

# Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

KHSAA Form GE30  
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## Information about Nominee

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

Please list the primary category of nomination (circle)-

<u>PLAYER</u>	COACH	OFFICIAL	CONTRIBUTOR
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Birth Date of Nominee	9/7/38
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Sex (circle one)	<u>Male</u>	Female
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Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as defined in 2(c)	Yes	<u>No</u>
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**If this person is being nominated as a Coach, please complete the following additional information-**

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

(over for remainder of application)

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

High School Attended	Lewis Co. / Vanceburg
Graduation Year	1956
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	16 <sup>th</sup> Region

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

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

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

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.*

Signature Jimmy Lykins Name (print) Jimmy Lykins Date 10/26/10

**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.**

Members of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

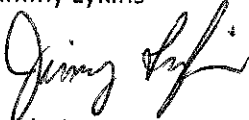
Ralph Davis Jr. was a 1956 graduate of Lewis Co. High School who scored more than 1,800 points during his high school career. His career has been a well kept secret and gone unnoticed for many years not only in northeastern Kentucky but throughout the state.

Ralph was an all district and all conference performer for three consecutive years. In 1956 he averaged 26.4 points per game and 18 rebounds per game. He was also named second team all state in 1956 by the Courier Journal. This happening in Vanceburg Kentucky at a time in which there was very little communication with other parts of the state. Also at that time it was very difficult to travel to and from this remote area of Kentucky.

Ralph went on to a great college career at the University of Cincinnati where he was the running mate of the great Oscar Robertson. He was later drafted by the Cincinnati Royals in the 1960 NBA draft. Ralph was forced to retire due to injuries before the 1962 season. During his NBA career he played in 150 games and scored 1,195 points. He was inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Basketball Hall of Fame in 1988.

On Friday Night December 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 Ralph Davis Jr. will become the first athlete in the history of Lewis County sports to have his jersey retired. As Athletic Director at Lewis County High School, I would like to request that the Hall of Fame Screening Committee and the Hall of Fame Selection Committee of the KHSAA recognize this hidden treasure to all parts of this commonwealth. Please accept this nomination and give it the utmost consideration.

Jimmy Lykins



Athletic Director Lewis County Schools

Ralph Davis Jr., a 1956 graduate of Lewis County High School, scored 1810 points during his high school career. He scored 30 or more points 11 times and tallied a high of 41 points in one game. In 1956, he averaged 26.4 points per game and 18 rebounds per game. His junior year he averaged 21.3 points per game and 17 points per game as a sophomore. He was all district for three year consecutive years, all conference (EKC/LRVC) for three consecutive years, named second team all state 1956 by the Courier Journal, selected to the Ky. East-West All Star game in Memorial Coliseum in 1956, selected to play for the KY All Stars vs. West Va and Ohio All Star squad. Ralph also graduated as an honor student from high school and college.

Ralph earned a four-year basketball scholarship to the University of Cincinnati. During his collegiate career from 1958-1960, the UC Bearcats won 79 games while losing only 9 in the three seasons. Along with the great Oscar Robertson, he played in two final four games in the NCAA basketball tournament. In 1960, he was selected as an All American by a vote of his teammates. He was honorable mention All American twice, selected All Missouri Valley Conference three years. He was also the first UC guard to score more than 1,000 points. Ralph was voted as the outstanding player in the East/West College All Star game in Madison Square Garden, a game that featured Jerry West, Lenny Wilkins, and Oscar Robertson as the other starting guards.

Ralph was drafted by the Cincinnati Royals as the 17<sup>th</sup> pick in the 1960 NBA draft. After one season with the Royals, he was chosen by the Chicago Packers in the expansion draft where he was a starter and played in 77 games averaging 10.4 points per game. He was traded to the St. Louis Hawks in 1962 but was forced to retire due to injuries following the exhibition season. During his NBA career, he played in 150 games and scored 1,195 points.

