

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.

10/01/2010

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame
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To Whom It May Concern:

I appreciate the opportunity and chance to take this time to nominate one of if not the most deserving athletes in the sport of basketball to come out of the 16th Region. The person who I seek to nominate is former Olive Hill High School Legend Bert Greene.

For over 21 years now I have myself been in around some of the greatest players, coaches and officials that have graced not only the 16th Region but the state of Kentucky as well and when I'm asked whose career I've enjoyed the most my answer is always one that I was not fortunate to see in person but have read about and listen to fascinating stories about. So I tell people I've enjoyed Bert Greene's career the most. Enough to the point I still to this day search out new material on his playing days.

Fortunately for me former Olive Hill Coach Jack Fultz was a close family friend and in our times of getting together Jack would always have a different Bert Greene story for me and each time I walked away with amazement as to what this one student athlete was able to accomplish, especially after being stricken with polio as such a young age. Jack was not one to hold anything back; he loved his players and loved to brag on them. Jack once told me that the old saying was that Bert Greene never met a basket that he didn't like and from looking over his stats for the years he played I tend to have to agree with that statement. Unfortunately Jack is no longer with us and the stories I seek out now are far and in between.

Bert Greene played five years of varsity basketball from his 8th grade year through his senior year (1954-1959). In those five years he played in 3 Sweet 16's. His eighth grade, freshman, and senior years. His senior year was a remarkable year losing in the semi finals to North Marshall; a game that would live in the minds of not only Bert and Coach, but the many fans from the Olive Hill area for many many years. In his five years on varsity Bert scored an amazing 3,172 points without the use of the modern day three point line. His career points were a 16th Region record for 50 years until recently broken by Jonathan Ferguson from Elliott County High School. His senior year he was an all state player and was on the same all state team as former KHSAA Commissioner Louis Stout.

Many kids growing up in Kentucky on those backyard dirt courts like Bert played on as a child envisions playing for the University of Kentucky and he had that opportunity. He was indeed offered that chance and after visiting he chooses to stay near the hometown that had supported him and that he loved and played for the Eagles of Morehead State after high school.

Upon completion of his college career Bert returned to his hometown and succeeded the man that coached him in high school. Not an easy task to do, replacing a legend such as Jack Fultz, but many believed that if there was one person who could it would be Coach Fultz's greatest player. Bert coached at Olive Hill until it was consolidated into what is today West Carter High School. Bert would coach the now West Carter Comets until the 1978 season. At this point Bert decided to get out of coaching to spend more time with his family. However the love for the game was still there and the desire to still be a part of the game, so he didn't want to put the time that coaching took away from his family instead he took up what many consider the most unappreciated part or the most hated part of the game. He choose to wear the stripes and set out to prove not only could he play and coach the game, but he could officiate it as well. He went onto to become a highly regarded basketball official in the 16th Region for many years.

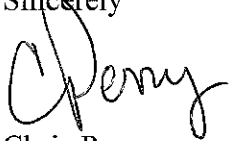
I could go into great detail about all of Bert Greene's accomplishments not only as a player, coach, and basketball official but I will leave that to the attached materials and letters of recommendations from others that I have included with this nomination. My purpose to you in this letter is to explain Bert Greene and why it is I think he rightfully deserves a spot along with his former coach and former colleagues in the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Unfortunately Bert is no longer with us as he succumbed to a hard fought battle to his toughest opponent cancer on January 9th, 2005. With his passing, Olive Hill and the 16th Region lost one of its greatest athletes. I was fortunate enough to know Bert Greene and called him my friend and from what I knew of him this nomination would be very over whelming to him as he was a gentleman that never searched out for fame or notoriety of his accomplishments. He would sit down with you and discuss them with you when asked, but he never really liked to brag on himself. I mentioned the Hall of Fame to Bert many years ago when I was a student in his class and he shrugged it off and said if it is meant to be then someday I'll be in there. Today I am asking that someday take place and ask for Bert Greene's nomination to be accepted for the next induction class of the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Attached documents included some fortunate newspaper articles I was able to obtain from Bert's family. Articles include write ups from some games that he played in as well as all-star games. Action shots and pictures from his playing days. An article written by the Daily Independent that declares Bert belongs in the hall. Sections of the "Comet's Tale" an autobiography of Comet sports over the years written by Jack Fultz. These sections will list Bert's yearly averages and statistics. Finally letters of recommendations from local media, coaches and fans highly supporting the nomination. I will say that in my pursuit of this nomination I have as well used social media to get the word out requesting stories and memorabilia. One week after establishing the "Bert Greene Belong in the KHSAA Hall of Fame Facebook page I had over 120 people join to support this nomination. That is a small token of the impact Bert Greene has had on our community and our school.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this nomination and if I may be of any other assistance the please feel free to contact me at 606-316-0435 or by email at chrise.perry@ky.gov.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Perry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Chris Perry
West Carter High School Volunteer

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September 12, 2011

Mr. Julian Tackett
Commissioner
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Dear Mr. Tackett:

I am writing to support the application nominating Coach Bert Greene for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. I have known Coach Bert Greene all of my life. My father and I considered him a good friend. He was a great high school player at Olive Hill High School where he scored 3,010 points in his Comet career leading his team to the State Tournament on two occasions. In the 1959 season he led Olive Hill to the semi-finals under the direction of Coach Jack Fultz.

His record for all time leading scorer stood for over 50 years when Elliott County's Jonathan Ferguson surpassed his score. Later, Bert Greene took the coaching position at West Carter High School.

It is amazing that a Face book page has been designed and designated to support Bert's nomination to the Hall of Fame. It was interesting to read comments from former players and fans.

If I can provide additional information to support this nomination, please contact me. I will never forget stories about Bert Greene's smooth control of the basketball.

Sincerely,

Rocky Adkins
Majority Floor Leader

Tournament Atmosphere Grips Lexington As Fans Await Tipoff For Sweet 16

By JOHN MCGILL,
Independent Sports Editor

LEXINGTON—You could feel the excitement, the tension and the anticipation of fans from all corners of the Commonwealth today as KHSAA Commissioner Ted Sanford prepared to yank the "go" signal for the state high school basketball tournament.

The climax of Kentucky's March Madness comes Saturday night, when a new champion will be crowned. Brand new this time, since 1959 champ Louisville Saint Xavier was eliminated in district play. And the team that sidelined the defending champions, Louisville Central, will not be here either. From that region comes powerful Manual, rated the best chance of stopping mighty Lexington Dunbar short of being the state's first Negro school titleholder.

The Sweet Sixteen is what they call the tournament field. And even with some of the state's top teams bumped out in district and regional competition, the entry list is still plenty sweet. The teams average 27 victories against but six

defeats.

The sixteen have won 445 games since the grind started last November by the state's 445 teams.

There are no hotel rooms, unless your name happens to be Ike, Ava, Bridget, Happy or something like that. The Chamber of Commerce reports motels filled and more than 150 rooms in private homes obtained for tourney visitors. Others are staying in nearby cities such as Georgetown, Winchester and Paris.

Tickets, but not choice ones, are available in varying quantities for the Wednesday and Thursday sessions and there may be a few for Friday afternoon. But it's SRO for Friday night and Saturday.

Fans will be looking forward to seeing the teams that have been high in the rating systems and poll all season—Manual, Dunbar, North Marshall, Olive Hill, Covington Grant. And they are anxious for a glimpse of lesser-knowns such as Sacramento, Livingston Central and Larue County, wondering if "another Carr Creek" is still plenty sweet. The teams lurk in the shadows. Everyone wants to see the sensational Bob-

(Parson) Parrish of Bowling Green High Street; Olive Hill's marvelous Bert Greene; Dunbar's super star, Julius Berry; Tom (Big T) Thacker, the Covington Grant wizard, and Livingston Central's Dan Ringstaff, said to be a "take charge" guy of the Cliff Hagan, Wah Wah Jones and Howie Crittenden type.

Fans are always anxious to see John Bill Trivette's lanky-split Pikeville Panthers in action. They're crowd pleasers.

Sid Meade will be there, too. Sid doesn't promise to always be a crowd-pleaser but he calls them close, and with a flourish. Several kinds of flourishes, to be exact. Also officiating from this area are George Conley and James Baker.

North Marshall (34-1) takes the best record in the tourney against Gallatin County in the opener tonight. Maysville's small, accurate-shooting Bulldogs face Larue County in the nightcap.

Covington Grant and Pikeville square off Thursday morning at 9 in what could be the fastest, most exciting first round engagement. Livingston Central will try

to halt Olive Hill with a ball-control game at 10:45. The Comets seek their thirty-fifth victory and their first state tourney triumph since 1944 with an all-senior five. Livingston, 21-11, is likewise a senior outfit.

Olive Hill's team was due to arrive late this afternoon following a workout on the Morehead College floor.

Six teams are returning from last year, but only one—Monticello—got as far as the quarter-finals. Other returnees are Clay Co., Lexington Dunbar, Grant, High Street and Larue County, then Hodgenville High. The "county" schools (consolidated) are becoming an ever-increasing part of the tournament.

North Marshall and Maysville (24-8) are favored tonight. Larue County takes a good 24-9 state against the Bulldogs.

Dunbar, which lost only to Manual and Central this year — and avenged both losses—has the tallest team. Berry is 6-5, Richard Williams 6-6, William Smothers 6-6, James Thomas 6-5, and Felix Scruggs 6-3.

Olive Hill Wins, Pikeville L In First Round Tourney Game

LEXINGTON, Ky., (AP)—Olive Hill fought off numerous Livingston Central threats today to capture an 88-78 decision in the first round of the state high school basketball tournament.

Olive Hill, winning its 35th against only two losses, never found a defense for Don Ringstaff, 6-2 Livingston Central senior, who punished the nets for 46 points in the biggest state tournament scoring outburst in three years.

Bert Greene's third-quarter basket sent Olive Hill ahead to stay at 52-51 but the Comets were forced to hang on in the last round when the Western Kentucky fans twice rallied to come within three points. The score stood at 79-76 with 1:12 remaining but a goal and five foul shots enabled Olive Hill to cement the victory.

Livingston Central showed no evidence of a ball club beaten 11 times in regular season play and trailed by only one point after each of the first three periods.

The score was tied eight and each club led seven the first half.

Dale Barker and Greer 24 and 23, respectively, Hill.

Barker, who scored eight in the first quarter, fed a 10 Smith for a fastbreak that put the Comets ahead. A bad pass cost them and just as the period ended.

After ties at 2, 4, 7 and Hill went ahead 11-10 on 46-in. Four straight free

by Smith and two more kept them in the lead.

Greene's basket gave the three-point lead at the second period but 1 soon had Livingston ahead. Livingston kept in front and four points until two remained in the half. Bark hit from the side and Smith bled the length of the floor gain the lead 35-34. Olive couldn't stop Ringstaff, 1 and the Cardinals got a n shot from reserve Fred M bounce in front 38-35.

Greene, who had only one in the first period, took one in the second. He fired three kets, two from outside, and Hill led 41-40, Livingston ball 15 seconds for the 1 then missed twice.

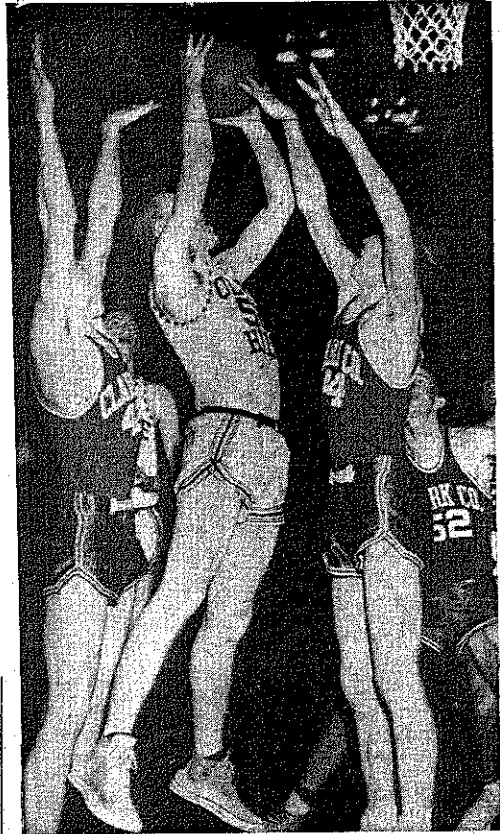
LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) Thacker scored 39 points a razzle-dazzle Covington team to a 73-67 victory over ville in the first round of the tucky High School Basketball
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SEMI-FINAL SHOT— Olive Hill's Bert Greene missed this shot against Clark County Saturday night but went into the corner for the rebound, escaped a defender and fired the winning basket with two seconds remaining in overtime. The Comets won, 60-59, for the 16th Region championship. In lower photo, Greene poses happily as Coach Jack Fultz holds championship trophy. Fultz said the tension was so great in the championship game that he feared he might have a heart attack.
(Staff Photos by Ben McCullough)



the East roster, have signed for UK football scholarships.

UK basketball chiefs have started to show some interest in the East's Bert Greene (Olive Hill). The slimmed-down Greene originally signed at Morehead, but since has been saying he will attend Marshall.



Olive Hill and North Marshall Gain Semi-Finals

By EARL COX
Courier-Journal Staff Writer
Lexington, Ky., March 20.—
Hooosh—and North Marshall's Jets and Olive Hill's Comets went soaring into the semi-finals of the 42d annual Kentucky State High School Basketball Tournament here Friday afternoon in Memorial Coliseum.

Two free throws by Bert Greene put Olive Hill on top by three points with eight seconds left, and the Comets allowed Grant's marvelous Tom Thacker to dribble unimpeded for a final basket as time ran out and the 16th Region champions claimed an 85-84 victory.

Olive Hill hit 31 of 54 shots

for 57.4 per cent in the best game of the journey so far.

Game One-Sided

Earlier, speedy North Marshall picked up a lot of supporters by smashing Maysville 75-62. The final score is no indication of how badly the Bulldogs were beaten.

Pat Doyle, a truly great forward, once again was the wheel-horse for North Marshall.

North Marshall and Olive Hill will clash in Saturday's first semi-final game at 12:15 p.m. (C.D.T.).

The winners of Friday night's Monticello-Lexington Dunbar and Manual-Breathitt County games will play at 2 p.m., with the championship set for 8:45 p.m.

N. M. RSHALL 75-62—Charlie Lample's peedballs wasted no time in letting Maysville know who was boss.

Lample's brother, Jimmy, connected to start the game, Jerry Powell and Doyle followed suit and the Jets were off and running, taking a 6-1 lead and increasing it to 21-12 at the end of the period.

Woodie Crum's Bulldogs, noted as an excellent shooting team, just couldn't hit against the zone used by the Jets, who held their seasonal opponents to an average of only 48 points a game.

Hit 10 of 1st 21

North Marshall, meanwhile, was blazing hot. The Jets, with

Doyle connecting for eight points, hit 10 of 21 in the first period and 12 of 23 in the second as they romped to a commanding 47-23 halftime lead.

Maysville, although outscoring the Jets 39-28 in the last half, was never in contention after the opening quarter. Chuck Hall was the only Bulldog who gave the Jets much trouble, scoring 23 points and rebounding well.

When the Jet regulars left the game with 2:19 left, they were on top 73-53. Maysville then made it respectable against the Jet subs.

The hard-working Doyle, a "horse" on the boards, canned 10 of 18 shots and led the Jets with 21 points, giving him a

two-game total of 43. Lample added 18 and Roscoe Spiceland got 15 for the wall-balanced Western Kentuckians.

The winners hit 43.2 per cent and Maysville's mark was 32.8.

OLIVE HILL 85-84 — J. C. Smith intercepted a Grant pass with 48 seconds left and the Comets leading 81-60—and the winners led it away in short order.

It was Greene, a hot-shooting 6-1 senior, and Dale Barker, a six-foot senior, who gave the Warriors their much-needed spark. Greene tossed in 34 big points and Barker 26 to send Coach Jack Fultz's cagers into the semi-finals against North Marshall.

"That Greene—how many has

he won for me?" said an elated Fultz after the game. "He's always there when you need him."

Let Him Score

The husky forward calmly tossed in the two free throws that put it out of Grant's reach. Then the Comets just stood back and let Thacker drive in for a layup and the final 85-84 score. Thacker finished with 36 points to run his tournament total to 71 after a 35-point outburst Thursday against Pikeville. William Sharp, Arron Ballard and Jackie Young each added 13. Behind Greene's 34 for the winners was Barker's 26.

Olive Hill jumped out in front 13-4 early, but Grant came back to tie it at 15-15 and 17-17 before

the Comets wound up with a 21-19 first-quarter lead.

Take 23-27 Lead

Young tied it at 21-21 to start the second period, and the Warriors took their first lead at 28-27 midway of the quarter. With Thacker and Ballard bombing away, Grant took a 41-37 half-time advantage.

The losers continued to set the pace in the third period and led 58-55 at the end of the quarter, but Barker went to work in the final go-round to pull the Comets put in front again and sent them to a 66-61 lead before Grant regrouped.

The game then reversed back and fourth until Barker, who got 13 of his points in the quarter, connected on two one-anders to give Olive Hill a 81-78 lead.

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT
Lexington Dunbar	892
Louisville Manual	2,487
Olive Hill	413
Hazard	370
North Marshall	400
Louisville Male	1,061
Sandy Hook	380
Louisville Central	1,490
Meade Memorial	279
Covington Grant	116
Lafayette	1,337
Louisville Shawnee	1,748
Maysville	381
Breathitt County	743
Louisville Eastern	1,801
Central City	336
Covington Holmes	1,851
Clark County	542
Louisville Flaget	680
Paducah Highman	944
Eglington Millon	111
Beaver Dam	321
Newport Catholic	475
Dawson Springs	213
Ashland	1,082

Greene Heads All-EKC Voting Second Year; Four Are Unanimous

Bert Greene is the "player of the year" in the Eastern Kentucky Conference for the second straight season. The Olive Hill senior led the voting for the All-Conference team with 103 out of 108 possible voting points and was one of four unanimous selections.

Also named unanimously were Johnny Stephenson of South Portsmouth and two Carter veterans, Paul Webb and Tex English.

Greene is the first player to win All-E.K.C. honors four times since Ralph (Buster) Cartee of Olive Hill, now the Carter coach, in 1940-43. Greene was also a unanimous choice last season.

Olive Hill, which won eleven times in conference competition without defeat, also placed its other four starters on the honor squad with Dale Barker, Larry Ader, J. C. Smith and Larry Williams named. This is the most ever selected from one school.

In addition to Greene, repeaters include Stephenson, Ader and Barker.

Also named were Harold Hardeman of Boyd County, Farrell Sturgill of Blaine—first player ever chosen from his school—James Banks of Ashland Booklet T. Washington and Phillip Hammond of Grayson.

All are seniors except Hardeman and Banks.

Stephenson, the conference scoring champion, was second to Greene in the balloting, which was done prior to regional tournament play. Over a two-year period all five of Olive Hill's All-EKC players have made All-Regional.

Seven players received honorable mention, led by Jack Smith, B. T. Washington senior, and Wilbur Browning, Boyd County junior.

ALL - E. K. C. 1959

Player - school (Voting points)	Height	Class
Bert Greene, Olive Hill (103)	6-1	Senior
John Stephenson, So. Portsmouth (86)	5-10	Senior
Paul Webb, Carter (71)	6-0	Senior
Larry Williams, Olive Hill (55)	6-6	Senior
Dale Barker, Olive Hill (49)	6-0	Senior
Tex English, Carter (48)	5-11	Senior
Larry Ader, Olive Hill (48)	6-3	Senior
James Banks, B. Washington (42)	5-11	Junior
Harold Hardeman, Boyd County (41)	5-9	Junior

Comets

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score a field goal with two seconds left in the overtime, to score the win.

Daleman Barker and Bert Greene were the Comet heroes. Barker hit the goal, with one second left, to tie the game and

The Independent's Top Twenty

Rating of teams still in the running for the state championship:

1. Lexington Dunbar
2. Louisville Manual
3. Olive Hill
4. Louisville Central
5. Meade Memorial
6. Lexington Lafayette
7. North Marshall
8. Pikeville
9. Breathitt County
10. Covington Grant
11. Clark County
12. Butler
13. Ashland
14. Maysville
15. Covington Holmes

ADP's Top 25

	Position Last Week
1. Lexington Dunbar	1
2. Louisville Manual	2
3. Olive Hill	3
4. Louisville Male	4
5. Louisville Shawnee	7
6. North Marshall	5
7. Oil Springs	6
8. Louisville Central	11
9. Louisville St. Xavier	9
10. Covington Grant	15
11. Breathitt County	17
12. Lexington Lafayette	8
13. Meade Memorial	10
14. Sandy Hook	12
15. Clark County	13
16. Hazard	16
17. Eastern	18
18. Pikeville	20
19. Louisville Flaget	19
20. Ashland	21
21. Ashland	21
22. Ashland	21

16th Region Box Scores

CLARK COUNTY 49
Forward—Harper 19, Miller 2, Hoce 6, Graybill 2
Center—Dickerson 9
Guard—Estes 11, Stacion
Personal fouls: 7
Free throws: 13-21

ASHLAND 47
Forward—Church 8, Sparks 5, Gaines
Center—Campbell 8
Guard—Fillmore 4, Castle 2
Personal fouls: 14
Free throws: 5-7
Score by quarters:
CLARK COUNTY 12 11 11 14-46
ASHLAND 16 9 10 12-47

WURLAND 39
Forward—Mullins 2, Hutchins
Center—Maddox 8
Guard—Gumbert 19, Foster
Personal fouls: 10
Free throws: 9-11

OLIVE HILL 41
Forward—Ader 5, Greene 9
Center—Sparks
Guard—Smith 1, Barker 7, Roe 8
Personal fouls: 8
Free throws: 9-12
Score by quarters:

WURLAND 7 10 10 12-39
OLIVE HILL 19 12 11 5-47

Comets Win Regional Championship

Displaying some great courage the Comets won their third regional championship in five years Saturday night, edging past Clark County, 60-59, in an overtime. The Comets had previously gotten by two "freeze outs," that Vanceburg and Wurland had put forth. Vanceburg was defeated quite easily, 65-46, but Wurland put up a stiffer quarrel before falling, 41-39.

The Wurland battle was something to watch. The Comets held a 10-7 first quarter lead, and pushed this to 14-7, with a half court press. However, at this point the Comets looked tired, and allowed the Warriors to slip in for some easy buckets, and put the margin to 22-17 at half-time. In the third stanza the Comets looked the poorest they possibly could, being outscored 18-14, and holding a one point edge going into the last quarter, 36-36. The last quarter saw the Comets outscore the Warriors, 5-4.

Larry Williams scored 13 points to pace the offense, but it was the floor work of J. C. Smith, Daleman Barker, and Bert Greene that gave the Comets the semi-final win. Williams and Greene pulled in 11 of the Comets' 19 rebounds.

Jim Gumbert, breaking loose for some easy shots, paced the losers with 19 points.

All fans thought the thrills would be over after Friday night's game, but there were

Four Comets Make All-Regional

Bert Greene for the third time, Dale Barker his second time, Larry Williams for a second time, and Larry Ader were picked from our champion Comets on the 16th Regional All-Tournament team. The fifth Comet starter, J. C. Smith, missed by one vote making the team for a second time.

plenty more in store for Saturday night's final game. One of the most epic of all 16th Regional final games saw the Comets score a field goal with one second left in regulation time to tie the score and

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Barker Hero As Warriors Bows, 41-39

By JOHN MCGILL

A small, underrated Wurland team played magnificently in a ball-control game that barely fell short of eliminating Olive Hill's No. 3-ranked Comets in Friday night's first semi-final. The nerves-wracker ended 41-39.

Wurland was ahead 35-32 just before the end of the third quarter, having outpointed the Comets 18-14 in the period after trailing 22-17 at halftime.

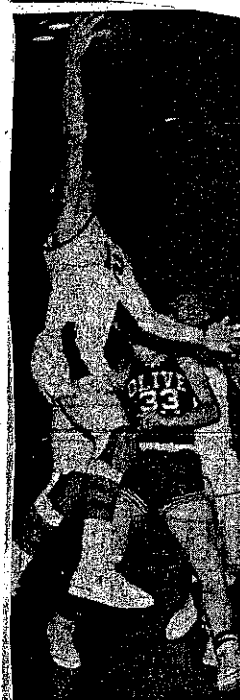
Olive Hill's last-minute hero was senior guard Dale Barker and the role was not a new one for him. With Olive Hill desperately trying to protect a one-point lead, Barker broke up a play beautifully at mid-court and dribbled past a defending Warrior for a layup with 23 seconds remaining. But that was far from the end.

