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Sportline

Deaton and Gumm, a 21-year success story

by Larry Tucker
R-H Sports Editor

Basketball is off and running as both Green County boys and girls squads began seasonal play this week.

Marty Glanzer's Lady Dragons and Carl Deaton's Boy Dragons (71) each appear to be in a similar situation this season. Both are long on hustle, but short in size.

The girls have been working since school began. They started with a weight lifting/running program, then progressed into actual basketball practice.

If good quickness and a desire to win can compensate for size, they'll have a mighty fine season. If nothing else, with the wide-open, running brand of ball Glanzer plans to use, they should

be fun to watch.

Their record entering the district tournament? With a little luck, a 11-11 mark is possible.

Coch. Carl Deaton's starting five is composed of five good short players. And in the world of basketball, when good short players are matched against good tall players, the taller ones usually win out.

On paper, Green County could be in for a long season.

But games aren't won on paper, as many a team has found out over the years. Should the players perform to their potential, play intelligently, stay within their limits, an upset or two could be Green's down the road.

Their record? Should GC go 12-11, Carl Deaton will win Fifth

Region Coach of the Year. Ron Bevers or not.

Green County's first scrimmage was against Gamahel, a regional runner-up last year. Their second scrimmage was against Bardonia, a regional runner-up last year. And their first game was against Breckinridge County, you guessed it, a regional runner-up last year.

An interesting observation by a long-time Greensburg basketball person: Inch for inch, man for man, the 1981-82 Dragon team lines up the same as the 1960-61 squad did.

That team, led by Weldon Wilcoxson and Joe Foster, won 23 games. That team was also the first coached by Carl Deaton.

Deaton, the dean of Fifth Region coaches, is entering his 25th year on the bench. For three seasons, he was an assistant coach to Dick Shrewsbury.

Deaton then became head coach. He's held that position for the past 21 seasons.

When Deaton was named coach, Greensburg hired a new assistant basketball coach as well. He was also the head baseball coach. His name was Larry Gumm.

For the last 21 years, Deaton and Gumm have set side-by-side through thick and thin. Gumm has trained the freshmen and junior varsity boys, preparing them for Deaton, who guided them on the varsity level.

In those two-plus decades,

Green County has won 366 games, lost 189.

During that time, Greensburg has been consistently competitive with larger, more populated towns, such as Campbellsville, Glasgow, and Elizabethtown. While Green Countians may complain about the bigger town's livelier social life, bigger and more industry, and other advantages they have over a smaller community, one fact stands clear: on the basketball floor, Greensburg, more often than not, has come away winners against the big boys.

For such a small school, with such a small population to draw from, Greensburg's accomplishments in the roundball sport have been nothing short of incredible.

As an example, for seven of the last nine years, Green County has advanced into the regional tournament. The two years they didn't make it, they lost out by a total of three points.

In those nine years, the Dragons have won 156 games, lost 75. That's a winning percentage of 71%.

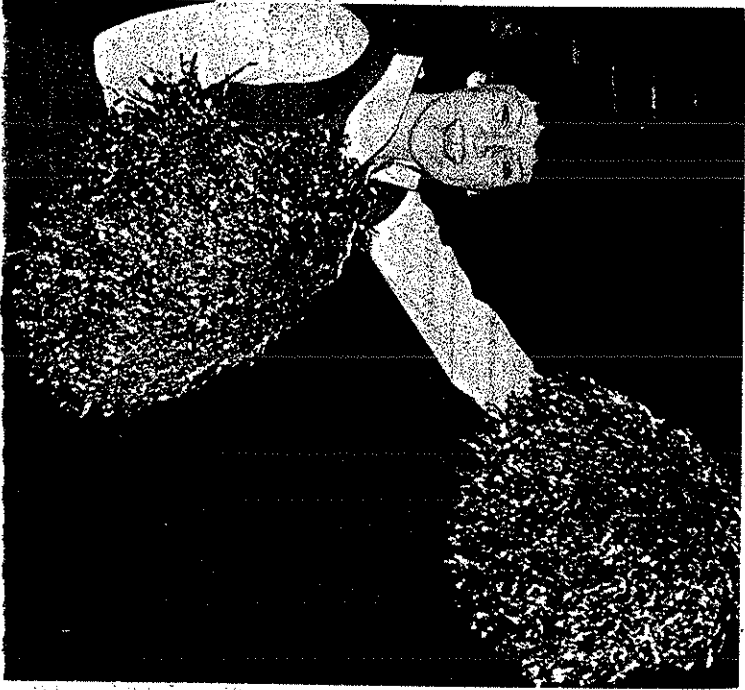
In the last two seasons alone, GC has won an 8-team Christmas tournament, a conference tournament, a district tournament, been district runner-up, and regional runner-up.

A win or loss in one or two "big" games doesn't make a coach a genius or a flop.

A coach has to withstand the test of time, prove himself over hundreds of games and dozens of years.

By that standard, Carl Deaton and Larry Gumm stand tall.

They've turned out some mighty fine players, and some pretty decent teams, as well. And the good thing is, they're still going strong.



Green wins in Jamboree

The Green County boys

1981-82 Green Co

Nov. 24	Breckinridge Co.
Dec. 1	Campbellsville
Dec. 4	Marion Co.
Dec. 8	Hart Co.
Dec. 11	Russell Co.
Dec. 15	Adair Co.
Dec. 17-19	Coville Holiday Classic
Jan. 5	Adair Co.
Jan. 8	Larue Co.
Jan. 12	Cavena
Jan. 15	Barran Co.
Jan. 19	Washington Co.



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Sports beat

Deaton a 66% winner; 8th grade unbeaten to meet

by "Dragon-Jim" Brady

As expected, the current basketball season has developed into another highly entertaining one for local fans. The development of Green County center Peter DiStefano, Campbellsville College guard Jeff Gumm, and the Greensburg eighth grade team, among other items, has been the topic of conversation around many roundball circles this year.

Looking at things one at a time...

Green County's 6'3", 185 pound senior Peter DiStefano has developed into one of the best, if not the best, centers in the Fifth Region. With averages of over 20 points and 13 rebounds a game (which leads the entire region). DiStefano has become the major force behind the Dragons' 9-5 record (as of this writing).

His aggressiveness, hustle, and inside power game is the primary reason the Dragons are one of the contenders for SKAC honors this week.

How would DiStefano and the Dragons stack up against the "yardstick" of the Fifth Region this year, 6'9" Bob Burrow and the North Hardin Trojans?

"Peter would foul Burrow out," said one observer who has witnessed the Trojans. "Peter is quicker, stronger, and jumps better. He (DiStefano) is the best center in the region, no doubt about it."

And how would the Dragons fare in a possible match with North Hardin?

"We would have to be awfully lucky, and everything would have to fall into place, but it's possible we could give them a good game."

Lest anyone forget, North Hardin has been among the top

Green County had hopes of carrying a six game winning streak into SKAC play against Caverna, but the shocking loss at Metcalfe County last Friday broke the string—the Green/Caverna winner plays either Tompkinsville or Metcalfe in the semi-finals. The winner there would probably face Adair County or Glasgow in the Saturday night championship game.

Entering the current season, Carl Deaton had a 20-year record of 366 wins, 189 losses as GCHS coach. He's also been at one school longer than any other coach in the state. The wins and losses transfer into an excellent 66%.

