fts. 10/19, Fouls 25.

Carlisle (64)
Arnold 9, Ballard, Burpo, Cope, Draper 9, B. Hoskins 24, H. Hoskins, Hunt, Kelley 8, Lemons 3, Reddick 3, Rogers, Teasley, Tyler 8, Yates.
Fgs. 19/42, 3 pts 1/2 (B. Hoskins), Fts. 23/29, Fouls 20.

Mayfield 80
Carlisle Co. 71
01-15-02 - Home

In a frantic fourth quarter, Brett Hoskins scored 14 of his game-high 31 points for Carlisle County. Mayfield countered with a big fourth of its own from the foul line to get the win.

After a close first half, the Cardinals grabbed a 10-point lead entering the fourth and were up by 16 with four and a half minutes left. The Comets sliced that edge down to four with 58 seconds left, but Mayfield stayed ahead by hitting 17 of its 22 foul shot attempts in the last frame.

A pair of Cardinals scored big with Derrick Parrott leading at 28 points and Jerome Saxton getting 20. Carlisle's Brett Reddick finished with 15 points.

Mayfield.….…..13 32 53 80
Carlisle.....…..15 28 43 71

Mayfield (80)
Barnes 4, Bean 9, Fisher 10, M. Hale, Da. Parrott 9, De. Parrott 28, Saxton 20.
Fgs. 26/57, 3 pts. 4/9 (Bean 3, Fisher), Fts. 24/32, Fouls 20.

Carlisle (71)
Arnold 8, Draper 4, B. Hoskins 31, H. Hoskins, Kelley 5, Lemons 2, Reddick 15, Tyler 4, Yates 2.
Fgs. 26/52, 3 pts. 7/14 (B. Hoskins 7), Fts. 12/22, Fouls 25.

All-A Tourn.
1st Round
Comets Find Answer
For Big Obstacle

Carlisle Co. 68
Christian Fellowship 46
01-21-02 - Away

For Carlisle County, Christian Fellowship's Eric Klope represents a huge mismatch.

Huge is right. The 6-foot-8, 275 pound Klope had 28 points and 16 rebounds, but the Comets forced 23 turnovers and got 19 points from Brett Hoskins to overcome Klope's big game and rout C.F.S. 68-46 in Monday's first round action at the All A Classic First Region tournament at the Mayfield Sports Arena.

Carlisle's guard play was the difference. Aside from Hoskins' big game, Derek Lemons had seven points and nine assists. Kirk Arnold chipped in with 10 points and forward Brett Reddick scored 15 points off the bench as the Comets rolled into Thursday's quarterfinal date with First District rival Fulton City.

"Lemons had 12 assists against Mayfield mast week," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "He can penetrate the gaps and find an open cutter to the basket. It's a role he's perfect for.

Klope, a junior, was 11 for 16 from the field, but hit only 6 of 16 shots from the free throw line. The Eagles shot 39 percent from the field and were just 2 for 12 from 3-point range.

O'Neill, whose team was seeded No. 1 last season, but was upset by Heath in the quarterfinals, says his team should thrive in the underdog role. Carlisle, which has never won the All A Classic regional tournament, but reached the finals in 1998 and 1999, is seeded sixth with Fulton City seeded third. Earlier this season, Fulton City beat the Comets, 82-68.

"There's no pressure on us this time," O'Neill said. "Because we're not a high seed. But it's as balanced as it's ever been. The top five seeds are all legitimate contenders, and I think us and (No. 7) Heath are good enough to upset somebody.

Christian.....…..12 24 37 46
Carlisle.....…..22 37 57 68

Christian Fellowship (46)
Shelton 6, Lewis, Klope 28, Bodnarchuk 4, Donohoo 8, Knees, Edwards, Driver, Forte, Norton, Bryan.
Fgs. 19/49, 3 pts. 2/12 (Donohoo 2), Fts. 6/17, Fouls 16.

Carlisle 68)
Lemons 7, Kelley 6, Tyler 1, B. Hoskins 19, Arnold 10, Reddick 15, Yates 2, Burpo 6, H. Hoskins, Cope 2, Teasley, Hunt, Rogers, Ballard.
Fgs. 25/52, 3 pts. 2/4 (B. Hoskins 2), Fts. 16/27, Fouls 10.

All-A Tourn.
2nd Round

Fulton City 82
Carlisle Co. 69
01-24-02 - Away

Aaron Ferrell's been a big-game player and a constant thorn in Carlisle County's side for four seasons. So nobody seemed to bat an eye at

Ferrell's 32-point performance that led Fulton City to the semifinals.

Ferrell was 14-for-20 from the field, draining shots of all conceivable kinds and from all available angles. He scored an even dozen in the fourth quarter as the Bulldogs (13-5) pulled away from their first district rivals, and remarkably, committed just one turnover for the entire contest.

Fulton City shot 63 percent from the field and forced 23 turnovers, finally breaking it open in the fourth quarter.

"I like our chances," Ferrell said. "Mayfield's beaten us twice, but they were both close games. We could've won either of them, but we had some late turnovers and missed some free throws."

Surprisingly, Ferrell has little flash and dash to his game, preferring to score points in bunches the quiet way.

"He never shows any emotion on the court, stays at an even kilter the whole time," said Fulton coach Sam Miller. "He just plays. He got his fourth foul with four minutes left and stayed aggressive on defense and kept playing his game offensively.

"We really got the two-man game going with him and Robby Mulcahy, and Robby did a great job getting him the ball on the pick-and-roll. Aaron takes the ball to the hole so well, just pulls up and hits the jumper."

Ferrell got some support from freshman Keith Burton, who scored 18 points in the sixth man role, and the Bulldogs' balance offset Carlisle's two-man attack. Brett Hoskins scored 22 of his 25 points in the second half, and sixth man Brett Reddick had 17 of his 23 points in the final two quarters.

Carlisle (8-10)….20 29 48 69
Fulton City …….19 37 51 82

Carlisle (69)
Lemons 4, Kelley 4, Tyler, B. Hoskins 25, Arnold 10, Reddick 23, Draper 2, Yates 1, Martin.
Field goals 21/47, 3-pointers 1/12 (B. Hoskins), Free throws 26/40, Fouls 16.

Fulton City (82)
Fly 8, Mulcahy 5, Maze 5, J. Ferrell 8, A. Ferrell 32, Burton 18, Rose 3, Dickerson 3, Benjamin.
Field goals 32/51, 3-pointers 4/11 (A. Ferrell, Rose, Burton, J. Ferrell), Free throws 14/21, Fouls 27.

Carlisle Co. 63
Reidland 48
01-28-02 - Home

Carlisle County recorded eight steals off its press in the second period and pulled away from Reidland.

The Comets led by three, after a quarter, but benefited from its press and the scoring of Brett Hoskins, who tossed in eight of his team-high 17 points in the period. Kris Kelley and Brett Reddick finished with 10 points each for Carlisle.

Justin Matlock led Reidland with 17 points, and Ian Moore added 10.

Reidland (5-13).....7 15 31 48
Carlisle (9-10)….10 32 49 63

Reidland (48)
Burzynski 2, Clark 6, Collins 2, Green, Grimm 4, Jones 3, Matlock 17, Moore 10, B. Snow, M. Snow, Woody 4.
Field goals 13/35, 3-pointers 5/9 (Matlock 2, Moore 2, Grimm), Free throws 17/22, Fouls 16.

Carlisle (63)
Arnold 5, Burpo, Draper 2, B. Hoskins 17, H. Hoskins 2, Kelley 10, Lemons 5, Reddick 11, Tyler 5, Yates 6.
Field goals 26/60, 3-pointers 0/6, Free throws 11/21, Fouls 23.

Turner Fuels
Heath In OT

Carlisle Co. 72
Heath 77
02-01-02 - Home

Cory Turner led the Heath boys team with 26 points; none more important than the eight he scored in the overtime of a 77-72 triumph over Carlisle County in Friday night's high school basketball.

With 16.3 seconds left in regulation, Charlie Throgmorton sank a pair of free throws to give the Pirates a 68-66 lead. Brett Hoskins then drove down the lane and hit an off-balance basket with 4.8 seconds left to force overtime. Hoskins and Turner traded two baskets apiece in the extra frame before Carlisle started fouling. Turner wrapped it up by hitting four free throws and Throgmorton added one more.

Hoskins topped all scorers with 37 points and four 3-pointers, while Carlisle teammate Derek Lemons finished with 12.

Throgmorton wound up with 16 points and Heath's Steve Skinner scored 13.

Carlisle…..11 27 52 68 72
Heath……..21 42 53 68 77

Carlisle (72)
Arnold 5, Draper 4, B. Hoskins 37, H. Hoskins 2, Kelley 2, Lemons 12, Reddick 6, Tyler 2, Yates 2, Rogers.
Field goals 26/62, 3-pointers 4/11 (B. Hoskins 4), Free throws 16/30, Rebounds 28, Fouls 27.

Heath (77)
Bennett 6, Braboy 2, Crane 2, Davis 6, Eidson 2, Morehead 2, O'Donley 2, Skinner 13, Staples, Throgmorton 16, Turner 26, Wrinkle.
Field goals 24/59, 3-pointers 2/12 (Skinner), Free throws 27/40, Rebounds 39, Fouls 25.

Graves Co. 69
Carlisle Co. 54
02-02-02 - Away

Josh Kimbler and Mykel Tidwell each scored nine first-quarter points to give Graves County its opening boost against Carlisle County.

The Eagles extended their lead to double-digits by halftime and never looked back. Kimbler finished with a game-high 17 points and Tidwell had 15.

Brett Hoskins led Carlisle with 15 points and Brett Reddick tossed in 10.

Carlisle (9-12).....13 24 36 54
Graves (10-9).....22 36 55 69

Carlisle (54)
Arnold 3, Draper 2, B. Hoskins 15, H. Hoskins 2, Kelley 4, Lemons 8, Reddick 10, Rogers 3, Tyler 3, Yates 4.
Field goals 19/42., 3-pointers 2/7 (B. Hoskins, Rogers), Free throws 14/26, Rebounds 23, Fouls 27.

Graves (69)
Adams 8, Baldwin 7, Elliott 8, Frick, Ivey 5, Johnson 9, Kimbler 17, Miller, Reed, Tidwell 15, Towery, Wilkerson.
Field goals 19/34, 3-pointers 3/5 (Elliott, Johnson, Tidwell), Free throws 28/39, Rebounds 19, Fouls 25.

Carlisle Co. 67
Fulton Co. 61
02-05-02 - Home

Brett Hoskins and Brett Reddick scored six points each in the fourth quarter to help Carlisle County pull away from Fulton County.

Hoskins had 24 points and 11 rebounds, as the Comets finished the game on an 11-5 run, after being tied at 56. Reddick chipped in 12 points.

Whitney Hendrix led Fulton County with 20 points and Lamont Smith tossed in 15.

Fulton Co….....20 31 47 61
Carlisle.....…...13 30 48 67

Fulton Co. (61)
Busby 2, J. Campbell 7, Goodman, Hamrick 2, Hendrix 20, Hodges 6, Holloway 9, Smith 15.
Field goals 25/48, 3-pointers 5/9 (Holloway 2, Smith 2, J. Campbell), Free throws 6/14, Rebounds 25, Fouls 20.

Carlisle (67)
Arnold 6, Draper 2, B. Hoskins 24, H. Hoskins 2, Kelley 6, Lemons 2, Reddick 12, Tyler 9, Yates 4.
Field goals 25/44, 3-pointers 2/5 (B. Hoskins 2), Free throws 15/19, Rebounds 33, Fouls 13.

Comets Shoot Out
Lights Against Bulldogs.

Carlisle Co. 46
Fulton City 44
02-08-02 - Home

In the fourth quarter of its First District battle with Fulton City, Carlisle County experienced both a power surge and a power outage.

Derek Lemons scored eight of the Comets' final 11 points in the last frame. Dirk Draper put the home team up for good with a basket and a free throw in the final minute, before the lights went out throughout Carlisle County and parts of Graves County.

After a 45-minute delay, the Bulldogs agreed to call the game with the Comets ahead 46-44. The win clinches at least a tie for the First District regular season title for the Comets, and Fulton City could force a deadlock by winning its last district game.

Lemons finished with 14 points, while teammate Brett Hoskins wound up with 12. Keith Burton and Aaron Ferrell shared high score honors for Fulton City with 10 points apiece.

Fulton City.....9 29 40 44
Carlisle….....13 25 34 46

Fulton City (44)
Burton 10, Dickerson 4, A. Ferrell 10, J. Ferrell 6, Fly 7, Martin, Maze 2, Mulcahy 5.
Field goals 17, 3-pointers 3 (J. Ferrell 2, Fly), Free throws 7/9, Fouls 17.

Carlisle (44)
Arnold 3, Draper 5, B. Hoskins 16, H. Hoskins, Kelley 5, Lemons 10, Reddick 2, Rogers 3, Tyler 2, Yates.
Field goals 18, 3-pointers 1 (Rogers), Free throws 9/14, Fouls 11.

Ballard Co. 64
Carlisle Co. 41
02-15-02 - Away

Lawrence Arnold scored 20 points and Tyler Scott added 13 to lead Ballard County's assault on Carlisle County. Josh Weaver hit three 3-pointers for the Bombers.

Brett Hoskins was tops for the Comets with 14 points.

Carlisle (11-13)…..7 14 24 41
Ballard (15-7)…..13 27 39 64

Carlisle (41)
Arnold 2, Burpo, Draper 6, B. Hoskins 16, H. Hoskins, Kelley, Lemons 1, Martin 5, Reddick 2, Rogers 3, Teasley, Tyler 2, Yates 4, Ballard.

Field goals 13, 3-pointers 2 (B. Hoskins, Rogers), Free throws 13/24, Fouls 20.

Ballard (64)

La. Arnold 20, Le. Arnold 3, Balcom, Brooks 4, Doublin 9, Hurt 2, Potter, Scott 13, Smith 2, Sullivan 2, Weaver 9, Williams.

Field goals 20, 3-pointers 5 (Weaver 3, Le. Arnold, Doublin), Free throws 19/28, Fouls 22.

Marshals
Parlay Advantages.

Carlisle Co. 68
Marshall Co. 83

02-16-02 - Away

Marshall County took advantage of some extra opportunities to eventually turn back the Carlisle County challenge 83-68 in boys' high school basketball Saturday.

The Marshals jumped out to a double-digit lead in the first period and maintained an edge the rest of the way. Both teams were 23-for-38 from the field, but the Marshals made seven 3-pointers, while the Comets missed all three of their long distance attempts. Carlisle made a higher percentage of free throws, but Marshall sank eight more on 12 extra tries.

Justin Bryant led the Marshals with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Jeff Dunn and Jimmie Holder both had 14 points for Marshall, while Blake Cary and Stephen Walker both finished with 11.

Brett Hoskins topped all scorers with 21 points for the Comets.

Carlisle (11-14)….11 29 48 68
Marshall (19-7)….24 44 57 83

Carlisle (68)

Arnold 9, Draper 4, B. Hoskins 21, Kelley 4, Lemons 9, Martin 8, Reddick 11, Tyler 2, H. Hoskins.

Field Goals 23/48, 3-pointers 0/3, Free throws 22/26, Rebounds 21, Fouls 25.

Marshall (83)

R. Beck 9, Bryant 17, Cary 11, Dunn 14, Holder 14, Marsh, Moss 7, Walker 11, Wallace.

Field goals 23/48, 3-pointers 7/16 (Holder 4, Cary 3), Free throws 30/38, Rebounds 37, Fouls 20.

Mayfield 61
Carlisle Co. 56

02-19-02 - Away

Derrick Parrott provided just under half the offense for Mayfield with 29 points in a win over Carlisle County.

Brett Hoskins dominated for the Comets with 22 points.

Carlisle……..12 27 34 56
Mayfield……..14 25 39 61

Carlisle (56)

Arnold 4, Draper 10, B. Hoskins 22, H. Hoskins, Kelley 2, Lemons 6, Martin 2, Reddick 8, Tyler 2, Yates.

Field goals 20/49, 3-pointers 3/9 (B. Hoskins 3), Free throws 13/18, Fouls 24.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Free Throws Lift
Comets To Win

Carlisle Co. 66
Hickman Co. 57

02-26-02 - Away

Brett Hoskins tossed in 24 points and hit six straight free throws in the fourth period Tuesday to send Carlisle County into the First District finals with a 66-57 win over Hickman County.

Carlisle jumped out to a 17-8 first period lead and kept the lead throughout, though the Falcons closed the gap to four in the fourth quarter. But the Comets hit 20 of 28 from the foul line in the final frame to maintain their edge.

Brett Reddick added 12 points for Carlisle. Hickman County senior Brian Allen netted a game-high 29 points and Jeremy Grimmitt added 10.

Carlisle will play Fulton City in both First District boys' and girls' finals on Thursday.

Carlisle (12-15)….17 24 40 66
Hickman (6-19)…..8 16 34 57

Carlisle (66)

Arnold 5, Draper 6, Hoskins 24, Kelley 8, Lemons 5, Martin 4, Reddick 12, Tyler 2.

Field goals 20/43, 3-points 1/7 (B. Hoskins), Free throws 25/33, Fouls 21.

Hickman (57)

Allen 29, Behrens 7, Blalock, Grimmitt 10, Mason 2, Pruitt 5, Roach 4.

Field goals 20/46, 3-points 4/12 (Grimmitt 2, Allen, Behrens), Free throws 13/21, Fouls 25.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Fulton Rejoices
In First Sweep.

Carlisle Co. 65
Fulton City 71

02-28-02 - Away

Maybe it was meant to be, but it didn't feel very certain for either Fulton City coach on Thursday night as the school went for its first sweep of the First District basketball titles. But in a historic year when several milestones were surpassed, the Bulldogs met their destiny.

With the school's all-time leading scorer Aaron Ferrell scoring 12 of his 22 points in the final four minutes, Fulton City broke away from a 54-54 tie to beat Carlisle County 71-65 for the boys' crown just a couple of hours after the girls won a 49-48 on reserve Kim Rose's buzzer-beater.

"It's been a heck of a year and these kids have stepped up every time," said Fulton City boys' coach Sam Miller, who just passed the 100-win plateau a couple of games ago. "It's the school's first sweep of the district title and the first time in 39 years that our boys' team has won 20 games (since 1963).

"And it's not done yet. We still need to go up there and win a game in the regional, and that hasn't been done since 1962."

Both teams exploited surges to get a lead, but Fulton Co. led all but a few seconds of the fourth quarter. Carlisle tied the game with 4:19 left on a free throw by Dirk Draper, but Ferrell took over from there. He almost didn't start the game, after a severe ankle sprain knocked him out of the semifinal game against Fulton County on Monday.

"I was holding back early because I didn't want to hurt it anymore," said Ferrell, who said he wasn't sure he'd get to play until game time. "The last four minutes, the pain and stuff just went away. All I was thinking was get the ball to the rim."

Fulton led just 63-62 with 51.6 seconds left, when Keith Burton, one of four Bulldogs in double figures with 14 points, scored on a lay-up when the Bulldogs broke the press. Carlisle missed their next three shots in the last minute, and Ferrell scored on a lay-up on a fast break and made two free throws for a 69-62 lead with 16.6 seconds left.

Carlisle……..14 30 45 65
Fulton City …..15 31 49 71

Carlisle (65)

Arnold 4, Draper 11, B. Hoskins 20, Kelley 11, Lemons 8, Martin, Reddick 6, Rogers 3, Tyler 2.

Field goals 19/39, 3-pointers 3/7 (B. Hoskins, Arnold, Rogers), Free throws 24/33, Fouls 25.

Fulton City (71)

Benjamin, Burton 14, Dickerson 13, A. Ferrell 22, J. Ferrell 12, Fly 2, Martin, Maze 2, McNeal, Mulcahy 6, Shipley, Vaughn, Rose.

Field goals 23/45, 3-pointers 6/7 (J. Ferrell 4, A. Ferrell 2), Free throws 19/33, Fouls 24.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Marshall's Weigh
In To Put Out Comets

Carlisle Co. 54
Marshall Co. 70

03-06-02 - Away

No one needed a tape measure and a weight scale to see the difference between Carlisle County's young basketball team and Marshall County's seasoned, veteran squad.

The Comets bumps and bruises told the tale.

Leaving the First Region Tournament with perhaps more than its collective ego bruised, Carlisle was simply overpowered in the critical fourth quarter of Tuesday night's quarterfinals. The bigger, stronger, more physical Marshals bulled their way into the semifinals with a 70-54 victory at Murray State University's Regional Special Events Center.

"They play very physical, good team defense." said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "Nothing dirty or anything, just physical, the way they bump you inside and move you around. They've got the big bodies to do it. We got pushed around and they wore us down, the way we beat them (in the regional semifinals) last season."

"Last year, we were a much more physical team. This year, we're so young. I just told our kids that's the reason we really have to hit the weight room hard between now and next season."

Carlisle shot just 36 percent from the field, nearly every single shot contested by the Marshals' stifling defense. Sophomore guard, Brett Hoskins, one of only two current Comets, who saw action in their senior dominated team's improbable run to the regional title last season, tossed in a game-high 16 points, but hit only 5 of 17 shots from the field.

In turn, Marshall (22-8) got supremely balanced scoring, with four starters reaching double figures. Point guard Jimmie Lee Holder, at 5-foot-9 the Marshals smallest player, led the way with 15 points and seven rebounds. Jeff Dunn had 12 points and six assists, including a 3-point basket and a pair of free throws that began a 9-1 Marshall run that put the game away with some 2½ minutes into the fourth quarter.

Blake Cary added 12 points and 6-2, 200 plus pound brothers Justin Bryant and Ryan Beck, scored 14 points and nine points, respectively. Junior reserve Hunter Moss also played a key role in the Marshals' 36-35 edge on the boards.

Carlisle (12-17), which started three sophomores and a junior, also got 15 points from reserve Dirk Draper.

The Comets hung around for three quarters and trailed 47-42 late in the third period, but Stephen Walker found Cary in the post in the final seconds. After Dunn's surge to start the fourth quarter, Cary scored on a drive and Dunn found Bryant for a lay-up that pushed the lead to 58-43. Marshall hit 14 of 16 free throw attempts in the eight minutes to preserve the lead.

The Marshals also set up an intriguing Friday night semifinal date with Graves County, a 50-40

winner over Lone Oak. Once among the area's most heated rivalries, the series between Graves and Marshall has been dormant the past several seasons, since the two schools became embroiled in a controversy in the fall of 2000 over the dispute eligibility of Michael McGregor, a player that had transferred from Marshall to Graves.

Marshall elected to forfeit the two meetings last season, and the teams didn't schedule each other this season.

"It used to be that we knew each other so well from playing them twice a year," said Marshall coach Doug Lyles. "That's not the case now, but we've both scouted each other pretty well, I know."

Carlisle (12-17)….10 29 42 54
Marshall (22-8)…..20 35 49 70

Carlisle (54)

Lemons 3, Reddick 8, Kelley 8, B. Hoskins 16, Arnold, Tyler 4, Martin, Draper 15, Rogers, H. Hoskins, Burpo, Yates, Ballard, Cope, Hunt.

Fgs. 20/55, 3 pts. 1/6 (B. Hoskins), Fts. 13/22, Fouls 18, Rebs. 25.

Marshall (70)

Cary 12, Bryant 1, Beck 9, Dunn 12, Holder 15, Walker 3, Moss 5, Wallace, Johnson, A. Beck, Crouse.

Field goals 20/39, 3-pointers 4/8 (Holder 3, Dunn), Free throws 26/35, Rebounds 36, Fouls 23.

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	Games Played	Field Goal Attempts	Field Goals Made	Field Goal %	Free Throw Attempts	Free Throws Made	Free Throw %	2-Point Attempts	2-Pointers Made	2-Point %	3-point Attempts	3-Pointers Made	3-Point %	Average Points	High Point Total	Total Points
Brett Hoskins	28	393	192	48.9	175	130	74.3	261	152	58.2	132	40	30.3	19.64	37	550
Brett Reddick	29	148	74	50	110	83	75.5	148	74	50	0	0	0	8	23	232
Derek Lemons	29	186	82	44.1	163	63	38.7	185	82	44.3	1	0	0	7.86	14	228
Kris Kelley	29	141	76	53.9	92	54	58.7	139	76	54.7	2	0	0	7.03	16	204
Kirk Arnold	29	168	73	43.5	66	34	51.5	144	68	47.2	24	5	20.8	6.37	18	185
Dirk Draper	28	157	62	39.5	62	53	85.5	154	62	40.3	3	0	0	6.32	15	177
Austin Tyler	27	57	26	45.6	40	22	55	57	26	45.6	0	0	0	2.74	9	74
Cody Martin	18	52	23	44.2	32	18	56.3	41	20	48.8	11	3	27.3	3.72	9	67
Cody Yates	27	34	12	35.3	44	20	45.5	20	11	55	14	1	7.1	1.66	6	45
Hunter Hoskins	17	14	5	35.7	5	4	80	14	5	35.7	0	0	0	0.82	4	14
Lucian Rogers	11	9	4	44.4	2	0	0	1	0	0	8	4	50	1.09	3	12
Tim Burpo	17	9	5	55.6	2	1	50	9	5	55.6	0	0	0	1.11	3	19
Kevin Cope	7	3	2	66.7	0	0	0	3	2	66.7	0	0	0	0.57	2	4
Caleb Ballard	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ross Teasley	7	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Joe Hunt	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total for Team	314	1374	636	38	795	482	41.9	1178	583	37.6	196	53	8.47	4.183	10	1811

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	Offensive Rebs.	Defensive Rebs.	Total Rebounds	Avg. Rebs.	Total Assists	Avg. Assists	Total Steals	Blocked Shots	Turnovers	Avg. Turnovers	.	.	.	.	.	.
Brett Hoskins	44	118	162	5.8	65	2.3	44	9	73	2.6						
Brett Reddick	25	46	71	2.4	6	0.2	15	2	41	1.4						
Derek Lemons	34	84	118	4.1	168	5.8	51	0	94	3.2						
Kris Kelley	36	59	95	3.3	12	0.4	27	5	27	0.9						
Kirk Arnold	22	50	72	2.5	87	3	51	0	65	2.2						
Dirk Draper	32	34	66	2.4	52	1.9	24	2	50	1.8						
Austin Tyler	28	53	81	3	6	0.2	3	41	20	0.7						
Cody Martin	9	11	20	1.1	13	0.7	11	0	20	1.1						
Cody Yates	18	32	50	1.9	26	1	11	3	30	1.1						
Hunter Hoskins	6	6	12	0.7	6	0.3	6	0	5	0.3						
Lucian Rogers	0	1	1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0	1	0.1						
Tim Burpo	4	6	10	0.6	1	0.1	3	1	4	0.2						
Kevin Cope	1	1	2	0.3	0	0	0	0	1	0.1						
Caleb Ballard	0	1	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	0.1						
Ross Teasley	1	1	2	0.3	1	0.1	0	0	2	0.3						
Joe Hunt	1	0	1	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Total for Team	261	503	764	1.8	444	1	246	63	434	1.01						

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	St. Mary	Calloway Co.	Dyersburg, TN.	Hickman Co.	Murray	Fulton City	Heath	Marian Westview, TN.	Wapahani, IND.	Heath	Ballard Co.	Fulton Co.	Lone Oak	Ballard Co.										
Derek Lemons	11	7	7	11	14	13	12	8	8	9	14	13	5	11										
Kris Kelley	11	6	16	6	11	3	8	2	4	9	7	12	10	16										
Dirk Draper	10	8	2	9	4	2	11	8	4	2	4	12	12	7										
Cody Martin	0	5	2	3(1)	6(1)	3	5	9	4	9(1)	2													
Brett Reddick	9	1	4	0	2	4	5	8	10	15	0	19	4	7										
Austin Tyler	6	0		5	1	0		6	2	2	0	4	0	0										
Kirk Arnold	6	18	6	2	8	11(1)	6	5(1)	3	7(1)	4	7	11	8(1)										
Brett Hoskins	19(2)	11(2)	5	5		30(4)	33	13(1)	16	8(1)	19(1	16	29(3)	19(1)										
Cody Yates	5(1)	2	1	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	0										
Tim Burpo		2	2	0	2	0	0	3			4		0	0										
Hunter Hoskins	0					0	2	4						0										
Lucian Rogers						0	0	0																
Ross Teasley	0	0				0		0																
Kevin Cope	0					0	0	2																
Caleb Ballard						0		0																
Joseph Hunt								0																

2001-02

	Hickman Co.	Mayfield	Christian Fellowship	Fulton City	Reidland	Heath	Graves Co.	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Ballard Co.	Marshall Co.	Mayfield	Hickman Co.	Fulton City	Marshall Co.					3-Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Derek Lemons	3	2	7	4	5	12	8	2	10	1	9	6	5	8	3					0	29	228	7.86
Kris Kelley	8	5	6	4	10	2	4	6	5	0	4	2	8	11	8					0	29	204	7.03
Dirk Draper	9	4		2	2	4	2	2	5	6	4	10	6	11	15					0	28	177	6.32
Cody Martin				0						5	8	2	4	0	0					3	18	67	3.72
Brett Reddick	3	15	15	23	11	6	10	12	2	2	11	8	12	6	8					0	29	232	8
Austin Tyler	8	4	1	0	5	2	3	9	2	2	2	2	2	2	4					0	27	74	2.74
Kirk Arnold	9	8	10	10	5	5	3	6	3	2	9	4	5	4(1)	0					5	29	185	6.37
Brett Hoskins	24(1)	31(7)	19(2)	25(1	17	37(4)	15(1	24(2)	16	16(1)	21	22(3)	24(1)	20(1)	16(1)					40	28	550	19.64
Cody Yates	0	2	2	1	6	2	4	4	0	4		0			0					1	27	45	1.66
Tim Burpo	0		6		0					0					0					0	17	19	1.11
Hunter Hoskins	0	0	0		2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0			0					0	17	14	0.82
Lucian Rogers	0		0			0	3(1)		3(1)	3(1)				3(1)	0					4	11	12	1.09
Ross Teasley	0		0							0										0	6	0	0
Kevin Cope	0		2												0					0	7	4	0.57
Caleb Ballard	0		0							0					0					0	6	0	0
Joseph Hunt	0		0							0					0					0	5	0	0
					Team Record - 12-17						Per Game Avg. - 62.75									53		1811	

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Derek Lemons	87	0		67	71	228	366	4.26
Lucian Rogers	23	7			9	12	21	0.91

2002-2003

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ASSISTANT COACH - CASEY HENDERSON

ASSISTANT COACH - ROB ANDERSON

<u>TROPHIES WON</u>

McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD --- 19-9

2002-03

DATE	OPP	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
12-03-02	St. Mary	66-46	A	
12-07-02	South Fulton, TN.	86-64	A	**KEN-TENN CLASSIC**
12-10-02	Hickman Co.	**47-66**	A	
12-14-02	Greenfield, TN.	71-70	A	**GRAVES CO. SHOOTOUT**
12-17-02	Fulton City	**59-67**	A	
12-20-02	Allen Co.	64-52	A	
12-21-02	Heath	84-76	A	
12-26-02	Livingston Co.	72-44	A	**McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-27-02	Reidland	88-63	A	**McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. 2ND RD**
12-28-02	Hickman Co.	73-65	A	**McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
01-03-03	Murray	73-54	A	
01-07-03	Lone Oak	81-77 **2ot**	A	
01-09-03	Fulton Co	63-45	A	
01-13-03	Ballard Co.	**58-61**	A	
01-21-03	Mayfield	**69-73**	A	
01-24-03	Graves Co	**57-61 2ot**	H	
01-29-03	Ballard Co.	**62-69**	A	**ALL-A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
02-03-03	Marshall Co.	**59-68**	H	
02-07-03	Heath	**60-66**	H	
02-11-03	Fulton Co	86-57	H	
02-14-03	Fulton City	86-63	H	
02-18-03	Calloway Co.	51-45	H	
02-21-03	Ballard Co.	73-35	H	
02-22-03	Hickman Co.	83-60	H	
03-04-03	Fulton City	48-42	H	**1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-06-03	Hickman Co.	70-56	H	**1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-11-03	Marshall Co.	79-70	A	**1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-14-03	Mayfield	**65-69**	A	**1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 19-9

2003 Comets



Coach Brian O'Neill, Coach Rob Anderson, Kirk Arnold, Brett Hoskins, Kevin Cope, Kristopher Kelley, Cody Yates, Tim Burpo, Hunter Hoskins, Coach Casey Henderson, Joseph Hunt, Caleb Ballard, Cody Martin, Austin Tyler, Dirk Draper, Brett Reddick, Ross Teasley, (Managers) Joel Hammonds, Ben Hocker, Keith Davis

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TROPHIES WON
McCRACKEN CO. TOURN. - 1ST PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. - 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD --- 19-9

2002-03 COMET ROSTER:
Kirk Arnold, Dirk Draper, Hunter Hoskins, Kris Kelley, Austin Tyler, Cody Martin, Cody Yates, Eddie Cunningham, Kevin Cope, Caleb Ballard, Ross Teasley, Joseph Hunt, Tim Burpo, Brett Riddick.

Comets At
Home On Road

If the preseason has taught Carlisle County and boys' head coach Brian O'Neill anything, it is the nuances of the road trip. The Comets have become experts at boarding, a bus that is.

"We've already practiced in four gyms," said O'Neill, whose team will not be able to use its home floor, which is being renovated, until Jan. 17, when it hosts Hickman County." The other day, I get a call 10 minutes before practice letting me know we couldn't use that gym. It's been hectic and crazy.

O'Neill said the only substantial drawback from the Comets' treks to local churches and the middle school for practice is not playing on a regular floor.

"I think it affects the coaches more than the players," said O'Neill, whose team will host nine of its last 10 regular-season games. "I just hope our kids can respond during the first part of the season."

The Comets fell back to earth last season, after their improbable run to the 2001 state tournament, where they fell to eventual champion Lexington Lafayette. An almost entirely new roster managed a 12-17 record and was district runner-up to Fulton City, but with four returning starters, Carlisle is the favorite to reclaim the First District crown.

"We only had one player on last year's team that played at all, but we do have a lot of experience coming back this year, "O'Neill said. "These kids want to (make the state tournament) on their own. They rode the coattails two years ago, but they know it is possible as a small school to make it to the state tournament."

Fulton City, who lost last years Mr. Everything, Aaron Ferrell to graduation, still poses a threat to Carlisle with the arrival of 6-2 senior Jimmy Ware, a transfer from Obion Central, TN.

Hickman County could surprise many with former Ballard Co. head coach and Hickman alumnus Billie Prince now guiding the Flacons. Fulton County, who was winless in the districts last year, is in the midst of rebuilding.

Not only do the Comets have four returning starters and a bench that extends 10 deep, but they also have the district's top returning player in junior Brett Hoskins. Hoskins averages 15.57 points last year, but O'Neill expects that number to dip a bit this season.

"He'll be our main scorer, but I think his scoring will go down," O'Neill said. "He carried us a little to much last year, and I think we'll have more balance this season."

Junior Kirk Arnold is back to run the offense and senior Dirk Draper and Brett Reddick can crash the boards and complement Hoskins' scoring, although Reddick is out until at least Christmas with a broken hand.

With all the experience returning, O'Neill believes a newcomer to the starting lineup will be Carlisle's key. Senior Austin Tyler, standing at 6-6, will anchor the Comets in the paint.

"He averaged about two blocks and five rebounds toward the end of last year," O'Neill said. "His presence will be the key to our success."

Carlisle County
Coach: Brian O'Neill
Returning Starters:
Brett Reddick (6-1, Sr.)
Dirk Draper (6-2, Sr.)
Brett Hoskins (6-1, Jr.)
Kirk Arnold (5-11, Jr.)
Remaining Roster:
Seniors
Cody Martin (5-11)
Austin Tyler (6-6)
Juniors:
Caleb Ballard (5-10)
Tim Burpo (6-0)
Kevin Cope (6-3)
Joe Hunt (5-11)
Hunter Hoskins (5-11)
Kris Kelley (6-2)
Ross Teasley (5-9)
Cody Yates (6-2)
Freshman:
Eddie Cunningham (5-9)

Carlisle Co. 66
St. Mary 46
12-03-02 - Away

Brett Hoskins scored a game high 25 points as Carlisle County took control early and beat St. Mary on Tuesday night.
Carlisle (1-0)….16 39 58 66
St. Mary (0-1)….7 20 34 46
Carlisle (66)
Draper 8, Cope 2, Tyler 5, B. Hoskins 25, Arnold 12, Martin 6, Yates 2, Kelley 2, H. Hoskins 2, Ballard 1, Teasley, Hunt, Burpo, Cunningham.
Field goals- 27/64, 3-pointers 1/10 (B. Hoskins), Free Throws 10/20, Rebounds 30, Fouls 19.
St. Mary (46)
Roof 16, Solomon 11, Wright 7, Woeltz 4, Bohle 1, Smith 4, Shumaker2, Cochran 2, Hayden, Thompson, Howard, Oliver, Miller.
Field goals- 17/52, 3-pointers 2/5 (Solomon, Woeltz), Free Throws 10/14, Rebounds 30, Fouls 19.

Carlisle Co. 86
South Fulton, TN. 64
12-07-02 - Away

Carlisle County started fast and cruised to an easy victory over South Fulton.

Carlisle opened a 10-2 lead and never looked back, as Brett Hoskins scored 14 of his game-high 18 points in the first half. Kirk Arnold added 17 points for the Comets. Dirk Draper had 13 and Kris Kelley 10.

Jacque Alexander led South Fulton with 18 points.
S. Fulton (0-5)….10 30 43 64
Carlisle (2-0)…...20 44 64 86
South Fulton (64)
Greer 11, Alexander 18, Graves 4, Waggoner 6, Hicks 8, Wilson 12, Oliver 9, Cobb, Larson.
Field goals 19, 3-pointers 7 (Greer 3, Alexander 2, Hick, Wilson), Free Throws 19/36, Fouls 23.
Carlisle (86)
Arnold 17, Ballard, Burpo, Cope 2, Cunningham, Draper 13, B. Hoskins 18, H. Hoskins 8, Hunt 4, Kelley 10, Martin 2, Teasley, Tyler 10, Yates 2.
Field goals- 33, 3-pointers 1 (Arnold), Free Throws 19/33, Fouls 27.

Hickman Co. 66
Carlisle Co. 47
12-10-02 - Away

Hickman County led the entire game, sealing the contest by hitting 14 of 20 free throws in the 4th period, but could get no closer.

Hickman County's Eric Blalock led all scorers with 19 points.

Brett Hoskins led Carlisle with 18.
Carlisle (2-1)…..4 23 35 47
Hickman (4-0)....7 36 41 66
Carlisle (47)
Arnold, Ballard, Cope, Cunningham, Draper 9, B. Hoskins 18, H. Hoskins 2, Kelley 2, Martin, Tyler 6, Yates 10.
Field goals 14, 3-pointers 3 (Draper, B. Hoskins, Yates), Free throws- 16/30, Fouls 25.
Hickman (66)
Behrens 6, Black, Blalock 19, Brazzell, Burgess 10, Cooley, Glasco 4, Grimmitt 12, Mason 15, Pruitt.
Field goals 18, 3-pointers 4 (Grimmitt 3, Burgess), Free throws 26/38, Fouls 21.

Graves Co. Shootout
Carlisle Co. 71
Greenfield, TN. 70
12-14-02 - Away

With Austin Tyler's two free throws in the final seconds, Carlisle County bounced back in the second half, after falling behind seven points for a narrow victory.

Brett Hoskins scored 19 of his 21 points in the second half to lead Carlisle, while Kirk Arnold added 15.

Carlisle led by as much as 11 in the first half, but Greenfield's Brandon Shane rallied his team to within six at halftime and a lead in the third quarter. Shane scored 32.
Greenfield (4-3)…14 31 49 70
Carlisle (3-1).....19 37 48 71
Greenfield (70)
Porter 8, Smith 2, Shane 32, Vaughn 10, Blackburn 17, Tucker 1.
Field goals 16, 3-pointers 4 (Shane 2, Blackburn, Vaughn), Free Throws 26/33, Fouls 13.
Carlisle (71)
Arnold 15, Draper 10, B. Hoskins 21, H. Hoskins 5, Kelley 12, Tyler 6, Yates 2, Martin, Cope.
Field goals 26, 3 pointers 2 (B. Hoskins, Arnold), Free throws 13/17., Fouls 21 .

Fulton City 67
Carlisle Co. 59
12-17-02 - Away

Fulton City was 17-for-20 from the foul line in the fourth quarter of its First District win over Carlisle County.

Josh Ferrell had a big night for the Bulldogs with 31 points alongside Keith Burton (17) and Jimmy Ware (11).

Brett Hoskins led the Comets, now 0-2 in district play, and Dirk Draper both chipped in with 11.

Carlisle (3-2).....4 18 31 59
Fulton City (2-3)....8 30 39 67

Carlisle 59)
Arnold 11, Cope, Cunningham, Draper 11, B. Hoskins 17, H. Hoskins 7, Kelley 1, Martin, Tyler 6, Yates 6.
Field goals 18/60, 3-pointers 1/6 (Arnold), Free Throws 20/36, Fouls 27.

Fulton City (67)
Avery, Benjamin 4, K. Burton 17, Chesney, Ferrell 31, French 2, Hunt , Mading, McNeill 2, Moddy, Ware 11.
Field goals 18/53, 3-pointers 3/10 (Ferrell 2, Ware), Free Throws 28/37, Fouls 28.

Weary Comets:

Carlisle County coach Brian O'Neill admits his team's practice routine is "getting old."

The Comets, whose gym is being remodeled and expanded won't play a home game until Jan. 17th, when they host archrival Hickman County. And they're struggling at the moment, already losing at district foes Hickman and Fulton City.

Carlisle has to practice at various sites, including its middle school gym, a couple of local churches and the old Milburn school gym.

"They're all short courts, smaller than regulation, so every game for us is like walking onto the floor at Murray State for the regional tournament with the bigger court," O'Neill said. "Most of the times, we only have two goals to shoot at, so we're only hitting about 55 percent right now.

"Our middle school gym and the two churches are tile floors on top of concrete, so we have a few more backs and shin splints and stuff, and the floor at Milburn had been there since Carlisle was consolidated in 1957.

"We have to load up and ride a bus every day to practice. I'm sure it's wearing on them a little, but we're not going to use it as an excuse."

O'Neill does light up at talk of the new gym.

"People won't recognize it," he said. "We'll have 300 chair seats where the stage used to be and new bleachers on the other side, so we'll seat between 1,200 and 1,300. They said the old gym could fit in 900, but that was counting everybody on the stage and in the corners."

Carlisle Co. 64
Allen Co. 52
12-20-02 - Away

Brett Hoskins tossed in a game-high 29 points as Carlisle County pulled away from Allen County-Scottsville in the second period.

Hoskins was 9 of 13 from the field with a 3-pointer and connected on 10 of 12 free throws.

Allen (3-2)……16 27 41 52
Carlisle (4-2)…18 36 55 64

Allen (52)
Oliver 9, Holden 5, Tinstey 12, Shaw 10, Heath 2, Simpson, Trammel 10, Berry 4, Johnson.
Field goals 17/47, 3-pointers 1/5 (Tinsley), Free Throws 17/29, Fouls 20.