Wurland called time out and remarkable Jim Gumbert, a hero in defeat, pumped in a field shot. Now only 17 seconds remained and Olive Hill called for time. When the Comets put the ball in play, Barker was fouled immediately. With 14 seconds to go in the game in the balance, Barker calmly made the throw which sent Wurland's Wurland was trying to get a shot when Comet guard J. C. Smith knocked the ball out of bounds. Wurland lost some time when two boys tried to take the ball out of bounds but put the ball in play at the 4-second mark. A desperate shot from the side was too long—heartbreakingly so—for Red Smith's courageous crew. The Olive Hill team left the floor too shaken to even smile.

Wurland played only for perfect shots and everything went their way for three quarters as Olive Hill made error after error—nine in the first half. Two of these happened with less than half a minute to play in each of the first two periods. Each time, Wurland scored on a goal at the buzzer—one by Gumbert and the other by Larry Foster. These plays were real killers to Olive Hill, giving Wurland a lot of encouragement when it seemed that the Comets might pull away.

Wurland's most notable freeze came in the fourth quarter. Behind 36-35 after Larry Williams hooked one in to start the period—a truly vital goal in view of the events to come—Wurland held the ball without trying a shot from the 7:30 mark until the clock showed 2:38. Gumbert then fired and missed from the circle and Bert Greene grabbed the rebound. Olive Hill tried to hold the ball but Joe Mullins broke up a pass and streaked in for a basket, reducing Olive Hill's margin to 38-37. Olive Hill lost the ball on a walking penalty at 1:12, leading up to Barker's fine defensive-offensive combination.

Olive Hill hit all its five free throws in the tense second half and Wurland converted its four tries. The final margin was from the field as each team netted nine free.



WURLAND'S Joe Mullins scores after a steal in the final two minutes of 41-29 loss to Olive Hill. The goal reduced Olive Hill's lead to 38-37. Comet No. 33 is Herman Rog.

Only eight points were scored in the final quarter, five by the winners who were held to their lowest total of the season.

Gumbert was the game's high scorer with 19 and he marked up Wurland's first 12 points. Larry Maddox had nine, including two very important trip shots in the third quarter. Foster, Mullins and Curt Hutchinson all played well, and without substitution.

Williams, very effective in the first half, led Olive Hill with 13. Bert Greene had a fine low mark of the year, but he barked a pair when his team had to have them. Herman Rog contributed six in a valuable relief stint.

Olive Hill won its 15th straight and 33rd in all.

East Cagers Win 82-72, Even Series

Decisive Tilt Set
At Pikeville Tonight

From Yesterday's Late Editions
Whitesburg, Ky., June 4 (AP)—

The East evened the Kentucky All-Star basketball series at one game apiece here Thursday night with an 82-72 victory over a West squad of high school basketball standouts.

The Easterners, paced by Tom Thacker of Covington Grant and Bert Greene of Olive Hill, grabbed the lead midway in the first quarter and never trailed after that. Thacker and Greene each scored 20 points.

The West took a 6-2 advantage in the opening minutes, but Thacker hit four goals to put the East on top 24-12 at the end of the period. The East held a halftime margin of 42-33.

Central City's Lance Ighs sparked the West with 21 points.

The teams will meet in a rubber game Saturday night at Pikeville. The West won the first contest, played Tuesday at Prestonsburg, 80-70.

West (72)	FG.P.T.	East (82)	FG.P.T.
Doyle	2 4 8	Thacker	9 22 20
Brown	5 10 10	Berry	8 11 11
Ringstaff	2 1 5	Gibson	0 0 0
Long	2 0 4	Bout	3 0 0
Gur	3 6 8	Dickson	1 0 3
Chandler	0 2 2	Booth	3 4 10
Peloff	6 12 12	Conley	0 3 3
Sample	2 3 7	Greene	8 20 20
Gish	4 9 11	Buck	2 0 4
		Meeks	0 0 0
Totals	30 12 72	Totals	26 18 82
West	12 21 13 32-72		
East	24 18 12 28-82		

Greene Nears 3,000-Mark

Olive Hill Sharpshooter Needs Only 26 to Set Record In 16th

By JOHN McGILL, Courier-Journal Correspondent

Ashland, Ky., Feb. 26.—Bert Greene, a basketball institution at Olive Hill, will play his final home game Friday night and if he sinks 26 points against Carter he will become the first player in 16th Region history to reach 3,000 career points.

It would be an appropriate occasion for the hard-working, accurate-shooting senior forward, whose four varsity seasons have produced an almost incredible record. Since breaking into the starting line-up as a freshman, Greene has hit almost 48 per cent from the field and 83 per cent from the foul line. This year his averages are 53.1 from the field and 83.0 on free throws.

Before Greene, the region's top career mark was probably the 2,051 compiled by Jim Kiser, former Carter and Eastern Kentucky State College star. Greene holds two records in points scored, having been held out of action in many of the easier games, but his field goal accuracy is unprecedented and his foul shooting is the best in the area. Since Billy Kazee, now at Centre, posted 82.8 for Ashland in 1955.

During Greene's four varsity campaigns Jack Fultz's Comets have won 118 and lost but 20. Bert shot the deciding points in several of the wins in clutch situations.

Olive Hill can wrap up its 13th E.K.C. regular season title by defeating Carter. Olive Hill is 8-0 in the conference and Carter is 10-2.

Ashland concluded its upward-town season in a 92-74 loss at Huntington, W. Va. The Comets wound up at 15-8 after a very tough schedule. The other losers were Covington Grant, Olive Hill (2), Sandy Hook, Huntington East, Hazard and Inez. The most impressive wins were over Huntington, where Huntington State beat Huntington State 61-47, and Carter, where Carter beat Carter 61-47.

County trimmed Wurtland 65-51 with Wilbur Browning sinking 20 and Olive Hill won No. 28 by outrunning Vanceburg 93-81. Greene tabbed 33 but Vanceburg's great Harold Billman had 38. Larry Ader added 21 for the Comets, who won their tenth straight with strong final-period play.

In the week's most unusual game, Russell scored 17 points in an overtime period to thrash Raceland 63-48. Bill Trent was the big gun with 31 for the Red Devils, who became one of the 16th Region's few teams to win 20 games.

Mt. Sterling, continuing to worry the favorites, topped Paris handily, 70-51, as Clark County rolled impressively past Estill County 94-52. The Cardinals close the season Friday at home against Lexington Henry Clay as So. Portsmouth plays at Hitchens, Boyd County at Grayson, Fairview at Raceland, Holy Family at Louisa, Russell at Calfettsburg and Nicholasville Dunbar at Booker Washington. Covington Grant hosts Booker Washington Saturday night in the final pre-district action.

Greene May Reach 3,000 Tonight

By JOHN McGILL

Olive Hill fans have watched brilliant Bert Greene toss basketballs through the nets for so long and so well that they do not get particularly excited over a 26-point performance. But if Greene gets 26 tonight against Carter it will be something to yell about, as it will mark the 3,000th point of his career.

No other player in the history of the 16th Region and few players in Kentucky annals have scored so many. That Greene will eventually get 3,000 is a certainty. But for it to happen tonight would be most appropriate, since this is his final home game on a court where he has provided innumerable thrills.

Greene, a marked man since he starred as a freshman, started off with 67 varsity points when he was yet in the eighth grade and appeared in the state tournament that year. He notched 759 as a freshman, 680 as a sophomore, 766 as a junior and has 702 to date this season. He is averaging 23.4 a game but the mark would be nearer 35 if based

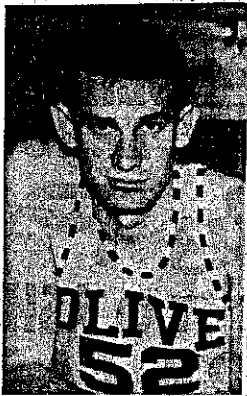
on complete games. Greene's accuracy is even more phenomenal than his average. A boy who can hit 48 per

cent from the field and 83 per cent from the foul line for one season would be worthy of great acclaim. But that is Greene's record for FOUR seasons. This year he is hitting 53 from the field, 83 at the line.

With that kind of shooting ability Greene could have smashed all existing records had he played with a team that had to rely on him more or with one that continually fed him the ball. As it is, he is surrounded by capable players on a team that has won 28 of 36 games and he fits smoothly into the unit. He seldom if ever takes a bad shot.

Before Greene, the regional mark may have been the 2,051 points made by Jim Kiser of Carter. However, the exact total made by Owingville's great Dan Svirz is not known. The previous high at Olive Hill was 1,416 by Phil Stone.

Tonight also marks the final home game for five other Comets—Blaine Barker, who is in his fourth season, J. C. Smith, Larry Ader, Larry Williams and Jim Sembl.



BERT GREENE Plays Final Home Game



LARRY ADER—High-jumping Larry Ader of Olive Hill (55) seems to have control

Comets Seek 38th In Row In E.K.C.

Two streaks are expected to get longer tonight in the Eastern Kentucky Conference. Olive Hill seeks its 37th consecutive victory in regular season play—one short of its own record established twenty years ago—and Hitchens will try to end its 28-game losing streak within the circuit.

Olive Hill, 8-0, is home against Carter, the second place team, and Hitchens has a home date against South Portsmouth, whose Johnny Stephenson seems bent on smashing the EKC scoring record for one season.

Stephenson is running ahead of the record of 28.6 set by Fred Simpson of Holy Family several years back. The So. Portsmouth flash is averaging 29.8.

Farrell Sturgill of Blaine holds second place with 26.2 per game.

Olive Hill, seeking its sixth regular season EKC crown under Coach Jack Fultz, actually has won 47 straight conference games counting tournaments.

Carter has second place wrapped up, regardless of what Buster Carter's Wildcats do at Olive Hill. But third place is at stake in the Boyd County-Grayson game at Grayson. South Portsmouth can take fifth place from Booker T. Washington by extending the Hitchens losing streak.

E. K. C. LEADERS

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Stephenson, So. Ports	29.8
Sturgill, Blaine	26.3
Banks, B. T. Washington	24.5
Greene, Olive Hill	23.6
Webb, Carter	21.0
English, Carter	18.1
E. Barker, Blaine	17.6
Hammend, Grayson	17.6
J. Smith, B. T. Washington	17.3
L. Williams, Olive Hill	14.0

E. K. C. STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Olive Hill	8	0
Carter	10	2
Boyd County	5	3
Grayson	7	5
B. T. Washington	4	5
South Portsmouth	3	4
Blaine	2	5
Hitchens	0	12



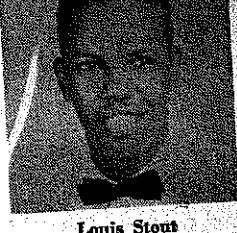
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Fancy Farm, Forward



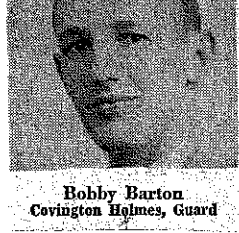
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Sandy Hook, Forward



Bert Greene
Olive Hill, Forward



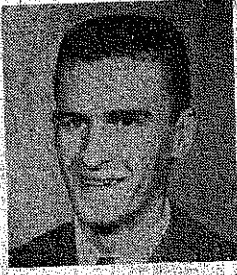
Louis Stout
Cynthiana, Center



Bobby Barton
Covington Holmes, Guard



Don Ringstaff
Linton Central, Forward



Leland Mclear
Manual, Guard

All-State Cage Team

Player	School	Ht.	Pos.	Age	Class	Avg.
Pat Doyle, N. Marshall		6-2	F	18	Sr.	17.0
Tom Thacker, Cov. Grant		6-3	C	18	Sr.	25.0
Julius Berry, Lex. Dunbar		6-5	C	19	Sr.	23.0
Bert Greene, Olive Hill		6-2	F	19	Sr.	22.3
Leland Mclear, Manual		6-0	G	18	Sr.	14.5
Don Ringstaff, Liv. Central		6-3	F	17	Sr.	25.0
Bob Rice, Sandy Hook		6-5	F	17	Sr.	30.0
Louis Stout, Cynthiana		6-4	C	19	Sr.	30.9
Bobby Barton, Cov. Holmes		6-0	G	18	Sr.	27.2
Ken Dalton, Fancy Farm		6-3	F	17	Sr.	22.0



Julius Berry
Lexington Dunbar, Center

Greene,

C.J.'s 1959 All-State Team



Tom Thacker
Covington Grant, Center

Second Team

Player	School
Lance Gish, Central City.	
Jimmy Lampley, N. Marshall.	
Darrel Carrier, Bristow.	
Jerry Smith, Corbin.	
Bonnie Siers, Manual.	
Dick Conley, Oil Springs.	
Everett Stallworth, Male.	
Joe Gold, Benton.	
Jimmie Brown, Beaver Dam.	
Jerry Parker, Taylor Co.	

Third Team

Player	School
Dale Barker, Olive Hill.	
Larry Castle, Ashland.	
Don Frye, Monticello.	
Jon Speaks, Lafayette.	
Jadie Frazier, Henry Central.	
Kenneth Cobb, Hazard.	
Alan Bane, Maysville.	
Wm. Bradley, Lou. Central.	
Mike Ridley, Dawson Springs.	
Tom Finnegan, Flaget.	



Pat Doyle
North Marshall, Forward

AIT Awards

- CHAMPIONSHIP — Ashland Oil & Refining Company Trophy—Olive Hill.
- SECOND PLACE — Ashland Daily Independent Trophy — Meade Memorial.
- THIRD PLACE—Radio Station WCHL Trophy — Sandy Hook.
- FOURTH PLACE — Radio Station WSHR Trophy — Oil Springs.
- TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP — Ashland Jaycees Trophy—Louisville Male.
- INDIVIDUAL SPORTSMANSHIP — Bert Greene, Olive Hill.
- OUTSTANDING PLAYER — Optunist Club Trophy — Richard Conley, Oil Springs.
- LEADERSHIP — Harry Meek, Meade Memorial.
- HIGH SCORER — Eagles Club Trophy—Bob Rice of Sandy Hook and Bert Greene, Olive Hill.

BERT GREENE—One of Kentucky's all-time great shooters, Green hit on eight of every 16.8 shots he took during a brilliant four-year career at Olive Hill.

Playing in 148 games, he made 1,196 field goals out of 2,488 attempts for a shooting percentage of 48.0. He made 715 free throws out of 864 tries for 82.7 per cent. He pulled in 1,214 rebounds, had 256 assists and scored 3,105 points for a 20.9 average. (Not included in those statistics are 67 points he made as an eight-grader; they give him a career total of 3,172).

Some scouts say Greene, the highest scorer in this year's State Tournament, is too slow to make good in college.

Bobby Laughlin, Morehead coach, doesn't think so. He already has signed Greene and his teammate, 8-7 center Larry Williams.

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March 30, 1956

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We are enclosing a certificate which you may wish to keep as a lasting memento of your athletic prowess.

Should there be an error in the spelling of your name, please feel free to return the certificate to me for correction.

Sincerely yours,



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Promotion Director

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April 30, 1959

GREETINGS:

You were nominated by the sports writers and sports broadcasters of your section for the Third Annual National High School All-American Basketball Squad of 1959. This automatically places your name on the eligible list to take part in the Third Annual EAST-WEST All-Star Basketball game at Hutchinson, Kansas, June 3, 4 & 5, 1959.

If you are selected by the EAST-WEST coaches and our selecting committee as one of the Twenty (20) boys to play in the game, you will be furnished all your expenses. This will include transportation by train or bus, as well as food and living quarters while you workout for the game. YOU WILL BE INSURED FROM THE TIME YOU LEAVE HOME UNTIL YOU RETURN, DURING THE BASKETBALL GAME, AND ALL THE PRACTICE SESSIONS.

FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN TODAY WITH AN 8 x 10 GLOSS PICTURE OF YOURSELF IN A BASKETBALL UNIFORM OR STREET CLOTHES. We must have a picture of you, for you to be considered for a place on the team.

Promptness and detail information on your questionnaire will improve your chances of being selected as one of the twenty (20) boys that will be invited to play in the Third Annual All-Star game.

REMEMBER ONLY TWENTY (20) BOYS WILL BE INVITED, so rush your questionnaire and picture by return mail. Promptness in this matter will help your chances for selection. This, along with your basketball ability as to the position you play will assist the coaches and our committee to place the best possible team on the court.

Congratulations on your selection to the All-Star squad of 1959.

Cordially yours,

WIGWAM WISEMEN OF AMERICA

By *Mose Simms*

Mose Simms - Basketball Chairman
Oklahoma Club
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

P.S. Name intentionally left off certificate to avoid mistake in spelling. Suggest you have your name and school added before framing.

Holy Family Bows 73-64 To Comets; Carter Is 'Sudden Death' Victim

By JOHN MCGILL, Independent Sports Editor

MOREHEAD — Clark County tries for its 34th consecutive victory when the Cardinals meet Winchester in the semi-finals of the 6th Regional Tournament here tonight at 6:00, CST, and Olive Hill seeks its 30th win in the second contest against Sharpsburg.

Sharpsburg surprised Carter 74-72 on a pair of free throws by junior guard Allen Bailey with only three seconds gone in a "sudden death" second overtime period last night and Olive Hill margined Highland Holy Family 73-64. Bailey led Sharpsburg with 23 points and reduced in the clutch four times during the final six minutes. Olive Hill outpointed Holy Family 20-11 in the first quarter with C. Smith and Bert Greene hitting long shots in the waning seconds. It was even the rest of the day with each team getting 18 in the second quarter. Holy Family led a 20-19 edge in the third and live Hill a 18-15 margin in the fourth.

Both teams played well under their capabilities and the contest was almost devoid of excitement. Olive Hill was full of ball-hanging errors but the Comets shot brilliantly from outside the Irish line.

Holy Family was never ahead. The Comets made it 5-0 in less than a minute and led 8-1, then 10-0. Olive Hill's lead soared to 16-0 points at 36-21 but the Irish closed this to 38-29 at the half. Holy Family had a good third period, especially in the opening minutes when Dan Stephenson and Larry Smith slashed Olive Hill's defense to 40-35. Smith, subbing for the absent John Tipton, scored seven points in the quarter, which led 47-49.

Smith fouled out at the start of the fourth but J. D. Browne and Bert Gilmore put the Irish within five points of the Comets at 56-56 with 6:20 left. At this juncture, Holy Family lost Joe Braslin's fouls and Olive Hill's Larry Reams followed him.

Stephenson's goal with five minutes remaining made it 63-56 but Olive Hill retaliated on a fast break play from David Tabor to Barker. Stephenson connected and cut the lead to seven again. Drew his fifth personal with 1:00 to go. Holy Family was left with only two regulars and didn't have the power to rally again. Chief ingredients in Olive Hill's 11 straight win were Greene's point shooting, Larry Ader's ability on free throws (8 out of 10) and the fine all-around play of Barker, who scored 18. Smith reduced the Irish to foul several times by driving through nicely wound up with 11. Ader was in hand in the rebounding department.

Stephenson and Gilmore showed to advantage for Holy Family in rebounding and Gilmore led the Irish in scoring with 20 points. Stephenson getting 19. Smith, only a sophomore, did well in his earlier role.

The teams were even in field goals but Olive Hill tipped in 23 of 37 free throws to Holy Family's 14 of 28.

Sharpsburg and Carter spent a good deal of time at the free throw line as the game produced 95 fouls, 60 against the victors. Carter hit 30 free throws to Sharpsburg's 24.

Sharpsburg pinned its hopes of an upset on a full-court press and bothered Carter with it for a while. However, the Golden Eagles soon began to pick up personals at an unhealthy rate and were never in the lead until late in regulation time.

Carter once led by 12 points. Carter led by three during most of the opening quarter, finishing in front by 17-14. The Wildcats tackled two more points on their advantage to lead by 37-32 at the half.

After Carter dominated the third period for a 58-44 lead, Sharpsburg rallied sharply in the fourth and trailed only 58-50 with five minutes remaining. Sharpsburg lost Roger Leggett, 6-3 center, on an injury but it was offset when Carter's Deward Parker fouled out with 3:35 left. Sharpsburg's pressing defense began to make itself felt again and with 3:15 left a goal by Bailey knocked the score at 65.

In a fiercely-played, dramatic final two and a half minutes, Carter lost Paul Webb and Lee Englen on personals while Sharpsburg lost Jerry Atkinson and Billy Black. Sharpsburg missed five free throws but tied the score at 62. Bailey caged two free throws with 24 seconds left to put Sharpsburg ahead but Steve Burge matched them with just seven seconds remaining. He had missed a pair with 12 seconds to go. The regulation time ended 68-68.

Each team tabbed six points in the first extra period. Wade Hall apparently giving Carter the win with a fielder and 40 seconds left. But Bob Hatton came back with two free throws.

English swished 26 for Carter and Burge made 16 but Deward Parker was limited to 12.

East Cagers Win 74-63 As Greene, Rice Star

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—The favored East basketball team came through as expected Saturday night, downing the West high school all-star cagers 74-63.

The West team took a 2-0 lead until the last few seconds of the first quarter when the East went ahead 15-13.

The East never lost the lead after that.

Bert Greene, a 6-1 guard from Olive Hill, led the East's scoring with 17 points.

He was followed by Jon Speaks of Lexington Lafayette, 13; Bobby Rice of Sandy Hook, Tom Thacker of Covington Grant and Julius Berry of Lexington Dunbar with 12 each.

The top men for the West were William Bradley of Louisville Central with 17 and Pat Doyle of North Marshall with 14.

The East squad hit 42.6 per cent of its shots and the West made 32.7 per cent.

The West cut the East's lead to 30-29 midway in the second quarter.

The East now leads the West cagers 6-2 in the series.

Tom Ellis of Covington Holmes who is retiring this year, coached the victorious cagers and was assisted by Jack Fultz of Olive Hill.

EAST	G	F	P	T
Baessler	1	0-0	3	2
Rice	4	4-4	4	12
Rump	0	0-0	0	0
Speaks	4	5-8	3	13
Greene	6	5-6	3	17
Thacker	4	4-6	3	12
Berry	5	2-3	3	12
Stout	1	2-2	3	4
Teague	0	0-0	0	0
Cobb	0	0-0	0	0
Reams	1	0-0	0	2
Totals	26	22-29	22	74

WEST	G	F	P	T
Doyle	2	10-14	3	14
Brown	2	3-4	3	7
Glur	1	4-4	1	6
McCarley	1	0-1	0	2
Bradley	6	5-5	4	17
Dalton	0	2-4	1	2
Frazier	1	0-1	0	2
Claycomb	1	3-4	3	5
Ridley	1	0-0	0	2
Atkins	3	0-0	2	6
Hosback	0	0-1	0	0
Davenport	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18	27-38	17	63

EAST	17	21	22	14-74
WEST	13	19	14	17-63



Top Scorer For East



All-State Honors Many 16th Region Players, Coaches; Greene, Castle Rated 1-2

Region 16 was rather well represented in the All-State basketball selections announced Sunday by the Louisville Courier-Journal.

A large number of players made honorable mention in addition to the selection of Olive Hill's Bert Greene on the first team with Larry Castle of Ashland and Dale Barker of Olive Hill on the third team.

Olive Hill's Jack Fritz was the only serious contender for Coach of the Year back of Charlie Lampley of North Marshall, the winner. The semi-final game of the state tournament featuring North Marshall and Olive Hill unquestionably decided the Coach of the Year honors. Letcher Norton of Clark

County finished 11th in the voting and Bob Wright of Vanceburg also received consideration.

Ashland this season played against three All-State players and three others who made the third team. Regional champion Olive Hill opposed six All-Staters plus two second teams and three third team choices.

Greene, who hit 48 per cent from the field and 82.7 from the top line while averaging 20.8 points in four seasons, was the No. 1 vote getter back of Pat Doyle of North Marshall. Tom Thacker of Covington, Grant and Julius Berry of Lexington Dunbar.

The Courier-Journal also announced that Greene was chosen in a special poll of coaches as the outstanding player in the region. Castle was second with Harold Billman of Vanceburg third, Hank as fourth and James Gumbert of Wurtland fifth. Sandy Hook's Bob Rice was No. 1 in the 16th Region.

Players from Region 16 given All-State honorable mention included:

Larry Williams, Olive Hill; Tom Harper, Clark County; Philip Hammond, Grayson; Harold Billman, Vanceburg; Monte Campbell, Ashland; Lester Stewart, West Virginia; Training, John Stephenson, South Portsmouth; J. D. Braxton, Ashland; Holy Family, Charles Zismel, Mt. Sterling; Robert Henton, McKell; Mike Hamilton, McKell; Roy Ware, Camargo; Leroy Jackson, Greenup; Tex English, Carter; Paul Webb, Carter; Dan Dickerson, Clark County; Jimmy Gumbert, Wurtland.