In anyone's book, that's a job well done.

While this year's team may not have as much overall talent as some squads in the past, Deaton's Dragons have shown that a hustling defense, good offensive teamwork, and a never-say-die attitude (such as against LaRue County) can win games, as well.

That's not to say, however, there's a complete absence of roundball skills. Because on a given night, Joey Bush and Tim Jeffries are as good a pair of forwards as you'll find in the area.

Musical chairs continued to be played at the guard positions. Todd Tucker, Brent Milby, Greg Gumm, Anthony Anderson, and Ricky Davis all see action, which will make for a healthy bench situation come tournament time.

A game to look forward to is the season's final regular season contest at Cumberland County.

Their 6'5" junior center, Steve McDonald, poured in 51 points in a game earlier this year.

hitting an unreal 75% of his field goal attempts. He's also in the conference's top ten in assists.

Gumm, who led the Fifth Region in scoring as a high school sophomore and senior, will step into a starting position next year. It won't be surprising to see him and guard runningmate Cecil Ellis, set the nets afire with their long-range jumpers.

The Tigers, who have been rated as high as 17th nationally, have one of the nation's leading rebounders in 6-5 center James Boulware (a North Hardin grad who's grabbing 14 a game).

Remaining home games are January 30 vs. Cinch Valley, February 9 vs. Union, and February 14 against Georgetown.

The Greensburg eighth grade basketball team, under the guidance of coach David Spachman, has rolled to a 100 record thus far. But they may meet their match Monday afternoon, February 2, when an equally undefeated Bardstown team comes to town.

Bardstown boasts a front line of 6'1", 6-1, and 6-2. How Greensburg, with no one over 5-11, can combat them should be an interesting test.

But on the other hand, how Bardstown can neutralize the high-powered Greensburg outfit remains to be seen, too.

Names most often mentioned from the early 1960's Greensburg teams include Harry Kessler, Danny Butler, and Ronnie Rattliff.

Don't look now, but three starters on the eighth grade team are sons of the above trio. They are forwards William Lewis

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Deaton inducted into Morehead Hall of Fame

By Chris Blaydes

Carl Deaton, former Green County High School basketball, cross country and track coach, has been elected to the Morehead University Hall of Fame in a ceremony held at the Adron Doran University Center.

Deaton attended Morehead from 1953-57 where he lettered four years each in cross country and track.

During his four years, Deaton accomplished many different achievements while at Morehead. Deaton was the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) cross country champion three years. He also won the OVC mile, half-

mile and two-mile championships in track several different times.

Deaton was named Kentucky's Trackman of the Year in 1954. This award was given to the best college runner in the state during the past year.

A stat that shows how dominant Deaton was is the fact that he never lost a home cross country meet during his career at Morehead. He also set a new course record every home cross country meet that he ran in his career.

Deaton also had an outstanding career coaching at Green County High School. Deaton had

the time consuming responsibility of coaching three different sports, but was still good enough to win regional titles in each sport on his way to 17 regional titles in all while at Green County.

During his 26-years as head coach of basketball, Deaton compiled an overall record of 397-301 with nine 20-win seasons, one regional title, two regional runners-up, and two SKAC championships.

In over 30 years of coaching track, Deaton led his teams to 10 regional titles, and he led six cross country teams to regional titles.



Morehead State University's 1994 Homecoming festivities was the setting for induction ceremonies for five individuals into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Honored at the banquet for their influence in sports were, from left, Carl Deaton of Greensburg, track;

Walt Terrell of Union, baseball; Martha Ruse Sizemore of Independence, volleyball; Frank Robertson of Lexington, football; Lawrence Carter of Vero Beach, Florida, football and basketball, and Louis Rogan of Columbus, Ohio, football.

Prolific Green County team m

By ED PEAK

Courier-Journal Correspondent

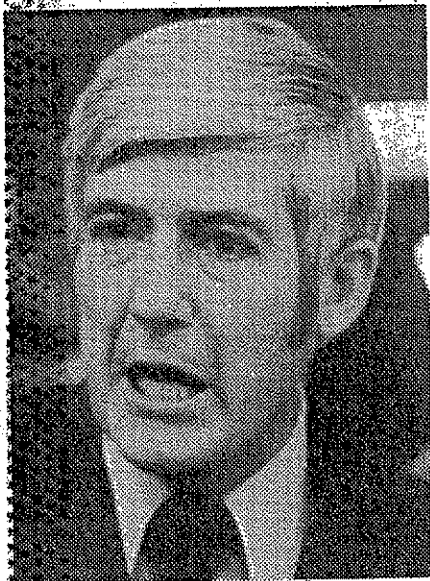
No one should ever doubt the scoring abilities of the Green County basketball team this season. After 11 games, the Greensburg school is averaging 86 points per outing.

The Fifth Region team has scored in the 80s fives times and the 90s three times, and it broke the century mark in a 121-68 win over Hart County.

"We do have excellent shooters," said Green County's Carl Deaton, who is in his 20th year as head coach. "We do get the ball down court and in the basket. We're a running team with good quickness."

Green County has won nine of 11 games, including the championship of the Campbellsville Holiday Classic. "All of our kids are in good shape," said Deaton. "Our weakness is, we aren't a good rebounding team, or defensive team."

So far, Green County hasn't shown many weaknesses, though. It lost at Russell County 71-61 on Dec. 14 and at Adair County 89-69 Tuesday night, though it had beaten the latter team earlier this season. It owns two wins



Staff Photo by Paul Schuhmann

Carl Deaton

In 20th season at the helm

BOYS' BASKETBALL

over Fifth Region favorite Taylor County. It is ranked 20th in the state and first in its region according to *The Courier-Journal's* Litkenhous Ratings.

"If our team can continue to play good offensive ball and stay healthy, we can be a regional contender," said Deaton.

Four of Green County's five starters are averaging in double figures, led by 5-foot-11 senior guard Jeff Gumm with 28.2 points a game.

"We had a good shot at winning the region last year," said Deaton. "But Jeff missed eight to 10 games early in the season with a knee injury and never did get 100 percent."

Gumm worked hard during the summer to get himself into top physical shape for his senior season. "He got back into shape and has stayed healthy ever since. He's going full steam," Deaton said.

As a freshman, Gumm averaged 17

GIRLS' LITKENHOUS RATINGS

GIRLS' TOP 20		REGION 1		REGION 2		REGION 3		REGION 4		REGION 5		REGION 6		REGION 7		REGION 8		REGION 9		REGION 10		REGION 11		REGION 12		REGION 13		REGION 14		REGION 15																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
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team might be Deaton's best

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Fifth Region favorite Taylor County trailed 20-10 in the state and first region according to *The Courier* and *Litton's Ratings*.

Our team can continue to play offensive ball and stay healthy, we are a regional contender," said Deaton.

One of Green County's five starters averaging 15 double figures, led by 11 senior guard Jeff Gumm with 24 points a game. "I had a good shot at winning the last year," said Deaton. "But Jeff caught a cold and never did 10 points early in the season with a knee injury and never did 10 points."

Gumm worked hard during the summer to get himself into top physical shape for the senior season. "He got into shape and has stayed healthy since. He's going full steam," Deaton said.

The freshman Gumm averaged 17

points a game and led the region by averaging 20 points a game as a sophomore and 19 during his junior campaign. This season Gumm is hitting 62 percent of his shots from the field and also is the team's leading passer with 61 assists.

