

## Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

KHSAA Form GE30  
Rev. 4/03**Information about Nominee**

Name:	Russell Miracle
Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES <span style="margin-left: 100px;">NO</span>
<i>(if nominee is not deceased, please fill out address information below)</i>	
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**Important Information Needed for ALL Nominees. This information is important to the Selection Process in helping to ensure that the desired objectives with regard to the consideration of nominees and the induction process is satisfied. (Application will not be accepted without this information)**

Please list the primary category of nomination (circle)–

<span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">PLAYER</span>	COACH	OFFICIAL	CONTRIBUTOR
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Birth Date of Nominee	August 23, 1941
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Sex (circle one)	<span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Male</span>	Female
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Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as defined in 2(c)	Yes	<span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">No</span>
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**If this person is being nominated as a Coach, please complete the following additional information–**

Coached at which High School(s)	
Year of Retirement	
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	

(over for remainder of application)

**If this person is being nominated as an Athlete, please complete the following additional information-**

High School Attended	Bell County High School
Graduation Year	1961
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	13 <sup>th</sup> Region

**If this person is being nominated as an Official, please complete the following additional information-**

Primary Officiating Accomplishments at the High School Level	
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**For persons being nominated in all categories, please complete the following additional information**

Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.
See attached Documentation

Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Hall of Fame Committee to consider.
See Attached Letters of Recommendations

*I certify that I have truthfully completed this information about the nominee with the permission of the nominee, that he/she will accept induction if selected, and I will cooperate with the KHSAA should additional information be needed for his/her consideration.*

Signature Jeffery C. Sayler Name (print) Jeffery C. Sayler Date 8/31/09

**Attach any relevant press clippings and materials which would verify coaching win-loss records, or other statistical information. Also attach any other letters of recommendation of other information which may be helpful to the committee in making a final selection.**



Born August 23, 1941, Russell Miracle, the youngest of eleven siblings, was raised at Brownies Creek, Kentucky. His mother was a homemaker, and his father was a farmer and a logger. A multi-talented athlete, Russell attended Bell County High School from 1957-1961 where he played football and basketball and ran track. Russell accomplished many feats as a high school athlete.

Amazingly, Russell had never even seen a football upon entering high school, yet, in 1960 and 1961, he was chosen as a member of the All-State Football Team. At 6'1" and nearly 200 pounds, Russell started every football game from his freshman through his senior years. He played offensive halfback and defensive halfback and safety. As a junior in 1960, Russell, who would often see his playing time limited due to the success of his team, led the state in scoring up until the last two games of the season. As a senior in 1961, Russell was selected to play in the Kentucky East/ West All-Star game. The University of Tennessee, Alabama, and the University of Kentucky recruited Russell to play football. In 1961, he signed to play with the University of Kentucky under coach Blanton Collier.

Russell was also a member of the basketball team throughout his high school years. As a freshman, he played forward on the JV team, and then started as forward on the Varsity team throughout the remainder of his high school career. In 1960, Russell helped lead the Bell County Bobcats to win the 13<sup>th</sup> Region and go on to the state tournament. Russell set two records in this tournament that he still holds today: 1) He scored four points in two seconds, and 2) He had a 100% shooting percentage from the field and from the free throw line. Russell's team beat Harrodsburg in their first game

before being defeated in the second round of play, and Russell was selected to the All-State team during this tournament.

In addition to his accomplishments as a football and basketball player, Russell was also a member of the track team at Bell County High School for four years. He ran the 100, 220, and 440-yard dashes, as well as the mile relay. During Russell's senior year, he acted as coach and took the team to participate in the regional track meet at Barbourville, where many runners qualified for state, including Russell himself.

Russell now resides in Hulen, Kentucky with his wife of 49 years, Bobbie Sue Hensley Miracle. He is a Christian and a member of Blackmont Baptist Church, where he is a deacon and the Sunday School Superintendent. Russell enjoys working in his garden and spending time with his family—especially his grandchildren, Candace, Logan, and Dylan. Russell has remained an active supporter of many sports programs in Bell County. He currently serves as Safety Coordinator for the Pineville/Bell County Little League Program. He has served as color commentator for many high school football radio broadcasts, and attends most elementary and high school basketball games.

Russell Miracle is an accomplished member of the Kentucky sports community. His achievements as a high school athlete and his dedication to the sports programs of Bell County throughout the years make him a deserving candidate for nomination to the Hall of Fame.

# Bell County High School

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August 19, 2009

Dear Nomination Committee:

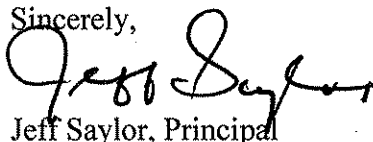
It is an honor and privilege for me to nominate Mr. Russell Miracle for induction into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. I have known Russell for almost my entire life and he has been a role model for me since a very early age. He was always active in our church and a supporter of athletics at Blackmont Elementary while I attended there, but it was during my years at Bell County High School that I have the most memories of a man that has a strong moral character and an avid supporter of Bell County High School Athletics.

I am not old enough to remember Russell as a player at Bell County High School, since he graduated before I was born, but I have heard many stories from individuals throughout the years that have convinced me that he is definitely worthy of this honor. Russell was a three-sport star at BCHS in football, basketball and track. I remember attending my first Sweet 16 in 1977 and seeing his name in the program for not missing a single shot from the floor or the free throw line in the first round of the 1960 Sweet 16 tournament while scoring 21 points to lead Bell to a victory over Harrodsburg. The most interesting thing that occurred in that game is the fact that he scored 4 points in two seconds. After hitting two free throws near the end of the half, Russell intercepted a long pass and hit a half-court shot at the buzzer to keep his perfect shooting night alive. John McGill, a Sweet Sixteen Historian listed it as one of his favorite moments in tournament history. His best sport of course was football and as a senior he was a First Team All State selection, played in the East West All Star Game coached by Ed Miracle and was recruited and signed to play college football at the University of Kentucky.

Now let me tell you what I do know for sure about Russell. He has been associated with Bell County Athletics for as long as I can remember as a booster and supporter of all BCHS athletics. His son and I were teammates at BCHS and I remember the undying support that he and his wife Bobbie Sue had for the Bobcats. Now as principal of BCHS, I can attest to the fact that they continue to support the Bobcats while attending most home athletic events. Russell also served as the color man for all football radio broadcast for many years and will tell you to this day that the most exciting moment he can remember is when the Bobcats brought home the 1991 State Football Championship.

Finally, in closing, I cannot think of anyone more deserving than this man for induction into the hall of fame. To best of my knowledge not one athlete from Bell County has been inducted into the Hall and I firmly believe that Russell would be a good place to start. If anyone on the committee has any other questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jeff Saylor, Principal

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August 20, 2009

Dear Nomination Committee,

I enthusiastically write this letter of nomination for Russell Miracle to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall Of Fame. I have known Russell for many years and can attest to his pristine moral character and ardent support for the children of Bell County that spans a lifetime. He has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of students in Bell County through his countless hours of work and support in athletic programs from T-ball to high school sports.

As a student athlete at Bell County High School, Russell was a star performer in football, basketball, and track. His performance in the 1960 Sweet Sixteen is legendary and is still in the record books. His talent in football earned him a scholarship at the University of Kentucky. Russell's success as an athlete is among the finest in the region and state. Generations of student athletes in Bell County have used his success as a model for their own goal of accomplishment.

As a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent I have observed Russell's contributions to the youth of Bell County. He attends virtually every athletic event in our district and has done so for decades. He worked for many years as the color man for the "Voice of the Bobcats" radio broadcasts of Bell County High School football games. Even now, Russell volunteers to actively help our Middle School Football team and can be found on the sideline at every game.

In closing, I am convinced that Russell epitomizes the qualities and contributions to others you seek when selecting new inductees to the Hall of Fame. He deserves careful consideration and I do believe you will agree with my descriptions of this man upon further review.

Sincerely,



George W. Thompson, Superintendent

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August 28, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my honor and privilege to recommend Mr. Russ Miracle from Bell County, Kentucky, for your consideration into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Mr. Miracle was an outstanding high school football and basketball player for Bell County High School in the late 50s and early 60s. In many Bell County fans' opinion, Russ was the best athlete ever at Bell County High School.

After his playing days, Russ was involved in coaching the area's youth, and I was privileged to have him serve as color comminator from 1985 to 2006 for the broadcast of Bell County's football games on our local radio station, WRIL – 106.3. From his playing days to coaching Little League Football to broadcasting, Russ has been a big part of promoting the youth throughout the county.

Again, I wholeheartedly support Russ Miracle as an inductee into the Hall of Fame. Your consideration would be greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

I cannot think of a better choice for the Hall of Fame than Mr. Russ Miracle. Thank you for allowing me to make this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Nelson".

Rick Nelson  
State Representative

RN:cck



Pineville, Ky  
August 25, 2009

Nomination Committee  
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Dear Committee Members:

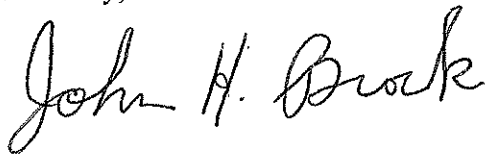
Each year the Kentucky High School Athletics family has the difficult task of selecting new and deserving members to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Before this selection process begins for an individual, a nomination and other important information must be presented to the committee on their behalf.

Therefore, it is my pleasure to submit information in support of the nomination of Russ Miracle for recognition of his previous successes. He has an impressive record as an outstanding football and basketball player for Bell County High School. He led the "Bobcats" to the state basketball tournament in 1960 and proceeded to make every shot he attempted (7 of 7) in his first game propelling Bell County to victory over Harrodsburg. He also performed a near impossible feat, before the 3pt line existed, of scoring four points in two seconds (must be one for the Guinness Book).