IN BRIEF — Ed Diddle speaks at the Paris High cage banquet tonight and the Kentucky Christian fete at Grayson Friday night. Holy Family has its annual dinner for the basketball team Sunday night with Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Danz the principal speaker. Lexington Dunbar's great Julius Berry will visit the Iowa, Evansville and Cincinnati campuses in the near future. Kentucky State has offered to give all four of Dunbar's seniors scholarships in a package deal if Berry will say yes. Marshall wants Olive Hill's Bert Greene badly and several colleges are still after his teammate, 6-8 Larry Williams. They've signed at Morehead but there are existing circumstances that may change their decisions.

Rusty's Review

Georgia Tech in seeking teammate Larry Williams.

As this is written Saturday afternoon, ten boys are sure to get my All-State vote. They are Leland Melear of Manual, Julius Berry of Dunbar, Tom Thacker of Grant, Dale Barker and Bert Greene of Olive Hill, Lance Gish of Central City, Don Faye of Monticello, Don Ringstaff of Livingston and Pat Doyle and Jim Lampley of North Marshall. Olive Hill was given 450 tickets for each Saturday session and sold out fast. Dunbar loses Berry and some other good boys but will be strong again next season. There is serious talk of moving the Sweet Sixteen back to Louisville in 1960.

GREEN SHINES IN ALL-STAR GAMES

Bert Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Green of Rt. 3, Olive Hill, continued to add lustre to a brilliant career last week when he led the East squad to a 2-1 margin in a three game series, over the West.

The three game basketball series was played in three Eastern Kentucky cities, and each squad was filled with Kentucky All-State stars. However, Bert Greene was the leading scorer in the series, scoring 51 points. This, despite the fact that he was playing at guard.

While playing in the series, Greene was approached by several college scouts, but the left handed former Comet has signed with Morehead State College.

Greene, Thacker Pace East's 82-72 Victory

WHITESBURG, Ky. (AP) — A rubber game Saturday at Pikeville will settle the Kentucky East-West high school All-State basketball series, which now stands at one game apiece. The East evened the score Thursday with an 82-72 victory, paced by Tom Thacker of Covington Grant and Bert Greene of Olive Hill, who contributed 20 points each.

The Easterners grabbed a lead midway in the first period and never trailed again. The half-time score was 42-32.

Central City's Lance Gish sparked the West effort with 21 points. The West won the first game in the series Tuesday at Prestonsburg, 40-30.

Greene And Barker Are All-State

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Ten seniors, two from North Marshall, were named Saturday night to the Kentucky High School Basketball All-Tournament team.

Leland Melear, a six-foot senior from Louisville Manual, was the top choice of sportswriters and sportscasters covering the tournament.

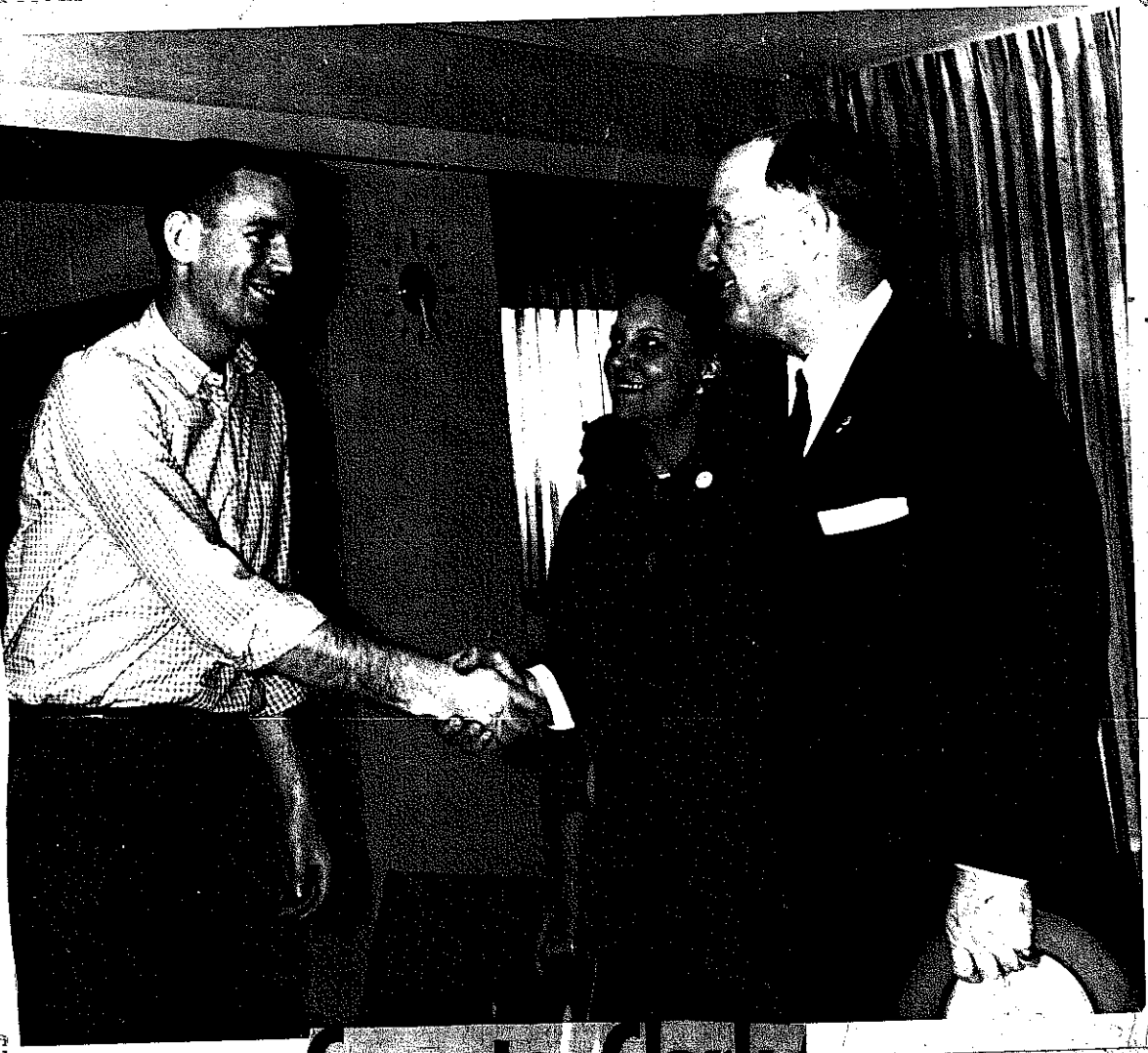
North Marshall, which defeated Manual 64-63 for the championship, placed 6-2 Pat Doyle and six-foot Jimmy Lampley on the all-tourney team.

The rest included Tom Thacker of Covington Grant, Bert Greene of Olive Hill, Julius Berry of Lexington Dunbar, Don Ringstaff of Livingston, Central, Ronnie Sters of Manual, Dale Barker of Olive Hill and Lance Gish of Central City.

Thacker was listed as a junior.

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Comets, Clark

Cardinals Edge Ashland 49-47 After Trailing With 3 Minutes To Go

By JOHN MCGILL
 Independent Sports Editor

It will be a rematch between defending champion Clark County and favored Olive Hill tonight at Morehead in the finals of the 16th Regional Tournament.

Clark County came from behind in the last three minutes to shade Ashland 49-47 after Olive Hill barely squeezed past Wurland 41-39 in one of the most exciting semi-final rounds the event has ever produced.

Tournament Briefs

THE BASHBALL...
 THE COMET star won the...
 Other prizes went...
 Martin, Ashland...
 Winchester, Williams...
 Betsy Ross Tru...
 round box of candy...
 Buccaneer (coming...
 Theatre) and other...
 fighting tonight...



Left—James Bert Green, son of Bert Green, Kiln Fireman at Kentucky Works, recently was voted the most outstanding player in the Eastern Kentucky Conference Basketball tournament held in Boyd County. The 6'11" senior is playing his fifth year of basketball and his fourth as a regular on the "Olive Hill Comet" team. He has broken practically every record in the Conference and to date, is averaging 24 points per game.

Vanceburg First Major Test For Olive Hill's 1958 Comets

Vanceburg's Lions will provide the first major test for the Maroon and White Comets, when they play here Tuesday night. The Lions are always one of the better teams in the 63rd District, and certainly should be one of the teams given a chance of knocking the Comets out of their fifth consecutive district championship.

Coaching by Bob Wright, the Lions feature the Marshall fast break and will run with anyone. If they are hot, they can beat just about anyone. The team is not big, but they are fast and very deceptive.

The game will get underway at 7:00 o'clock (BST) with the "B" game. Admission prices will be 50c and 75c.

COMETS 81-36 HITCHINS. Olive Hill's Comets successfully opened the 1958-59 season Tuesday night, defeating the Hitchins Tigers 81 to 36. All fourteen players on the Comet bench saw action, as the starters played only the first half.

Bert Greene paced the scorers with 21 points. Larry Sparks added 12, Larry Williams 11, Russ Tackett 8, Ader, Smith and Barker 6 each, Schnell 4, Baker 3, Short and P. Williams 2 each.

RUSTY'S REVIEW

By JOHN MCGILL

MOREHEAD—The Ashland Tomcats face Mount Sterling in their first regional tournament appearance since 1956.

Oddly enough, it was Mount Sterling that provided Ashland with its last regional opposition. In the 1956 event held at Ashland, the Trojans eliminated the Tomcats in the semi-finals then bowed to Olive Hill in a thrilling championship game.

Tonight will mark Ashland's first game in the magnificent college fieldhouse Mount Sterling played here in 1937.

Mount Sterling used a zone defense in its last game against Ashland but is expected to present a man-to-man setup here. The school has changed coaches and Jim Floyd, a player at Eastern, now is the mentor.

Mount Sterling has but two seniors on the starting five. With 6-4 James Fawns, 6-3 Charles Ishmael and 6-1 Jerry Lansdale returning, the Montgomery Countians should be a championship threat next season. But the fact also means that this year's team will have no advantage over Ashland in experience. Ashland has three starting seniors—Monte Campbell, Larry Castle and Dick Williams. Mount Sterling's two seniors, Bill Bieratt and Dicky Miller, are leading the team in scoring with 14.8 and 11.7, respectively. But the other three boys are averaging around ten a game.

Among the Trojan victims this season are Lexington Henry Clay, Sharpburg Versailles, Georgetown Irvine and Clark County. They downed the Cardinals 55-54 but lost twice to them in the last five by 27-41, 30-31 and 20-21. In 1957, one pointers against Strong against 22-21, Sterling

The most notable Mount Sterling basketball player in the past few years is the late Coach Fred Smith. He was a player, a coach, and a mentor. Tonight will be the first regional for Ashland's Fred Anson, either as a player or a coach. Letcher Norton of Clark County is the veteran, this being his ninth time. Olive Hill's Jack Fultz is involved for the sixth time.

Morehead College is represented by the most coaches this year—Fultz, Wurland's Fred Smith and Breck's Sonny Allen. Anson is from VMI. Vanceburg's Wright is from Marshall, Sharpburg's Tom Evans from Ohio State, Norton from Kentucky Wesleyan and Floyd from Eastern.

Clark County is the leader in regional titles with nine since the Sixteenth was composed in 1930. Ashland has seven, Mount Sterling four, Breck three, and Olive Hill three.

Only three of the eight regional entries have gone on to the state championship. Ashland has taken that honor three times with Breck and Clark each going all the way once.

IN BRIEF—Jim Harrison, 6-9 Morehead basketball player from Cincinnati, had a chance to make a bit of money as a tourney usher but passed it up to be Olive Hill's dressing room attendant. "I want to be with the team that's going all the way!" he exclaimed.

Olive Hill and Wurland will meet for the first time in 21 years Friday. Clark County's veteran Charles Jett, who has been sidelined by an auto wreck injury, played some last week but probably will miss his team's first regional game. He is at Fort Knox taking a West Point entrance exam. If Clark reaches the final, Coach Letcher Norton expects to have the All-Regional guard in uniform. Junior forward Dean Church leads AHS in free throw accuracy with a fine 81 per cent. The Tomcats take a 42-4 field goal accuracy record against Mount Sterling and have a point spread of eight 71-63 while compiling the 20-8 record. Last night's crowd was rather small, comprising about 100.

- ADJ's Top 25**
1. Lexington Dunbar.
 2. Louisville Manual.
 3. Olive Hill.
 4. Louisville Central.
 5. Covington Grant.
 6. Oil Springs.
 7. Meade Memorial.
 8. Breathitt County.
 9. Louisville Male.
 10. Maysville.
 11. Lexington Lafayette.
 12. Hazard.
 13. Sandy Hook.
 14. Louisville Shawnee.
 15. Valley.
 16. Clark County.
 17. Pikeville.
 18. Eastern.
 19. Louisville St. Xavier.
 20. Ashland.

Methodist Men Honor Comets

OLIVE HILL—The Methodist Men of the Olive Hill Methodist Church honored the Comets basketball team at a dinner meeting April 7. D. V. Gearheart, Jr., president, was in charge of the program.

Guest speaker was O. M. Wiseman, city manager of Ironton, O.

The Rev. Walton Gardner, pastor introduced Coach Jack Fultz, who presented each of the players and the team managers.

Hostesses included Mrs. Virgil Newcom, Mrs. Walter Bricker, and Mrs. Joe Nemeth, assisted by Miss Grace Pond.

Greene, Williams Ticketed For Morehead

Morehead College Coach Bobby Lighthart was smiling today as he anticipated his probable freshman team of next season.

Olive Hill's sensational Bert Greene signed a grant-in-aid Monday and Larry Williams, another Comet star, was expected to sign today. Greene is a 6-1 forward, Williams is 6-6 center. Both hit more than 52 per cent of their field goal attempts during the past season as Olive Hill won 36 games.

Morehead also has signed John Gibson of Prestonsburg and Rich are Conley and Mervin Blair, of Oil Springs, if all go through with their announced intention of playing at Morehead, the school should have an outstanding freshman team. Greene's opportunity to make the "Big East" All State team to be announced Sunday was a third team choice last year.

Olive Hill

can ramble. But he didn't get much help against Tech.

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BERT GREENE has enrolled at Morehead State and they'd better take good care of the south-paw sharpshooter.

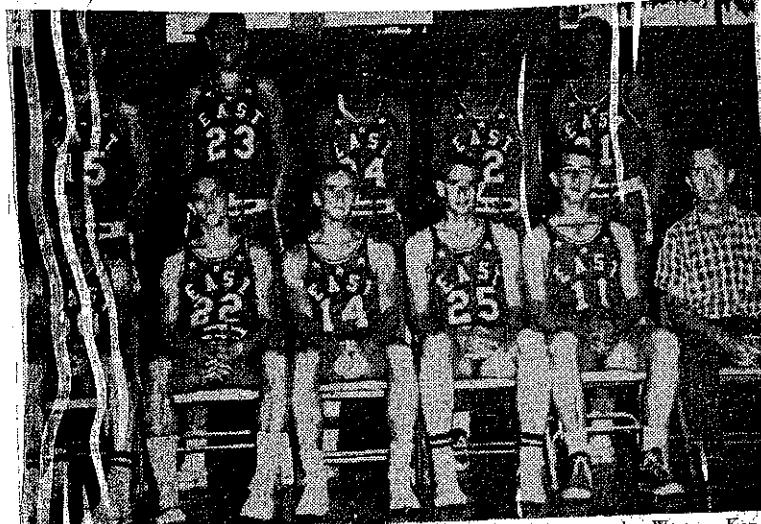
Since last July Morehead has lost two fine prospects to other schools, had another enter the Army and still another severely injured.



REGION 16 CHAMPS, OLIVE HILL

Front Row—Manager Paul Torkett, Benny Jones, G. T. Tackett, Herman Roe, John Short, Clyde Mauk, J. C. Smith, Ronald McClure, Larry Sparks, Daleans Barker.
Back Row—Paul Williams, Russell Tackett, Jim Schmell, Larry Williams, Larry Ader, Bert Greene, Coach Jack Fritz.

MOREHEAD COLLEGE Coach Bob Laughlin announced today that Bert Greene and Larry Williams of Olive Hill have signed grant-in-aids. They are pictured signing as their coach, Jack Fritz, looks on. Greene, center, was the top scorer in the state tournament after averaging 22.3 during the season. He is the region's all-time champion point maker. Williams, right, led the No. 4-ranked Comets in rebounding while averaging 13.5 points a game.



SEMI-FINALS STARTS TONIGHT—The Eastern Kentucky All-Stars meet the Western Kentucky All-Stars tonight at Prestonsburg in the first of a three-game series. Pictured, front row: Richard Conley, Oil Springs; Larry Back, Breathitt County; Bill Booth, Pikeville; Bert Greene, Olive Hill; Harry Meek, Meade Memorial and coach John Bill Trivette, Pikeville; back row: John Gibson, Prestonsburg; Emil Dixon, Pikeville; Louis Stout, Cynthiana; Tom Thacker, Covington Grant and Julius Berry, Lexington Dunbar. The series, which shifts to Whitesburg Thursday and Pikeville Saturday, is sponsored by the local Explorer Scouts. The West team, tutored by Manual's Jim Casillo, is headed by Leland Mearse of Manual. Pat Doyle and Jim Lampley, North Marshall, and Don Ringstaff, Livingston Central. Bert Combs, Democore, is nominee for Governor, will officiate tonight by the Prestonsburg Jaycees in a half-time ceremony. Game time is 7:30 p.m. (AP Wirephoto)

Ringstaff Paces West Stars To 80-70 Win

PRESTONSBURG—A last-quarter outburst featured the 80-70 victory by the West over the East in the high school All-Stars opening their annual basketball series here last night.

Trailing 44-27 at the half, the Westerners recovered on the fine play of Don Ringstaff of Livingston Central. Lance Gish of Central City and Dick Peloff of Eastern Ringstaff was the big gun as he scored in 16 points.

Covington Grant's Tom Thacker led the East with 20 and Bert Greene of Olive Hill, shooting sensationally from a guard position, added 14.

almost two dozen college coaches and scouts. The teams meet again Thursday at Whitesburg and Saturday at Pikeville.

The Independent's Top Twenty

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2. Louisville Manual
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10. Lexington Lafayette
11. Louisville St. Xavier
12. Sandy Hook
13. Covington Grant
14. Breathitt County
15. Eastern
16. Pikeville
17. Louisville Flagg
18. Clark County
19. Campbellsville
20. Ashland

WEST	G	F	P	T
Gerald Glur	2	3	1	7
Manual				
Dick Peloff	6	1	3	13
Eastern				
Pat Doyle	3	3	4	11
North Marshall				
Don Ringstaff	6	4	2	16
Livingston Central				
Lance Gish	5	4	1	14
Central City				
Jim Brown	3	0	2	6
Beaver Dam				
Stanley Chandler	1	4	2	8
Central				
Jimmy Lampley	2	1	0	5
North Marshall				
Charles Long	0	2	1	2
Eastern				
Totals	28	24	16	80

EAST	G	F	P	T
Bert Greene	4	2	2	14
Olive Hill				
Richard Conley	6	0	1	0
Oil Springs				
James Meek	2	0	1	4
Meade Memorial				
Julius Berry	4	2	4	10
Lexington Dunbar				
John Gibson	0	0	1	0
Prestonsburg				
Larry Back	1	0	1	2
Breathitt County				
Louis Stout	5	2	4	12
Cynthiana				
Tom Thacker	9	2	5	20
Covington Grant				
Emil Dixon	1	0	1	2
Pikeville				
Bill Booth	2	2	3	6
Pikeville				
Totals	30	10	23	70



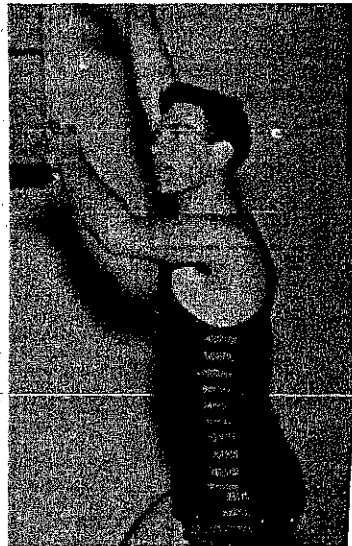
West	15	12	21	82-56
East	20	14	15	21-70



Lonnie "Corky" Howerton



J. D. Kiser



"Buster" Cartee

Olive Hill's Five Greatest

(See Story On Page 3)!



Bert Greene

Larry Ader

By Gayle Rose

Sports Roundup

Thursday, January 1, 1970, you, the fans, named the greatest players in Olive Hill history. We have the pictures on the front page this week. It has taken the Times this long to round up the pictures of the players and we have decided to print that issue of Sports Roundup again.

Bert Green has been elected captain of the five greatest players in Olive Hill history by being named on 78% of all the ballots cast. Bert who is now coach of the Olive Hill Comets is called by many the greatest shot they have ever seen. Bert was coached by Jack Fultz who is now principal of Olive Hill High School.

He led his team to the state tournament where they were finally beaten by North Marshall by only two points. His great play earned him many honors foremost being named to the All-state team

and a scholarship to Morehead College where he graduated.

Lonnie "Corky" Howerton who played on the great Olive Hill team that upset state tournament favorite Brooksville in 1943-44 was the second largest vote-getter being named on 53% of the ballots. "Corky" was called by many coaches as the greatest player-pond for pound they had ever seen.

He was offered scholarships to practically every college in the country when he graduated, but refused to play college basketball because of his desire to be a doctor. He and his family now live in Louisville where Dr. Howerton is considered by many to be one of the outstanding Urologists in the country.

The next four players tied, each receiving 28% of the votes. Ralph Cartee Jr., J. D. Kiser, Larry Ader and Wade

Eden were named to the great team by receiving 28% of the votes.

"Buster" Cartee was the only member of the select group who made an outstanding college player. He was a standout performer for Morehead College and played two years for Georgia Southern where he graduated.

J. D. Kiser went to Georgia Tech and as a freshman led the team in scoring. He transferred to the University of Kentucky but didn't play basketball. J. D. was a players player as he was an outstanding team man. He was a great scorer but I thought his greatest asset was his defensive ability. You

could put him on the opposing teams best scorer and know he would do a good job.

Larry Ader was a player who would always give you 100% effort. He was a good scorer, defensive man and rebounder. He was a steady ball player who had one thing in mind and that was to beat you.

The last member of our team, Wade Eden, was killed in Viet Nam. Wade was only 5 feet 11-inches tall but played real well inside. He was a top scorer and a determined type ball player who had all the good moves.

Missing the select group by one vote was Larry "Stick" Williams and Delmaine Barker.

Roy Brawner and J. C. Smith received a great deal of support being named on 18% of the ballots. Next came Jack Holley and "Hoppy" Brown. Jack Fultz, Marcus McCleese, Marvin Gearhart, "Doc" Adams, Malcolm Johnson, Dr. Paul Lewis, Harold Tackett, Phillip Stone, Oval Armstrong, and Huff Hammond all received some support.

There were many others receiving votes, some who are no longer with us.

I'm sure you don't agree with all the selections and neither do I, but that's the way the votes were cast. This is not meant to be the one and only all-time team and players because a team like this could never be chosen fairly. Many of the voters never saw the older players and some of the older voters haven't seen the younger players.

We merely wanted to recognize some of the great players in Olive Hill history and let them know they were appreciated and will never be forgotten.

As a former alumni of the Olive Hill Comets, I would like to express my opinion as to the greatest team and players in Olive Hill history. My

opinion is based solely on the team and players I remember, as in any opinion poll.

First, the greatest team I remember would have to be the 1958-59 team. It consisted of Larry Ader, Delmaine Barker, Bert Green, Larry Williams and myself. This team went as far as any team in Olive Hill history in the state tournament.

In my opinion the best player is Bert Green. He holds nearly every top scoring record in the history of the school. Second would be J. D. Kiser because he led his team to two straight state tournaments. Third would be Phillip Stone. Fourth and fifth would be Lonnie Howerton and Buster Cartee, because of all the talk I've heard about them through the years.

Sincerely,
J. C. Smith

Greene EKC Coach Of Year

Rowan Co., Morgan Co.

To Join Loop This Year

By JACK W. THOMPSON
Independent Sports Editor

SOUTH POINT—Bert Greene, who directed his Olive Hill Comets to a 20-10 record and the 62nd District championship this year, was named Eastern Kentucky Conference "Coach of the Year" last night. The presentation was made at the annual spring meeting of the EKC at the Holiday Inn here.