"I don't think he's one of the better players I've seen in my 20 years," said Deaton. "I think he's one of the best guards in the state this year, and I've seen a lot of them. He does a lot of things other guards can't do. He's very quick and he jumps well."

It probably would be a mistake, however, for anyone to assume that Green County is a one-man team. Forward Jim Perkins, a 5-foot-1 senior, is averaging 19.4 points a game and is shooting 57.1 percent from the field. "His strongest suit is shooting," said Deaton. "He's one of the best shooters from outside I've seen around these parts."

Mike Jones, Green County's leading rusher in football as a halfback, is the other forward at a smallish 5-11. He averages 15 points a game.

Similarly, he doesn't have it to re-

bound," Deaton said. "But he is aggressive. He's a good outside shooter, he's quick and a good passer. He's a streak player, but he gets the job done in the stretch."

Peter DiStefano, a 6-4 junior, is the center. He averages 10 points and 9.0 rebounds a game. "He has really come a long way. He's playing well. He's the most rugged boy we have," Deaton said.

Gumm's runningmate at guard is senior Tim Deaton, the coach's son and brother of Mike, a former Green County star and University of Kentucky football quarterback.

"He's our point guard. He does a good job of running the ballclub out front," said coach Deaton. Tim averages eight points and is second in assists with 51. Against Taylor County on Jan. 4, he had 11 assists.

Deaton says that this year's team compares favorably with the one that won the regional in 1976 and advanced to the State Tournament.

"They do compare," said Deaton. "That team had three good scorers, and we have three good scorers this year. This team is a little bigger overall and its shooting is better. But we don't have the great bench; yet, it is adequate."

All dealer says he'll still sell prints of Macy

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Lexington art dealer Charles Starr says that he will continue selling prints of University of Kentucky basketball star Kyle Macy because his attorney assured him it was legal.

"I don't feel the university has a right to interfere in my business," said Starr, the operator of Collector's Gallery. "I made an arrangement last spring to publish this print."

The print is an 11-by-14-inch black and white drawing by artist Joe Martin. It is a double likeness of Macy, the Wildcats senior guard, including a close-up drawing of his face and a full length rendering of Macy dribbling a basketball.

"We've sold just gobs and gobs of them," Starr said. "Dealers throughout the state are selling them."

Martin said he received a letter and telephone call a few weeks ago from UK athletic director Cliff Hagan, who said sale of the print may violate NCAA rules.

Martin said Tuesday he agreed to stop selling the prints, but he added that he did not understand how his action could violate NCAA rules.

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his season with a 1-1 record and the loss to E'town marked the end of Tully's coaching career at West Hardin. In 11 seasons Tully's teams posted 129 wins and 149 losses.

However, the Lakers enjoyed six winning seasons during Tully's tenure and one appearance in 5th Region Tournament. The "dean of coaches in the 17th District," Tully retires after 24 years as a head

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Kenny Pillow	3-8	7-10	3	13
Jeff Bogue	2-3	2-2	4	6
Ricky Powers	6-12	2-2	9	14
Curt Haun	3-7	1-2	2	7
J.C. Wright	1-3	4-5	3	6
Tim Hawkins	1-4	0-0	2	4
Steve Meredith	1-4	0-0	2	2
Mark Thompson	0-0	1-2	0	1
TEAM TOTALS	17-42	17-27	27	51

"Mr. Town" Pat Tully, perpetrator, firing including an end of 40-footer that bange at :00.

Tully's plans for "We tried to ch... push him out further he said. "And we d... And he still hit... those shots. Bombe

E'town/Meade

The Panthers a split a pair of regul (see story at left).

The two have p District title four ti years. E'town ha consecutive years 1974 by 78-67 and However, Meade last meeting—in 19

Saturday's gam toss-up.

Pat Tully

Reflections on Hardin basketbal years as a high sc

"No... there's than bad," Tully s been good and I've are a lot of thing don't have anytl say."

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"I'm going to "But I have no basketball games I'll be doing on T nights."

Laughs.

"But quite f tired."

Will Tully end as his successor?

"Well sure. He years, he deserv should. But the decision to ma nothing to do wi Handshakes.■

ALL-5TH REGION

Green's Deaton named boys' coach of the year

STAFF REPORT

Coach of the Year Carl Deaton of Green County and five unanimous selections highlight the 1983 5th Region Coaches Association All-Region Team.

Bethlehem Coach Bev Hart, who serves as secretary for the association, reported that 17 boys were named to the honor team. Darnell Arbet (Campbellsville), Gary Byrd (North Hardin), Jimmy Crawford (Bethlehem), Greg McQueary (Taylor County) and Tim Patterson (Elizabethtown) were unanimous picks.

In the girls, 15 players were selected as there were no ties. Franseda Gunn (Marion County), Darlene Hobbs (West Hardin) and Lisa Johnson (Bardstown) were unanimous selections. In girls' Coach of the Year balloting West Hardin's Kenny Lane and Meade County's Bob Pollock tied. Lane was the local Pak 7 Coach of the Year.

Seventeen of the 18 region boys coaches voted by mail on this year's ballot. Hart reported that Adair County's ballot did not arrive by the Feb. 25 deadline. No coach was allowed to vote for a player from his

or her own team.

Here is a look at the honor teams as reported by Hart.

BOYS ALL-5TH REGION TEAM

Name	Team	Pts.
Darnell Arbet	Campbellsville	16
Gary Byrd	North Hardin	16
Jimmy Crawford	Bethlehem	16
Greg McQueary	Taylor Co.	16
Tim Patterson	E'town	16
Troy Curry	Green Co.	15
Jeff Edwards	Caverna	15
Jeff Stephens	LaRue Co.	14
Paul Howard	Washington Co.	13
John Adams	Marion Co.	12
Gary Pope	Nelson Co.	10
Doug Roots	Taylor Co.	10
Mark Sheets	Hart Co.	10
LaVelle Webster	LaRue Co.	10
J.B. Brown	Fort Knox	9
Paul Johnson	Campbellsville	9
Martin Powers	Meade Co.	9

GIRLS ALL-5TH REGION TEAM

Name	Team	Pts.
Franseda Gunn	Marion Co.	17
Darlene Hobbs	West Hardin	17
Lisa Johnson	Bardstown	17
Martha Gerton	Washington Co.	16
Trudy Percell	Caverna	16
Ann Waggener	Hart Co.	16
Madge Smalley	Washington Co.	15
Russie Amette	LaRue Co.	14
Pam Blake	E'town	13
Shella Davis	Meade Co.	11
Sabrina Edellin	Marion Co.	11
Shery Barrett	East Hardin	10
Lianne Beck	Fort Knox	10
Lisa Mihm	East Hardin	10
Michelle Relter	Nelson Co.	10

SPORTS WEEKEND

FRIDAY

BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

Girls 17th championship at North Hardin

7:30 p.m. West Hardin vs. Meade Co.

Girls 18th at Green County

7 p.m. Caverna vs. LaRue County

Boys 18th at Green County

9 p.m. LaRue County vs. Green County

Girls 19th at Nelson County

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m. Tennessee at Georgia —Ch.3

3 p.m. Kentucky at Louisiana State —Ch.3

3 p.m. North Carolina at Duke —ESPN

4 p.m. Cincinnati at Virginia Tech —Ch.41

8 p.m. Mississippi at Vanderbilt —WBNS

9 p.m. Illinois at Indiana —ESPN

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SUNDAY



Bob
Watkins

Deaton rates high among state's all-time victory leaders

February 8 is the first day the NCAA allows college coaches to sign high school seniors to national letters of intent. An update then, from UK..