Carlisle (64)
Draper 10, B. Hoskins 29, Arnold 10, Kelley 5, Tyler 1, H. Hoskins 3, Reddick 2, Martin 4, Cope, Cunningham.
Field goals 22/44, 3-pointers 3/7 (Draper, B. Hoskins, Arnold), Free Throws 17/24, Fouls 23.

Comets Pull Away
One Point At A Time

Carlisle Co. 84
Heath 76
12-21-02 - Away

Cody Martin scored 11 of his 13 points in the fourth period as Carlisle County pulled away from Heath 84-76 in boys' basketball action Saturday.

The Comets trailed at halftime and led by only four after three periods. But in a game where 58 points were scored from the foul line, Carlisle sealed its win with 13-for-15 free throw shooting in the final quarter.

Carlisle's Brett Hoskins led all scorers with 25 points and Dirk Draper had 14. For Heath, Brandon Austin netted 16 points, and Steve Skinner had 15.

Carlisle (5-2)…...6 29 53 84
Heath (6-1……...9 30 49 76

Carlisle (84)
Arnold 11, Ballard, Burpo, Cope 2, Cunningham, Draper 14, B. Hoskins 25, H. Hoskins 8, Hunt, Kelley 6, Martin 13, Reddick 1, Tyler 4, Teasley.
Field goals 25/51, 3-pointers 2/3 (Arnold, B. Hoskins), Free Throws 30/39, Rebounds 33, Fouls 28.

Heath (76)
Austin, Bennett 7, Braboy 2, Cochran, Duke 3, Eidson 5, Jeter 5, Klope, Long 5, Morehead 5, O'Donley 6, Skinner 15, Throgmorton 4, Wrinkle 3, Lewis.
Field goal- 22/76, 3-pointers 4/14 (Bennett 2, Dukek, Long), Free Throws 28/36, Rebounds 28, Fouls 31.

McCracken Co. Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. 72
Livingston Co. 44
12-26-02 – Away

Livingston stayed close to Carlisle in the first quarter but couldn't keep up in the rest of the game.

Leading the Comets in scoring with 11 points was Cody Martin.

Livingston.....17 26 38 44
Carlisle.……...17 33 52 72

Livingston (44)
Ramage 1, Smith 2, McNamara 15, Teems 4, Wright 2, Hensley Thompson 3, Riley 8, Wharton, Maddox, Rayburn.
Field Goal 17, 3-pointers 1 (Hensley), Free Throws 9/14, Fouls 15.

Carlisle (72)
Draper 9, B. Hoskins 10, Arnold 10, Kelley 6, Tyler 5, H. Hoskins 7, Reddick 4, Martin 11, Cope 4, Cunningham 4, Burpo 2, Yates, Ballard, Teasley, Hunt.
Field goals 31, 3-pointers 1 (Martin), Free throws 9/18, Fouls 14.

McCracken Co. Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Co. 88
Reidland 63
12-27-02 – Away

The Carlisle Comets jumped on the Reidland Greyhounds in the first quarter to lead by eight pts. and totally dominated the Greyhounds the rest of the game.

Leading Comet scorer was Brett Hoskins with 17 points.

Carlisle…..22 50 70 88
Reidland.…....16 31 42 63

Carlisle (88)
Arnold 7, Ballard 1, Cope 4, Cunningham 2, Draper 11, B. Hoskins 17, H. Hoskins 11, Hunt 6, Kelley 9, Martin 6, Reddick 2, Teasley 4, Tyler 2, Yates 6.
Field goals 29, 3 pointers 3 (Yates 2, Draper), Free throws 26/37, Fouls 22.

Reidland (63)
Burzynski 7, Clark 8, Collins 13, Grimm 6, Larrison 1, Lee 9, B. Snow 2, M. Snow, Vassuer 3.
Field goals 24, 3 pointers 2 (Collins, Vassuer), Free Throws 13/22, Fouls 25.

McCracken Co. Tourn.
Championship
First District
Rules McCracken

Carlisle Co. 73
Hickman Co. 65
12-28-02 - Away

In an all-First District final, Hickman County and Carlisle County shared the championships in Saturday's last games of the McCracken County Holiday Tournament.

Carlisle County bounced back from a five-point halftime deficit to beat Hickman County 73-65 in the boys' final.

Carlisle County trailed 33-28 at halftime of the boys' final, but went on a 12-0 run to start the second half and banked on Brett Hoskins's 29-point effort to avenge an earlier loss to Hickman.

Nathan Behrens scored 22 points for the Falcons and hit four 3-pointers in the game.

Carlisle (8-2)…...17 33 45 65
Hickman (7-2)….12 28 49 73

Hickman (65)
Behrens 22, Blalock 4, Burgess 6, Glasco 3, Grimmitt 7, Mason 11, Pruitt 10, Rushing 2.
Field goals 22, 3-pointers 7 (Behrens 4, Grimmitt 2, Pruitt), Free Throws 14/26, Fouls 21.

Carlisle (73)
Arnold 14, Draper 11, B. Hoskins 30, H. Hoskins 7, Kelley 6, Tyler 3, Yates 2, Reddick, Hunt, Cunningham, Ballard, Teasley.
Field goals 25, 3-pointers 2 (Arnold, B. Hoskins), Free Throws 21/32, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 73
Murray 54
01-03-03 - Away

Carlisle County controlled the paint and opened the second half with a 9-0 run that finished off Murray.

Brett Hoskins scored 17 points as one of four Comets in double digits; the others being Austin Tyler (15), Kirk Arnold (14) and Dirk Draper (10).

J.J. Winnans led all scorers with 19 points for the Tigers as Dylan Volp finished with 17.

Carlisle (9-2)….15 35 59 73
Murray (5-7)…..6 25 38 54

Carlisle (73)
Arnold 14, Ballard, Burpo, Cope, Draper 10, B. Hoskins 17, H. Hoskins, Hunt, Kelley 4, Martin 3, Reddick 8, Teasley 2, Tyler 15, Yates.
Field goals 27, 3-pointers 2 (Arnold 2), Free Throws 17/26, Fouls 17.

Murray (54)
Bradley 1, Daniel 4, Dunn 2, Erwin 1, Hudson, Jackson, Kelleher, Lambert, McElrath 5, Perdue, Rollins 4, Volp 17, Winnans 19.

Field goals 19, 3-pointers 4 (Winnans 3, Volp), Free Throws 12/22, Fouls 19.

Hoskins Raises Comets
Past Flash In Extra Effort

Carlisle Co. 81
Lone Oak 77
01-07-03 – Away

Rallying from a 10 point deficit in the final quarter, Lone Oak had final shots in regulation and overtime, but couldn't nail the game winner and allowed Carlisle to win in double overtime.

Brett Hoskins scored 13 of his game-high 38 points in overtime for the Comets, who tied the game at 58 in regulation and 69 in the first overtime. In both extra periods, Lone Oak, but got the last shot and missed.

Carlisle took a six-point lead early in the second overtime and put the game away. Austin scored 28 of his points after halftime, while Dirk Draper added 16 for the Comets.

Five Lone Oak players reached double figures with Chase Denison, Drue Holland, and Richard Walter scoring 13 each.

Carlisle…..10 24 43 58 69 81
Lone Oak…...9 25 33 58 69 77

Carlisle (81)
Arnold 8, Draper 16, B. Hoskins 38, H. Hoskins 2, Kelley 6, Martin 2, Reddick, Tyler 4, Yates 5, Cope.
Field goals 30, 3 pointers 4 (Draper 2, B. Hoskins, Yates), Free throws 17/35.

Lone Oak (77)
Bowles 11, Denison 13, J. Elliott 4, L. Elliott 1, Hall 9, Holland 13, Key 1, Parsley 12, Thomas, Walter 13.
Field goals 27, 3 pointers 2 (Parsley 2), Free throws 21/33.

Carlisle Co. 63
Fulton Co. 45
01-09-03 – Away

Depth paid off for Carlisle, which fell behind 25 to 13 early, took a two-point lead at halftime, then pulled away in the final quarter, when Brett Hoskins scored 12 of his team high 22 points. Austin Tyler added 19 for the Comets.

The Pilots' Whitney Hendrix scored 10 of his 23 in the first quarter and teammate Elvis Holloway scored seven of his 10 in the Pilots' 1st quarter break away.

Carlisle.....13 33 43 63
Fulton Co.....25 31 39 45

Carlisle (63)
Arnold 10, Cope, Draper 2, B. Hoskins 18, H. Hoskins 6, Kelley 2, Martin 4, Tyler 19, Yates.
Field goals 26, 3 pointers 2 (B. Hoskins, H. Hoskins), Free throws 9/11, Fouls 12.

Fulton Co. (45)
Crumble, Duck, Fitz, Hamrick 7, Hendrix 23, Hodges 2, Holloway 10, Nicholson, Wilson 3.
Field goals 18/56, 3 pointers 6 (Hendrix 3, Hamrick, Wilson, Holloway), Free throws 3/4, Fouls 12. Newman

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Ballard's Late
Shots Ground Comets

Carlisle Co. 58
Ballard Co. 61
01-13-03 – Away

Letiz Arnold hit a free throw with 1.2 seconds left to seal Ballard County's victory over Carlisle County Monday night.

Tyler Scott scored 21 points and Arnold 20 for the Bombers in a game that stayed close most of the way.

Ballard took a 60-58 lead late on Scott's jumper before Carlisle threw the ball away on the next possession with four seconds left. After Arnold hit one of two free throws, Carlisle's Brett Hoskins couldn't connect on a half-court shot at the buzzer

Brandon Brooks added 16 points for Ballard. Brett Hoskins led the Comets with 21 points and Kirk Arnold and Dirk Draper added 11 each.

Carlisle…..15 32 47 58
Ballard…..17 31 41 61

Carlisle (58)
B. Hoskins 21, Arnold 11, Draper 11, H. Hoskins 7, Kelley 5, Tyler 2, Yates 1, Martin.
Field goals 23, 3 pointers 1 (B. Hoskins), Free throws 11/23, Fouls 18.

Ballard (61)
Scott 21, Arnold 20, Brooks 16, M. Williams 4, Baucom, Lanier.
Field goals 24, 3 pointers 4 (Arnold 2, Scott 2), Free throws 9/20, Fouls 18.

Carlisle Co. 69
Mayfield 73
01-21-03 – Away

Derek Parrott and Rafael Kendrick combined for 41 points as Mayfield overtook Carlisle County. Mayfield, which hit 13 of 14 free throw attempts, trailed by nine points in the fourth period, before catching up with about a minute left.

Parrott lead the Cardinals with 21 points. Kendrick had 20 and Tristan Barns 12. Carlisle's Brett Hoskins led all scorers with 31 points

Carlisle…….....11 36 54 69
Mayfield…..…..15 35 51 73

Carlisle (69)
B. Hoskins 31, Kelley 8, Draper 6, H. Hoskins 6, Tyler 6, Arnold 4, Reddick 4, Martin 2, Yates 2.
Field goals 28/54, 3 pointers 1/5 (B. Hoskins), Free Throws 12/24, Rebounds 27, Fouls 20.
Mayfield (73)
Parrott 21, Kendrick 20, Barns 12, Shoales 8, Fisher 7, Saxton 5, Cherry, England.
Field goals 29/57, 3 pointers 2/12 (Fisher, Kendrick), Free Throws 13/14, Rebounds 28, Fouls 19. Pravda

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Basketball Is King
In Carlisle And The
King Has A New Court

Five boys basketball teams from tiny Carlisle County High School have made it to the state tournament the past 45 years, and the road to victory began in the same place. A tiny gym where loyal fans sat in chairs on the sidelines, because there was not enough seating.

The school now has a gym worthy of the county's basketball tradition. An all day celebration and dedication Saturday will surround the unveiling a of a major gym renovation.

"It looks like a completely new place," Principal Kelly Edging said. "We have all new floors put down, and all new bleachers put in, too. About 300 chair seats have been added to the gym. The old stage has been knocked down and a new wall has been put in. We've added a 3000 square foot commons area to the front of the gym, with a large concession stand and trophy case. The front of the building has been redone with a new entrance. We've been needing this for quite some time.

The gym received some negative exposure when the 2001 team played in the state tournament, Edging said. "The (Louisville) Courier Journal called our gym a snake pit," she said. "We had people in chairs on the stage and sitting around the gym floor. They were just chairs we pulled out of storage. It has gone from one of the worst gym's in the region to one of the best, we hope."

The renovation was part of a building project that cost around $2 million. Classrooms were also added to the vocational building and middle school, and a family resource and youth services center was built. Work began a year ago.

"The center should be ready when students return from Christmas vacation Monday," Edging said.

The celebration will begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday with rooms decorated for each decade of the schools existence.

The school opened 45 years ago upon the consolidation of Arlington, Bardwell, Cunningham and Milburn High school's.

A meal will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call the high school at 628-3800 by Monday. "Scrimmages between former players from all the decades will take place throughout the day," Edging said.

The Carlisle County Comets have represented the First Region at the State Tournament in 1966, 1971, 1975, 1983 and 2001. The girls basketball began in the mid 1970's.

The most grueling loss came in 1983, when the team lost the state championship game in triple overtime to Lexington Henry Clay. "The other night I watched it (the tape of the 83 championship game) again and almost cried again," said Danny Henderson, a 1971 Carlisle County graduate, who is compiling information for a book on Carlisle Co. basketball. "I have all the boys games, 1,435 to date. I've got every one of them documented and on my computer. The first game ever played in that gym was on February 24th, 1958, against Lowes. That new gym we're going to dedicate is just awesome.

"Love of basketball is a common thread running throughout our county," Henderson said. "It's hard to put your finger on it, but everybody loves basketball," said Henderson, whose son Casey is now the Comet assistant basketball coach as well a former player (1989-90 to 1991-92. "That's what we do on Sunday after church. Some people go out to eat, some might go to the movies, but down here in Carlisle, we play basketball. Our county seems to be very unique. It's not very populated and the few people we do have, sort of stick together like a family."

Rodney Martin played on the 1966 team and can easily recite the names of schools that the team beat to win the regional tournament. "It's very vivid," Martin said. "That was the first time the school went to the state tournament. We played in Freedom Hall and that was the biggest place we'd ever been in.

Martin said the 1958-59 team also played in Freedom Hall in the Louisville Invitational Tournament. "We had heard stories about the guy's going to Louisville. Most of them around here were farm boys. Charlie Blackwell walked into Freedom Hall and said, "I wonder how many bales of hay this could hold."

Martin said basketball was the county's primary export back then and it's still that way today.

"It's a major thing here, said Edging, a 1991 Carlisle graduate. "We only have 260 students in high school. We don't have enough students to

field a football team and there's not much interest in softball and baseball. Basketball is the sport. We've got people out here who have had chair seats for some 43 years. "

The first home game is January 17th against Hickman County. Martin, who had three sons play for the Comets, will be among those cheering from the sidelines. "I've been waiting for opening night," he said of seeing the renovated gym. "They say it's beautiful. "

Carlisle Graduates Check Out "New" Gym. Former Players Hustle On Court Without "Snake Pit".

Albert Norris looked barely winded after hustling up and down the basketball court for most of three 10-minute periods in the Carlisle County High School gymnasium, his first playing time there in nearly 43 years.

"They told me about the new gym, and this is nicer than it was described," said Norris, a 1960 Carlisle graduate and former point guard for the Comets.

Comets from the 1950s through 1970s played a Maroon and Gold intra-squad game Saturday afternoon in the newly renovated and expanded gymnasium. The game was part of the daylong celebration for the gym's grand reopening and dedication.

The Comet Gymnasium had developed a reputation as a "snake pit" from opponents, because folding chairs lined the out-of-bounds stripes under both baskets to accommodate the crowd, it was poorly ventilated, and the constant cheering was nearly deafening. However, Norris disagreed with that label.

The 2 million dollar renovation included removal of the stage, which allowed 300 chair seats to be added, installation of new floors and new bleachers and construction of a commons area. Many former players said the remodeling was worthy of the tiny school that has sent five teams to the state tournament in 45 years.

Actually, a gymnasium with a little elbow room will not end the Carlisle gym's mystique, but will play in the Comets' favor, Norris predicted.

"Having a gym like this will help the morale of the players, and the community. This is a place to be proud of," Norris said. "Playing here made me want to put forth extra effort."

Gold teammate Garry Clark, another former guard and a 1969 graduate agreed.

"One thing that has not changed is that Carlisle County always has a crowd, a home game or away. Basketball, that's all we live for here," said Clark, a McCracken County-based conservation officer for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. (Saturday) was the first time I've seen the new gym. This is beautiful."

Teresa Moore-Nichols, a member of the first Lady Comet team during the 1973-74 season, was excited for another reason. She teaches physical education and health at her alma mater.

"With the new basketball goals, the court can be divided into two basketball courts and we have air conditioning," Nichols said. "With the expansion, it doesn't look like the same gym, but I never really thought about it being small. When I went to Murray State (University) to play there and saw how big the arena was, that was the first time I thought the gym here was small."

Nichols' husband, Marty, chief lending officer at The Paducah Bank, added his insight. Marty Nichols was a forward/center for the Comets and graduated in 1973.

"Carlisle County always had a rich tradition in basketball, but I never thought it was the gym that made the program unique," Marty Nichols said, "The new gym is very big, compared to the one that was here, but I don't think there was any difference from any other gym.

"Tom Buchanan was our coach, and for me, he is what made the difference. Tom just didn't teach basketball, he also taught lessons on how to live your life, how to win and work hard."

No one was more glad to see the renovation completed than 1990 graduate Brian O'Neill, the current Comets coach. Without a gym this season, practices have been held at neighboring churches, and the team has played 13 straight road games, with one more to go before Friday's home opener against archrival Hickman County.

O'Neill pointed out that the lack of a home court has not hurt his club, which is 11-2 and riding an eight-game winning streak.

"We won't leave home at all in February," said O'Neill, who admitted that he never considered the gym's reputation until he went to college. "The closeness. The loudness. I never thought about it. Since I left school, I have heard from several players, and coaches, who said they hated to come here."

"Now I wonder if we're in a Catch-22. We finally have a bigger gym, but will the mystique be broken because we have a bigger gym. It's up to us to keep the mystique alive."

Burley Mathis was principal from 1967 through 1992, when three teams made trips to the state tournament, and he did not come to the school during the renovation.

"I just wanted to see the finished product," said Mathis, who now farms in his "retirement." "We had a tornado back in '71 and it blew the roof off of the place, and we almost had this renovation then. We lacked one vote (by the school board), so we built back what was destroyed.

"This is a nice, new gym. That's going to help us, but what really helps us is that it's still going to be very vocal in there. Our kids have gotten used to playing in bigger gyms on the road, but here is where the noise is in our favor."

Mathis loves talking about the old gym and its reputation. He chuckles when thinking about picking students to set up at least 125 folding chairs, under the baskets and on the stage, to ease the crowded conditions.

"There's not any comparison, the old gym was a cracker box. For other teams, it was like coming into a dungeon, but I guarantee you that those folding chairs were the prime seats in the house," Mathis said. "You couldn't get any closer to the action if you'd have been playing.

"A lot of people don't like to admit it, but they didn't like playing at Carlisle County. We beat Graves County here the first year they consolidated, and they didn't want to come back. The same with Marshall County. We beat them here, and they didn't want to come back.

"I'd still be principal if I would have had something like this."

Carlisle Opens Doors With Classic. Comets' First Home Game Frustrating.

Carlisle Co. 57
Graves Co. 61

01-24-03 – Home

Carlisle County, perhaps the First Region's most storied small school basketball program, christened its refurbished gymnasium in style, doing what it's been doing for nearly five full decades – playing the pants off the region's bigger schools.

Graves County got the honor of serving as the first opponent on Friday night and walked out with some honor of its own, surviving an ice-cold shooting night and pulling out a gut-wrenching 61-57 victory in double overtime in front of a packed house.

Senior reserve T. J. Steffen drained a pair of critical 3-pointers in the extra periods and appropriately enough, salted away the win by hitting two free throws with 3.9 seconds left.

Steffen scored 12 points in the final 9:08 of play, starting with two free throws that kept the Eagles (10-7) close late in regulation. Virtually left alone on the 3-point line by Carlisle's triangle-and–two defense, he buried a game-tying trey in the first overtime and another that gave Graves the lead for good with 2:35 remaining in the second extra frame.

"Leave him out there and he's going to hit it. He's hit some big shots this year," said Graves coach Allan Hatcher." He hit a big one to give us (a fourth-quarter) lead on (state-ranked) Warren Central and two against Mayfield (earlier this year)."

Eager to play on its new home court, after playing its first 15 games on the road, Carlisle (11-5) nearly blew the Eagles off the floor. Brett Hoskins, who tossed in 23 points, started the game with a 3-pointer and Dirk Draper and Kirk Arnold knocked down bombs to produce an early 11-1 lead.

The Comets led by as many as 12 points in the first half as Graves' shooting percentage barely eclipsed the frigid temperature outside. The Eagles were 2 for 23 (13 percent) in the first half and missed their first two shots of the third quarter. Graves shot just 29 percent for the contest.

Graves' full-court pressure fueled the comeback by forcing several key turnovers, using its size advantage with 6-4 A.J. Adams usually the point on their zone trap.

"We've got some size and long arms out there," Hatcher said. "And A.J. really played it well. His timing on the traps was great and he caused a lot of problems."

"They had Adams out there, (6-3 freshman Random) Cavette out there sometimes with (6-3 Josh) Kimbler in the middle," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "It's tough for us to deal with that size with our guards."

Kimbler had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Eagles. Adams had 13 points and 13 boards.

"We made some foolish turnovers and didn't handle the ball well," O'Neill said. "We had (a 35-26) lead late in the third quarter and we took out Hoskins and Arnold to give them a breather. We made two straight turnovers and they scored off both of them, before we could get them back in."

Carlisle also missed some crucial free throws, hitting only 13 of 24 attempts. Hoskins was 5-for-11, missed a front end of a 1-and-1 in the fourth quarter and hit only one of two to tie the score at 44-44 with 5.6 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

"We had a chance to win in the regulation and in the overtime," O'Neill said. "Free throws have cost us in the last three games. We were 2-for-10 in the second half at Ballard Co., 4-for-14 at Mayfield and we missed some big ones here.

"Those free throws cost us a chance to beat the region's two highest-rated teams (Mayfield and Graves), but it should toughen us up for (the All A Classic regional tournament) next week."

Graves.....5 13 30 44 50 61

Carlisle…..17 20 35 44 50 57
Graves (61)
Kimbler 19, Adams 13, Miller 3, Johnson, Ivey 11, Cavette, Frick 3, Steffen 12.
Field goals 15/51, 3-pointers 2/9 (Steffen 2), Free throws 29/40, Rebounds 37, Fouls 24.
Carlisle (57)
Draper 6, Reddick 9, Tyler 7, B. Hoskins 23, Arnold 7, Cope 2, H. Hoskins 1, Yates 2, Martin.
Field goals 20/47, 3-pointers 4/10 (B. Hoskins 2, Draper, Arnold), Free throws 13/24, Rebounds 32, Fouls 28.

All-A Tourn.
1st Round
Brooks' 41
Bombs Comets

Carlisle Co. 62
Ballard Co. 69
01-29-03 – Away

Ballard Co. boys' basketball team has seen its share of valleys this season, but the game of Brandon Brooks' life has the Bombers peaking at the right time.

Brooks (41 points, seven rebounds) scored from nearly every spot on Graves County's Eagles' Nest floor in Ballard's 69-62 upset of Carlisle County in quarter final action of the All A Classic Wednesday night. Heath held off a late charge by Murray to win the opener 46-39.

In an emotionally intense contest that featured helter-skelter play, Brooks (13-of-21 from the field, 5-of-9 from 3-point range and 10-of-12 from the free-throw line) scored efficiently, even effortlessly at times. When Carlisle cut a once 13-point lead to 60-58 with three minutes remaining, Brooks converted a lay-up and three free throws to place the Bombers at a total the Comets couldn't match.

Down 65-58 with 42 seconds left, Carlisle's Brett Reddick connected on a 3-pointer and Brett Hoskins (22 points, only 11-of-19 from the free-throw line) stole the inbound pass and was fouled.

He made one of two shots to slice the lead to three, but Ballard's Tyler Scott sealed the game with four free throws.

In a season marred by the departure of head coach Freddie Bobo following harassment allegations, the Bombers have rallied on the strength of new coach B. B. Kendrick and their faith in each other. But make no mistake, Bobo has not been forgotten by his players.

"Bobo taught us everything we know," Brooks said. "It's been hard but when the Bobo thing happened it brought us closer together. We're just playing for him."

While the Bombers (6-9) exited the locker room loose and carefree, Carlisle had a difficult time preventing its wheels from sputtering. The Comets shot 25 percent from the field and committed seven second-quarter turnovers as Ballard forged a 31-21 advantage.

"I thought the key was we came out pretty tight in the first half," said Carlisle head coach Brian O'Neill. "We've had some success getting to the (All-A) finals, but we've never won. In the second half, we finally started playing, but when you dig yourself a hole like we did it is hard to come out of.

"It's a crushing loss because we felt like we could win Class A, but I told the kids in the locker room we have the team that could come back and win the regional if we put our heart into it."

A frenetic third quarter (the teams combined for 15 turnovers) saw Carlisle begin to chip away.

As foul trouble started mounting for the Bombers, Carlisle's depth appeared to provide a fourth-quarter edge. Ballard, which basically used six players, lost Letiz Arnold (10 points) to fouls with five minutes left, and Brooks and Scott played virtually the entire final period with four. The lead dwindled as O'Neill subbed at least two players during nearly every dead ball.

But the Bombers wouldn't fold with Brooks being the difference.

"Brandon can do so many things and he's got a good perimeter shot and can take it inside too," said Kendrick, who received congratulatory hugs from seniors Brooks, Arnold and Scott following the game. "They didn't have an answer for him, but not many people in our region do."

Ballard will face Hickman County in a semifinal Friday night.

Ballard.....12 31 45 69
Carlisle.....8 21 38 62
Ballard (69)
Brooks 41, Scott 11, Arnold 10, Williams 5, Potter 2, Baucum, Lanier, Renfrow.
Field goals 22/44, 3-pointers 7/15 (Brooks 5, Arnold, Scott), Free throws 18/25, Rebs. 27, Fouls 22.
Carlisle (62)
B. Hoskins 22, Reddick 11, Arnold 9, Draper 7, H. Hoskins 4, Cope 4, Tyler 3, Yates 2, Martin.
Field goals 19/49, 3-pointers 3/7 (B. Hoskins, Arnold, Reddick), Free throws 21/32, Rebounds 25, Fouls 24.

Marshall's Dead-Eyes
At Foul Line

Carlisle Co. 59
Marshall Co. 68
02-03-03 - Home

Hunter Moss had 16 of his 19 points in the second-half as Marshall County beat Carlisle County 68-59 in boys' basketball Tuesday.

The Marshals hit 24 of 33 free throws, including 11 of 15 in the fourth to maintain their lead. Marshall's Jimmie Holder had a game-high 22 points and Kenny Marsh added 13.

For Carlisle, junior Brett Hoskins led the way with 18 points, including scoring his 1,000th career point in the first half. Kirk Arnold added 13 points and Dirk Draper 10.

Marshall.....12 27 46 68
Carlisle.....8 26 41 59
Marshall (68)
Holder 22, Moss 19, Marsh 13, Trexler 9, Art 3, Rudesill 2, Beck.
Field goals 10, 3-pointers 4 (Holder 3, Moss), Free throws 24/33, Fouls 17.
Carlisle (59)
B. Hoskins 18, Arnold 13, Draper 10, Martin 8, Tyler 4, Cope 2, H. Hoskins 2, Yates 2, Kelley, Reddick.
Field goals 23, 3-pointers 6 (Arnold 3, Draper 2, B. Hoskins), Free throws 7/16, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 60
Heath 66
02-07-03 - Home

Breaking away from a 58-58 tie, heath outscored Carlisle 8-2 down the stretch and handed the Comets their third straight loss at home. The Comets have yet to win in their new gym since it opened in January. Brandon Austin (11 points) started the late-game run with a basket, but Charlie Throgmorton fueled the win for Heath with 29 points and four 3-pointers.

Heath.....18 22 44 66
Carlisle.....11 32 46 60
Heath (66)
Austin 11, Bennett 5, Braboy 2, Cochran, Dukek, Eidson 9, Jeter, Lewis, Klope, Long, Morehead 5, O'Donley 3, Skinner 2, Throgmorton 29, Wrinkle.
Field goals 17, 3-pointers 4 (Throgmorton 4), Free throws 28/33, Fouls 24.
Carlisle (60)
Arnold 10, Cope 4, Draper 4, B. Hoskins 17, H. Hoskins 6, Kelley 3, Martin 9, Reddick, 4, Tyler 3.
Field goals 19, 3-pointers 1 (B. Hoskins), Free throws 21/30, Fouls 23.

Carlisle Co. 86
Fulton Co. 57
02-11-03 – Home

Carlisle County hit seven out of eight 3-pointers attempted in the first half, when its full-court press knocked out First District foe Fulton County early.

Dirk Draper and Cody Martin shared high scoring honors for the Comets with 14 points apiece.

Whitney Hendrix failed to generate any offense in the first half for the Pilots, but bounced back in the second half to lead all scorers with 28 points.

Fulton Co.....9 16 35 57
Carlisle.....18 48 72 88
Fulton Co. (57)
Duck 2, Fitz 2, Harmick 6, Hendrix 28, Hodges 3, Holloway 16, Lomax, Nicholson, Turnbow, Wilson.
Field goals 22/46, 3-pointers 7/16 (Hendrix 4, Holloway 2, Hodges), Free throws 6/8, Fouls 11.
Carlisle (86)
Arnold 10, Ballard 2, Burpo 2, Cope 3, Cunningham 1, Draper 14, B. Hoskins 8, H. Hoskins 11, Hunt 2, Kelley 4, Martin 14, Reddick 6, Tyler 9, Yates.
Field goals 35/59, 3-pointers 10/14 (Martin 3, Arnold 2, Draper 2, Cope, B. Hoskins, H. Hoskins), Free throws 6/9, Fouls 12.

Carlisle Co. 86
Fulton City 63
02-14-03 – Home

Brett Hoskins had 20 points and eight assists as Carlisle County remained in contention for the top seed by whipping shorthanded Fulton City, but it is likely this game was simply a dress rehearsal for their postseason meeting.

Kirk Arnold tossed in 16 points for Carlisle, now 3-2 in district play and hoping to put pressure on Hickman County by beating the Falcons on Monday night. Even with a win, the Comets would also need Hickman (4-0 in the district) to lose at Fulton County next Friday to force a tie for the No. 1 seed.

Barring some upsets, Carlisle and Fulton City should meet again with a regional tournament berth on the line.

The Bulldogs were down to what coach Josh Shults called "three starters and our JV team" – senior forward Jimmie Ware, one of the team's top three scorers was one of four players missing from the lineup for various reasons.

Josh Ferrell led Fulton City with 20 points, with Keith Burton scoring 19 and Josh Burton adding 16.

Fulton City.....13 31 43 63
Carlisle.....25 46 67 86
Fulton City (63)
Ferrell 20, Wilson 2, Shipley 2, K. Burton 19, J. Burton 16, Vaughn, Williams 4, Madding, Jones, Weisshaupt, Martin.

Field goals 22/62, 3-pointers 7/23 (Ferrell 3, K. Burton 3, J. Burton), Free throws 12/19, Fouls 19.

Carlisle (86)
B. Hoskins 20, Draper 4, Tyler 10, Martin 13, Arnold 16, Reddick 6, Kelley 2, H. Hoskins 2, Yates 3, Cope 6, Cunningham, Burpo 4, Teasley, Hunt, Ballard.
Field goals 32/60, 3-pointers 6/18 (B. Hoskins 2, Arnold 2, Martin 2), Free throws 16/25, Fouls 18.

Comets Shine In
Fourth Quarter

Carlisle Co. 51
Calloway Co. 45
02-18-03 – Home

Carlisle County played near perfect defense in the fourth quarter to erase an 11-point deficit and down Calloway County 51-45 in boys' high school basketball action Tuesday.

The Lakers led by seven at the half and were up 32-22 midway through the third quarter. The Comets closed that quarter 10-3 and left Calloway without a field goal in the fourth. Carlisle hit four field goals and was 11-for-15 from the foul line in the final frame. The Lakers got all their fourth period points on 9-for-18 foul shooting.

Dirk Draper and Austin Tyler shared Carlisle scoring honors with 13 points apiece. Jimmy Bynum led all scorers with 18 points for Calloway and teammate Mitchell McClure was close behind with 16.

Calloway.....17 27 36 45
Carlisle.....8 20 32 51

Calloway (45)
Adams, Barrow 3, Bynum 18, Futrell, N. Jones 3, R. Jones, McClure 16, Walker 3, White.
Field goals 13/37, 3-pointers 3/8 (McClure 2, Bynum), Free throws 16/33, Fouls 26.

Carlisle (51)
Arnold 6, Draper 13, B. Hoskins 8, H. Hoskins 8, Kelley, Martin 3, Reddick, Tyler 13, Yates.
Field goals 15/42, 3-pointers 1/2 (Draper), Free throws 20/33, Fouls 25.

Carlisle Co. 73
Ballard Co. 35
02-21-03 – Home

Carlisle County started the second half with an 11-0 run that knocked Ballard Co. out for the night.

Kirk Arnold and Dirk Draper both scored 11 points for the Comets, who got offense from 12 different players.

Letiz Arnold topped all scorers with 12 points for the Bombers.

Ballard.....11 17 24 35
Carlisle.....19 35 57 73

Ballard (35)
Arnold 12, Baucum, Brooks 5, Inman 2, Lanier, Newton 1, Potter 1, Ja Renfrow, Jo Renfrow 4, Rodgers 10, Weaver, T. Williams.
Field goals 11, 3-pointers 4 (Arnold 2, Rodgers 2), Free throws 9/21, Fouls 23.

Carlisle (73)
Arnold 11, Ballard, Burpo 4, Cope 1, Cunningham 5, Draper 11, B. Hoskins 6, H. Hoskins 7, Hunt 2, Kelley 6, Martin 6, Reddick 4, Teasley, Tyler 8, Yates 2.
Field goals 27, 3-pointers 4 (Martin 2, Arnold, Draper), Free throws 15/27, Fouls 20.

Carlisle Co. 83
Hickman Co. 60
02-22-03 - Home

Carlisle County pulled away in the second period and used free throws at the end to keep Hickman County at bay.

The Comets took the lead in the first quarter and built it to 16 points in the second quarter, before hitting 23 of 28 free throw attempts in the final stanza to stay safely ahead. Carlisle outscored Hickman by 23 points at the line.

Carlisle's Brett Hoskins led all scorers with 24 points. Kirk Arnold added 15 and Hunter Hoskins 12. Austin Tyler grabbed 12 rebounds.

Eric Blalock led Hickman County with 14 points.

Hickman.....11 24 35 60
Carlisle.....16 35 52 83

Hickman (60)
Behrens 9, Black 3, Blalock 14, Brazzell 8, Burgess, Byassee 3, Glasco 1, Grimmett 3, Kimbell 2, Mason 9, Pruitt 7, Rushing, Turner, Weatherford 1.
Field goals 23/54, 3-pointers 4/15 (Brazzell 2, Grimmett, Pruitt), Free throws 10/24, Rebounds 20. Fouls 33.

Carlisle (83)
Arnold 15, Ballard, Burpo, Cope, Cunningham 2, Draper 8, B. Hoskins 24, H. Hoskins 12, Hunt, Kelley 5, Martin 8, Reddick 4, Teasley, Tyler 4, Yates 1.
Field goals 24/44, 3-pointers 2/3 (Arnold 2), Free throws 33/43, Rebounds 28, Fouls 21.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. "Zones" In
On Regional Final Date

Carlisle Co. 48
Fulton City 42
03-04-03 – Home

The Comets utilized a 2-3 zone to slow down the high-powered Bulldogs and advanced to face Hickman County for the district championship Thursday night despite a season-low two points from leading man Brett Hoskins.

"I probably would have believed Brett with two before the 48 because other kids have been stepping up lately." said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill. "Hoskins has been playing a better overall game, but the 48 I wouldn't have believed."

Kirk Arnold shouldered the scoring lead with 16 points, including eight straight points when the Comets amassed a 10-2 lead that never evaporated. The Bulldogs' Keith Burton (13 points) hit a 13 footer at the buzzer to slice Carlisle's edge to 22-20 at the half, but the Comets outscored the Bulldogs 16-8 in the third quarter.

Austin Tyler (12 rebounds) and Hunter Hoskins (nine rebounds) spearheaded Carlisle's 41-28 advantage on the backboards.

Fulton City…….5 20 28 42
Carlisle…….10 22 38 48

Fulton City (42)
K. Burton 13, Ferrell 9, J. Burton 9, Ware 5, McNeil 4, Chesney 2.
Field goals 16/45, 3-pointers 1/3 (J. Burton), Free throws 9/14, Rebounds 25, Fouls 18.

Carlisle (48)
Arnold 16, Draper 10, Tyler 8, H. Hoskins 8, Martin 4, B. Hoskins 2, Reddick, Yates, Kelley, Cope.
Field goals 17/42, 3-pointers 2/9 (Arnold 2), Free throws 12/19, Rebounds 41, Fouls 16.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Comets Fly High

Carlisle Co. 70
Hickman Co. 56
03-06-03 – Home

After finally getting to showcase its renovated gym in late January, the Carlisle County Comets had one more alteration in mind Thursday night. The net had to go.

In front of a raucous crowd in the sold out 1,200-seat gymnasium, the Comets used a 16-2 third-quarter run to turn back archrival Hickman County 70-56 in the boys' First District championship. "The gym was well worth the wait," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill, whose team played 15 consecutive road games before christening its new floor with three straight losses. "I don't know what we would have done with the old gym because this holds more in it and we still turned people away."

After a back-and-forth first half, the Comets transformed a 33-30 advantage into a 49-32 cushion in just a little more than three minutes of the third quarter. Cody Yates, a reserve whose role has diminished with a tightened Comets' rotation, tallied the final six points of the run with a driving lay-up for a traditional three-point play followed by a 3-pointer 24 seconds later.

"I tell those guys (on the bench) to be ready, be mentally focused because you never know who I am going to pull off the bench," O'Neill said. "Tonight it was Cody Yates, and he stepped up big for us."

The Falcons eventually trailed by 18 with 1:52 left in the third quarter, but Hickman drilled a trio of treys during 14 unanswered points to close the gap to 53-49 with five minutes to play.

Hickman's hot streak quickly turned cold, and when Brett Hoskins spotted Kirk Arnold on an exquisite back-door cut for a lay-up with 53 seconds left, the Comet faithful felt safe enough with a 64-56 lead to commence celebrating.

Hoskins scored 13 of his 18 points in the second half to pace Carlisle, which had nine different players score. But it was the play of Austin Tyler that set the game's tone.

Tyler tenaciously attacked the Falcon's interior players. He had six points and six rebounds less than five minutes into the game, and despite foul trouble the majority of the night, finished with 12 points and 14 rebounds.

"He has played real well in practice, but has had trouble carrying it over to the games," O'Neill said. "In the past eight or nine games, he has given us a presence inside we have never had here lately."

Carlisle (70)
B. Hoskins 18, Draper 13, Tyler 12, Arnold 7, Yates 6, Kelley 5, H. Hoskins 5, Martin 2, Ballard 2, Hunt, Cunningham, Teasley.
Field goals 24, 3-pointers 3 (Yates, Arnold, Draper), Free throws 19/26, Rebounds 35, Fouls 23.

Hickman (56)
Burgess 20, Pruitt 13, Brazzell 8, Mason 7, Rushing 5, Grimmitt 3, Blalock, Behrens, Glasco.
Field goals 20, 3-pointers 5 (Brazzell 2, Rushing, Grimmitt, Pruitt), Free throws 15/31, Rebounds 28, Fouls 23.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Changes
Reinforce Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 79
Marshall Co. 70
03-11-03 – Away

Carlisle County tinkered with its starting lineup about a month ago and it has worked so well

that coach Brian O'Neill would love to take credit for it.

O'Neill's honest enough, though, to admit the Comets' four-guard alignment came about as "a fluke."

"Sometimes, the best coaching moves come by accident," O'Neill said. "Brett Hoskins was sick and missed practice the day before we played Fulton County (on Feb. 11), so we started Cody Martin for him.

"It worked so well, and we played Fulton City with all their quickness in the next game, so we kept him in there. It was a fluke, really, but we were playing well and got another winning streak, so we stayed with it."

Martin certainly did his part, burying two critical 3-pointers in a third-quarter uprising, and the Comets got a career-high 27 points from Kirk Arnold, while rolling over Marshall County 79-70 on Tuesday night at Murray State University's Regional Special Events Center.

The red-hot Comets (19-8) advance to Friday night's semifinals against Mayfield, a 66-49 winner over Lone Oak.

Heath and Calloway are in the other semifinal, capping a rare season in which Marshall, Paducah Tilghman and Graves County – which have combined to win 15 of the last 17 regional titles – are on the sidelines.

"It's been a wacky year," Arnold said. "You can't underestimate anybody."

Especially Arnold, who went 10-for-12 from the field and picked up the scoring slack on a rare off night from Brett Hoskins. Carlisle's leading scorer, Hoskins went 1-for-7 from the field and scored only seven points, but Arnold drilled four of his five 3-point attempts and had equaled his previous career-high of 18 points by the end of the third quarter.

The combination of Carlisle's hot shooting and ability to apply pressure in the half-court never allowed the Marshals (17-13) to establish their inside game.

"We can put pressure on the wings and deny the entry pass, and going with four guards hasn't hurt our rebounding." O'Neill said. "It's turned our defense from a weakness to a strength."

Arnold and Martin keyed a 13-1 run that gave the Comets a 14-point lead after three quarters. After Daniel Ard's put-back cut Carlisle's advantage to 35-33 at the 4:10 mark, Arnold drained a three and Hoskins found Martin (12 points) open in the left corner for his second trey of the period.

Marshall called a timeout, but the momentum had swung. Arnold got a steal and a lay-up and Dirk Draper (18 points) nailed an 18-footer and was fouled on a 3-point try with four seconds left, hitting all three free throws to put the Comets ahead 48-34.

Carlisle had seized control of the game by going 7-for-11 from beyond the arc, leaving the Marshals (17-13) trying to catch their breath. The Comets shot 58 percent for the game, and went 11-for-16 (69 percent) in the second half.

"As close as the teams are in this region," said Marshall coach Doug Lyles. "Any team that shoots like that is going to win it."

Arnold's 3-point play on a breakaway gave Carlisle a whopping 19-point lead midway through the fourth quarter, but the Marshals rallied with a barrage of 3-pointers.

Stephen Walker's put-back made it 71-65 with 1:11 remaining. The Comets hit 8 of 10 free throw attempts to seal the win. Carlisle shot an incredible 36 free throws in the fourth quarter, hitting 23.

Hunter Moss led Marshall with 18 points and Jimmy Lee Holder had 16 points and six assists.