Russ is an exemplary citizen of Bell County and devotes much of his time to the support of youngsters and their participation in wholesome youth activities including athletics. He previously coached little league, football, basketball, and baseball. He also done the color and play by play for Bell County High School football games.

He is one of Bell County's most noted athletes and citizens. He is currently active in community affairs and serves as Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent in his church. Your consideration of his application for this deserved recognition is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John H. Brock". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

John H Brock, Retired  
Former Supt. Of Public Instruction

**Recommendation to The Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame for Russell Miracle  
presented By Walt Green:**

It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to make this recommendation to a very deserving person. You may find it unusual that I did not play with Russell, nor did I coach him, but I did find out quite a lot about him through observation and talking with him.

I feel that others recommending Russell will concentrate on his playing ability and awards he earned while playing football and basketball, and believe me, they were plentiful.

Russell's athletic ability was excellent, the awards he received were plentiful, but the most important things to me about Russell can be summed up in the three areas:

1. Athletics: Russell received several awards, all conference, all-state, etc., played in East/West all star game, received a football scholarship to University of Kentucky, and played on basketball tournament teams -district, regional, and state.
2. Character: Well known and recognized as a person with high integrity, high morals, and honesty.
3. Community Involvement: He is very active in the community-such as serving on the Bell County Cemetery Board and helping less fortunate individuals.

To summarize how valuable Russell was, I want to emphasize some of the headlines that Russell brought about:

*"Miracle scores four times as Bell County trounces Hall High 46-0" . The main saying was that Miracle "again runs Wild."*

*"Bell High Steamrolls over Benham 27-0", Miracle continues his scoring rampage with*

*2 touchdowns and 2 extra points. One of the touchdowns was an 82 yard rush.*

*"Miracle scores 4 times as Bell High beats Barbourville 35-7." Miracle has a total of 85 points in four games!*

*"Miracle's TD in last 23 seconds beats Knox Central 20-13."*

*"Bell High trips Harlan 62-46 Miracle scores 12 points."*

*"Bobcats in 3<sup>rd</sup> place after London victory and Miracle scores 14 points."*

*"Bell High trips Middlesboro 62-43-Miracle scores 17."*

*"Clay County upset by Bell-59-45. Russell Miracle led Bell High with 13 points and had more rebounds than all of the Bobcats combined."*

*"Bell routs Pineville 80-61 Miracle scores 19."*

*"Bell High wins District beats Lone Jack 51-39."*

*"Bell County beat Cumberland 84-58 Miracle scored 23 points-Miracle had one of his best nights six in succession at one time in the second quarter."*

*"Bell County beats Corbin 63-59 for regional title. Miracle scored 11 points."*

*"Bell High trips Harrodsburg 66-54"*

*"Rus Miracle hits 100 percent of shots this was a second breaking performance. Total scoring was 21 points."*

*"Bell edged by Monticello 69-65. Miracle scored twenty points."*

In closing let me emphasize strongly that Russell Miracle deserves this award because he only was a great athlete but he is a person who helps others without wanting any special recognition.

# Bell Breaks Loose in 2nd Half To Trample Benham by 34-0

Bell County broke loose for a quartet of touchdowns in the second half last night to smother the Benham Tigers by a 39-0

Bell		Benham
16	First Downs	1
349	Yards Rushing	46
89	Passing	36
38	Total Yards	82
19	Passes Attempted	14
4	Completed	4
4	Incomplete	9
1	Intercepted	1
31	Yards, Punt Returns	31
26	Yards, Kickoff Returns	94
8	Fumbles	2
2	Fumbles Lost	2
105	Penalties	20

score in the season opener for the Bobcats.

It was the second loss in suc-

cession for the Tigers, who dropped a 13-7 decision at Evarts last week.

Cleophus Pursiful's favored Bobcats hit hard and early to gain the lead and kept the pressure on the Tigers the rest of the way.

Russell Miracle scored 13 points on two touchdowns and an extra point. Jimmy Elliott accounted for a pair of touchdowns, Leo Miracle got one and so did Roscoe Perkins. Eugene Burnett added two extra points.

Bell High carried the statistics by a wide margin. The Maroons ran up 349 yards from scrimmage, 89 via the air lanes, and routed the Tigers with 309 yards in punt returns.

Miracle got one of his td's on a 34-yard scamper from scrimmage. A punt return of 60 yards brought the second, and a run accounted for the extra point.

Elliott returned a Benham punt 90 yards for his first tally. He repeated the process later on with an 85-yard jaunt.

Leo Miracle got a touchdown from five yards out and Roscoe Perkins ran over from the six. Burnett had a pair of placements for his tallies.

The Bobcats now meet Corbin next week in the feature match of the Southeastern Kentucky Conference. This game might well determine the 1960 championship of the SEKC.

Benham ..... 0 0 0 0—0  
Bell High ..... 7 7 19 6—39

Bell High's Bobcats also give the fans their first look at home, this evening. Benham's Tigers, who fought Evarts to a 13-7 game last week, will furnish the opposition for the Bobcats who have been installed as a conference favorite for 1960. However, this will not be a conference game.

The Bobcats will call on Russell Miracle once more to lead the offensive maneuvers as he did in the SEKC panorama two weeks ago. This will be the first of three consecutive home games for Bell High.

The remainder of the schedule for tonight fines:

Lily at Lynn Camp  
Evarts at Corbin  
Barbourville at London  
Knox Central at Williamsburg  
Hazel Green, open

Bell High probable starting line-up:

Center — Jerry Nelson  
Guard — Gale Robbins  
Guard — Alonzo Hendrickson  
Tackle — John Stanley  
Tackle Virgil Johnson, or Ellis Wilcox  
End — Joe Hendrickson  
End — Eugene Burnett  
QB — Jimmy Elliott  
HB — Russell Miracle  
HB — Bill Hubbard or Arlene Meredith  
FB — Roscoe Perkins

# Miracle Scores Four Times As Bell Trounces Hall, 46-0

Bell High outclassed a game Hall team last night in East Pineville, 46-0.

Coach Cleophus Pursiful and Assistant Coach Vermont Owens had too many horses for the Gamecocks to match, although it was quite a ball game for the first ten minutes.

Russell Miracle again ran wild, and had help from Bobby Meredith and Leroy Robbins as the Cats clawed their way to seven touchdowns and four extra points. Bell High scored

Bell	Hall
7	5
128	56
91	25
214	81
4	8
3	2
1	4
2	0
4-23	6-21.3
131	11
12	58
4	5
4	5
85	30

on the ground and through the air. Two punt returns went for fallies, and one pass interception resulted in a score on the longest run of the night.

Miracle padded his scoring lead with four touchdowns and a pair of extra points. Thus his total for two games is now 44 points, giving him a big lead in the early returns.

immediately following the kickoff, but the Bobcat line stiffened and forced a punt. Jerry Bruce's kick went only 22 yards, and Leroy Robbins ran it back 17 yards to set the Bobcats up in business.

Bell High mover in to the Hall 29 and Miracle broke lose for a tally, only to have the run called back and the Bobcats penalized. Bell punted, but Hall fumbled a pitchout on the third play and the Bobcats recovered on the Gamecock's 8. Miracle wasted no time piling through the line for a score on the first play, and added the point on a run at left end. The clock showed 3:03 to go in the initial quarter at the score.

Some six minutes later, Hall again was forced into a kickoff situation. Bruce's punt went to Miracle who field the pigskin on his own 40, cut to the right to pick up blockers, and went all the way into the end zone for a 60 yard scoring jaunt. Again Miracle added the point at left end, and it was 14-0.

Hall kicked out of bounds shortly before the half ended. Bell got the ball on the 30, but lost 15 on a penalty. Meredith fired to Miracle for a 39 yard gain and Miracle went the last five yards to score as time ran out. The extra point kick was blocked and the halftime score read 20-0.

Over half the third quarter had gone by before the Cats got in the scoring act again. At 4:55

Leroy Robbins gathered in a short Gameback punt and raced 65 yards to pay dirt, with Herman Kelly sneaking over for the point. And on the final play of the third quarter, Kelley fired a 28 yard aerial bomb to Eugene Burnett for another tally and it was 33-0.

At the 6:25 in the fourth, the Cats recovered a Hall fumble on the Gamecocks 25. Kelley ran it to the 2, but a penalty moved the pigskin back to the 24. From there Meredith hit Miracle with a scoring pass, and Meredith sneaked over from the point to make it 40-0.

Late in the fourth, Hall got moving on offense. Two first downs in quick succession moved the Gamecocks to the Bobcat 18 for another first down. Here Meredith rushed in, intercepted a forward, and raced 89 yards for the final score. The extra point plunge fell short, leaving the final score at 46-0.

Bell County 13 13 13 46  
Hall 0 0 0 0

Touchdowns—Miracle 4 (60 punt return; 8 run, 24 pass from Meredith, 5 run); Robbins (65 punt return); Burnett (28 pass from Kelley); Meredith (89 yard pass interception).

Points after touchdown—Miracle 2 (plunge); Meredith (plunges); Kelley (plunge).