The league championship trophy was presented to Coach Dienzel Dennis, whose University Breckinridge Eaglets took the regular season championship with a 9-1 record. It marked the second consecutive year for Breckinridge to take top honors.

Awards were also presented for members of the 12-man All-Conference team. Olive Hill and Breckinridge each placed three men on the team. Representing the Comets are Rex Bowling, Paul Lewis, and Thomas Edison, and Breckinridge placed Don Miller, Ken Cunningham and Mark Lewis.

Other members of the team are Bill

Montgomery and Dan Gardner, Salyersville; Larry Salley, Grayson Prichard; Lanny Trimble, Menifee County; Larry Skaggs, Sandy Hook, and Randy Boggs, Hitchens.

It was announced by EKC president Jack Fultz that the league will have two new schools next season, bringing its membership to eight. The newcomers are Rowan County and Morgan County.

Some other changes will also take place next season when Hitchens and Grayson Prichard merge to form the new East Carter County High, and Olive Hill will go into West Carter County High.

The remaining four schools will be the same as this year, Sandy Hook, Breckinridge, Menifee County and Salyersville.

Some changes were necessary in the league's annual preseason basketball tournament with the two new clubs coming into the EKC. Since both Rowan County and Morgan County participate in football, the tournament was moved up to Thanksgiving week to allow them enough time to prepare for it. The tournament will be played Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in the Laughlin Fieldhouse at Morehead State University.

The coaches agreed to place Rowan County and Breckinridge in opposite brackets for the tournament, but other than that there will be no seeding this year. Due to a prior commitment,

Salyersville will also be participating in the Jenny Wiley Tournament the same week.

"I am very pleased to see Rowan County and Morgan County come into the conference because I now think we have one of the strongest basketball conferences in the state, and our conference tournament is now second to none," Fultz said.

The Olive Hill principal was again unanimously elected EKC president. He said the conference outlook is bright, and that he expects to see it expand to football and track in the foreseeable future.

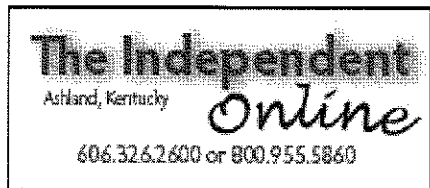
Fultz also announced he plans to run for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association BOARD OF Control for Districts 7 and 8 this year. The school principals at the meeting voted their unanimous support of Fultz and his bid for the state post.

The annual EKC baseball tournament will be held at Morehead State University, May 10-11, with five teams participating.

Three games will be played the first day with Olive Hill taking on Breckinridge at 10 a.m., Menifee County going against Grayson at 12:30 p.m., and Hitchens taking on the Olive Hill-Breckinridge winner at 3 to complete semi-final action. The championship game is set for 1 p.m. the following day.



BERT GREENE
Coach Of Year



April 18, 2010

MARK MAYNARD: A link to past at BTW 4/15/10

I received an interesting call yesterday from Dr. James Thomas, who a little more than 50 years ago graduated from Booker T. Washington High School.

Thomas called because, through the beauty of the Internet, he'd come across a story from this newspaper about BTW's first game with Ashland in 1958.

BTW was Ashland's all-black school during the days of segregation. The Hornets have a proud past and some amazing alums.

One of those is Thomas, who today is the chairman of the Department of Surgery at Kansas University Medical School. He remembers the BTW-Ashland '59 game well. He also said the Tomcats knew what they were in for that night.

"They had some good players and we did, too," he said. "Ashland was a small town. We all knew each other and played against each other (on the sandlots)."

Thomas said many of the BTW students actually took classes at Ashland High School. He remembered a chemistry class that was taught by Miss Jayne, who asked the boys who was going to win.

"The kids at Ashland were very much aware they weren't going to win," he said.

Thomas was right. Even after BTW star Marshall Banks was shockingly ejected from the game after colliding with a Tomcat on a rebound, the Hornets were able to hold on for a 54-46 victory.

Banks was tossed in the first quarter for "deliberately tripping" the Tomcat player. Most accounts say it was nothing more than two players going after a ball and colliding.

Thomas said the call was stunning. "The (Ashland) guy that fell wore glasses," he said. "We'd never seen anybody kicked out. Never. We won the game but we were emotionally spent."

Thomas was typically the replacement for Marshall Banks but BTW coach W.A. West instead chose Marshall's brother, Reece, to go into the game. "Reece was a good ballplayer," Thomas said. "I had no problem with that."

The game was played at Russell High School and the Hornets actually eliminated the Red Devils, 69-64, in the opening round as Marshall Banks scored 22.

The district was so large that it took several rounds to even get to the semifinals. The BTW-Ashland game was a second-round contest and played on a Thursday night.

The next night, BTW was back at it, playing Holy Family and fell flat, 65-54, in the district semifinals. The emotion of the win over the Tomcats had sapped them and the dream of going to the 16th Region Tournament

was over.

"I was kind of shocked we beat them," said Steve Gilmore, a freshman on the Irish team. "They did all they needed to do to beat Ashland. They couldn't get up for us because they didn't dislike us."

It was a good Holy Family team with Bob Gilmore (Steve's brother), Dan Stephenson, J.D. Browne and John Tipton but one that had fallen 79-63 to BTW in the regular season.

"We should have beaten Holy Family," Thomas said.

"We just didn't have anything left (after the Ashland game the previous night)."

It was one of BTW's best teams. Don Keeton, Marshall and Reece Banks, Jack Smith, Tyrone Fitzpatrick, Jack Barrow and Thomas were some of the Hornet stars.

Thomas said if BTW and Ashland could have joined forces, they probably would have won the state championship.

"We had a good team and Ashland had some good players, too," he said.

Thomas said something that sticks with him from that district tournament was how BTW's mascot was painted on the wall "in a grotesque manner, with huge lips and all of that. It was a horrible thing in retrospect."

Thomas said West told the players "let that be the last thing standing."

Thomas graduated from BTW in 1959 but he was able to play against some of the area greats like Bert Greene of Olive Hill and Mickey Syndenstricker of Russell.

"Syndenstricker was the best player we came in contact with," he said. "But Bert Greene, he was something else. Bert was not fast, or not anything, but he could shoot the ball. I did everything I could (guarding him) and I couldn't stop Bert Greene."

Few could stop the Comet great, who scored more than 3,000 points in his Olive Hill career.

He also remembers playing against Sandy Hook and Orby "Big Chief" Bowling. "They couldn't get the ball up the court against us," Thomas said.

Thomas also remembers Herb Conley and Dick Fillmore from Ashland's famed 1959 football team. Some of the players on the Ironton team that tied the Tomcats that season transferred from BTW, he said.

"Elvin Harvey was an ex-BTW player," Thomas said. "He was fast as hell."

Thomas said Wilson Barrow may have been one of the greatest all-around athletes he'd been around. "I remember watching him. Nobody could touch him," he said.

He also remembered a guy who made it big in Hollywood from Ashland — television game show guru Chuck Woolery.

Thomas said growing up in Ashland during that time is mostly good memories for him. His mother, Alice Thomas, was a teacher at BTW and eventually director of pupil personnel in the Ashland school system. His father was a 1936 graduate of BTW, in a class of two. James C. Thomas died a couple years ago at 96.

Thomas also had a sister, Hermione Saunders, who graduated from BTW and became a teacher in Columbus, Ohio. The education, and love, he received through BTW served him well.

"My mother was one of the teachers but there was no such thing as hiding at BTW," he said. "People knew if you took care of business. They took a special interest in kids. It was a great place."

Thomas took classes at Ashland during his sophomore, junior and senior years at BTW. He said he received a call at his office from someone who said she was a classmate of Thomas.

"I asked 'Is she black?' The secretary said no but she said when she met you (at Ashland High School), she considered you a part of that class as well," he said. "I called Gail Finney and she remembered her, too."

Sometimes bridges to the past come later in life. But it's always good to have them.

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MARK MAYNARD: Greene deserves a spot in Hall

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— Longtime Russell football coach Ivan McGlone will be inducted into the Dawahares/Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in May.

Good for Coach McGlone, who is more than deserving of the honor.

He's done so much good at Russell, including winning a couple of state championships in 1978 and 2005 and finishing runner-up in 2006. But, more than the victories, he's been a father figure to many players, knows how to win and lose with class and coached great football for four decades at Russell.

Ivan McGlone is Russell football. Nobody would argue that point.

We have several from northeastern Kentucky in the KHSAA Hall of Fame but one glowing omission is the late Bert Greene, the former Olive Hill High School basketball great.

Greene scored 3,010 points in his Comet career and led them to the State Tournament twice, including the 1959 season when Olive Hill made it to the semifinals under coach Jack Fultz.

Greene was the all-time leading scorer in 16th Region boys' history until Elliott County's Jonathan Ferguson surpassed him last season. So it was a record that stood for 50 years.

Greene and Ferguson are the only 16th Region boys (Rose Hill great Emily Queen holds the girls record) to have scored more than 3,000 points in a career. There are only 29 players in state history that have achieved that total.

Chris Perry, a longtime supporter of all Comet sports, is putting together information on Greene to try and get him the long overlooked honor of having a place in the Hall of Fame. If there's anything you can add to the Greene legacy, give Chris a call.

Honestly, it's hard to understand why Greene has been overlooked. He may have had the best shooting stroke in region history, his teams won with regularity and he even did some coaching at West Carter High School.

Bert Greene gave a lot to the 16th Region and the state. It's time for the late Comet great to be recognized.

Trivia question

Curtis Crye, an area sports historian, posed this question to me the other day.

There has been one former Ashland Tomcat who, as a head basketball college coach, took a team to the Division I NCAA Tournament. Can you name him? (Keep reading for the answer).

Tiger Town

Basketball is alive and well in Ironton.

Ironton's girls basketball team is in the Division III Final Four, taking on No. 3 Middletown Madison at 1 p.m. at Ohio State's Schottenstein Center.

The Lady Tigers stunned No. 1 Oak Hill 43-31 last week to reach the Final Four for the first time since 2005.

Nikki Elswick collected 18 points and 13 rebounds and Brea Tackett added 13 points and four steals. Ironton avenged a two-point loss to Oak Hill in the record season. The Lady Oaks came into the game 24-0.

Doug Graham is Ironton's girls' head coach.

Tonight, Ironton's boys take on Eastern Brown in the Division III regional semifinals at Ohio University's Convocation Center.

Tenn. Miss Basketball

Tennessee's Miss Basketball this season has some area ties.

Taylor Hall, the daughter of Steve Hall and Kelli Cromer, has been named the Division I Class AAA Miss Basketball Award in Tennessee.

Taylor plays for Morristown West, which lost in the state championship game at the Murphy Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University last weekend.

The 6-foot-1 forward has already signed with Tennessee-Chattanooga. She was also Tennessee's state Gatorade Player of the Year in girls' basketball.

Hall started four years for the Lady Trojans and averaged 18.4 points, 9.8 rebounds, 3.8 steals and 3.4 assists per game as



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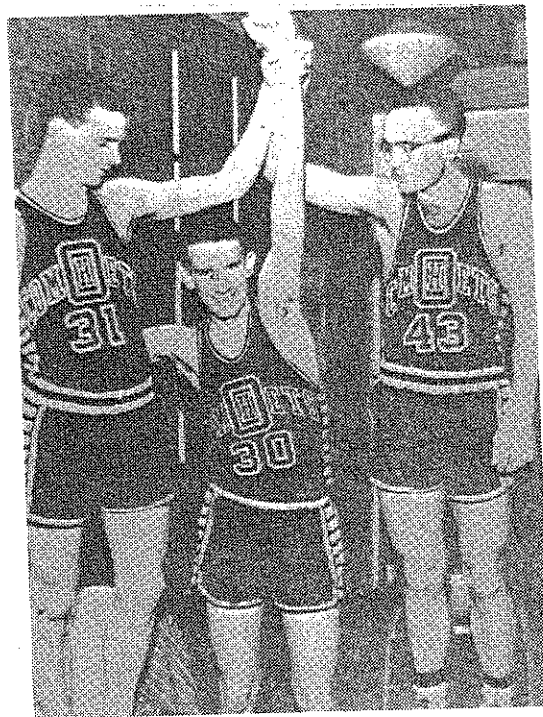
OLIVE HILL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

With Memorabilia of the Era
≡ 1917 to 1971 ≡

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1956 All-16th Regional Tournament Team. Kneeling, L-R: Buddy Banks (Raceland), Gene Knipp, Paul Smith (Clark County). Standing, L-R: J. D. Kiser, Billy Otis (Mt. Sterling), Bert Greene, Roger Ingram (Mt. Sterling), David May (Mt. Sterling). May was so overcome with his team's loss he had to be assisted by two fans in order to pose for this picture. Banks and Knipp appear to be concerned over May. George Carroll (Ashland) and Jack Adams (Grayson) were not present.



Paul Lewis (31) and J. D. Kiser (43) are standing on chairs as they hoist Bert Greene's "left" cannon after the Comets copped their second consecutive 16th regional crown in 1956.

Editor:

In the days long past (when I unsuccessfully attempted to outplay "Doc" Adams on the basketball court) the rivalry between OH and Grayson was so keen that even unto this day I am so biased that ordinarily I find it hard to give my voice support to an OH team.

Not so in the regional tournament. I was never prouder to be able to say that I was from Carter County. And the amazing thing about it, I would have been just as proud had the boys lost the Ashland game.

Height is a gift from above, but discipline, determination and poise can be taught, acquired and developed.

The poise of the players, even in the overtime periods, was almost unbelievable. Such is rare in college ball. The "Lakers" never looked better.

This kind of action does not come about by accident. I have seen greater teams than OH, and I have seen greater individual players, but throughout the many years that I have watched the game, I would like to go on record that I have never seen a better disciplined team.

OH is justly proud of their team and their coach and all Carter County should be.

Yours truly,
Ted Counts
Grayson, Ky.

Note to Hubert Counts and some of my other cynical friends over at OH. I entertain no intentions of being a candidate for public office, or do I expect to open a restaurant in your city.

- Gary Hogge, OHHS Senior, was named on the Kentucky All-Stars, who played a two game series with the West Virginia All-Stars.
- Of the sixteen teams in the KHSAA state tourney, OH was the smallest, only one player being over six-feet.
- EKC tournament champion OH shared the EKC regular season title with Holy Family, each finishing at 10-2. Carter was third, 11-3.
- The coaches All-EKC team had J. D. Kiser and Larry James named to the team. Kiser was second in total votes, James fourth. Gary Hogge and Paul Lewis were Honorable Mention.
- Gary Hogge, J. D. Kiser and Paul Lewis made the 63rd District All-Tournament team. Larry James should have also been included.
- Larry James, Paul Lewis and Gary Hogge were picked on the 16th Regional All-Tournament squad. How was J. D. Kiser missed?
- J. D. Kiser, Max English (Carter) and Jim Bradford (Hitchins) were Honorable Mention on the Courier-Journal All-State.

• POINTS SCORED AND PER GAME AVERAGE.

J. D. KISER - 520 (13.3)	BERT GREENE - 67 (2.3)
LARRY JAMES - 508 (13.0)	JOHNNY FRAZIER - 21
PAUL LEWIS - 386 (10.4)	GENE KNIPP - 17
GARY HOGGE - 304 (7.7)	WOODROW PENSON - 7
H. C. RUNION - 268 (6.8)	GARY POPE - 4
BILL SHOEMAKER - 139 (3.5)	DONALD TACKETT - 2
WILLIAM RUNION - 125 (3.6)	EDWARD BUCK - 1
TEAM - 2369 (60.7)	OPPONENTS - 2071 (53.1)

8th
grade

WON 31 - LOST 8

- An interesting statistic compiled against the 1954-55 team was the oppositions scoring total - 2071. This, along with points per game average - 53.1 - established new high totals against a Comet defense in a single season. What makes them interesting is that OH's defense was considered to be one of the best, if not the best, in Comet history.
- FIELD GOALS: James 154 of 351, 43.8; Greene 27 of 68, 39.7; W. Runion 48 of 129, 37.2; Lewis 129 of 348, 37.0; Kiser, 184 of 517, 35.5; Hogge 105 of 327, 32.1; Shoemaker 49 of 156, 31.4; H. Runion 77 of 254, 30.3. TEAM: 795 of 2214, 35.9.
- FREE THROWS: James 200 of 275, 72.7; Lewis 128 of 178, 71.8; H. Runion 116 of 165, 70.3; Kiser 146 of 208, 70.1; Hogge, 94 of 137, 68.6; Shoemaker 41 of 61, 67.2; W. Runion 29 of 53, 54.7. TEAM: 779 of 1140, 68.4.

"When I leave this high school I will always recall my days as a 'Comet'. To be a member of the 'Comets' is probably the highest honor a boy could receive while in school.

"Although I may be away from Olive Hill in the future, I will never lose contact with the progress of the team.

"In the future I expect the 'Comets' to make a State Tournament trip a yearly affair (as participants); for at least the next four years the team should reign as 'Regional Champs' and maybe one or two years as State Champs."

J.D. KISER

"Well now that I have trod over the road that a 'Comet' must travel I can truthfully say that I am sorry it must come to an end.

"It sure has been fun to play with the boys who will make up next years team and also the boys who graduated last year and the year before that.

"I don't think the 'Comet' fans will have any worries about the teams which are coming their way. I don't see how they could keep from being good and I have all the confidence in the world that 'we' fans will see them in Memorial Coliseum in future years."

PAUL LEWIS

• POINTS SCORED AND PER GAME AVERAGE:

BERT GREENE - 759 (18.9)	WOODROW PENSON - 184 (5.1)
J. D. KISER - 495 (12.3)	GARY POPE - 79 (2.2)
GENE KNIPP - 438 (10.9)	DALEMANE BARKER - 52 (2.8)
PAUL LEWIS - 357 (8.9)	JOHNNY FRAZIER - 46 (2.1)
DONALD TACKETT - 242 (6.5)	LARRY DETERS - 37 (2.3)
TEAM 2689 (67.2)	OPPONENTS - 2153 (53.8)

9th
Grade

WON 33 - LOST 7

- Bert Greene's season point total, 759, established a new single season scoring record for OHHS, breaking Roy Brawner's 1947 total of 726.
- The team season point total (2689) and per game average (67.2) set a new team record for the Comets. Also, the opposition season point total (2153) and per game average (53.8) set new records.
- J. D. Kiser ended his high school career by scoring in his final 105 games, and 147 of the 148 games he played in during his final four years of playing. His 105 scoring streak puts him second to Buster Cartee's all time OHHS mark of 109.
- Kiser's career total of 1649 points gives him the top spot in career scoring at OHHS. His total eclipses the mark set by Phillip Stone, who had 1639.
- FIELD GOALS: Knipp 166 of 373, 44.5; Deters 14 of 32, 43.7; Greene 273 of 631, 43.2; Barker 19 of 45, 42.2; Kiser 168 of 443, 37.9; Penson 71 of 190, 37.3; Pope 31 of 89, 34.8; Lewis 135 of 403, 33.4; Tackett 86 of 261, 32.9; Frazier 13 of 52, 25.0. TEAM: 976 of 2519, 38.7.
- FREE THROWS: Greene 213 of 255, 83.5; Deters 9 of 11, 81.8; Penson 42 of 53, 79.2; Kiser 159 of 219, 71.6; Barker 14 of 20, 70.0; Frazier 20 of 29, 68.9; Lewis 87 of 127, 68.5; Knipp 106 of 186, 56.9; Tackett 70 of 132, 53.0; Pope 17 of 37, 45.9. TEAM: 737 of 1069, 68.9.
- REBOUNDS: Greene 396, Knipp 386, Tackett 201, Penson 172, Lewis 136, Kiser 108.
- ASSISTS: Kiser 194, Lewis 170, Knipp 81, Greene 61, Tackett 60, Pope 40, Penson 33.

BASEBALL

- ROSTER: J. D. Kiser, Johnny Ison, Gary Pope, Max Hammond, Lloyd Stevens, Woodrow "Wig" Penson, Jack Pope, Larry Deters, Herman Roe, Bert Greene, Clyde Mullins, Danny Kuhner, J.C. Smith, Richard Capps, Billy Pope, Wendell Rose, Bucky Tackett, David Tabor, Larry Ader, Larry Williams.
- MANAGER: Jack Fultz.

- The regional loss to Russell was yet another set-back in regional play where the Comets should have fared better. To a man, the team felt they were the better team, not taking anything away from Russell. But, they picked this night to have their worst shooting effort of the season, a pitiful 27.9 per cent. The team was also handicapped no end by Knipp's bad back and Tackett's tender ankles, which incidentally, gave him trouble all season.

- When the current season Comet team was on its game they were a super offensive machine. Passing the century mark on one occasion, they went into the 90's in five games, the 80's six times and the 70's on six occasions. There is no doubt the team would have established all kinds of OHHS scoring records had not substitutes been used liberally in most of the games.

- In 1957, small colleges were still conducting tryouts in the summer. Gene Knipp, Don Tackett and Wig Penson attended one at Georgetown College. Upon returning, they were asked by Coach Fultz how they had done. He was told, "Knipp was pretty good." A few days later, during a Little League baseball game, a well-dressed man approached Fultz. He was recognized immediately as Bob Davis, the Georgetown coach. After shaking hands, Davis wanted to talk about "this Knipp boy." Among other things, he reported Gene was the fastest thing on two legs he had ever seen, and was one of the top basketball prospects this side of the Mississippi.

- OH won the EKC regular season title, having a perfect 10-0 slate. The undefeated mark gave OH 20-consecutive wins in the EKC. Sandy Hook claimed second, 10-2. Boyd County came in third, 8-2.

- Gene Knipp and Bert Greene were named to the coaches All-EKC team, finishing one-two in the voting. Knipp amassed 104 votes of a possible 120, Greene 101. Wig Penson, Don Tackett and Dalemane Barker were named to the conference second team.

- Only five players were picked for the 63rd District's All-Tournament team. Gene Knipp and Bert Greene were chosen from OH, many feeling the entire Comet first five should have composed the honor team.

- Gene Knipp and Dalemane Barker were named to the 16th Regional All-Tournament squad.

- Bert Greene and Gene Knipp received Honorable Mention on the Courier-Journal All-State team.

- POINTS SCORED AND PER GAME AVERAGE:

BERT GREENE - 680 (21.9)	LARRY ADER - 34 (1.2)	
GENE KNIPP - 416 (13.4)	LARRY DETERS 32 (1.5)	
DALEMANE BARKER - 380 (12.2)	RONNIE TACKETT - 23	
WOODROW PENSON - 288 (9.6)	JACK POPE - 18 (1.5)	
DONALD TACKETT - 245 (7.9)	CHARLES NEWSOME - 6	
DAVID TABOR - 73 (2.6)	J.C. SMITH - 6	
J. R. GEE - 54 (2.8)	HERMAN ROE - 3	
LARRY WILLIAMS - 51 (2.1)		
TEAM - 2309 (74.4)	OPPONENTS - 1878 (60.5)	

WON 27 - LOST 4

10th
Grade

- Three scoring records were knocked from the books by the 1956-57 team. Bert Greene erased Phillip Stone's average per game mark, which was 20.7, averaging 21.9. The team established a new game average mark, having a 74.4 points per game production. The third record goes to the opposition, who set a new per game average mark, scoring at a 60.5 pace against the Comet defense.

- Gene Knipp was the fastest and quickest OHHS basketball performer ever. Ralph Beard has always been considered the fastest white boy to ever play basketball in Kentucky. In having the opportunity to observe both Knipp and Beard in action, the author would have to say it would be a "draw."

Knipp was an all-around performer. He could do it all. In his senior season Knipp was assigned the opposing teams offensive star, with each game, regardless of position. He can still be seen on one particular play, involving Marshall Banks, who at the time was a star for Booker T. Washington. Banks, at Morehead State, was the 100-yard dash champion of the OVC. From a dead start, Knipp overtook the dribbling Banks, who had at least a one-fourth floor length advantage. Coming-up from behind Banks, Gene stole the ball, then dribbling the ball, outraced everyone from halfcourt for a wide open crisp shot. He was the ball-hawk of the Comets full-court press.

Knipp could jump. Oh, how he could jump. He would get to the top of his leap quicker than the eye could follow him. Up to 5-11 his senior year, he consistently outjumped opponents of superior height, some being six inches taller. Graduating at 17 years of age, Gene was one year away from full-blossom. If he had chosen to attend college, he would have been a star player.

smooth was declared the champion, having a 7-3 slate. Booker T. Washington had the second best record, 7-2, but met the same fate that beset the Comets.