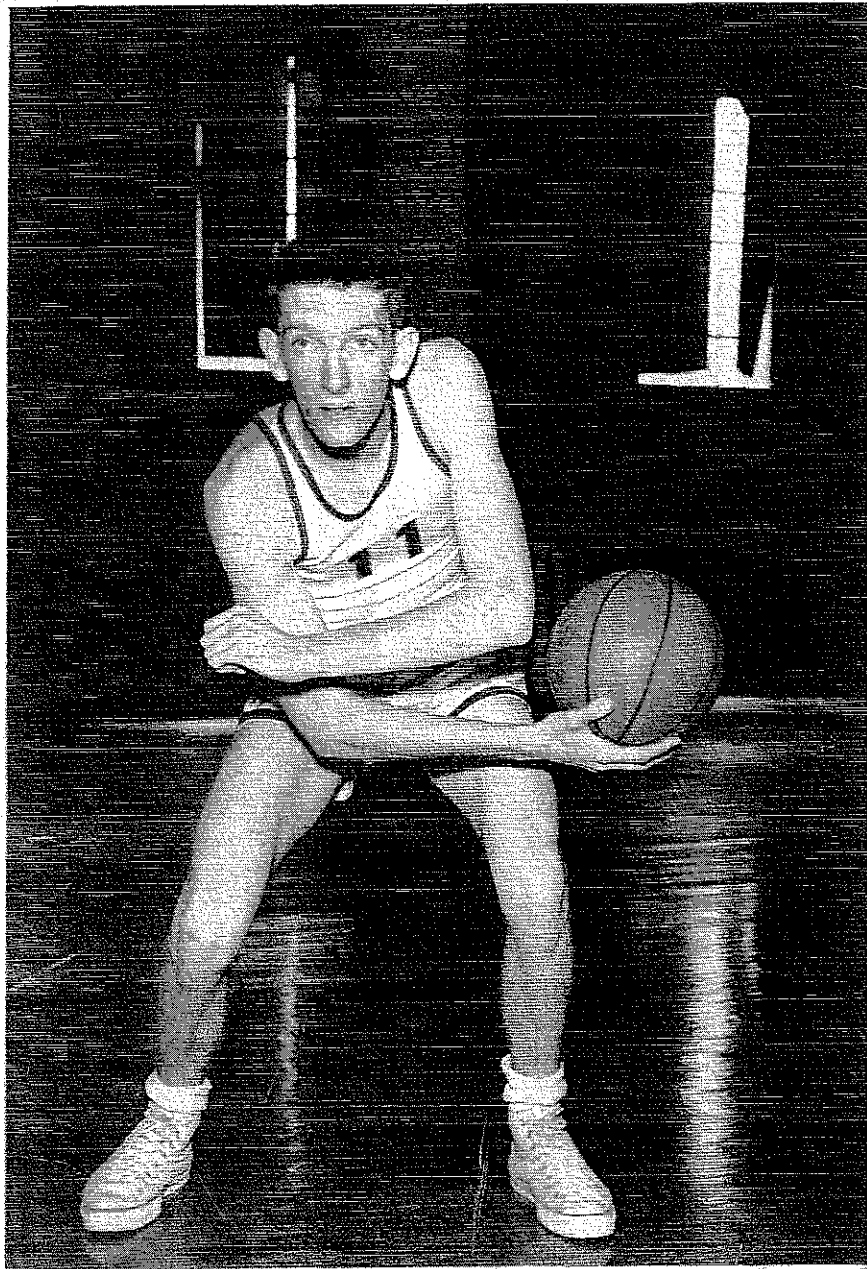
During his basketball career, Ralph played a basketball game in 48 states. He was presented a key to the city of Vanceburg by the Mayor, William Sullivan, in 1960. He was inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Basketball Hall of Fame in 1988.

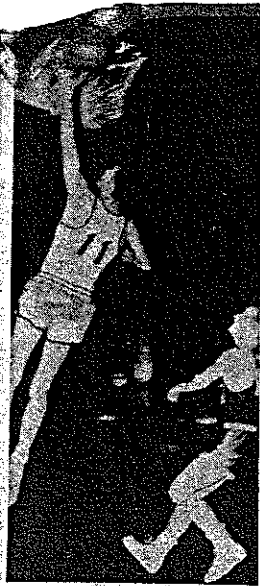
Ralph was the only child of Ralph Emerson Davis Sr. and Anna Plummer Davis of Vanceburg, KY.