Referee—Jack Meeks  
Head Linesman—C. K. Grace  
Umpire—Curt Selvy

Electric Clock Operator—Don Brandenburg

Bell County High School took their second straight victory in one week by romping over Hall of the CVC 46-0 last Friday night. They defeated Loyall last Monday also of the CC 24-0. Again Russell Miracle, the 6'1", 190 pound half-back was the story of Bell High's success. In two games he has scored 44 points. Hall took the opening kickoff and went to an immediate first down before being forced to punt. Upon receiving the punt Miracle scored but it was called because of a penalty. Miracle later scored, however, from the 8. The T.D. was set up when Hall fumbled and Joe Hendrickson recovered for Bell County. Miracle skirted left end for the extra point and Bell led 7-0. Miracle later returned a punt 60 yards for the second touchdown and again added the extra point around left end and Bell now led 14-0. Bell's next touchdown was set up by a 39 yard

pass from Meredith. Miracle then from the five. The was blocked and Bell as the half ended. the third period. Robbins returned a Hall's to pay dirt a Kelley added the for Bell 27-0. At Cleo Pursiful, Bell ran using his defensive end. Later in the 3rd I son fell on a Hall in Hall territory at in business again. K to Burnett for the the extra point at no good and Bell Je other fumble deep ritory helped Bell and Meredith hit a scoring pass for Meredith sneaked point and Bell led in the final period intercepted a pass and tipped through 89 yards for the down. The extra short and Bell led final score.

Coach Cleo Pursiful, 33 man squaring his second victory young 1959 season. At this point E scored on and will to remain that way tackle Benham an team this Friday Benham. Remember a Bell High fan team and go to Be Friday night.

# Bell High Steamrolls Over Benham; Harlan Downs P'ville

Bell County rolled to its third straight win last night, 27-0, at Benham.

Pineville dropped and 18-0 game at Harlan; Knox Central romped on Williamsburg by 21-0; Corbin barely eked past Somerset by 7-6; Black Star edged Hall by 13-0; and Jones Valley before new Powell Valley High of Virginia, 20-0.

Russell Miracle continued his scoring rampage with two touchdowns and a pair of extra points at Benham. In the first period, Miracle broke loose with an 82 yard run from scrimmage.

The third quarter found the Bobcats counting in 14 plays at Benham. Benham punt.

by Meredith fired a 14 yard pass to Miracle for the tally, and Miracle picked up the extra point.

Jerry Lester got in the act in the fourth to take a five yard pass from Meredith, and again Miracle tacked on the point. On the final play of the game, Herman Kelley passed to Eugene Burnett from 29 yards out, but Kelley got the extra point.

Bell County	6	0	7	14	27
Benham	0	0	0	0	0

Pineville played Harlan to a scoreless first period at Harlan. In the second, a Harlan punt touched a Pineville receiver and Denny Parsons recovered on the Mountain Lion 10. Lenny Moore scored from the two for a 6-0 halftime lead.

Fields blocked a punt in the third, and Howard Mize ran the pigskin over from the 20 to score. Then on the final play of the game, Earl Rogers boomed a 20 yard scoring aerial to Albert Seals. Pineville offered no serious threat, making but 53 yards rushing against 172 for the Dragons. Harlan had an edge in passing at 61-29.

Pineville	0	0	0	0	0
Harlan	0	6	6	6	18

## BELL HIGH TAKES BENHAM

The Bell County Bobcats made it three in a row at Benham Friday night as they took the Tigers 27-0. In Bell County's first three games they had not been scored on while collecting a total of 97 points themselves. The Bobcats opened the season Monday, August 24 with a 24-0 victory over Loyall. They came back on Friday of the same week to defeat Hall 46-0, and finally Benham 27-0.

# Miracle Scores 4 Times As Bell High Wins 35-7

BARBOURVILLE—Russell Miracle added 27 more points to his 1959 total here Friday night as Bell County rolled to a 35-7 win over the Barbourville Tigers.

Miracle now has a total of 85 points in four games, better than 21 points per game average. This despite the fact he was blanked by Corbin's Red-birds last week.

The Cats scored in each of the fourth quarters, Barbour-

Bell	Barbourville
18	First Downs 5
370	Yards Rushing 23
0	Passing 91
370	Total Yards 122
2	Passes Attempted 16
0	Completed 6

ville getting its marker in the third on a kickoff return.

The Bobcats stayed exclusively on the ground all night. They tried two passes, but completed neither. However, they amassed 370 yards via rushing.

A 66 yard drive in the first quarter paid off as Taylor banged across from the two and Miracle circled end for the point.

Another drive, this time for 51 yards, got the Cats their second tally in the next period. Miracle completed this surge with an 8 yard jaunt at end. Bobby Meredith adding the point for a 14-0 lead.

Bell received the third quarter kickoff and quickly moved 45 yards to pay dirt, Miracle covering the final six and adding the point. On the ensuing kickoff, Evans took in the pigskin, handed off to Disney, and Disney scooted 75 yards for the Tiger tally with Disney also contributing the extra point.

Bell came right back with a 56-yard march that wound up as Miracle sped the final 26 at end. Burnett tacked on the point. A Barbourville fumble on the first play of the fourth went to the Bobcats on the Tiger 16, and Miracle soon scored from the seven with Burnett once more tacking on the extra point.

Bell County	7	7	7	14	35
Barbourville	0	0	7	0	7



# Miracle's T. D. In Last 23 Seconds

## Long Runs Dominate As Knox Falls 20-13

## As Give Bell Laurel Bowl Win

Bell County scored with just 23 seconds to go for a 20-13 Laurel Bowl win over Knox Central last night on the Bell County field.

The Bobcats got possession with just 50 seconds left, and covered 44 yards in 4 running plays that took up but 27 seconds. Russ Miracle swept left end from the seven to break a 13-13 tie that had existed since the second quarter.

Only 1:31 remained when Central stopped the Bobcats just an

BELL		Central
9	First Downs	9
219	Yards Rushing	147
0	Passing	10
219	Total Yards	157
2	Passes Attempted	8
0	Completed	3
2	Incomplete	5
1	Intercepted	0
3-21.3	Punts Average	3-30.3
0	Yards, Punt Returns	0
94	Yards, Kickoff Returns	114
2	Fumbles	3
0	Fumbles Lost	1
2-10	Penalties	1-5

inch or two from a first down near midfield. The Panthers elected to try the air lanes twice, and ate but little of the seconds left. They ran two plays that failed to gain appreciably, and Bell High took over with a last desperate chance.

Meredith sneaked up the middle for 11 as the Central defenses dropped back to protect against a long run or a pass. Taylor took left end for 8 yards, and Miracle went 18 at the right terminal for a first down on the Central 7. On the following play, Miracle swept around left end, and rammed into the end zone to break the deadlock. Jerry Lester rammed right tackle for the point to make the final count 20-13.

The fans hadn't all got inside the ball park when Fultz took the opening kickoff on his own 30, went to the middle, and cut up field all the way 70 yards for a 6-0 Central lead. It remained 6-0 as the try for point fell short on a run.

Many fans still hadn't got to their seats when Central kicked off over the heads of the pulled in Bell High receivers. Russ Miracle zipped back to his 13 to pick up the ball and was on the 10 before he could make his turn. Up the right side lines he went as the Bobcats set up a solid wall of blockers. One last Central pursuer fell back near the 30 and Miracle galloped on over for his 90 yard t.d. run. When the Bobcats failed to convert it 6-6 and

a new game.

The teams finally settled down and exchanged punts without any further scoring although Central drove to the Bell 7 before a fumble stopped the threat in the first. The Bobcats couldn't move, and kicked out of their own 46 shortly before the close of the initial period.

Central started a scoring march at that point, requiring 8 plays to move the necessary 46 yards into pay dirt. A 16 yard spurt by Bill Burch on a reverse keyed the scoring drive. Another 11 yard gainer put the Panthers to the 6. Troutman moved to the two, and Burch ripped the line for the t.d. Ferguson faked a handoff and passed for the point and a 13-6 lead.

Central kicked off short, Jerry Lester bringing the pigskin back to his own 46. From there the Bobcats moved goalward in just 6 plays to cover 54 yards. Jesse Taylor romped the final 23 over the right side, and Miracle crashed left tackle for the point to set up a 13-13 tie that still existed at intermission.

The third quarter was a punting duel except for a brief flurry by the Bobcats when Miracle broke loose on a 44 yard sprint to the Central 40. On to the 32 the Cats scratched before giving up 3 downs.

The two teams then see-sawed back and forth until Bell High failed by inches to gain a first down at the minute and a half mark. The Cats took advantage of the last 50 seconds, as described above to mark up their 8th win of the campaign.

Russell Miracle again proved that he was the powerful runner, and the Panthers had little luck stopping him except on infrequent occasions. Jerry Lester and Jesse Taylor ate up huge chunks of real estate from time to time. Bill Burch carried the load for the Panthers after Bill Fultz left the premises because of an injury in the second stanza.

Bell County ..... 6 7 0 7-20  
Knox Central ..... 6 7 0 6-13  
Bell scoring — Miracle 29 (90)  
Kickoff Return and 7' end run;  
Taylor (23 run); Extra points —  
Miracle, 2 run; Lester, run;  
Central Scoring — Fultz 70 kick-  
off return; Burch, 2 run.  
Referee — J. W. Thurman  
Head Linesman — Don Brand  
burg  
Umpire — Curt Selvy  
Electric Clock Operator — B.  
Dobson

only have a pretty good authority that the 6-0 record just set up for 1959 by the Bell High Bobcats is the best ever recorded in the history of the school. The Bobcats are to be congratulated on the fine mark.

Taking the Laurel Bowl trophy is an added laurel to the 1959 season for the Bobcats who dropped games only to Corbin Middleboro, Harlan, and Knox Central. That loss to Knox Central was reversed by last night's 20-13 decision.

The boys should have plenty to talk about, and to be congratulated for when they have their football banquet and speaking of that the Middleboro Yellow Jackets have a few honors coming when they select a their annual banquet.