- Bert Greene received 124 of a possible 132 votes and was named the top choice of coaches on the All-EKC squad. Dalemane Barker and Larry Ader were also named to the team. J. C. Smith, David Tabor and Larry Williams were Honorable Mention.
- Bert Greene was named on the Ashland Invitational All-Tournament team.
- J. C. Smith, Dalemane Barker and Bert Greene made the 63rd District All-Tournament team. There were mumblings over the failure of David Tabor being named to the team. Everyone agreed it was the guard play of Smith and Tabor that sparked the Comets to a title.

Phil Hammond, son of former Comet great, Huff Hammond, was Grayson's representative on the all-district team. Tex English and Paul Webb were named from the Carter Wildcats.

- J. C. Smith, Larry Williams and Bert Greene were honored by selection on the 16th Regional All-Tournament squad.
- Bert Greene was picked on the Courier-Journal Third team All-State.

• POINTS SCORED AND PER GAME AVERAGE:

BERT GREENE - 766 (20.7)	CHARLES NEWSOME - 67 (1.9)
DALEMANE BARKER - 446 (12.0)	HERMAN ROE - 44 (1.8)
LARRY ADER - 367 (9.9)	LARRY SPARKS - 20 (1.8)
LARRY WILLIAMS - 334 (9.0)	CHARLES PENCE - 19 (1.5)
J. C. SMITH - 248 (7.5)	MIKE WALLACE - 10 (1.1)
DAVID TABOR - 248 (7.0)	RONNIE TACKETT - 5
J. R. GEE - 100 (3.0)	
TEAM - 2699 (72.9)	OPPONENT - 2236 (60.4)

11th
Grade

WON 30 - LOST 7

- The 1957-58 Comets established a new record in total points scored in one season -- 2699. The opposition also set a new one season point total -- 2236. Bert Greene led the EKC in total points and set a new record for career point total, scored by one player, in the EKC. Greene also broke his OHHS single season point total with his 766.
- FIELD GOALS: Greene 316 of 640, 49.3; Williams 127 of 264, 48.1; Barker 185 of 394, 46.9; Ader 137 of 312, 43.9; Tabor 85 of 230, 36.9; Smith 97 of 265, 36.6; Newsome 22 of 61, 36.0; Gee, 26 of 89, 29.2; Roe 15 of 61, 24.5. TEAM: 1033 of 2367, 43.6.
- FREE THROWS: Greene 134 of 161, 83.2; Tabor 78 of 106, 73.5; Williams 80 of 113, 70.7; Gee 48 of 68, 70.6; Smith 79 of 122, 64.7; Barker 76 of 118, 64.3; Newsome 23 of 36, 63.8; Ader 93 of 162, 57.4; Roe 14 of 29, 48.1. TEAM: 633 of 933, 67.9.
- REBOUNDS: Ader 406, Williams 338, Barker 306, Greene 232, Tabor 126, Gee 125, Smith 89. TEAM: 1727.
- ASSISTS: Smith 204, Greene 99, Barker 69, Tabor 68, Newsome 55. TEAM: 609.

BASEBALL

• ROSTER: David Tabor, J. C. Smith, Charles Pence, Dalemane Barker, Charles Newsome, Max Hammond, Lloyd Stevens, Jack Pope, Herman Roe, Wendell Rose, Mike Huston, Richard Capps, Roy Smith, Dallas Craft, Sam Huston, Ronald McClure, Sam Perry, Marvin Gearhart. MANAGER: Jack Fultz.

RECORD: 8 wins, 4 losses.

- In an exciting championship district tournament final, OHHS edged Breckinridge Training, 11-10. The game went eight innings, OH winning with a run in the bottom of the eighth, when David Tabor plated the winning run on a single.
- OH's first game in the Grayson Regional saw them eliminated by Paintsville's Tigers, 8-2.

• Ashland's Tomcats and Boyd County Lions had J. C. Smith, Dalemane Barker and Bert Greene on their all-opponent teams.

• POINTS SCORED AND PER GAME AVERAGE:

BERT GREENE - 900 (22.5)	RUSSELL TACKETT - 56 (2.1)
LARRY WILLIAMS - 532 (13.3)	JIM SCHNELL - 35 (1.4)
LARRY ADER - 485 (12.4)	PAUL WILLIAMS - 19 (1.0)
DALEMANE BARKER - 454 (11.6)	GORDON BAKER - 19 (2.6)
J. C. SMITH - 341 (8.9)	JOHN SHORT - 10
HERMAN ROE - 115 (3.0)	RICKY McCLURE - 4
LARRY SPARKS - 87 (3.7)	CLYDE MAUK - 3
TEAM - 3060 (76.5)	OPPONENT - 2420 (60.5)

*12th
Grade*

WON 36 - LOST 4

• There were several records established by this great team. The Comets set new team scoring records (season) in points scored and points averaged per game. The opposition also marked up new records in the same two categories. Bert Greene established a new season scoring mark in total points by an individual player, a mark that would stand until the doors were closed at OHHS. His point average per game also was a new high. His third record was in the matter of scoring in consecutive games. The southpaw sharpshooter scored in 151 consecutive games.

• FIELD GOALS: L. Williams 192 of 360, 53.3; Greene 359 of 687, 52.2; Tackett 24 of 51, 47.0; Ader 145 of 315, 46.0; Barker 189 of 420, 45.0; Sparks 38 of 91, 41.7; Smith 117 of 344, 34.0; Roe 36 of 108, 33.3. TEAM: 1135 of 2494, 45.5.

• FREE THROWS: L. Williams 148 of 181, 81.7; Greene 182 of 225, 80.8; Barker 76 of 107, 71.0; Ader 195 of 275, 70.8; Smith, 107 of 158, 67.7; Roe 43 of 69, 62.3. TEAM: 790 of 1102, 71.6.

• REBOUNDS: Williams 424, Ader 384, Greene 276, Barker 206, Smith 80, Roe 71, Tackett 61, Sparks 60. TEAM: 1635.

• ASSISTS: Smith 222, Barker 95, Roe 85, Greene 60, Williams 41, Ader 31. TEAM 564.

• Bert Greene's career at OHHS marked him as one of the school's all-time greats. He was certainly his school's all-time offensive star, his scoring records stamping him as one of Eastern Kentucky's and 16th region all-time great offensive performers. His four year record:

YEAR	G.P.	G.M.	G.A.	Pct.	Reb.	F.T.M.	F.T.A.	Pct.	Pts.	Avg.
1955-56	40	273	631	43.2	396	213	255	83.5	759	18.9
1956-57	31	247	530	46.6	310	186	223	83.4	680	21.9
1957-58	37	316	640	49.3	134	134	161	83.2	766	20.7
1958-59	40	359	687	52.2	276	182	225	80.8	900	22.5
TOTALS:	148	1195	2488	48.0	1214	715	864	82.7	3105	20.9
AVERAGE PER YEAR	37	299	622	48.0	303	178	216	82.7	776	20.9
AVERAGE PER GAME	--	8.0	16.8	--	8.2	4.8	5.8	--	20.9	--

Add Greene's part time 8th grade play and his scoring total soars to 3172. His scoring records were still standing, with the exception of one, when the gym doors were closed in 1971. The one record broken was his per game average (season).

• What can one say about the 1958-59 team? As with the 1943-44 Comets they should have been State Champions. But, it did not happen, regardless of the reasons, and there were more than one for the two teams failure to attain a state title.

The 1958-59 Comets were a great team. Along with the 1943-44 team they probably comprise the two top spots in Comet history. The team had five great players. Arguments could be expressed for naming them the five best players in OHHS basketball history.

Each member had a role and played it well. Bert Greene was the scoring leader, breaking all OHHS records. One of the greatest pure shooters in Kentucky basketball, he was very consistent. Any time he fired with that left arm it either went thru the net, or came close. He ranks right along with OH's all-time greats.



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March 23, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of Bert Greene being inducted into the KHSAA Basketball Hall of Fame.

I am the Sports Director at Go-Radio in Carter Co. While I did not have the privilege of seeing Coach Greene play or coach, it is rare that during interviews about the best players in Carter Co history, that Coach Greene's name doesn't come up. From those who played against him, I constantly hear he had the best shot of any player they had ever seen. From those who were his teammate, his character and sportsmanship are fondly remembered.

I have talked with those who played for him as a coach. His desire to win tempered with his compassion for his players are a common thread that runs through their memories of Coach Greene.

I will not list his accomplishments or his stats, as I am sure there are those much more qualified to do so. My knowledge is of those who knew him and knew him best. I had the honor of having Coach Jack Fultz on my show before his passing. Bert Greene's name came up constantly as an outstanding performer on the floor and an outstanding citizen off the floor.

Former Kentucky Christian University basketball coach, Dick Damron, who played against Coach Greene said his shot was the purest he had ever seen. But what Coach Damron remembered was his sportsmanship and humility.

When a man is loved in his community as an educator, coach, athlete and citizen, that says something about who that man is. Who he really is. The Hall of Fame is nothing Coach Greene would have aspired for, but something he, without question, deserves.

Thanks for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Carper".

Tim Carper, Go-Radio



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9 March 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR KHSAA HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Recommendation for Bert Greene

1. I would like to take this opportunity to recommend Bert Greene for the KHSAA Hall of Fame for his outstanding achievement as a student-athlete.
2. As a player, Bert scored 3,172 points for Olive Hill High School during the period 1954-1959. He scored 67 of those points during his eighth grade year in 1954-1955. Bert helped lead the Olive Hill Comets to the state tournament in 1955, 1956 and to the final four in 1959. His 3,172 points were without the "three" point line and in the highly competitive 16th region.
3. In addition to his accomplishments as a player, Bert was the last coach at Olive Hill High School coaching from 1968-1971 winning 59 games and losing 31 with one district championship and two regional tournament appearances. He was the first coach at West Carter High School coaching from 1971 to 1978 winning two district championships, making three regional tournament appearances and accumulating a record of 62-114 at West Carter.
4. Bert also officiated for about ten seasons and was a highly respected official throughout the 16th region.
5. I played for Bert from 1972-1975 and can attest that he always placed the well-being of the student-athlete above all else as both a teacher and coach for many years.
6. I respectfully request you consider Bert Greene for the KHSAA Hall of Fame as a player. Point of contact for this action is the undersigned at (606) 286-6437.


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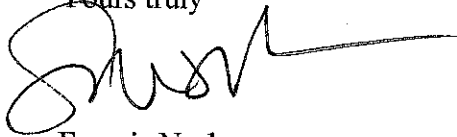
Nominating Committee
KHSAA Hall of Fame

Dear Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the nomination of **Bert Greene** to the Hall of Fame. I have been Sports announcer for 45 years here in Grayson and Olive Hill. I worked with Bert while he coached at West Carter. Bert was a great student of the game and loved those whom he taught. But most folks around here will tell you he was the purest shooter they had ever seen and a true scoring machine.

Bert played for the great Jack Fultz as a Comet at Olive Hill High, who many times in my interviews with Jack, would call Bert one of his greatest players ever. As player, coach, and life-long good citizen of Olive Hill, I highly recommend Bert Greene.

Yours truly



Francis Nash
General Manager
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Kentucky High School Athletic Association
2280 Executive Drive
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Att: Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Sirs;

I am writing in support of the nomination of Bert Greene to the Dawahares Kentucky High School Athletics Association Hall of Fame.

As a child growing up in the 1950's, my first bonafide hero was Bert Greene. Olive Hill, Kentucky is a small community in eastern Kentucky and back then, there were only two sports teams that the Olive Hill High School offered: basketball and baseball (which was offered in the Spring and few people followed). But basketball was a consuming passion for not only students, but for the whole community. From the late 1940's through the 1950's, the school produced teams that were very successful and played their way into the State Tournament on many occasions.

Bert lived on Ben's Run right outside of town and there was a makeshift basketball goal constructed on the roof of an out building beside the house. The dirt around the goal was packed so firmly by the constant bouncing of the basketball that it seemed from a distance to be concrete. Bert began to hone his basketball skills there. By the time he was in the 8th grade, he was good enough to start on the high school team. They went to the state tournament that year, and although they lost the first game, Bert played and contributed greatly. Over the next four years, Bert dominated his opponents. It was virtually impossible to keep him from scoring. He was not a driving, slash to the basket player. Instead, he was a long-range shooter and to me, it seemed like there was no range that was outside his ability to make a shot. I remember seeing him on countless times work to get the ball, and when he did, two or three members of the other team would rush to him to block the shot. As they converged on Bert, out of the crowd, a left hand, holding the ball would emerge above the flailing arms of the defenders and more times than not, it would swish through the nets without making so much as a ripple. This became so expected by the fans, that when he did miss, it was quite a story. Bert's senior year ended when the team lost in the semifinals of the state tournament in 1959. During his career at Olive Hill High School, he established records for games played and points scored that were not surpassed in the history of the school.

Bert went on to play college basketball at Morehead State, and later returned to his community to serve as basketball coach at West Carter High School for several years and as a teacher until his retirement. I feel it is very appropriate that this honor is bestowed on this man whose skills dominated high school basketball in eastern Kentucky during his high school years.

Sincerely

John Tierney



March 11, 2010

To: Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall Of Fame
Re: Bert Greene

As a former coach and principal at West Carter High School, it is with pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Bert Greene. I knew Bert for many years in several different capacities. From his playing days at Olive Hill High School to his officiating days while a faculty member at West Carter, Bert was always a gentleman and great friend to me and to everyone he came in contact.

Bert was one of the all-time leaders in state scoring, having scored over 3000 points in his high school career while leading the Comets to the state tournament on two different occasions.

He later coached at his alma mater as well as West Carter after consolidation. He continued coaching until the 1978 season. His players respected him as a hard worker and his peers and officials always spoke highly of him. Bert officiated several years after his coaching days simply because he loved the game and wanted to stay involved.

In all my years of knowing Bert Greene, I can never remember anyone having a negative thing to say about him. He was a gentle, kind person well liked and respected by everyone. His passing was a great loss to our community as well as the school system and the sport he loved.

If anyone deserves recognition as a member of the hall of fame, it definitely would be Bert. His legacy will live on in Carter County and his accomplishments should be recognized at the state level by induction into the hall of fame.

Sincerely,



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KHSAA HALL OF FAME

Letter of Support
Nominee Bart Greene

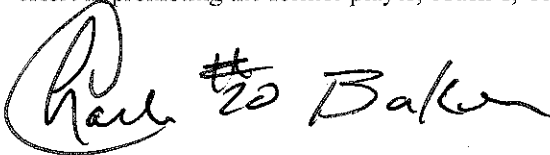
This letter is in support for the induction of Bert Greene to the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Greene dedicated his life to the youth of our community. Hewas a teacher, coach, athlete, referee and a tremendous family man. He was a man of strong character who never had a bad comment about any situation he may have been in or toward any individual.

Coach Greene was the best shooter that I have seen. The late and great coach Jack Fultz also made this statement to and on several occasions. Bert Greene scored over 3000 points in his High School career while playing ball for one of the greatest coaches Jack Fultz of Olive Hill High School.

Coach Greene's basketball talent of tremendous shooting ability landed him a scholarship with UK and Coach Rupp. But the big city life didn't feel comfortable for the very quiet, humble country boy, so Bert went back home and finished his career at Morehead State University.

I strongly support this man's induction. This is an honor long over due for this mans contribution to High School athletics in Kentucky.

If I could be of further assistance please call me. I would like to thank the committee for their time and effort in promoting the former player, coach's, referees who gave so much to our great state of Kentucky.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "B".

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Olive Hill scoring legend dies

By MARK MAYNARD
The Independent

Bert Greene, the most prolific scorer in 16th Region basketball history, died Sunday afternoon after a three-year battle with esophagus cancer.

Greene, 65, played five seasons of varsity basketball for Olive Hill High School from 1954-59, scoring 3,172 points while being a member of three teams that played in the State Tournament under coach Jack Fultz.

"He's definitely one of the all-time greats," Fultz said. "He was a great ballplayer, no ques-

tion about it."

Greene, a left-hander with a shooter's touch, averaged 20.9 per game from 1955-59. During his senior season, the '59 Comets were one of the state's best teams with a 36-4 record.

If not for sickness and injury, the '59 Olive Hill team would have probably hung a championship banner. Starter Larry Ader received daily treatments from UK's team physician and in a Sweet 16 semifinal loss to North Marshall, Dale Barker sprained an ankle and J.C. Smith received a bloody nose that refused to stop.

North Marshall, the eventual

state champion, defeated the Comets 67-65 even though Greene did all he could, putting up 20 points.

"He could shoot it from anywhere," Fultz said of Greene. "It didn't make any difference where you played him. He played center his freshman and sophomore years, guard his junior year and forward his senior year. He could play any of them."

Greene was a first-team All-State selection as a senior and was recognized as the top player in the 16th Region by the Courier-Journal.

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Bert Greene scored 3,172 points for Olive Hill High School from 1954-59. He was also a member of three State Tournament teams for the Comets.

Olive

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Greene was the top scorer in the State Tournament that season with 92 points. He was named all-tournament along with Dalemane Barker.

Greene led the East All-Stars to a 74-63 victory with 17 points while playing guard. Fultz, who was runner-up for Kentucky Coach of the Year, was an assistant on the squad.

He scored 900 points as a senior when he averaged 22.5 per game and his career total 3,172 still ranks No. 16 all-time in Kentucky history.

"If I'd been the kind of coach that some of these guys were, it's hard telling how many points he could have scored," Fultz said.

Greene's Olive Hill High School career began when he was an 8th-grader. Dr. Paul Lewis, who was a senior that season, remembers him well.

"He's one of the best basketball players who ever went through Olive Hill," Lewis said. "He fought a good battle (with cancer). He was a fighter all the way."

Lewis said nobody doubted Greene's ability to contribute as an eighth-grader.

"Coach said if you want to get back to the State Tournament, give him the ball," Lewis said. "J.D. Kiser was the other guard. We looked at each other and fed him the ball."

"He was a left-hander who could shoot the lights out. I can still see him shooting in that old Olive Hill gymnasium."

Lewis said the loss of Greene leaves another void in the Olive Hill community. John "Hop" Brown was another Olive Hill star who was taken by cancer last summer.

"It seems like our basketball teams have had it kind of rough here lately," Lewis said.

Gene Knipp, another former teammate of Greene, said he remembered when Greene was hired to paint at the school in

the summertime.

"They hired him to paint in the gym, so he had a key," Knipp said. "He'd got over there and paint and practice. Bert was a dandy."

Greene, who had offers from several large schools including Kentucky, went on to play for Morehead.

He later coached the last three years in Olive Hill history before it became West Carter. He coached West until 1978 when he was replaced by good friend Jim Webb.

"Bert is one of those guys who everybody liked," Webb said. "You had to get to know him to see the real Bert. I enjoyed the time I spent with him. He was the life of the party if you got him in the right situation."

Webb worked closely with Greene at West Carter. He said Bert was a friend that would be missed.

"It's a sad day and a sad time for all of us," Webb said. "He was looked up to in the community and at West Carter."

Coach

From SPORTS

Greene's "off the court" humor. He would tell many interesting stories about his Comet teams coached by Jack Fultz. One humorous story was Coach Greene telling me he missed a free throw during a game and the officials delayed the game to check both the basketball and the height of the rim to determine why he missed the free throw. On a more serious note, Coach Greene mentioned that he missed a crucial lay-up during a tournament game. His momentum from the missed lay-up carried him out of bounds, and he heard someone laughing while he was gliding through the air. Coach Greene soon realized that Dalemane Barker was right behind him and had rebounded the errant lay-up and scored the critical basket.

Coach Greene, who was in us late 30's during my senior year, and four other players would occasionally play against the starting five. Coach Greene would usually play the "two" shooting guard position. He was absolutely deadly from anywhere inside the half-court line. His shot didn't appear to have much rotation on the ball but had effective results. Even approaching 40 years of age, he could still "run" the floor with the starting five my senior year that consisted of Ellis Boggs, Bennie Carroll, Ron Rice, Rodney Vanlandingham and myself.

I can only remember one small disagreement with Coach Greene. I was not a very good ball handler and usually hid somewhere on the floor and relied on Carroll or Boggs to bring up the ball against full court defensive pressure. I suggested that Coach Greene move me to the "two" guard position or let me come off the bench as the sixth man and play the "two" guard position. Being a southpaw, as was Coach Greene. I had a favorite spot on the left wing from about 18 feet away and thought I needed more shot opportunities. Coach Green calmly replied that I had a choice of either playing point guard or going somewhere else

to play. I chose the former and am sincerely thankful for that opportunity.

Although the regular season of my senior year was a major disappointment, I felt the team was playing much better the last three weeks of the season, and we were competing most games. Coach Greene did a great job preparing us for post season. He told us to play loose and aggressive, because we had nothing to lose and opposing teams would probably overlook us. This philosophy helped us defeat Lewis County in the first game of the district after losing to them by about 40 points during the regular season. We then defeated Elliott County in overtime at Sandy Hook to capture the district championship. During the pre-game session of the championship game Coach Greene permitted Hop Brown to give us an inspirational pep talk. Hop, accompanied by Tex English and Moe Crawford, told each of the five starters what we had to do to win. I vividly remember Hop telling me to play a good floor game by taking care of the ball, distributing the ball and knocking down the uncontested open shot. Ironically, I committed my only turnover during that game on our first possession.

I cannot imagine any future

Comet ever equaling surpassing Coach Greer impressive offensive record even with today's three point shot. There is no doubt that Coach Greene spent many hours honing his basketball skills and will be remembered as one of the greatest players in 16th Reg and Olive Hill Comet history.

Although many tend to think that athletics is the most important thing in life, I was most impressed with Coach Greene's battle against cancer. He fought this war nobly to the end. I do regret that I didn't sit down and listen to his Comet folklore one more time. Sometimes we do not totally appreciate people until they're gone.

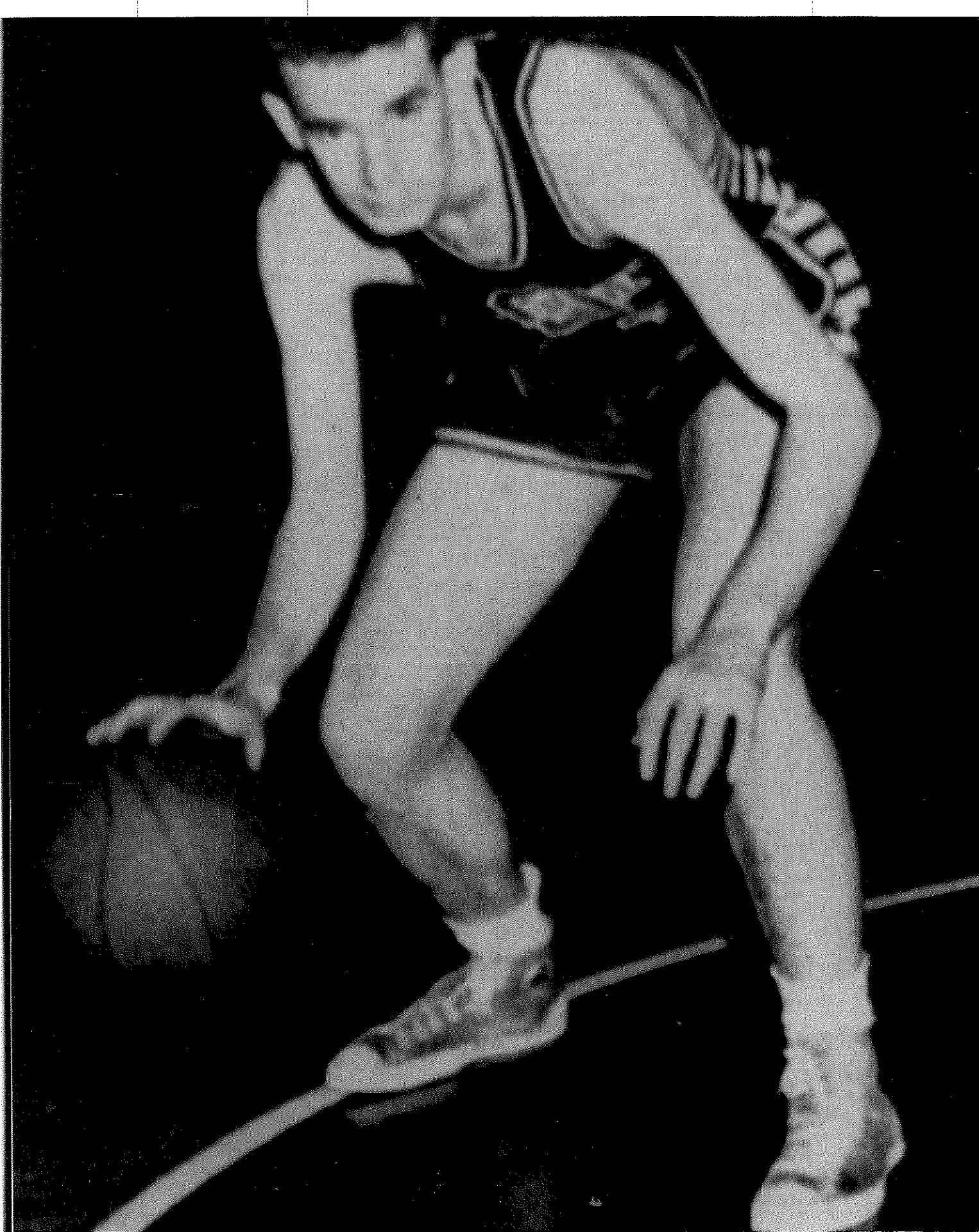
Coach Greene, thanks for the memories! You truly were born a Comet!