Carlisle moves on to face Mayfield, which it played once during the regular season. The Comets led for nearly the entire game, but fell 73-69 at Mayfield.

"We had them at their place," Arnold said. "I'm glad we're getting another shot at them."

Marshall.....15 25 34 70
Carlisle.....18 28 48 79

Marshall (70)
Walker 13, Moss 18, Ard 11, Marsh 10, Holder 16, Beck, Trexler 1, Newcomb, Matlock 1, Rudesill.
Field goals 26/54, 3-pointers 10/28 (Holder 5, Moss 4, Marsh), Free throws 8/14, Rebounds 29, Fouls 28.

Carlisle (79)
Martin 12, Draper 18, Tyler 9, B. Hoskins 7, Arnold 27, H. Hoskins 6, Kelley, Yates.
Field goals 23/40, 3-pointers 7/11 (Arnold 4, Martin 2, Draper), Free throws 26/41, Rebounds 26, Fouls 14.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Mayfield Overcomes
Comets' Foul Project

Carlisle Co. 65
Mayfield 69
03-14-03 – Away

As inevitable as death and taxes, Carlisle County's "Hack-a-Sax" approach to defending Mayfield's basketball team, certainly came as no surprise to Cardinals coach Chris Guhy.

What did shock some, though, was Guhy's decision to leave Jerome Saxton – the worse free-throw shooter on a notoriously poor free-throw shooting team – on the court at crunch time.

"You could say we should've had our best shooters on the floor, and we had Coleman Fisher, a real good one, on the bench," Guhy said. "But the five guys on the floor were playing their hearts out, so I left them in there."

The payoff on Guhy's stubborn loyalty to Saxton? He connected on 5 of 8 foul shots in a one-minute stretch, helping the Cardinals shake off a gallant Carlisle rally.

Saxton scored all of his 14 points in the second half as Mayfield slipped past the Comets 69-65 in Friday night's First Region semifinals at Murray State University's Regional Special Events Center.

Mayfield advances to tonight's championship game against preseason co-favorite Calloway County, a 59-53 winner over Heath. The Cardinals' last trip to the regional finals was in 1997. Mayfield (26-5) hasn't won the regional title since 1992, when its five senior starters were first-graders.

"Coach has always told me 'Work on your free throws,' because we knew this would happen sometimes," said Saxton, roughly a 50 percent free-throw shooter throughout his career. "I just took my time, made sure I had my mechanics right and not rush everything.

Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill played his final card, after Kirk Arnold's drive and 3-point play pulled the Comets (19-9) within 59-53 with 2:46 remaining.

Saxton was fair game every time he touched the ball, and the Comets kept hacking him even after they had committed their 10th team foul to put Mayfield in the double bonus.

Saxton hit 3 of 4, then one of a pair after getting up slowly on a hard foul on a fast break.

"That's what we wanted, with the right guy at the line," O'Neill said. "He hit four of five at one point. He didn't cooperate with us, did he?"

Carlisle refused to die, though, with guards Arnold, Cody Martin and Brett Hoskins attacking the basket against Mayfield's spread-out defense. Hoskins scored 12 of his game-high 29 points in the fourth quarter and hit two from the foul line to make it 63-59 at the 1:34 mark.

Saxton, fouled on a break, hit one of two from the stripe and Raphael Kendrick (23 points) sank a pair to put Mayfield up 66-61 with 1:10 left. Martin scored to pull the Comets within three and they got an opening, when Derrick Parrott missed two foul shots with 47 seconds left.

Carlisle was down three with possession of the ball and missed four shots. Kendrick finally grabbing the rebound and getting fouled with 11.6 seconds left. Kendrick hit both free throws and Parrott (16 points, 10 rebounds and five assists) hit one of two to lock up the win with 3.7 seconds left.

Mayfield had a sizable working margin, after building a 15-point lead on the strength of 55 percent shooting in the first half. Kendrick scored 15 in the first half as the Cardinals built the lead even with Saxton on the bench with two early fouls.

And the Cardinals' defense was especially tough, swarming Carlisle's guards and holding the Comets to 27 percent shooting in the first half, while taking a 37-25 lead.

"And they made some big shots, too," O'Neill said. "Kendrick hit some, they hit some threes. Those were big shots to go down against our zone."

Guhy, in his first year as a head coach, after more than a decade of being assistant coach, chalks up his team's composure to extensive exposure to big-game environments. Five of his top eight players were on Mayfield's state-championship football team.

"These guys have been in tight games before, in big games, in football and basketball at the All-A (Classic) state tournament," Guhy said. "I think there's a big carryover, the way they handle these situations."

Mayfield hammered Calloway 67-38 during the regular season, a game in which the Lakers were missing their top two players, senior guards, Mitchell McClure and Jimmy Bynum, because of injuries.

"We played them last summer when we both had everybody and they beat us by two, so we know it's going to be tough," Guhy said. "Our guys want to go to the state tournament to go with the state title in football. "Calloway has never won a regional title, so they're not going to back down with a chance to go to state."

Carlisle…….....12 25 42 65
Mayfield……....20 37 51 69

Carlisle (65)
Martin 10, Draper 4, Tyler 8, B. Hoskins 29, Arnold 10, Kelley, H. Hoskins 4, Yates.
Field goals 23/59, 3-pointers 1/8 (Arnold), Free throws 18/22, Rebounds 41, Fouls 22.

Mayfield (69)
Cherry 5, Barnes 9, Saxton 14, Kendrick 23, Parrott 16, Fisher, England 2, Shoales.
Field goals 24/50, 3-pointers 3/14 (Kendrick, Parrott, England), Free throws 18/28, Rebounds 32, Fouls 18.

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	Games Played	Field Goal Attempts	Field Goals Made	Field Goal %	Free Throw Attempts	Free Throws Made	Free Throw %	2-Point Attempts	2-Pointers Made	2-Point %	3-point Attempts	3-Pointers Made	3-Point %	Average Points	High Point Total	Total Points
Brett Hoskins	28	392	193	49.2	192	131	68.2	310	175	56.5	82	18	22	19.17	38	537
Kirk Arnold	28	246	115	46.7	96	55	57.3	169	87	51.5	77	28	36.4	11.1	27	311
Dirk Draper	28	241	96	39.8	90	69	76.7	189	81	42.9	52	15	26.9	9.75	18	273
Austin Tyler	28	159	68	42.8	106	56	52.8	159	68	42.8	0	0	0	6.85	19	192
Hunter Hoskins	28	98	50	51	90	54	60	86	47	54.7	12	3	25	5.6	12	157
Cody Martin	27	124	53	42.7	47	26	55.3	94	43	45.7	30	10	33.3	5.25	14	142
Kris Kelley	26	97	43	44.3	34	23	67.6	95	43	45.3	2	0	0	4.19	12	109
Brett Reddick	17	63	25	39.7	20	14	70	59	24	40.7	4	1	25	3.82	11	65
Cody Yates	25	48	15	31.3	31	21	67.7	26	10	38.5	22	5	22.7	2.24	10	56
Kevin Cope	21	33	14	42.4	10	7	70	27	13	48.1	6	1	16.7	1.71	6	36
Joe Hunt	12	14	6	42.9	4	2	50	14	6	42.9	0	0	0	1.16	6	14
Eddie Cunningham	14	5	3	60	12	8	66.7	4	3	75	1	0	0	1	5	14
Tim Burpo	12	14	5	35.7	2	2	100	14	5	35.7	0	0	0	1	4	12
Caleb Ballard	13	7	2	28.6	6	2	33.3	6	2	33.3	1	0	0	0.46	2	6
Ross Teasley	12	9	1	11.1	7	4	57.1	6	1	16.7	3	0	0	0.5	4	6
Total for Team	319	1550	689	40.5	747	474	63.5	1258	608	44.7	292	81	13.9	4.92	13	1930

2002-03

	Offencive Rebs.	Defencive Rebs.	Total Rebounds	Avg. Rebs.	Total Assists	Avg. Assists	Total Steals	Blocked Shots	Turnovers	Avg. Turnovers						
Brett Hoskins	58	125	183	6.5	92	3.3	54	13	70	2.5						
Kirk Arnold	32	49	81	2.9	122	4.4	54	1	76	2.7						
Dirk Draper	42	95	137	4.9	96	3.4	33	2	61	2.2						
Austin Tyler	86	149	235	8.4	17	0.6	10	51	59	2.1						
Hunter Hoskins	40	51	91	3.3	59	2.1	30	2	57	2						
Cody Martin	29	42	71	2.5	24	0.9	26	1	41	1.5						
Kris Kelley	31	37	68	2.6	21	0.8	25	6	16	0.6						
Brett Reddick	11	22	33	2.1	10	0.6	2	5	9	0.6						
Cody Yates	15	28	43	1.7	27	1.1	6	5	25	1						
Kevin Cope	17	17	34	1.5	9	0.4	2	4	8	0.4						
Joe Hunt	7	6	13	1.1	3	0.3	2	0	2	0.2						
Eddie Cunningham	5	5	10	0.7	5	0.4	3	0	3	0.2						
Tim Burpo	3	7	10	0.8	1	0.1	1	0	2	0.2						
Caleb Ballard	2	4	6	0.5	1	0.1	1	0	2	0.2						
Ross Teasley	0	3	3	0.3	2	0.2	1	0	6	0.5						
Total for Team	378	640	1018	2.65	489	1.2	250	90	437	1.13						

2002-03

	St. Mary	South Fulton, TN.	Hickman Co.	Greenfield, TN.	Fulton City	Allen Co.	Heath	Livingston Co.	Reidland	Hickman Co.	Murray	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.										
Kirk Arnold	12	17(1)	0	15(1)	11(1)	10(1)	11(1)	10	7	14(1)	14(2)	8	10	11										
Dirk Draper	8	13	9(1)	10	11	10(1)	14	9	11(1)	11	10	16(2)	2	11										
Brett Hoskins	25(1)	18	18(1)	21(1)	17	29(1)	25(1)	10	17	30(1)	17	38(1)	18(1)	21(1)										
Hunter Hoskins	2	8	2	5	7	3	8	7	11	7	0	2	6(1)	7										
Kris Kelley	2	10	2	12	1	5	6	6	9	6	4	6	2	5										
Austin Tyler	5	10	6	6	6	1	4	5	2	3	15	4	19	2										
Cody Martin	6	2	0		0	4	13	11(1)	6		3	2	4	0										
Cody Yates	2	2	10(1)	2	6			0	6(2)	2	0	5(1)	0	1										
Eddie Cunningham	0	0	0		0	0	0	4	2	0														
Kevin Cope	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	4		0	0	0											
Caleb Ballard	1	0	0				0	0	1	0	0													
Ross Teasley	0	0					0	0	4	0	2													
Joesph Hunt	0	4					0	0	6	0	0													
Tim Burpo	0	0					0	2	0	0	0													
Brett Reddick						2	1	4	2	0	8													

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	Mayfield	Graves Co.	Ballard Co.	Marshall Co.	Heath	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Calloway Co.	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Marshall Co.	Mayfield					3-Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Kirk Arnold	4	7(1)	9(1)	13(3)	10	10(2)	16(2)	6	11(1)	15(2)	16(2)	7(1)	27(4)	10(1)					28	28	311	11.1
Dirk Draper	6	6(1)	7	10(2)	4	14(2)	4	13(1)	11(1)	8	10	13(1)	18(1)	4					14	28	273	9.75
Brett Hoskins	31(1)	23(2)	22(1)	18(1)	17(1)	8(1)	20(2)	8	6	24	2	18	7	29					18	28	537	19.11
Hunter Hoskins	6	1	4	2	6	11(1)	2	8	7	12	8	5	6	4					2	28	157	5.6
Kris Kelley	8			0	3	4	2	0	6	5	0	5	0	0					0	26	109	4.19
Austin Tyler	6	7	3	4	3	9	10	13	8	4	8	12	9	8					0	28	192	6.85
Cody Martin	2	0	0	8	0	14(3)	13(2)	3	6(2)	8	4	2	12(2)	10					10	27	142	5.25
Cody Yates	2	2	2	2		0	3	0	2	1	0	6(1)	0	0					5	25	56	2.24
Eddie Cunningham						1	0		5	2		0							0	14	14	1
Kevin Cope		2	4	2	4	3(1)	6		1	0	0								1	21	36	1.71
Caleb Ballard						2	0		0	0		2							0	13	6	0.46
Ross Teasley							0		0	0		0							0	12	6	0.5
Joesph Hunt						2	0		2	0		0							0	12	14	1.16
Tim Burpo						2	4		4	0		0							0	12	12	1
Brett Reddick	4	9	11(1)	0	4	6	6	0	4	4	0								1	17	65	3.82
					Team Record - 19-9							Per Game Avg. - 68.60							79		1930	

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Austin Tyler	70	0		15	92	192	281	4.01
Cody Martin	52	13		0	67	142	209	4.01
Caleb Ballard	19	0		0	6		6	0.31
Ross Teasley	19	0		0	6		6	0.31
Joesph Hunt	17	0		0	14		14	0.82
Brett Reddick	59	0		21	232	65	318	5.38
Dirk Draper	65	15		7	177	273	457	7.03

2003-2004

HEAD COACH – BRIAN O'NEILL

ASSISTANT COACH – CASEY HENDERSON

ASSISTANT COACH – ROBBIE EDDLEMAN

TROPHIES WON

CARBONDALE TOURN. – CLASS A – 2ND PLACE

CARBONDALE TOURN. – CLASS A+AA – 4TH PLACE

CLASS A TOURN. – 1ST PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. – 2ND PLACE

1ST REGION TOURN. – 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 22-11

2003-04

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
12-02-03	St. Mary	62-58	H	
12-04-03	Trigg Co.	80-64	A	**MARSHALL CO. HOOPFEST**
12-09-03	Hickman Co.	58-40	A	
12-13-03	South Fulton, TN.	83-62	H	**KEN-TENN CLASSIC.**
12-16-03	Fulton City	64-54	A	
12-19-03	Heath	87-54	H	
12-20-03	Bowling Green	**65-75**	A	**GRAVES CO. SHOOTOUT**
12-29-03	Trico, ILL.	72-45	A	**CARBONDALE TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-30-03	Muhlenburg North	46-42	A	**CARBONDALE TOURN. 2ND RD.**
12-31-03.	Memphis Lausanne, TN.	**56-73**	A	**CARBONDALE TOURN. CLASS A CHAMPIONSHIP**
12-31-03.	Memphis Sheffield, TN.	**69-70**	A	**CARBONDALE TOURN. CLASS A+AA CONSOLATION**
01-06-04	Lone Oak	**60-76**	H	
01-09-04	Fulton Co	76-71	H	
01-12-04	Ballard Co.	97-61	A	
01-16-04	Hickman Co.	72-64	H	
01-20-04	Mayfield	65-62 **ot**	H	
01-23-04	Graves Co	**51-55**	A	
01-27-04	Fulton City	57-53	A	**CLASS A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-30-04	Mayfield	48-34	A	**CLASS A TOURN. 2ND RD.**
01-31-04	Fulton Co	59-57	A	**CLASS A TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
02-05-04	Caverna	**47-63**	A	**CLASS A STATE TOURN. 1ST RD.**
02-09-04	Fulton Co	**62-64**	A	
02-13-04	Fulton City	89-69	H	
02-17-04	Calloway Co.	**39-51**	A	
02-20-04	Ballard Co.	76-42	H	
02-23-04	Mayfield	**62-66**	A	
02-26-04	Murray	51-46 **ot**	H	
03-01-04	Fulton City	89-69	A	**1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-05-04	Fulton Co	**52-55**	A	**1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-08-04	Marshall Co.	44-43	A	**1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-11-04	Heath	45-39	A	**1ST REGION TOURN. 2ND RD.**
03-12-04	Calloway Co.	61-54 **2ot**	A	**1ST REGION TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-17-04	Covington Catholic	**40-63**	A	**KY. STATE TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD - 22-11

2004 Comets



Top: Mgr. Ben Hocker, Assit. Coach Casey Henderson, Eddie Cunningham, Tim Dunn, Dylan Moore, Devin Cates, Assit. Coach Robbie Eddleman, Head Coach Brian O'Neill, Mgr. Cody Gill. Middle: Kirk Arnold, Hunter Hoskins, Cody Yates, Kristopher Kelly, Kevin Cope, Brett Hoskins, Tim Burpo.
Bottom: Mgrs. Caleb Ballard, Tyler Hayden, Joel Hammonds

2003-2004

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TROPHIES WON
CARBONDALE TOURN. – CLASS A – 2ND PLACE
CARBONDALE TOURN. – CLASS A+AA – 4TH PLACE
CLASS A TOURN. – 1ST PLACE
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. – 2ND PLACE
1ST REGION TOURN. – 1ST PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 22-11

2003-04 COMET ROSTER:
Kirk Arnold, Brett Hoskins, Hunter Hoskins, Kris Kelley, Cody Yates, Kevin Cope, Tim Burpo, Eddie Cunningham, Tim Dunn, B.J. Ballard, Isaac Hickerson, Dylan Moore, Devin Cates.

Balance Reigns
As District Rule

Clarity in the boys' First District race may have to linger until the end of the district tourn. in March. Parity seems to run amok.

"(Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill) and I were talking the other day about how every team in the district could finish 3-3," Fulton Co. head coach Shane Midyett said.

"Our #4 team is capable of pulling an upset over anyone in this region," Midyett said.

While the majority of First Region squads must fill major gaps, the all small-school First District is poised to come up large with its excess of returning star power.

Defending District Champion Carlisle Co. graduated a few key cogs but return the backcourt foundation of Brett Hoskins and Kirk Arnold.

Runner-up Hickman Co. has a second year under coach Billie Prince's system and features five seniors, including All-Purchase candidate Brandon Mason.

Whitney Hendrix, the best player First Region fans do not know about and maybe the best First Region player period, anchors a Fulton Co. squad intent on improving upon a strong finish.

Not only does Fulton City have the best pair of under 5-10 players in the region - Keith Burton and Josh Ferrell - but also welcomes back head coach Sam Miller, who had a one-year hiatus as coach.

"Whereas most districts have a couple of powerhouses and then a drop off, we have a district where you can't take any games for granted," Prince said.

And a district where two possibly deserving teams will not earn a pass to flaunt its talent in the regional tourn.

Carlisle County

If the Comets are going to win back-to-back district titles the health of Hoskins' back must not move to the foreground.

Two bulging discs in his back placed his future in doubt this summer, but Hoskins played basketball in Hawaii in mid-July and appears ready to go after initial practices.

"He still has some soreness and tightness, but it is responding well," O'Neill said. "He took a hard spill the other day and was able to bounce back up."

Hoskins, who also grew two inches over the summer, averaged over 19 pts. in Carlisle's wide-open attack last season. Backcourt mate Arnold averaged 11 pts., and O'Neill envisions the pair carrying the bulk of the load again.

The Comets up-and-down-the-floor philosophy is a stable of O'Neill teams, and it could allow complementary players such as Hunter Hoskins, Cody Yates, Kris Kelley, and Kevin Cope to post big numbers.

"We have a lot of set plays, but a lot of times we freelance," O'Neill said. "We take some crazy shots sometimes, but it is hard for the defense to know what is coming."

2003-04 COMET ROSTER:
SENIORS – Cody Yates (6-4), Brett Hoskins (6-2), Kirk Arnold (6-0), Kevin Cope (6-4), Hunter Hoskins (6-1), Kris Kelley (6-4), Tim Burpo (6-2).
JUNIORS – Dylan Moore (6-1), Devin Cates (5-9).
SOPHOMORES – Tim Dunn (6-0), Eddie Cunningham (5-8).
FRESHMEN – Isaac Hickerson (5-10), B.J. Ballard (6-0).

Carlisle Co. 62
St. Mary 58
12-02-03 - Home

Carlisle Co. survived a rough fourth quarter at the foul line to squeak past St. Mary.

The Comets led by 12 going into the fourth, where they shot just 4-for-12 from the charity stripe as the Vikings fought their way back. Kirk Arnold scored 20 pts, while Carlisle teammate Brett Hoskins was close behind with 19.

Dylan Oliver led St. Mary with 19 pts, and Chris Miller finished with 17.

Carlisle (1-0)…....14 29 47 62
St. Mary (0-1)…...10 23 35 58

Carlisle (62)
Arnold 20, B.J. Ballard, Burpo, Cope, Cunningham 2, Dunn 2, Hickerson, B. Hoskins 19, H. Hoskins 9, Kelley 10, Moore, Yates, Cates.
Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 4 (Arnold 2, B. Hoskins, Kelley), Fts. 8/21, Fouls 22.

St. Mary (58)
Bohle, Cochran 5, Hayden 2, Miller 17, Oliver 19, Shaw 7, Wright 8.
Fgs. 21, 3 pts. 1 (Shaw), Fts. 15/24, Fouls 16.

Marshall Co. Hoop Fest.
Hoskins Nets
"Healthy" 39

Carlisle Co. 80
Trigg Co. 64
12-04-03 - Away

It's time to pronounce Carlisle County's Brett Hoskins fully healthy – and fully loaded.

Showing he's made a complete recovery from an off-season back injury, Hoskins tossed in 37 pts as the Comets bombed turnover prone Trigg Co. 80-64 on Thursday night at Marshall County's Hoop Fest.

"We couldn't defend him, but the way he played tonight I'm not sure anyone could," said Trigg coach Bill Chumbler. "He just went wild."

Hoskins' 37 pts. represented the second highest total in Hoop Fest history. Brett Jones of Tilghman tossed in 41 when the Chumbler-coached Tornado beat Chicago Westinghouse in 2000 at the then-Players Shootout at Massac Co.

"With two or three minutes left, they told he was close to the record," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill, whose team improved to 2-0. "I wish I had known it earlier, because we'd have tried to get it for him. I didn't want to do it in the last couple of minutes."

Hoskins, who scored 25 pts. in the first half, was 12 for 19 from the field, hit his only 3-pt. shot, and went 12-for-15 from the free throw line. He also grabbed 13 rebounds, several on the offensive end.

It was quite a performance for someone who wasn't sure he would get to play his senior season. Hoskins tried to play with a bad back this summer, then finally opted for rest and rehabilitation.

"I didn't know if he was going to get to play," O'Neill said. "It was so bad this summer that he'd come out of the game and put an icepack on his back, then slide it back out when I put him back in. I never knew he was doing it."

Obviously, he's recovered.

"It feels pretty good right now," Hoskins said. "We played a pretty good game. We got their big guy in foul trouble and took advantage of it."

"Brett kept moving and getting open, and our guys kept getting him the ball," O'Neill said.

Trigg (1-1) committed 24 turnovers, 20 in the first half. Kenny Ray Turner, the Wildcat's 6-6, 265 lb. center, played sparingly because of foul trouble and scored just 8 pts. before fouling out. Blake Mize and Jeremy Jones led the Wildcats with 15 pts. apiece.

"Kenny was where we thought we had an edge on them," Chumbler said. "And our two sophomore guards (Jones and Devin Tejada) had 15 turnovers.

"They're a typical Carlisle team. They out-hustled us. There was a play in front of our bench that epitomized it. They dove for a loose ball and got it while we were reaching and bending over for it."

Carlisle…….....24 41 63 80
Trigg……..…....15 33 51 64

Carlisle (80)
B. Hoskins 39, Yates 3, Kelley 11, H. Hoskins 3, Arnold 10, Cope 7, Dunn 7, Cunningham, D. Cates 2, Hickerson, B.J. Ballard, Burpo, Cates.
Fgs. 28/57, 3 pts. 4/12 (Arnold 2, Yates, B. Hoskins), Fts. 18/29, Fouls 21, Rebs. 35.

Trigg (64)
Jones 15, Tejada 2, Turner 8, Mize 15, Greenman 3, Boyd 10, Mitchell 3, Wright 4, McNicholes 2, O'Hara 2.
Fgs. 25/54, 3 Pts. 3/17 (Jones, Greenman, Mitchell), Fts. 11/19, Rebs. 32, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 58
Hickman Co. 40
12-09-03 - Away

Carlisle Co. got off to a great start and rallied late to stop First District rival Hickman Co. The Comets led 16-4 after the first quarter, but the Falcons cut the lead to 4 late in the third.

Hunter Hoskins hit a trey near the end of the third to start a Carlisle rally that Hickman could

not overcome. Hunter Hoskins topped all scorers with 14 pts., followed by Comet teammates Kris Kelly with 13 and Brett Hoskins with 10.

Eric Blalock paced the Falcons with 12 pts.

Carlisle…….....16 26 38 58
Hickman…….....4 18 31 40

Carlisle (58)
Arnold 3, Ballard, Burpo, D. Cates, Cope, Cunningham 5, Dunn 4, Hickerson, B. Hoskins 10, H. Hoskins 14, Kelley 13, Moore, Yates 9.
Fgs. 21/43, 3 Pts. 3/9 (Arnold, B. Hoskins, H. Hoskins), Fts. 13/26, Fouls 19.

Hickman (40)
Blalock 12, Boaz, Brazzell, Burgess 7, Glasco 2, Mason 6, Pruitt 11, Rushing, Turner, Weatherford 2.
Fgs. 16/49, 3 pts. 1/12 (Burgess), Fts. 7/17, Fouls 20.

Ken.-Tenn. Shootout
Carlisle Jumps To Early Cushion

Carlisle Co. 83
South Fulton, TN. 62
12-13-03 - Home

Blowing out to a 9-0 early lead, Carlisle Co. quickly had a double-digit advantage and went on to a 83-62 victory over South Fulton, Tenn. in Saturday's Ken-Tenn Shootout at Carlisle Co.

Union City, Tenn., beat Hickman Co. 72-68 in the opening game, although results were not reported.

Brett Hoskins scored 20 of his 23 pts. in the first half as Carlisle built a 52-27 edge at halftime. Kirk Arnold added 11 pts. with three 3-pointers.

Carlisle…….....26 52 74 83
S. Fulton…….....14 27 44 62

Carlisle (83)
Arnold 11, Ballard, Burpo 3, D. Cates 3, Cope, Dunn 10, Hickerson 1, B. Hoskins 23, H. Hoskins 11, Kelley 10, Moore 5, Yates 4, Cunningham,.
Fgs. 27, 3 pts. 6 (Arnold 3, Dunn, B. Hoskins, Moore), Fts. 23/37, Fouls 21.

South Fulton (62)
Greer 1, Wilson 4, Alexander 4, Hicks 20, Waggoner 6, Napier 1, Oliver 7, Helling 2, Allen 2, Peat 15.
Fgs. 22, 3 pts. 3 (Hicks 3), Fts. 15/27, Fouls 23.

Carlisle Co. 64
Fulton City 54
12-16-03 - Away

Brett Hoskins scored 18 pts. to lead Carlisle Co. past Fulton City in a First District showdown. The Bulldogs had a 4 pt. lead, after the first quarter, but the Comets chipped away at that by going 23-for-44 from the foul line.

Josh Ferrell topped all scorers with 21 pts. and a trio of treys for Fulton City.

Carlisle…….....14 33 45 64
Fulton City…….....18 35 46 54

Carlisle (64)
Arnold 11, Ballard, Burpo, Cates, Cope 4, Cunningham 6, Dunn 1, Hickerson, B. Hoskins 18, H. Hoskins 9, Kelley 7, Moore, Yates 8.
Fgs. 20/38, 3 pts. 1/7 (Yates), Fts. 23/44, Fouls 18.

Fulton City (54)
Avery 2, J. Burton 2, K. Burton 15, Ferrell 21, Hunt, Madding, Vaughn, Williams 14.
Fgs. 21/57, 3 pts. 3/15 (Ferrell), Fts. 9/18, Fouls 30.

Carlisle Co. 87
Heath 74
12-19-03 - Home

Brett Hoskins scored 13 of his game-high 36 pts. in the fourth period as Carlisle Co. remained unbeaten. Carlisle sealed the victory with late free throws, hitting 17-of-32 charity shots in the fourth quarter. Hunter Hoskins hit 9 of 10 in the frame and finished with 14 pts.

Brandon Austin led Heath with 28 pts., and Brandon Braboy pitched in 17.

Carlisle.....18 35 53 87
Heath.....19 30 46 74

Carlisle (87)
B. Hoskins 36, H. Hoskins 14, Cunningham 13, Kelley 9, Arnold 6, Yates 6, Dunn 3, Cope.
Fgs. 28, 3 pts. 7 (B. Hoskins 4, Arnold, Cunningham, Dunn), Fts. 24/38, Fouls 16.

Heath (74)
Austin 28, Braboy 17, Long 12, Klope 5, Jett 4, Lewis 4, Cochran 2, Peoples 2, Dukek.
Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 5 (Austin 2, Long 2, Braboy), Fts. 19/24, Fouls 22.

Graves Co. Shootout

Carlisle Co. 65
Bowling Green 75
12-20-03 - Away

Cornelius Bowman and Jordan Blann hit back-to-back 3-pointers in a third quarter spurt as Bowling Green knocked Carlisle Co. from the ranks of the unbeaten.

Bowman tossed in 28 pts. and Blann scored 21 for the Purples, who are coached by former Marshall Co. star Aaron Beth. Bowling Green shot 60% from the field, with Bowman and Blann combining to hit 8 of their 12 3pt tries.

Brett Hoskins lead the Comets with 27 pts. with Kirk Arnold adding 17.

Carlisle…….....16 30 42 65
Bowling Green…..17 33 51 75

Carlisle (65)
B. Hoskins 27, H. Hoskins 5, Kelley 3, Cunningham 6, Arnold 17, Cope, Yates 7, Dunn, Burpo, Moore, Hickerson, Cates.
Fgs. 23/49, 3 pts. 3/15 (B. Hoskins, Yates, Arnold), Fts. 16/24, Fouls 17.

Bowling Green (75)
Gatewood 8, Todd 10, Blaine 4, Bowman 28, Blann 21, Parker, Jackson 4, Hockersmith.
Fgs. 26/43, 3-pts. 8/12 (Blann 6, Bowmen 2), Fts. 15/16, Fouls 21.

Carbondale Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 72
Trico, ILL. 45
12-29-03 - Away

Carlisle County's press forced 20 Turnovers from Trico in the opening game of the Carbondale Tourn.

Kirk Arnold and Eddie Cunningham shared high scoring honors for the Comets with 13 each. Jeremy Phoenix topped all scorers with 14 pts. for the Pioneers.

Carlisle plays a 12:30 p.m. game tomorrow, against Muhlenberg North in the class A bracket of the Tourn.

Carlisle…….....21 37 60 72
Trico…….....7 18 31 45

Carlisle (72)
Arnold 13, Ballard 4, Burpo 4, Cates 5, Cope 3, Cunningham 13, Hickerson, B. Hoskins 8, H. Hoskins 7, Kelley 11, Moore, Yates 4.
Fgs. 29/66, 3 pts. 7/17 (Arnold 2, Cunningham 2, Cates, Cope, Kelley), Fts. 7/17, Rebs 32, Fouls 13.

Trico (45)
Smith 3, Stiens 4, Neiple 2, Phoenix 14, Schimert 2, Musselman 2, Chmness 2, Bollmann 11, Caby 4, Jausel.
Fgs. 18/44, 3 pts. 2/7 (Smith, Stiens), Fts. 7/12, Fouls 13, Rebs 30

Carbondale Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets Cash In With Free Shots

Carlisle Co. 46
Muhlenberg North 42
12-30-03 - Away

This wasn't typical Class A basketball.

Bullied, pushed, and shoved into a much more physical style of play than it would have preferred, Carlisle Co. found itself forced to win a game outside of it's usual area of expertise, against a decidedly non-Class A opponent.

Casting aside their normal finesse approach, the Comets had to grind out a tough win in the second round of the Carbondale Tourn., squeaking past another Ky. school, Muhlenberg North, 46-42 on Tuesday afternoon.

Carlisle (8-1) will meet Lausanne Prep of Memphis, a 58-45 winner over Herrin, in today's championship game of the class A Bracket at the SIU Arena. If the Comets beat Lausanne, they will meet either Memphis Sheffield or Carbondale tonight for the overall title.

"That was one ugly game, but it was good for us to win that kind of grind-it-out type of game," Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill said of the Muhlenberg North win. "People know we like to run, and teams are going to do their best to slow us down. We need to prove that we can win that way."

The Comets won despite some miserable shooting – 31% from the field, including a couple of air-balls in an 0-for-7 performance from 3-pt. range.

But Carlisle, normally spotty at best from the free throw line, drilled 28 of 37 attempts.

"That's great for us," O'Neill said. "We're only shooting 55% for the year. In our 1st round game (a 72-45 win over Trico) we were the same from the 3 pt. line – 7-for 17 – that we were from the free throw line.

Brett Hoskins, sidelined for a key stretch with 4 fouls, was 8-for-10 from the line in a 12-pt. effort. Hunter Hoskins scored all his pts. at the line, hitting 7-of-9 attempts. Cody Yates was 4-for-4 including two huge foul shots that gave Carlisle a 45-40 lead with 30 seconds remaining.

Then there was Kirk Arnold, who led the Comets with 15 pts. but was just 5-of-9 from the line.

"It's a curse, I believe," Arnold said, his tone of voice leaving some uncertainty as to whether he's kidding or not. "I don't know if were not taking our time and just going up there and shooting them. Definitely, knocking them down today was the reason we won this game."

Brett Hoskins agreed.

"Games like this, we're going to have to win at the free throw line," he said. "I don't know what our problem is. We run and shoot free throws all the time in practice."

Despite an enrollment (756 students in the top four grades) well over the Class A cutoff in both Ky. and Ill., Muhlenburg North (3-7) was placed in the small school bracket in a tourn. that is struggling to fill out its 16-team field.

The Stars, whose record is deceiving because of their rugged early schedule, elevated ugly into an art form in its first-round win - a 41-24 snoozer

over DuQuoin.

"Our kids watched that game, and it may have been the worst thing for us," O'Neill said. "It was hard to tell the kids that they were a good team after watching that one."

Carlisle also survived a 22-pt. effort from Muhlenburg North's Derek Adams, a talented 6-5 junior guard who hit 4-of-10 attempts from 3 pt. range.

At one point, O'Neill went to a box-and-one to defend Adams, choosing Yates as his shadow. "Normally, we would use Hunter Hoskins or Eddie Cunningham, but Cody is 6-4 with a good wingspan," O'Neill said. "Cody isn't used to it, but the only thing he did wrong was, he would leave his man sometimes to help out on a guy penetrating. You can't really do that with a guy that shoots as well as Adams"

In Lausanne, Carlisle will play a team that was the private-school runner-up in Tenn. last season and returns 3 starters – including 6-2 sophomore guard Jonnie West, the son of NBA Hall of Famer Jerry West. He hit six 3-pointers in Lausanne's 63-60 upset of Pinckneyville, a preseason top-five team in Ill. Class A poll.

Carlisle……..9 22 34 46
Muhlenberg……..5 18 29 42

Muhlenberg (42)
Grace 2, Adams 22, Johnson 10, Jarvis 3, Sparks 2, Mercer 3, Groves, Wells, Harrison.
Fgs. 14/41, 3 pts. 4/15 (Adams 4), Fts. 10/15, Fouls 25, Rebs. 28.

Carlisle (46)
H. Hoskins 7, B. Hoskins 12, Kelley 7, Cunningham 1, Arnold 15, Yates 4, Cope, Burpo, Cates, Ballard, Moore, Hickerson.
Fgs. 9/29, 3 pts. 0/7, Fts. 28/37, Rebs. 28, Fouls 15.

Carbondale Tourn.
Class A Championship
Comets Fail To Keep Pace.
Comets' Shooting Goes
Flat Late At Carbondale.

Carlisle Co. 56
Memphis Lausanne, TN. 73
12-31-03 - Away

Carlisle Co. found itself in a tough position, trying to compete in a shooting match with a team that was just a little more armed.

In the end, the Comets simply ran out of ammunition.

Carlisle shot nothing but blanks in the fourth quarter of Wednesday's Class A Championship game at the Carbondale Tourn., going 0-for-13 from the field in the final 8 minutes of a 73-56 loss to Memphis Lausanne.

Clearly, the Comets legs were … er, shot.

"Their were a few air-balls in there too," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill, whose team seemed to run out of gas after rallying from an early 13 pt. deficit to tie the score early in the fourth quarter. "I don't know if it was us just being tired, but it sure looked like it the way we were shooting."

"That's the most athletic team we've faced," O'Neill said, referring to Lausanne. "Until tonight. Then I'll get to repeat it."

Lausanne, an emerging power in Tennessee's private-school division, seemed a bit surprised to find itself in a tight game in the fourth period. And with little wonder – the sweet-shooting Lynx shot 60% from the field and drilled 8 of 10 of it's 3 pt. attempts.

Yet Carlisle, which trailed by 13 pts. late in the first quarter and for virtually the entire game, drew even when Brett Hoskins hit two fts. to forge a 51-51 tie with 6:36 remaining.

After a fleeting moment, they appeared to have momentum after Lausanne was forced to call a timeout to avoid a 5-second call on an in-bounds play.

But on each of it's next two possessions, Lausanne isolated sophomore guard Jonathan Wright in the paint against 5-8 sophomore Eddie Cunningham. Wright scored twice off backdoor cuts to give Lausanne a 55-51 lead, and Lynx star Carlos Taylor (20 pts.) scored in the post and hit a couple of fts. as part of a decisive 11-0 run.

Lausanne coach Jason Peters admitted he didn't draw up Wright's two critical baskets, but that, "it just worked out that way because Jonathan understands, even better than some of our veteran players, how to move without the ball."

"We didn't bump the cutter coming into the lane and they posted Eddie up twice,: O'Neill said. "We got down 6 or 8, then we started taking some shots too quickly, shots that weren't in the flow of our fast break and our offense,"

By the time Alex Pruitt stuck back his own miss, drew Hoskins' fifth foul and completed the 3 pt. play to make it 62-51 at the 2:48 mark, the Comets were effectively done.

Hoskins led the Comets with 19 pts. and 4 assists, including a 9-for-9 performance at the ft. line. Kirk Arnold had 13 pts., but was 5-for-18 from the field with several misses in the fourth period. Carlisle shot 33% for the game.

On the other hand, the Lynx were red-hot from the start. Taylor, a 6-1 guard who is drawing attention from schools such as Mississippi, Arkansas State, and Tennessee-Martin, hit a couple of treys en route to a 20-pt. game.

Jonnie West, the son of Memphis Grizzlies president and former NBA great Jerry West, was 5-for-5 from the field with three 3-pointers and scored 15 pts.

The real surprise was Pruitt, a 6-4 senior who was 3-for-5 from beyond the arc and tossed in 20 pts.

Carlisle……..17 37 49 58
Lausanne……..25 39 51 73

Lausanne (73)
West 15, Trevillian, Charbonnet 7, Pruitt 20, Taylor 20, Wright 10, Powell, Harvey 1, Ross, Forsdick, Dawson, Peck.
Fgs. 28/47, 3 pts. 8/13 (West 3, Pruitt 3, Taylor 2), Fts. 9/13, Fouls 16 Rebs 25.

Carlisle (58)
H. Hoskins 4, B. Hoskins 19, Kelley 4, Cunningham 3, Arnold 13, Yates 8, Cope 5, Burpo, Dunn, Ballard, Moore, Cates, Hickerson.
Fgs. 16/14, 3 pts. 3/17 (Arnold 2, Cope), Fts. 21/26, Rebs. 25, Fouls 16.

Carbondale Tourn.
Consolation

Carlisle Co. 69
Memphis Sheffield, TN. 70
12-31-03 - Away

Carlisle played Class AA bracket runner-up Memphis Sheffield in Wednesday night's third place game, losing 70-69.

The Comets lead the entire game until the last 2 seconds when Sheffield hit a 15 foot shot for the win.

Brett Hoskins led the Comets in scoring with 39 pts.

Sheffield (10-5)….19 35 53 70
Carlisle (8-3)……23 42 56 69

Sheffield (70)
Henderson 5, Daniel 9, Culpepper 17, Stanford 13, Lowe 2, Martin 11, Curry 11, Dawson 2, Smith, Price.
Fgs. 28/55, 3 pts. 5/22 (Culpepper 3, Daniel, Henderson), Fts. 9/11, Fouls 24, Rebs. 28.

Carlisle (69)
Arnold 5, Cope, Cunningham 3, Dunn, B. Hoskins 39, H. Hoskins 9, Kelley 8, Yates 5.
Fgs. 22/36, 3 pts. 3/5 (B. Hoskins 3), Fts. 22/33, Fouls 12, Rebs. 21.

Carlisle Co. 60
Lone Oak 76
01-06-04 - Home

Carlisle Co. kept it close early, but Lone Oak pulled away in the second quarter and never looked back. The Comets led 26-23 in the second quarter before the Flash closed the half with a 12-3 run and kept it going through the final two periods.

Chase Denson led Lone Oak with 24 pts., followed by teammates Lucas Elliott with 13, J.M. Ponting with 11, and Jarad Key with 10. Brett Hoskins topped all scorers with 28 for the Comets, who got 11 from both Kirk Arnold and Kris Kelley.

Lone Oak……..19 35 56 76
Carlisle……..14 29 44 60

Lone Oak (76)
Denson 24, J. Elliott 8, L. Elliott 13, Key 10, McDuffee, Ponting 11, Thomas 2, Walter 8.
Fgs. 27, 3 pts. 5 (Key 2, Ponting 2, Denson), Fts. 17/23, Fouls 18.

Carlisle (60)
Arnold 11, Burpo, Cope, Cunningham, Dunn, B. Hoskins 28, H. Hoskins 8, Kelley 11, Yates 2.
Fgs. 19, 3 pts. 3 (Arnold 2, B. Hoskins), Fts. 19/27, Fouls 18.

Carlisle Co. 76
Fulton Co. 71
01-09-04 - Home

Carlisle Co. got clutch free throw shooting from its Hoskins cousins to overcome Fulton County's long distance prowess in this First District battle.

Brett Hoskins was 3-for-4 from the foul line in the final 20-seconds to clinch the victory. He finished the night with 24 pts.

Hunter Hoskins hit 4 foul shots in the final minute on his way to 15 pts. Kris Kelley, 13 pts., and Kirk Arnold, 12 pts., also hit double figures for the Comets.

Whitney Hendrix scored 17 of his game high 33 pts. for the Pilots in the fourth quarter, including six 3-pointers. Desmond Hendrix wound up with 18 pts.

Fulton Co……..21 35 48 71
Carlisle……..15 36 53 76

Fulton Co. (71)
Fitz, D. Hendrix 18, W. Hendrix 33, Hodges, Holloway 7, McClain 4, Nicholson, Polk 6, Wilson 3, Winters.
Fgs. 28, 3 pts. 9 (W. Hendrix 6, Polk 2, Holloway), Fts. 6/9, Fouls 23.

Carlisle (76)
Arnold 12, Cope, Cunningham 7, Dunn, B. Hoskins 24, H. Hoskins 15, Kelley 13, Yates 5.
Fgs. 23, 3 pts. 4 (Kelley 2, Arnold, Yates), Fts. 26/36, Fouls 10.