Disney Black admitted it was the first time a team of his had ever held a 6-0 lead before the game ever started. This came about when the Central boys ran the opening kickoff back some 70 yards for a score, and the clock mechanism failed to work at the time. Thus the clock still showed 12:00 in the first quarter, and the football had been up almost the length of the first quarter.

Fans at the Laurel Bowl last night were probably wondering what was going on at the outset of the game. Before they had time to get settled, the score was already 6-6, and the teams were ready for the third kickoff of the game. The clock showed 11:32 still to go in the first quarter at the 6-6 count.

# Bell High Defeated By Monticello 69-65

## 20 Points Are Scored By Miracle

LOUISVILLE — Bell's battling Bobcats were bumped from the state tourney here Friday afternoon by Monticello, 69-65.

A stirring finish by the clawing Cats fell short when time ran out, after the Trojans had everything sewed up tight, apparently, with the last quarter half gone.

Actually, the first four minutes proved the downfall of the spirited Cats. They saw Monticello gallop out to an 11-0 lead before they could hit their first point. Try as they might after that, the Bobcats just couldn't catch up.

From the 11-0 advantage, Monticello banged away for a 23-11 lead at the first stop. Bell made its first move early in the second to pull up at 32-29, but the Trojans spurted again and went to the dressing room with a 43-30 halftime lead.

Russell Miracle continued to display a fiery brand of basketball as he paced both teams in the scoring department with a total of 20 points. Miracle sank 7 of 9 field goal attempts to give him 14 of 16 for the two tourney appearances, a percentage of 87.5. General Robbins started late, and so did Phil Hoskins, the two winding up at 17 and 16, respectively. Gene Pendleton tapped in 15 for Joe Harper's Trojans with each member of the starting five hitting in double figures.

Monticello emerged as the class of the upper bracket by turning back a determined Bell County team even though mainstay Don Frye rode the bench with a minor illness for all but about 10 minutes.

The Trojans zoomed into a 15-5 lead early, but had to fight it out in the final minutes after Russ Miracle powered Bell County back into contention. Miracle scored 20 points and was a dogged rebounder and ball-hawker all through the contest.

Monticello held General Robbins, Bell County's chief scoring threat, to six points for three periods, but with Miracle showing the way, Robbins caught fire for 11 points in the final period rally that fell just short of success. Robbins netted 10 consecutive points at one stage of the fourth period.

Monticello scoring was evenly divided with Gene Pendleton getting 15, Kay Morris and Junior Peyton 14 apiece.

"Monticello and Flaget looks like the teams to beat so far," Thus reported Darrell Stearns, Middlesboro cage coach, who is keeping an eagle eye on state tourney doings for us in Louisville. And there is no doubt right now about either, although this is written before Flaget's game with Maysville. Flaget certainly proved its worth against Breathitt County in the first round, and Monticello has whipped Campbell County and now Bell County to reach the semifinals at noon today.

Monticello can be thankful for that opening outburst of speed against the Bell Bobcats. Running up an 11-0 lead proved the difference as the Cats clawed back with a desperate finish to come within four points of the Trojans of Joe Harper. Bell High can be proud of its comeback. Many a team would have lost heart after falling behind by such a large margin in such a big game. But not the Bobcats.

Russell Miracle and General Robbins proved themselves capable of gaining support for the all-tourney team, although it is difficult to make the team in just two games. Miracle proved he is one of the best rebounders in the state, and his scoring left nothing to be desired in the state meet, 41 points in two games.

Monticello stopped Robbins in the game, but the Trojans did a good job on all the Cats at that time. The shooting percentage of Bell High in the first four minutes was something less than one would write home about, but their late surge almost made up for it.

Jim Lee Crawford in the Courier-Journal gives out with the news that Jimmy Elliott of Pikeville may end up playing football and basketball at Bell High. Next year, Crawford wonders how the Bobcats need a quarterback in football, and guard in basketball with General Robbins and Wayne Walters both leaving. And Elliott can fill both bills. Crawford further points out that the Bobcats have had Larry Pursifull and Robbins in previous years, although they lived in other school districts. Regardless, that the Bobcats had the best of the boys who were going to their basketball games. And John Henry Sowder, quite a football player, has the boys want to do that.

Flaget certainly was the hottest thing to hit the 1960 Kentucky high school tourney in the first round. The Braves ran all over Breathitt County, sewing up the game early. We can't see any team beating the Braves out in the lower bracket.

Maysville surprised us with the three point win over Ashland, and Symsonia also surprised in beating Meade Memorial. Owensboro came through as expected, so we look now for Bobby Watson's Owensboro five to trounce Symsonia in today's quarter-finals.

Bell High will have its hands full with Monticello. Joe Harper, former London star and later a star at Eastern, has a rugged club that has certainly earned its way to the state meet. Having to beat Hazel Green and Wayne County in succession in the 12th region was no little feat, and the Trojans topped Campbell County in handy fashion Wednesday night.

The Bell Bobcats, however, may be a sort of a team of destiny. The Cats figured all along to be a tough team in the 13th region. But they disappointed in the SEKC race, Knox Central upsetting them twice and probably causing the Cats to miss out on second place in the conference chase. But since that last loss to Central, the Bobcats seem to have found themselves. So as long as General Robbins continues to hit, Russ Miracle and Philip Hoskins clear the backboards, and Wayne Walters and Virgil Johnson keep right on moving, the Bobcats won't be easy for anyone to handle. They may have taken most of the season to jell, and if this be true, some hard-core could be coming back from Louisville and the state tournament.

Monticello can boast of a slight better record than Bell High. The Trojans have scored 30 wins, against but a trio of losses.

The Trojans have been to the state four of the last five years, and this makes three in a row. And the trouncing they gave Ray Mills' Wayne County five in the regional finals is enough to make people sit up and take notice. That 82-63 win was hardly a fluke, but folks here can appreciate Bell High's job today when they remember that Wayne County handed Hazel Green a 78-54 shellacking during the regular season. And all Hazel Green did was win the SEKC in a walk.

Monticello is long on tournament experience, size, and above all the boys have the desire to go places. That is all any coach can ask of a team. And in Gene Pendleton, the Trojans have a boy making his fourth trip to the state tourney. As an eight grader, Pendleton was at the state meet back in 1956. He is the leading scorer of the club, but gets plenty of help. Don Frye is a senior, a 6-4, Kay Morris another senior at 6-3, and Junior Peyton, a 6-2 worked himself into a regular junior. Brother Paul Frye has berth, and is a junior at 5-9.

The three defeats for the Trojans were by a total of just six points. A four point loss to Ashland in the Ashland Tournament was increased by two point losses to Pikeville, and Seneca. So if the Bell Bobcats can scratch out a victory this afternoon in the opening quarterfinal game, they will have to established themselves as a definite threat for the state crown. And if they do lose, they will know the lost to quite a ball club.

Billy Thompson had this to say in the Lexington Herald Thursday concerning the Bell-Harrodsburg game.

"But it took a general to eliminate the Pioneers. General Robbins, who can knock the bottom out at 25 paces, forced Harrodsburg out of its zoned defense in the first half with his uncanny shooting and then quelled Harrodsburg's uprising in the final four minutes after the Pioneers sliced a point deficit to eight. Robbins quickly dropped through six straight points for a 54-44 lead and the Bobcats picked up their 28th victory in 32 starts."

# Bell High Friends Harrodsburg In Meet. 66-54

## Russ Miracle Hits 100 Pct. of Shots; Monticello Next Foe

LOUISVILLE — Bell County Bobcats earned a ticket to the quarterfinals Friday with a Wednesday night victory over giant-killer Harrodsburg, 66-54.

Willie Hendrickson's Bobcats, spurred on by record-breaking performances on the part of forward, Russell Miracle, turned back Aggie Sale's Pioneers in the second game of the opening session. Miracle set a tournament record when he seven of seven from the floor for a hundred percent effort, and copied that at the foul line for another perfect performance.

The Bobcats now meet Monticello of the 12th region in the Friday afternoon's opening game. Monticello tripped Campbell County by 76-59 in the 1960 state tourney opener.

An all-around job by Miracle, plus 22 points by Gene Robbins and Philip Hoskins' rebounding and 16 tallies carried the Bobcats past the Pioneer. Wayne Walters and Virgil Johnson came in for their share of the work, and Sam Hall filled in admirably while Miracle rested with four personals in the second half.

The two teams battled on even terms at 2-2 and 4-4 and on up near the close of the first quarter when Bell High spurred to a 13 lead. The Cats widened this gap to 20-13 a fourth of the way through the next period, and Robbins hit 22-13 before Harrodsburg scored again.

Big man, Ed Bodkins, fouled three early fouls and in the corner where he was as effective.

Bodkins picked up two free throws 24-15 lead, but Sanders down with a field goal.

A 15 foot, but Sanders also, Hoskins spun for a 28-19 lead, but Robbins hit 22-13 before Harrodsburg scored again.

Bodkins came through with a bucket, but Hoskins pivoted for another only to have Miller bring the count to 32-27. Miller missed a free throw, and Bell High played for one shot. With just two seconds left, Miracle was fouled and canned both free throws. Harrodsburg tried a long pass on the throw-in, but Miracle jumped up to intercept it, and fired from midfloor with the ball swishing through at the half-time horn, Bell now leading at 36-27.

The Cats made 12 of 14 shots, 44.8 from the field, and 10 of 11 charity shots. Harrodsburg had 13 of 33 from the field, and one of three free throws.

