

# Wampus Cats Close Regular Season With 15-5 Record; Pre-Tourney Practice Sessions 'Order Of The Days,' Now

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The Lincoln Wampus Cats finished their 1959-'60 regular season card Saturday night with a 59-46 slow-motion victory over Winchester Driver at that place. It gave the Cats a 15-5 record going in to sectional tourney play. On Friday night at Lincoln gym here, Bud Bateman's Lawrenceburg Tigers, billed as tall, talented and fast, -proved it, by smashing the Red and Blue 90-68, with an awesome display of power.

Lawrenceburg ranked 16th in the state poll lost no prestige here. With the victory they also won the Eastern Indiana Athletic Conference with a 5-0 mark. The Wampus Cats, defending champs, finished with a 2-3 conference record. Lawrenceburg left here with an 11-6 overall mark.

Coach Thurman Wright's lads will use this week to get in additional practices for sectional tournament play which begins Wednesday, February 24, 1960. The Cats meet Whitewater in the 1:15 p.m. game Friday, February 26, 1960.

The smooth operating tigers pulled away from the Cats late in the first quarter after the lead had changed nine times and the, score tied five times to lead 20-13. In the second the tall Tigers continue their torrid shooting pace (.529 for the game), as the Cats cooled, and were safely in front 47-28 at halftime.

Fine passing and speed increased their margin to 70-46 at the end of three quarters. In the last quarter both coaches unloaded their benches, without much change in the scoring of either.

Gary Senitza led the winners double column scoring with 20 points, Dave Schoeff got 15, Jim Caldwell 14 and Ron Kennett 10. Getting into two column figures for Lincoln were Chuck Carlson with 19, Jim Raby 15 and Jerry Thompson 13.

#### *Quarter scores:*

Lawrenceburg	20	47	70	90
Cambridge City	13	28	46	68

Officials: Foster and Stumpf.

Winchester Drivers loss to Cambridge was their 10th defeat of the season. Coach Don Callan's Golden Falcons threw a different style of play at the Wampus Cats, slow-motion basketball. The Wrightmen accepted

it – and won with their own version, a delayed offense in the last quarter.

Winchester's slow-motion was in effect an effort to get the ball within five to ten foot radius of the basket for good shots. Never, except in the waning moments of the last quarter did they take a shot back of a 20 foot radius.

The Cats lead 14-10 at the end of the first quarter, but a Falcon rally late in the second period put them ahead 23-22. A quick spurt by the Red and Blue put them on top 33-26 at halftime.

After a 46-38 lead by the Lincolns at the end of three quarters the Falcons scored to open the fourth, 46-40. Then the Cats. Held the ball for two and one half minutes in what came as close to the old-fashioned stall as you could get - for the most part Winchester was content not to press to hard, hoping the Cats would make a ball handling error, but they didn't and at 5:35 Larry Long fouled Paul Close who made the free toss, 47-40. At 5:05 Eddie Farmer hit a fielder, 47-42. The Cats were stalling again and Jerry Thompson made a pair of free ones on Bill Piercey's foul, 49-42.

In the shooting department Lawrenceburg hit 37 of 70 from the field for an excellent .529 percent and connected on 16 of 27 free throws.

The Cats posted the second poorest shooting performance of the season .301 percent on 25 of 83 (they shot .296 against Fountain City, November 13). They added 18 of 34 from the charity line.

The Tigers height didn't allow the Cats many rebounds off either board, and their defense seemingly hurried out-court natural shots of the Cats.

In the prelim the Lawrenceburg Tiger Cubs whipped the Wampus Kittens 51-36.

The winners held an 11-9 first quarter lead, but the Kittens forged ahead 19-16 at halftime, then were behind 31-27 at the end of three. Detmer, with 20 points led the winners. Warren Fields with 14 markers was best for the Kittens.

**Scoring:***Tiger Cubs*

Detmer 20, Green 2, Allen 8, Zahariko 0, Krinop 2, Eckert 17, Lorey 0, Vail 2, Bteman 0.

*Kittens*

Montgomery 8, Eckart 0, Hauk 3, Mohler 3, Bryant 6, Fields 14, Dunavent 2.

## Quarter scores ;

Tiger Cubs	11	16	31	51
Wampus Kittens	9	19	27	36

**TERRIFIC TIGERS**

Lawrenceburg (90)	FG	FT	PF
Senitza, f	8	4	4
Kinnett, f	5	0	1
Wilson, f	2	0	0
Zaharako, f	2	2	4
Caldwell, c	6	2	3
Bateman, c	1	0	1
Sturgeon, g	3	2	4
Felling, g	3	3	5
Schoeff, g	6	3	2
McAdams, g	0	0	1
Williamson, g	0	0	1
Detmer, g	1	0	0
Totals	37	16	26

Cambridge City (68)	FG	FT	PF
Stanley, f	4	0	2
Swigart, f	0	3	0
Thompson, f	5	3	3
Carroll, f	0	3	0
Raby, c	5	5	5
Swigart, f	0	3	0
Golliher, c	1	1	1
Carlson, g	8	3	3
Close, g	1	0	4
Newhouse, g	0	0	1
Schneider, g	1	0	0
Totals	25	18	19

## Quarter scores :

Lawrenceburg	20	47	70	90
Cambridge City	13	28	46	68

A long shot by Winchester was short and Chuck Carlson wove his way threw the Falcons defense to score 51-42, 3:35 to go. Then Long hit from the side. At 2:30 remaining Jim Raby scored underneath on the delay tactics, and Farmer fouled Larry Stanley who made it 54-44, 2 :15 left. Carlson slipped underneath again 56-44, 1:19 remaining. Long scored on a solo before the Cats added three free tosses to end the scoring for the night.

Stanley with 18 points, Carlson's 15, Thompson's 13 and 10 by Raby, led the Cats scoring. Farmer with 14 was high for Winchester.

The Lincolns hit 23 of 60 for .383 from the field and counted 13 of 19 charity chances. The Falcons made 19 of 53 for .358 field goal shooting and made 8 of 13 from the free throw line.

The Winchester B team edged the Wampus Kittens 31-28 in the preliminary game.

**Scoring:***Winchester B*

Grubbs 2, Heckley 0, Lennington 11, Bradbury 5, Peacock 0, Conkling 2, Klop 7, Moore 4.

*Wampus Kittens*

Eckart 1, Montgomery 6, Mohler 0, Hauk 4, Hughes 0, Bryant 4, Jackson 0, Fields 8, Schneider 2, Dunavent 3.

## Quarter scores:

Winchester B	8	16	22	31
Wampus Kittens	1	12	16	28

**A SLOW-MOTION VICTORY**

Cambridge City (59)	FG	FT	PF
Stanley, f	7	4	2
Thompson, f	4	5	4
Raby, c	5	0	1
Swigart, c	0	0	0
Close, g	0	3	3
Carlson, g	7	1	1
Totals	23	13	11

Winchester (46)	FG	FT	PF
Little, f	1	2	0
Ketner, f	3	0	4
Piercey, f	2	2	2
Chute, c	3	1	3
Farmer, g	6	2	1
Long, g	4	1	3
Totals	19	8	18

## Quarter scores :

Cambridge City	14	33	46	59
Winchester	10	26	38	46

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