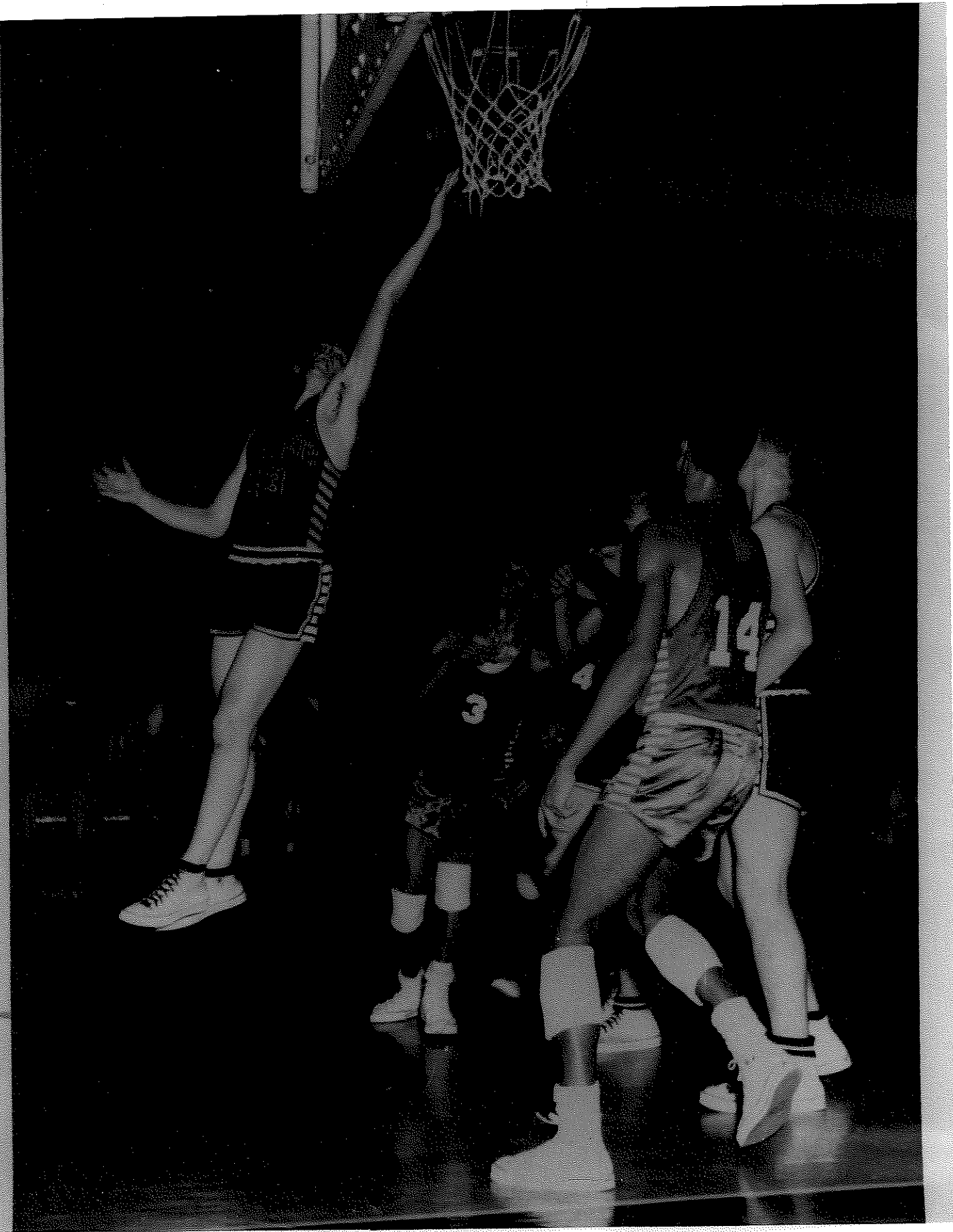
In Memory

From the sideline...



Hop Brown





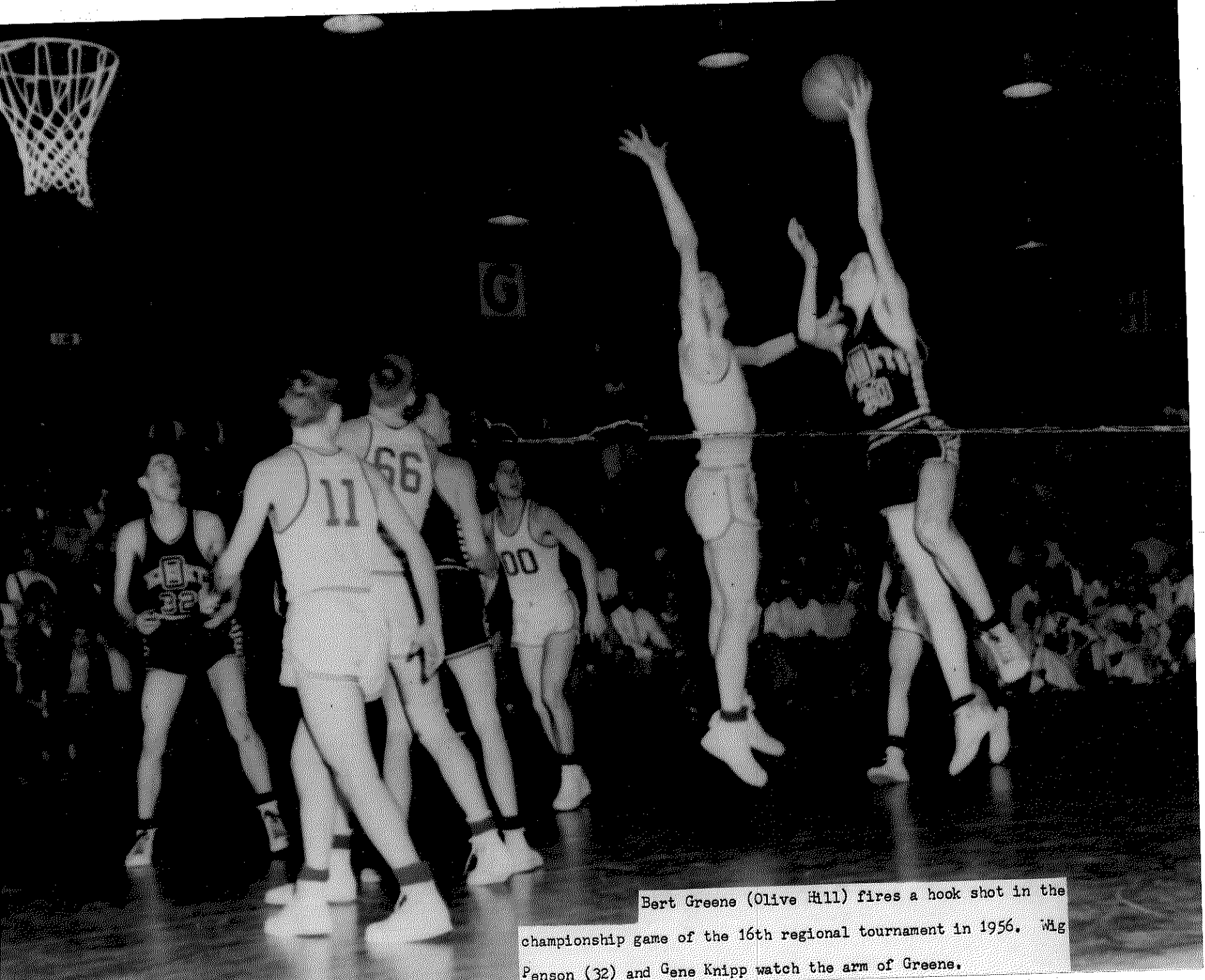
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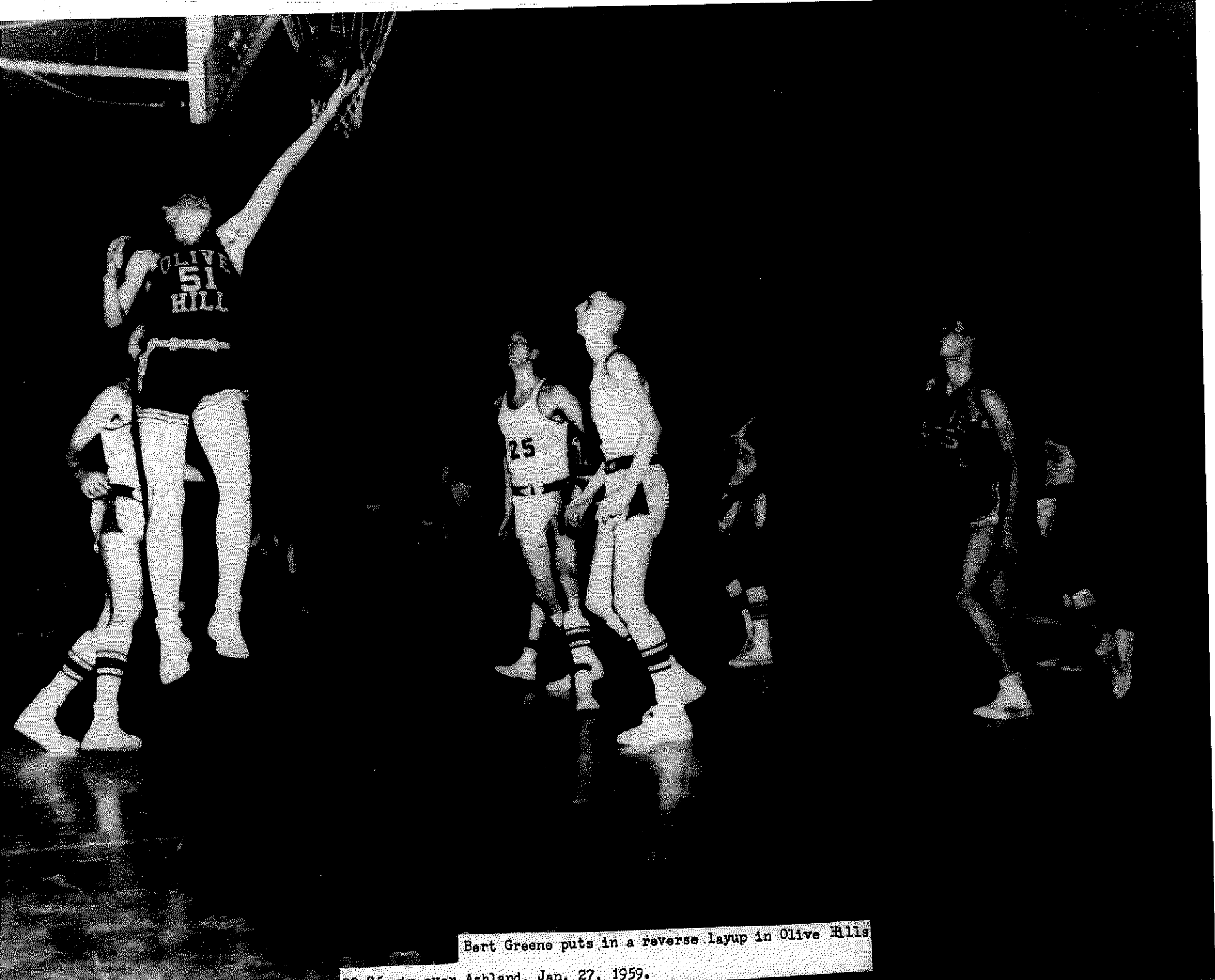


Bert Greene races in for a layup shot in semi-final

The 1957 EKC tournament contest

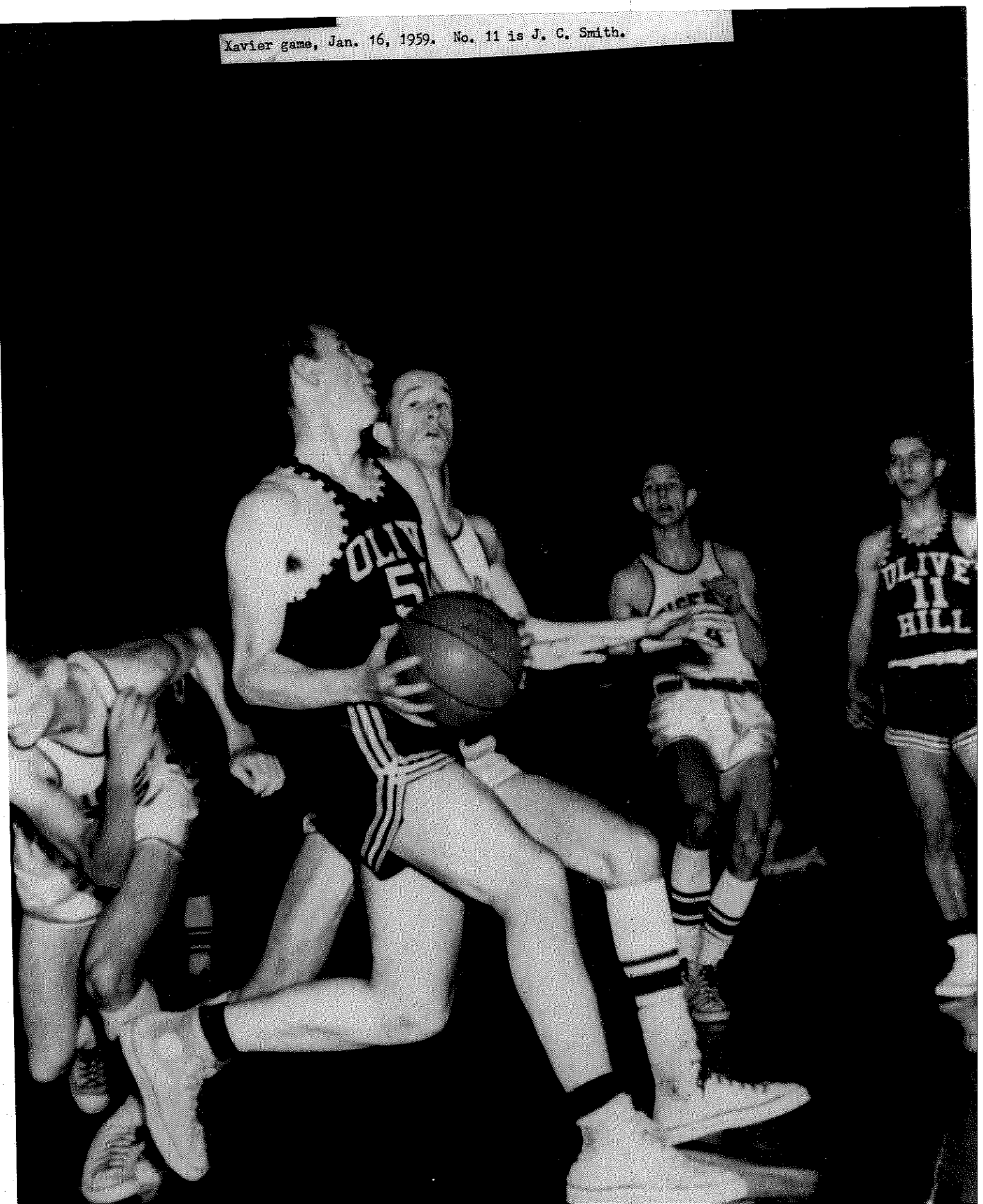


Bert Greene (Olive #11) fires a hook shot in the championship game of the 16th regional tournament in 1956. Wig Penson (32) and Gene Knipp watch the arm of Greene.

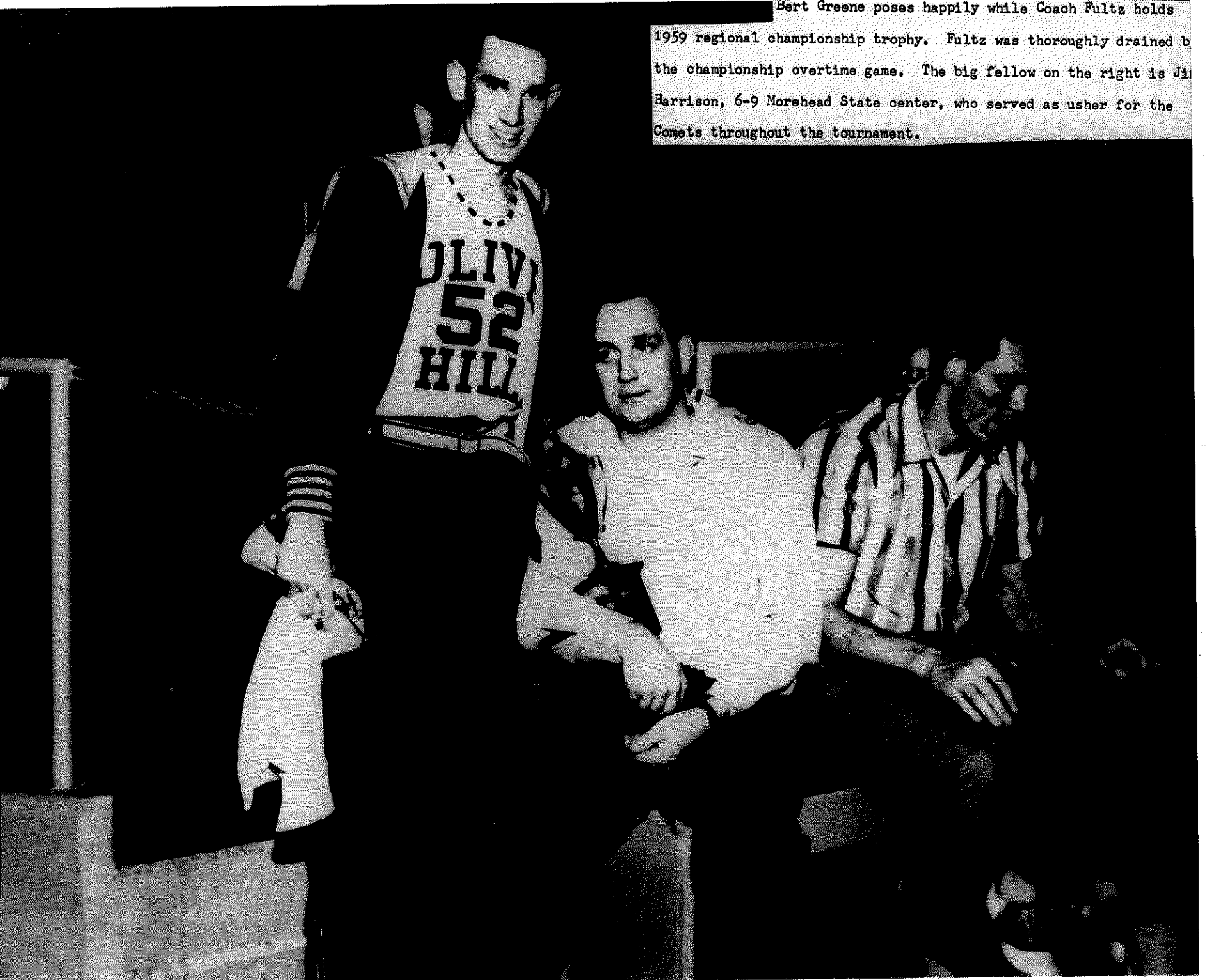


Bert Greene puts in a reverse layup in Olive Hills
92-85 win over Ashland, Jan. 27, 1959.

Xavier game, Jan. 16, 1959. No. 11 is J. C. Smith.

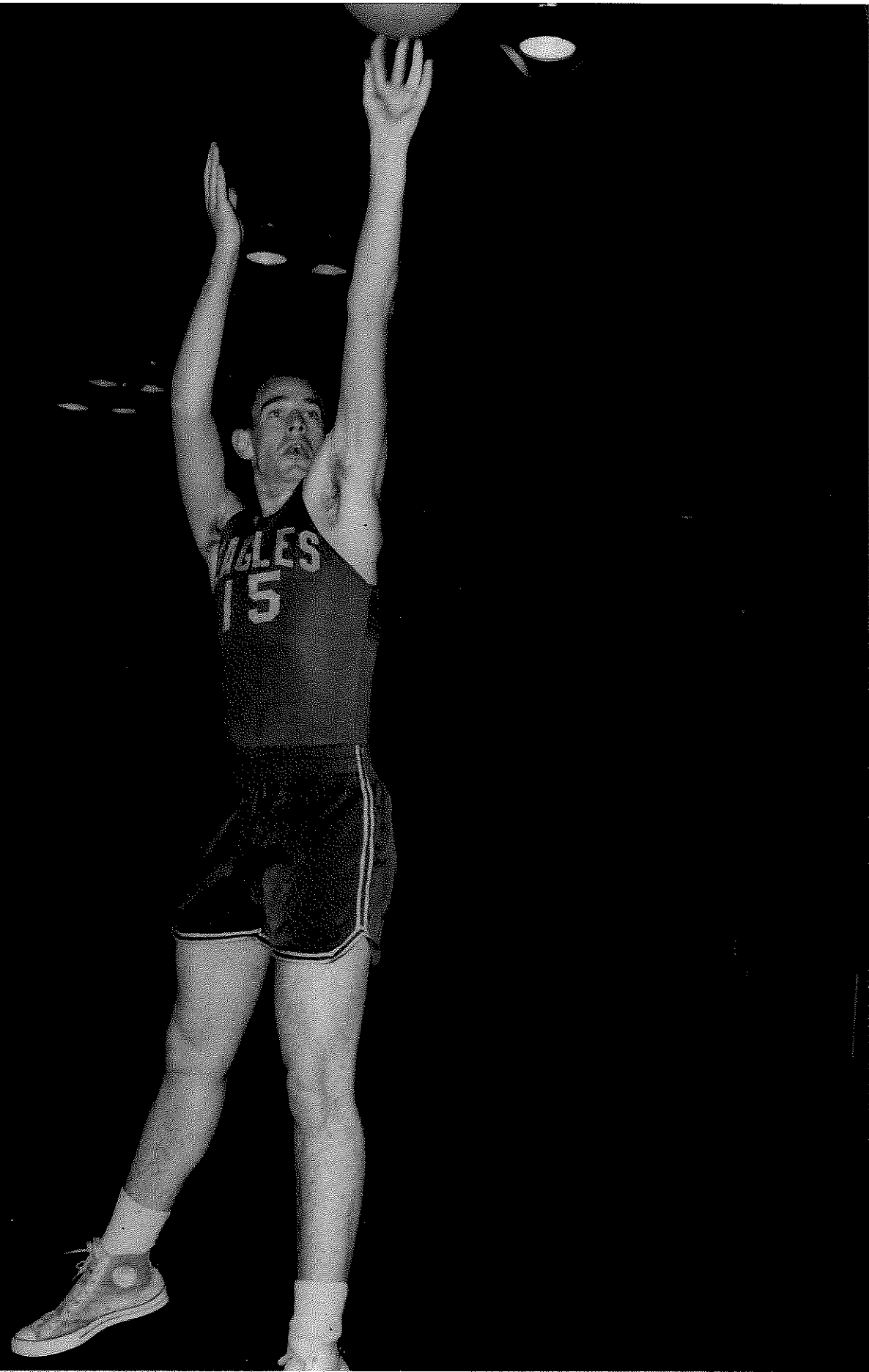


Bert Greene poses happily while Coach Fultz holds
1959 regional championship trophy. Fultz was thoroughly drained by
the championship overtime game. The big fellow on the right is Jim
Harrison, 6-9 Morehead State center, who served as usher for the
Comets throughout the tournament.