Bodkins opened the third with a free throw as Miracle picked up his third personal. Hoskins wheeled in a 15 footer and Miracle added a free toss for 39-28. Hoskins wheeled again for 41-28 but Bodkins got it back. Mobley hit 18 footer brought the margin back to 41-32, but Miracle's rebound made it 43-32. Hoskins added a free throw and Bodkins got two of the same with 1:53 left in the third. Mobley hit a fielder for the Pioneers, but Johnson's 20 footer cancelled it out for the Cats who led by 46-35 as the fourth period got underway.

Bodkins hit from the field and Miller added a free toss to bring Harrodsburg to 46-38 shortly after the opening of the fourth. Miracle made it 47-38. Hoskins 48-38 from the foul line. Bodkins hit a fielder, and quickly rebounded for another as the score became 48-42. Robbins calmly dropped in a pair of free throws and added a fielder. Then matched Mobley's fielder to leave the count at 44-44. Johnson tacked on a free throw, and a two pointer made it 57-44 before Bodkins hit. Sanders and Mobley added charity tosses, but Miracle's rebound got both back.

Bodkins, fouled by Johnson, hit two free throw shots, but Robbins did the same as Bodkins went out on five fouls. Mobley got two at the foul line, but so did Miracle and Miracle's fielder made it 66-52 before Miller's bucket closed out the scoring.

Bodkins tied with Robbins for individual scoring honors at 22 each. Miracle was next at 11 and Hoskins had 16. Mobley had 11 for Harrodsburg. The Bobcats had 23 of 51 from the field for a game average of 45.1 per cent, adding 20 of 24 at the free throw line. Harrodsburg had 13 of 33 from the field, and 10 of 11 charity shots.

Dr. Litkenhouse rates Bell County as one of the 16 team state tourney opening tonight at Louisville. We have a feeling the doctor could be wrong about that. Don't tell the Bobcats short.

Harrodsburg is one of the three clubs rated below Bell County. The Pioneers rate three points under the Bobcats during the regular season, but in tourney play seem to have an edge of 11 points.

It's our guess that the new state champion will come from the winner of one of three first round games. That could be the Campbell County and Monticello victor, Flaget and Breathitt winner, or Maysville and Ashland winner. Right now we will take the winner of Monticello and Campbell County to go all the way.

Nobody ever figured Harrodsburg would be around for the final sixteen, least of all the Pioneers and their coach, Aggie Sale. Sale is a former Kentucky Wildcat court great and has had some top ball clubs at Harrodsburg. This is his first trip to the state. Lexington Lafayette and Lexington Dunbar were supposed to rule the roost in the 11th region. Dunbar took dare of Lafayette in the district's first game, so Dunbar took over the role of favorite. Nobody convinced Harrodsburg it wasn't supposed to beat Dunbar, so the Pioneers came up with a 52-50 win in the regional semifinals last Friday. Thus their ticket to the state in a romp over Madison-Model in the finals.

The all-out effort over Dunbar, plus the one-sided triumph over Madison-Model, may have put the Pioneers over their

peak performance. At the same time Bell County was just reaching its peak in the win over Corbin Monday. Thus the Bobcats may have a carry-over into tonight's battle with Harrodsburg, and should emerge victorious.

Harrodsburg has a record of 23-6 for the year. This is but slightly less than the 27-5 mark by the Bobcats.

In Eddie Bodkins the Pioneers have a 6-6 boy who towers above any of the Bobcats. But Mr. Bodkins will have to be at his best if he hopes to control the boards over Bell High's Russell Miracle. Miracle was a demon on rebounding for the Cats during the district and regional tourneys. Unofficial statistics the other night had him with 18 rebounds to Corbin's 8 at one stage.

Terry Mobley and David Sanders are forwards for the Harrodsburg five. Each stands at 6-2, but Bell High can more than match them in Philip Hoskins and Virgil Johnson. General Robbins and Johnny Rogers, the latter of Harrodsburg are about even, but Wayne Walters of Bell High gives away height to guard Tommy Dedman who hits 6-1.

Fundamentally sound is the description of the Harrodsburg team. The Pioneers are supposed to have made but three mistakes in their upset of Dunbar. Such play is apt to bring about an upset at any time. However, fine defensive play by Bell High may be able to coax more than a trio of mistakes from Aggie Sale's crew. Meanwhile, the Bobcats have been going along with but few mistakes of their own. And with Robbins and Walters in form, the Bobcats should be able to cope with the tight zone defense taught by Coach Sale.

# Bell County And Corbin Clash Tonight For Right To Meet Harrodsburg

## Cumberland, Clay County Are Downed

Bell County vies with Corbin at 8 o'clock tonight in the Bell High gym for the 13th Region Tourney title.

The winner goes into state tourney play Wednesday night against Harrodsburg in the second game of the 1960 state event.

Bell High vanquished Cumberland by 84-58 and Corbin tipped Clay County by 65-54 in Sunday semifinals at the Bell

An avalanche of field goals in the first quarter buried Cumberland so deep the Redskins never were able to dig out as Bell High romped to an easy victory. Corbin had to fight every inch of the way to obtain its win over a scrappy Clay County five, although the Redhounds never once trailed in the contest.

The opening salvo fired by the Bobcats left Cumberland gasping for breath as Bell High opened up an 8-0 lead before the Redskins ever found the range. From 8-1 the Cats clawed into a 15-2 advantage and continued the assault until the first quarter ended at 23-4. All five starters got in the act as the Cats hit on 10 of 16 shots for a 62.5 percentage.

The second was virtually a repeat of the first as Bell High went right on scoring. Russell Miracle having one of his best nights. Miracle wound up with 23 points, six in succession at one time in the second stanza. By halftime Bell High was sitting atop at 54-20 lead, insurmountable to the Redskins. However, Cumberland never stopped trying. Fred P. [unclear] five scrapped all the way

and wound up with a respectable 58 points after getting off to such a disappointing start. In Isaac Crase, the Redskins presented a smooth operator who never became ruffled in all the excited going. Crase hit 18 points to top his team.

Willie Hendrickson used his reserves freely in the last half, giving them much needed experience and at the same time resting his regulars at intervals for the big game tonight. Robbins hit for 22 to follow Miracle in the scoring department, and the Bobcats ended up with a shooting percentage of 50.9 for the night on 29 of 57 shots.

Corbin's late season surge and fine tournament play has brought the Redhounds to the front in the statistics and the ratings. However, they must continue that same brand of ball if they hope to top the Bobcats who seemed to be reaching for their peak again Saturday night. All in all, the fans should be the ones to gain tonight as the two clubs battle fiercely for a spot in the state tournament.

This will be the third meeting of the year between Corbin and Bell County. It will be the rubber game, since each has captured one of the two previous tilts. They are close not only in ability, but so close in the Southeastern Kentucky Conference race that a slide rule may have to be employed to see which finished second to Hazel Green in the conference chase.

The first meeting at Corbin went to the Redhounds by a tally of 61-50. But in the return meeting at Bell High, the Bobcats prevailed in overtime by 49-44. Oddly enough, Bell High was hampered by illness when it copied its victory. Philip Hoskins, not even dressing for the game that night. But as of Saturday night, each team was at full strength.

The Bobcats have a slightly better season record. Willie Hendrickson's lads have copped 26 out of 31 starts. Corbin has picked up 21 victories against half a dozen defeats. So the two are still on practically even terms.

Corbin definitely has the most scoring punch. The Redhounds have amassed a total of 145 points in their 27 games for an average of 68.3 per game. The total

On defense, Bell High is definitely shown better in the statistics. The Bobcats have allowed 1458 in 31 games as against Corbin's 1533 in just 27 outings. That makes for a defensive average for Bell of 47.4 per game and for Corbin of 56.8 per game.

Comparing then, Corbin boasts a better offense of 72 points per game, but Bell County's defense shows up at 9.4 points per game. That would appear to give the Bobcats an edge of 2 points per game overall. So maybe the three point guess at the top of this column is backward.

The one deciding issue may be the bench strength. Here Corbin must take the nod. For Harry Taylor has two or three subs he can use without lowering the effectiveness of the first unit. Willie Hendrickson is not so blessed as his reserves are not quite of that calibre.

Each team has a fine playmaker - the Bobcats presenting General Robbins and the Redhounds Jerry Bible. Each guides the team on the floor, and each does a tremendous job. Billy Bird of Corbin and Wayne Walters of Bell High are capable running mates and it is a toss-up between the two although Walters has shown his best in tourney play.

Philip Hoskins, Russell Miracle and Virgil Johnson round out the starting Bell five. Miracle a wizard on the boards, facing these for Corbin are David Selvy, Mike Morton, and Dean White. Selvy is definitely the region scoring leader at this time, but Hoskins has been have good totals also. The same is true of Miracle and Morton, Johnson and White.

Bob Croley and Roger Bird and E. R. Hopper have seen lots of action for the Redhounds all year long. Sam Hall and Leon Ingram are the principal Bobcat reserves with Jimmy Elliott also seeing action. But overall, the Corbin trio has played more, and probably contributed much more to the scoring than the three for Bell High.

Still only five can play at one time, and if no one fouls out, no one get injured, then there is very little difference to make in the two clubs.

Charley Hunter of Evarts reports that Doc Turner, one of his cage players injured in an accident during the Christmas holidays, got back to school last Monday for the first time. Whether he will see more basketball action is doubtful at this time.

Corbin's hot shooting of Friday night was missing for a while in the second quarter Saturday. The Redhounds went four minutes and 18 seconds before registering a point.