Carlisle Co. 97
Ballard Co. 61
01-12-04 - Away

Carlisle Co. picked up its 10th win of the year

as Ballard suffered its 10th loss of the season. Kris Kelley led the Comets with 16 pts., while Brett Hoskins and Hunter Hoskins each had 15.

Justin Rodgers topped the Bombers with 14 pts. and Jacob Renfrow and Jonathan Renfrow each added 12.

Carlisle…….....22 49 66 97

Ballard.…….....13 30 39 61

Carlisle (97)

Arnold 6, Burpo 8, Cates 11, Cope 4, Dunn 5, Hickerson, B. Hoskins 15, H. Hoskins 15, Kelley 16, Moore 11, Yates 6, Ballard.

Fgs. 37, 3 pts. 1 (Cates), Fts. 16/19, Fouls 20.

Ballard (61)

Barrow 4, Crainshaw 5, Lanier 4, Lawrence 4, Logsdon , Newton 4, Pickett 2, Randle, Ja. Renfrow 12, Jo. Renfrow 12, Rodgers 14.

Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 2 (Jo. Renfrow 2), Fts. 19/27, Rebs. 19, Fouls 17.

Comets Seize
1st District Lead

Carlisle Co. 72
Hickman Co. 64

01-16-04 - Home

Grabbing a solid hold on the top seed in the First District, Carlisle Co. closed with a 12-7 run in the final 4 minutes to finish a regular-season sweep of Hickman Co. 72-64, and a two game lead in the district standings.

The Comets, now 4-0 in district play, escaped a 57-57 deadlock with its late run, powered in part by Hunter Hoskins' 6-for-6 performance at the foul line. Hoskins came up with 22 pts. to lead the Comets while Brett Hoskins added 19.

Eric Blalock was one of three Falcons in double figures with 19 pts.

Carlisle (11-4)…...16 35 48 72

Hickman (8-7)…...21 31 47 64

Hickman (64)

Blalock 19, Boaz, Brazzell 3, Burgess 14, Glasso 2, Mason 11, Pruitt 6, Rushing 9, Weatherford.

Fgs. 22, 3 pts. 8 (Rushing 3, Burgess 2, Blalock, Brazzell, Mason), Fts. 12/16, Fouls 23.

Carlisle (72)

Arnold 12, Cope, Cunningham 6, Dunn, B. Hoskins 19, H. Hoskins 22, Kelley 6, Yates 7.

Fgs. 20, 3 pts 3 (Arnold, Cunningham, B. Hoskins), Fts. 29/34, Fouls 14.

Hoskins' Overtime Effort
Keeps Comets Streaking

Carlisle Co. 65
Mayfield 62

01-20-04 - Home

Brett Hoskins scored 7 of his game-high 34 pts. in overtime as Carlisle won it's fourth straight game, beating Mayfield 65-62 Tuesday.

Hoskins sealed the victory with two fts. with 4.8 seconds left before Carlisle's Cody Yates stole Mayfield's inbounds pass and ran out the clock.

Hunter Hoskins added 14 pts. for Carlisle. For Mayfield, Justin Shoales scored 27 pts. and Tienne England 15.

Mayfield.……...11 29 43 56 62

Carlisle…….…15 32 46 56 65

Mayfield (62)

Shoales 27, England 15, A. Moss 8, Shelton 8, Ivey 4, Bell, Cook, Farmer, Rust, B. Moss.

Fgs. 23, 3 pts. 7 (England 3, Shoales 3, Shelton), Fts. 9/11, Fouls 24.

Carlisle (65)

B. Hoskins 34, H. Hoskins 14, Kelley 8, Yates 3, Arnold 2, Cunningham 2, Dunn 2, Cope.

Fgs. 19, 3 pts. 3 (B. Hoskins 3, H. Hoskins 2), Fts. 24/35, Fouls 13.

Graves Muscles Past Carlisle Co.
Eagles Exploit Big-School Edge

Carlisle Co. 51
Graves Co. 55

01-23-04 - Away

Graves Co. and Carlisle Co. share a border, but their basketball teams share little in common.

Typical of the small school, Carlisle takes the finesse approach, relying on its guards for pts. and to set the tempo for its defense.

Graves is the much larger of the two in more ways than one, relying on its physical advantage in the low post.

In the end, brawn won out, but just barely.

The Comets cut a 9 pt. deficit to one in the final minutes, but star guard Brett Hoskins found himself surrounded by too many bodies and long arms as he drove for the tie.

Randon Cavette, half of Graves one-two punch, knocked the ball loose and triggered a fast break basket the other way, and the Eagles (14-3) prevailed for a 50-46 victory on Friday night at the Eagles' nest.

Cavette had 13 pts. and teamed with 6-4 forward A.J. Adams (20 pts., 7 rebs.) to beat the Comets in the paint.

"Their a tough match-up for us," Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill said. "We're a better offensive team when we can go with 4 guards, but you have to keep 2 post players in to defend them."

Carlisle's Cody Yates and Kris Kelley can match the Eagles' duo in height, but aren't quite as athletic and physical.

"It's a tough game to play with them," Graves coach Allan Hatcher said. "When we get it in to them we're going to score, but everybody really jumps on our guards and pressures them. They're getting tougher and finding ways to get it inside."

Adams had a stick-back to give Graves a 43-34 lead at the 5:31 mark, but Carlisle began pecking away. Kirk Arnold (12 pts., 4 assists) hit two 3-pointers in a run that cut the lead to 46-44, then Hoskins passed over a couple of defenders to Yates, who hit 2 fts. to cut it to 47-46 with 1:18 remaining.

Carlisle (12-5) decided to foul Cavette, a shaky ft. shooter, at every opportunity. Cavette, who had missed
one of his first three, hit one to make it 48-46, then through up an airball on the second try.

Hoskins, who tossed in 19 pts. but was held scoreless in a stretch of 12-plus minutes of the second half, tried to wiggle his way in between a pair of defenders.

But Cavette slapped the ball away and recovered it hitting Drew Collins to head the other way. Collins found Adams streaking down-court for a lay-up.

Held scoreless from the 4:47 mark of the third quarter until the final minute, Hoskins drove and scored and drew Cavetti's 5th foul to make it 51-48 with 20 seconds left.

"They went box-and-one, triangle-and-two and kept changing defenses," O'Neill said. 'It made it tough to get him the ball."

Hoskins missed the ft., however, that would have cut the lead to two, and Adams and Jamie King each buried a pair of fts. from the line to seal the win.

Carlisle…….…....11 24 32 51

Graves.…….…....14 25 38 55

Carlisle (51)

B. Hoskins 19, Yates 5, Kelley 13, H. Hoskins 2, Arnold 12, Cope, Cunningham, Burpo.

Fgs. 18/37, 3 pts. 5/11 (Arnold 2, B. Hoskins, Yates, Kelley), Fts. 10/11, Rebs. 11, Fouls 16.

Graves (55)

Collins 6, Adams 20, Cavette 13, Sims 5, Frick 1, King 4, Colley 6, Allred.

Fgs. 22/36, 3 pts. 3/7 (Collins 2, Sims), Fts. 8/13, Fouls 13.

All A Regional Tourn.
1st Round

Comets Working On
Starting Classic Streak.

Carlisle Co. 57
Fulton City 33

01-27-04 - Away

Carlisle County needed to exorcise some Class A demons, and head coach Brian O'Neill hopes Monday's 57-33 quarter-final win over Fulton City in Racer Arena proved cathartic.

The Comets got 21 points and 11 rebounds from Brett Hoskins and held the Bulldogs to 28 percent shooting with a variety of gimmick defenses to contain Keith Burton (20 points on 9-of-23 from the floor).

"It's good to get a win because we've struggled in some of these games," said O'Neill, whose No. 1 seeded Comets lost in the 2001 quarter-finals to Heath and then lost again in last year's quarterfinals as a No. 2 seed to Ballard Co.

There was little doubt Carlisle would avoid the snakebite this-year after scoring two quick transition buckets to spur a 13-2 run to open the game. Fulton City went more than four minutes without points between its first and second bucket

After witnessing Burton nearly lead the Bulldogs to a win in their previous encounter, Dec. 16. Carlisle grabbed the lead with 4 minutes left in a 64-54 win. O'Neill employed a box-and-one, which often resembled a triangle-and-two on Burton, when he received the ball. It still didn't prevent Burton from hitting a pair of 3-pointers, including one from 28 feet at the buzzer to pull Fulton City within 15-10 at the end of the first quarter.

"The first shot he hit was amazing, then he hit that moon shot at the end of the quarter," O'Neill said. "He's a great player."

But Carlisle countered with its own great player. Brett Hoskins scored nine second quarter points as Carlisle extended its advantage to 30-19 at the half. Hoskins scored 16 first-half points on 6 of 6 shots. Burton scored 14 points on 6 of 15 shots, and made each basket with increased difficulty.

Fulton City made just 2 of 14 shots in the third quarter as the Comets put the game away with a 7-0 run.

Kirk Arnold played an excellent floor game for Carlisle, scoring eight points, dishing out six assists, and corralling five rebounds.

Carlisle starter Cody Yates went down with an apparent sprained ankle in the second half. He will have X-rays today.

The Comets will face the winner of Heath-Mayfield in a Friday semifinal.

Fulton City (5-10).10 19 23 33

Carlisle (l3-5)…...15 30 43 57

Fulton City (33)

Burton 20, Williams 7, Hunt 2, Avery 2, Wilson 2, Ferrell, Vaughn, Farmer, Madding, Brann, Logsdon, Martin.
Field goals 15/53, 3-pointers 2/15 (Burton 2), Free throws 1/2, Rebounds 29, Fouls 17.

Carlisle (57)
B. Hoskins 21, H. Hoskins 11, Kelley 9, Arnold 8, Dunn 6, Burpo 2, Yates, Cope, Cunningham, Cates, Hickerson, Moore, Ballard.
Field goals 21/46, 3-pointers 2/9 (B. Hoskins 2), Free throws 13/20, Rebounds 34, Fouls 13.

All A Regional Tourn.
2nd Round
Comets Take Easier
Path To All A Final.

Carlisle Co. 48
Mayfield 34

01-30-04 - Away

Brett Hoskins got off to a red-hot start with three 3-pointers and 11 points in the first quarter as top-seeded Carlisle County pounced on Mayfield and never let the Cardinals make a serious charge.

Hoskins finished with 26 points and 10 rebounds, leading a Carlisle ball-club that's playing with a bit of an emotional edge — senior forward Cody Yates, only recently moved into the starting lineup will be out for at least three weeks with slight fracture in his right ankle, an injury suffered late in Monday's quarterfinal win over Fulton City.

"I know it's killing him to be sitting all the time," Hoskins said. ."It hurts us on the court, too, because he's so tall and long and good defensively.

"We want to win it for him, sure, but Kevin Cope is solid and he will fill in for him."

Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill admitted Yates' absence could be felt tonight against Fulton County, which can go big at times with 6-8 Desmond Hendrix and reserves Shavar Wilson and Jeffrey McClain.

"They usually have four guards in the game, and we're comfortable with that lineup," O'Neill said. "Not having Cody hurts our rotation, because we've gotten used to going with two post players and rotating them in and out with three guys. And it takes away some depth."

Some might see the Comets' coasting past Mayfield as an advantage since Fulton County obviously had a longer, tougher, semifinal battle.

"They'll be pumped up, though," O'Neill said. "Four years ago, we beat Ballard Co in double overtime in the semifinals and came out the next night against St. Mary ready to go. It's easy to get up for the championship game."

Mayfield (5-10)…...6 12 26 34
Carlisle (14-5)…...18 23 37 48

Mayfield (34)
Ivey 6, A. Moss 1, Shoales 9, Cook 3, England 8, Shelton 7, Farmer, Rust, D. Moss, Bell, Dumas.
Field goals 11/37, 3-pointers 3/14 (England, Cook), Free throws 9/12, Rebounds 24, Fouls 8.

Carlisle (48)
H. Hoskins 6, Cope 3, Kelley 3, B. Hoskins 26, Arnold 6, Cunningham 4, Dunn, Moore, Cates, Hickerson, Ballard.
Field goals 18/39, 3-pointers 6/11 (B. Hoskins 3, H. Hoskins 2, Cope), Free throws 6/8, Rebounds 22, Fouls 11.

All A Regional Tourn.
Championship
Hoskins' Frantic Finish
Carries Carlisle To State

Carlisle Co. 59
Fulton Co. 57

01-31-04 - Away

Elvis nearly left the building with the All A Classic regional title that Brett Hoskins feels is rightfully Carlisle County's.

For once, it is. ***Finally!***

Sharpshooter Elvis Holloway threatened to steal the big trophy and take it home to Fulton County, but Hoskins snatched it back with a scintillating fourth-quarter effort.

Scoring 13 of his 27 points in the final five minutes, all of them either in the low post or from the free throw line, Hoskins carried the top-seeded Comets to a thrilling 59-57 victory over their district rivals on Saturday night at Murray State University's Racer Arena.

Carlisle survived only after Fulton County's David Polk heaved a buzzer-beating 3-point try that hit the front of the rim.

"You've got to get physical with Brett inside, because he will get physical," Fulton County coach Shayne Midyett said. "We didn't do that late in the game, and if you don't, he takes over."

Ending years of frustration to claim its first regional small-school title, Carlisle (15-6) advances to next week's state tournament at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena. The Comets will meet Caverna (19-1), one of the highest-rated teams in the tournament, on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. (CST).

"We've always felt like this was our year to win it," said Hoskins, the backbone of an all-senior starting lineup. "This has been our number one goal since the start of the season."

To Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill, winning the tournament after losing in the finals in 1999 and 2000 and a quarterfinal-round meltdown as the No. 1 seed in 2001, was a sigh of relief.

"I had to go sit down for a minute and take this all in," O'Neill said. "We've had some disappointments in this tournament, but this group was determined to win it."

Carlisle's chances nearly blew up thanks to three bombs by Holloway, that tested the resolve of even the most dedicated Comet fan. Three times in the fourth period, Holloway drilled a long 3-pointer to give the Pilots (12-7) the lead.

The first was a 24-footer after Polk came up with the loose ball in a scramble, dribbled to the corner and found Holloway on the wing. Polk also set up the second, corralling a long rebound and passing to Brandon Hodges, who hit Holloway open at the top of the key.

After Holloway drew his fourth foul and was treated to a taunting "Elvis" chant from the Carlisle student section, he nailed another three to give Fulton County a 53-52 lead with 1:48 remaining.

But Hoskins wasn't through. He hit a 12-footer for the lead, then posted up and scored on a feed from cousin Hunter Hoskins (seven points, eight assists) to make it 56-55 with a minute left.

Desmond Hendrix, the Pilots' 6-8 man-child center, missed in the post and Hoskins hit two free throws to put Carlisle up by three.

Polk hit two more free throws, even though it appeared he tried to miss the second, to cut it to 58-57 with eight seconds left, and Hoskins was fouled in the back-court.

Hoskins hit the first but missed the second, and Polk (17 points, three assists) pushed the ball up-court and hit Holloway on the wing. As Holloway tried to clear some space between himself and the defender and readied to shoot, the ball was poked out-of-bounds just before the horn sounded. As Carlisle students stormed the court, officials ruled that time had yet to expire and put 0.3 seconds back on the clock. Whitney Hendrix (17 points, four assists) inbounded to Polk, who had to catch the ball and release it in one motion from about 24 feet away. The ball hit the front of the rim.

"I wanted a foul, or at least more time on the clock," Midyett said. "I was asking for two seconds, but it probably wasn't that much left, but we should have gotten more than point-three."

Fulton Co. (12-7)..14 26 38 57
Carlisle (15-6)…...13 24 40 59

Fulton Co. (57)
Holloway 11, Polk 17, D. Hendrix 7, W. Hendrix 17, Hodges 3, McClain 2, Wilson, Fitz.
Field goals 21/46, 3-pointers 6/22 (Holloway 3, W. Hendrix 2, Hodges), Free throws 9/12, Fouls 17.

Carlisle (59)
B. Hoskins 27, Kelley 13, Cope, H. Hoskins 7, Arnold 6, Cunningham 4, Dunn 2,
Field goals 22/48, 3-pointers 2/15 (B. Hoskins 2), Free throws 13/15, Fouls 13.

Carlisle Boys Face
Tall Task In Caverna

Compare Carlisle County and Caverna, its opening-round opponent in the All A Classic boys' state tournament, and it's difficult to see how the Comets measure-up.

With its 19-l record, Caverna is starting to attract some statewide attention and is projected as one of the tournament favorites.

Carlisle (15-5) is known more for its history and tradition than for the exploits of its current squad.

Caverna brings plenty of size to the court when the teams collide at 9:30 a.m. (CST) Thursday at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena.

The Colonels start 6-foot-7, 215-pound Boris Siakam, an exchange student from Cameroon, and 6-5, 200-pound senior Jordy Maxey and can bring in a capable reserve in 6-6 sophomore Kendall Igwe, who moved in from Indiana.

Carlisle's entirely homegrown team has 6-4 forward Kris Kelley as its tallest starter. Kevin Cope, 6-3 senior, is filling in as a starter for 6-4 Cody Yates, who is out for at least two more weeks with an ankle injury.

The Comets have some quickness, but Caverna has more. Brandon Adams and Carrington Maxey make up one of the Fifth Region's quickest guard tandems, and 6-2 freshman William Bradley is rated as one of the nation's top 50 freshmen by some recruiting services.

So what chance does Carlisle have to pull off the upset?

"Our guys have never backed down from anyone," said Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill, whose team is making its first appearance in the small-school state tournament. "We've played teams like them, and we've played well against teams like them."

Like the Comets, Caverna much prefers an up-tempo style, sometimes to the point of getting wild," O'Neill said.

"The big guy doesn't go outside much, but the rest of them can really get up and down the court," O'Neill said. Siakam is a really good post player and he can finish inside. (Jordy) Maxey can play inside and he can hit the 15-footer - he even hit three in one film we saw.

"It looks like their outside shooting is suspect, but they're very explosive."

O'Neill compares Caverna's athleticism to that of some teams that have beaten the Comets this year. The best match, in O'Neill's eyes, is the Memphis Sheffield team that beat Carlisle 70-69 in the third-place game at the Carbondale (ILL.) Holiday Tournament.

Sheffield is rated as one of the top 10 teams in the Memphis area, but barely survived a 39-point effort by Carlisle's Brett Hoskins. "It's close. Sheffield had a more athletic post player and more depth," O'Neill said. "We've played teams that are as physical and athletic as Caverna, Sheffield and Bowling Green, definitely."

Caverna might pose a lineup dilemma for the Comets, which have been starting guards Kirk Arnold and Hunter Hoskins with Brett Hoskins, Kelley and Cope.

Guard Eddie Cunningham started earlier in the season, and might be counted on more for his defensive ability against the quicker Colonels.

O'Neill also sees two intangibles as advantages for the Comets. Carlisle has played a tougher schedule than Caverna, which was a regular All A Classic participant in the early 1990s but has had some lean seasons since then.

Caverna made the semifinals in 1990 and 1993, both times losing to the eventual champs - University Heights in 1990 and the same Dilce Combs squad that beat Fulton County in the finals in 1993.

This season, the Colonels' most impressive wins, on paper at least, might have come against Louisville Trinity and Grayson County.

Caverna is 11-0 within its own region, but only two of the wins have come against teams with a winning record.

"We've been to big-game atmospheres, and we've played seven games on college-size floors," O'Neill said, mindful that Caverna has just played one, its win over Trinity at Bellarmine College. "And our guys are focused on winning up there.

"They came down off Cloud Nine pretty quickly this week, much quicker than we did after winning the region three years ago. I don't think they're very satisfied with just getting there."

All A State Tourn.
1st Round
Comets' Trail
Hits Rising Star

Carlisle Co. 47
Caverna 63

02-05-04 - Away

Carlisle County coach Brian O'Neill walked off the court, wondering if history might repeat itself.

Did we play the state champions again?" O'Neill asked after his Comets were dismantled by Caverna in the first round of the All A Classic state tournament. "I can see them winning it all."

Caverna certainly looked the part. The Colonels were too big, too quick and too talented for the Comets, manhandling them 63-47 on Thursday morning at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena.

Boris Siakam, a 6-foot-7 exchange student from Cameroon, dominated the inside with 17 points and 14 rebounds, and his teammates showed some surprising marksmanship from the perimeter, drilling three early 3-point baskets, while racing to a 25-8 lead, after the first quarter.

Caverna (20-1) will meet Hazard in a quarterfinal-round battle of two of the pre-tournament favorites. Hazard advanced with a 62-47 win over Todd Central.

To O'Neill, it was all too reminiscent of the Comets' 2001 appearance in the Sweet 16, when they fell to eventual state champion Lexington Lafayette.

The Comets led Lafayette going into the fourth quarter of that contest, but really never threatened Caverna after a miserable start.

Jordy Maxey, an athletic 6-5 forward, scored off the opening tip and drilled a 3-pointer on the next possession. Point guard Brandon Adams nailed a three and Siakam scored twice in the post for a 12-2 lead, less than four minutes into the game.

Maxey (10 points, nine rebounds) hit another three later in the quarter, and Siakam and 6-6 reserve Kendall Igwe scored in the post to close out the period.

"Everything we seen on them, the scouting report and the tapes we seen, said that they weren't a good shooting team," O'Neill said. "We knew Maxey could hit the three, but the guards didn't shoot it nearly that well. They weren't the same team we saw on tape."

Caverna coach Paul Childress said his team has started to shoot .better in recent games.

"We've got shooters. We've got two or three guys that can hit the three," Childress said. "I was a little surprised they didn't play a zone against us, because that's what we usually see."

Meanwhile, Carlisle's big gun found it tough to score against the bigger Colonels. Brett Hoskins scored 17 points but was 7-for-26 from the field.

"It was pretty tough in there with a 6-7 guy with arms out to here," Hoskins said, gesturing for full effect. "I've been able to score on big people, but it was more difficult against those guys."

Carlisle shot just 32 percent from the field and hit only 1 of 13 3-point attempts.

"Their (size) starts to get in your head," said Carlisle forward Kris Kelley, who admittedly rushed some shots while going 2-for-10 from the field. "You start thinking about them and it affects your shot."

Indeed, few teams - Class A or not - can match Caverna for sheer size and athleticism.

"Other teams have size - we've got Hazard now, and they have a lot of size," Childress said. "But we've got a good combination of size and quickness. Jordy is 6-5 and he can play four positions. I think we cause match-up problems for a lot of teams."

Carlisle managed to pull back to within 27-18 at the half, but was put away with a 10-1 run in a two-minute stretch of the third period. Adams (16 points, five assists) hit a 3-pointer on an inbounds play, Caverna got a couple of baskets on the break and guard Carrington Maxey hit a three to push the lead to 41-23.

Carlisle (15-6).....8 18 29 47
Caverna (20-1).....25 27 53 63

Carlisle (47)
B. Hoskins 17, Kelley 4, Cope, H. Hoskins 7, Arnold 5, Cunningham 2, Dunn 9, Burpo 3, Moore, Cates, Hickerson, Ballard.
Field goals 19/60, 3-pointers 1/13 (Arnold), Free throws 8/18, Rebounds 32, Fouls 17.

Caverna (63)
Bradley 11, J. Maxey 10, Siakam 17, C. Maxey 7, Adams 16, Igwe 2, Wilson, Orr, Forbes, Weaver, Curry, Boles.
Field goals 23/48, 3-pointers 5/15 (J. Maxey 2, Adams 2, C. Maxey), Free throws 12/16, Rebounds 41, Fouls 15.

Fulton Co. Boys
Avenge All A Defeat

Carlisle Co. 62
Fulton Co. 64

02-09-04 - Away

In a rematch of the First Region boys' All A Classic final, Carlisle County's Brett Hoskins had another big game but Fulton County had just enough at the end to hold on for a 64-62 victory Monday night.

Fulton County took a nine-point lead into the fourth quarter, but struggled at the free-throw line, hitting only 8 of 20 tries in the final eight minutes.

Meanwhile, Hoskins, who scored 13 of his 27 points in the last five minutes of Carlisle's 59-57 All A final victory on Jan. 31, was again leading a Comet comeback. He scored 15 of his game-high 38 points in the fourth period, including a 3-pointer for the Comets' last points, cutting the Pilots' lead to one. Fulton County's Elvis Holloway hit 1 of 2 free throws to seal the win.

Hoskins added 10 rebounds and received scoring help from Kirk Arnold, who netted 12 points.

Whitney Hendrix led Fulton County with 20 points, while Desmond Hendrix scored 12, pulled down 10 rebounds and blocked six shots.

Carlisle (15-7)…...11 19 40 62
Fulton Co. (14-8)..18 33 49 64

Carlisle (62)
B. Hoskins 38, Arnold 12, H. Hoskins 6, Kelley 5, Burpo 1, Cope, Cunningham, Dunn, Moore, Cates.
Field goals 22, 3-pointers 4 (B. Hoskins 2, Arnold 2), Free throws 14/17, Fouls 22.

Fulton Co. (64)
W. Hendrix 20, D. Hendrix 12, Hodges 8, Wilson 8, Polk 7, McClain 5, Holloway 4, Fitz, Nicholson.
Field goals 21, 3-pointers 8 (W. Hendrix 4, Hodges 2, Holloway, Wilson), Free throws 14/29, Fouls 18.

Brett Hoskins Passes
Record Set In 1970

Comet player Brett Hoskins broke a 34-year scoring record on February 13th in a game against Fulton City, becoming the school's all-time career scoring leader.

Hoskins, the son of Michael and Tanna Hoskins of Bardwell, is a senior at Carlisle Co. High School.

Hoskins said he was pretty excited about setting the new record of career points, adding that had he not broken the record, he would not have been disappointed.

When asked his thoughts of Hoskins' accomplishment, Brian O'Neill, coach of the Comets, said, "It was an amazing accomplishment that took many years of hard work to achieve.

Brett passed a lot of great players in Carlisle County history to set the new mark. It has been a honor to coach Brett and the rest of the seniors over the last four years. They have accomplished many outstanding feats together."

Hoskins future plans include attending college and playing basketball.

David Sams, who has held the record for the past 34 years, said he was pleased he held the record for so long, adding that he offered his congratulations to Brett and was glad he had accomplished a new record.

The top ten players to score high career points at Carlisle County High School are

1. Brett Hoskins..... 1,722
2. David Sams 1,713
3. Thomas Jenkins 1,690
4. Mike Thomason 1,622

5.	Phillip Hall	1,588
6.	Matt Hoskins	1,502
7.	John Martin	1,499
8.	Todd Tyler	1,492
9.	Robert Martin	1,410
10.	Mike Sams	1,133

Comets' Hoskins
Breaks Record

Carlisle Co. 89
Fulton City 69

02-13-04 - Home

With a simple free throw in the fourth quarter, Carlisle County's Brett Hoskins broke a 34-year Cornet scoring record and became the school's all-time career scoring leader in a 89-69 Comet victory over Fulton City Friday night.

Hoskins broke the 1970 record of David Sams with his free throw with 6:44 left in the game, passing Sams 1,713 career points. Hoskins finished with 30 points, reaching 1,722 career points at the end of the game.

He scored half of those points in the first half as Carlisle County jumped to a 51-34 lead by hitting nine 3-pointers, five by Hoskins.

Kirk Arnold scored 19 points and added 10 assists for the Comets.

Fulton City's Keith Burton was the game-leading scorer with 35.points while Barry Williams added 17.

Fulton City (6-15)....15 34 52 69
Carlisle (16-7).....18 51 73 89

Fulton City (69)
Burton 35, Ferrell 11, Hunt 4, Williams 17, Wilson 2.
Field goals 23, 3-pointers 4 (K. Burton 3, Ferrell), Free throws 19/23, Fouls 20.

Carlisle (89)
B. Hoskins 30, Arnold 19, H. Hoskins 15, Kelley 11, Cope 5, Cunningham, Dunn 7, Burpo 2, Cates, Moore, Hickerson.
Field goals 29, 3-pointers 10 (B. Hoskins 5, Arnold 3, Cope, H. Hoskins), Free throws 21/28, Fouls 20.

Carlisle Co. 39
Calloway Co. 51

02-17-04 - Away

Calloway County pulled away from Carlisle County in the fourth on the strength of 14-of-17 foul shooting.

Terry Adams hit three 3-pointers in the second half for the Lakers as he led all scorers with 19 points. Chase Futrell was 9-of-10 from the free throw line in the fourth as he finished with 11 for Calloway.

Brett Hoskins guided the Comets with 12 points, while Kirk Arnold had 10.

Carlisle (16-8)…....7 13 25 39
Calloway (17-6)…10 17 29 51

Carlisle (39)
Arnold 10, Burpo, Cope 3, Cunningham, Dunn, B. Hoskins 12, H. Hoskins 9, Kelley 5, Yates, Cates, Moore, Ballard.
Field goals 13, 3-pointers 5 (Arnold 2, Cope, B. Hoskins, Kelley), Free throws 8/10, Fouls 18.

Calloway (51)
T. Adams 19, Barrow 6, Futrell 11, Hargrove, Jones 7, Salinas, Streetman, Walker 2, Welter, White 6.
Field goals 14, 3-pointers 4 (T. Adams 3, White), Free throws 19/27, Fouls 17.

Carlisle Co. 76
Ballard Co. 42

02-20-04 - Home

A full-court press and halftime urging from the coaches inspired Carlisle County to a 29-6 scoring run in the third quarter that turned a five-point game into a blowout against Ballard Co.

Kris Kelley scored 9 of his 11 points and Hunter Hoskins 7 of his team-high 15 in the third period, after Carlisle led just 27-22 at halftime. Brett Hoskins added 14 and Kirk Arnold 11.

Tim Lanier hit three 3-pointers to lead Ballard with 13 points.

Ballard (1-21).....10 52 28 42
Carlisle (17-8)…...19 27 56 76

Ballard (42)
Barrow 10, Lanier 13, Newton 4, Randle 8; Ja. Renfrow 3, Jo. Renfrow 2, McDaniel.
Field goals 12; 3-pointers 3 (Lanier 3), Free throws 15/25, Fouls 22.

Carlisle (76)
Arnold 11, Ballard 4, Burpo 2, Cates 1, Cope 2, Cunningham 3, Dunn 5, Hickerson 6, B. Hoskins 14, H. Hoskins 15, Kelley 11, Moore 2.
Field goals 26, 3-pointers 4 (Arnold, Hickerson, H. Hoskins, Kelley), Free throws 20/29, Fouls 26.

Carlisle Co. 62
Mayfield 66

02-23-04 - Away

Tienne England scored 20 points, offsetting a big game by Carlisle County's Brett Hoskins as Mayfield beat the Comets.

Mayfield took a 12-point lead into the fourth quarter and held off the Comets' furious finish, but the Cardinals sealed it at the free throw line after Carlisle got as close as 64-62 late.

Justin Shoales added 18 points and 14 rebounds for Mayfield, and Greg Cook tossed in 13 points.

Hoskins poured in 39 points - 28 in the second half - to lead Carlisle.

Carlisle (17-9)…...13 19 32 62
Mayfield (8-14)….19 30 44 66

Carlisle (62)
B. Hoskins 39, Arnold 7, Dunn 4, H. Hoskins 4, Cunningham 3, Cope 2, Yates 2, Burpo 1, Cates, Moore.
Field goals 23/57, 3-pointers 2/18 (Arnold, B. Hoskins), Free throws 14/23, Rebounds 29. Fouls 24.

Mayfield (66)
England 20, Shoales 18, Cook 13, Shelton 9, Bell 4, Ivy 2, Dumas, Farmer.
Field goals 21/37, 3-pointers 5/9 (Cook 2, England, Shoates, Shelton), Free throws 18/36, Rebounds 30, Fouls 20.

Comets Untie Hoskins
For Overtime Production

Carlisle Co. 51
Murray 46

02-26-04 - Home

Brett Hoskins scored 23 of his 31 points in the first half as Carlisle County took a 36-29 lead, but Murray shut him down the second half, until his 3-point play with seconds left put away a 51-46 overtime win in Friday night's school basketball action.

Murray closed in the second half, catching the Comets at 44 to send the game into overtime. The game was also tied at 46, but Carlisle finished with five unanswered points, three by Hoskins.

Kyle Erwin led Murray with 14 points.

Murray.....19 29 36 44 46
Carlisle (18-9)....15 36 41 44 51

Murray (46)
Daniel 10, Erwin 14, Jackson 4, Kalleher 4, Masthay 12, Perdue, Tailor, Zirbel 2.
Field goals 18, 3-pointers 4 (Erwin 2, Masthay 2), Free throws 6/12, Fouls 17.

Carlisle (51)
Arnold 7, Burpo, Cope 2, Cunningham, Dunn, B. Hoskins 31, H. Hoskins, Kelley 11, Yates.
Field goals 19, 3-pointers 5 (B. Hoskins 3, Kelley, Arnold), Free throws 8/11, Fouls 14.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round

Carlisle Boys Exploit
Fulton City Foul Trouble

Carlisle Co. 81
Fulton City 70

03-01-04 - Away

Leading 21-13 midway through the first half thanks to scrappy defense and an all-out effort, Fulton City discovered its upset plan of Carlisle County had no fail safe without leading scorer Keith Burton.

Burton went to the bench with 4:18 left in the half after collecting three fouls in less than a minute, and the Comets turned up the heat with a 15-6 run. Kris Kelley and Brett Hoskins combined for 12 of those points as the Comets grabbed a 28-27 halftime cushion.

"It was a big opportunity for us, and I thought we seized it," Carlisle head coach Brian O'Neill said. "The way Burton and (Josh) Ferrell have been playing, I knew it was going to be tough."

After Burton (32 points, 5-of-12 3-pointers) was called for his third foul while leaning forward on his own 3-point attempt, Fulton City head coach Sam Miller knew it would be difficult for his team to maintain its pace.

"We don't have a bench," he said. "We just couldn't get any breaks with the officials.

The Comets and Bulldogs exchanged blows in the third quarter before Carlisle's bench spurred a decisive fourth-quarter run. Cody Yates drilled a 3-pointer, Tim Dunn corralled a offensive board for a put-back an Eddie Cunningham (10 points) nailed another 3-pointer to launch a 12-5 Carlisle run. Brett Hoskins (33 points, 9 rebounds) finished the spurt with a lay-up on a run out for a 62-52 lead. The Bulldogs could get no closer than six.

Ferrell added 24 points for Fulton City.

Fulton City…….....18 27 47 70
Carlisle…….…….....10 28 50 81

Fulton City (70)
Burton 32, Ferrell 24, Hunt, Vaughan 3, Farmer 3, Williams 2, Madding.
Field goals 23/52, 3-pointers 10/27 (Burton 5, Ferrell 3, Farmer, Vaughan), Free throws 14/24, Rebounds 25, Fouls 26.

Carlisle (81)
B. Hoskins 33, Kelley 18, Cunningham 10, Arnold 7, Dunn 5, Cope 4, Yates 3, H. Hoskins 1, Ballard, Burpo, Cates, Moore, Hickerson.
Field goals 28/43, 3-pointers 4/8 (Cunningham 2, B. Hoskins, Yates), Free throws 20/30, Rebounds 32, Fouls 21.

1st District Tourn.
Championship

Pilots Contain Comets.
Pilots Blunt Comets Comeback

Carlisle Co. 52
Fulton Co. 55

03-05-04 - Away

Jeffrey McClain may not have started the game for Fulton County, but his play helped the Pilots finish the First District boys' basketball tournament with a 55-52 triumph over Carlisle County in Friday's championship game.

The Comets were down 10 at the half, but battled back to Midyett's respect.

"You got to give Carlisle a lot of credit," Midyett said after the game. "They were down 10 in this arena. It was hostile and it was loud. Those kids were tough as nails and (Friday night), ours were a little bit tougher."

The Comets trailed 46-37 with 6:15 left in the game when they gained momentum. Brett Hoskins, who had foul shooting trouble in the first half, hit a free throw and completed a three-point play to cut the gap to five.

Tim Dunn hit another basket to make the score 46-43. He missed a 3-pointer to tie, but was able to pass the ball back to Hoskins. He hit the tying trey with 4:57 left. A minute later, Hoskins sank two free throws to give Carlisle its only lead of the night.

Desmond Hendrix, the Pilots' center, tied the score quickly and Elvis Holloway gave Fulton County the lead for good on a three-point play with 3:01 left. The Comets cut the lead to one with 53.9 seconds left and had the ball late looking for the win.

Brandon Hodges, who did not score, stole the ball and passed it to Whitney Hendrix. His lay-up with under 30 seconds left was the final score of the game. Hoskins's last try from long distance, bounced off the rim with three seconds left.

"It's easy to play when you got the lead," Midyett said. We got a pretty safe lead and Carlisle came back and took it. We could have folded but we've got team chemistry and the kids played together."

Holloway got the ball rolling scoring the first seven points for the Pilots. McClain scored Fulton County's final points in the first quarter, then got eight points in the second to secure the lead. Hoskins had chances to cut into that edge, but was l-of-7 from the foul line in the second quarter.

Hoskins led all scorers with 23 points. Holloway and Whitey Hendrix both scored 12 points for Fulton County while Kris Kelley was Carlisle's only other double-digit scorer with 11.
Fulton Co. (26-10)...15 29 44 55
Carlisle (19-10)….....9 19 37 52

Fulton Co. (55)
Fitz 2, D. Hendrix 4, W. Hendrix 12, Hodges, Holloway 12, McClain 21, Polk 4.
Field goals 21, 3-pointers 0, Free throws 13/21, Fouls 18.

Carlisle (52)
Arnold 8, Cope 3, Cunningham, Dunn 7, B. Hoskins 23, Kelley 11, Yates, Burpo.
Field goals 15, 3-pointers 4 (B. Hoskins 2, Arnold, Kelley, Cope), Free throws 18/25, Fouls 16

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Last Second Shot
Maintains Carlisle's Mastery.
Yates Upends Marshall's
With Buzzer-Beating Shot.

Carlisle Co. 44
Marshall Co. 43
03-08-04 - Away

Cody Yates' game winning shot, a desperation 3-pointer from the left corner that continued Carlisle County's postseason mastery of Marshall County, was painful enough.

Even worse for the Marshals was that the shot, and. the inbounds play that created it, was nearly perfectly defended.

"Yates' high-arching shot drew nothing but net, giving Carlisle County an unlikely victory over the Marshals and fittingly ending one of the more memorable evenings in recent First Region tournament history.

The Comets trailed for virtually the entire game, but stunned Marshall 44-43 on Yates' bomb with two seconds remaining at Murray State University's Regional Special Events Center.

On the decisive play, Yates' smarts and savvy was just as critical as his aim. With the Comets trailing 43-41 with 7.5 seconds left, he inbounded the ball to Kirk Arnold from the left sideline.

The play was designed for Arnold to create a shot for himself or hit leading scorer Brett Hoskins (25 points) coming off a screen at the top of the key.

But Arnold was trapped by a pair of Marshals and pitched the ball to Yates, who had stepped into the corner to provide him an outlet. Yates let fly with a rainbow shot that managed to elude the hand of outstretched defender Kenny Marsh.

"It looked like Kirk was in trouble, so I just came to the ball," Yates said. "I saw Marsh coming out at me, and I had to get it up over him."

Yates' heroic shot lifts Carlisle (20-10) into Friday night's semifinals against surprising Heath, which upset Graves County 58-55 in Monday's opener.

The Comets seem to have Marshall's number - they've ousted the Marshals from the regional tournament in three of the last four seasons.

Carlisle's win also guaranteed an unusual look for the region's final four - for the second straight season, three Class A teams will advance to the First Region semifinals.

Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill admitted he felt like his team stole a game it seemed destined not to win. Marshall (20-8) led nearly the entire way until Hoskins' 3-point play off a tip-in of his own missed shot gave the Comets a 41-40 lead with 49 seconds remaining.

Marsh (12 points) was fouled on the next possession and hit two free throws to give Marshall the lead, and the Marshals seemed to be in control again when Yates missed badly on an off-balance shot from the baseline.

Sawyer Donohoo ended up with the rebound, was fouled and hit one of two free throws to extend the lead to 43-41 with 18.7 seconds left.

Carlisle called a timeout with 12.9 seconds left and Jimmie Lee Holder, knowing that Marshall had one foul left to give, tried to take a charge on Hoskins but was called for the block with 7.5 seconds left. Another timeout set up Yates' unlikely shot.

"I thought we defended it exactly like we wanted," Marshall coach Doug Lyles said. "I thought we timed the foul perfectly - we made them use about five seconds. We didn't let Arnold get a shot or get the ball to Hoskins, and Yates hits his first three of the game.

"We turned the ball over a few times in the fourth quarter, but I thought we had hit enough free throws to hold on and win it."

Marshall, 7-for-9 from the foul line in the final 5½ minutes, committed 5 of its 11 turnovers in the fourth to squander the seven-point lead. Yates only recently regained his spot in the starting lineup after recovering from a serious ankle injury suffered in late January, during the All A Classic regional tournament, that kept him out for three weeks.

He returned to action late in the regular season, playing sparingly until guard Hunter Hoskins sprained his ankle in last week's First District tournament.

Carlisle went with a big lineup — starting Yates, Kris Kelley and Kevin Cope, that kept Marshall center Daniel Ard in check. Ard was l-for-8 from the field and scored just five points before fouling out in the final two minutes.

Against Marshall, Yates scored all eight of his points in the fourth quarter, including a 3-point play on the break that gave the Comets a 32-31 lead with 5:46 remaining, their first advantage since the game's early minutes.
Carlisle (20-10)…...5 15 24 44
Marshall (20-8)….10 21 31 43

Carlisle (44)
Yates 8, Kelley 3, Cope, B. Hoskins 25, Arnold 8, Cunningham, H. Hoskins, Dunn, Burpo, Ballard.
Field goals 17/38, 3-pointers 6/19 (B. Hoskins 2, Arnold 2, Yates, Cope), Free throws 4/5, Rebounds 20, (B, Hoskins 6, Kelley), Assists 7 (Arnold 4), Fouls 15, Turnovers 11.

Marshall (43)
Trexler 4, Beck 6, Ard 5, Marsh 12, Holder 8, Newcomb, Smith 7, Donohoo 1.
Field goals 13/34, 3-pointers 4/10 (Holder 2, Marsh 2), Free throws 13/18, Rebounds 25 (Ard 6), Assists 10 (Marsh 3, Beck 3), Fouls 12, Turnovers 11.

1st Region Tourn.
2nd Round
Little Things Come
Up Big For Carlisle.
Senior Leadership Lifts Comets.

Carlisle Co. 45
Heath 39
03-12-04 - Away

Fresh off his third First Region semifinal loss in the last five years, Heath head coach Jimmy Long pointed toward intangibles as essential to take the next step into a championship game.

Carlisle County, who just eliminated Longs' Pirates 45-39 Friday night at the Regional Special Events Center, has cornered a portion of the intangible market in the new century. The Comets did enough little things to advance to their second regional championship in four years.

"We've had a lot of seniors the last several years," said Carlisle head coach Brian O'Neill, whose team lost in the semifinals last season. "Seniors usually stay composed and step up when we need big plays."

Carlisle's Class of 2004 kept the tradition alive, mixing obvious big plays with subtle nuances to protect a two-point lead in the final two minutes.