"The coaches are feeling *real* good about it right now," a spokesperson from the UK football offices said Tuesday. "They have 11 seniors committed so far and, well, we probably have more good players wanting to come this time than we have scholarships available."

Ah, pardon me. Would you repeat that, please?

Kentucky football has a *waiting* list?

"The next two weekends are the most important of the year for us," UK assistant coach Jerry Eisaman said last week. "We're right in the middle of it now and those are the times when we have the prospects come in for their official visits. Right now we think things are going real good for us. Of course you never really know what's going to happen till they're signed."

Kentucky will sign 23 players, Eisaman said.

As usual a UK success story is linked to landing the best in-state prospects available.

"We feel we have to have (Joe) Curry and (Mark) Higgs," he said.

Joe Curry is a 6-4, 220-pound defensive "anything" (end, line-backer, wherever) from Madisonville High, and running back Mark Higgs is from Owensboro.

Curry is considering UCLA, Tennessee, UK and Miami, Fla. Reports are that Curry is getting pressure to sign with UK, but the prize senior had a telephone call from Miami coach Howard Schnellenberger two days before the Orange Bowl and he will make an official visit to UCLA Jan. 27. Curry has said he will announce his decision Feb. 1."

In Owensboro Higgs is getting the "Uncle Coach wants you, son," treatment from a who's who list of colleges.

Tennessee has joined Pittsburgh, Alabama and LSU in the chase after Higgs. Bill Arnsbarger (LSU's new coach) visited Higgs recently.

The favorite? Kentucky. Higgs made his official visit to UK last Sunday for the Houston-UK basketball game.

Best vs. the best

Still to come...

— Keith Lee 6-10 of Memphis State (twice).

— Tyrone Corbin, 6-7 of DePaul.

And, that's just the regular season. Considering U of L's record of qualifying for the NCAA Tournament, chances look good that Jones will have a "rematch" with at least one or two of the forementioned before his name goes onto the NBA draft list in the spring.

Postscript. If Jones is chosen Metro Player of the Year he will be the fifth University of Louisville player to get the honor in nine years that the Cards have been in the Metro.

Previous winners have been — Rodney McCray (1983), Derek Smith (1981), Darrell Griffith (1980) and Rick Wilson (1978).

Jerry Jones hunch

Not many basketball fans were paying attention, but U of L assistant coach Jerry Jones was a prophet when, five weeks ago, he said, "The last chapter on Cedric Henderson hasn't been written yet. I don't think he'll ever play a game at Georgia."

Henderson, who reneged on a commitment to U of L and surprised everyone—including the NCAA—by signing with Georgia in November, has now apparently enrolled at Jefferson County High in Jefferson City, Tenn. and will play his college ball at Carson Newman College.

And Georgia isn't out of the woods with the NCAA investigation team either. Word from the peach state is that the NCAA has solid evidence on recruiting violations by members of Coach Hugh Durham's staff and that probation is imminent for the Bulldogs basketball program.

Ironic foot note. Durham has now lost out two straight years on Georgia top three prep prospects and may wind up on probation as well. The other two cagers are UK sophomore Kenny Walker and UK signee 6-8 Cedric Jenkins.

Letters

Rick Roberts writes from Paintsville with some questions...

Question Were two members of the (UK) Fabulous Five involved in point shaving? (Alex Groza and Ralph Beard)? Did Wah Wah Jones play on that team? A friend is trying

were they?

Answer Right. Bear Bryant's U team beat the Sooners 13-7 in a monumental upset. But Oklahoma was named national champion. Prior to 1968 balloting for the national champion was done *before* bowl games.

Question What colleges besides Ohio State and Michigan State have national championships in both football and basketball?

Answer None. But Michigan has been close. The Wolverines won national title in football in 1948 and finished runners-up in the NCAA 1965 and 1976.

Anyone else?

Winning

Prompted by a telephone call from a fan in Greensburg last week and a postcard from Kelly Meredith of Leitchfield, I have another update this week on the *unofficial* Winningest Coaches in Kentucky's High School Basketball History list.

"What about Carl Deaton in Green County?" the caller wanted to know. Deaton is in his 24th season in Green County.

From Leitchfield, Meredith wrote, "You opened a can of worms with your list of high school coaching wins. How about Bo Davenport who went over 500 the year of his state championship (Edmonson County 1976)?"

Today, a new leader on the *unofficial* list.

1. Bowman Davenport 522 wins Clarkson, Grayson County and Edmonson County.

2. Marvin Meredith 479 wins (and counting) at Russell High.

3. George Taylor 439 wins at Central City (1925-42).

4. Al Prewitt 400+ (and counting) at Lexington Henry Clay.

5. Delmar Gish 407 wins at Central City (1942-58).

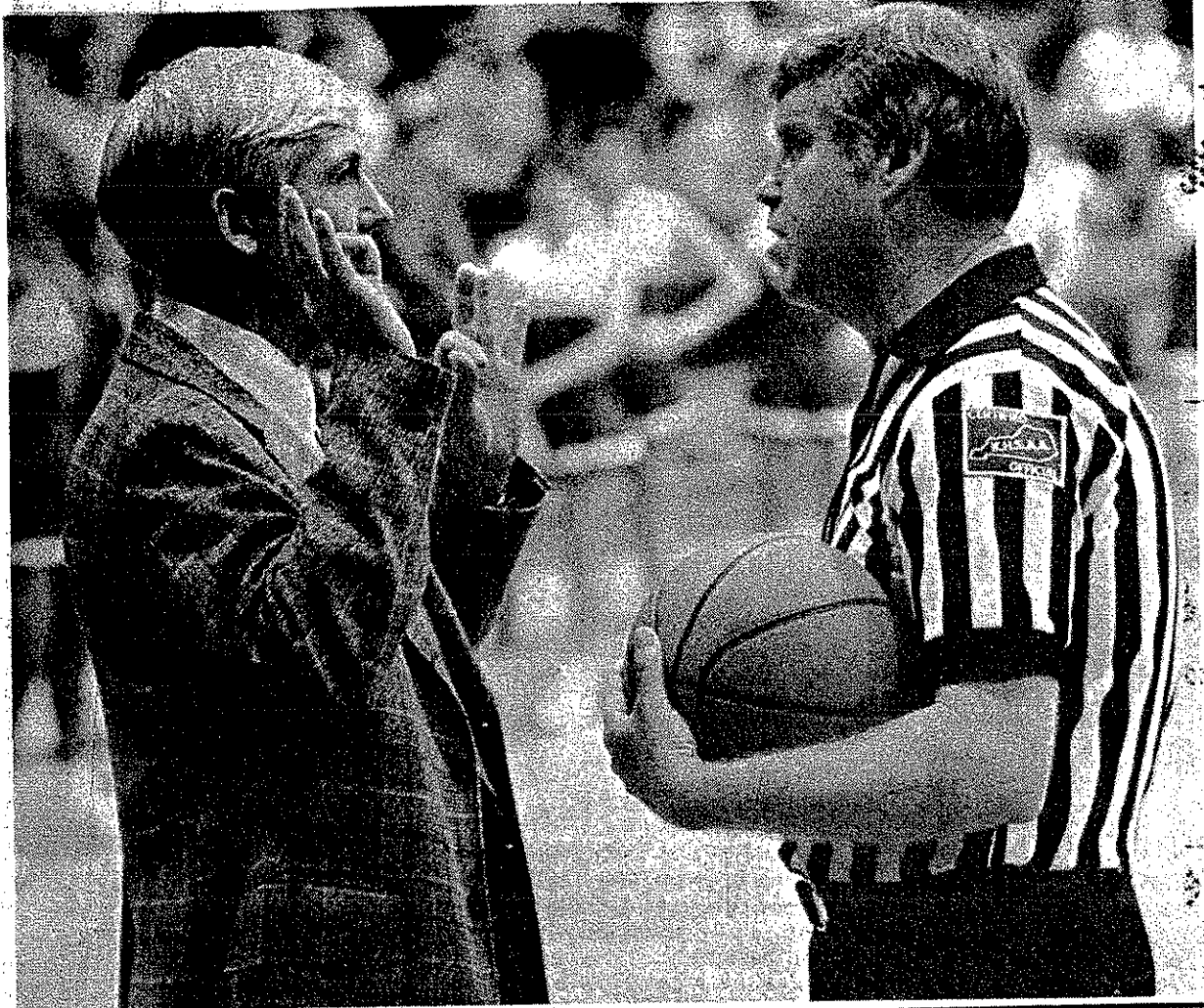
6. Jack Fultz 385 wins at old Old Hill High (Carter County).