Nominations thus far for all tournament might include Ronnie Shelton and Jerome Webb of Clay County; Mike Morton, David Selvy, and Jerry Bible of Corbin; General Robbins, Philip Hoskins, and Russ Miracle of Bell County; Isaac Crase and Dickie Jones of Cumberland; Winston Kilgore of Oneida along with Walt Cornbs; Bill Fultz and Ray Troutman of Knox Central; Wendell Johnson of Black Star; Jim Potter of Lone Jack.



# 63-59 For Region Title

## Robbins Scores 25; Harrodsburg Next Foe In Meet on Wednesday

Bell's battling Bobcats countered every move by Corbin's racing Redhounds last night to nail down the 13th Region title, 63-59, and earn a trip to the state tourney.

Willie Hendrickson's crew will face Harrodsburg's Pioneers in the second game of the Wednesday session at Freedom Hall, at approximately 9:45 p.m. Mid-diesboro time.

Bell High prevailed with a stunning brand of basketball that refused to let Corbin get up off the floor. The Hounds led but one time in the entire game, at 8-7 in the opening quarter. Bell High regained the lead then a moment later, and the Cats never gave it up again, although Corbin threatened time after time.

The entire Bell team showed to good advantage by taking a big hand in the victory. Hendrickson used but one sub, Sam Hall, when Virgil Johnson accumulated four persons.

Corbin called on eight players, but the vaunted reserve strength of the Redhounds failed to penetrate a tight Bell defense and the Bobcats proved themselves masters of every situation that confronted them.

### ALL-TOURNEY TEAM

Walt Combs, Oneida  
Bill Fultz, Knox Central  
Wendell Johnson, Black Star  
Isaac Crase, Cumberland  
Ronnie Shelton, Clay County  
David Selvy, Corbin  
Russell Miracle, Bell County  
Billy Jack Dennison, Lone Jack  
Jerry Bible, Corbin  
General Robbins, Bell County  
Philip Hoskins, Bell County  
Mike Morton, Corbin  
Wayne Walters, Bell County

Mike Morton and David Selvy made valiant efforts to keep Corbin going, Morton getting 16 of the first 22 points tallied by the Railroaders. Selvy came through in the late stages as the Hounds still had glimmering hopes.

Miracle opened the scoring with a free throw and Hoskins made it 3-0 on a jump shot. Selvy got the first Corbin counter, a free shot, and it was 3-1. Hoskins but Morton hit a onehander for 4-3. Miracle retaliated with a fielder, but Morton matched that. Robbins converted a free throw with Morton hitting again for a 7-7 stalemate.

Selvy gave Corbin a lead at 8-7 with 4:52 left, but Bible missed a chance for the Hounds' farther out front. Johnson sank two charity shots as Bell High went back in front by 9-8, and Selvy missed from the foul line to leave it there. However, Selvy hit a fielder for Corbin's last lead at 10-9. Wayne Walters caged a two-pointer and Bell High at 11-10 was out front to stay. Robbins connected from the field for his first two-pointer and the quarter ended at 13-10 for the Cats.

Robbins made it 15-10 to start the second, scoring on a tipoff. Morton matched it, then sank another to pull his hounds up at 15-14. Here Bell High bounced into a streak of 8 in a row, with Robbins hitting two frees, a fielder, another fielder, and Hoskins adding two frees for a 23-14 margin.

That was the signal again for Morton who fired from the field, then added two free shots. Selvy hit a fielder, and Morton came back with two more charity shots as the scoreboard read 23-22 for the Cats.

Hoskins hit two fouls and a fielder as Bell rocked up four in a row with Morton hitting again for Corbin, and Bible converting one of two at the foul line. Miracle laid in a crisp shot for Bell just before the horn to give the Bobcats a halftime lead of 29-25.

Foul shots by Selvy and Bible at the start of the second half reduced the margin by half, but

Miracle got one back and Hoskins recaptured the other. Robbins hit from the field as Bell went into a 34-28 lead, then Walters' foul throw made it 35-28. Back came the Hounds with four straight points on goals by Morton and Bible, but Robbins nullified one with his own field goal. White picked up a free shot, but Walters got a fielder before Bible and Hoskins traded out from the field. Selvy hit and so did Bible as Corbin closed the gap to 41-39, but Robbins dropped in a pair of free tosses. Walters followed suit and Bell led by 45-41 as Billy Bird hit a fielder just before the horn.

Miracle's free throw made it 46-41 to start the final chapter. Bird scored for Corbin, but Robbins and Walters hit two free good shots each for the Bobcats who now led by 51-45 as Walters converted two more to match Selvy's lay-up goal. Robbins ran the county to 53-45 but Selvy's fielder, Bible's two charity conversions, and another by White sliced the difference to 53-50. Miracle and Johnson and Robbins hit in quick succession to run the count to 59-50 with less than three minutes remaining. Morton came up with two, R. Bird hit two free throws but Robbins cancelled them out. R. Bird hit two more free shots and Miracle matched them, but Selvy cut it to 62-57 with 59 seconds left. Bird, Roger, laid in a crisp after a Corbin steal and it was only 62-59. With 19 seconds left, Robbins hit one of two free shots and that made the final score of 63-59.

Robbins came up with 25 after a slow start to top the Cats in the scoring department. Hoskins had 12, Walters and Hoskins each as the Cats spread out their scoring. Morton's 24 easily led the Redhounds who outgunned the Cats 21-18 from the field, but trailed at the charity line by 27-17. Selvy added 15 to his year's total for second place among the Hounds.

The defensive figures quoted here yesterday stood up over the rating system and the offensive as Bell High toppled Corbin last night in the finals of the 13th region. Defensive figures proved Bell High stops by a couple of points over Corbin's advantage in the offensive department. The rating system had Corbin atop by three points, the Bobcats ignored that as they fought their way to a well-deserved regional title to go along with the district halo.

The stands were already a third full when we entered at 6:50. Understand some of the fans had been there ever since 5:30.

The Bobcats wanted the goal near the highway for the first half. They got it by sending out a few subs to practice there long before the full squad appeared. First on the floor, Bell High showed up at approximately 7:18. The Redhounds of Corbin followed two or three minutes later to warm up near the stage.

The Bobcat band was on hand for the first time during the tourney. With school out, and road conditions far from safe off the main highways, the students of Bell High and members of the band hardly had a chance to be present in a body before last night.

The crowd filled the gym to overflowing. Saturday's semifinals—had the weather been good—would have been played to a turn-away crowd. That brings on the idea that the next time Bell High hosts the 13th, the semifinals very likely will be broken down to a two night stand. The upper bracket on Friday night. That would necessitate starting the tourney on Tuesday night instead of Wednesday as is the present plan. The 12th Region at Somerset has followed the plan above, and all the teams and the fans have profited from it. More fans are accommodated and the teams make more money.

One of our note says that David Selvy put Corbin ahead for first time at the 4:52 mark of the first quarter. Virgil Johnson tied it at 3:15 mark, and sank another free throw to regain the lead for the Cats.

Selvy had another chance at the foul line with 2:34 to go, but missed and the Bobcats went on the rest of the way.

Mike Morton kept Corbin alive throughout the first half. He came up with 10 of the first 22 and had 16 of the first 22. He wound up with 24, second only to General Robbins.

Each team had its big inning. Right at the start of the second session, Bell High rammed in 8 straight points. But Corbin came right back with 8 of its own before Bell High got to a row.

Halftime talk from officials and coaches present revealed the belief that the fans were seeing two well-coached quads in action. There were few mechanical errors in the entire game. The Corbin defense was not as stout as in previous outings, but the Bobcats stuck to the Redhounds and proved themselves tops in the defensive department.

# Clay County Upset By Bell, 59-45, Falls to 2nd Place

Russell Miracle led Bell High in a 59-45 lacing of Clay County Wednesday night on the Bell High floor.

The big Bobcat junior was all over the floor, hauling in more rebounds than all the rest of the Bobcats combined, and probably getting as many as Clay County. In addition, he dented the scoring column for 13 points, many of his buckets coming at opportune moments to keep a comfortable Bobcat lead.

The defeat jolted Clay County out of first place in the SEKC, lifting Hazel Green to the top spot. It also put Bell High very much in the conference running if the Cats can manage to win all the rest of their games.

Paced by Miracle's brilliant backboard play, the Bobcats got off to an early lead and piled up a 23-8 advantage before the visiting Tigers realized what had happened. Finally, Coach Spider Thurman turned the game over to his second team, and the reserves played the Bobcats on better than even terms while the regulars sat it out on the bench for the last three quarters.

The game started fast with Miracle dropping in a fielder's shot and Crawford matching it for Clay County. Hoskins hit as the teams made it three goals in three tries. Clay missed a shot, but Crawford got the ball and dumped it in for a 4-4 deadlock. That was the last time the Tigers were ever in the ball game, although they did manage to stay within catching distance but could never get up the necessary head of steam. Hoskins and Miracle came through with goals for an 8-4 lead, and Anderson cut it by two. Johnson scored on a Bell fast break for 10-6, and Shelton got the two points back for 10-8. At this point, the Bobcats took off for the next 13 points to make it 23-8, leading at the quarter by 16-8. Smith finally broke the Clay frigid spell with a free throw, and Bell went on to a 30-16 halftime advantage. The Clay reserves cut it down by one during the third period, but the Bobcats got that one back exactly in the fourth to win by 14.

Burnette 2	Brown 6
Thompson	Cottingham 2
Smith	Walker 1
Hampton	
Bell	15 11 13 16 59
Clay	8 8 14 12 45

Hoskins was the top scorer of the game with 18. General Robbins picked up 14. Jimmy Hughes, soph, paced Clay County with 13.