Brandon Braboy (17 points, 5 assists) drove the baseline for a layup to slice Heath's deficit to 39-37, and the Pirates had three chances to tie as the Comets failed to expand their cushion.

Brad Lewis missed the front end of a one-and-one, Carlisle's Cody Yates tipped Tiron Peoples pass to a cutting Braboy for a turnover and Braboy missed a point blank shot to tie with 24 seconds left. Kris Kelley (12 points, seven rebounds) drilled two free throws with 22 seconds left for a 41-37 Carlisle lead.

Braboy pushed the ball up court for another lay-up attempt, this one rejected by the long arm of the 6-foot-4 Yates.

"When he beat me for that lay-up, I was lucky to get that ball before it got to the backboard," said Yates, who led Carlisle in rebounding (eight) and assists (four) after hitting the game-winning shot Monday against Marshall County. "I do what it takes for the team to win. If I score, I score. If I rebound, I rebound. If it takes playing defense, I'll play defense.

The contest was a far cry from the regular-season encounter, an 87-74 Carlisle victory in Bardwell. Neither team ever got in much of a rhythm offensively, and points in the open court were virtually nonexistent.

"Both teams wanted to win, but I think both teams concocted defenses that would not allow the other team to run very much," Long said.

The game was knotted at 18 following a sluggish first half.

Heath converted 30 percent of its shots, while Carlisle made just 6 of 24. Both starting backcourts struggled, with Brett Hoskins and Kirk Arnold combining for 3 of 12 shots, while Heath's Braboy and Jayce Long were successful on just 4 of 13 attempts.

Post play was also a non-factor, but Carlisle's interior spunk was tardy, while Heath's was absent altogether. Kelley became a force in the second half, tallying all 12 of his points on 6-of-8 shooting after intermission.

"It was important to get some easy buckets," said Kelley, who provided the Comets the lead for good on a post move early in the third quarter.

Long said Kelley confounded the Pirates.

"We just lost him," he said.

In the fourth quarter, Hunter Hoskins passed over Heath's defense to an open Kelley for a 35-27 edge, then Kelley banked in a 6-footer moments later for a 37-29 lead. He actually shot the ball more times (19) than reliable shooting star Brett Hoskins (11).

"It might have been in a practice," Yates said of the last time Kelley launched more shots than Hoskins. "I don't think that's ever happened before."

Brett Hoskins battled foul trouble while scoring 19 points, including 7-of-8 shooting from the free-throw line.

The Pirates cut the lead 37-35 on a Braboy 3-pointer, but Braboy and Long made only 9 of 30 shots in the game. Their teammates were not much more accurate, depositing 5 of 14.

Carlisle will attempt to book its second trip to Rupp Arena in four years against defending regional champion Calloway County tonight. The Lakers escaped Mayfield 35-33 in Friday's second game.

Carlisle (21-10)…...8 18 33 45
Heath (16-14)……11 18 27 39

Carlisle (45)

B. Hoskins 19, Kelley 12, Arnold 5, Yates 2; Cope 1, H. Hoskins 6, Dunn, Cunningham.

Field goals 16/41, 3-pointers 0/7, Free throws 13/19, Rebounds 35 (Yates 8), Assists 10 (Yates 4), Fouls 13, Turnovers 14.

Heath (39)

Braboy 17, Long 8, Austin 4, Peoples 5, Dukek, Tilford 4, Lewis 1, Cochran, Burton, Jett, Hampton.

Field goals 14/44, 3-pointers 4/18 (Braboy 2, Long 2), Free throws 7/11, Rebounds 26 (Peoples 6), Assists 8 (Braboy 5), Fouls 18, Turnovers 11.

1st Region Tourn.
Championship
"Sweeping Comets"
Carlisle Sweeps Region.
Carlisle Secures Both KHSAA
And All A Regional Titles.

Carlisle Co. 61
Calloway Co. 54

03-13-04 - Away

Twice this season, injuries threatened Carlisle County's dreams of taking home First Region hardware.

Cody Yates went down with a serious ankle injury during the All A Classic regional tournament. Hunter Hoskins suffered a severely sprained ankle in last week's district tournament.

Both are just fine, thank you. And thanks to their critical contributions in Saturday night's regional championship game, they will both play in Rupp Arena next week.

Completing an unprecedented sweep of regional titles, Carlisle cemented its claim as the region's king of comebacks.

The Comets knocked off defending champion Calloway County 61-54 in double overtime at Murray State University's Regional Special Events Center to earn their second Sweet 16 berth in four seasons.

Carlisle (22-10) will meet Ninth Region champion Covington Catholic on Thursday at noon (CST) at Rupp Arena in Lexington. Covington Catholic, a consensus top 10 team in state polls and rankings, advanced by defeating Boone County 56-42.

The Comets are also the first team to sweep the All A Classic, and the First Region title in the same season.

"That's one thing we talked about at the first of the season," Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill said. We wanted to win the All A, win the district and win the region. We didn't get all three, but we'll take the two we won.

Brett Hoskins' 28 point, 10-rebound performance earned him tournament MVP honors, but his cousin Hunter was an integral player in the decisive second overtime.

Carlisle took a 52-50 lead on Brett Hoskins' short jumper, and Calloway's Logan Walker missed a pair of free throws - a game-long bugaboo for the Lakers - after being fouled on the offensive boards.

The Comets set up their next possession, with Hunter Hoskins and Calloway's Seth Barrow jostling for position near the free throw line. After a lengthy battle between the two, Barrow was whistled for an intentional foul.

Hoskins sank both free throws to push the lead to four, and Carlisle retained possession. Hoskins was fouled again and drilled two more from the line to push the lead to 56-50. He hit two more later, going 6-for-6 from the foul line in the second overtime.

"When he hurt the ankle, he was told he'd be out for 2-4 weeks," O'Neill said. "He was back practicing in four days, and here he is tonight making some huge free throws."

"In all the excitement, my ankle doesn't bother me," Hunter Hoskins said. "It doesn't even hurt."

Neither does Yates' ankle, as evidenced by his two huge 3-pointers in a third-quarter run that put Carlisle in the lead and ensured a battle to the finish

Twice taking kick-out out feeds from Hunter Hoskins, who had four assists, Yates (13 points, 3-for-4 from 3-point range) sandwiched the threes around a Kirk Arnold drive that turned into a 3-point play and gave the Comets a 33-32 lead.

"I've got some confidence now," said Yates, who pulled Carlisle off its deathbed with a late three to eliminate Marshall County in the first round. "After hitting a shot like that, you know you can hit some more."

In the final seconds of the third quarter, Carlisle missed two shots and the ball was deflected out of bounds with about one second left, even though the clock continued to run and the horn sounded.

The officials put one second back on the clock, just enough time for Kelley to take the entry pass from Hunter Hoskins and drill a buzzer-beating three.

Nevertheless, Calloway had its chances. The Lakers (23-8) tied the score at 43-43 on a pair of Terry Adams free throws with 4:13 left, but missed six of seven from the line in the remainder of the fourth quarter. Barrow missed two, then Adams (17 points) missed three of four.

Adams found 6-foot-6 Roger Jones (14 points, 14 rebounds) for the game-tying basket with 15 seconds left in regulation, but Jones - fouled on the play - failed to convert the ensuing free throw.

Calloway was 14-for-26 from the line, an even worse 6-for-14 in the fourth quarter.

"You can't win a championship like that," Calloway coach Terry Birdsong said. "We've been up-and-down all season. We hit 25 out of 30 to beat (Paducah) Tilghman in the first round, then missed a bunch of big ones here."

Jones hurt the Comets early on the offensive boards, but Calloway wasn't able to get the ball to the post as easily in the late stages of the game. The Lakers had 22 offensive rebounds as part of a 41-26 edge on the glass.

"I just told the kids they had to get tougher inside," O'Neill said. "Twelve of their first 14 points came directly on offensive rebounds. We were shutting down their sets and not letting them get good shots, but they were killing us on the boards."

Brett Hoskins, who saw some playing time as a freshman on Carlisle's 2001 regional championship squad, admits this regional title "feels different" and means a little more than the others.

"This one is bigger," he said. "Some people look at the All A and say, that's just for small schools. But the big schools play for this one and this is the one everyone wants to win."

His brother Matt, now playing at Bethel College in Tennessee, was the driving force behind that Carlisle team, which shocked Paducah Tilghman in the regional final and led eventual state champion Lexington Lafayette for three quarters in their first-round loss.

Yet Brett, the younger sibling, has won more regional titles.

"I'm not telling him that," Brett Hoskins said. "He's still bigger than me."

"People ask me to compare them all the time, but they're so different," O'Neill said. "They're totally different players. Matt was such a brute inside and Brett has more finesse to his game.

"They've got 3,400 points between them. That's not too bad."

And now, a pair of regional titles.

Calloway...11 25 34 46 50 54
Carlisle…...11 18 39 46 50 61

Calloway (54)

White, Barrow 4, Jones 14, Adams 17, Futrell 11, Walker 8, Hargrove, Crouch, Weller, Salinas.

Field goals 19/49, 3-pointers 2/8 (Adams 1-3, Futrell 1-2. White 0-1, Hargrove 0-2), Free throws

14/26, Rebounds 41 (Jones 14), Assists 8 (Adams 3), Fouls 25, Turnovers 9.

Carlisle (61)

Yates 13, Kelley 7, Cope 3, B. Hoskins 28, Arnold 3, H. Hoskins 7, Cunningham.

Field goals 17/42, 3-pointers 6/16 (Yates 3, B. Hoskins, Cope, Kelley), Free throws 21/29, Rebounds 26 (B. Hoskins 10), Assists 10 (Arnold 4, H. Hoskins 4), Fouls 22, Turnovers 3.

Comets Experience Has O'Neill Feeling Better.

Comets Await Fellow Senior-Laden Team

The celebration for Brian O'Neill's second First Region championship in four years was more short-lived than the first, but not because going to the state tournament is old hat for the Carlisle County boys' coach.

Within 24 hours of beating Calloway County 61-54 in double overtime Saturday night at Murray State's Regional Special Events Center, O'Neill was hit by severe flu symptoms Sunday evening, and spent all day Monday still fighting off the fever and fatigue. He didn't get back to the court until Tuesday afternoon with just two days to prepare for Thursday's first-round opponent, Covington Catholic, at the Kentucky Boys' Sweet 16.

"I feel like I haven't done anything I should be doing the last couple of days, but my assistants are doing a great job of getting all the paper work done, making the arrangements and taking care of scouting reports," said O'Neill. "I feel pretty comfortable that when I get back things will be ready to go."

The Comets leave today for Lexington's Rupp Arena, where the Sweet 16 state tournament begins first-round play at 11 a.m. The 22-10 Comets play Ninth Region champions Covington Catholic (27-3) at 11 a.m. on Thursday with the winner advancing to a 5:30 p.m. quarterfinal tip-off on Friday afternoon.

History may be more on the Comets' side than the present. Carlisle County last made a trip to the Sweet 16 in 2001, and Covington Catholic last played in the tournament in 1992. But the Colonels earned a No. 8 ranking in the last Associated Press boys' basketball poll by going unbeaten against Ninth Region foes and are on a 14-game winning streak after beating Boone County in the regional finals 56-42.

"It's hard to read how the kids will react when they go up there, but a lot of these kids were there (in 2001), and although they didn't play a lot, they were still able to get a feel for the atmosphere," O'Neill said. "Hopefully we won't be awed by playing in Rupp Arena."

"The biggest thing is getting your head back into basketball again. There's a lot of distractions going on at home and in the school, with people congratulating you and all the excitement around you. You have to try and get your feet back on the ground. Then once you're up there, it's getting used to the shock of playing in Rupp Arena with the big crowd."

"One thing we've got going for us is the fact that these kids have seen what it's all about. They wanted to go back and see how it felt to actually get to play in the game, and I think they have the frame of mind to be more into the game."

The Comets lost to Lexington Lafayette 62-49 in the 2001 tournament, and Lafayette went on to win the state title that year. It was Carlisle's first trip since 1983, when the Comets were beaten in the championship game by Lexington Henry Clay in three overtimes. Covington Catholic also reached the championship game once back in 1967, losing to Earlington by a point.

This season the Colonels have lost by two points to Scott County (in the Toyota Classic tournament), by three to Bishop Brossart and a sound 48-32 beating, against Cincinnati St. Xavier.

The senior-dominated team has plenty of balance with leading scorer guard Matt Nestheide averaging 13.3 points a game. His senior running mate Ryan Kennedy is next at 11.0, and 6-5 senior forward Stephen Muck averages 9.8 points and a team-high 5.6 rebounds a game. All three are shooting over 30 percent from 3-point range with Nestheide and Muck throwing up over 100 attempts each. Muck has 6-6 junior Brennan Votel (8.9 ppg., 5.5 rpg.) and 6-5 senior forward Ryan Wachs (6.0 ppg., 4.3 rpg.) helping out under the boards.

"They have a lot of seniors, similar to us, and they have several good shooters with pretty much all the starters able to shoot well," O'Neill said. "They are a freelance team that doesn't seem to run much of a set pattern, just get the ball up and down the floor and freelance a shot. That might be the best for us, we seem to play well in that kind of game, too.

"But we've been able to adjust to playing up-tempo or grind it out when we have to. Our regional tournament was pretty much a grind it out every game. If it gets too up-tempo for us, we have the ability to slow it down. I think we're more comfortable getting it up and down the court, but we've shown we can grind it out, too."

The Comets survived one of the most hotly contested First Region tournaments last week with four of the seven games decided by three points or less. For the first time since the modern alignments of the region, no district champion survived the first round. The Comets were beaten in the First District tournament by Fulton County, but beat Fourth District champion Marshall County 44-43 in the opening round. In the semi-finals they held off Heath 45-38, then needed two overtimes to beat defending regional champion Calloway County.

Comets leading scorer Brett Hoskins played his part well, earning MVP for the tournament. He carries a 24.1 scoring average into the Sweet 16, the only one on his team with a double-digit scoring average.

Ky. State Tourn.
1st Round

Inside Information Comets' Downfall.

Comets Misfire At Boys' Sweet 16.

Carlisle Co.	**40**
Covington Catholic	**63**

03-18-04 - Away

Both Carlisle County's Brian O'Neill and Covington Catholic's Mike Listerman focused on the same sermon, but it was Listerman's congregation that turned the message into action.

After seeing a scouting report on Carlisle County's victory over Calloway County in the boys' First Region championship game, Listerman focused on one detail almost as much as O'Neill as the two prepared for Thursday's Kentucky Boys' Sweet 16 first-round clash at Rupp Arena.

"We knew Calloway County had 22 offensive rebounds against them (Carlisle) in the regional finals and I felt like we could do that, and that they would try to clog it up inside," said Listerman, his team falling just short of that rebounding goal in a 63-40 victory over the Comets. "They (Carlisle) didn't do anything we weren't prepared for, and then our kids went out there and executed what we asked them to do."

The drain of 19 offensive rebounds for the Colonels led to a 15-3 scoring advantage in second-chance points, and 21 Carlisle County turnovers helped fuel a 19-5 edge in points off turnovers as Covington Catholic ended the 22-11 Comets' sixth trip to the Sweet 16 early in the second half.

Those two factors were the very things that O'Neill felt would unravel his team against a taller Covington Catholic lineup.

"The things I thought would hurt us, did," said O'Neill, his second trip to the Sweet 16 ending in a one-game visit just like his 2001 squad. "We gave up 19 offensive rebounds, and that was one of my biggest worries coming in. We did the same thing against Calloway County and were fortunate to make enough shots. But we didn't shoot the ball very good this time and still gave up offensive boards.

"And I thought our turnovers were another key. We average about 12 a game and had 21 (Thursday).

"It was a tough game for us. We knew we were playing a solid opponent in Covington Catholic. They were a little bit bigger than we had thought, looking at them on tape."

The Colonels' 6-6 center Brennen Votel proved the most effective against the Comets, getting out on the break for some runaway dunks and 22 points. His team shot 40 percent from the field despite going 0-for-14 from 3-point range and had 18 assists for its 26 baskets. The Colonels' eight rebound edge in offensive boards was also the gap in total rebounds.

Meanwhile, the Comets struggled offensively, hitting just 32 percent in the first half and 28.3 percent for the game. They never did manage any offensive run against the Colonels (28-3), and leading scorer Brett Hoskins was held 13 points below his scoring average hitting 3-of-12 from the field for 11 points. Kris Kelley came up with 13 points, while point guard Kirk Arnold led the team in rebounds with eight.

A pair of fast-break dunks by Votel built up a 20-11 Colonels' lead in the first half, and they improved that to 25-15 with 4:08 left on Greg Erpenbeck's lay-up on a putback. The Comet's trailed by nine at halftime, then let Covington Catholic put the game away with a 10-0 run to start the third quarter. Votel made it 41-22 with 3:47 left and Carlisle never got closer than 16 again.

"We lost a little bit of our energy," said O'Neill about the third quarter. "We stuck with our starters a little longer than usual. With the game going up-tempo style, these guys kind of wore down there in the third quarter."

Covington.....14 31 45 63

Carlisle (22-11).....11 22 26 40

Covington (63)

Muck 8, B. Votel 22, R. Votel 8, Witzgall, Kennedy 4, Nestheide 4, Stephens, Tiemey 3, T. Jacobs 1, Erpenbeck 6, S. Jacobs 3, Wachs 2, Young, Landrum 2, Noll.

Field goals 26/65, 3-pointers 0/14, Free throws 11/24, Rebounds 42 (R. Votel 8), Fouls 16, Assists 18 (Nestheide 8), Turnovers 10, Steals 6.

Carlisle (63)

Yates 1, B. Hoskins 11, Arnold 8, Cope, Kelley 13, H. Hoskins 4, Moore, Dunn 3, Cunningham, Cates, Hickerson, Burpo, Ballard.

Field goals 13/46, 3-pointers 2/16 (Dunn, Kelley), 19, Assists 7 (Arnold 4), Turnovers 21, Steals 3.
Free throws 12/18, Rebounds 34 (Arnold 8), Fouls

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	Games Played	Field Goal Attempts	Field Goals Made	Field Goal %	Free Throw Attempts	Free Throws Made	Free Throw %	2-Point Attempts	2-Pointers Made	2-Point %	3-point Attempts	3-Pointers Made	3-Point %	Average Points	High Point Total	Total Points
Brett Hoskins	33	505	262	51.6	286	214	74.8	373	219	58.7	132	43	32.6	23.67	39	781
Kirk Arnold	33	277	113	40.8	83	49	59	156	79	50.6	121	34	28.1	9.36	20	309
Kris Kelley	32	251	116	46.2	78	52	66.7	202	104	51.5	49	12	24.5	9.25	17	296
Hunter Hoskins	32	161	72	44.7	175	115	65.7	143	67	46.9	18	5	27.8	8.31	22	266
Cody Yates	27	75	33	44	57	39	68.4	43	23	53.5	32	10	31.3	4.25	13	115
Eddie Cunningham	32	71	44	42.3	42	29	69	51	24	47.1	20	6	3	2.9	13	93
Tim Dunn	29	81	31	38.3	39	17	43.6	59	28	47.5	22	3	13.6	2.82	10	82
Kevin Cope	33	68	18	26.5	6	3	50	39	10	25.6	29	7	24.1	1.54	7	51
Tim Burpo	24	33	11	33.3	8	4	50	26	11	42.3	7	0	0	1.08	8	26
Devin Cates	20	20	8	40	6	4	66.7	14	6	42.9	6	2	33.3	1.1	11	22
Dylan Moore	20	15	7	46.7	5	3	60	11	6	54.6	4	1	25	0.9	11	18
B.J. Ballard	17	9	3	33.3	3	2	66.7	9	3	33.3	0	0	0	0.47	4	8
Isaac Hickerson	17	4	1	25	5	4	80	3	0	0	1	1	100	0.41	6	7
Total for Team	349	1570	719	39.4	793	535	63.1	1129	580	42.6	441	124	26.4	5.082	14	2074

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	Offencive Rebs.	Defencive Rebs.	Total Rebounds	Avg. Rebs.	Total Assists	Avg. Assists	Total Steals	Blocked Shots	Turnovers	Avg. Turnovers						
Brett Hoskins	63	193	256	7.76	85	2.58	49	24	63	1.91						
Kirk Arnold	29	64	93	2.82	188	5.7	72	0	63	1.91						
Kris Kelley	51	84	135	4.22	28	0.88	48	24	31	0.97						
Hunter Hoskins	39	73	112	3.5	102	3.19	40	1	83	2.59						
Cody Yates	23	49	72	2.66	36	1.33	19	7	27	1						
Eddie Cunningham	19	25	44	1.37	39	1.22	22	3	27	0.84						
Tim Dunn	24	30	54	1.86	20	0.69	18	5	31	1.07						
Kevin Cope	19	44	63	1.91	17	0.52	16	12	12	0.36						
Tim Burpo	7	15	22	0.95	0	0	6	2	4	0.17						
Devin Cates	4	2	6	0.3	4	0.2	4	0	7	0.35						
Dylan Moore	1	2	3	0.15	1	0.5	2	1	3	0.15						
B.J. Ballard	3	5	8	0.5	1	0.6	0	1	3	0.19						
Isaac Hickerson	1	4	5	0.3	3	0.18	2	0	4	0.24						
Total for Team	283	590	873	2.18	524	1.35	298	80	358	0.9						

2003-04

	St. Mary	Trigg Co.	Hickman Co.	South Fulton, TN.	Fulton City	Heath	Bowling Green	Trico, ILL.	Mulberry, North	Memphis Lausanne	Memphis Sheffield, TN	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Mayfield							
Kirk Arnold	20(2)	10(2)	3(1)	11(3)	11	6(1)	17(1)	13(2)	15	13(2)	5	11(2)	12(1)	6	12(1)	2							
Brett Hoskins	19(1)	37(1)	10(1)	23(1)	18	36(4)	27(1)	8	12	19	39(3)	28(1)	24	15	19(1)	34(3)							
Hunter Hoskins	9	3	14(1)	11	9	14	5	7	7	4	9	8	15	15	22	14							
Kris Kelley	10(1)	11	13	10	7	9	3	11(1)	7	4	8	11	13(2)	16	6	8							
Cody Yates	0	3(1)	9	4	8(1)	6	7(1)	4	4	8	5	2	5(1)	6	7	3							
Kevin Cope	0	7	0	0	4	0	0	3(1)	0	5(1)	0	0	0	4	0	0							
Tim Burpo	0	0	0	3	0		0	4	0	0		0		8									
Eddie Cunningham	2	0	5	0	6	13(1)	6	13(2)	1	3	3	0	7		6(1)	2							
Tim Dunn	2	7	4	10(1)	1	3(1)	0			0	0	0	0	5	0	2							
B.J. Ballard	0	0	0	0	0			4	0	0				0									
Isaac Hickerson	0	0	0	1	0		0	0	0	0				0									
Dylan Moore	0	0	0	5(1)	0		0	0	0	0				11									
Devin Cates	0	2	0	3	0		0	5(1)	0	0				11(1)									

2003-04

	Graves Co.	Fulton City	Mayfield	Fulton Co.	Camden	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Calloway Co.	Ballard Co.	Mayfield	Murray	Fulton City	Fulton Co.	Marshall Co.	Heath	Calloway Co.	Covington Catholic			3-Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Kirk Arnold	12(2)	8	6	6	5(1)	12(2)	19(3)	10(2)	11(1)	7(1)	7(1)	7	8(1)	8(2)	5	3	8			34	33	309	9.36
Brett Hoskins	19(1)	21(2)	26(3)	27(2)	17	38(2)	30(5)	12(1)	14	39(1)	31(3)	33(1)	23(2)	25(2)	19	28(1)	11			43	33	781	23.67
Hunter Hoskins	2	11	6(2)	7	7	6	15(1)	9	15(1)	4	0	1		0	6	7	4			5	32	266	8.31
Kris Kelley	13(1)	9	3	13	4	5	11	5(1)	11(1)		11(1)	18	11(1)	3(1)	12	7(1)	13(1)			12	32	296	9.25
Cody Yates	5(1)	0							0	2	0	3(1)	0	8(1)	2	13(3)	1			10	27	115	4.25
Kevin Cope	0	0	3(1)	0	0	0	5(1)	3(1)	2	2	2	4	3(1)	0	1	3(1)	0			7	33	51	1.54
Tim Burpo	0	2			3	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0			0			0	24	26	1.08
Eddie Cunningham	0	0	4	4	2	0	0	0	3	3	0	10(2)	0	0	0	0	0			6	32	93	2.9
Tim Dunn		6	0	2	9	0	7	0	5	4	0	5	7	0	0		3(1)			3	29	82	2.82
B.J. Ballard		0	0		0		0		4			0		0			0			0	17	8	0.47
Isaac Hickerson		0	0		0		0		6(1)			0					0			1	17	7	0.41
Dylan Moore		0	0		0	0	0	0	2	0		0					0			1	20	18	0.9
Devin Cates		0	0		0	0	0	0	1	0		0					0			2	20	22	1.1
					Team Record - 22-11							Per Game Avg. - 62.81								124		2074	

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Kirk Arnold	110	67	14	185	311	309	819	7.44
Brett Hoskins	118	105	61	550	537	781	1929	16.34
Hunter Hoskins	77	7		14	157	266	437	5.67
Kris Kelley	100	12	5	204	109	296	614	6.14
Cody Yates	79	16		45	56	115	216	2.73
Kevin Cope	61	7		4	36	51	91	1.49
Tim Burpo	53	0		19	12	26	57	1.07

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<u>TROPHIES WON</u>

LONE OAK TOURN. – 7TH PLACE

1ST DISTRICT TOURN. – 2ND PLACE

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DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-30-04	St Mary	**60-91**	A	
12-03-04	Community Christian	54-49	A	
12-10-04	Community Christian	61-59	H	
12-14-04	Fulton City	**45-66**	A	
12-17-04	Heath	**59-91**	A	
12-21-04	Hickman Co.	**53-66**	H	
12-27-04	Murray	**49-55**	A	– **LONE OAK TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-28-04	Reidland	**45-65**	A	– **LONE OAK TOURN. 2nd RD.**
12-30-04	Christian Fellowship	80-38	A	– **LONE OAK TOURN. 3rd RD.**
01-04-05	Lone Oak	**58-78**	A	
01-07-05	Fulton Co.	**60-88**	H	
01-10-05	Ballard Co.	67-58	H	
01-14-05	Hickman Co.	**49-71**	A	
01-18-05	Mayfield	**37-66**	A	
01-21-05	Graves Co.	**46-86**	H	
01-22-05	Reidland	64-57	A	– **ALL A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-24-05	Heath	**51-78**	A	– **ALL A TOURN. 2ND RD.**
02-01-05	Marshall Co.	**44-82**	A	
02-08-05	Fulton Co.	**57-67**	A	
02-11-05	Fulton City	**61-78**	H	
02-15-05	Calloway Co.	**53-92**	H	
02-18-05	Ballard Co.	**61-63**	A	
02-20-05	Christian Fellowship	59-51	A	
02-22-05	Mayfield	66-63	H	
02-25-05	Murray	**52-58**	A	
02-28-05	Hickman Co.	76-73	A	– **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**
03-04-05	Fulton Co.	**57-62 ot**	A	– **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-08-05	Marshall Co.	**41-83**	A	– **1ST REGION TOURN. 1ST RD.**

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2005 Comets



Front Row: Managers Jonathan Hocker, Joel Hammonds, Dakota Shemwell. 2nd Row: Brett Cates, Foster Stacy, Ty Owens, Luk Nichols, Coty Hoskins, Isaac Hickerson. 3rd Row: Ross Martin, Devin Cates, Dylan Moore, Eddie Cunningham, Cody Gill. Back Row: Coach Brian O'Neill, Coach Rob Eddleman, Donovan Cook, Brett Cates, Hunter Burge, Ty Owens, Luk Nichols, Coaches Jamie Stephens, Coach Jesse Wright.

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2004-05 COMET ROSTER:
Tim Dunn, Eddie Cunningham, Dylan Moore, B.J. Ballard, Hunter Burge, Ross Martin, Luk Nichols, Isaac Hickerson, Devin Cates, Cody Gill, Brett Cates, Ty Owens, Cody Hoskins, Foster Stacy.

Carlisle Co. Faces
Biggest Rebuilding Challenge

Graduating 68% of its offense usually excludes a team from a position of power in a district race. Then again, Hickman Co. appears fully stocked and loaded compared to its First District rivals.

The Falcons return just two starters – Jarrod Burgess and Sam Rushing – from a 12-14 squad that just missed the regional tournament last year, but Hickman's two starters match the combined total of Fulton City, defending First Region champion Carlisle Co., and defending District Champion Fulton Co.

"We played a lot of these guys last year, even the ones who didn't start," said third-year Hickman Co. head coach Billie Prince, who also gave Curtis Weatherford and Justin Boaz substantial playing time off the bench. "We're still young, but I'm not looking at it that way."

Fulton City returns the other two starters in the district, including the district's and possibly the region's best player in scoring machine Keith Burton. But beyond sophomore Barry Graves, the Bulldogs have no other proven players and are under the guidance of first-year head coach Jim Larson.

Fulton Co. and Carlisle Co., who split four games in the region's best series last year, will barely be recognizable with five new starters apiece.

Carlisle County:

As Hickman's Billie Prince puts it: "They eat and breathe basketball (in Carlisle County)." And Prince suspects Carlisle head coach Brian O'Neill will figure out something – anything – in what might be one of the largest rebuilding jobs in recent First Region memory.

The Comets earned their second regional title in four years, a nice parting gift for seven invaluable seniors, which included Purchase Player of the Year, Brett Hoskins. The downside is only two Comets saw any significant playing time during that run and Tim Dunn and Eddie Cunningham combined to average less than six points.

"We basically lost our top seven in every statistical category," said O'Neill, who utilizes a helter-skelter, up-tempo style of play. "We play a hectic style, but it might be hectic when we don't want it to be this year."

O'Neill said the Comets hit the weight room hard in the offseason, and the 6-2 Dunn is much stronger and has the ability to go inside or out. Cunningham is a "menace" who can make things happen offensively or defensively, and 6-1 senior Dylan Moore has "stepped it up."

"I really don't know what we have yet," O'Neill said. "I can't wait to start the games."

CARLISLE COUNTY
Coach: Brian O'Neill
2004-05 ROSTER
RETURNING STARTERS – None
Seniors: Dylan Moore (6-2), Devin Cates ((5-9).
Juniors: Tim Dunn (6-2), Eddie Cunningham (5-8), Cody Gill (5-5), **Sophomores**: Isaac Hickerson (5-11), Ross Martin (5-11), Brett Cates (5-11), B.J. Ballard (6-2).
Freshmen: Ty Owens (5-11). Hunter Burge (6-1), Cody Hoskins (5-8), Foster Stacy (5-9), Luk Nichols (6-0).

Carlisle Co. 60
St. Mary 91
11-30-04 – Away

Six players scored in double figures as St. Mary beat Carlisle Co. The Vikings jumped out to a 16-0 lead and never looked back.

Sam Howard and Garbriel Shaw led St. Mary with 13 pts. each, and Dylan Oliver added 12. Carlisle's Tim Dunn led all scorers with 20 pts., and Eddie Cunningham tossed in 14.

Carlisle (0-1).....12 22 43 60
St. Mary (1-0)...28 50 71 91

Carlisle (60)
Dunn 20, Cunningham 14, Moore 9, Ballard 6, Owens 4, Burge 2, Martin 2, Nichols 2, Hickerson 1, B. Cates, Gill, Hoskins, Stacy.
Fgs. 23, 3-pts. 4 (Cunningham 3, Dunn), Fts. 10/20, Fouls 18.

St. Mary (91)
S. Howard 13, Shaw 13, Oliver 12, Bryant 10, Byrd 10, Overstreet 10, Colgan 6, Harrison 4, T. Howard 4, Redding 4, Perewe 3, Garrett.
Fgs. 36, 3-pts. 6 (S. Howard 2, Overstreet 2, Byrd, Perewe), Fts. 13-26, Fouls 19.

Carlisle Co. 54
C.C.A. 49
12-03-04- Away

Carlisle Co. outscored Community Christian Academy by 10 pts. in the third quarter and held on for the win in a late-reported game from Friday night.

Tim Dunn led the Comets with 15 pts., while Eddie Cunningham finished with 12 and Isaac Hickerson and Dylan Moore each had 11. The Warriors' William Freeman led his team with 15 pts., while Josh Smith grabbed 16 rebounds.

Carlisle (1-1).....13 26 46 54
C.C.A. (1-1).....9 23 33 49

Carlisle (54)
Ballard 3, Burge 2, Cunningham 12, Dunn 15, Gill, Hickerson 11, Martin, Moore 15, Nichols, Owens, Stacy.
Fgs. 18/47, 3-pts. 6/19 (Cunningham 2, Moore, Ballard, Dunn), Fts. 12/17, Fouls 20, Rebs. 39.

C.C.A. (49)
Bodnarchuck 10, DeJarnett, Freeman 15, Goodman 3, Homan, Lindsey 11, Prewitt 3, Shiflett, Smith 7.
Fgs. 17/52, 3-pts. 3/19 (Bodnarchuck, Freeman, Goodman), Fts. 12/16, Rebs. 42, Fouls 15.

Carlisle Co. 61
C.C.A. 59
12-10-04 – Home

Dylan Moore scored 25 pts., including the basket that gave Carlisle Co. the lead for good against Community Christian Academy. Moore's basket with about 30 seconds left gave the Comets a 60-59 lead and B.J. Ballard hit one of two free throws for the final margin.

Tim Dunn added 20 pts. for Carlisle.

William Freeman led C.C.A. with 22 pts. Brian Bodnarchuk had 16 and Josh Smith 13 for the Warriors.

Carlisle (2-1)....19 39 52 61
C.C.A. (1-2).....14 26 50 59

Carlisle (61)
Moore 25, Dunn 20, Nichols 7, Ballard 5, Cunningham 3, Burge 1, Hickerson, Martin, Owens.
Fgs. 22, 3-pts. 7 (Dunn 4, Moore 2, Nichols), Fts. 10/18, Fouls 17.

C.C.A. (59)
Freeman 22, Bodnarchuk 16, Smith 13, Prewitt 6, Goodman 2, Lindsey.
Fgs. 22, 3-pts. 2 (Bodnarchuk, Freeman), Fts. 13/14, Fouls 15.

Carlisle Co. 45
Fulton City 66
12-14-04 – Away

Fulton City broke open a close First District battle with Carlisle Co. with a 19-11 run through the third quarter. Keith Burton dominated the Bulldog offense with 25 pts., while Barry Graves finished with 16.

Tim Dunn and Dylan Moore shared the scoring honors for the Comets with 10 pts. each.

Carlisle (2-2).....11 24 35 45
Fulton City (2-2)...14 32 51 66

Carlisle (45)
Burge 9, B. Cates 1, Cunningham 4, Dunn 10, Gill, Hickerson, Hoskins, Martin, Moore 10, Nichols 8, Owens 2, Stacy 1.
Fgs. 15/48, 3-pts. 2/11 (Nichols 2), Fts. 13/26, Fouls 16.

Fulton City (66)
Barnes, Brann, J. Burton 11, K. Burton 25, Gilkey, Graves 16, Jackson, Madding 10, Martin, Porterfield, Tipton 4, Vaughn, D. Williams, R. Williams.
Fgs. 29/68, 3-pts. 1/7 (J. Burton), Fts. 7/16, Fouls 22.

Carlisle Co. 59
Heath 91
12-17-04 – Away

Heath cashed in on a big rebounding advantage and defense to fire off over 20 more shots than Carlisle Co., building a 15-pt. lead in the opening quarter to cruise to its fifth victory of the season.

Clint Tilford had 10 of the Pirates 39 rebounds and added 11 pts., while Brad Lewis led seven Pirates in double figures with 17. Carlisle managed just 22 rebounds against the Pirates. Comet Tim Dunn hit four 3-pointers to lead Carlisle with 25 pts.

Carlisle (2-3).....10 16 39 59
Heath (5-1).....25 50 71 91

Carlisle (59)

Burge 3, B. Cates 4, D. Cates, Cunningham 11, Dunn 25, Gill, Hickerson 2, Hoskins, Martin, Moore 8, Nichols 6, Owens, Stacy.
Fgs. 18/51, 3-pts. 7/6 (Dunn 4, Nichols 2, Cunningham), Fts. 16/25, Rebs. 22, Fouls 17.
Heath (91)
Austin 11, Baer 2, Burton 12, Hart, Jackson, Jett 12, Kennedy, Klope 2, Lewis 17, Long 10, McConnell 1, Peoples 13, Shidal, Tilford 11.
Fgs. 36/73, 3-pts. 6/16 (Austin 2, Long 2, Lewis, Burton), Fts. 13/25, Rebs. 39, Fouls 17.

Carlisle Co. 53
Hickman Co. 66
12-21-04 – Home

Hickman Co. used free throw shooting to rally from five points down at halftime to defeat Carlisle Co. in a First District battle.

Carlisle led 38-28 with 3:30 left in the third period when the Falcons made their move. Hickman went on a 21-2 run that spanned the final two quarters and put the game out of reach. The Falcons were 28 of 34 from the charity stripe, including 15-of-18 in the fourth.

Jarrod Burgess led Hickman with 19 pts., followed by teammates Sam Rushing (12), Matt Jones (11) and Justin Boaz (10). Tim Dunn topped all scorers with 20 pts. for Carlisle.
Carlisle (2-4).....12 25 40 53
Hickman (5-2).....14 20 41 66
Carlisle (53)
Ballard 5, Burge, D. Cates, Cunningham 11, Dunn 20, Gill, Hickerson, Martin, Moore 11, Nichols 6.
Fgs. 17, 3-pts. 6 (Dunn 3, Nichols 2, Cunningham), Fts. 13/25, Fouls 18.
Hickman (66)
Boaz 10, Burgess 19, Cooley, Emerson, Jones 11, Rushing 12, Thomas, Turner, Weatherford 9, Workman 4.
Fgs. 19, 3-pts. 0, Fts. 28/34, Fouls 17.

Lone Oak Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co. 49
Murray 55
12-27-04 – Away

Kenneth Trice scored 19 pts. to lead Murray over Carlisle Co. in the opening round of the John Robinson Memorial Christmas Tourn.
Carlisle (2-5).....13 22 35 49
Murray (2-4).....11 27 42 55
Carlisle (49)
Moore 10, Dunn 4, Cunningham 14, Burge, Ballard 11, Hickerson 2, D. Cates 2, Nichols 6, Martin, Owens.
Fgs. 15, 3-pts. 3 (Nichols 2, Cunningham), Fts. 16/25, Fouls 23.
Murray (55)
Hudson 8, Trice 19, Masthay 9, Rollins 9, Zirbel 5, Jackson 5, McCuiston, Buck, Volp.
Fgs. 19, 3-pts. 2 (Trice 2), Fts. 15/29, Fouls 19.

Lone Oak Tourn.
2nd Round
Carlisle Co. 45
Reidland 65
12-28-04 – Away

Reidland broke open a close game, outscoring Carlisle Co. 17-3 in the second period on its way to a win at Lone Oak's John Robinson Memorial Christmas Tournament.

Michael Williams led the Greyhounds with 19 pts., while Rod Purdiman (12), Clay Duncan (12) and Austin Ward (11), also scored in double digits.

Tim Dunn led Carlisle with 19 pts.
Carlisle (2-6).....16 19 26 45
Reidland (2-6).....16 33 50 65
Carlisle (45)
Dunn 17, Moore 8, Ballard 6, Nichols 3, Burge 4, D. Cates 2, Martin 1, Owens 1, Cunningham 3, Gill, Hickerson, Hoskins, Stacy, B. Cates.
Fgs. 14, 3-pts. 2 (Dunn, Nichols), Fts. 15/26, Fouls 16.
Reidland (65)
Williams 19, R. Purdiman 12, C. Duncan 12, Ward 11, Carneal 4, T. Duncan 2, S. Purdiman 2, Grimm 2, Watson 1, Beasley, Cole, Mitchell.
Fgs. 25, 3-pts. 6 (Ward 3, Williams 2, R. Purdiman), Fts. 9/17, Fouls 20.

Lone Oak Tourn.
3rd Round
Carlisle Co. 80
Christian Fellowship 38
12-30-04 - Away

The seventh-place game of the John Robinson Memorial Christmas Tourn. quickly turned into the Tim Dunn show.

Dunn scored 36 pts. in three quarters as the Comets routed CFS for their third win this season. Dunn tallied seven points in the first quarter, 10 in the second and 19 in the third quarter as Carlisle amassed a 72-29 lead. He knocked down eight of the Comets 13 3-pointers.

Joey Adams-Jones led CFS with 16 pts.
Carlisle (3-6).....18 50 72 80
C.F.A. (0-7).....9 21 29 38
Carlisle (80)
Dunn 36, Burge 10, Cunningham 9, Martin 7, D. Cates 6, Moore 4, Ballard 3, Nichols 3, B. Cates 2, Gill, Hickerson, Owens, Hoskins, Stacy.
Fgs. 28, 3-pts. 13 (Dunn 8, Burge 2, Nichols, D. Cates, Cunningham), Fts. 11/24, Fouls 15.
C.F.S. (38)
Adams-Jones 16, Lewis 10, Bryan 4, Morrow 3, Tomsic 1, C. Norton, M. Norton, Hardin.
Fgs. 14, 3-pts. 2 (Jones, Morrow), Fts. 8/15, Fouls 18.

Carlisle Co. 58
Lone Oak 78
01-04-05 – Away

Lone Oak pulled slowly away from the Comets allowing 12 of the 13 players on its roster to score in the victory. Jarad Key scored 21 pts. and Neil Houser added 15 as both sank three from 3-pt. range for the Flash. Dylan Moore led Carlisle with 16 pts.
Carlisle (3-7).....16 31 42 58
Lone Oak (10-4).....24 47 64 78
Carlisle (58)
Ballard 4, Burge 8, B. Cates, D. Cates 7, Cunningham 9, Dunn 11, Gill, Hickerson, Hoskins 3, Martin, Moore 16, Owens, Stacy 3.
Fgs. 21, 3-pts. 3 (Cunningham, D. Cates, Stacy, Hoskins), Fts. 13/19, Fouls 12.
Lone Oak (78)
Blackman 3, Denson 10, Houser 15, Key 21, Looper 6, Pennington 2, Ponting 7, Seidelman 4, Seldat 2, Shuemaker 2, Toy 4, Timmons, Pickens 2.
Fgs. 30, 3-pts. 9 (Houser 3, Key 3, Ponting, Blackman, Looper), Fts. 9/12, Fouls 16.

Carlisle Co. 60
Fulton Co. 88
01-07-05 – Home

Fulton Co. broke up a close First District showdown with Carlisle Co. with a 25-8 run through the third quarter.