1955-56 -- BERT GREENE



2001 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Induction Celebration

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KHSAA Form GE30
Rev. 10/99

Information about Nominee

Name: <u>GREENE BERT</u>	
Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
<small>(if nominee is not deceased, please fill out address information below)</small>	
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Please list the primary category of nomination (circle)-

<input checked="" type="radio"/> PLAYER	<input type="radio"/> COACH	<input type="radio"/> OFFICIAL	<input type="radio"/> CONTRIBUTOR
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If this person is being nominated as a Coach, please complete the following additional information- RACELAND High School

Coached at which High School(s) <u>OLIVE HILL High School WEST CARTER High School</u>	
Year of Retirement	<u>1973 (STARTED IN 1968-69 SEASON AT OLIVE HILL. HAD COACHED A YEAR & ONE-HALF AT RACELAND.)</u>
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	<u>REGION 16</u>

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High School Attended	OLIVE HILL High School
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Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.
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Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Hall of Fame Committee to consider.

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.

	JACK FULTZ	4-4-01
Signature	Name (print)	(Date)

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.

Greene Head: All-EKC Voting Second Year; Four Are Unanimous

Bert Greene is the "player of the year" in the Eastern Kentucky Conference for the second straight season. The Olive Hill senior led the voting for the All-Conference team with 103 out of 108 possible voting points and was one of four unanimous selections.

Also named unanimously were Johnny Stephenson of South Portsmouth and two Carter veterans, Paul Webb and Tex English.

Greene is the first player to win All-E.K.C. honors four times since Ralph (Buster) Cartee of Olive Hill, the Carter coach, in 1940-43. Greene was also a unanimous choice last season.

Olive Hill, which won eleven times in conference competition without defeat, also placed its other four starters on the honor squad with Dale Barker, Larry Ader, J. C. Smith and Larry Williams named. This is the most ever selected from one school.

In addition to Greene, repeaters include Stephenson, Ader and Barker.

Also named were Harold Hardeman of Boyd County, Farrell Sturgill of Blaine—first player ever chosen from his school—James Banks of Ashland, Booklet T. Washington and Phillip Hammond of Grayson.

All are seniors except Hardeman and Banks.

Stephenson, the conference scoring champion, was second to Greene in the balloting, which was done prior to regional tournament play. Over a two-year period all five of Olive Hill's All-EKC players have made All-Regional.

Seven players received honorable mention, led by Jack Smith, B. T. Washington senior, and Wilbur Browning, Boyd County junior.

ALL - E. K. C. 1959

Player - school (Voting points)	Height	Class
Bert Greene, Olive Hill (103)	6-1	Senior
John Stephenson, So. Portsmouth (86)	5-10	Senior
Paul Webb, Carter (71)	6-0	Senior
Larry Williams, Olive Hill (55)	6-6	Senior
Dale Barker, Olive Hill (49)	6-0	Senior
Tex English, Carter (48)	5-11	Senior
Larry Ader, Olive Hill (48)	6-3	Senior
James Banks, B. T. Washington (42)	5-11	Junior
Harold Hardeman, Boyd County (41)	5-9	Junior
Farrell Sturgill, Blaine (38)	5-11	Senior
J. C. Smith, Olive Hill (37)	5-8	Senior
Phillip Hammond, Grayson (30)	6-1	Senior

HONORABLE MENTION

Boyd County—Wilbur Browning, Carl Kittle.
B. T. Washington—Jack Smith.
Grayson—Jack Calhoun, Jerry Gearheart.
Hitchins—Sidney Marshall.
Blaine—Emmett Barker.

Neither does Jack Fultz, the Olive Hill coach.

"People who say he's too slow are making a big mistake," Fultz said. "If Greene doesn't make the best guard in Kentucky by the time he's a college senior, I'll buy you a new hat." Fultz recently told a sports writer.

BERT GREENE—One of Kentucky's all-time great shooters, Green hit on eight of every 16.8 shots he took during a brilliant four-year career at Olive Hill.

Playing in 148 games, he made 1,195 field goals out of 2,438 attempts for a shooting percentage of 48.0. He made 715 free throws out of 864 tries for 82.7 per cent. He pulled in 1,214 rebounds, had 256 assists and scored 3,105 points for a 20.9 average. (Not included in those statistics are 67 points he made as an eight-grader; they give him a career total of 3,172).

Some scouts say Greene, the highest scorer in this year's State Tournament, is too slow to make good in college.

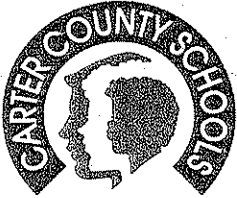
Bobby Laughlin, Morehead coach, doesn't think so. He already has signed Greene and his teammate, 6-7 center Larry Williams.

Second Team All-State Cage Team Third Team

Player	School	Ht.	Pos.	Age	Class	Avg.	Player	School	Avg.	Player	School	Avg.	
Lance Gish, Central City.							Pat Doyle, N. Marshall	6-2	F	18	Sr.	17.0	Dale Barker, Olive Hill.
Jimmy Lampley, N. Marshall.							Tom Thacker, Cov. Grant	6-3	C	19	Sr.	25.0	Larry Castle, Ashland.
Darrel Carrier, Bristow.							Julius Lerry, Lex. Dunbar	6-5	C	19	Sr.	23.0	Don Frye, Monticello.
Jerry Smith, Corbin.							Bert Greene, Olive Hill	6-2	F	19	Sr.	22.3	Jon Speaks, Lafayette.
Ronnie Siers, Manual.							Leland Melear, Manual	6-0	G	18	Sr.	14.5	Jadie Frazier, Henry Central.
Dick Conley, Oil Springs.							Don Ringstaff, Liv. Central	6-3	F	17	Sr.	25.0	Kenneth Cobb, Hazard.
Everett Stallworth, Male.							Bob Rice, Sandy Hook	6-5	F	17	Sr.	30.0	Alan Bane, Maysville.
Joe Gold, Benton.							Louis Stout, Cynthiana	6-4	C	19	Sr.	30.9	Wm. Bradley, Lou. Central.
Jimmie Brown, Beaver Dam.							Bobby Barton, Cov. Holmes	6-0	G	18	Sr.	27.2	Mike Ridley, Dawson Springs.
Jerry Parker, Taylor Co.							Ken Dalton, Fancy Farm	6-3	F	17	Sr.	22.0	Tom Finnegan, Flaget.

BERT GREENE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT OLIVE HILL HIGH SCHOOL

- A. Member of the OHS Varsity basketball team five years, 1954-55 thru 1958-59.
- B. Courier-Journal, Lexington-Naval and State Tournament All-State in 1959.
- C. Courier-Journal 3rd team all-state in 1958. Courier-Journal Honorable Mention all-state in 1956 and 1957.
- D. Selected 16th Region all-regional in 1956, 1958 and 1959.
- E. Selected to the Eastern Kentucky Conference all-conference team, regular season play, all four high school years--1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959.
- F. Selected as the 1958 EKC Tournament Most Outstanding Player.
- G. In 1955-56 season was the leading scorer in ^{EKC} season play. He is the only 9th grade basketball player to accomplish this feat in the 70 plus years of the EKC.
- H. Selected to the Ashland Invitational Tournament team in 1957 and 1958. In the 1958 tournament, all officials selected him as the player showing Outstanding Individual Sportsmanship.
- I. Was the 16th regions representative, selected by regional coaches, for the West-East Kentucky All-Star game. West paced the east to victory, 74-63, by scoring 17 points.
- J. In an all-star series, played at three different sites in Eastern Kentucky, West led his east team to a 2-1 win advantage by scoring 54 points in the three games, the leading total by any all-star player.
- K. Bert is one of the very few Kentucky high school stars who have tallied over 3,000 points in high school play. Bert had 3,105 over his career. Add 67 points he scored in the 8th grade, the total goes to 3,172.
- L. Bert scored in 151 consecutive games, the last 151 he played for Olive Hill high. Still a record!
- M. Bert played in three state tournaments, 1955, 1956 and 1959.
- N. Bert was all-District for four years--1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959.
- O. Was a regular on four teams, four teams that scored 126 wins and 22 losses, a .85.1 winning percentage. In these four years Olive Hill played against some of the top competition in Kentucky.



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Dear Kent:

Been intending to do this for some time. There is no doubt in my mind that Bert Greene should be a member of the KASAA-Dawson Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Actually, he is one of two I feel should be in the HOF. Dr. Lonnie W. Howerton, M.D. (ret.) was some kind of player, in 1944 and 1945. He was All-State, in the Courier-Journal, both years. I sent in a form several years ago about him. It should be on file there. Doubt there is another Olive Hill High School boys athlete who should be considered. Maybe, J. D. Kiser, who scored the winning points two consecutive years in the 16th Regional Final game. Can anyone else make this statement?

Hope it is not too late for this year. Think he should have been honored several years ago. I really felt a family member would have submitted his credentials, but I can't wait any longer. I am 75-years young and would like to see one of my players be inducted. Incidentally, I was a teammate of Dr. Howerton, in 1944. Thus, I can give a first hand testimony about his exploits.

Hope all is going well for you and everyone at the Association. My wife has not been in the best of health, thus, I have not been in Lexington for quite some time. Hope to get there before summer ends.

Best wishes,

Jack Fults

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Olive Hill, KY 41164

Olive Hill Beats Boyd 84-56 For EKC Title

Greene And Stephenson Get Awards

11-23-57
By JOHN MCGILL
Independent Sports Editor

Olive Hill's Comets streaked to their third consecutive Eastern Kentucky conference tournament championship last night, trimming Boyd County 84-56 as forward Bert Greene pitched in 37 points. South Portsmouth defeated Carter 65-62 for third place.

Boyd County played a good ball game despite the wide final margin. Olive Hill's all-around brilliance, particularly in rebounding and teamwork, was simply more than the small, inexperienced Lions could handle.

Boyd held the Comets to a 14-7 quarter margin and trailed 42-27 at the half. Action speeded up considerably in the second period. With Greene hitting on almost every shot, Olive Hill had a rather easy second half. It was Olive Hill's sixth straight win and made Jack Fultz the first five-time winning coach in the history of the tournament.

Gary Hardeman's one-handers swished through with regularity for Boyd and the junior guard wound up with 23 points.

Olive Hill's first five of J. C. Smith, Del Barker, Larry Williams, Larry Ader and Greene and No. 1 relief man Herman Roe did all the Comet scoring and worked well together. Ader and Williams gobbled up practically all the defensive rebounds, enabling the Comets to fast break effectively. Ader had 16 points, Williams 13.

Greene was awarded the Daily Independent Trophy for outstanding play. But South Portsmouth's Johnny Stephenson had such a great tournament it was decided to award him a trippy for being most valuable to his team. Stephenson netted 128 points in the four games. Greene had 92 while playing only ten quarters of Olive Hill's four contests. In the last four EKC tournament championship games Greene has accounted for 23, 30, 22 and 37 points in that order. This is his fourth season as a regular and his fifth on the squad.

Stephenson rang up 34 points including the winning basket as So. Portsmouth rallied to win the third place game. Carter went ahead 62-61 when Tex English dropped in two free throws with 38 seconds left but Stephenson connected with a fielder at the 30-second mark. Two frees by Keibler closed the scoring with three seconds to go. English had 26 and Paul Webb 22 for the losers.

Presentation of trophies and individual awards was made by John J. Ross, chairman of the Boyd County board of education.

CHAMPIONSHIP

BOYD COUNTY 56
Forward—Frazier 4, Ross 2, Browning 3
Center—Arnett 9
Guard—Hardeman 23, Kittle 6, Stewart 4
Personals—18
Free Throws—12-25

OLIVE HILL 84
Forward—Ader 16, Greene 37, Sparks, Tackett
Center—L. Williams 13, P. Williams
Guard—Smith 9, Barker 5, Roe 4, Baker
Personals—18
Free Throws—20-26
Score by quarters:

BOYD CO. 7 20 15 14—56
OLIVE HILL 14 28 21 21—84
Officials: Chattin and Meade.

THIRD PLACE

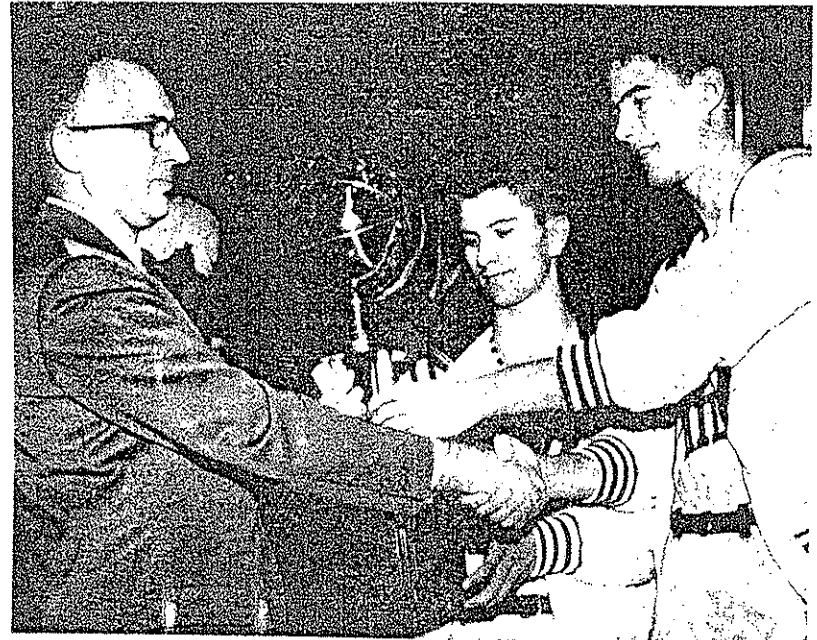
CARTER 62
Forward—Kiser 2, Hall 4, McGinnis
Center—Webb 22
Guard—English 27, James, Lewis 9
Personals—22
Free Throws—24-34

SO. PORTSMOUTH 65
Forward—Keibler 10, Reeder 7, Fry 4
Center—Stiers, Gatrell
Guard—Stephenson 34, Felty 8, Wicker 2
Personals—21
Free Throws—17-31
Score by quarters:

CARTER 16 13 15 18—62
S. PORTSMOUTH 15 19 15 16—65
Officials: Chattin and Adkins.



OUTSTANDING IN TOURNEY. — Bert Greene of Olive Hill, left, and Johnny Stephenson of South Portsmouth won special awards for outstanding play in the 13th annual E.K.C. tournament. Greene captured The Independent Trophy and Stephenson took a similar award. Between them they fired 220 points in the tournament.



CHAMPIONS AGAIN. — Larry Ader, right, and J. C. Smith of Olive Hill accept the Royal Finance Co. trophy from John J. Ross, chairman of the Boyd County board of education, following the EKC tournament in the Boyd County gym last night. Olive Hill won its third straight title, beating Boyd 84-56.

Comets Edge Cardinals In Overtime For Regional Title

Greene's Goal Wins 60-59 For Comets

3-15-59

By JOHN MCGILL,
Independent Sports Editor

MOREHEAD—Bert Greene, one of the greatest clutch players in the history of 16th Region basketball, did some of the poorest percentage shooting of his long career in the last 12 seconds last night. He hit only one of three shots. But the third one rolled through the hoop with two seconds remaining in an overtime to give Olive Hill's Comets a 60-59 win over Clark County and the cherished regional championship.

The decision ended Clark County's two-year championship reign and gave Coach Jack Fultz his third regional title in the last five years. It was also Olive Hill's 35th win in 36 games and the 16th in succession.

Tremendous offensive rebounding as time ran out led to the winning basket. Greene grabbed his own rebound after missing a second shot, dribbled around his man and fired accurately from eight feet.

The defeat was one of the most bitter ever suffered in the 16th Region finals. Not only did Olive Hill win with the last gasp shot but also sent the game into overtime on a goal from underneath by veteran guard Dale Barker with one second to play. Barker slipped loose and took the long pass from the other guard, J. C. Smith.

Barker's free throw had given Olive Hill a one-point lead in the overtime but freshman John Graybill's crisp shot gave Clark County the lead with 48 seconds left.

Olive Hill, tabbed by many as the school's greatest in history, had to overcome an early 22-17 deficit. Clark County also was ahead by three points in the fourth quarter. Deadly free-throw accuracy, 20 out of 24, proved to be the major factor with Larry Ader hitting eight out of ten, Greene six out of seven and Smith three out of four.

Olive Hill played without substitution and Greene led the scoring with 18. Ader and Williams, great on the rebounds, added 16 and 10. Barker and Smith, both outstanding on defense and play-making, added nine and seven.

Tommy Harper, a great forward and only a junior, led Clark County with 19 before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

Clark County hit eight of its first nine field goal attempts and 11 of its first 14 while leading throughout most of the first half. But Olive Hill rallied toward the end of the first half, led by Williams and Greene, and shot ahead 36-30 when Greene hit with two seconds left.

Ader scored on the second half tip off for Olive Hill but the clock buzzer stuck and time was stopped before he shot with the basket being ruled no good.

Olive Hill missed four lay-ups during the third quarter and surrendered the lead but regained it when Williams hit at the buzzer.

Greene scored on the final period tip off and Olive Hill built up a 50-47 lead. Their defensive rebounding faltered badly at this point, Clark County getting two baskets on follow ups.

With the Cardinals ahead 51-50, the dependable Barker put the Comets ahead again. Clark County moved in front again with 3:30 remaining but Smith knotted the score with a free throw. Again with 2:02 on the clock, Smith was fouled and hit both throws to tie the score at 54-54. Dickerson shoved the Cardinals ahead to set up Olive Hill's final regulation-time basket by Barker.

Coach Letcher Norton gave Olive Hill's rebounding and Greene's clutch wing credit for the win. Coach Jack Fultz, asked for a statement, yelled, "Yippee, four down and one to go." He was referring to the four tournaments Olive Hill has won this year with the big one coming up next week.

Champions

CLARK CO. 59

Forward—Harper 19, Miller 7, Graybill 2

Center—Dickerson 15

Guard—Eves 3, Rose 13, Pater, Eaton

Personal fouls: 17

Free throws: 7 of 8 *36th*

OLIVE HILL 60

Forward—Ader 16, Greene 18

Center—L. Williams 10

Guard—Smith 7, Barker 9

Personal fouls: 7

Free throws: 20 of 24

Score by quarters:

CLARK CO. 22 14 9 12 2-59

OLIVE HILL 17 19 10 11 3-60

Officials: Baker and Kraft.

All-Regional

Olive Hill led the all-tournament selections in the 16th Regional tournament, placing four players on the select squad. Clark County had three on the team while Ashland had two.

Named to the squad were:

Larry Williams, Olive Hill

Dale Barker, Olive Hill

Larry Ader, Olive Hill

Bert Greene, Olive Hill

Larry Castle, Ashland

Monte Campbell, Ashland

Danny Dickerson, Clark County

Larry Estes, Clark County

Tommy Harper, Clark County

Jim Gumbert, Wurtland

B. Hatton, Sharpsburg

Harold Billman, Vanceburg

Comets Win In Overtime

Clark County almost upset Olive Hill, the Comets finally winning 60-59 in overtime in the 16th at Morehead. The score was 57-57 at the end of regulation time.

Letcher Norton's Cardinals led 22-17 at the end of the first period, but Jack Fultz's Comets tied it 36-36 at halftime and were on top 46-45 at the end of three.

Bert Greene (18) and Larry Ader (18) topped the winners and Tommy Harper (19) and Danny Dickerson (15) led Clark County.

Comets Gain Semi-Finals With 85-84 Victory Over Grant; Greene Scores 34

By JOHN McGILL

Independent Sports Editor
MEMORIAL COLISEUM, LEXINGTON—Bert Greene, who will be remembered in Olive Hill and the 16th Region as long as basketball is played, hit two free throws with eight seconds to play to provide the streaking Comets with the insurance needed to defeat Covington Grant 85-84 Friday afternoon. The brilliant and hard-earned victory sent Olive Hill into the state tournament semi-finals for the second time, the first being in 1944 when Coach Jack Fultz was a player.

Olive Hill, winning its 18th consecutive game, met a very strong North Marshall team this afternoon and the First Region foe boasted a gaudy win streak of 22 games. The combined records of the two rivals was 72 wins, only three losses.

Although Greene was the boy who cashed in on the spotlight with 11,000 fans holding their breath, this was a team victory in the true sense of the word. Fultz planned the game very carefully and his boys played it that way. They were great—and had to be—except for two brief lapses in ball handling.

Outside of getting the deciding points, Bert the Bomber hit 13 of his 20 field attempts. He missed but two shots while piling up 21 first-half points and his ball handling was tremendous. He scored 34.

Another boy who had the fans buzzing was veteran Dale Barker, who ripped the Grant pressing defense to shreds with 18 big points in the fourth quarter. He wound up with 26.

Guard John C. Smith, smallest of the Comets, was credited with 12 assists in a brilliant job of guiding the powerful attack that has averaged 36 points in two tourney games. But his play of plays came with just 40 seconds left when he alertly intercepted a pass while Olive Hill was nursing a one-point lead. He fired the ball to Barker, who dribbled from mid-court for a layup that put Olive Hill ahead, 68-60 with 32 seconds remaining.

Tom (Big T) Thacker, a superb player who led Grant with 36 points, bagged a one-hander from the circle to make it one point again and Olive Hill called time out. The pass went in to Barker, who fed to Greene and Bert was fouled at mid-court. After he calmly swished his throws through, Grant called for time with eight seconds left. The Comets then permitted Thacker to dribble in for an uncontested layup.

Greene took the ball out of bounds and held it while four seconds ticked off.

The Olive Hill players were wildly happy in their dressing room, hugging each other and shouting at the top of their voices. "I told you we were going to win," Fultz yelled. Photographers snapped pictures and had no trouble getting the boys to smile.

The Grant players filed past depondently. Larry Ader, who is playing although a very sick boy, saw Thacker and went to shake his hand. "I feel better," Ader said later. "But right now I'm very weak."

Olive Hill took a 77-76 lead at 2:49 on an Ader goal but promptly lost it. Barker then hit from the side for a 79-78 advantage with 2:21 left and Olive Hill stayed ahead. Barker, on a great feed from Smith, made it 81-76. But jump-shooting Aaron Ballard connected and the lead was reduced to one point again with 1:18 showing. After Grant called time and passed the ball around trying to draw a personal, Smith made his timely interception.

Olive Hill hit an astonishing 59 per cent and added 23 frees on 26 tries. Grant hit a hot 49 per cent, with Thacker connecting on 15 of 30 attempts.

Olive Hill had a shaky time in the middle of the second quarter with five errors giving Grant eight points.

Greene, hitting from outside, boosted Olive Hill into its early 13-4 lead with some help from Smith and Williams, and Grant was forced to abandon its zone defense.

Late in the quarter, Grant rallied on some nifty long shots by Ballard and knotted the score at 15. Greene broke the deadlock then hit again to break a 17-17 tie. Two free throws by Williams gave Olive Hill a 21-17 lead with nine seconds remaining but Ballard tossed in a long jump shot and the period ended 21-19.

After a tie at 21, Grant took its first lead at 23-27 as Thacker drove in for a pair of baskets. The lead went on to 34-27 before Greene hit to stop the trend. Then Grant spurted again to 3-31, the longest lead enjoyed by either team in the fierce contest. Greene reduced this advantage to four, then the remarkable Ballard hit for Grant with 22 seconds to go. But at the two-second mark, Williams followed a Greene miss and tipped the ball in for a basket Olive Hill needed desperately. They now trailed 41-37.

The Comets were ahead again, 44-43, soon after the second half began. Ties were produced at 46,

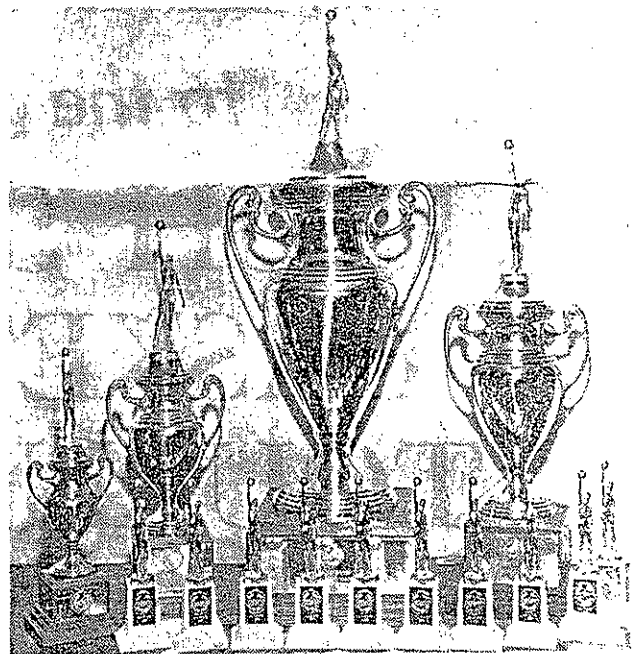
48 and 53. Thacker broke the last one with a 3-point play and came back for another goal after an Olive Hill error. Olive Hill melted the lead in a hurry as Greene fired one on the rebound and Ader bored in for a 3-pointer. Going into the final period it was a 58-58 standoff.