Henderson Settlement dropped a 59-49 decision Tuesday night at Woodbine. The Trojans picked up their victory margin in the first half and the Bears couldn't overcome it, although they regained five in the third session. Jones was the top scorer with 17 for Henderson with Bill Patterson hitting 16 to top Woodbine.

Big George LeForce set a new individual scoring record for Williamsburg Tuesday, pouring in 40 to eclipse the old mark of 38. But the Yellow Jackets still went down before Knox Central, 19-35, as only two other Jackets tallied. Phipps was the big man for Central with a 25-point total.

Bell 59	Clay 45
Miracle 13	Shelton 2
Johnson 3	Crawford 4
Hoskins 18	Webb
Robbins 14	Anderson 2
Walters 5	Smith 1
Hall 2	Richardson 6
Ingram	Hughes 13
Elliott 2	Hensley 8

# Russ Miracle Hits 100 Pct. of Shots; Monticello Next Foe

LOUISVILLE — Bell County's Bobcats earned a ticket to the quarterfinals Friday with a Wednesday night victory over giant-killer Harrodsburg, 66-54.

Willie Hendrickson's Bobcats, spurred on by record-breaking performances on the part of forward Russell Miracle, turned back Aggie Sale's Pioneers in the second game of the opening session. Miracle set a tournament record when he seven of seven from the floor for a hundred percent effort, and copied that at the foul line for another perfect performance.

The Bobcats now meet Monticello of the 12th region in the Friday afternoon's opening game. Monticellon tripped Campbell County by 76-59 in the 1960 state tourney opener.

An all-around job by Miracle plus 22 points by General Robbins and Philip Hoskins' rebounding and 16 tallies carried the Bobcats past the Pioneer. Wayne Walters and Virgil Johnson came in for their share of the work and Sam Hall filled in admirably while Miracle rested with four personals in the second half.

The two teams battled on even terms at 2-2 and 4-4 and on up near the close of the first quarter when Bell High spurted to a 16-13 lead. The Cats widened this gap to 20-13 a fourth of the way through the next period, and Robbins made it 22-13 before Harrodsburg could score again. Harrodsburg's big man, Ed Bodkins, drew three early fouls and played the corner where he was not quite as effective.

Johnson picked up two free throws for a 24-15 lead, but Sanders cut it down with a field goal. Walters hit a 15 foot, but Sanders cancelled that also. Hoskins spun in a fielder for a 28-19 lead, but Miller matched it for the Pioneers and Dedman's long shot made it 28-23 before Robbins hit at 2:2 for 30-23.

Bodkin came through with a bucket, but Hoskin's pivoted for another only to have Miller bring the count to 32-27. Miller missed a free throw, and Bell High played for one shot. With just two seconds left, Miracle was fouled and canned both free throws. Harrodsburg tried a long pass on the throw-in, but Miracle jumped up to intercept it, and fired from midfloor with the ball swishing through at the half-time horn, Bell now leading at 36-27.

The Cats made 13 of 29 for 44.8 from the field, and 10 of 11 charity shots. Harrodsburg had 13 of 33 from the field, and one of three free throws.

Bodkin opened the third with a throw as Miracle picked up third personal. Hoskin wheeled

to nine at 41-32, but Miracle's rebound made it 43-32. Hoskins added a free throw and Bodkins got two of the same with 1:53 left in the third. Mobley hit a fielder for the Pioneers, but Johnson's 20 footer cancelled it out for the Cats who led by 46-35 as the fourth period got underway.

Bodkins hit from the field and Miller added a free toss to bring Harrodsburg to 46-38 shortly after the opening of the fourth Miracle made it 47-38 Hoskins 48-38 from the foul line Bodkins hit a fielder, and quickly rebounded for another as the score became 48-42. Robbins calmly dropped in a pair of free throws and added a fielder, then matched Mobley's fielder to leave the count at 54-44. Johnson tacked on a free throw, and a two pointer made it 57-44 before Bodkins hit. Sanders and Mobley added charity tosses, but Miracle's rebound got both back.

Bodkins, fouled by Johnson, hit two free throw shots, but Robbins did the same as Bodkins went out on five fouls. Mobley got two at the foul line, but so did Miracle and Miracle's fielder made it 66-52 before Miller's bucket closed out the scoring.

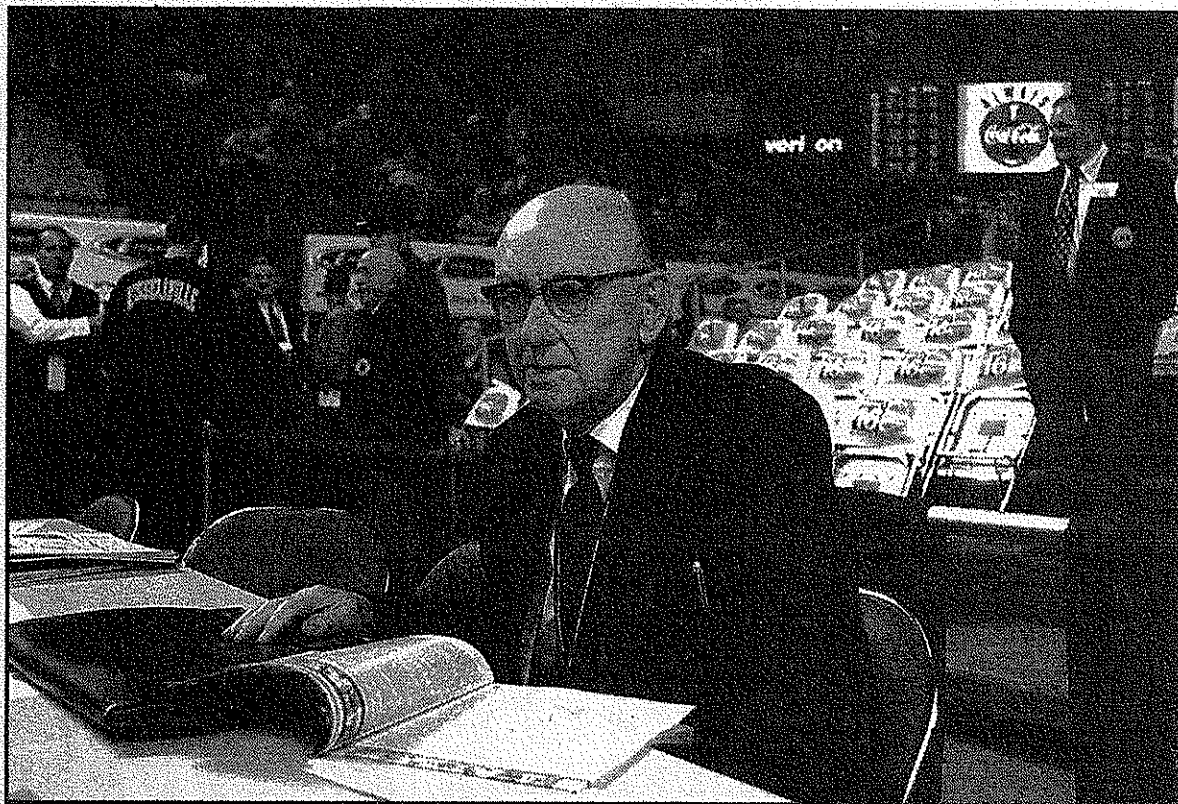
Bodkins tied with Robbins for individual scoring honors at 22 each. Miracle was next at 1 and Hoskins had 16. Mobley had 11 for Harrodsburg. The Bobcats had 23 of 51 from the field for a game average of 45.1 per cent, adding 20 of 24 at the free throw line. Harrodsburg canned 22 of 61 for 36.1 per cent, and had 10 of 17 at the foul line.

Bell County 66 Harrodsburg 54

Hall	Sanders	7
Miracle 21	Rogers	
Hoskins 16	Bodkins	22
Robbins 22	Dedman	7
Walters 2	Miller	7
	Mobley	11
	Boyd	

Bell County	16	20	10	20	66
Harrodsburg	13	14	8	19	54

Referees: George Conley and Doc Ferrell.



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**John McGill**, who wrote the book on Sweet Sixteen heroics and updates it each year, sat on press row yesterday at his 66th state tournament.

## BURDETTE: McGill has handle on history of event

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mance: Hagan's 44-point, 25-rebound game in 1949 and Farmer's 51 points in 1978.

But as he headed toward center court, the man who brought down the house, who received a standing ovation, was the King. The Wayland Wasp.

King Kelly Coleman.

"He's *still* the King," one fan said.

It was the first time Coleman has ever returned to the event where his name remains, more than any other, the stuff of pure legends.

One big reason:

In the 1956 consolation game, Wayland beat Bell County 122-89.

Coleman scored 68.

No matter which of the four remaining teams wins the state title, today will be a ride to remember.

Members of the South Floyd High Raiders, who were eliminated in the opening round, have already enjoyed theirs, however.

It happened before they got to Rupp.

After capturing the regional title, the Raiders were honored with a parade. Emergency lights whirling, sirens screaming, horns honking — not only did it proceed through Prestonsburg, the county seat, but to and through rival cities Paintsville and Pikeville as well.

It wasn't a case of gloating, says Pete Grigsby, who broadcast South Floyd's state tournament game.

"It isn't a matter of rubbing it in. The winner always does it. It's a celebration. All over Floyd, Johnson and Pike county.

"It's a tradition. They were doing it back in the 1950s when I was playing."

Another favorite from McGill's considerable storehouse of tournament memories:

In a 1960 tournament game, a Bell County player hit two free throws; then, after intercepting a deep inbound pass, swished one from near half court.

Result: four points in two seconds.

His name: Russell Miracle.

Time has not tarnished Carlisle County's valiant but heartbreaking triple-overtime, 35-33 loss to Henry Clay in the 1983 state championship game.