RALPH DAVIS #34

EAST / WEST ALL STAR GAME APRIL 1956 AT MEMORIAL COLISEUM





RALPH DAVIS (No. 11) scores two more points for Vanceburg High in a game against Morehead High. Davis, a 6-4 senior, is averaging 26.4 points per game with 604 markers for the season.

## Vanceburg Is Counting On Ralph Davis

VANCEBURG, Ky. — Lewis County High School is counting on Ralph Davis Jr. to lead its quintet to the championship in the 63rd which is going on now at HITCHINS.

Vanceburg will open tournament action Friday night when the Lions clash with the winner of the Olive Hill-Olive Hill Erie contest. Game time is 7:30 (CST).

Davis, a 6-4, 170-pound senior, is the star of the Vanceburg quintet and one of the most prolific scorers in Eastern Kentucky. He is currently averaging 26.4 points per game with 604 markers for the season.

His scoring performance is even more remarkable in view of the fact that he suffered an injury during the early part of the campaign and was sidelined for several games. In three seasons of varsity action he has tallied 1,418 points.

During his high school career he has been named to the All-District team on two different occasions; he has made the All-Licking River Valley Conference team; the All-Eastern Kentucky Conference tournament team and was voted the outstanding player in the recent Eastern Kentucky Conference tournament at Ashland by the Ashland Daily Independent.

Shelby Linville, the Vanceburg cage coach and a former basketball star at the University of Kentucky, has nothing but praise for his pivot star.

"Davis is one of the finest high school players I've ever seen and he's a sure-fire college prospect," Linville said.

In addition to his athletic ability,

## Box Scores

**OLIVE HILL 76**  
 Forwards: Tackett 14, Knipp 10  
 Centers: Greene 20, Penson  
 Guards: Kiser 18, Lewis 14, Pen-  
 son  
 Personal fouls: 19  
 Free throws: 13 of 27

**BOYD COUNTY 65**  
 Forwards: Smith, Sokraill 1, Dun-  
 nagan 7, Stephens 4, Lyons 3,  
 Edmon  
 Centers: Huff 10, Johnson 2  
 Guards: Blevins 25, Boyd 12  
 Personal fouls: 17  
 Free throws: 21 of 31  
 Score by quarters:

OLIVE HILL 18 20 18 20—76  
 BOYD COUNTY 10 14 16 25—65  
 Officials: Phelps and Johnson

**VANCEBURG 65**  
 Forwards: Kennard 4, Pack 3,  
 Cooper  
 Centers: Davis 41  
 Guards: Jordan 10, Reidinger 7  
 Personal fouls: 12  
 Free throws: 15 of 26

**HOLY FAMILY 64**  
 Forwards: Serey 22, Stephenson  
 8, Jarvis 2  
 Centers: Gilmore 6  
 Guards: Simpson 24, Dixon 2  
 Personal fouls: 18  
 Free throws: 16 of 22  
 Score by quarters:

VANCEBURG 12 15 18 20—65  
 HOLY FAMILY 12 15 18 20—64

## Vanceburg Is 65-64 Winner In Overtime

GREENUP, Ky. — Jake Riedinger connected on a field goal in the final seconds of the overtime period to give Vanceburg High School a 65-64 victory over Greenup High here Tuesday night in a thriller.

Vanceburg jumped into an early lead and led all the way until the final minutes before Greenup tied the score at the end of regulation time, 58-58. Greenup had a one-point lead in the overtime period when Riedinger fired from the circle for the winning basket.

Ralph Davis pumped in 32 points to take scoring honors for Vanceburg but Paul Jordan helped out with 26 markers as the Lions racked up their 17th victory in 23 outings.

Tom Hibbitts took scoring honors for Greenup with 21 points while Craft came in second with 12 for the losers.

Vanceburg also won the reserve game, 36-31, to sweep the night's card. Rocky Billman had 11 points for Vanceburg while Everman had 15 for the losers.

Vanceburg returns to action Friday night when the Lions play host to McKell High.

Vanceburg — 65  
 Kennard, 1-0-2; Pack, 0-2-2; Davis, 15-2-32; Jordan, 10-6-26; Reidinger, 1-1-3.

Greenup — 64  
 Beach, 6-3-15; Calvert, 3-2-8; Ashley, 4-0-8; Craft, 5-2-12; Hibbitts, 2-1-21.

