

Thurman Wright - Named EIAC 'Coach of The Year' By Scribes; Jim Miller, Ron Matney Voted First Team Honors

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Sportswriters of the member school towns newspapers of the Eastern Indiana Athletic Conference named Thurman Wright, pilot of the undefeated conference basketball champion Cambridge City Wampus Cats 'Coach of the Year' for the 1958-59 season, in their recent balloting.

Also named to the All-Conference first team by the Scribes was the Wampus Cats senior guards Jim Miller and Ron Matney. Both were unanimous choices, and described as one of the finest guard combinations in this section of the state.

Sophomore Jerry Thompson of Cambridge City, was voted a second team berth and teammate Jim Raby, a junior, received honorable mention.

Jerry Basford, Hagerstown ace forward garnered first team slot, also by unanimous vote. Gary Satchwill, Aurora, and Joe Lakes, Brookville, complete the first five. Basford and Lakes are seniors, Satchwill is a junior.

In selecting 'Coach of the Year' the writers agreed: "when you defeat all conference foes, you have to have something behind the team and that was Wright." In grabbing the conference crown with a 5-0 record, Wright's Cats defeated, in order, Hagerstown 46-43, Aurora 62-61, Brookville 70-54, Batesville 61-53, and Lawrenceburg 69-68 in an overtime. This was Wright's second year at Lincoln.

It is interesting to note that Basford and Lakes were named to the first team in 1957-58 while Satchwill, Miller and Matney drew honorable mention in 1957-58.

All-Conference selections are made in accordance with regular season play.

The All-Conference selections:

FIRST TEAM

- F. Jerry Basford, Hagerstown.
- F. Gary Satchwill, Aurora.
- C. Joe Lakes, Brookville.
- G. Jim Miller, Cambridge City
- G. Ron Matney, Cambridge City
- Bullets are unanimous choices

COACH OF THE YEAR

Thurman Wright, Cambridge City

SECOND TEAM

- F. Jerry Thompson, Cambridge City
- F. Jim Sturgeon, Lawrenceburg
- C. Gary Senitz, Lawrenceburg
- G. Ron Def:fnar, Brookville. •
- G. Jim Willhite, Brookville.

HONORABLE MENTION

Bill Griffith, Brookville
Rex:Reed, Hagerstown
Ross Siebert, Batesville
Jim Raby, Cambridge City
Derald Ellinghausen, Aurora
Bob Sterling, Aurora
Gerald Sharp, Hagerstown

Certificates will be awarded the All-Conference squad.

Wright Leaving Lincoln H. S. For College Post

Thurman Wright, head basketball and baseball coach of the Lincoln H. S. Wampus Cats the past three years has accepted similar position with Earlham college, Richmond, according to an announcement last Friday.



The 32 year old Wright, a 1946 Richmond H. S. grad studied at Colorado State, University of Nebraska, and received his master's degree from Indiana university. He held coaching positions at Lamar, Ohio, and Ossian, Indiana, before taking the Wampus Cats post three years ago.

His net teams compiled a record of 43 wins and 23 losses over the three years. The 1958-59 team as undefeated champions of the Eastern Indiana Athletic Conference, and the last two years the Cats won the annual four-team tourney and were serious sectional tournament threats.

Wright succeeds Don Meek at Earlham, who resigned earlier this Spring to accept a position at Hanover college.

With Wright the Quakers will have a new coaching staff.

"We have had this part year the most successful athletic record in several years," said president Bollings. "With strong squads of returning lettermen in the various sports, and a promising group of incoming freshmen, especially in football, we have good hopes for the coming year. In the new coaching staff we feel we are bringing to Earlham tried, experienced men of high standards and proven ability. They are all coming with a strong sense of enthusiasm for' teaching and coaching in this kind of college."

Mr. Wright is the second Lincoln teacher to advance to college ranks in the past three years, Charles Fleener going to Ball State as a mathematics professor".

Stuart Shipman, Superintendent of Cambridge City-Jackson Township. Consolidated Schools stated Monday that several applications have already been received for the head basketball post at Lincoln and many more, are expected before the board takes final action late this month.