But it has the runner-up trophy that sits in a display case in a school corridor.

Although it is only 18 years old, the lettering is so faded, it is already illegible.

Best cheer of the day:

Louisville Male's contingent, in response to a loud cheer by South Laurel fans seated at the opposite end of the playing floor:

"WE CAN'T

"... HEAR YOU

"WE CAN'T

"... HEAR YOU ..."



## R. Miracle Is Named

LOUISVILLE (UPI)—The Kentucky State High School All-Tournament team selected by sportswriters and broadcasters covering the state tournament included three players from state champion Flaget and two from Monticello.

Flaget players named were Tom Finnegan, Ted Deeken, and John McGill. From the runnerup Monticello Trojans, Don Frye and Gene Pendleton were chosen.

Other all-tournament players selected were Randy Embury of Owensboro, James Rhew of Symsonia, Russ Miracle of Bell County, Charlie Gill of Maysville, and Walter Gee of Hopkinsville Athletics, who took tournament scoring honors with 100 points in four games.

Russell Miracle was selected as a member of the all-tourney team. We had wondered whether two games would be enough to give Miracle a fighting chance, although we were sure he had displayed enough prowess to be one of the all-star selections. Yet people often get funny ideas when it comes to voting for all-tourney teams. For instance, Corbin's Mike Morton had quite a time making the regional team last week in the 13th, yet no one individual outplayed the Redhound in three straight games.

Miracle left the people talking with his uncanny shooting percentage for the two teams. Had he not made the all-tourney, one would have cause to wonder just what it would take to gain the honors.

## 20 Points Are Scored By Miracle

LOUISVILLE — Bell's battling Bobcats were bumped from the state tourney here Friday afternoon by Monticello, 69-65.

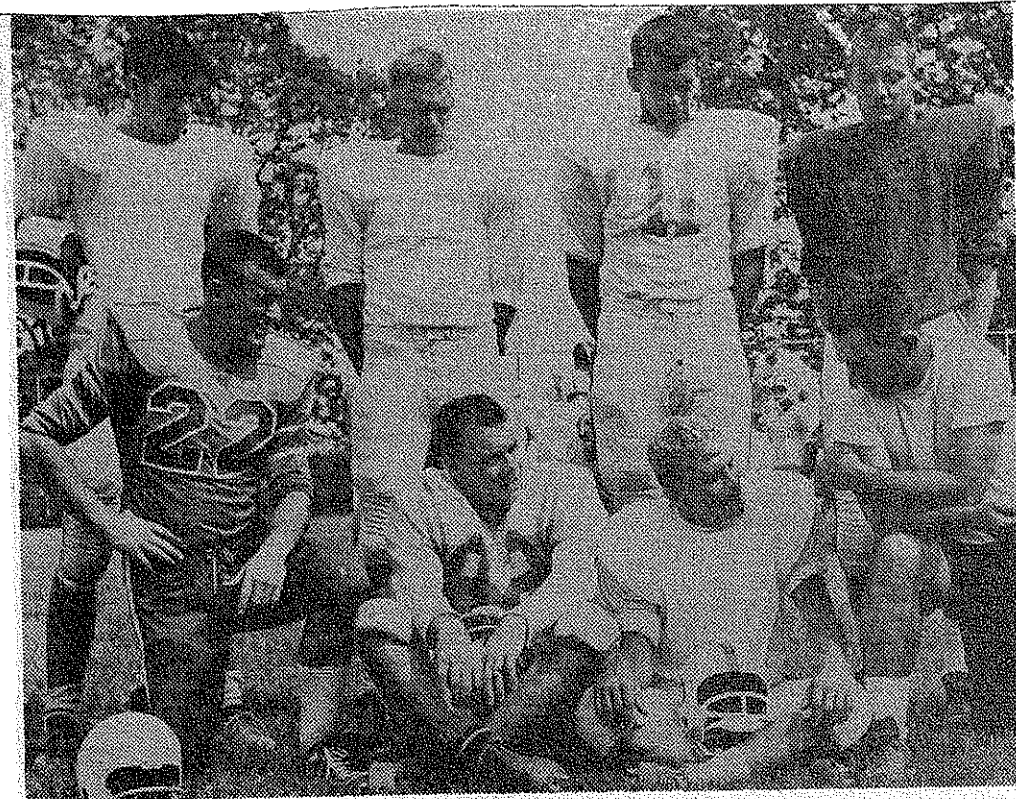
A stirring finish by the clawing Cats fell short when time ran out, after the Trojans had everything sewed up tight, apparently, with the last quarter half gone.

Actually, the first four minutes proved the downfall of the spirited Cats. They saw Monticello gallop out to an 11-0 lead before they could hit their first point. Try as they might after that, the Bobcats just couldn't catch up.

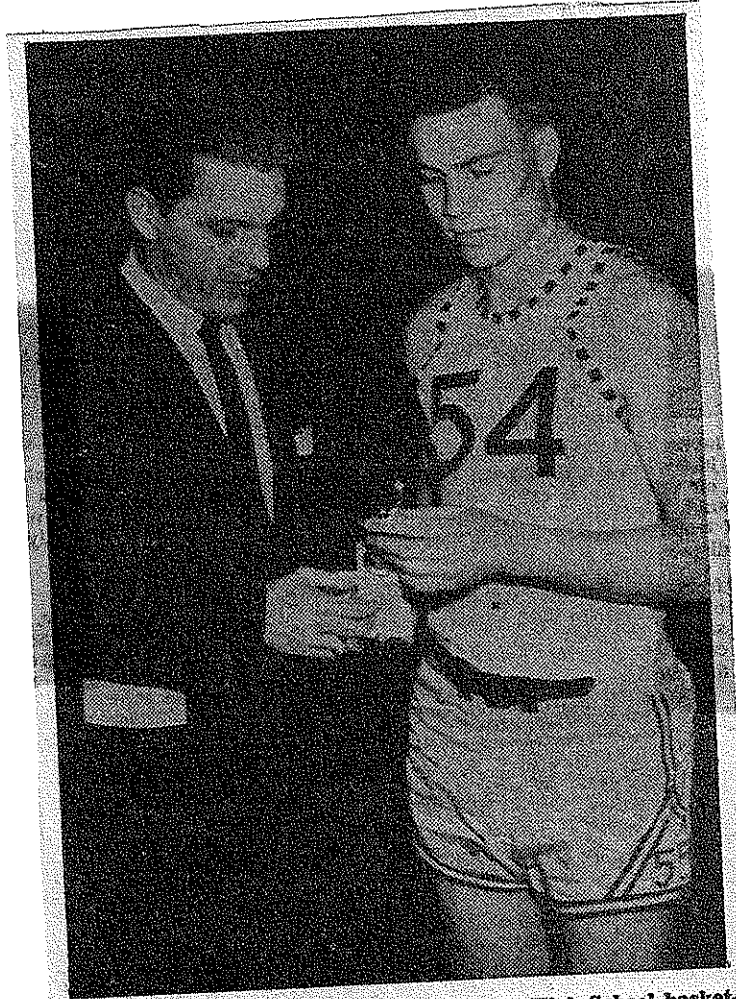
From the 11-0 advantage, Monticello banged away for a 23-11 lead at the first stop. Bell made its first move early in the second to pull up at 32-29, but the Trojans spurted again and went to the dressing room with a 43-30 halftime lead.

Russell Miracle continued to display a fiery brand of basketball as he paced both teams in the scoring department with a total of 20 points. Miracle sank 7 of 9 field goal attempts to give him 14 of 16 for the two tourney appearances, a percentage of 87.5. General Robbins started late, and so did Phil Hoskins, the two winding up at 17 and 16, respectively. Gene Pendleton tapped in 15 for Joe Harper's Trojans with each member of the starting five hitting in double figures.

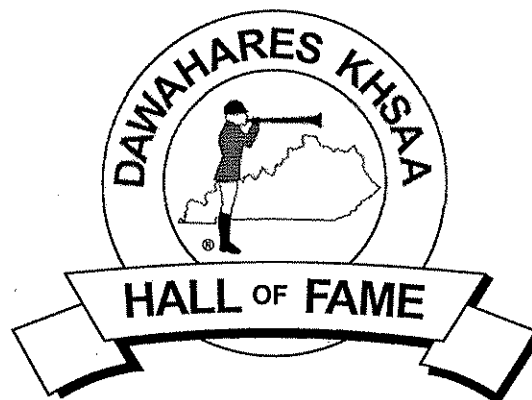
Monticello 69		Bell 65	
D. Frye	10	Miracle	20
Pendleton	15	Johnson	4
P. Frye	10	Hoskins	16
Morris	14	Robbins	17
Peyton	14	Walters	8
Edwards	6	Hall	
Monticello	23 20 10 16-69		
Bell	11 19 14 21-65		



**TALKING IT OVER**—Head Coach Ed Miracle of the East football team takes time out from practice to talk over his team's chances for a victory Saturday afternoon with his quarterbacks and halfbacks. Shown talking to Miracle are front row: Howard Mize, Russell Miracle, Ken Allen and Coach Miracle; (second row) Darwin Turpin, Johnny Davis, Mike Minix, and David Brooks. (Leader photo).



**BELL'S BEST IN TOURNEY**—Bell County High School basketball coach Willie Hendrickson and Russell Miracle admire the trophy Miracle won for being named to the Kentucky high school all-tournament team. Miracle, 17, of Brownie's Creek, was the only junior named. Bell High lost to Monticello in Louisville after defeating Harrodsburg. Miracle hit 87.5 per cent of his field goal attempts at the tournament.



## DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME

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