## Maysville Is Winner In Foul-Marked Tilt

MAXSVILLE, Ky. — Maysville defeated Vanceburg, 67-45, Tuesday night in a foul shooting contest. Both teams had low percentages from the floor, but Maysville picked up 33 points on free throws and Vanceburg got 23.

Vanceburg Coach Shelby Linville pulled his starters in the second half in protest of the numerous fouls and finished with second stringers.

Maysville also won the reserve game, 67-36.

Vanceburg—45  
 Kennard 1-6-8, Hamilton 2-0-4, Pack 0-3-3, Cooper 0-2-2, Davis 2-6-10, Sapp 0-1-1, Jordan 4-1-9, Reidinger 1-2-4, Billman 1-2-4.

Maysville—67  
 Smith 7-11-25, Mills 1-2-4, Breeze 0-4-4, Tucker 2-4-11, Downing 2-7-11, Hutchinson 1-0-2, Allison 1-1-2, Vanceburg 1-0-2, Allison 1-1-2, Maysville 8-45  
 Maysville 17-67

Mr. Ralph Davis, Jr.—Forks in Eastern Kentucky are talking about Ralph Davis, Jr., a senior cager at Vanceburg High. . . . Ralph is averaging 25 points a game. He leads his team in rebounds, assists, field goals and foul shots. He stands 6-3½, is 17 and still growing. . . . His coach is Shelby Linville, former star at Kentucky.

Says Coach Linville: "As a member of the U. K. Wildcat team I played against many boys who were not as good as this boy is now." A straight-A student, this boy will be avidly sought by college scouts.



Shake-Up?—Bluegrass horsemen who called the turn on the new Kentucky Racing Commission, new racing licenses and the repeal of the tax on bets at Keeneland, say a shuffle in management at Churchill Downs would not be surprising. . . . They recall the time President Bill Corum charged that Gov. Happy Chandler, then baseball commissioner, removed Bill as a radio reporter of the 1947 All-Star game. Bill had disagreed with Happy over the Commissioner's handling of the Leo Durocher case. . . . I thought that fine.

## Vanceburg Nips Tollesboro High

VANCEBURG, Ky. — Vanceburg High School took the lead in the second quarter and then hung on to nip Tollesboro, 49-40, in a hard-fought game here Tuesday night.

Tollesboro was in front, 10-4, at the first stop but the Lions grabbed a 23-21 halftime lead and then hung on the rest of the way. Paul Jordan was high for Vanceburg with 13 points while Bob Bane had 17 for the losers.

Vanceburg also won the reserve game, 41-30 with Bob Talliaferro tossing in 15 points. Bob Hornback had eight for Tollesboro. Vanceburg plays at Russell Thursday night.

Tollesboro—43  
 Wills, 3-4-10; Roe, 0-2-2; A. Bane, 3-2-10; B. Bane, 6-3-17; Ellis, 3-0-6.

Vanceburg—48  
 Kennard, 10-4; Cooper, 1-0-2; Pack, 2-1-5; Hamilton, 4-2-10; Davis, 2-0-4; Jordan, 4-2-13; Reidinger, 1-1-3.

## Davis Stars As Vanceburg Wins

VANCEBURG, Ky. — Center Ralph Davis pumped in 34 points to lead Vanceburg High School to a 61-34 victory over a rugged Carter City quintet here Tuesday night. It was Vanceburg's 15th victory in 21 starts.

Carter City's tall and talented quintet had a 30-27 lead at half-time but Vanceburg fought back to regain the lead in the third quarter and then held on for the victory.

John English was the big gun in the Carter City attack with 28 points. English and Davis put on a great scoring battle for the fans.

Carter City won the reserve game, 43-36, as Burge led the way with 19 points. Billman and Silvey had 10 each for Vanceburg. The Lions play at Hitchens Friday night.

Carter City — 34  
Fannin, 13-5; Brown, 7-2-16; English, 9-10-28; Parker, 1-3-8; Everman, 0-0-0.

Vanceburg — 61  
Hamilton, 12-2; Pack, 0-2-2; Davis, 11-12-34; Jordan, 6-3-15; Riedinger, 1-6-2.