Jeffrey McClain led the Pilots with 21 pts., while Jonathan Roberson and Tari Bishop each hit three 3-pointers in finishing with 16 and 15 pts., respectively. Tim Dunn guided the Comets with 21 pts., and Dylan Moore ended up with 18.
Carlisle (3-8).....21 28 36 60
Fulton Co. (7-4)...21 33 58 88
Carlisle (60)
Ballard 2, Burge, B. Cates, D. Cates, Cunningham 6, Dunn 21, Gill, Hickerson, Hoskins, Martin 2, Moore 18, Nichols 11, Owens, Stacy.
Fgs. 19, 3-pts. 5 (Nichols 3, Moore 2), Fts. 17/27, Fouls 19.
Fulton Co. (88)
Bishop 15, Dial 2, Fitz 13, Gaston, McClain 21, Nicholson 5, Roberson 16, Tucker 5, Udley 2, Wilson 9.
Fgs. 31, 3-pts. 7 (Bishop 3, Roberson 3, Fitz), Fts. 19/30, Fouls 20.

Carlisle Co. 67
Ballard Co. 58
01-10-05 - Home

Dylan Moore scored 17 of his game-high 28 pts. in the first half to lead Carlisle Co. over Ballard Co. The Comets led by eight at halftime and maintained a healthy advantage in the second half. Tim Dunn added 13 pts. for Carlisle.

For Ballard, Justin Rodgers tossed in 24 pts., and Kevin Barrow had 15.
Carlisle (4-8).....17 41 58 67
Ballard (2-8).....14 33 44 58
Carlisle (67)
Moore 28, Dunn 13, Cunningham 9, Martin 9, Hickerson 5, Burge 2, Ballard 1, B. Cates, Gill, Hoskins, Owens, Stacy.
Fgs. 19, 3-pts. 4 (Moore 2, Cunningham, Martin), Fts. 25/40, Fouls 22.
Ballard (58)
Rogers 24, Barrow 15, Newton 7, Pickett 7, Renfrow 3, McDaniel 2, J. Jones, Lawrence, Orazine, Chelf.
Fgs. 22, 3-pts. 1 (Pickett), Fts. 13/20, Fouls 25.

Carlisle Co. 49
Hickman 71
01-14-05 – Away

Curtis Weatherford led Hickman County's domination on the boards with 14 rebounds and tossed in 16 pts. in a 71-49 victory over Carlisle Co. in First District play.

The Falcons finished with a 36-19 advantage in rebounds and heated up from 3-pt. range to break away from a six pt. halftime edge. Justin Boaz hit four 3-pointers and Sam Rushing three to lead the Falcons with 17 and 18 pts., respectively.

Carlisle's Eddie Cunningham scored 14 to lead Carlisle.
Carlisle (4-9).....9 23 39 49
Hickman (7-1)...19 29 50 71
Carlisle (49)
Ballard 2, Burge 2, D. Cates, Cunningham 14, Dunn 12, Gill, Hickerson, Martin 8, Moore 11, B. Cates, Owens, Hoskins.
Fgs. 17/42, 3-pts. 3/13 (Cunningham, Martin, Moore), Fts. 9/12, Fouls 23, Rebs. 19.
Hickman (71)
Rushing 18, Burgess 13, Boaz 17, Weatherford 16, Workman, Jones, Turner 5, Vinson, McCowan 2.
Fgs. 22/44, 3-pts. 7/13 (Boaz 4, Rushing 3), Fts. 16/25, Fouls 16, Rebs. 29.

Carlisle Co. 37
Mayfield 66
01-18-05 - Away

Tony Hockett scored 16 pts. and Fred Brown added 14 as Mayfield beat Carlisle Co. Mayfield built a sizeable lead in the first half and maintained control the rest of the way.

Dylan Moore led Carlisle with 14 pts., and Tim Dunn had 10.

Carlisle (4-10).....8 16 27 37
Mayfield (7-8)....14 27 55 66

Carlisle (37)
Moore 14, Dunn 10, Martin 5, Ballard 2, Cunningham 2, Owens 2, Burge 1, Hickerson 1, D. Cates, Gill, Hoskins, Stacy, B. Cates.
Fgs. 13/37, 3-pts. 1/10 (Martin), Fts. 10/19, Fouls 8.

Mayfield (66)
Hockett 16, Brown 14, Rogers 9, A. Moss 8, Shelton 7, England 6, D. Moss 6, Green, Thompson.
Fgs. 29/53, 3-pts. 5/11 (England 2, A. Moss 2, Thompson), Fts. 3/6, Fouls 18.

Carlisle Co. 46
Graves Co. 86
01-21-05 – Home

Jamie King scored 22 pts. and Randon Cavette 20 as Graves Co. handled Carlisle Co. The Eagles broke open a close game with a 19-9 advantage in the second period and stayed safely ahead in the second half.

Dylan Moore led Carlisle with 19 pts., and Tim Dunn added 16.

Carlisle (4-11).....15 24 37 46
Graves (8-6).....23 42 63 86

Carlisle (46)
Moore 19, Dunn 16, Martin 7, Cunningham 2, D. Cates 1, Hickerson 1, Ballard, Burge, B. Cates, Gill, Hoskins, Owens, Stacy, Nichols.
Fgs. 13, 3-pts. 2 (Dunn 2), Fts. 18/28, Fouls 17.

Graves (86)
King 22, Cavette 20, Colley 11, Sims 7, Wiggins 7, Cruise 5, Adkins 3, D. Collins 3, Kimbler 3, Towery 3, Kilcoyne 2, Johnson, Ray, E. Collins, Frick.
Fgs. 33, 3-pts. 3 (Towery, D. Collins, Sims), Fts. 17/21, Fouls 19.

All A Classic
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 64
Reidland 57
01-22-05 – Away

Carlisle Co. sealed the victory at the foul line in a 64-57 triumph over Reidland to advance to the First Region All A quarterfinals Saturday at Graves County's Eagles' Nest on Saturday.

Eddie Cunningham sank two fts. with 6:01 left in the third to give Carlisle a nine-point lead. With 2:52 remaining, he nailed a 3-pointer to make the score 48-32, the Comets biggest lead. Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill resisted the urge to call in the reserves, though he would regret it.

"We got a little tired," O'Neill said of his squad at that point. "We had a game (Friday) and we didn't get done until 10. I should have subbed a little bit quicker but you want to keep the guys that are on a roll out there."

Reidland scored the final two baskets of the quarter to make the score 50-44 entering the fourth.

Reidland cut the lead to one on Clay Duncan's basket with 2:27 left, but the Comets hit six of eight fts. in the final two minutes to seal it.

Dylan Moore led Carlisle with 20 pts., including his team's first seven pts. Devin Cates came off the bench to score 13 pts., while Cunningham finished with 12. Duncan led the Greyhounds with 16 pts., followed by Michael Williams (15) and Ben Grimm (10).

Carlisle will face Heath in Monday's quarterfinals and O'Neill believes his team will be ready for such a tall order.

"We know we're not supposed to play with them," O'Neill said. "We can go in with nothing to lose. Heath is a good team but struggling of late. They're got a lot of weapons but we'll just prepare (today) and play them on Monday."

Carlisle (5-11).....18 33 50 64
Reidland (2-14)...16 27 44 57

Carlisle (64)
Ballard 3, Burge, D. Cates 13, Cunningham 12, Dunn 10, Gill, Hickerson 2, Martin 4, Moore 20.
Fgs. 15, 3-pts. 2 (D. Cates, Cunningham), Fts. 32/41, Fouls 22.

Reidland (57)
Beasley 2, Cole, C. Duncan 16, T. Duncan 5, Grimm 10, Lawson 4, R. Purdiman 5, Ward, Watson, Williams 15.
Fgs. 21, 3-pts. 0, Fts. 15/37, Fouls 24.

All A Classic
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 51
Heath 78
01-24-05 – Away

The defending First Region All A champions had no answers for Heath's Jayce Long.

Long scored from nearly every spot on the floor to accumulate 37 pts. as the Pirates pulled away from the scrappy Comets in the third quarter. Long shot 59% from the floor, drilled 5/8 3-pointers and made all six of his fts. His step-back 3-pointer to beat the first half horn provided Heath with a 35-23 halftime lead.

The Comets jumped on the Pirates 7-2, but they committed 11 first-half turnovers following the quick start. Dylan Moore's bucket pulled Carlisle within 28-22, but Heath closed the half with a 7-1 run.

Tim Dunn led the Comets with 24 pts.

Clint Tilford added 10 pts. and Justin Jett collected 11 rebounds for the Pirates, who will face the winner of Fulton Co. vs. Hickman Co, in Friday's 7:45 semifinal.

Carlisle (5-12)....10 23 36 51
Heath (11-7).....15 35 54 78

Carlisle (51)
Dunn 24, Moore 14, Burge 5, Cunningham 4, Ballard 3, Hickerson 1, Martin, D. Cates, Nichols, Owens, Hoskins.
Fgs. 17/39, 3 pts. 1/6 (Burge), Fts. 16/25, Fouls 18, Rebs. 30.

Heath (78)
Long 37, Tilford 10, Peoples 9, Austin 8, Jett 7, Klope 3, Burton 2, Lewis 2, Hart, McConnell.
Fgs. 26/58, 3-pts. 6/18 (Long 5, Austin), Fts. 20/30, Fouls 22, Rebs. 35.

Carlisle Co. 44
Marshall Co. 82
02-01-05 – Away

Holding Carlisle Co. to a single 1st quarter field goal, Marshall Co. went on a 21-5 run to build an 18-pt. halftime lead. Daniel Ard scored 28 pts. with 13 rebounds to lead the Marshall's while Rayne Crouse chipped in 16. Eddie Cunningham led the Comets with 12.

Carlisle (5-13).....17 22 31 44
Marshall (12-8)....19 40 65 82

Carlisle (44)
Ballard, Burge 6, D. Cates 4, Cunningham 12, Dunn 11, Gill, Hickerson 2, Hoskins, Martin, Moore 1, Nichols 3, Owens 2, Stacey, B. Cates 3.
Fgs. 13/43, 3-pts. 4/19 (Burge, Cunningham, Nichols, B. Cates), Fts. 14/24, Fouls 25, Rebs. 17.

Marshall (82)
Allbritton 4, Ard 28, Brown 2, Carlson, Crouse 16, Donohoo 4, Frizzell, Lathram, Newcomb 1, Palmer 2, Spiceland 9, Smith 10, L. Williams 3, A. Williams.
Fgs. 30/52, 3-pts. 1/6 (L. Williams), Fts. 21/37, Fouls 20, Rebs. 47.

Carlisle Co. 57
Fulton Co. 67
02-08-05 – Away

Jeffery McClain and Jonathan Roberson combined for 14 of Fulton County's 22 fourth-period pts. as the Pilots held off Carlisle Co. McClain finished with a team-high 17 pts. and Roberson 16 as Fulton Co. sealed the win by hitting 12 of 21 fourth-quarter free throws.

Carlisle stayed close chiefly behind Tim Dunn's 31 pts.

Carlisle (5-14).....14 21 42 59
Fulton Co. (13-7)...12 32 45 67

Carlisle (59)
Dunn 31, Moore 10, Cunningham 6, Martin 5, Nichols 3, Ballard 2, D. Cates 2, Hickerson, Burge, Owens.
Fgs. 22, 3-pts. 7 (Dunn 4, Martin, Moore, Nichols), Fts. 8/16, Fouls 20.

Fulton Co. (67)
McClain 17, Roberson 16, Fitz 15, Tucker 10, Wilson 4, Udley 3, Gaston 2, Newberry, Nicholson.
Fgs. 20, 3-pts. 4 (Roberson 3, Fitz), Fts. 23/35, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 61
Fulton City 78
02-11-05 – Home

Keith Burton sank five 3-pointers on his way to a game-high 28 pts. for Fulton City, which beat First District rival Carlisle Co. Barry Graves (15 pts.) and Josh Burton (12), also had big games for the Bulldogs.

Tim Dunn guided the Comets with 25 pts.

Carlisle (5-15).....10 25 45 61
Fulton City (8-10)...28 46 54 78

Carlisle (61)
Ballard 10, Burge 6, B. Cates, D. Cates, Cunningham 2, Dunn 25, Gill, Hickerson, Hoskins, Martin 2, Moore 9, Nichols 6, Owens 1.
Fgs. 19, 3-pts. 6 (Burge 2, Dunn 2, Nichols 2), Fts. 17/23, Fouls 19.

Fulton City (78)
Brann, J. Burton 12, K. Burton 28, Gilkey 1, Graves 15, Madding 8, Martin, Tipton, Vaughn 6, A. Wilson, T. Wilson, D. Williams 8.
Fgs. 27, 3-pts. 7 (K. Burton 5, J. Burton, Vaughn), Fts. 17/26, Fouls 16.

Carlisle Co. 53
Calloway Co. 92
02-15-05 – Home

A pair of sophomores and a pair of juniors picked up the slack for an ill senior, and that helped Calloway Co. roll past Carlisle Co.

The Lakers only led by one after the first quarter, but then dominated the Comets 32-13 in the second quarter and never looked back. Jeremy Bumpus, a Calloway junior, led his team with 17

pts., followed by sophomores Landon Lockhart (16) and Wes Adams (13) plus junior Chase Futrell (11). Trey Tindell, the Lakers' senior star, was out with the flu.

Tim Dunn topped all scorers with 30 pts. and five 3-pointers for Carlisle, while teammate Dylan Moore finished with 10.

Carlisle (5-16).....13 26 40 53
Calloway (23-1)....14 46 69 92

Carlisle (53)
Ballard 2, Burge 2, B. Cates 3, Cunningham 4, Dunn 30, Gill, Hickerson, Hoskins, Martin 1, Moore 10, Nichols, Owens 1.
Fgs. 15, 3-pts. 6 (Dunn 5, B. Cates), Fts. 17/26, Fouls 19.

Calloway (92)
Adams 13, Berberich 2, Bumpus 17, Futrell 11, Hargrove 5, Lockhart 16, Miller 2, Murdock 2, Perry 5, Streetman 9, J. Tindell, Welter 6, Willis 4.

Carlisle Co. 61
Ballard Co. 63
02-18-05 – Away

Sean Newton scored a game-high 25 pts. as Ballard Co. edged Carlisle Co. in a game played at Heath High School.

The teams combined for 96 free throw attempts, and the Bombers hit just enough to stay ahead at the end. Justin Rogers added 12 pts. for Ballard, which has played all of its games off campus, due to gym construction at home. Heath allowed its gym to be used for a home game for Ballard's senior night.

Tim Dunn led Carlisle with 23 pts., and Dylan Moore added 22.

Carlisle (5-17).....17 37 45 61
Ballard (4-18).....12 31 58 63

Carlisle (61)
Ballard 3, Burge 2, Cunningham 9, Dunn 23, Gill, Hickerson, Martin, Moore 22, Nichols 2, B. Cates, Hoskins.
Fgs. 16, 3-pts. 1 (Dunn), Fts. 28/45, Fouls 35.

Ballard (63)
Barrow 8, Lawrence 6, McDaniel 2, Newton 25, Orazine, Pickett 1, Renfrow 9, Rodgers 12, Chelf, Foster.
Fgs. 18, 3-pts. 1 (Lawrence), Fts. 26/51, Fouls 30.

Carlisle Co. 59
Christian Fellowship 51
02-20-05 – Away

Dylan Moore and Eddie Cunningham each had three 3-pointers as they powered the Carlisle Comets to their 5th victory of the season over C.F.A.

Moore had 20 pts., Dunn had 16, and Eddie Cunningham had 12 to lead Carlisle in scoring.

Jones led C.F.A with 21 pts.

Carlisle (6-17)……...15 34 47 59
C.F. A……..13 20 30 51

Carlisle (59)
Moore 20, Dunn 16, Cunningham 12, Ballard 7, Burge, Hickerson, Nichols 2, Gill, B. Cates 2, Hoskins, Stacy.
Fgs. 12/30, 3 pts. 6/18 (Moore 3, Cunningham 3), Fts. 17/20, Fouls 12.

C.F.A. (51)
Jones 21, C. Norton, Morrow 3, Edmonds 2, Lewis 4, Korte 5, Wingham 6, Tomsec 8, M. Norton, Harding, Buyon 2.
Fgs. 13/40, 3 pts. 5/12 (Jones 3, Morrow, Korte), Fts. 10/12, Fouls 18.

Carlisle Co. 66
Mayfield 63
02-22-05 – Home

Ross Martin's two free throws, with 10 seconds left, clinched Carlisle County's victory over Mayfield. Martin gave the Comets a 6-pt. edge before the Cardinals' Tony Hockett hit a 3-pointer to provide the final score.

Carlisle had a comfortable lead in the middle of the game. Hockett scored 12 of his team-high 21 pts. in the final frame to narrow the gap.

The Comets' Tim Dunn topped all scorers with 24 pts., while teammate Eddie Cunningham finished with 18.

Carlisle (6-17).....12 32 47 66
Mayfield (14-13).....14 24 39 63

Carlisle (66)
Ballard 8, Burge 5, D. Cates, Cunningham 18, Dunn 24, Gill, Hickerson 1, Martin 4, Moore 6.
Fgs. 19, 3-pts. 3 (Cunningham 2, Dunn), Fts. 24/34, Rebs. 29, Fouls 12.

Mayfield (63)
Brown 9, Green 2, Hockett 21, A. Moss 8, Rogers 13, Shelton 8, Sherrill 2.
Fgs. 26, 3-pts. 7 (Rogers 3, Brown 2, Hockett, A. Moss), Fts. 9/18, Rebs. 22, Fouls 19.

Carlisle Co. 52
Murray 58
02-25-05 – Away

Murray built up a big lead in the first half, then withstood a Carlisle Co. rally to win this contest. The Tigers led by 14 at the half, but the Comets' Tim Dunn scored half of his game-high 28 points in the third quarter to cut that deficit to six.

Hugh Rollins topped the Tigers with 18 pts., and Tim Masthay was close behind with 15 pts. Carlisle's Dylan Moore also finished with 15 pts.

Carlisle (6-18).....7 22 45 52
Murray (10-17).....22 36 51 58

Carlisle (52)
Ballard 2, Burge 5, Cunningham 2, Dunn 28, Martin, Moore 15, Nichols, Hickerson.
Fgs. 15/48, 3-pts. 4/17 (Dunn 2, Moore 2), Fts. 18/26, Fouls 20, Rebs. 35.

Murray (58)
Brandenberg 3, Buck, Hudson 4, Jackson 8, Ti. Masthay 15, McCuiston, Rollins 18, Trice 3, Volp 7.
Fgs. 20/46, 3-pts. 2/8 (Brandenberg, Rollins), Fts. 16/28, Fouls 22, Rebs. 30.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Top Seeds Buried In 1st District

Carlisle Co. 76
Hickman Co. 73
02-28-05 - Away

Wearing top seed felt more like a target than a free pass in the First District, where two young teams that hadn't won a district game all season picked just the right moment to breakthrough.

With 38 losses combined during the regular season, Carlisle County's boys and Fulton County's girls worked off a lot of this season's frustrations, both earning a spot in the First District Championship game and next week's regional tourn. at the expense of the district's regular-season champions.

The Comets stayed alive to defend their regional title as Tim Dunn scored 34 of his 40 pts. in the first three quarters, before the Comets hit 12 of 14 free throws in overtime to edge Hickman Co. 76-73 on the Falcons' home court.

Carlisle now awaits the winner of tonight's semifinal clash with Fulton Co. playing Fulton City. The championship is Friday.

Dunn kept the Comets close early, winning a shooter's duel with Hickman County's Jarrod Burgess, but just barely. Dunn had 20 and Burgess scored 16 of his 34 in the first half as the two teams never got further than four pts. apart.

Carlisle's lead swelled to five at 44-39 in the third, but Hickman went on a 7-0 run and led by as much as 49-44 before the Comets deadlocked the game at 52 all at the end of the third quarter.

Both teams scored just one field goal in the final quarter, matching each other down the stretch at the foul line. Hickman Co. built a 60-54 lead with 3:09 left, but didn't score again as Carlisle hit 6 of 8 free throws. Dylan Moore hit 1 of 2 with 35.6 left to tie the game, and all the Falcons could manage was a desperation shot at the buzzer, after Burgess lost control of the ball.

In the overtime, B.J. Ballard scored the first four pts. for Carlisle, then Eddie Cunningham (16 pts.) made the lead stand up by starting a parade to the foul line for the Comets. He hit 7-8 and Carlisle hit 12 of 14 in the overtime.

"Tim (Dunn) has stepped up the last five or six games – he's been averaging in the upper 20's. We knew he had to have a big game, but we also knew someone else would have to do it too," Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill said. "Eddie Cunningham stepped up at the free-throw line and B.J. Ballard stepped up big, too. He had 10 rebs., and that's his third in a row."

Justin Boaz added 16, half in overtime, and Sam Rushing 13 for the Falcons.

Carlisle (7-18).....16 33 52 60 76
Hickman (12-12)....13 35 52 60 73

Carlisle (76
Ballard 8, Burge 1, D. Cates 2, Dunn 40, Gill, Hickerson, Moore 9, Cunningham 16.
Fgs. 18, 3-pts. 3 (Dunn 3), Fts. 31/39, Fouls 21.

Hickman (73)
Boaz 16, Burgess 34, Emerson, Rushing 13, Thomas 3, Vinson 3, Weatherford 2, Workman.
Fgs .19, 3-pts. 5 (Boaz 3, Burgess, Thomas), Fts. 20/25, Fouls 28.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Timely Buckets Keep Pilots Flying.
Fulton Co. Fends Off Carlisle In OT.

Carlisle Co. 57
Fulton Co. 62
03-05-05 – Away

With the First District boys' championship on the line, Fulton County's Jonathan Roberson had a knack for being in the right place at the right time.

The 5-foot-8 sophomore ended the third quarter with a basket off a wild pass and drained a critical 3-pointer in the late going as the Pilots earned the crown with a 62-57 victory over Carlisle Co. in overtime.

Fulton Co. led by as many as 8 pts. in the third quarter with Jeffery McClain and Dasmond Fitz doing most of the scoring, but the Comets' Tim Dunn led a comeback midway through the quarter. He scored five unanswered pts. in one minute by knocking down a pair of free throws and nailing a 3-pointer to make it a one-possession game.

The Pilots' lead was down to 32-31 when Eddie Cunningham found a spot along the 3-pt. line, drilling the shot for Carlisle's first lead since late in the first quarter.

Fulton Co. cut the lead to two on a McClain layup with 57 seconds left. After the Comets failed to score on their next possession, the Pilots got the ball out of bounds with 3.1 seconds remaining.

McClain had the arm for a long baseball pass to the frontcourt, but his heave sailed far to the left, where Fitz caught it and found Roberson underneath the basket for the game-tying layup.

Pilot coach Shayne Midyett was surprised and thrilled with the turn of events.

"That was a little momentum for us right there," Midyett said. "What can you do with three seconds? It was the first time we'd ever done it."

It carried over to the fourth quarter, with Fulton Co. scoring the first five pts. Shavar Wilson completed a traditional three-pt. play, and McClain added another basket. Just as quickly, Carlisle took the momentum back. After Dylan Moore hit two free throws with 5:20 left, Dunn grabbed the rebound from the Pilots and made another basket for a 41-40 score.

Both teams traded scores until another McClain bucket put the Pilots up 47-46 with 1:30 left. The Comets got the ball to Moore along the arc, and his shot went through with 1:05 left for a 49-47 Carlisle lead.

It appeared the Comets were ready to repeat the Fulton Co. Lady Pilots' accomplishment from Thursday night – winning the district crown as a No. 4 seed.

Roberson, however, was not about to give up on the possibility of both First District championship trophies going to Fulton Co. With 47 seconds left, he got a spot along the right-center of the arc, and hit a trey to make the score 50-49.

Dunn tried to put the Comets back up with a basket at the 20-second mark. The shot missed, but Dunn was fouled and went to the line with 13.1 seconds left.

Midyett, however, was none too nervous.

"We've won a lot of close games like that," Midyett said of the nail-biting situation. "I thought if he made the second shot, they'd go up one and we'd go down, call a timeout, run a play, and win the game."

Dunn made his first free throw to knot the score at 50, but the second one bounced off the rim, and McClain got the board. McClain missed a jumper, and a mad scramble for the ball ran out regulation.

McClain and Roberson scored the first four pts. in overtime as Carlisle never led in the final four minutes. Devin Cates had a chance to get the Comets within one with 20 seconds left, but his long-distance try rolled on the rim for a while before falling off the right side. The Pilots were up 59-55 at that point, then added three more pts. in those final 20 ticks to claim the championship.

"We lost five starters from last year, and there wasn't a whole lot expected out of us," Midyett said. "To win 19 games and repeat as District Champs is kind of unbelievable."

McClain led Fulton Co. with 23 pts. while Fitz finished with 14 and Roberson got 12. Dunn topped all scorers with 29 pts. and Comet teammate Moore wound up with 12.

Carlisle (7-19).....12 22 36 50 57
Fulton Co. (19-9)...17 26 36 50 62

Carlisle (57)
Martin 3, Moore 12, Hickerson, Burge, Dunn 29, Cunningham 9, D. Cates 3, Ballard 2.
Fgs. 17, 3-pts. 6 (Dunn 3, Cunningham 2, Moore), Fts. 17/23, Fouls 18.

Fulton Co. (62)
Nicholson, Roberson 12, Wilson 8, Fitz 14, McClain 23, Caldwell 3, Tucker 2, Udley.
Fgs. 25, 3-pts. 3 (Roberson 2, Fitz), Fts. 9/17, Fouls 17.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round
Marshall's Find Solution
For Carlisle Jinx.
Sharp-shooting Start
Lifts Marshall Co.

Carlisle Co. 41
Marshall Co. 83
03-08-05 – Away

It was as if Goliath, his face bloodied and battered and has ego bruised from repeated shots of David's slingshot, finally managed to get hold of the little guy.

Marshall Co. – eliminated from the postseason in two straight seasons and three of the last four by tiny Carlisle Co., which has about one-sixth its enrollment – finally got the best of its old nemesis.

Blistering the nets at Murray State University's regional Special Events Center with 81 percent shooting from the field in the first half, the Marshall's sent their annual tormentors home on the wrong end of an 83-41 beating on Tuesday night, and advanced to the regional semifinals for the first time since 2002.

Marshall 19-9 will meet Paducah Tilghman, a 73-66 winner over St. Mary in Friday night's semifinals, after administering a pounding that left Carlisle's young ballclub almost unrecognizable to coach Brian O'Neill.

"The rebounding and the defensive intensity that we've seen from this team the last two weeks was missing," said O'Neill, whose team became a surprising regional entry by knocking off top seed and archrival Hickman Co. in the First District tourn., after winning only six games during the regular season. "We've only got two guys that had ever played here before and we looked shell-shocked.

"I'm sure their guys had some frustration with us after the last two seasons, but they've improved a heck of a lot since we played them a few weeks ago. They've got a new coach, a new system and a lot of players that hadn't played much before, and it took them some time to put it all together. They beat us by almost 40 then, but they're even better now."

Daniel Ard and guards Sawyer Donohoo and Rayne Crouse combined for 33 pts. in the first half as the Marshall's hit 17 of 21 shots from the field and took a commanding 42-20 lead a t the half.

Ard, a 6-foot-6 junior who is being recruited by several Division I schools, showed off some versatility for at least one high-profile onlooker, Murray State coach Mick Cronin. Burying mid-range jumpers and controlling the boards, Ard finished with 19 pts. and 9 rebounds.

Donohoo, left largely unguarded on the outside, was 5 for 6 from the field in the first half and finished with 12 pts. and 5 assists. Crouse was 7 for 10 from the field in an 18-pt., 3 assist performance.

"We're playing some fine basketball fight now, and they're a big reason for it," Marshall coach Gus Gillespie said. "This time of year, good guard play wins you a lot of games. You need guards that can get the ball where it needs to be."

More often than before, that is in their hands. Crouse said Gillespie gives his guards some freedom on the offensive end "as long as we play good defense."

"We have to guard them. We played real well defensively the first time (a 66-44 win on Jan. 7th), but we didn't the second time (58-56 in overtime three weeks later), which is why we had such a tough time with them," he said. "I know we're a much better team now than we were earlier in the season, but they've improved a lot too, as much as we have."

Carlisle (7-20).....8 20 24 41
Marshall (19-9)...17 42 63 83

Carlisle (41)
Dunn 11, Ballard 2, Burge 4, Moore 6, Cunningham 12, Martin 1, Hickerson, D. Cates 2, Nichols 3, Gill, B. Cates, Hoskins, Stacey.
Fgs. 14/40, 3-pts. 3/13 (Dunn, Cunningham, Nichols), Fts. 10/16. Fouls 17, Rebs. 17.

Marshall (83)
Newcomb 5, Smith 6, Ard 19, Crouse 18, Donohoo 12, Spiceland 2, L. Williams, Allbritton 3, Payne 5, Frizzell 4, Brown 5, Palmer, Carlson 4, A. Williams.
Fgs. 31/51, 3-pts. 5/11 (Crouse 2, Donohoo, Newcomb, Allbritton), Fts. 16/23, Fouls 15, Rebs. 34.

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	Games Played	Field Goal Attempts	Field Goals Made	Field Goal %	Free Throw Attempts	Free Throws Made	Free Throw %	2-Point Attempts	2-Pointers Made	2-Point %	3-point Attempts	3-Pointers Made	3-Point %	Average Points	High Point Total	Total Points
Tim Dunn	28	437	180	41.2	214	144	67.3	292	133	45.6	145	46	31.7	19.7	40	552
Dylan Moore	28	228	109	47.8	188	122	64.9	172	92	53.5	56	15	26.8	12.9	28	360
Eddie Cunningham	28	177	69	39	112	85	75.9	104	46	44.2	73	21	28.8	8.6	18	241
B.J. Ballard	26	83	33	39.8	50	31	62	77	32	41.6	6	1	16.7	4.15	11	108
Luk Nichols	21	85	23	27.1	11	4	36.4	14	5	35.7	71	19	26.8	3.28	11	71
Hunter Burge	28	85	28	32.9	48	20	41.7	57	22	38.6	28	6	21.4	2.85	10	80
Devin Cates	19	57	14	24.6	19	13	68.4	38	11	29	19	3	15.8	2.31	13	44
Ross Martin	27	71	16	22.5	42	22	52.4	41	12	29.3	30	4	13.3	2.14	9	58
Isaac Hickerson	28	28	8	28.6	29	13	44.8	26	8	30.7	2	0	0	1.03	11	29
Brett Cates	17	14	6	42.9	2	1	50	6	4	66.7	8	2	25	0.88	4	15
Ty Owens	19	14	3	21.4	9	5	55.6	7	3	42.9	7	0	0	0.68	4	13
Coty Hoskins	18	6	1	16.7	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	33.3	0.16	3	3
Foster Stacy	18	2	0	0	6	1	16.7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.06	3	1
Cody Gill	22	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total for Team	327	1293	490	27.5	730	461	45.4	843	368	32.7	450	118	17.1	4.19	12	1575

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	Offencive Rebs.	Defencive Rebs.	Total Rebounds	Avg. Rebs.	Total Assists	Avg. Assists	Total Steals	Blocked Shots	Turnovers	Avg. Turnovers						
Tim Dunn	46	76	122	4.35	52	1.9	41	20	62	2.21						
Dylan Moore	25	53	78	2.78	77	2.8	37	0	83	2.96						
Eddie Cunningham	37	50	87	3.1	107	3.8	45	7	77	2.75						
B.J. Ballard	51	108	159	6.11	4	0.2	22	9	29	1.11						
Luk Nichols	4	19	23	1.09	6	0.3	4	1	15	0.71						
Hunter Burge	32	84	116	4.14	16	0.6	12	1	37	1.32						
Devin Cates	19	16	35	1.84	8	0.4	7	0	22	1.15						
Ross Martin	13	39	52	1.92	14	0.5	8	4	35	1.29						
Isaac Hickerson	11	16	27	0.96	17	0.6	12	1	28	1						
Brett Cates	1	6	7	0.38	1	0.1	1	0	4	0.23						
Ty Owens	3	6	9	0.47	8	0.4	5	0	23	1.21						
Coty Hoskins	0	1	1	0.05	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Foster Stacy	1	0	1	0.05	1	0.1	1	0	1	0.05						
Cody Gill	5	10	15	0.68	1	0	2	0	3	0.13						
Total for Team	248	484	732	1.99	312	0.8	197	43	419	1.15						

2004-05

	St. Mary	Community Christian	Community Christian	Fulton City	Heath	Hickman Co.	Murray	Reidland	Christian Fellowship	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.										
Tim Dunn	20(1)	15(1)	20(4)	10	25(4)	20(3)	4	19(1)	36(8)	11	21	13	12										
Eddie Cunningham	14(3)	12(2)	3	4	11(1)	11(1)	14(1)	3	9(1)	9(1)	6	9(1)	14(1)										
Dylan Moore	9	15(1)	25(2)	10	8	11	10	8	4	16	18(2)	28(2)	11(1)										
B.J. Ballard	6	3(1)	5			5	11	6	3	4	2	1	2										
Ty Owens	4	0	0	2	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	0										
Hunter Burge	2	2	1	9	3	0	0	4	10(2)	8	0	2	2										
Ross Martin	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	2	9(1)	8(1)										
Luk Nichols	2	0	7(1)	8(2)	6(2)	6(2)	6(2)	3(1)	3(1)		11(3)												
Isaac Hickerson	1	11	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	0										
Devin Cates					0	0	2	2	6(1)	7(1)	0		0										
Cody Gill	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0										
Cody Hoskins	0			0	0			0	0	3(1)	0	0											
Foster Stacy	0			1	0			0	0	0	0	0	0										
Brett Cates	0			1	4			0	2	0	0	0	0										

2004-05

	Mayfield	Graves Co.	Reidland	Heath	Marshall Co.	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Calloway Co.	Ballard Co.	Christian Fellowship	Mayfield	Murray	Hickman Co.	Fulton Co.	Marshall Co.				3 Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Tim Dunn	10	16(2)	10	24	11	31(4)	25(2)	30(5)	23(1)	16	24(1)	28(2)	40(3)	29(3)	11(1)				46	28	552	19.71
Eddie Cunningham	2	2	12(1)	4	12(1)	6	2	4	9	12(3)	18(2)	2	16	9(2)	12(1)				21	28	241	8.6
Dylan Moore	14	19	20	14	1	10(1)	9	10	22	20(3)	6	15(2)	9	12(1)	6				15	28	360	12.85
B.J. Ballard	2	0	3	3	0	2	10	2	3	7	8	2	8	2	2				1	26	108	4.15
Ty Owens	2	0		0	2	0	1	1											0	19	13	0.88
Hunter Burge	1	0	0	5(1)	6(1)	0	6(2)	2	2	0	5	5	1	0	4				6	28	80	2.85
Ross Martin	5(1)	7	4	0	0	5(1)	2	1	0		4	0	0	0	1				4	27	58	2.14
Luk Nichols		0		0	3(1)	3(1)	6(2)	0	2	2		0	0		3(1)				19	21	71	3.38
Isaac Hickerson	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				0	28	29	1.03
Devin Cates	0	1	13(1)	0	4	2	0				0		2	3	2				3	19	44	2.31
Cody Gill	0	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	0		0		0				0	22	0	0
Cody Hoskins	0	0		0	0		0	0	0	0					0				1	18	3	0.16
Foster Stacy	0	0		0	0				0	0					0				0	16	1	0.06
Brett Cates	0	0			3(1)		0	3(1)	0	2					0				1	17	15	0.88
						Team Record - 7-20							Per Game Avg. - 49.83						117		1575	

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Dylan Moore	48	16			18	360	378	7.87
Devin Cates	34	5			22	44	68	2
Foster Stacy	16	0		1			1	0.06
Brett Cates	17	2		15			15	0.88

2005-06

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TROPHIES WON
1ST DISTRICT TOURN. – 2ND PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 13-16

2005-06

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-29-05	St Mary	**52-84**	H	
12-02-05	Reidland	70-57	A	
12-09-05	Community Christian	57-51	A	
12-13-05	Fulton City	65-64	H	
12-17-05	Hickman Co.	**49-71**	A	
12-20-05	Lyon Co.	64-43	H	
12-27-05	Webster Co.	**48-62**	A	- **HANCOCK BANK CLASSIC 1ST RD.**
12-28-05	Harrodsburg	**57-79**	A	- **HANCOCK BANK CLASSIC 2ND RD.**
12-29-05	Frederick Fraize	84-73	A	- **HANCOCK BANK CLASSIC 3RD RD.**
12-30-05	Reidland	43-39	A	- **HANCOCK BANK CLASSIC 4TH RD.**
01-03-06	Lone Oak	**47-65**	H	
01-06-06	Fulton Co	**63-65**	A	
01-09-06	Ballard Co.	87-63	A	
01-13-06	Hickman Co.	**46-55**	H	
01-17-06	Mayfield	**47-72**	A	
01-20-06	Graves Co	**31-63**	A	
01-21-06	Community Christian	76-49	A	- **CLASS A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-24-06	Mayfield	**54-57**	A	- **CLASS A TOURN. 2nd RD.**
02-01-06	Marshall Co.	**47-74**	H	
02-03-06	Heath	**53-85**	A	
02-04-06	Community Christian	65-45	H	
02-07-06	Fulton Co	61-53	H	
02-13-06	Fulton City	**71-72**	A	
02-14-06	Calloway Co.	**51-84**	H	
02-17-06	Ballard Co.	66-46	H	
02-24-06	Murray	60-51	H	
02-28-06	Fulton Co	57-47	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD**
03-02-06	Hickman Co.	**62-78**	A	- **1ST DISTRICT TOURN. CHAMPIONSHIP**
03-07-06	Marshall Co.	**32-72**	A	- **1ST. REGIONAL TOURN. 1ST. RD**

FINAL RECORD – 13-16

2006 Comets - District Runner-up



Top Row: Coach Robbie Eddleman, Coach Jonathan Grooms, Hunter Burge, B.J. Ballard, Luk Nichols, Ross Martin, Coach Brian O'Neill.
Middle Row: Adam Wilson, Issac Hickerson, Cody Gill, Eddie Cunningham, Tim Dunn, Ty Owens, Coty Hoskins.
Bottom Row: Managers, Daniel Lemons, Jonathan Hocker.

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FINAL RECORD – 13-16
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Carlisle Co. Looking To
Improve On Down Year

Carlisle County's woefully inexperienced team went out on a high note after a mostly miserable season, catching fire when Dunn became a big scorer late in the year.

"He averaged 19 a game," Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill said, "but over the last 10 games, it was in the upper 20s. We know he can score, and I expect (guard) Eddie Cunningham to score a little more.

"This year is a complete difference from last year, when it was like stating over. Last year, we had one senior starter and one senior off the bench. These guys have been thorough it so it's been a lot smoother."

With no player taller than 6-2, O'Neill admitted that "We'll have problems with the teams because of size."

SCOUTING REPORT

Carlisle County: The Comets are better-equipped to be competitive within the region this year, with a big scorer in Dunn and the solid, scrappy Cunningham. O'Neill said the point guard battle is a "tossup" between Owens and Hickerson and sees Nichols and Martin as offensive sparks off the bench. Wilson, a transfer from Calloway County, could become a factor late in the season.

2005-06
CARLISLE COUNTY ROSTER
Coach: Brian O'Neill
2004-05 record: 7-20 (0-6 district)
Returning starters: Tim Dunn (6-2, Sr.), Eddie Cunningham (5-8, Sr.), B.J. Ballard (6-2 Jr.), Hunter Burge (6-1, So.)
Remaining roster: Seniors: Cody Gill (5-8), **Juniors:** Ross Martin (5-11), Isaac Hickerson (5-9). **Sophomores:** Luk Nichols (6-1), Ty Owens (6-0), Cody Hoskins (5-9), Adam Wilson (6-1).

Carlisle Co. 52
St. Mary 84
11-29-05 – Home

St. Mary got its season off to a big start with a 22-7 first quarter in a win over Carlisle Co. Jonathan Roof led the Vikings with 18 pts., while Gabriel Shaw and Dylan Oliver each finished with 15.

Tim Dunn topped all scorers with 23 pts. for the Comets.

Carlisle (0-1)……7 18 32 52
St. Mary (1-0)….22 45 67 84
Carlisle (52)
Dunn 23, Cunningham 6, Ballard 8, Burge 2, Hickerson 3, Martin 5, Nichols 2, Gill 1, Wilson 2, Owens, Hoskins.
Fgs. 16, 3-pts. 6 (Dunn, Ballard), Fts. 14/24, Fouls 17.
St. Mary (84)
Shaw 15, Howard 6, Byrd 2, Roof 18, Oliver 15, Smith 1, Overstreet 9, Meredith 2, Colgan 8, Harrison 8, Perrewe, Averill, Farrell.
Fgs. 27, 3-pts. 5 (Overstreet 2, Harrison, Shaw, Oliver), Fts. 25/32, Fouls 19.

Carlisle Co. 70
Reidland 57
12-02-05 – Home

Carlisle County's night from the foul line more than made up for Reidland's shooting from the field. The Comets hit 42 of 56 free throws, including 19 of 24 in the fourth quarter. Carlisle's Eddie Cunningham topped all scorers with 21 points, while teammate Tim Dunn had 16. Rod Purdiman (16 pts.) and Clay Duncan (14) were tops on offense for the Greyhounds, who hit seven more field goals than Carlisle.
Carlisle ((1-1)….8 23 47 70
Reidland (0-2)…7 26 45 57
Carlisle (70)
Dunn 16, Cunningham 21, Ballard 2, Hickerson 6, Martin 14, Burge 10, Owens 1, Nichols, Gill Hoskins, Wilson.
Fgs. 14, 3-pts. 1 (Dunn), Fts. 41-56, Fouls 24.
Reidland (57)
Burzynski 5, Watson 4, Duncan 6, R. Purdiman 16, Duncan 14, Grimm 2, Campbell 4, Smith 6, Beasley, S. Purdiman.
Fgs. 21, 3-pts. 3 (Smith 2, Burzynski), Fts. 12-26, Fouls 34.

Carlisle Co. 57
Community Christian 51
12-09-05 – Away

Carlisle Co. saw a 22-pt. lead after three quarters dwindle into single-digits before emerging victorious over Community Christian. Tim Dunn led the Comets with 19 pts., while teammate Ross Martin finished with 15.

Eathan Lindsay and Brent Goodman shared the scoring honors for the Warriors with 14 pts. apiece as Lindsay got the double-double with 10 rebounds.
Carlisle (2-1)……17 31 49 57
C.C.A. (0-3)…….13 20 27 51
Carlisle (57)
Dunn 19, Cunningham 2, Ballard 9, Burge 4, Hickerson 1, Owens 3, Martin 15, Nichols 3, Wilson 1, Gill, Hoskins.
Fgs. 19/62, 3-pts. 4/15 (Dunn 2, Owens, Nichols), Fts. 15/27, Fouls 21. Rebs. 17.
C.C.A. (51)
DeJarnatt 8, Lindsay 14, Goodman 14, Prewitt 8, Vance, Ellington 7, Smith.
Fgs. 17/43, 3-pts. 4/7 (Goodman 3, Ellington), Fts. 13/26, Fouls 20, Rebs. 30.

Carlisle Co. 65
Fulton City 64
12-13-05 – Home

Eddie Cunningham was 2-for-3 from the foul line in the final minute of the game to lift Carlisle Co. over Fulton City in this First District battle.