7. Carl Deaton 366 wins (and counting) at Green County High.

8. Jack Day 333 wins at Central City (1958-72).

9. Letcher Norton 315 wins Clark County High.

Davenport, who is retired and living in Bowling Green, coached high school basketball for 32 years. His 1976 Edmonson County team won the State title and finished 2-



GCHS coach Carl Deaton, discussing a matter with referee Joe Downs, is 7th on the list of Winningest Coaches in Kentucky High School Basketball History compiled by Elizabethtown sports columnist Bob Watkins. R-H photo.

Robert Lock. The 6-11, 225-pounder told Andy Bogart of the Fresno Bee that he chose UK over UCLA and Arizona State, because "Once I visited Kentucky, I had a pretty good idea that's where I wanted to go. When I went to UCLA, it was a 180-degree turnaround. I wasn't treated well, and if you're not treated well then, you probably won't be treated well through four years."

UCLA coach Larry Farmer's reaction. "The chemistry wasn't quite right between him and the players who were already here or between him and the coaches. He probably made the best decision for himself and his family."

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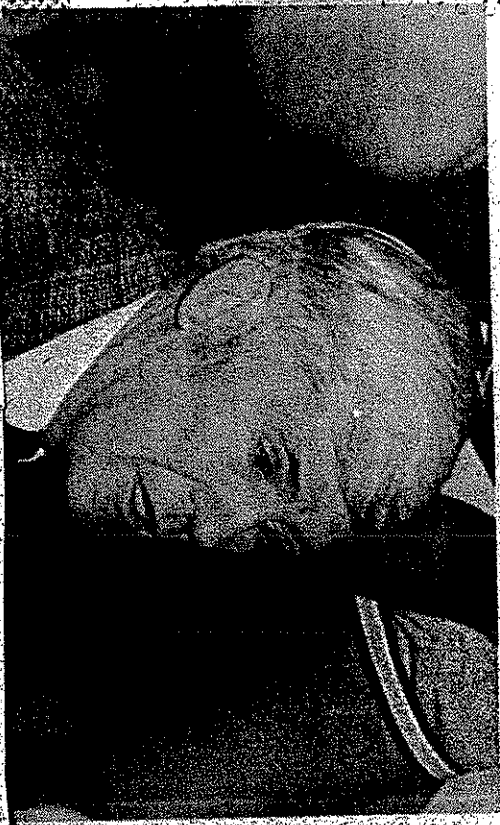
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See or call President Bob Kreilein, or Arley Wilson for details.

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Almost 25 seasons

Deaton has 388-278 record



By Lew Edwards
Career win 400 for veteran Green County High School basketball coach Carl Deaton

'I don't keep up with that kind of thing. It doesn't mean that much to me, nor do I know why it means that much to you. I mean, that's a Regional title a

The Deaton statistics

[Season]	[Wins/Losses]	
1960-61	23-7	
1961-62	19-11	District Champions
1962-63	15-11	District Champions/Runner-up Regional
1963-64	22-9	District Runner-up/Lost Regional Semi-Finals
1964-65	21-7	District Runner-up
1965-66	11-13	
1966-67	9-17	
1967-68	13-14	
1968-69	6-18	
1969-70	12-14	
1970-71	8-15	
1971-72	12-12	
1972-73	11-18	
1973-74	25-4	District Champions/SKAC Tournament Champions
1974-75	24-5	District Champions/Lost Regional Semi-Finals
1975-76	24-7	District Champions/Regional Champions/Lost First Round at S
1976-77	5-20	
1977-78	11-10	
1978-79	13-15	District Runner-up
1979-80	24-7	District Runner-up/Regional Runner-up
1980-81	20-8	District Champions/SKAC Tournament Champions
1981-82	11-15	
1982-83	18-10	
1983-84	16-8	
1984-85	14-3	
Total to date	387-278	

Deaton

From page 20.

year's team would have to win all their remaining regular season games, a S.K.A.C. Tournament Championship game, a district title and would enter the regional tournament with a 27-3 record. That season's record would surpass Green County High's best record to date of 25-4 created

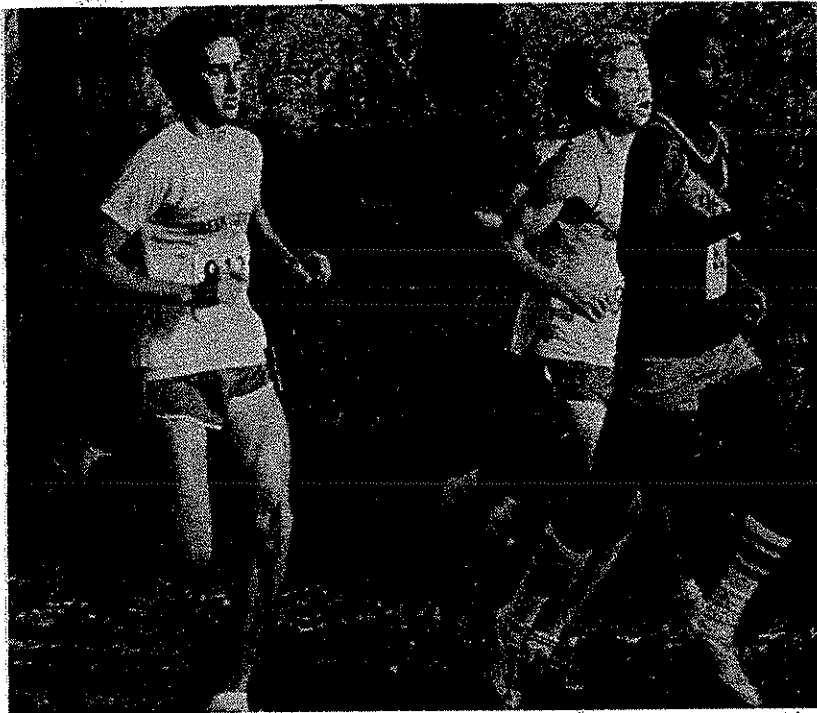
by the 1973-'74 team. The most wins ever recorded, was believed to have been the 1947 Greensburg High team which posted a 28-5 mark.