Getting two offensive rebounds, Grant forged ahead at the start of the fourth. Thacker drew his fourth personal but finished the game without another one.

Olive Hill took the lead, 60-59, on two frees by the irrepressible Barker. But the great Thacker promptly regained it for Grant.

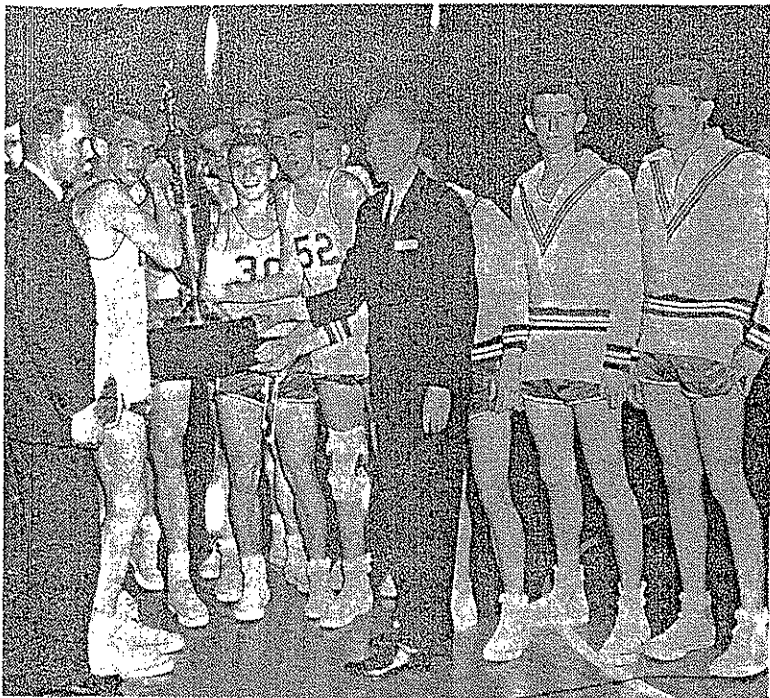
A splendid fast break play from Smith to Greene to Barker put the Ashland Invitational Champs ahead by one point at 6:45. Olive Hill then erected what seemed to be a safe lead, 66-61, on another Barker goal. But Grant's press produced two quick goals and the tension was on again.

Consecutive goals by Ballard and Young gave Grant a 70-69 edge with 4:35 to go.



1959 Kentucky High School Basketball Trophies

OLIVE HILL	G	F	P	T
Ader	3	1-1	4	7
Greene	13	8-9	3	34
Williams	4	5-5	2	13
Smith	1	3-5	2	5
Barker	10	6-6	2	26
Roe	0	0-0	0	0
Tackett	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	31	23-26	14	85
COV. GRANT	G	F	P	T
Thacker	15	6-10	4	36
Young	6	1-1	3	13
Ballard	6	1-1	4	13
Sharp	6	1-1	3	13
Phipps	0	0-0	0	0
Graves	3	3-5	1	9
Totals	36	12-18	15	84
Olive Hill	21	16	21	85
Cov. Grant	19	22	17	84



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CHAMPS COLLECT THEIR TROPHY . . . Charlie Lampley (left), coach of state champion North Marshall, beams as Louis Litchfield, vice president of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, presents the championship trophy to the Jets. Next to the Jets' coach is his brother, Jimmy Lampley, an all-tourney selection. Other identifiable players are Jerry Powell (30), Roscoe Spiceland (52), Mitchell Watkins (second from right) and Kendall King (right). The Jets edged out Louisville Manual by a score of 64 to 63 in the championship game Saturday night.



Courier-Journal Photo by Joe Reister

THEY'RE THE BEST . . . This collection of basketball talent would make a happy man out of any college coach. They are the players selected on the All-State Tournament team at Lexington. Front row (from left) they are Dale Barker, Olive Hill; Julius Berry, Lexington Dunbar; Bert Greene, Olive Hill; Don Ringstaff, Livingston Central, and Tom "Big T" Thacker, Covington Grant. Back row: Ronnie Siers, Manual; Jim Lampley, North Marshall; Lance Gish, Central City; Pat Doyle, North Marshall, and Leland Melear, Manual. They were selected by coaches and members of the press and radio.

Finalists Place 2 Cagers Each On All-State

Jets' Doyle and Lampley Honored; Crowd Pulls for North Marshall

By BILL ENDICOTT, Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Lexington, Ky., March 21.—Leland Melear of Manual, Tom Thacker of Covington Grant, Bert Greene of Olive Hill and Julius Berry of Lexington Dunbar tied for first place in balloting for the 1959 All-State Tournament team.

Others members of the 10-man squad, announced after the final game here Saturday night, include Pat Doyle of North Marshall, Don Ringstaff of Livingston Central, Jim Lampley of North Marshall, Ronnie Siers of Manual, Dale Barker of Olive Hill and Lance Gish of Central City.

age in the tourney in leading his team into the semi-finals.

The crowd-pleasing Berry was a standout in pacing the Bearcats to third place. He was the only repeater from last year. Ringstaff posted 48 points in Central's first-round loss to Olive Hill for the highest individual total of the meet.

It took the crowd three days to pick its "favorite," but Saturday night it finally came up with North Marshall. Everything Manual did, from the time it entered the Coliseum until the presentation ceremonies were over, drew loud and long boos from the majority of the standing-room house.

Dr. Litkenhouse was right on the nose with his tournament selections. He picked Dunbar, Manual, Olive Hill and North Marshall to make it to the semi-finals. Dunbar had the highest regional rating at 87.4. Manual was 85.6.

The Maysville cheerleaders were chosen best in the tournament by a special selection committee. Honorable mention went to Olive Hill and Bowling Green High Street cheerleaders.

The All-State Tournament picks were in keeping with performances.

Melear, a sharpshooting, six-foot guard, led the Crimson into the final against North Marshall with outstanding performances against Central City, Breathitt County and Dunbar.

Thacker scored 35 and 37 points, respectively, in Grant's two games against Pikeville and Olive Hill. Greene posted the best individual shooting percent-

Manual's appearance in the final marked the third straight year that a Jefferson County team made it that far. Eastern was runnerup to Lafayette in 1957 and St. Xavier beat Daviess County for the championship last year.

If Manual had won the title after knocking out Central City, it would have marked the fourth straight year that the eventual champions had beaten the Fourth Region representative in the first round. Carr Creek did it in 1956, Lafayette in 1957, St. X. in 1958 and now the Crimson in 1959.

TOURNEY NOTES—This was the fourth straight year that George Conley of Ashland officiated the final game. . . . Georgetown College Coach Bob Davis said that Manual's Gerald Glur was, in his opinion, one of the best college prospects in the tournament. . . . Dunbar's Julius Berry was disgusted with himself after the consolation game in which he scored 23 points. "Could hit tonight," he moaned, "but I couldn't do a thing this afternoon". . . . The North Marshall cagers wore their jerseys on the outside throughout the tourney for no reason other than "we just started doing it at the first of the year," said Coach Charlie Lampley.

East Cagers Win 74-63 As Greene, Rice Star

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—The favored East basketball team came through as expected Saturday night, downing the West high school all-star cagers 74-63.

The West team took a 2-0 lead until the last few seconds of the first quarter when the East went ahead 15-13.

The East never lost the lead after that.

Bert Greene, a 6-1 guard from Olive Hill, led the East's scoring with 17 points.

He was followed by Jon Speaks of Lexington Lafayette, 13; Bobby Rice of Sandy Hook, Tom Thacker of Covington Grant and Julius Berry of Lexington Dunbar with 12 each.

The top men for the West were William Bradley of Louisville Central with 17 and Pat Doyle of North Marshall with 14.

The East squad hit 42.6 per cent of its shots and the West made 32.7 per cent.

The West cut the East's lead to 30-29 midway in the second quarter.

ter, but a pair of freethrows each by Greene and Louis Stout of Cynthiana put the East ahead again at 34-29.

The East now leads the West cagers 6-2 in the series.

Tom Ellis of Covington Holmes, who is retiring this year, coached the victorious cagers and was assisted by Jack Fultz of Olive Hill.

EAST	G	F	P	T
Baessler	1	0-0	3	2
Rice	4	4-4	4	12
Rump	0	0-0	0	0
Speaks	4	5-8	3	13
Greene	6	5-6	3	17
Thacker	4	4-6	3	12
Berry	5	2-3	3	12
Stout	1	2-2	3	4
Teague	0	0-0	0	0
Cobb	0	0-0	0	0
Reams	1	0-0	0	2
Totals	28	22-29	22	74

WEST	G	F	P	T
Doyle	2	10-14	3	14
Brown	2	3-4	3	7
Glyr	1	4-4	1	6
McCarley	1	0-1	0	2
Bradley	6	5-5	4	17
Dalton	0	2-4	1	2
Frazier	1	0-1	0	2
Claycomb	1	3-4	3	5
Ridley	1	0-0	0	2
Atkins	3	0-0	2	6
Hosback	0	0-1	0	0
Davenport	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18	27-38	17	63

EAST	17	21	22	14	74
WEST	13	19	14	17	63



Top Scorer For East

East Builds Big Lead, Rolls To 74-63 Cage Win

From Yesterday's Late Editions
By EARL COX
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 15.—In television whodunits—and in real life, for that matter—the bad guys usually always lose in the end, but in this story the "bad 'uns" prevailed.

In Saturday night's eighth annual East-West high-school basketball all-star classic, the East's Tom Thacker and Julius Berry were cast in the roles of bad guys.

Scheduled for starting berths, the all-stars instead rode the bench for the first 5½ minutes as punishment for not showing up until shortly before the game.

East Leads In Series

But it remained for the two talented Negroes to give the game just about its only lively moments as they helped to pace coach Tom Ellis' East to a 74-to-63 victory before a small crowd of about 3,500 in Memorial Coliseum.

Thus the East now leads the series by a 6-to-2 margin.

Greene Scores 17

Frankly, this game matching Kentucky's finest prep graduates of 1959 didn't generate much excitement.

After a close first half, the East rode a balanced scoring attack to a commanding 21-point lead with 2:58 left in the third period and coasted in against Paul Coop's Westerns.

Olive Hill's southpaw shooting star Bert Greene, who now

appears to be planning to enter the University of Kentucky after wavering between Morehead and Marshall, was the East's top gunner with 17 points.

Greene, who hit six of nine shots, has been offered a grant-in-aid to U. of K., and those closest to him expect him to accept.

Jon Speaks of Lafayette followed Greene with 13 points. Scoring 12 each were Bob Rice of Sandy Hook, Berry of Lexington Dunbar, and Thacker of Covington Grant.

East Hits 42 Pct. of Shots

The East hit a blistering 42.6 per cent of 26 of 61 shots.

The West, which hit 18 of 55 for 32.7 per cent, was led in scoring by Louisville Central's Bill Bradley, who got 13 in the first half, but only 3 in the second half. Pat Doyle of state champion North Marshall was next with 14.

The East enjoyed a 49-to-37 rebounding edge. But in the opening half, it was rebounding,

a phase of the game in which the East was expected to have a whopping advantage, that enabled the West to keep it close.

The Westerners enjoyed a 19-to-18 edge on the boards with North Marshall's Doyle and Beaver Dam's Jimmie Brown leading with five each. Thacker's seven saves led the East.

Sinks 15 Of 32 Attempts

The East, paced by Greene, drilled 15 of 32 field-goal attempts for a razor-sharp 46.8 per cent in the first half.

The score was tied at 8 and 13 in the first period, and the East held 6-point leads three times in the second quarter, leading 38 to 32 at half time.

The East was on top 17 to 13 at the finish of the opening period. The West's first-half shooting showed 34.6 per cent on nine of 26.

East (74)	Fg.	Ft.	Pts.	Reb.	P.	Tp.
Baessler, f.	1	4	0	0	3	2
Rice, f.	4	8	4	4	9	4
Rump, c.	0	2	0	0	2	0
Speaks, g.	4	10	5	8	2	3
Greene, g.	6	9	5	6	3	3
Thacker, f.	5	12	4	8	14	3
Berry, c.	5	11	2	3	11	3
Stout, f.	1	4	2	2	2	3
Teague, g.	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cobb, f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reams, g.	1	1	0	0	0	2
Totals	28	61	22	29	49	24
West (63)	Fg.	Ft.	Pts.	Reb.	P.	Tp.
Doyle, f.	2	6	10	14	13	3
Brown, f.	2	6	3	4	5	3
Glyr, c.	1	4	4	2	1	1
McCarley, g.	0	1	0	0	0	2
Bradley, g.	2	19	5	3	4	17
Dalton, f.	0	2	0	4	1	1
Frazier, g.	1	1	0	1	1	0
Claycomb, g.	1	1	0	0	0	0
Ridley, f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atkins, c.	3	3	0	0	0	2
Hosback, f.	0	1	0	1	1	0
Davenport, f.	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	18	55	27	37	37	18
Quarter scores:						
West	13	19	14	17	43	63
East	17	21	22	14	74	74

Champion North Marshall Hit 44.6%; Comets' Greene Top Tourney Scorer

By EARL COX
Courier-Journal Staff Writer
Lexington, Ky., March 22.—
College coaches—who have
cried all year because of the
alleged scarcity of talent
among Kentucky's high school
players—have had their tears
dried by some of the hottest-
shooting cagers ever to play in
the State Tournament.
Consider Pat Doyle of state

champion North Marshall and
Tom "Big T" Thacker of Cov-
ington Grant. Doyle fired 59
times at the basket and bull-
eyed 30 times. That's a fancy
59.8 per cent. Thacker, who, like
Doyle, could play either guard
or forward in college, hit the
basket 44.8 per cent of the time,
25 of 56.

But even Thacker and Doyle
had to bow to the finest shooter
in the tourney, Bert Greene of

Olive Hill. He zeroed in 52.2
per cent, 36 of 68.

Jimmy Lampley, brother of
North Marshall Coach Charlie
Lampley, did some sensational
shooting, too, hitting 32 of 67
for 49.2 per cent.

Greene was the tourney's top
scorer with 91 points in four
games. Then came Lampley with
86, Dunbar's Julius Berry with

78, Doyle with 76 and Manual's
Leland Melear with 68.

Top individual performances
were turned in by Thacker, who
scored 36 and 35 in two games,
and by Livingston Central's Don
Ringstaff with 46 in one.

A look at the shooting statis-
tics of the North Marshall regu-
lars reveals that they hit 45.1
per cent from the field. The
regulars — Lampley, Doyle,
Dolph Larimer, Roscoe Spice-
land and Jerry Powell—went all
the way in the final two games
with no rest. As a team, the Jets
hit 44.6 per cent.

Here are composite figures
on the new state champions:

Regulars									
Player	FGA	FGM	FTA	FTM	PF	TU			
Jim Lampley	67	33	74	22	12	48			
Pat Doyle	59	30	21	16	11	78			
H. Larimer	50	20	19	11	7	51			
R. Spice-land	39	18	9	8	14	34			
Jerry Powell	25	12	9	3	7	23			
Totals	207	92	62	51	27				
Reserves									
Player	FGA	FGM	FTA	FTM	PF	TU			
Benny Gohes	6	3	2	0	3	6			
Joel Wommack	6	3	2	0	3	6			
M. Watkins	4	3	1	3	2	2			
Kendall King	2	1	0	0	0	2			
Sam Clark	1	0	0	0	1	0			
Gary Sear	0	0	0	0	0	0			
M. Ellington	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals	23	9	7	2	11	20			
Team Totals									
Players	FGA	FGM	FTA	FTM	PF	TU			
	230	116	69	64	22	238			

Here are the Sweet Sixteen
scoring leaders:

FOUR GAMES		
Player, School	Pts.	
1. Bert Greene, O. Hill	91	
2. Jim Lampley, N. Marshall	86	
3. Julius Berry, Dunbar	78	
4. Pat Doyle, N. Marshall	76	
5. Leland Melear, Manual	68	
6. Henry Jones, Dunbar	60	
7. Dolph Larimer, N. Marshall	51	
8. Larry Williams, O. Hill	46	
9. Gerald Glor, Manual	46	
10. Ronnie Stiers, Manual; Joe Smith, Manual; Tommy Milton, Manual, and Larry Ader, Olive Hill, each had 44.		
THREE GAMES		
Player, School	Pts.	
1. Dale Barker, O. Hill	63	
TWO GAMES		
Player, School	Pts.	
1. Tom Thacker, Cov. Grant	71	
2. Gene Fendleton, Monticello	38	
3. Larry Back, Breathitt Co.	38	
4. Don Frye, Monticello	38	
5. Bobby Deaton, Breathitt Co.	34	
6. Chuck Hall, Mayville, and Alan Banc, Mayville, each had 30.		
ONE GAME		
Player, School	Pts.	
1. Don Ringstaff, Liv. Central	48	
2. Don Parrish, High Street	28	
3. Bill Booth, Pikeville	25	
4. Lance Gish, Central City	25	
5. Jack Knight, Sacramento	21	

In a Wednesday-morning
story, this reporter wrote:
"The Jets could be the sur-

Greene Head; All-EKC Voting Second Year; Four Are Unanimous

Bert Greene is the "player of the year" in the Eastern Kentucky
Conference for the second straight season. The Olive Hill senior led
the voting for the All-Conference team with 103 out of 103 possible
voting points and was one of four unanimous selections.

Also named unanimously were Johnny Stephenson of South
Portsmouth and two Carter veterans, Paul Webb and Tex English.

Greene is the first player to win All-E.K.C. honors four times
since Ralph (Buster) Cartee of Olive Hill, the Carter coach, in
1940-43. Greene was also a unanimous choice last season.

Olive Hill, which won eleven times in conference competition
without defeat, also placed its other four starters on the honor squad
with Dale Barker, Larry Ader, J. C. Smith and Larry Williams named.
This is the most ever selected from one school.

In addition to Greene, repeaters include Stephenson, Ader and
Barker.

Also named were Harold Hardeman of Boyd County, Farrell
Sturgill of Blaine—first player ever chosen from his school — James
Banks of Ashland Booklet T. Washington and Phillip Hammond of
Grayson.

All are seniors except Hardeman and Banks.
Stephenson the conference scoring champion, was second to
Greene in the balloting, which was done prior to regional tournament
play. Over a two-year period all five of Olive Hill's All-EKC players
have made All-Regional.

Seven players received honorable mention, led by Jack Smith.
B. T. Washington senior, and Wilbur Browning, Boyd County junior.

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Player - school (Voting points)	Height	Class
Bert Greene, Olive Hill (103)	6-1	Senior
John Stephenson, So. Portsmouth (86)	5-10	Senior
Paul Webb, Carter (71)	6-0	Senior
Larry Williams, Olive Hill (55)	6-6	Senior
Dale Barker, Olive Hill (49)	6-0	Senior
Tex English, Carter (48)	5-11	Senior
Larry Ader, Olive Hill (48)	6-3	Senior
James Banks, B. T. Washington (42)	5-11	Junior
Harold Hardeman, Boyd County (41)	5-9	Junior
Farrell Sturgill, Blaine (38)	5-11	Senior
J. C. Smith, Olive Hill (37)	5-8	Senior
Phillip Hammond, Grayson (30)	6-1	Senior

HONORABLE MENTION

Boyd County—Wilbur Browning, Carl Kittle.
B. T. Washington—Jack Smith.
Grayson—Jack Calhoun, Jerry Gearheart.
Hitchins—Sidney Marshall.
Blaine—Emmett Barker.

Greene May Reach 3,000 Tonight

2-27-59
By JOHNSON McGILL

Greene Nears 3,000-Mark

Olive Hill Sharpshooter Needs Only 26 to Set Record In 16th

By JOHN McGILL, Courier-Journal Correspondent
Ashland, Ky., Feb. 26.—Bert Greene, a basketball institution at Olive Hill, will play his final home game Friday night and if he sinks 26 points against Carter he will become the first player in 16th Region history to reach 3,000 career points.

It would be an appropriate occasion for the hard-working, accurate-shooting senior forward, whose four varsity seasons have produced an almost incredible record. Since breaking into the starting lineup as a freshman, Greene has hit almost 48 percent from the field and 83 percent from the foul line. This year his averages are 53.1 from the field and 83.0 on free throws. Before Greene, the region's top career mark was probably the 2,051 compiled by Jim Kiser, former Carter and Eastern Kentucky State College star. Greene holds few records in points scored, having been held out of action in many of the earlier games, but his field goal accuracy is unprecedented and his foul shooting is the best in the area since Billy Kazee, now at Centre, posted 82.8 for Ashland in 1955.

During Greene's four varsity campaigns Jack Fultz's Comets have won 118 and lost but 20. Bert shot the deciding points in several of the wins in clutch situations.

Olive Hill can wrap up its 13th E. C. regular-season title by defeating Carter. Olive Hill is 6-0 in the conference and Carter is 10-2.

Ashland concluded its up-and-down season in a 92-74 loss at Huntington, W. Va. The Comets wound up at 16-8 after a very tough schedule. The other losses were to Covington Grant, Olive Hill (2), Sandy Hook, Huntington East, Hazard and Inez. The most impressive wins were over Huntington High, Huntington East, Newport, Maysville, Covington Catholic, Inez and Clark County.

Had Average of 24.0

Larry Castle finished with a 24-point average, only three-tenths back of the school record set in 1956 by George Carroll, now at Pikeville College. Castle still has a shot at Carroll's overall mark including tournament play. He labbed 20 at Huntington after getting 31 as Ashland rocked Maysville 92-76. Monte Campbell grabbed a season high of 25 rebounds against Huntington. He has a grid scholarship at U.K. but also hopes to play basketball.

Booker T. Washington of Ashland, which gave Meade Memorial a mighty battle last week, played its sixth game in eight nights Tuesday and rang up a 67-52 win over Ashland Holy Family. James Banks, headed for the Boyd Company scoring championship, led the winning attack with 28.

Tom Horton scored 29 to lead McKell's 87-66 triumph over Catlettsburg; Carter dropped one to Mayslick, 48-42; Boyd

County trimmed Wurtland 65-51 with Wilbur Browning sinking 20 and Olive Hill won No. 28 by outrunning Vanceburg 93-81. Greene labbed 33 but Vanceburg's great Harold Billman had 38. Larry Ader added 21 for the Comets, who won their tenth straight with strong final-period play.

In the week's most unusual game, Russell scored 17 points in an overtime period to thrash Raceland 63-48. Bill Trent was the big gun with 31 for the Red Devils, who became one of the 16th Region's few teams to win 20 games.

Mt. Sterling, continuing to worry the favorites, topped Paris handily, 70-54, as Clark Co. rolled impressively past Estill County 94-52. The Cardinals close the season Friday at home against Lexington Henry Clay as So. Portsmouth plays at Hitehins, Boyd County at Grayson, Fairview at Raceland, Holy Family at Louisa, Russell at Catlettsburg and Nicholasville Dunbar at Booker Washington. Covington Grant hosts Booker Washington Saturday night in the final pre-district action.

Olive Hill fans have watched brilliant Bert Greene toss basketballs through the nets for so long and so well that they do not get particularly excited over a 26-point performance. But if Greene gets 26 tonight against Carter it will mark the 3,000th point of his career.

No other player in the history of the 16th Region and few players in Kentucky annals have scored so many. That Greene will eventually get 3,000 is a certainty. But for it to happen tonight would be most appropriate, since this is his final home game on a court where he has provided innumerable thrills.

Greene, a marked man since he starred as a freshman, started off with 67 varsity points when he was yet in the eighth grade and appeared in the state tournament that year. He notched 759 as a freshman, 680 as a sophomore, 766 as a junior and has 702 to date this season. He is averaging 23.4 a game but the mark would be nearer 35 if based

on complete games. Greene's accuracy is even more phenomenal than his average. A boy who can hit 48 per



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Plays Final Home Game

cent from the field and 83 per cent from the foul line for one season would be worthy of great acclaim. But that is Greene's record for FOUR seasons. This year he is hitting 53 from the field, 83 at the line.

With that kind of shooting ability Greene could have smashed all existing records had he played with a team that had to rely on him more or with one that continually fed him the ball. As it is, he is surrounded by capable players on a team that has won 28 of 30 games and he fits smoothly into the unit. He seldom if ever takes a bad shot.

Before Greene, the regional mark may have been the 2,051 points made by Jim Kiser of Carter. However, the exact total made by Owingsville's great Dan Swartz is not known. The previous high at Olive Hill was 1,616 by Phil Stone.

Tonight also marks the final home game for five other Comets—Dale Barker, who is in his fourth season, J. C. Smith, Larry Ader, Larry Williams and Jim Schnell.