

Both Clubs Pull Away In Closing Minutes; Four Games On Tap Today

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Favorites Cambridge City and Economy needed fourth-quarter scoring spurts to fight off determined bids by underdogs in Thursday night's Richmond sectional action at Civic hall.

The Wampus Cats of Thurman Wright, rated the No.1 team to bump off Richmond, saw Centerville battle to within a 51-47 score with five minutes to play, but then their dependable guard duo of Ronnie Matney and Jim Miller hit key baskets to send the Wampus Cats to a 64-54 triumph.

Economy, on the short end of a 55-49 score with and four a half minutes to play, pumped in two field goals and then eight successive free throws to pull out a 61-55 win over Whitewater.

4 Games Set

Four games are on tap Friday for tourney fans. Hagerstown and Milton collided at 1:15 p. m., with Boston going against Webster at 2:30 o'clock.

Richmond tackles Greensfork at 7 p. m., while Cambridge City and Economy tangle at 8:15 p. m.

Cambridge City found more trouble than expected in the determined Bulldogs who came back from a 36-27 half-time deficit to close the margin in the fourth period.

Coach Max Showalter's club, with Mike Schlotterbeck setting the pace, dropped in six of 12 shots the final stanza and Schlotterbeck accounted for three of the goals himself, all from the side.

Although the Bulldogs closed the margin to 51-47, in less than three minutes of the fourth period, Cambridge City had more than enough in reserve.

With Centerville getting hot and the score 51-47, Matney drove in as front man on the fast break.

Showalter called time out to steady his charges, but sophomore Jerry Thompson of the Cats made the first of two free throws to increase the margin to 54-47. Miller then drilled in a 25-footer that swished through the nets and, despite baskets by Centerville's Daryl Renschler and Harold Routson, the Wampus Cats were in.

Never Lead

Centerville never led in the contest and came as close as two points at 16-14 near the end of the first quarter.

Matney was Cambridge's leading scorer, picking up 17 points, with 11 of them coming the first half. He hit three of four shots the first period to spark the Wampus Cats in their initial drive.

Jim Raby netted 15 points although he sat out a good part of the third quarter due to three personals. He also picked up 11 points in the first half and topped all rebounders with 14.

The bigger Wampus Cats dominated the backboards by a 49-31 edge and were especially effective the second half, picking off 23 to Centerville's 13.

Cox made good two charity shots after Ova Johnson fouled him in a scramble for the ball. Then it was Noggle's turn to add two charity throws and each made one more in the final 15 seconds.

Whitewater, down by a point at halftime, came roaring out ahead in the third period with Larry Moore and Johnson sending the Bears to a 47-44 lead after three.

Moore and Johnson each hit three shots over the top of the Economy zone that third stanza, while sophomore, Gale Roberts hit from underneath twice.

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But the Cardinals turned on a press midway in the fourth stanza, despite the bad back of Cox and Noggle's injured ankle and these two pulled the game out of the fire.

Carlin, too, did his share after being limited to only three points and two shots the third quarter by Whitewater's topnotch zone. The top scorer in the county connected on two goals and added a free throw in the last period to bring him up to 19 paints.

Out-Play Cards

Whitewater, the Wayne county conference tail-ender, out-played the third-place Cardinals until the pay-off period.

The Bears streaked off to an 8-4 lead, Economy went ahead 9-8, but Chuck Kenworthy sparked Whitewater back in front 14-9. The Bears were on top 16-11 at the quarter rest and kept in front until Carlin slipped under for a lay-up in the second period with 2:22 to play.

Johnson sent Whitewater back on top, 27-26, but Carlin came through again for a 28-27 half-time margin. Moore hit a driving lay-up to open the second half and the Bears stayed in front until Cox hit with 3:23 to play to send Economy in front, 41-39.

Then late in the third period Moore sent Whitewater out ahead at 45-44 and they kept on the long end of the score until Economy's rally.

Backing up Carlin's 19 points was a 13-point effort by Noggle. Johnson paced the Bears with 20 points while Moore made 11 and Robert 10 for the losers.

Carlin picked off 18 rebound for the taller Cardinals, while Noggle grabbed 12 and Don Mosier 11. Sophomore center Bob Murray collected 10 to pace Whitewater which lost the battle of the boards 55-33.

Schlotterbeck's fourth-period shooting show gave him scoring honors for Centerville and the night as the 5-10 senior hit on seven of 12 field-goal attempts and five of nine charity shots for 19 points.

Clyde Pennington, who had cut up Cambridge City's man-to-man defense the first half with drives, made only four points the second two stanzas and fouled out with 1 :53 to play. He made good three of four shots the first quarter and two of four the second period. His 15-point total was second to Schlotterbeck.

Schlotterbeck also was Centerville's top rebounder with nine.

Coach Dallas Kelsey's Cardinals needed excellent fourth-period play from Herman Cox, Jim Noggle and Frank Carlin to pull out the win over Whitewater.

Down 55-49 with slightly more than four minutes to go, the Cards' Carlin hit from underneath, Noggle made good on a jumper. from the free-throw line and Cox tossed , in two free throws.

Ties Score

This flurry knotted the score at 55-all and with 56 seconds to play.

Summaries:

Cambridge City	(64)	Fg	Fga	Ft	Fta	Pf	Tp
Clark, forward		3	8	3	4	5	9
Thompson, forward		1	10	6	10	3	8
Raby, center		6	15	3	5	4	15
Stanley, center		3	4	0	1	3	6
Miller, guard		4	16	1	3	1	9
Matney, guard		7	17	3	4	1	17
Carlson, guard		0	2	0	0	1	0
Totals		24	72	16	27	18	64

Centerville	(54)	Fg	Fga	Ft	Fta	Pf	Tp
Schlotterbeck, forward		7	12	5	9	2	19
Renschler, forward		2	6	1	3	2	5
Roehler, forward		1	6	0	1	3	2
Routson, guard		1	6	1	1	2	3
Harvey, center		2	8	3	4	3	7
Pennington, guard		7	14	1	3	5	15
R. Kinder, guard		1	2	1	2	1	3
T. Kinder, guard		0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		21	54	12	23	18	54

Score by quarters:

Cambridge City	18	36	49	64
Centerville	14	27	38	54

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Economy	(61)	Fg	Fga	Ft	Fta	Pf	Tp
Carlin, forward		7	15	5	12	2	19
Mosier, forward		3	14	1	2	4	7
Haney, center		3	10	1	2	0	7
Conwell, center		2	3	0	1	3	4
H. Cox, guard		1	12	7	8	2	9
Noggle, center		5	10	3	4	0	13
Retz, guard		1	3	0	0	0	2
D. Cox, guard		0	1	0	0	1	0
Totals		22	68	17	29	12	61

Whitewater	(55)	Fg	Fga	Ft	Fta	Pf	Tp
Moore, forward		4	13	3	5	5	11
Roberts, forward		4	11	2	7	2	10
Toschlog, forward		0	0	0	0	0	0
Murray, center		3	8	0	0	4	6
Platt, center		0	1	0	0	1	0
Chenoweth, center		0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson, guard		8	25	4	5	4	20
Kenworthy, guard		4	9	0	1	2	8
Crisp, guard		0	0	0	0	0	0
Riley, guard		0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		23	67	9	18	18	55

Score by quarters:

Economy	11	28	44	61
Whitewater	16	27	47	55

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