If this year's team should lose in the opening game of the district tournament, it's wait until next year for number 400.

teams. R-H photo by Walt Gorin.

where he got them," he said.





Davie Givens, left, finished 39th; Lisle Cheatham, second from right, 37th in the state Class A meet.



172 runners were off at the start of the meet Saturday in Lexington. Green County's Lisle Cheatham 814.

GCHS boys finish third in state Class A cross-country meet

Prior to the race, Green County coach Carl Deaton said that if the Dragons could place five runners in the top 50, they would have a chance at first place. With 5 finishers in the first 40, the Dragons did better than that. But the winning team, Dayton, had 5 in the first 30, and runner-up Bishop Brossard placed three runners in the first 5.

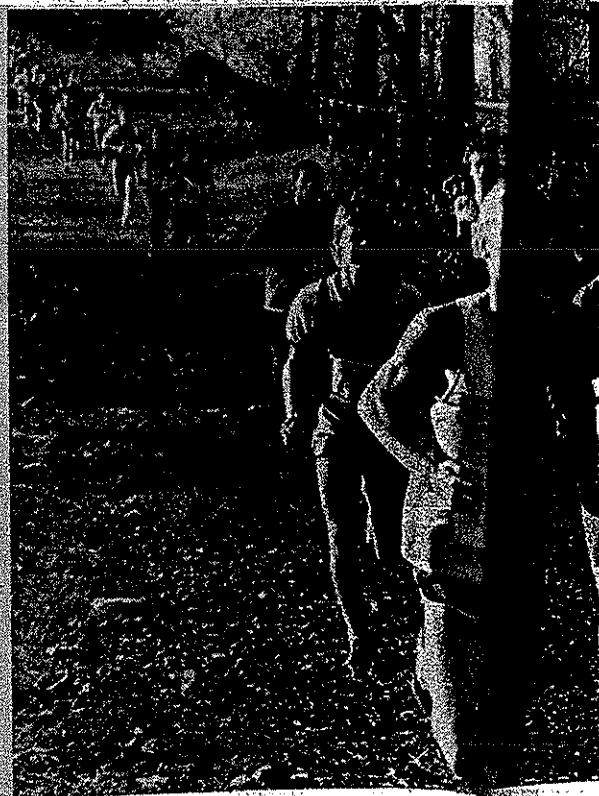
The Dragons did run their best race of the year, defeating Fort Campbell after previously losing to them, and routing West Hardin by 62 points after beating them by 6 the week before to win the regional.

The state's top 10 teams

- 1-Dayton 75
- 2-Bishop Brossard 89
- 3-Green County 103
- 4-Anderson County 116
- 5-Grant County 131
- 6-Fort Campbell 143
- 7-Trigg County 154
- 8-West Hardin 165
- 9-Monticello 181
- 10-Crestview 228



Richie Kesser finished 15th in the state. He and Erik Edwards received medals for finishing in the top 15.



Erik Edwards, front left, was followed by beautiful Kentucky Horse Park. Edwards finished 15th. R-H photos by Lanny Tucker.

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172 runners were off at the start of the boys' Class A cross-country meet Saturday in Lexington. Green County's Erik Edwards is 811, Lisle Cheatham 814.

rd in state ' meet



Erik Edwards, front left, was followed by a line of runners in the beautiful Kentucky Horse Park. Edwards finished 9th in the state.
-H photos by Lanny Tucker.

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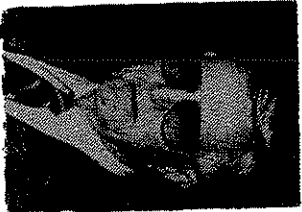
Over the Trails

50 YEARS AGO

by John H. Ewing, Jr.

Cross-country team was first formed in 1958

I attended the Greensburg-Green County Chamber of Commerce meeting October 25, when Mrs. Lucile Guthrie was honored with the Boyce Hudson yearly award. I had the privilege to say a few words and congratulate Mrs. Guthrie on her long and distinguished service as a teacher and superintendent. Mrs. Guthrie and my sister, Elizabeth Ewing, who was superintendent of the Anchorage School, were the very early lady superintendents in the state of Kentucky.



John Ewing, Jr.

Mrs. Guthrie and my school area were the same, all of Green County, she was very helpful to me. We worked together on many projects.

This week I first want to congratulate the Green County cross country team for their excellent performance at the Kentucky State cross country meet. Billy Sammes and Ricky

Davis, their coaches, are to be commended.

I will drop back to 1957 when Carl and Roselyn Deaton came to Green County, having finished their college career at Morehead State. Carl came as the basketball coach and in 1958 he started the Green County cross country team. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Curnutte also came about that time to start our first football team. We did not have a football field or a track for running. The coaches used the American Legion Park and Sam Moore's river bottom. The first football field was only 80 yards long.

Carl Deaton's first cross country team was in 1958. They ran anywhere Carl could find, most of the time at the American Legion Park and Sam Moore's river bottom.

The members of the first cross country team were: Bill Moore, Ronnie Perkins, Jim Ewing, Barry Houk, Billy McMahan, Joe Foster, Paul Woolridge and Junior Bagby.

I will point out here that most of the schools outside of Louisville, Lexington, Owensboro, Northern Kentucky, etc.,

did not have track, cross country, football, tennis, or golf teams.

In the fall of 1958, Carl Deaton took Green County's first cross country team to the Louisville Trinity Invitational cross country meet, which was held at Bellarmine College. This meant that the Green County cross country team would be competing with St. Xavier, Male High, Trinity, Manual and all the other larger schools in the state with well established teams.

To everyone's surprise the country boys from Green County won the meet. Their picture and a story about them practicing in the cow pasture appeared in the Courier-Journal. This was the beginning of many excellent cross country and track teams coached by Carl Deaton.

Mrs. Guthrie was very supportive of the football, track and cross country teams. She wanted to build a football field and track for Green County. We all know that to find a good level area was impossible. She asked a committee to look over the Penick property, which the school board had recently

purchased, to locate an area for the track and football field. They reported that there was not any place available for track and football. Mrs. Guthrie later told me that she must have a good track and football field if she was going to keep Carl Deaton and Ivan Curnutte in Green County. She asked me to review the best area possible on the Penick property. There was a barbed wire fence running fairly straight on the far side of where the present field is. The only problem was one end was about 30 feet higher than the lower end. I tied my old bandana handkerchief on the barbed wire fence and told Russell Milby to start moving the high point to the lower point. I hoped each day we would not hit rock. Russell kept working. I would report to Mrs. Guthrie that we were spending considerable money. Her answer was, "I must have a football field and track, keep going." Russell Milby did not hit rock until we were about finished.

There has been a lot more work done on the field. We now have a very fine football field and track.

Over the Trails

50 YEARS AGO

by John H. Ewing, Jr.

Many helped to get athletic programs started

I was talking about the various athletic programs at the Green County schools with Mrs. Lucile Guthrie, who was superintendent of Green County schools for many years. Green County had a good basketball program when Jake Hood was coach and the basketball floor was the large stage in the old Greensburg High School.



