

# Richmond vs. Greensfork In Opening Sectional Game

## Cambridge City, Fountain City Top Threats In Opposite Bracket

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Powers are evenly distributed in the 1960 Richmond basketball sectional, with host Richmond meeting Greensfork in the opening game of the tourney Wednesday night, February 24, at 7 p. m.

County-league champion Fountain City was thrown into the four-team bracket, with Cambridge City standing as its chief threat to a Saturday night date in the finals. County tourney champion Milton is in the same bracket as Richmond.

Top powers in the New Castle sectional were thrown into the same brackets, while the Winchester and Connersville threats were evenly divided.

The pairings made Wednesday morning in the offices of the Indiana High School Athletic association (IHSAA), couldn't please the Wayne county fans more. Who hate to see two powers meet in a first-round game.

Richmond is on the spot as it tries to avoid a second-straight sectional setback. Greensfork is only 5-13 for the year and Richmond is 5-14.

### Champs Face Test

Defending-sectional champ Hagerstown (4-15) must advance past a rapidly-improving Williamsburg (7-12) club to meet the winner of the Richmond-Greensfork

tilt.

Milton, with at 16-4 record, faces Boston (5-13) and that winner meets the winner of the Centerville-Economy scrap.

In the opposite bracket, Cambridge City (15-5) tackles Whitewater (9-11) in its first game, with Fountain City (16-2) meeting Webster (9-11) and Spiceland all in the same bracket.

In the "easy" bracket are Middletown, Sulphur Springs, Knightstown and Wilkinson.

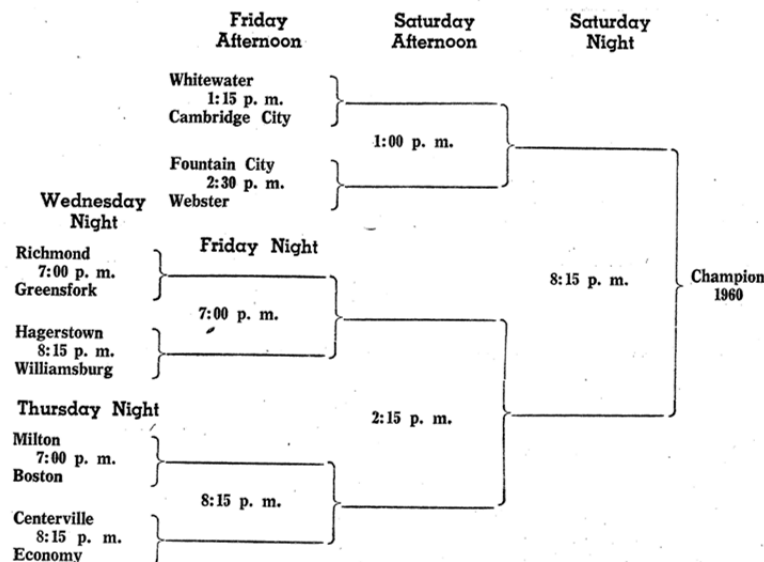
At Winchester, Union City-Wayne. (10-7) and Winchester (7-10) are the two tough clubs thrown together in the lower bracket, while Parker (19-1) and Spartanburg (11-9) are the best bets in the upper bracket.

Muncie Central's Bearcats, rated the No.1 team in Indiana, face Daleville in their first start.

In the regional at Connersville, the Connersville winner plays the Rushville winner in the first afternoon game, while the. Milan Rising Sun Winners play in the second game.

In the semi-state at Indianapolis, the Columbus winner plays the Connersville Winner, while the New Castle winner meets the Indianapolis winner.

### Richmond Sectional Draw



# Wampus Cats vs. Whitewater

## Friday Afternoon In 'Blue Chip' Tourney Play - Boosters Say: "Take Richmond Sectional!"

By Paul Seffrin

Coach Thurman Wright's Lincoln H. S. Wampus Cats of Cambridge City will tangle with Don Broughton's Whitewater Bears in the first game of the Friday afternoon session (1:15) of the Richmond sectional tournament.

Most Wampus Cats followers believe this is the year for their team to come out of the meet with flying colors and have begun the chant: "Grant Took Richmond, So Can Lincoln."

The entire Lincoln squad has great desire, are talented and well-tutored and are being groomed to take the Richmond sectional game by game as the opponents arise.

The Cats are rated the best chance to cop the title among the county schools. Of course Richmond, although not impressive in a losing season are always considered the team to beat come tourney time. Hagerstown's rags-to riches team upset them last year and although seemingly weaker this year the defending Tigers aren't expected to play dead for anybody.

Milton, Fountain City and Centerville with a little luck at the proper time could pick up all the chips, too.

Coach Wright's Cats go into the tourney with a 15-5 record.

This has been one of the shootingest ball clubs to wear the Red and Blue. They have a field goal shooting of .390 for 20 games.

Junior forward Jerry Thompson, is the leading scorer of the team with 413 points, although the Cats scoring balance has been the main factor in their success as the season progressed. Forward Larry Stanley has 262 points, Center Jim Raby 230, guard and captain Chuck Carlson 229, guard Paul Close 124, forward-center Bill Swigart 130 and guard Brent Bundy 43. These seven lads did the bulk of the scoring.

Field goal shooting percentages are:

Jerry Thompson, forward	.438
Jim Raby, center	.436
Captain Chuck Carlson, guard	.435
Larry Stanley, forward	.370
Bill Swigart, forward-center	.330
Paul Close, guard	.310
Brent Bundy, guard	.300

Free throw shooting percentages are:

Paul Close	.727
Captain Chuck Carlson	.706
Bill Swigart	.704
Jerry Thompson	.656
Jim Raby	.563
Brent Bundy	.533
Larry Stanley	.523

Other Cats figuring in the scheme of things as capable relievers are forward Steve Carroll, guard Phil Newhouse and center Al Gollhofer, forward-guard DeWayne Montgomery and guard Paul Schneider. Twelve are certified for tourney play, although only 10 dress for each game.

Whitewater with 9-11 season will probably give Cambridge a battle, but the Cats power should tell the tale. A victory over the Bears would put the Lincolns into the semi-final game against the winner of the Fountain City-Webster game. The Pirates could give the Little Giants trouble but the stronger Fountain City crew should win.

The possible Cambridge-Fountain City game is one the Cats have been awaiting since they lost to the Little Giants 53-51 back on November 13.

The Cats are primarily fast offensive-minded with partial or full court pressure defense being applied as occasions warrant. However, they also use some unique set offensive patterns of deliberate nature.

If good shooters, fighting spirit and scoring balance is an advantage in tournament play then the Cats must be rated a good chance to pick up an the blue chips.

The weaker teams are always gunning for the stronger and bigger schools and this Richmond sectional will probably have surprises. Do-or-die tourney elimination play generally brings out the best in every player, which makes for the saying, 'anything can happen and usually does.'