The Bulldogs led by 10 at the half, but the Comets opened the third quarter with a 12-2 urn that tied the score. After Carlisle grabbed a 41-40 lead, Fulton tan off 13 unanswered pts., led by Blake Lawson with seven.

Tim Dunn scored half of his game-high 24 pts. for the Comets in the fourth. Also for Carlisle, B.J. Ballard had a double-double of 12 pts. and 10 rebounds, while Cunningham finished with 10 pts. Lawson led the Bulldogs with 22 pts. and six 2-pointers, while Barry Graves had 16 pts.
Fulton City ……..19 36 54 64
Carlisle (3-1)……...13 26 47 65
Fulton City (64)
Wilson 4, Martin 9, Lawson 22, Williams 7, Gilkey 6, Graves 16, Madding, Glass.
Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 11 (Lawson 6, Martin 3, Williams, Graves), Fts. 3/5, Fouls 16.
Carlisle (65)
Dunn 24, Cunningham 10, Ballard 12, Burge 3, Martin 5, Owens 6, Nichols 5, Hickerson, Wilson.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. 3 (Cunningham, Burge, Nichols), Fts. 6/14, Fouls 9.

Carlisle Co. 49
Hickman Co. 71
12-16-05 – Away

Carlisle Co. could not contain Sam Rushing in the first half of Justin Boaz in the second half as Hickman Co. took this First District encounter 71-49 in Friday's high school boys' basketball action.

Boaz scored 19 of his game-high 26 pts. in the final two quarters while Rushing got 21 of his 25 in the first two periods. Tim Dunn topped the Comets with 23 pts.
Carlisle (3-2)……10 23 37 49
Hickman (3-1)…..16 36 53 71
Carlisle (49)
Dunn 23, Ballard 6, Burge 3, Hickerson 3, Martin 4, Owens 10, Cunningham, Nichols, Wilson, Hoskins, Gill.
Fgs. 14/46, 3 pts. 2/13 (Martin, Owens), Fts. 19/38, Fouls 19.
Hickman (71)
Rushing 25, Boaz 26, Workman 9, Vinson 5, Daugherty 4, Harper 2, Abbott, Schraw, Irons, J. Burgess, Stroud, Mason.
Fgs. 27/51, 3 pts. 6/15 (Boaz 4, Rushing 2), Fts. 11/19, Fouls 24.

Carlisle Co. 64
Lyon Co. 43
12-20-05 – Home

Carlisle Co. stepped up its press defense in the second quarter for a 23-6 run that doomed Lyon Co. Tim Dunn dominated for the comets with 25 pts., while B.J. Ballard finished with 11.

Kenton Glass led the Lyons with 14 pts., while teammate Chad Estes was close behind with 12.
Carlisle (4-2)…..16 39 57 65
Lyon (0-8)……...11 17 24 43
Carlisle (65)
Dunn 35, Ballard 11, Burge 4, Martin 7, Owens 2, Hickerson 2, Nichols 8, Wilson 1, Hoskins 3, Gill 2.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. (Dunn 2, Nichols 2, Ballard, Hoskins), Fts. 11/16, Fouls 12.
Lyon (43)
Minis 2, Glass 14, Estes 12, walker 4, Ramsey 5, Morton 2, Smith 4, Bugg, Gray, Peeler, Keitz, Frailex, Corley.
Fgs. 18, 3 pts. 3 (Estes 2, Ramsey), Fts. 4/9, Fouls 13.

Hancock Bank Classic
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 48
Webster Co. 62
12-27-05 – Away

Carlisle Co. got behind early against Webster Co. and never caught up at the Hancock Bank Classic. The Comets were only down six after the first quarter, but the Trojans closed the first half with a 21-12 run. Logan Dinninson (16 pts.) and LaBradford Rollins (15) were tops for Webster. Tim Dunn scored 16 pts. to lead Carlisle, who plays Harrodsburg today at 2.

Carlisle (4-3)…..9 21 32 48
Webster (5-3)….15 36 49 62

Carlisle (48)
Dunn 16, Ballard 1, Burge 13, Owens 2, Cunningham 7, Nichols 3, Hickerson 6, Martin, Wilson, Hoskins, Gill.
Fgs. 14, 3 pts. 1 (Nichols), Fts. 19/30, Fouls 15.

Webster (62)
Hust 11, Tapp 5, Rollins 15, Dinninson 16, Chandler 6, Walters 4, Belt 2, Zaratski 3, Montgomery, Jones, Alvey, Dement.
Fgs. 22, 3 pts. 4 (Rollins 2, Tapp, Hust), Fts. 14/19, Fouls 20.

Hancock Bank Classic
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 57
Harrodsburg. 79
12-28-05 – Away

Carlisle Co. played with Harrodsburg in the first half, as they only trailed by 1 pt. at the intermission, but let the game get away from them in the two second quarters, and lost by a 22 pt. margin.

Tim Dunn led the Comets with 28 pts. and was the only double-figure scorer.

Carlisle (4-4)……..14 32 43 57
Harrodsburg……...21 33 58 79

Carlisle (57)
Dunn 28, Cunningham 6, Ballard 4, Burge 5, Hickerson 1, Nichols 4, Owens 4, Martin 2, Wilson 1, Hoskins 2, Gill.
Fgs. 17, 3 pts. 1 (Dunn), Fts. 20/41, Fouls 21.

Harrodsburg (79)
Jackson 19, Jones 16, E. Masterson, Wofford 28, Mays, J. Masterson 4, Short 6, Blacketeen, Cooper, Calbough, Williams 6, Bottoms, Whitley, Yeast, Vaughn.
Fgs. 26, 3 pts. 4 (Jackson, Short 2, Williams), Fts. 15/28, Fouls 20.

Hancock Bank Classic
3rd Round

Carlisle Co. 84
Frederick Fraize 73
12-29-05 – Away

The Comets of Carlisle Co. won their third game of the Hancock Bank Classic after surviving a 4th period comeback by Frederick Fraize.

Top Comet scorers were Tim Dunn with 29 pts., followed by Ty Owens (13) and Hunter Burge (11).

Carlisle (5-4)……..17 40 63 84
F. Fraize……..9 23 38 73

Carlisle (84)
Dunn 29, Cunningham 8, Ballard 6, Burge 11, Nichols 5, Owens 13, Martin 6, Hickerson 1, Wilson 3, Hoskins 2.
Fgs. 28, 3 pts. 4 (Dunn 3, Nichols), Fts. 16/22, Fouls 19.

F. Fraize (73)
Melton 28, Grubs 29, Brown 8, Riley 2, Poole 6, Hanks, Peale, Miley.
Fgs. 11, 3 pts. 13 (Melton 4, Grubbs 6, Brown), Fts. 12/17, Fouls 16.

Hancock Bank Classic
4th Round

Carlisle Co. 43
Reidland 39
12-30-05 – Away

Reidland found pts. hard to come by because of a stingy Comet defense as Carlisle Co. won their 4th round game by 3 pts.

Tim Dunn led the Comets with 22 pts. and Eddie Cunningham netted 13.

Carlisle (6-4)……..12 17 29 43
Reidland……..6 12 25 39

Carlisle (43)
Dunn 22, Cunningham 13, Ballard 3, Burge, Nichols 2, Owens 2, Martin, Hickerson, Wilson 1.
Fgs. 7, 3 pts. 3 (Dunn, Cunningham 2), Fts. 20/31, Fouls 18.

Reidland (39)
Burzynski 2, Watson 3, Beasley 2, T. Duncan, Purdiman 17, C. Duncan 6, Grimm 7, Witt, Smith 2.
Fgs. 11, 3 pts. 1 (Purdiman), Fts. 14/23, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 47
Lone Oak 65
01-03-06 – Home

Chase Denson and Luke Shuemaker combined for 28 of Lone Oak's 39 pts. in the first half of a rout of Carlisle Co. Denson finished with 27 pts. for the Flash while Shuemaker had 18.

Tim Dunn (21 pts.) and Eddie Cunningham (18) provided much of the offense for the Comets.

Carlisle (6-5)……11 21 27 47
Lone Oak (6-5)….25 39 50 65

Carlisle (47)
Dunn 21, Cunningham 18, Burge 2, Nichols 3, Hickerson 3, Ballard, Owens, Martin, Wilson.
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 3 (Dunn, Cunningham, Nichols), Fts. 4/8, Fouls 14.

Lone Oak (65)
Denson 27, Ch. Pennington 5, Shuemaker 18, Blackman 3, Pickens 2, Edwards 4, Byrd 2, Co. Pennington 2, Robinson 2, McKinney.
Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 3 (Ch. Pennington, Shuemaker, Blackman), Fts. 12/22, Fouls 12.

Carlisle Co. 63
Fulton Co. 65
01-06-06 – Away

Malcolm Caldwell beat the buzzer with a lay-in off a missed shot to help Fulton Co. defeat Carlisle Co. in a First District battle.

With the score knotted at 63 with eight seconds left, Jeffrey McClain had the ball for the pilots near the free-throw line. When the Comet defense collapsed around him, he passed to a wide-open Tony Udley in the corner. Udley's shot missed and Caldwell hit the putback.

McClain topped all scorers with 26 pts., including the 1,000th of his career. Tari Bishop (13 pts.), Caldwell (12) and Udley (11) also scored in double digits for Fulton Co. Tim Dunn led the Comets with 25 pts.

Carlisle (6-6)……...24 30 46 63
Fulton Co. (6-7)……9 25 47 65

Carlisle (63)
Dunn 25, Cunningham 15, Nichols 3, Ballard 2, Burge 5, Owens 9, Mathis 2, Wilson 2, Hickerson.
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 5 (Dunn 3, Nichols, Owens), Fts. 18/28, Fouls 18, Rebs. 24.

Fulton Co. (65)
McClain 26, Bishop 13, Caldwell 12, Udley 11, Roberson 3, Gaston, Emerson, Tucker.
Fgs. 26, 3 pts. 5 (Udley 2, Bishop 2, McClain), Fts. 8/21, Fouls 19, Rebs. 37.

Carlisle Co. 87
Ballard Co. 63
01-09-06 – Away

Ballard Co. fell far behind in the first quarter, but pressed its way back into the game by halftime. At the at point, the Bombers ran out of gas against a deeper Carlisle Co. bench.

Tim Dunn again led the Comets with 27 pts. While teammate Ty Owens chipped in with 15. Nathan Lawrence guided the Bombers with 23 pts. As Daniel Randle and Colton Pool each had 12.

Carlisle (7-6)……23 39 66 87
Ballard (0-11)…...10 38 53 63

Carlisle (87)
Dunn 27, Cunningham 10, Nichols 5, Ballard 5, Burge 10, Owens 15, Martin 9, Hickerson 2, Gill 2, Moran 2, Wilson.
Fgs. 27, 3 pts. 3 (Dunn 2, Nichols), Fts. 30/38, Fouls 18.

Ballard (63)
Barrow 4, Pickett 5, Lawrence 23, Randle 12, McDaniel 4, Foster 2, Yancy 1, Pool 12.
Fgs/ 25, 3 pts. 6 (Lawrence 3, Pool 2, Pickett), Fts. 7/12, Fouls 24.

Carlisle Co. 46
Hickman Co. 55
01-13-06 – Home

A 9-0 run to start the second half gave Hickman co. enough of a cushion to survive a fourth quarter Carlisle co. rally. The Comets cut the lead to three with just over a minute left, but the Falcons put the game away with a closing 7-1 run to go 40 in the First District.

The Falcons had balanced scoring with four in double figures led by Justin Boaz with a dozen. Sam Rushing, Zach Workman and Zach Stroud each had 11. The Comets, now 1-3 in district play, were topped by Tim Dunn's 13.

Carlisle (7-7)…..10 29 39 46
Hickman (7-9)…17 29 42 55

Carlisle (46)
Dunn 13, Cunningham 12, Nichols 3, Ballard 11, Wilson 3, Hickerson 4, Burge, Owens, Martin, Gill, Hoskins.
Fgs. 15, 3 pts. 1 (Nichols), Fts. 15/22, Fouls 21.

Hickman (55)
Boaz 12, Rushing 11, Workman 11, Stroud 11, Vinson 8, Abbott 2, Schraw, Irons.
Fgs. 18, 3 pts. 2 (Boaz, Rushing), Fts. 17/23, Fouls 18.

Carlisle Co. 47
Mayfield 72
01-17-06 – Away

Tony Hockett and Jeremy Rodgers both broke 20 pts. In leading Mayfield past Carlisle Co. Hockett led the Cardinals with a double-double of 24 pts. and 10 rebounds. Rodgers finished with 21 pts., including five three-pointers, and teammate Demetrek Moss wound up with 13.

Tim Dunn topped all scorers with 28 pts. For the Comets.

Carlisle (7-8)…..12 23 36 47
Mayfield (7-6)…15 32 53 72

Carlisle (47)
Dunn 28, Cunningham 1, Ballard 4, Burge 2, Nichols 7, Owens 2, Martin 3, Hickerson, Wilson, Gill.

Fgs. 17/56, 3 pts. 5/16 (Dunn 3, Nichols, Martin), Fts. 8/14, Fouls 12, Rebs. 28.

Mayfield (72)
Rodgers 21, A. Shelton 3, Hockett 24, Brown 5, Moss 13, Elliott 2, McCuiston 2, V. Shelton 2.
Fgs. 2857, 3 pts. 6/17 (Rogers 5, Hockett), Fts. 10/13, Fouls 14, Rebs. 32.

Carlisle Co. 31
Graves Co. 63
01-20-06 – Away

Carlisle Co. trailed by only one after the first quarter, but could not maintain that momentum as Graves Co. rolled the rest of the way.

Zach Sims sank each of the Eagles' three treys as he led the scoring with 23 pts. Randon Cavette (15 pts.) and Jamie King (13) also had big games for Graves. Tim Dunn topped the Comets with 18 pts.

Carlisle (7-9)…..12 20 24 31
Graves (16-3)…..13 30 48 63

Carlisle (31)
Dunn 18, Ballard 2, Burge 3, Owens 1, Martin 3, Hickerson 2, Moran 2, Hoskins, Gill, Wilson, Nichols.
Fgs. 10/44, 3 pts. 2/11 (Dunn, Martin), Fts. 9/16, Fouls 17, Rebs. 27.

Graves (63)
Sims 23, Wiggins 3, King 13, McCain 2, Harris 2, Cavette 15, Stembridge 2, Campbell 2, Jackson 1, Towery, Kimbler, Sanderson, Ray, Williams, Suiter.
Fgs. 22/53, 3 pts. 3/13 (Sims 3), Fts. 16/26, Fouls 14, Rebs. 43.

All "A" Classic
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 76
Community Christian 49
01-21-06 – Away

With 1:04 left in the first quarter, Carlisle County's Tim Dunn penetrated into the paint and hit a routine bank shot that he's made a hundred times before. This one will stand out a bit more because it represented the 1,000th point in his Comet career.

The shot put the Comets ahead 14-9, and with its leading scorer's milestone out of the way, the Comets erupted to a 48-23 halftime en route to a rout.

Dunn finished with 32 pts. while CCA's Brent Goodman led the Warriors with 14.

Carlisle (8-9)…..16 48 64 76
C.C.A. (0-13…..10 23 36 49

Carlisle (76)
Dunn 32, Martin 10, Owens 9, Cunningham 7, Ballard 4, Moran 3, Wilson 3, Gill 2, Hickerson 2, Burge 2, Nichols 2.
Fgs. 29, 3 pts. 2 (Dunn, Moran), Fts. 16/20, Fouls 13.

C.C.A. (49)
Goodman 14, Lindsay 8, Smith 7, Harbin 6, T. DeJarnett 2, Ellington 1,
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 6 (Goodman 4, Smith, Prewitt), Fts. 6/9, Fouls 19.

All "A" Classic
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 54
Mayfield 57
01-24-06 - Away

Chris Guhy has been a coach in the Mayfield system for more than 15 years, but he graduated from Carlisle Co. So don't count him among those who might raise an eyebrow at the difficulty level of Mayfield's 5754 survival against the comets in Tuesday night's All A Classic regional tournament at Graves County's Eagles' Nest.

"It just speaks of the tradition and pride of that program," Guhy said after his Cardinals advanced to the semifinals. "They were making some tough shots."

The All A Classic is still searching for its first upset after three days, but don't blame the lower seeds that gave it their vest shot on Tuesday. Before Mayfield's boys won, Mayfield's third-seeded girls needed a fourth-quarter comeback to beat No. 6 seed Reidland 41-32. Hickman co., the no. 4 seed, never led in the second half of regulation but managed to beat fifth-seeded Community Christian 41-36 in overtime.

For 31 minutes and 35 seconds, Mayfield never had to sweat a deficit. After the Comets tied the score twice in the fourth quarter, Adam Shelton (14 pts., 8 in the fourth) made two free throws to push Mayfield's lead to 53-48 with 58 seconds left.

Carlisle's Luk Nichols (14 pts.) responded with a 3-pointer 12 seconds later, and Shelton missed a pair of free throws with 39 seconds left after making six straight in the previous three minutes. The Comets rebounded, and Eddie Cunningham pushed the ball up the floor to find Tim Dunn (22 pts) in the left corner for another 3-pointer and a 54-53 lead, Carlisle's first, with 25 seconds remaining.

Guhy decided against calling a timeout, and his wounded warrior rewarded him. Point guard Demetrek Moss turned his left ankle in practice Monday, and it was questionable whether he could go up until game time. Moss (11 pts) did not resemble the guy who had to be helped out of the gym after the game when he exploded into the lane for a 6-foot runner with 14 seconds left.

Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill elected to call a timeout after Moss's heroics, but his best laid plans went awry. "We had a play drawn up to get Tim Dunn a shot, but it didn't work out that way," he said.

Cunningham drove to about the same spot in the lane that moss made his shot, but Mayfield's defense was taut and his shot found nothing but backboard. Jeremy Rodgers grabbed the rebound, Made the free throws and watched as Carlisle failed to get off a tying shot attempt in the final 2.7 seconds.

"I don't think we truly believed we could win until the second half," said O'Neill, whose team lost to Mayfield 72-47 one week ago. "It was tough to fight back like that, take the lead, then let Moss get in the lane for that basket."

Carlisle (8-10)…..13 23 39 54
Mayfield (10-6)…..15 29 42 57

Carlisle (54)
Dunn 22, Nichols 14, Cunningham 8, Burge 4, Owens 4, Ballard 2, Hickerson, Martin.
Fgs. 18/39, 3 pts. 5/14 (Nichols 3, Cunningham, Dunn), Fts. 13/25, Fouls 23, Rebs. 30.

Mayfield (57)
Shelton 14, Hockett 13, Moss 11, Rodgers 11, Frown 4, Elliott 4, McCuiston, England.
Fgs. 20/44, 3 pts. 2/12 (Rodgers, Hockett), Fts. 15/27, Fouls 21, Rebs. 28.

Carlisle Co. 47
Marshall Co. 74
01-31-06 – Home

Carlisle Co. was within two pts. at the half, but Marshall County's press proved too much in the second half. Daniel Ard dominated the Marshall offense with 34 pts. while teammate Travis Spiceland added 13. Eddie Cunningham topped the Comets with 16 pts. as Tim Dunn added 13.

Carlisle (8-11)…...8 27 37 47
Marshall (17-4)…17 29 53 74

Carlisle (47)
Dunn 13, Cunningham 16, Ballard 2, Burge 4, Nichols 2, Martin 4, Hickerson 2, Wilson 4, Owens, Gill, Hoskins, Moran.
Fgs. 14, 3 pts. 5 (Cunningham 3, Dunn 2), Fts. 14/17, Fouls 27.

Marshall (74)
Ard 34, Spiceland 13, Donohoo 9, Brown 7, Smith 4, Barga 4, Albritton 2, McKenty 1, Palmer, Z. Lathram, E. Lathram, Bohannon, Holland, Lampert.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. 3 (Donohoo 2, Brown), Fts. 23/21, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 53
Heath 85
02-03 06 – Away

Justin Jett, Jayce long and Max McConnell all had different double-doubles for Heath in a victory over Carlisle Co. Long led the Pirate offense with 20 points and 10 assists while McConnell scored 16 pts. and grabbed 12 rebounds. Jett got 12 pts. and 11 boards for Heath. Tim Dunn topped all scorers with 26 pts. for the Comets.

Carlisle (8-12)…...7 19 29 53
Heath (19-2)…...15 38 60 85

Carlisle (53)
Dunn 26, Cunningham 8, Ballard 3, Burge 2, Owens 8, Nichols 2, Martin 1, Hickerson 3, Wilson.
Fgs. 18/53, 3 pts. 4/24 (Dunn 4), Fts. 13/20, Fouls 18, Rebs. 27.

Heath (85)
Jett 12, Hart 11, Long 20, McConnell 16, Baer 9, Burton 16, Simons 1, Poat, Kennady, Walton, Straub, Millay.
Fgs. 31/60, 3 pts. 7/20 (Long 4, Baer, Burton, Hart), Fts. 16/22, Fouls 20, Rebs. 42.

Carlisle Co. 65
Community Christian 45
02-04-06 – Home

Eddie Cunningham scored 19 pts. while Ty Owens added 10 as Carlisle Co. extended their 23-16 lead at the end of the first quarter into a comfortable 65-45 win over Community Christian Academy Saturday in a late reported game.

Matt Prewitt, Brent Goodman and Jordan Harbin had the majority of the points for the Warriors. Prewitt and Goodman led CCA with 14 pts., while Harbin added 10.

Carlisle (9-12)…...23 45 58 65
CCA ……...16 26 36 45

Carlisle (65)
Dunn 7, Cunningham 19, Owens 10, Ballard 9, Burge 4, Martin 6, Hickerson 5, Wilson 2, Gill 2, Moran 1, Hoskins, Nichols.
Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 4 (Cunningham 3, Dunn), Fts. 11/18, Fouls 15.

CCA (45)
Ellington 7, Prewitt 14, Goodman 14, Harbin 10, DeJarnett, Lindsey, Freeman.
Fgs. 15, 3 pts. 5 (Goodman 4, Ellington), Fts. 10/12, Fouls 12.

Carlisle Co. 61
Fulton Co. 53
02-07-06 – Home

Eddie Cunningham and Luk Nichols each hit four three-pointers while Carlisle co. hit its free

throws down the stretch to down Fulton Co. in this First District showdown.

The Comets were only up by four entering the final frame, but they hit seven of the nine free throws they attempted there to pull away. Cunningham finished with 21 pts. and Nichols had 12. Tari Bishop (15 pts.) and Jeffery McClain (13) were tops for the Pilots.

Carlisle (10-12)…..11 26 38 61
Fulton Co. (8-11)…..9 21 34 53

Carlisle (61)
Cunningham 21, Ballard 6, Nichols 12, Burge 5, Owens 6, Martin 2, Hickerson 3, Wilson 6, Moran. Fgs. 22, 3 pts. 8 (Cunningham 4, Nichols 4), Fts. 9/14, Fouls 11.

Fulton Co. (53)
Udley 2, Roberson 7, Tucker 6, McClain 13, Bishop 15, Scott 1, Freeman 9, Winters, Gaston. Fgs. 22, 3 pts. 4 (Roberson, Tucker, Bishop, Freeman), Fts. 7/10, Fouls 17.

Carlisle Co. 71
Fulton City 72
02-13-06 – Away

Fulton City held off a 13-0 run in the fourth quarter to secure a 72-71 first District victory over Carlisle Co,

The game was tied at 44 at halftime, but the Bulldogs stretched their lead to 62-50 by the end of the third. Fulton City then held off the Comets, who outscored the Bulldogs 21-10 in the final period.

Barry Graves led Fulton City with 20 pts., while Travis Wilson had 16 pts. and Blake Lawson had 12. Carlisle was led in scoring by Ty Owens with 19 pts., while Eddie Cunningham and B.J. Ballard each had 16.

Carlisle (10-13)…...24 44 50 71
Fulton City (3-17)…23 44 62 72

Carlisle (71)
Cunningham 16, Ballard 16, Nichols 5, Burge 2, Owens 19, Martin 11, Hickerson 1, Wilson 1, Gill. Fgs. 21/45, 3 pts. 5/10 (Cunningham 2, Nichols, Owens, Martin), Fts. 14/22, Fouls 10, Rebs. 25.

Fulton City (72)
Martin 6, Lawson 12, Madding 8, Graves 20, Gilkey 8, Wilson 16, Bransford 2, Pearson, Lockett.
Fgs. 24/57, 3 pts. 7/19 (Lawson 4, Martin 2, Gilkey), Fts. 3/5, Fouls 22, Rebs. 39.

Carlisle Co. 51
Calloway Co. 84
02-14-06 – Away

At. Murray, the Lakers jumped out to a 10-pt. first quarter lead and cruised past the visiting Comets.

Wes Adams led Calloway with a double-double, scoring 17 pts. and grabbing 13 rebounds. Jeremi Bumpus added 16 pts. and Wes Perry knocked down four 3-pointers and finished with 15 pts.

Eddie Cunningham paced Carlisle with 16 points, including four triples of his own.

Carlisle (10-14)…..10 27 40 51
Calloway (16-8)…..23 48 63 84

Carlisle (51)
Cunningham 16, Burge 4, Ballard 7, Nichols 4, Owens 8, Martin 7, Hickerson 3, Wilson 2, Gill. Fgs. 18/52, 3 pts. 4/14 (Cunningham 4), Fts. 11/17, Fouls 15, Rebs. 27.

Calloway (84)
Adams 17, Bumpus 16, Perry 15, Welter 8, Futrell 5, Hargrove 3, Streetman 7, D. Willis 2, Gream 2, Solomon 3, T. Willis 6, Tindell, Miller, Murdock. Fgs. 32/69, 3 pts. 7/20 (Perry 4, Bumpus, Hargrove, Solomon), Fts. 13/23, Fouls 16, Rebs. 48.

Carlisle Co. 66
Ballard Co. 46
02-17-06 – Home

Eddie Cunningham scored 21 pts. and Ty Owens added 16 to fill the void left by injured leading scorer Tim Dunn and earn an easy win over visiting Ballard Co. Luk Nichols chipped in 10 pts. for the Comets in the win.

Nathan Lawrence scored 11 pts. and Chris Orazine had 10 to lead the Bombers.

Carlisle (11-14)…..14 31 50 66
Ballard (2-21)…..10 28 34 46

Carlisle (66)
Cunningham 21, Owens 16, Nichols 10, Ballard 6, Burge 6, Martin 5, Wilson 2, Moran 1, Hoskins, Gill, Hickerson.
Fgs. 21, 3 pts. 7 (Cunningham 3, Owens 2, Nichols 2), Fts. 17/30, Fouls 18.

Ballard (46)
Lawrence 11, Orazine 10, Randle 7, Barrow 6, Pickett 5, McDanial 3, Foster 2, Terrell 2, Gordon, Garrett, Turnbow, Fraser, Yancy.
Fgs. 17, 3 pts. 5 (Orazine 2, Lawrence 2, Pickett), Fts. 7/17, Fouls 20.

Carlisle Co. 60
Murray 51
02-24-06 – Home

Eddie Cunningham and Luk Nichols each scored 18 pts. to lead Carlisle Co. past visiting Murray in the final regular season game for both squads. The two combined to hit all seven of Carlisle's three-pointers, with Nichols knocking down five.

Ted Masthay scored 11 pts. and Hugh Rollins added 10 for the Tigers, who will face Marshall Co. in next week's Fourth District tournament.

Carlisle (12-14)…..17 27 41 60
Murray (9-14)…..13 26 34 51

Carlisle (60)
Nichols 18, Cunningham 18, Dunn 9, Burge 4, Ballard 4, Owens 3, Gill 2, Wilson 2, Hickerson, Martin.
Fgs. 21, 3 pts. 7 (Nichols 5, Cunningham 2), Fts. 11/18, Fouls 19.

Murray (51)
Masthay 11, Rollins 10, McCuiston 9, Volp 8, Trice 7, Buck 4, Jones 2, Parker-bell.
Fgs. 17, 3 pts. 3 (Trice, Volp, McCuiston), Fts. 14/20, Fouls 19.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Carlisle Co.
Advances To Finals

Carlisle Co. 57
Fulton Co. 49
02-28-06 – Away

For the Fulton Co teams Carlisle co squads in Tuesday's semifinals of the First District basketball tournament, the word of the night was foul.

In the boy's game , the Pilots led until a couple of their starters got into foul trouble. That opened the floor for the Comets to storm ahead and win 57-49. Carlisle takes on Hickman co. for the district title on Thursday at 7.

Carlisle got the first seven pts. of the boys' game capped by a Luk Nichols trey.

The second quarter was another matter ad the Pilots used a pair of 6-0 runs to turn a 15-11 deficit after the first quarter into a 27-24 halftime lead.

"Our turnovers in the second quarter hurt us," Comet coach Brian O'Neill said after the game. "We had four or five possessions in a row where we didn't get a shot off. I thought we made a nice adjustment during halftime. We changed our zone offense a little against their press. We got three or four east shots at the beginning of the second half. It just propelled us the rest of the game."

That shift got to Fulton Co.. and center Jeffrey McClain. With just under five minutes left in the third quarter, McClain went to the bench with his fourth foul.

"When McClain got his fourth foul, we kind of let up and we realized we gotta play even though he's not there," O'Neill said. "We pulled it out a little and when (Tari) Bishop picked up his fourth, we were able to concentrate on other guys and we weren't so spread out on defense.

McClain did return with 6:04 left in the game, but he was not ads aggressive underneath the basket as before. He finished with 13 pts, most in the first half. Bishop led Fulton co. with 14 pts.

Eddie Cunningham topped the Comets with 17 pts. whole Hunter Burge was close behind with 14. Tim Dunn, one of the team's top scorers this season, had nine pts. in his second game back from an ankle injury that could not keep him away from the postseason.

"He worked his tail off to get back because the doctors told him he wasn't going to be back this year," O'Neill said of Dunn.

Carlisle (13-14)…..15 24 40 57
Fulton Co. (9-14)….11 27 35 49

Carlisle (57)
Cunningham 17, Dunn 9, Ballard 6, Owens 5, Nichols 7, Burge 14, Martin, Hickerson, Wilson, Gill, Hoskins, Rambo, Hardy, Moran.
Fgs. 22, 3 pts. 2 (Cunningham, Nichols), Fts. 12/20, Fouls 11.

Fulton Co. (49)
Tucker 7, McClain 13, Bishop 14, Roberson 8, Gaston, Scott, Freeman 4, Caldwell 3, Winters, Goodman, Forderer, Udley.
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 2 (Bishop 2), Fts. 7/13, Fouls 19.

1st District Tourn.
Championship
Boaz Leads Falcons To
Win Over Carlisle.
Hickman Seals Win From Foul Line

Carlisle Co. 62
Hickman Co. 78
03-02-06 – Away

More than once over the past seven seasons, Hickman Co. has put together some solid boys' basketball teams that earned high seeds in the First District basketball tournament. When March arrived, though, the Falcons were preyed upon and fell short of title dreams.

With an emphasis placed on controlling the boards, all that bad luck changed. As Thursday's title game progressed, Hickman Co. gave Carlisle Co. fewer and fewer looks at the basket. When the final whistle blew, the Falcons had their first district crown since 1998 with a 78-62 victory.

"For four years, we were 5-1 (in the district) and the top seed but we never won it," Hickman coach Billie Prince said. "These kids were injured and we had some gad luck, but we stepped it up. I'm proud of them."

The Falcons scored most of their pts. in the second quarter, but played their best in the third. Up by five at the half, Hickman scored the first six

pts. of the third quarter for their first double-digit lead of the night. Both teams traded baskets until the Comets were only down by seven with 3:50 to go until the fourth.

Hickman's next two possessions resulted in 3-pointers by Isaiah Vinson and Justin Boaz and the lead was nine entering the fourth. Vinson charged up the Falcon faithful when a Carlisle pass landed right in his hands and he had an open path to the basket. He stormed straight down the court and laid it in for a 64-51 lead. The comets tried to cut further into that lead, but the basket was usually surrounded by Falcons ready to make sure there would not be any second chances.

"We got on the boards real well, especially in the third," Prince said. " I thought we did well on the weak-side boards."

Hickman was solid from behind the free throw line, hitting 8 of 9 attempts in the fourth quarter and were 18 for the game.

Boaz and Sam Rushing led the Hickman offense with 17 and 16 pts. Vinson finished with 14 pts. and a trio of treys and Zach Stroud added 11 pts. Luk Nichols used a big night from behind the arc t0 top Carlisle with five threes and 17 pts. Tim Dunn had 16 pts. and Eddie Cunningham scored 12.

Carlisle (13-15)….15 34 51 62
Hickman (15-13)...15 39 60 78

Carlisle (62)
Cunningham 12, Dunn 16, Ballard 6, Owens 7, Nichols 17, Burge, martin 2, Wilson 2, Hickerson, Moran, Hoskins, Rambo, Hardy.
Fgs. 23/51, j3 pts. 8/18 (Nichols 5, Cunningham 2, Owens), Fts. 8/16, Fouls 21.

Hickman (78)
Boaz 17, Rushing 16, Workman 6, Stroud 11, Abbott 4, Dougherty 6, Turner 2, Schraw, Irons, Vinson 14.
Fgs. 27/53, 3-pts. 6/13 (Vinson 3, Dougherty 2, Boaz), Fts. 18/25, Fouls 17.

1st Region Tourn.
1st Round

Marshals' Early Run
Puts Carlisle Away.
Forced Turnovers Help Marshall
Pull Away from Comets Early.

Carlisle Co. 32
Marshall Co. 72
03-07-06 – Away

Goliath finally caught up to David.

Meeting in the First Region tournament for the sixth consecutive year, Marshall Co. finally drew even with a resounding 72-31 victory in Murray state University's Regional Special Events Center on Tuesday night. The win sets up a semifinals showdown Friday at 7:45 p.m. with Graves Co., a 63-43 winner over lone oak.

The Comets, whose enrollment is less than one-fifth that of Marshall's, beat Marshall in three of the first four contests, dating back to the 2001 semifinals and earning regional championships in two of those years. Over the past two seasons, they've lost by 82 combined pts. after suffering massive graduation losses from the 2004 regional championship club.

"Last year, they caught us in a major rebuilding phase and I didn't think we had much of a chance," Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill said. "This year, we were down at our place two at halftime (a 74-47) loss on Jan. 30), and I really thought we had a chance."

That chance was virtually spent after the first eight minutes. Marshall emerged with focus, forcing 10 first-quarter turnovers and allowing just seven field goal attempts as it grabbed a 16-4 lead. Daniel Ard scored `10 pts. in the period, including two steals that morphed into breakaway dunks.

"Any time you're in a tournament, you can't overlook anybody," Marshall coach Gus Gillespie said. "I thought we gave Carlisle a lot of respect by the way we approached the game."

Carlisle Knocked two of its first three shots in the second quarter, but none of the net 10 fell as Marshall unleashed a 20-0 run for a 40-9 halftime lead . Austin Brown drilled a pair of 3-pointers, and Ard finished the half with 19 pts. and nine rebounds – one more than Carlisle's entire team.

Marshall shot 52% to Carlisle's 20% in the first half.

"We worked on slowing the pace down and limiting possessions," O'Neill said, "but that doesn't work once you get down by 8 or 10 pts."

Brown scored eight consecutive pts. as Marshall took a 55-16 lead with 1:54 left in the third period, and none of its top seven players saw action in the fourth quarter. Carlisle's Eddie Cunningham tallied 12 pts. on four 3-pointers, and Tim Dunn ended his career with nine pts. at "85 to 90 percent" according to O'Neill. It was just Dunn's fourth game back since a severely sprained right ankle threatened the rest of his season.

Ard finished with 20 pts. and 10 rebounds, and Sawyer Donohoo chipped in seven pts. and six rebounds as the Marshals won for the ninth time in 10 games.

Next up is Graves co, a team Marshall handled in two regular-season meetings, winning 53-48 at home in late January and 54-49 at the Eagles' Nest a couple of weeks later.

"We had two really good battles against them this season," Gillespie said. "I'd expect another one."

Carlisle (13-16)……..4 9 19 32
Marshall (25-5)……..16 40 56 72

Carlisle (32)
Cunningham 12, Dunn 9, Nichols 3, Burge 3, martin 2, Ballard 2, Hickerson 1, Owens, Gill, Hoskins, Wilson, Moran, Rambo, Hardy.
Fgs. 12/47, 3 pts. 5/17, (Cunningham 4, Nichols), Fts. 3/10, Fouls 25, Rebs. 27.

Marshall (72)
Ard 20, Brown 14, Spiceland 8, Donohoo 7, E. Lathram 5, McKenty 3, Z. Lathram 3, Allbritton 2, Barga 2, Smith 2, Holland 2, Bohannon 2, Palmer 2, Williams.
Fgs. 24/51, 3 pts. 5/14 (Brown 3, Z. Lathram, McKenty), Fts. 19/33, Fouls 12, Rebs. 48.

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	Games Played	Field Goal Attempts	Field Goals Made	Field Goal %	Free Throw Attempts	Free Throws Made	Free Throw %	2-Point Attempts	2-Pointers Made	2-Point %	3-point Attempts	3-Pointers Made	3-Point %	Average Points	High Point Total	Total Points
Tim Dunn	25	424	180	42.5	168	109	64.9	300	147	49	124	33	26.6	20.1	32	502
Eddie Cunningham	27	279	100	35.8	109	85	78	182	67	36.8	97	33	34	11.9	21	320
B.J. Ballard	29	138	60	43.5	57	38	66.7	134	57	42.5	4	3	75	5.48	16	159
Ty Owens	29	154	52	33.8	70	48	68.6	137	46	33.6	17	6	35.3	5.55	19	161
Luk Nichols	29	177	51	28.2	27	16	59.3	65	17	26.2	112	34	30.4	5.24	18	152
Hunter Burge	29	126	48	38.1	66	33	50	110	47	42.7	16	1	6.25	4.48	15	130
Ross Martin	29	123	38	30.9	71	45	63.4	100	34	34	23	4	17.4	4.31	14	125
Isaac Hickerson	29	36	14	38.9	56	26	46.4	35	14	40	1	0	0	1.86	6	54
Adam Wilson	28	30	12	0.4	30	12	40	41	12	29.3	0	0	0	1.29	6	36
Brock Moran	12	8	3	0.37	6	2	33.3	6	2	33.3	2	1	50	0.75	3	9
Cody Gill	23	22	5	0.22	4	1	25	19	5	26.3	3	0	0	0.48	3	11
Coty Hoskins	19	12	4	0.33	0	0		9	3	33.3	3	1	33.3	0.47	2	9
Caleb Hardy	3	2	0	0	0	0		2	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Zac Rambo	3	1	0	0	0	0		0	0		1	0	0	0	0	0
Total for Team	314	1532	567	20.9	664	415	54.2	1140	451	32.9	403	116	23.7	4.42	11	1668

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	Offencive Rebs.	Defencive Rebs.	Total Rebounds	Avg. Rebs.	Total Assists	Avg. Assists	Total Steals	Avg. Steals	Blocked Shots	Avg. Blocks	Turnovers	Avg. Turnovers				
Tim Dunn	29	100	129	5.16	36	1.4	45	1.8	21	0.84	62	2.5				
Eddie Cunningham	28	61	89	3.3	67	2.5	50	1.85	0	0	79	2.9				
B.J. Ballard	78	151	229	7.9	27	0.9	34	1.17	3	0.1	27	0.9				
Ty Owens	32	66	98	3.38	110	3.8	28	0.97	6	0.21	105	3.6				
Luk Nichols	22	81	103	3.55	31	1.1	15	0.52	0	0	35	1.2				
Hunter Burge	41	71	112	3.86	21	0.7	12	0.41	4	0.14	30	1				
Ross Martin	26	50	76	2.62	32	1.1	17	0.59	8	0.28	55	1.9				
Isaac Hickerson	24	21	45	1.55	42	1.5	22	0.76	1	0	48	1.7				
Adam Wilson	18	18	36	1.28	6	0.2	5	0.18	0	0.04	8	0.3				
Brock Moran	2	4	6	0.5	0	0	1	0.08	0	0	1	0.1				
Cody Gill	6	8	14	0.61	2	0.1	1	0.04	0	0	5	0.2				
Coty Hoskins	2	9	11	0.58	2	0.1	1	0.05	0	0	8	0.4				
Caleb Hardy	0	4	4	1.33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Zac Rambo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Total for Team	308	644	952	2.54	376	1	231	0.6	43	0.12	463	1.2				

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	St. Mary	Reidland	Community Christian	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Lyon Co.	Webster Co.	Harrodsburg	Frederick Fraze	Reidland	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Mayfield									
Tim Dunn	23(4)	16(1)	19(2)	24	23	25(2)	16	28(1)	29(3)	22(1)	21(1)	27(3)	27(2)	13	28(3)									
Eddie Cunningham	6	21	2	10(1)	0		7	6	8	13(2)	18(1)	15	10	12	1									
B.J. Ballard	8(2)	2	9	12	6	11(1)	1	4	6	3	0	2	5	11	4									
Ty Owens	0	1	3	6	10(1)	2	2	4	13	2	0	9(1)	15	0	2									
Hunter Burge	2	10	4	3(1)	3	4	13	5	11	0	2	5	10	0	2									
Ross Martin	5	14	15	5	4(1)	7	0	2	6	0	0	2	9	0	3(1)									
Luk Nichols	2	0	6(2)	5(1)	0	8(2)	3(1)	4	5(1)	2	3(1)	3(1)	5(1)	3(1)	7(1)									
Isaac Hickerson	3	6	1	0	3	2	6	1	1	0	3	0	2	4	0									
Cody Gill	1	0	0		0	2	0	0	0				2	0	0									
Cody Hoskins	0	0	0		0	3(1)	0	2	2				0	0										
Adam Wilson	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	2	0	3	0									
Brock Moran													2		0									

2005-06

	Graves Co.	Community Christian	Mayfield	Marshall Co.	Heath	Community Christian	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Calloway Co.	Ballard Co.	Murray	Fulton Co.	Hickman Co.	Marshall Co.					3-Pointers	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Tim Dunn	18(1)	32(1)	22(1)	13(2)	26(4)	7(1)					9	9	16	9					33	25	502	20.8
Eddie Cunningham		7	8(1)	16(3)	8	19(3)	21(4)	16(2)	16(4)	21(3)	18(2)	17(1)	12(2)	12(4)					33	27	320	11.9
B.J. Ballard	2	4	2	2	3	9	6	16	7	6	4	6	6	2					3	29	159	5.48
Ty Owens	1	9	4	0	8	10	6	19(1)	8	16(2)	3	5	7(1)	0					6	29	161	5.55
Hunter Burge	3	2	4	4	2	4	5	2	4	5	4	14	0	3					1	29	130	4.48
Ross Martin	3(1)	10	0	4	1	6	2	11(1)	7	5	0	0	2	2					4	29	125	4.31
Luk Nichols	0	2	14(3)	2	2	0	12(4)	5(1)	4	10(2)	18(5)	7(1)	17(5)	3(1)					34	29	152	5.24
Isaac Hickerson	2	2	0	2	3	5	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	1					0	29	54	1.86
Cody Gill	0	2	0	0		2		0	0	0	2	0	0	0					0	23	11	0.47
Cody Hoskins	0	2		0	0	0				0		0	0	0					1	19	9	0.47
Adam Wilson	0	1		4	0	2	6	1	2	2	2	0	2	0					0	28	36	1.28
Brock Moran	2	3(1)		0	0	1	0			1		0	0	0					1	12	9	0.75
Zack Rambo												0	0	0					0	3	0	0
Caleb Hardy												0	0	0					0	3	0	0
																			116		1668	
						Team Record - 13-16							Per Game Avg. 57.51									

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
Tim Dunn	82	80		82	552	502	1136	13.9
Eddie Cunningham	101	60	14	93	241	320	668	6.61

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<u>TROPHIES WON</u>

MURRAY CHRISTMAS TOURN. 7TH PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 8-16

2006-07

DATE	OPP.	CCHS-OPP.	SITE	
11-28-06	St. Mary	42-88	A	
12-01-06	Reidland	**47-67**	H	
12-08-06	Community Christian	79-44	H	
12-12-06	Fulton City	**62-72**	A	
12-15-06	Hickman Co.	78-75 **ot**	H	
12-18-06	Lyon Co.	69-67 **ot**	A	
12-21-06	Buckhorn	**60-68**	A	**– MURRAY CHRISTMAS TOURN. 1ST RD.**
12-22-06	Beth Haven	**63-68**	A	**– MURRAY CHRISTMAS TOURN. 2nd RD.**
12-23-06	Lyon Co.	54-48	A	**– MURRAY CHRISTMAS TOURN. 7TH PLACE**
01-02-07	Lone Oak	**41-57**	A	
01-05-07	Fulton Co.	**52-57**	H	
01-08-07	Ballard Co.	64-42	H	
01-12-07	Hickman Co.	**54-60**	A	
01-16-07	Mayfield	**39-52**	H	
01-18-07	Graves Co.	**39-51**	A	
01-20-07	Reidland	**52-65**	A	**– ALL A TOURN. 1ST RD.**
01-30-07	Marshall Co.	**33-55**	A	
02-06-07	Fulton Co.	**47-74**	A	
02-09-07	Fulton City	59-56	H	
02-13-07	Calloway Co.	**61-62**	H	
02-16-07	Ballard Co.	84-54	A	
02-19-07	Livingston Co.	58-53	H	
02-23-07	Murray	**44-50**	A	
02-26-07	Fulton Co.	**46-65**	H	**– 1ST DISTRICT TOURN. 1ST RD.**

FINAL RECORD – 8-16

2007 Comets



Top Row: Coach Brian O'Neill, Stephen Queen, Manager: Taylor Smith, Luk Nichols, Hunter Burge, Caleb Hardy, Adam Wilson, Ty Owens, Manager: Jonathan Hocker, Coach Jesse Wright. Bottom Row: Zac Rambo, Brock Moran, Issac Hickerson, B.J. Ballard, Ross Martin, Austin Elliott, Derek Curtsinger, Gannon Stacy.