John Ewing, Jr.

When the present elementary school was built around 1951, after the old Greensburg High School burned, it was Green County's new high school and also Greensburg Elementary School.

Larry Gumms started coaching baseball and continues to be Green County High School coach. Larry's baseball teams have an excellent record. Jane Gumms, his wife, continues to teach at the Green County High

who coaches baseball at North Hardin High School.

A good many county high schools began track, cross country and football in the late 1950's and early 1960's. Eugene Tate was a former basketball and football coach at Madisonville and became principal of the new Green County school. Some of the local parents, business and professional men were interested also. Mrs. Guthrie employed two young couples, Carl and Roselyn Deaton, and Ivan and Della Curnutte, to start these programs. Carl Deaton was the track and cross country and basketball coach, and Ivan Curnutte coached football.

We did not have a football field or a track. Russell Lowe, Dr. Ralph Winchester, Sam Moore, several other men and myself helped secure football uniforms. We were able to mark off only 80 yards at the American Legion Park for football and used Sam Moore's Green River bottom for track and cross country.

Mrs. Guthrie asked several of her group to check out an area

billy. Those inspecting it agreed that no football field or track could be built there.

I met Mrs. Guthrie later and she told me, "I must get a football and track field for Carl Deaton and Ivan Curnutte if we expect them to stay here." She asked if I would go and look the area over again. I told her if we did not run into a ledge of rock at the steep end, we might build a track and football field. I also told her it would cost considerable to do the excavation. Mrs. Guthrie said, "Get Russell Milby and start. I must build a track and football field." I measured off the area, tied a handkerchief about the middle on a barbed wire fence and told Russell to move all the dirt from the steep side to the lower side. We were lucky to never hit any rocks and with a lot of work over the years ended up with a good setup.

The Deatons and Curnuttes liked the Green River water and Green County and joined with the Larry Gumms to develop an excellent athletic program for Green County. They have been

University. Their five children are Mike Deaton, coach of basketball at Corbin High School; Kathy Pegrarn, who has become an excellent greenhouse operator. She raises tobacco plants in the water and now has a beautiful greenhouse of ripe tomatoes; Tymis girls' basketball coach at Green County High; Carla lives in Lexington and Andrea is a star basketball player for Campbellsville College.

Ivan and Della live in the county out near old Glenview. Della continues to teach at the Vocational School and Ivan joins us on the tobacco market each year, passing the tickets to the tobacco ticket marker.

Carl Deaton was recently inducted into the Morehead Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Guthrie, Eugene Tate, Genevieve Adkins and Joyce Froggett were always busy in the Administration Offices.

Mickey and Kathy Pegrarn and their family live on U.S. 68 as you leave Greensburg. Mickey and Kathy have and operate the

Fond memories

By Lanny Tucker

Contributing Writer

Second part of a four-part series

Interviews - in person, by telephone, and in some cases, by mail - were conducted with many of the primary players on the 1975-'76 team. Coach Carl Deaton, assistant Larry Gumm, and athletic director Ivan Curnutte were also interviewed, as was long-time Dragon scorekeeper Walter Randall Milby.

Carl Deaton, Coach

Carl Deaton guided the Green County Dragons through 26 seasons, ending in 1986. The state tournament capped a brilliant three-year run which saw the Dragons compile records of 25-4, 24-5, and 24-7.

Deaton retired in 1993 from the Green County School System. In 1994 he was elected to the Morehead State University Hall of Fame.

The primary strength of his regional championship team, the former coach believes, "was their ability to win the close game. They could hit the crucial free throws, and they took care of the ball. They didn't make a lot of mistakes with it."

Some consider Green County's teams in both 1974 and 1975 to have been superior to the '76 squad. Yet, it was the 1976 team which went to the state. Why?

"That's a good question," Deaton answered. "It was a team a lot of people didn't expect to do what they did. We had experienced players who performed under pressure pretty well. Maybe that was the big key. They were a smart bunch of boys. It was just a combination. They had good quickness, but they weren't a big team. They were a little team, in fact. But they were all pretty confident when they had the ball they could do something positive with it."

In order to have a chance at the state tournament, the Dragons first had to get out of the district. They barely did, winning their opener over LaRue County 71-70.

"LaRue had a good team," Deaton stated, "and had us in trouble late in the game. But J.D. Edwards grabbed a rebound

LaRue player was driving for a layup that would have tied the game. But Mike (Deaton) came from out of nowhere to block it."

Deaton also remembers his team's rivalry with North Hardin that season. "We lost big to them in the Campbellsville Christmas tournament," he said. "Bob White, of the Courier-Journal, talked to me when it was over. I told him I thought we could beat North Hardin later in the year. He looked at me kind of funny. Then we turned the tables on them in the region."

Of the game-winning basket in the regional championship game, the former coach said "Caverna had doubled up on Mike. Tony (Curnutte) was sharp enough to spot Greg (Blakeman), and Greg hit the shot. Then it was one of those deals where you score, and it gives the other team enough time to get a good shot at it.

"Ned Hill had hit them all night," Deaton said of Caverna's attempt to win the game. "But that one came out. They had good jumpers, and they got a couple of tips. Then Mike went over the top of them and cradled that rebound."

The coach hoped for big things in the state tournament. "I thought after seeing the draw that we had a chance to win several games," he stated. "That was the year Edmonson County popped up and won the thing. Glasgow had beaten them in their district final, and we had beaten Glasgow pretty easily that year. I thought we might win two or three games.

"But we didn't play very well," he continued. "We went up against a better Harrison County team than I thought they would be, based on the reports I had received. And I hadn't anticipated Greg getting sick. He wasn't much of a factor against Harrison County, because you just can't lay in the hospital several days then get up and play ball.

"We just never got rolling. We didn't make as good a show in the state as I thought we would."

Larry Gumm, Assistant Coach

1960-61 season until 1993-94. He is best known as Green County's long-time baseball coach, a position he currently maintains. Gumm's baseball Dragons advanced to the state tournament in 1968.

"It just fell right for us," Gumm said of the '76 roundballers. "We got the break. Like that '74 team was an awfully good team. They had a real good chance to make it, but it didn't fall right for them. You just hope you're good enough to be in the regional a lot and sometime it'll fall in your favor."

"Ned Hill had the shot to beat us," Gumm said of Caverna's leading scorer. "It was one of his favorite shots, but he missed it. That was one time, like I say, it fell our way. You've got to be there enough to get the break."

The 1976 Dragons, Gumm said "was a senior team. The seniors were exceptional players in every sport. They were just outstanding. They didn't like to get beat."

Of the team's principal players, Gumm stated "Mike Deaton could do about anything. He was all-state, and had a lot of experience. Tony Curnutte was a good heads-up player, he knew pretty much what was going on."

Terry Curry, said Gumm, "was a tremendous scorer and played really hard, a gummy-type player. Greg Blakeman was pretty tall, he helped us get some rebounds. But in the state he couldn't play up to par because he was sick. Frankie Calhoun was probably one of the better defensive players on the team. He was real quick, and if an opposing player made a mistake, he had it. Lonnie Curry came in when somebody got in trouble, and did a pretty good job."