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MURRAY CHRISTMAS TOURN. 7TH PLACE

FINAL RECORD – 8-16

Carlisle Co. Will Rely
On Balanced Scoring

Carlisle County: The Comets battled to just under .500 last season, knocking off Fulton Col in the district semifinals, but lost leading scorer Tim Dunn and hustling guard Eddie Cunningham – the last link to the school's regional championship squad.

"For the first time, we don't have a go-to-scorer," Carlisle coach Brian O'Neill said. 'We don't have a Brett Hoskins or a Tim Dunn, like we've had the last few years. I think we've got five guys that can score 10 or 12 a game, but not that one guy we know is going to put up points every night."

As usual, the Comets are a bit undersized on the inside, with forwards B.J. Ballard (6-2) and Hunter Burge (6-1) as two of three returning starters. Ty Owens emerged as the point guard last season and will be joined in the backcourt by Ross Martin and Luk Nichols, perhaps the team's best perimeter shooter.

CARLISLE CO. 2006-07
TEAM ROSTER

Coach: Brian O'Neill
Record: 13-16, District Runnerup
Returning Starters: B.J. Ballard (6-2, Sr.), Hunter Burge (6-1, Jr.), Ty Owens ((6-1, Jr.)
Remaining roster:
Seniors: Ross Martin (5-11), Isaac Hickerson (5-10).
Juniors: Luk Nichols (6-2), Adam Wilson (6-1).
Sophomores: Brock Moran (5-11), Zac Rambo (5-7), Austin Elliott (5-10), Gannon Stacy (5-11).
Freshmen: Caleb Hardy (6-3).

Carlisle Co. 42
St. Mary 88
11-28-06 – Away

St. Mary got its season off to a blazing start with 33 pts. and five treys in the first quarter of a convincing win over Carlisle Co.

Wes Overstreet sank six three-pointers on his way to a team-high 22 pts. for the Vikings, who got points from each of the 11 players they put on the floor. Jonathan Roof had 13 pts. for St. Mary while Luk Nichols guided the Comets with 9 pts.
Carlisle (0-1)…..…..9 17 31 42
St. Mary (1-0)…..…13 26 34 51
Carlisle (42)
Nichols 9, Burge 5, Ballard 8, Owens 6, A. Wilson, Hickerson 8, Martin, Hardy 2, Moran 2, Stacy 1, Elliott 1, Rambo, Curtsinger.
Fgs. 13, 3 pts. 3 (Nichols 2, Burge), Fts. 13/21, Fouls 18.
St. Mary (88)
W. Smith 6, Overstreet 22, Shaw 14, Perrewe 2, Howard 2, Colgan 8, Roof 13, Farrell 2, Meredith 5, D. smith 7, Harrison 7.
Fgs. 31, 3 pts. 9 (Overstreet 6, Shaw 2, Harrison), Fts. 17/26, Fouls 17.

Carlisle Co. 47
Reidland 67
12-01-06 – Home

A 15-1 run just before halftime pushed the Greyhounds ahead by six, and Reidland went on a 27-15 run in the final quarter for a 67-47 victory over Carlisle Co. in Friday's high school boys' basketball action.

Mario Johnson scored 10 of his 25 pts. in the third quarter to help maintain Reidland's lead. Shadd Purdiman added 11 for the Greyhounds while Ty Owens led Carlisle with 14 pts.
Carlisle (0-2)…..…..9 20 32 47
Reidland (1-1)…..…11 26 40 67
Carlisle (47)
Nichols 6, Burge 6, Ballard, Owens 16, A. Wilson 1, Hickerson 5, Hardy 6, Moran 4, Stacy 2, Elliott, Rambo 1, Curtsinger.
Fgs. 10, 3 pts. 3 (Nichols 2, Owens), Fts. 18/29, Fouls 16.
Reidland (67)
Grimm 12, Johnson 25, Purdiman 11, Rampage 4, Smith 2, Moore 2, Mitchell 9, Binkley 2, Bridges, King, Bryant, Jones, C. Bridges, Combel.
Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 4 (Johnson 2, Purdiman, Mitchell), Fts. 13/17, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 79
Community Christian 44
12-08-06 – Home

Playing in his first game since suffering a concussion against St. Mary, Ross Martin sank 3 consecutive 3-pointers over the first two quarters to propel Carlisle Co. past Christian Community Academy.

Martin, who came off the bench midway through the first quarter, finished with 15 pts., while Hunter Burge led the Comets with 19 pts. Brent Goodman was the top Warrior with 13 pts. as Matt Smith scored 12.
Carlisle (1-2)…..…20 43 60 79
C.C.A. (0-4)…..…..9 19 32 44
Carlisle (79)
Nichols 7, Burge 19, Ballard 7, Owens 2, A. Wilson 3, Hickerson 9, Martin 15, Hardy 4, Moran 2, Stacy 3, Elliott 2, Rambo 4, Curtsinger 2.
Fgs. 30/63, 3 pts. 7/17 (Nichols 2, Martin 4, Burge), Fts. 12/21, Fouls 17.
C.C.A (44)
Goodman 13, Freeman 2, Rommelman 4, Thompson 3, Harbin 4, Jarvis 2, Smith 12, DeJarnatt 4, Tutor, Fawkes.
Fgs. 17/48, 3 pts. 4/12 (Goodman 3, Smith), Fts. 6/12, Fouls 13.

Carlisle Co. 62
Fulton City 72
12-12-06 – Away

Carlisle Co. started out with 1 point leads in the first two quarters, but let the 3rd quarter get away from them by being outscored 22 to 10.

Ty Owens led the Comets in scoring with 18, while Ross Martin backed him up with 15.
Carlisle (1-3)…..…..13 33 43 62
Fulton City…..…..…..12 32 54 72
Carlisle (62)
Nichols 6, Burge 8, Ballard 10, Owens 18, A. Wilson 1, Hickerson 4, Martin 15, Hardy.
Fgs. 17, 3 pts. 3 (Martin, Burge 2), Fts. 19/31, Fouls 16.
Fulton City (72)
D. Williams 19, Lockett 11, Wilson 14, Hobbs 6, Lawson 11, Pearson 5, Cissell 2, Boyce, Glass 1, Smith 3.
Fgs. 24, 3 pts. 4 (Wilson, Lawson 2, Pearson), Fts. 12/21, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 78
Hickman Co. 75
12-15-06 – Home

The Comets came back from an 8-pt.. deficit midway through the fourth quarter to send the game to overtime on a last-second 3-pointer by Luk Nichols, then made 9-of-12 free throws in overtime to defeat Hickman Co.

The Falcons led Carlisle 51-43 in the fourth quarter, and Caleb Hardy, who scored 11 pts. in the period, helped to spearhead the comeback.

Ty Owens led Carlisle with 19 pts., while Hardy added 14, Nichols had 13 and Ross Martin had 12. The Falcons were led by Isaiah Vinson with 18, Joseph Daughtery with 17, Kentrell Thomas with 14 and Josh Burgess with 10.
Carlisle (2-3)…..…..20 34 47 65 78
Hickman (2-4)…..…12 34 54 65 75
Carlisle (78)
Nichols 13, Burge 8, Ballard 6, Owens 19, A. Wilson 2, Hickerson 5, Martin 12, Hardy 13.
Fgs. 27/56, 3 pts. 9/19 (Nichols 3, Martin 3, Owens 3), Fts. 15/30, Fouls 17.
Hickman (75)
Mason 2, J. Burgess 10, Vinson 18, Daughtery 17, Savage 4, Irons 8, Deweesse 2, Thomas 14, Lacewell, Barnett, T. Burgess.
Fgs. 31/16, 3 pts. 3/21 (Thomas 2, Daughtery), Fts. 8/12, Fouls 25.

Carlisle Co. 69
Lyon Co. 67
12-18-06 – Away

Carlisle's Ross Martin finished a fourth quarter rally with a jumper at the buzzer in regulation to tie the game at 61. The Comets grabbed the lead in overtime and didn't let go, although Lyon had a chance to tie it up at the buzzer.

Martin led the Comets with 20.
Carlisle (3-4)…..…..18 30 38 61 69
Lyon Co. (1-6)…..…10 31 46 61 67
Carlisle (69)
Nichols 11, Burge 3, Ballard 5, Owens 20, A. Wilson 2, Hickerson 3, Martin 17, Hardy 8.
Fgs. 17/39, 3 pts. 5/15 (Nichols 2, Martin 2, Owens), Fts. 18/36, Fouls 20, Rebs. 15
Lyon Co. (67)
Perdue 12, Bugg 4, Kinnis 4, Grey 4, Peeler 8, Walker 14, Smith 7, Corley 11.
Fgs. 28/60, 3 pts. 3/11 (Corley 2, Walker), Fts. 18/40, Fouls 20, Rebs. 26.

Murray Christmas Tour.
1st Round

Carlisle Co. 60
Buckhorn 68
12-21-06 – Away

Buckhorn survived a long-distance shootout with Carlisle Co. to advance in the Murray Bank Holiday Hoops Classic. The Wildcats used their

press to grab a seven-point lead after the first quarter, but the Comets narrowed that gap to two thanks to treys in the second by Luk Nichols and Ty Owens.

Ross Martin sank a pair of 3-pointers in the third to help Carlisle grab a 38-32 lead midway through the period. Buckhorn turned to its inside game for a rally. Andy Blanke got some baskets there and even hit a couple from behind the arc to tie the score at 46 entering the fourth.

Buckhorn will face Reidland in a semifinal tonight at 7, and the Comets will face Beth Haven in consolation game today at 3:30.

Carlisle (3-4)…….....11 30 46 60
Buckhorn (2-4)…..…18 32 46 68

Carlisle (60)
Nichols 11, Burge 10, Ballard 2, Owens 13, A. Wilson, Hickerson 1, Martin 12, Hardy 11, Moran.
Fgs. 23, 3 pts. 5 (Nichols 2, Martin 2, Owens), Fts. 9/16, Fouls 19.

Buckhorn (68)
Davis 3, Blanke 21, Mullins 1, Rice 13, Gay 19, Deaton 11, Colwell, Abott, Hyden.
Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 8 (Deaton 3, Blanke 3, Gay, Davis), Fts. 13/27, Fouls 17.

Murray Christmas Tour.
2nd Round

Carlisle Co. 63
Beth Haven 68
12-22-06 – Away

Carlisle Co was defeated 68-63 in the second round of the Murray Christmas Tourn. by Beth Haven, which used 3 point shooting to distance them from the Comets, hitting 6 for the game.

B.J. Ballard led the Comets with 13 pts. and was followed in scoring by Ross Martin and Caleb Hardy with 11.

Carlisle (3-5)…….....9 23 33 63
Beth Haven……..18 31 45 68

Carlisle (63)
Burge 3, Ballard 13, Owens 13, A. Wilson, Hickerson 5, Martin 11, Hardy 11, Moran 2, Stacy, Rambo 5.
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 2 (Martin, Rambo), Fts. 17/34, Fouls 18.

Beth Haven (68)
Lacefield 21, Geary 8, Hertel 7, Clayton 18, Brumlack 2, Wright 9, Smith 3.
Fgs. 17, 3 pts. 6 (Lacefield, Hertel, Clayton 3, Wright), Fts. 17/30, Fouls 23.

Murray Christmas Tour.
3rd Round

Carlisle Co. 54
Lyon Co. 48
12 23-06 – Away

Ty Owens scored 13 of his 17 pts. in the second half and freshman Caleb Hardy added 14 as Carlisle Co. bested Lyon Co. in the seventh-place game at the Murray Bank Holiday Hoops Classic.

Sophomore Aaron Conley led Lyon with 12 pts, 10 in the second half.

Carlisle (4-5)…….....9 25 40 54
Lyon Co.(1-9)…..…..9 22 37 48

Carlisle (54)
Burge, Ballard 4, Owens 17, A. Wilson 2, Hickerson 7, Martin 10, Hardy 14, Moran.
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 3 (Martin 2, Hardy), Fts. 11/22, Fouls 14.

Lyon Co. (48)
Bugg 6, Kinnis 6, Walker 10, Gray, Peeler 7, Perdue 5, Smith 2, Corley 12.
Fgs. 18, 3 pts. 3 (Bugg, Peeler, Perdue), Fts. 9/14, Fouls 19.

Carlisle Co. 41
Lone Oak 57
01-02-07 – Away

Carlisle Co. stayed close to Lone Oak through the first two quarters, but the Flash pulled away for the win in the second half. thanks to a barrage of 3-point shots. Lone Oak hit nine of them for the night, most of them in the last two quarters.

The Comets were led in scoring by Owens and Wilson both win ten points apiece.

Carlisle (4-6)…….....12 21 25 41
St. Mary (5-10)……..13 20 44 57

Carlisle (41)
Nichols, Burge, Ballard 4, Owens 10, Wilson 10, Hickerson 6, Martin 5, Hardy 2, Moran, Stacy 2, Elliott, Rambo 2, Curtsinger.
Fgs. 15, 3 pts. 3 (Martin, Owens 2), Fts. 8/10, Fouls 13.

Lone Oak (57)
Edwards 9, Isenberg 2, Ch. Pennington 6, Shuemaker 15, Jenkins 11, Je. Byrd 3, Blackmon 9, McKinney 2, Jo. Byrd, Brown, Porter, Co. Pennington, Tillett
Fgs. 21, 3 pts. 9 (Ch. Pennington 2, Shumaker 2, Jenkins 2, Edwards, Je. Byrd, Blackmon), Fts. 1 6/10, Fouls 16.

Carlisle Co. 52
Fulton Co. 57
01-05-07 – Home

The Comets went on a 7-0 run to start the fourth quarter, cutting Fulton County's lead to three pts., but the Pilots held on by hitting 12-of-15 free throws on the final period.

Tony Udley led the way for Fulton Co. with 17 pts. as Tari Bishop added 16 and Jeffery McClain 14. The Pilots led 43-33 to start the final quarter. Ty Owens led Carlisle Co. with 12.

Carlisle (4-7)…….....8 15 33 52
Fulton Co. (5-9)……13 25 43 57

Carlisle (52)
Nichols 9, Ballard 11, Owens 12, A. Wilson 3, Hickerson 5, Martin 4, Hardy 6, Moran 2, Stacy.
Fgs. 17/46, 3 pts. 2/15 (Nichols 2), Fts. 16/26, Fouls 21.

Fulton Co. (57)
Freeman 3, Bishop 16, McClain 14, Udley 17, Cadwell 7, Emerson, Gaston, Roberson.
Fgs. 17/37, 3 pts. 1/10 (Bishop), Fts. 22/31, Fouls 19.

Carlisle Co. 64
Ballard Co. 42
01-08-07 – Home

Ross Martin and Ty Owens scored 14 pts. each to help Carlisle Co. overcome a very slow start and down Ballard Co.

The Bombers opened this contest with a 12-0 run and Comet coach Brian O'Neill pulled his starters as a result.

With the score 17-6 Ballard after the opening period of play, the Carlisle starters returned and picked up the press. The game turned around immediately with a 25-4 Comet run to halftime.

B.J. Ballard had 10 pts. for Carlisle while Jason Buchanan and Andrew Lowery shared scoring honors for the Bombers with 8 pts. apiece.

Carlisle (5-7)…….....6 31 47 64
Ballard (1-12)……..17 21 33 42

Carlisle (64)
Nichols 2, Ballard 10, Owens 14, A. Wilson 2, Hickerson 7, Martin 14, Hardy 9, Moran 2, Stacy, Elliott 4, Rambo, Curtsinger.
Fgs. 21/57, 3 pts. 2/11 (Martin 2), Fts. 20/27, Fouls 13.

Ballard (42)
Lawrence 5, McDanel 3, Wiggins, Bellamy 5, Lowery 8, Pool 4, Edging, Gordon 5, Buchanan 8, Pullen, Mix 4, Turnbow, Mallory.
Fgs. 17/46, 3 pts. 2/11 (Lawrence, McDanel), Fts. 6/8, Fouls 21.

Carlisle Co. 54
Hickman Co. 60
01-12-07 – Away

Isaiah Vinson used a perfect shooting second quarter to help Hickman Co. get past First District rival Carlisle Co.

Vinson was 2 for 3 from behind the arc, 1 for 1 inside and 2 for 2 at the foul line in the second quarter, when the Falcons went on a 20-9 run. The Comets penetrated the inside in the second half but got no closer than three.

Vinson finished with 28 pts. while teammate Ray Mason got 10. Ty Owens led Carlisle with 14 pts., followed closely by Ross Martin (13) and B.J. Ballard (12).

Carlisle (5-8)…….....12 21 35 54
Hickman (6-8)…..…..13 33 41 60

Carlisle (42)
Nichols 6, Ballard 12, Owens 14, A. Wilson 4, Hickerson 4, Martin 13, Hardy 1, Moran.
Fgs. 18/28, 3 pts. 0/11, Fts. 18/28, Fouls 26.

Hickman (88)
Mason 10, Irons 2, J. Burgess 1, Deweese 4, Vinson 28, Daugherty 6, Stroud 9, T. J. Burgess, Thomas.
Fgs. 25/61, 3 pts. 5/21 (Vinson 3, Mason 2), Fts. 5/9, Fouls 28.

Carlisle Co. 39
Mayfield 52
01-16-07 – Home

Mayfield went on hot streaks both early and late in defeating Carlisle Co. The Cardinals built a 12 pt. halftime lead on the strength of a 15-1 run.

The Comets' defense stepped up the pressure in the second half to cut that lead to six with five minutes. left. At that point, Mayfield went 9 for 10 from the foul line to wrap it up.

Jeremy Rodgers led the Cardinals with 14 pts. while teammate Chance Sherrill ended up with 13. Luk Nichols also scored 14 pts. to top the Comets as Ty Owens finished with 11.

Carlisle (5-9)…….....7 15 31 39
Mayfield (7-5)…..…13 27 37 52

Carlisle (39)
Nichols 14, Ballard 5, Owens 11, A Wilson, Hickerson 2, Martin 2, Hardy 5, Moran, Stacy, Elliott, Rambo, Curtsinger.
Fgs. 15, 3 pts. 4 (Nichols 2, Owens 2), Fts. 5/10, Fouls 15.

Mayfield (52)
Rodgers 14, Hockett 10, A. Shelton 3, McCuistion 8, Sherrill 13, Elliott 2. V. Shelton 2, Simpkins, Jackson, Murrell, T. Shelton, Roberson, Heath.
Fgs. 19, 3 pts. 1 (A. Shelton), Fts. 13/18, Fouls 11.

Carlisle Co. 39
Graves Co. 51
01-18-07 – Home

Graves Co. had a strong start in its game with Carlisle Co. But still needed a big finish to get the victory.

The Eagles grabbed a 17-7 lead early in the second quarter. Luk Nichols then sank two of his four 3-pointers in the game in the second quarter during a 10-2 run. Graves got the lead up to six in

the fourth when Carlisle was forced to foul. The Eagles closed this contest with a 7 for 9 run from the foul line.

Brett Wiggins topped all scorers with 20 pts. for Graves while teammate Josh Campbell finished with 10. Nichols led the Comets with 18 pts.

Carlisle (5-10)…..…..7 17 28 39
Graves (14-6)…..…..12 19 31 51

Carlisle (39)
Nichols 18, Ballard 4, Owens 6, A. Wilson 6, Hickerson, Martin 5, Hardy, Moran, Stacy.
Fgs. 14, 3 pts. 5 (Nichols 4, Martin), Fts. 8/10, Fouls 19.

Graves (51)
Sanderson 3, McClain 5, Wiggins 20, Kimbler 5, Harris 8, Campbell 10, Williams, Baldwin, Smith, McAplin, Doggett, Miller, Spicer.
Fgs. 18, 3 pts. 3 (Campbell 2, Sanderson), Fts. 12/17, Fouls 21.

All 'A" Tourn.
1st Round
Reidland Pulls Away In
All A Opening Round

Carlisle Co. 52
Reidland 65
01-20-07 – Away

It looked like Carlisle Co. had Reidland right where it wanted them in Saturday's opening game of the All A Classic First Region Boy's' tournament.

The Greyhounds' two top scorers had fouled out with Reidland clinging to a one-point lead midway through the fourth quarter and the Comets' pressure defense was rattling the Greyhounds.

Reidland's Ben Grimm and Eric Mitchell broke out of that trap, running off five straight Reidland pts. and helped the Greyhounds pull away to a 65-52 victory over Carlisle Co. in the opening night of the 11-team small school state tournament.

Grimm scored a 3-pt. play, then grabbed a rebound after a Carlisle miss, and Mitchell followed with two straight free throws for la 56-50 lead. Reidland continued to finish with a 14-2 run that put the game out of reach and puts the Greyhounds into a Monday night quarterfinal game with top-seeded Mayfield.

Reidland's Mario Johnson and Eric Mohr had both just fouled out with 16 pts. each. Grimm finished with 11 pts. and Shaffin King added 16 for the Greyhounds.

Carlisle was led by Luk Nichols with 16 pts., and Ty Owens added 13.

Carlisle (5-11)…..…..16 23 39 52
Reidland (10-9)…..…..14 30 43 65

Carlisle (52)
Nichols 16, Ballard 8, Owens 13, A. Wilson 3, Hickerson 4, Martin 5, Hardy 3.
Fgs. 16, 3 pts. 4 (Nichols 4), Fts. 16/30, Fouls 19.

Reidland (65)
Witt 2, Smith 2, Mohr 16, Johnson 16, Grimm 11, Rampage, Mitchell, King 16.
Fgs. 22, 3 pts. 5 (Mohr 2, Jones 3), Fts. 16/17, Fouls 23.

Carlisle Co. 33
Marshall Co. 55
01-30-07 – Away

Mitchell Bohannon led the Marshalls in scoring and rebounding as they jumped out to an 11-4 lead over the Comets and did not look back.

Bohannon had 13 pts. and 13 rebounds for the Marshalls, while Austin Brown had 11 pts., with nine of those on 3-pointers. Travis Spiceland added 10 pts. for Marshall

Carlisle (5-12)…..…..4 15 22 33
Marshall (13-5)…..…11 26 37 55

Carlisle (33)
Nichols 9, Ballard 4, Owens 9, A. Wilson 2, Hickerson 3, Martin, Hardy 4, Stacy, Rambo, Elliott 2, Curtsinger.
Fgs. 12/44, 3 pts. 0/10, Fts. 9/13, Fouls 9.

Marshall (55)
Spiceland 10, Bohannon 13, Brown 11, Smith 5, Z. Lathram 1, E. Lathram 5, Holland 3, Seay 2, Sirls 2, Dowdy, Madding 2, Albritton 1, Palmer, McKenty, Fletcher,, Johnson
Fgs. 14/41, 3 pts. 3/12 (Brown 3), Fts. 24/31, Fouls 17.

Carlisle Co. 47
Fulton Co. 74
02-06-07 – Away

Tari Bishop hit four 3-pointers to lead Fulton Co. to a District win over Carlisle Co. McClain added 17 and Caldwell had 13 to support Bishop's effort.

The Comets we led by Luk Nichols with 16 and Ty Owens chipped in with 14.

Carlisle (5-13)…..…..10 19 29 46
Fulton Co…..…..…..…..11 27 42 65

Carlisle (47)
Nichols 16, Ballard 2, Owens 14, A. Wilson 1, Hickerson 2, Martin 2, Hardy 4, Moran 4 Stacy, Elliott 2, Rambo, Curtsinger, Mott, C. Wilson.
Fgs. 15, 3 pts. 2 (Nichols 2), Fts. 11/21, Fouls 17.

Fulton Co. (74)
Bishop 21, McClain 17, Udley 2, Roberson 7, Caldwell 13, Emerson 4, Freeman, Smith, Winters 2.
Fgs. 23, 3 pts. 4 (Bishop 4), Fts. 16/22, Fouls 16.

Carlisle Co. 59
Fulton City 56
02-09-07 – Away

Luk Nichols scored 4 pts. in the final 21 seconds to complete Carlisle County's comeback over Fulton City in this First District showdown.

The Bulldogs led most of the night and clung to a one-point lead with 21 seconds left. That was when Nichols nailed a shot from 18 feet out. Fulton missed its next shot and Nichols was fouled on the next possession. He calmly hit both free throws for the final score as a Bulldog 3-pt. try rimmed out at the buzzer.

B.J. Ballard led the Comets with 18 pts. and 10 rebounds. Ty Owens finished with 15 pts. and Nichols ended up with 11. Barry Graves dominated for Fulton City with 22 pts. and 11 rebounds.

Carlisle (6-13)…..…..11 25 39 59
Fulton City (11-10)…..15 27 40 56

Carlisle (59)
Nichols 11, Ballard 18, Owens 15, A. Wilson 4, Hickerson 1, Martin 6, Hardy 4, Moran.
Fgs. 21/62, 3 pts. 1/8 (Nichols), Fts. 16/24, Fouls 11, Rebs. 29

Fulton City (56)
Hobbs 6, Wilson 4, Graves 22, Williams 17, Lawson 2, Gilkey 2, Lockett 3, Boyce, Aa. Glass, An. Glass.
Fgs. 26/60, 3 pts. 0/7, Fts. 4/13, Fouls 20, Rebs. 32

Carlisle Co. 61
Calloway Co. 62
02-13-07 – Home

Wes Adams led the way with 13 pts. as Calloway Co. survived a close one at Carlisle Co. The Lakers opened the game with a 10-0 run before the Comets cut that lead to three by the end of the first quarter.

Calloway was up by 12 with about six minutes left in the game when Carlisle made another run. Ross Martin scored 16 of his game-high 23 pts. for the Comets in the second half. Eric Berberich had a chance to seal the game for the Lakers with about 8 seconds left, but he missed the front end of a one-and-one.

Carlisle had the ball underneath the basket with about 1.3 seconds left but missed a short shot that would have won it. A longer shot might have been preferred as the Comets sank eight long distance baskets. Martin hit fire while Luk Nichols hit three on his way to 13 pts. Berberich finished with 12 pts. for Calloway while George Garner and Landon Lockhart both had 11.

Carlisle (6-14)…..…..16 27 44 61
Calloway Co.(18-8)….19 30 51 62

Carlisle (61)
Nichols 13, Ballard 4, Owens 9, A. Wilson 2, Hickerson 6, Martin 23, Hardy 4, Moran.
Fgs. 26, 3 pts. 8 (Nichols 3, Martin 5), Fts. 1/4, Fouls 16.

Calloway (62)
Berberich 12, Perry 8, Adams 13, Miller 6, Garner 11, Lockhart 11, Green 1.
Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 4 (Miller 2, Berberich, Lockhart), Fts. 8/14, Fouls 12.

Carlisle Co. 84
Ballard Co. 54
02-16-07 – Away

Ty Owens and Caleb Hardy each scored 14 pts. for Carlisle Co. in a decisive win over Ballard Co. Ross Martin and Luk Nichols also had big games for the Comets with 13 and 12 pts., respectively. Taylor Edging scored nine pts. to top the Bombers, who got seven 3-pointers from seven different players.

Carlisle (7-14)…..…..20 52 72 84
Ballard (2-24)…..…..13 32 41 54

Carlisle (84)
Nichols 12, Ballard 7, Owens 14, A. Wilson 2, Hickerson 4, Martin 13, Hardy 14, Moran 8, Stacy 6, Elliott 4, Rambo, Curtsinger, C. Wilson, Mott.
Fgs. 30, 3 pts. 8 (Nichols 3, Martin 3, Owens, Stacy), Fts. 16/24, Fouls 12.

Ballard (54)
Mallory 2, Pullen 6, Gordon 5, Pool 3, Shelley 8, Turnbow 3, Wiggins 2, Jason Buchanan 8, Edging 9, Mix 5, Bellamy 3, Scott, R. Buchanan.
Fgs. 20, 3 pts. 7 (Pullen, Gordon, Pool, Shelley, Turnbow, Mix, Edging), Fts. 7/13, Fouls 16.

Carlisle Co. 58
Livingston Co. 53
02-19-07 – Home

Carlisle Co. made 14 of 16 free throws in the fourth quarter, coming back from a small deficit after the third period, to defeat Livingston Co. 58-53.

Carlisle led 30-28 at halftime, but the Cardinals outscored them by five in the third period to take a 41-38 lead going into the fourth quarter. However, the Comets used their proficiency from the charity stripe in the final period to their advantage.

Ty Owens had 19 pts. for the Comets, and Ross Martin had 12. Justyn Melendez had 18 pts. for the Cardinals, and Jordan Kitchens added 14.

Carlisle (8-14)…..…..12 30 38 58
Livingston (10-13)….11 28 41 53

Carlisle (58)
Nichols 8, Ballard 5, Owens 19, A. Wilson 5, Hickerson 2, Martin 12, Hardy 7.

Fgs. 14/43, 3 pts. 3/10 (Martin 2 Ballard), Fts. 27/34, Fouls 14, Rebs. 24

Livingston (53)

Smith 3, Melendez 18, Kitchens 14, Lasher 7, B. Croft 8, Guess 4, Johnson, Martin, Wiggins, Traverstead, J. Croft.

Fgs. 19/51, 3 pts. 4/12 (Melendez 2, B. Croft 2), Fts. 11/19, Fouls 22, Rebs. 26

Carlisle Co. 44
Murray 50
02-23-07 – Away

Kenneth Trice had nearly half the offense for Murray with 24 pts. in a victory over Carlisle Co. Chess Volp had 12 pts. for the Tigers, who secured their win by going 17 for 22 from the foul line. Ross Martin guided the Comets with 14 pts. while B.J. Ballard finished with 10.

Carlisle (8-15)…..…..6 15 27 44
Murray (14-13)…..…..12 24 33 50

Carlisle (44)

Nichols 2, Ballard 10, Owens 8, A. Wilson 2, Hickerson 2, Martin 14, Hardy 6.

Fgs. 19/38, 3 pts. 3/10 (Martin 2, Owens), Fts. 3/7, Fouls 19, Rebs. 29.

Murray (50)

Trice 24, Parker-Bell 4, Jones 2, Volp 12, Gibson 2, McCuiston 2, Mohler 4, Darnell, Oliver.

Fgs. 14/36, 3 pts. 5/16 (Trice 3, Parker-Bell, Volp), Fts. 17-22, Fouls 18, Rebs. 29.

1st District Tourn.
1st Round
Bishop Boosts Pilots In
Victory Over Carlisle

Carlisle Co. 48
Fulton Co. 65
02-27-07 – Home

With several big men in its starting lineup, Fulton Co. appears to have a team built to pound the ball inside. The Pilots did start out along that road with Tari Bishop driving deep for his team's first two baskets against Carlisle Co. in the First District semifinals.

In the second half, the Comets closed to within two just two minutes into the third. To extend its slender lead, Fulton Co. went to a familiar face from a different place. Bishop sank back-to-back 3-pointers for an 8 pt. lead, which grew and grew into a 65-46 triumph Monday night. The victory keeps Carlisle from reaching the First Region tournament for the 7th consecutive year.

"Anytime you come into Carlisle and get a win, it's a great win, especially at tournament time," Pilot coach Gary Meredith said. "(Carlisle coach) Brian (O'Neill) did a great job. He had them prepared. Everything we started to run, he had a counter for it. We had some good athletes who made the run of a lifetime."

B.J. Ballard certainly had Carlisle going early. With the Pilots up 9-4 early on, Ballard made back-to-back baskets to cut that lead to one. Jonathan Roberson pushed the Fulton lead back up to three, but Ballard put back an Isaac Hickerson miss with the opening period ending with an 11-10 Pilot lead.

Both teams exchanged lead during the first four minutes of the second quarter. Ross Martin hit a fall away jumper with 4:02 left in the first half for a 19-17 Carlisle lead. Those would be the last pts. the Comets would score in the first half.

"We normally don't play a 2-3 zone much," Meredith said of his defense. "We've gone to a six-man rotation and I noticed they (the Comets) weren't making their outside shots so we went to the 2-3. We saved our legs a little bit and we even got some steals out of it."

As Carlisle struggled to score, Roberson followed a trey with another field goal for a 22-19 lead. Fulton Co. also got the final five pts. of the quarter for a 27-19 halftime lead. The Comets cut that edge down to two and Bishop knew what his team needed.

"When we went in at halftime, I said to myself this could be my last game," said Bishop, a senior. "I missed a couple of 3-pointers in the first half. I kept shooting in the second half and they went down."

"Tari's very capable of doing that," Meredith said of Bishop's performance in the third quarter. "The threes haven't been falling for us this year. We had three kids knock some down. If we can start doing that with our inside game, we're going to be a nice ballclub."

The squads traded baskets for much of the third with the Pilots still up by 8. That changed when Tony Udley nailed one from downtown at the one-minute mark. Roberson followed that with another basket off a turnover for a 42-29 lead going into the fourth. Carlisle did get to within 11 with 3:30 left, but Bishop completed a three-point play to push the lead further and Jeffrey McClain scored six straight pts. to ice the win. He led the Pilots with 19 pts. while Bishop was close behind with 18. Roberson added 15 pts. Martin guided the Comets with 12 pts.

Carlisle (8-16)…..…..10 19 29 46
Fulton Co. (13-13)….11 27 42 55

Carlisle (48)

Nichols 8, Ballard 8, Owens 4, A. Wilson 2, Hickerson 8, Martin 12, Hardy 4, Moran, Stacy, Elliott, Rambo, Curtsinger, Mott, C. Wilson.

Fgs. 18, 3 pts. 2 (Nichols 2), Fts. 8/14, Fouls 20.

Fulton Co.(65)

Bishop 18, Emerson, McClain 19, Roberson 15, Caldwell 3, T. Udley 9, Winters 1, Freeman, Smith.

Fgs. 25, 3 pts. 6 (Bishop 2, Roberson 2, T. Udley 2), Fts. 9/18, Fouls 16

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	Games Played	Field Goal Attempts	Field Goals Made	Field Goal %	Free Throw Attempts	Free Throws Made	Free Throw %	2-Point Attempts	2-Pointers Made	2-Point %	3-point Attempts	3-Pointers Made	3-Point %	Average Points	High Point Total	Total Points
Ty Owens	24	236	98	41.5	118	86	72.9	191	86	45	45	12	26.7	12.3	20	296
Ross Martin	23	216	69	31.9	85	51	60	114	38	33.3	102	31	30.4	9.65	23	222
Luk Nichols	22	206	73	35.3	33	25	75.8	84	37	44.1	123	36	29.3	9.4	18	207
B.J. Ballard	24	164	66	40.2	62	34	54.8	155	65	41.9	9	1	11.1	6.95	18	167
Hunter Burge	10	72	23	31.9	21	12	57.1	55	19	34.6	17	4	23.5	6.2	19	62
Caleb Hardy	24	122	58	47.5	60	25	41.7	114	57	50	8	1	12.5	5.91	14	142
Isaac Hickerson	24	92	31	33.7	87	45	51.7	92	31	33.7	0	0	0	4.29	9	103
Adam Wilson	24	47	20	42.6	31	19	61.3	46	20	43.5	1	0	0	2.45	10	59
Brock Moran	17	27	11	40.7	8	4	50	22	11	50	5	0	0	1.52	8	26
Austin Elliott	10	7	3	42.9	16	10	62.5	6	3	50	1	0	0	1.5	4	15
Gannon Stacy	13	13	5	38.5	9	3	33.3	9	4	44.4	4	1	25	1.07	6	14
Zac Rambo	11	17	5	29.4	0	0	0	8	4	50	9	1	11.1	1.09	5	11
Derek Curtsinger	10	3	1	33.3	0	0	0	3	1	33.3	0	0	0	0.3	2	2
Colman Wilson	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Mott	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total for Team		1222	463	32.6	530	314	41.4	899	376	36.9	324	87	11.3	4.24	10	1326

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	Offensive Rebs.	Defensive Rebs.	Total Rebounds	Avg. Rebs.	Total Assists	Avg. Assists	Total Steals	Avg. Steals	Blocked Shots	Avg. Blocks	Turnovers	Avg. Turnovers
Ty Owens	35	64	99	4.13	90	3.8	41	1.7	4	0.17	85	3.5
Ross Martin	13	45	58	2.53	38	1.7	14	0.6	6	0.26	55	2,39
Luk Nichols	30	79	109	4.95	31	1.4	9	0.4	3	0.14	38	1.7
B.J. Ballard	61	118	179	7.46	20	0.8	29	1.2	3	0.13	41	1.7
Hunter Burge	10	28	38	3.8	8	0.8	4	0.4	1	0.1	32	3.2
Caleb Hardy	44	47	91	3.79	28	1.2	16	0.7	6	0.25	30	1.3
Isaac Hickerson	29	56	85	3.54	81	3.4	29	1.2	0	0	63	2.6
Adam Wilson	12	24	36	1.5	4	0.2	6	0.3	2	0.08	17	0.7
Brock Moran	5	9	14	0.82	2	0.1	2	0.1	2	0.12	5	0.3
Austin Elliott	3	4	7	0.63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gannon Stacy	0	2	2	0.15	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	2	0.2
Zac Rambo	0	2	2	0.18	3	0.3	4	0.4	0	0	8	0.7
Derek Curtsinger	0	2	2	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
Colman Wilson	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Mott	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.3
Total for Team	243	481	724	2.24	306	0.9	154	0.5	27	0.08	378	1.2

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	St. Mary	Reidland	Community Christian	Fulton City	Hickman Co.	Lyon Co.	Buckhorn	Beth Haven	Lyon Co.	Lone Oak	Fulton Co.	Ballard Co.	Hickman Co.	Mayfield	Graves Co.	Reidland								
Ross Martin	0		15(4)	15(1)	12(3)	17(2)	12(2)	11(1)	10(2)	5(1)	4	14(2)	13	2	5(1)	5								
Ty Owens	6	16(1)	2	18	19(3)	20(1)	13(1)	13	17	10(2)	12	14	14	11(2)	6	13								
B.J. Ballard	8	0	7	10	6	5	2	13	4	4	11	10	12	5	4	8								
Hunter Burge	5(1)	6	19(1)	8(2)	8	3	10	3	0	0														
Luk Nichols	9(2)	6(2)	7(2)	6	13(3)	11(2)	11(2)			0	9(2)	2	6	14(2)	18(4)	16(4)								
Isaac Hickerson	8	5	9	4	5	3	1	5	7	6	5	7	4	2	0	4								
Adam Wilson	0	1	3	1	2	2	0	0	2	10	3	2	4	0	6	3								
Caleb Hardy	2	6	4	0	13	8	11	11	14(1)	2	6	9	1	5	0	3								
Brock Moran	2	4	2				0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0									
Gannon Stacy	1	2	3					0		2	0	0		0	0									
Austin Elliott	1	0	2							0		4		0										
Zac Rambo	0	1	4					5(1)		2		0		0										
Derek Curtsinger	0	0	2							0		0		0										
Coleman Wilson																								
Adam Mott																								

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	Marshall Co.	Fulton Co.	Fulton City	Calloway Co.	Ballard Co.	Livingston Co.	Murray	Fulton Co.												3-points	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Ross Martin	0	2	6	23(5)	13(3)	12(2)	14(2)	12												31	23	222	9.65
Ty Owens	9	14	15	9	14(1)	19	8(1)	4												12	24	296	12.3
B.J. Ballard	4	2	18	4	7	5(1)	10	8												1	24	167	6.95
Hunter Burge																				4	10	62	6.2
Luk Nichols	9	16(2)	11(1)	13(3)	12(3)	8	2	8(2)												36	22	207	9.4
Isaac Hickerson	3	2	1	6	4	2	2	8												0	24	103	4.29
Adam Wilson	2	1	4	2	2	5	2	2												0	24	59	2.45
Caleb Hardy	4	4	4	4	14	7	6	4												1	24	142	5.91
Brock Moran		4	0	0	8			0												0	17	26	1.52
Gannon Stacy	0	0			6(1)			0												1	13	14	1.07
Austin Elliott	2	2			4			0												0	10	15	1.5
Zac Rambo	0	0			0			0												1	11	12	1.09
Derek Curtsinger	0	0			0			0												0	10	2	0.2
Coleman Wilson	0	0			0			0												0	4	0	0
Adam Mott		0			0			0												0	3	0	0
																				87		1327	
						Team record - 8-16						Per Game Avg. - 55.29											

Career	Games	3's	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts.	Avg.
B.J. Ballard	95	4	8	108	159	167	442	4.65
Ross Martin	79	39		58	125	222	405	5.12
Isaac Hickerson	98	1	7	29	54	103	193	1.96