Like several others interviewed, Gumm remembers the Dragon's big loss to North Hardin in the regular season. "They had a heck of a team," he commented. "But we came back and handled them pretty good in the tournament, which you've got to do if you're going to win it."

"It was a tremendous treat for all of us," Gumm said of the state tournament trip. "If you're going to be coaching, you want those

of a special time

Director

Ivan Curnutte came to Greensburg in 1962 to start the school's football program. He served as football coach from '62 until 1966. Curnutte was the GCHS athletic director and assistant principal from 1975 until his retirement in 1988.

"They were all good athletes, and they were all good students," Curnutte said of the state tournament team. "They were just an exceptional bunch of kids.

"The biggest thing about it" Curnutte believes, "was they all played every sport that we offered. I always felt that each sport lends itself to the next sport. The players all liked each other, they all got along. They sweated blood together. If one of them got hurt in practice, they all hurt.

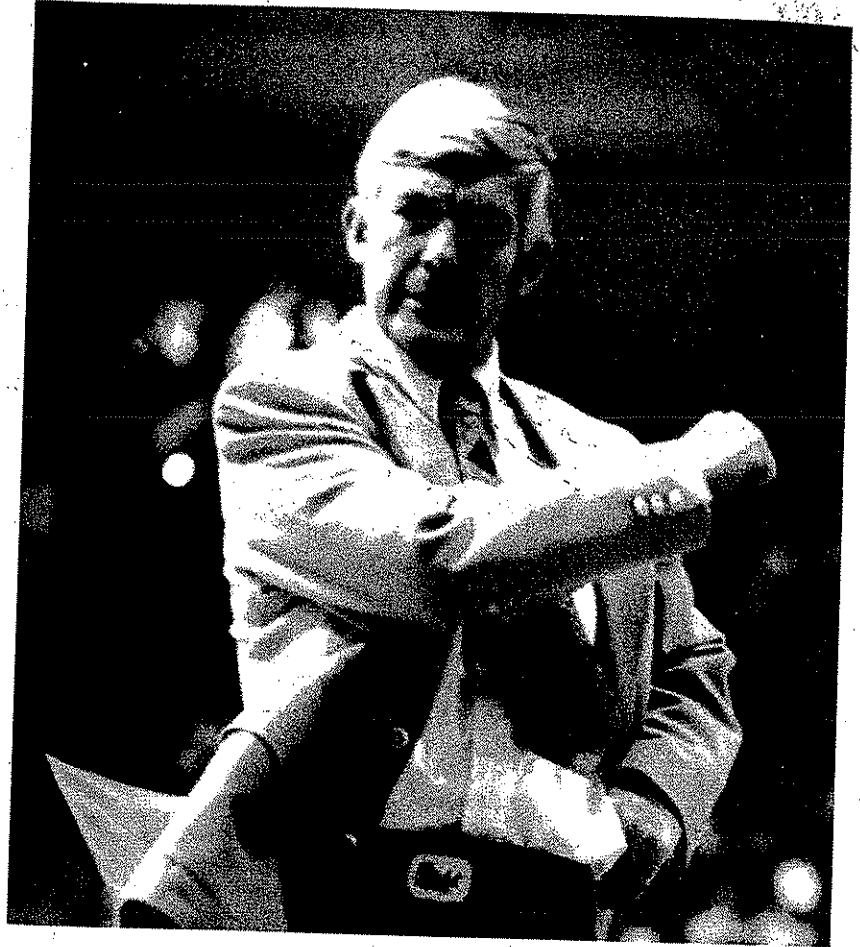
"I think now you have a different breed of athlete. You've got an athlete that specializes in high school, or that attempts to specialize.

"That team was special," Curnutte stated, "in the fact it had everything going for it, top to bottom. What I mean is, they had the school administration behind them. They had the faculty behind them. They were good students. I think four or five of them were in the top twenty in their graduating class. And they had the community behind them. Of course, when you're winning, you've got that.

"So they really had everything going for them. And they had themselves. Like I said, they were good athletes."

Does Curnutte have any special memories of that season? "I guess it was the fact that nine of the 12 players on that basketball team played football. They finished the football season when we got beat in the semi-finals of the state class AA playoffs on Friday night, and they opened up the basketball season on Tuesday night at Casey County.

"I think they had one day of practice, and they beat Casey County around forty points. It's hard to comprehend a bunch of people could have spent four or five months in football and then go out and beat a good basketball team. And they beat them handily, on the road.



Green County Coach Carl Deaton, who guided the Dragons for 26 seasons, was never one to simply sit back and watch the action.

1982 photo by Lanny Tucker

everything fell in place," Curnutte concluded. "I personally don't think you'll ever see that again, where you had so many good athletes in one class and you had all the other aspects that went along with it."

Walter Randall Milby, Scorekeeper

Walter Randall Milby has been involved with the Green County boy's basketball program, either as a scorekeeper or clock operator, a total of forty-four years. He has been on the job continuously since 1952, when he was discharged from the U.S. Army. Milby served in the Korean War.

"The 1976 team had two good shooting forwards (Greg Blake and Terry Curry)," Milby stated. The center position was effective, he said, because Coach Deaton "substituted and used them both (Frankie Calhoun and Lonnie Curry). And they had two good guards (Tony Curnutte and

guards. They kept the game under control."

Milby believes there is one primary factor in that team, or any team, advancing to the state. "What it boils down to, it just takes a lot of luck to get there," he said. "You take in the final game of the regional against Caverna, the end of the game. Ned Hill shot that jumper. It rolled around, got tipped, and Mike got the rebound. If it had gone in they would have won by one point, whereas we won by one.

"I think we'd had better teams," Milby said. "But this one jelled at the right time and had a little luck, and it went (to the state)."

Milby was asked how the high school game has changed in the four-plus decades he's been involved in the sport. "The three point shot has made the biggest difference, I think. If you'd had the three pointer back when

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Dear Mr. Boucher,

I am forwarding to you the materials which depict the coaching career of my father, Carl Deaton. I am sure you will recall my bringing this to your attention while speaking with you at the Louisville Invitational Tournament a few weeks ago.

It is my understanding that he was nominated last year for the KHSAA Dawahare Hall of Fame, however, there were no supporting documents to show why he should be considered. I am hopeful that the submission of these articles will give evidence to the success that he had while coaching a total of 36 years (including track/cross-country) at one little school in south central Kentucky. On behalf of our entire family, I want to thank you for your consideration of his credentials for nomination into the Hall of Fame. Besides having been a dedicated employee to the Green County School System and its students for nearly 40 years, he has also devoted many hours since his retirement to the little league programs in the county. He has coached little league baseball and basketball and Babe Ruth baseball. He has also been inducted into the 5th Region Hall of Fame and will receive that award during the regional finals in March. He previously was inducted into the KHSAA Track and Field Hall of Fame and the Hall of Fame at Morehead University.

If there is anything else that you may need, please be sure to contact me. As a family, we want to be sure we have not left out anything that may keep Dad from being recognized for this honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karla Deaton', written in a cursive style.

Karla Deaton

CARL DEATON, GREEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Basketball coach 26 seasons (1960-1986).

397 wins, 301 losses

Nine 20-win seasons

One regional championship (1976)

Two regional runners-up (1965, 1980)

Six district championships (1964, 1965, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1982)

Two conference championships (1974, 1982)

Track coach – ten regional championships

Cross Country coach – six regional championships