Carter City — 43  
Vanceburg — 36

## Vanceburg Trims Owingsville Five

VANCEBURG, Ky. — Ralph Davis scored three straight points with only five seconds left in the overtime period to give Vanceburg High an 87-86 victory over Owingsville here Tuesday night. The score was tied, 76-76, at the end of regulation time.

Owingsville was in front, 82-81 late in the first overtime period when Davis drove in for a layup shot. He made the basket and was fouled so he stepped up and sank the free-throw that won the game for the Lions.

Paul Jordan took scoring honors for Vanceburg with 23 points while Davis added 17 and Jake Riedinger had 11. Stull was the big gun for the visitors with 33 markers.

Owingsville won the reserve game, 47-45, in another thriller. Crouch had 12 for the winners and Buck Silvey had 15 for Vanceburg.

Owingsville — 86  
Stull, 13-7-33; Toy, 0-3-3; Beatty, 5-0-10; Jones, 1-2-4; Otis, 2-7-23; Collier, 4-3-11; Day, 1-0-2.

Vanceburg — 87  
Jordan, 8-12-23; Davis, 7-3-17; Pack, 4-12-12; Riedinger, 2-7-11; Kennard, 3-5-11; Cooper, 4-2-11; Stull, 2-10-36; Owingsville — 86

Vanceburg — 87

## Vanceburg Goes After Win No. 7

VANCEBURG, Ky. — Vanceburg High School will attempt to rack up its seventh victory of the season tonight when the Lions play at Mayslick.

Coach Shelby Linville's quintet made its six victories in eight starts by exploding in the second half for a 78-63 triumph over Russell High Thursday night on the losers' floor.

Vanceburg led at the first stop, 16-15, and held on for a 33-32 half-time margin and then the Lions exploded for 31 points in the third period to break the game wide open.

Cooper was close behind with 19. Ray McKenzie had 17 for Russell. Russell won the reserve game, 33-32.

Vanceburg — 78  
Hamilton, 1-2-4; Pack, 1-1-11; Davis, 8-4-20; Cooper, 3-3-19; Jordan, 2-4-10; Riedinger, 3-4-14.

Russell — 62  
Gallian, 2-1-5; Emberton, 5-0-10; R. McKenzie, 6-5-17; Williams, 7-0-14; Hogg, 5-2-12; L. McKenzie, 2-4-8; Vanceburg — 78

Russell — 62

## Vanceburg Posts Easy Victory Over Mayslick

VANCEBURG, Ky. — Vanceburg recorded its 14th win of the year Friday night with an easy 62-33 decision over Mayslick. The Lions have lost six.

Tom Kennard led Shelby Linville's team with 14 points and Paul Jordan hit 11.

Vanceburg won the reserve game, 35-26, with Rocky Billman getting 13. Tierney had 10 for the losers.

Mayslick — 33  
Heninger, 2-5-10; Dergos, 2-0-4; Combes, 1-0-2; Sapp, 0-1-1; Hodges, 2-2-8; Williams, 0-1-1; Osborne, 0-7-7; Owens, 1-0-2.

Vanceburg — 62  
Kennard, 6-2-14; Pack, 3-0-6; Davis, 5-0-10; Jordan, 5-1-11; Riedinger, 1-5-7; Cooper, 2-1-5; Hamilton, 1-2-4; Sapp, 1-2-4.

Mayslick — 33  
Vanceburg — 62

Officials — Green, Bennett

## Grayson Defeats Vanceburg, 67-63

GRAYSON, Ky. — Four Grayson High School starters wound up in the double figures as Grayson rolled to a 67-63 victory over Vanceburg High here Friday night in a high-scoring game.

Mitchell and Adams were the big guns with 20 points each while Craig added 12 and Trabert contributed 11. Ralph Davis led the Vanceburg attack with 25 markers.

Grayson jumped into an early lead and held a 33-28 margin at halftime. The home team kept up the pace to win the hard-fought game.

Vanceburg won the reserve game, 53-30, as Bucky Billman led the way with 13 points. Cannon had 14 for the losing Grayson quintet. Vanceburg returns to action Tuesday night against Morehead.

Vanceburg — 63  
Kennard, 4-2-10; Cooper, 1-0-2; Pack, 0-2-2; Davis, 11-3-25; Jordan, 6-4-16; Riedinger, 4-0-8.

Grayson — 67  
Mitchell, 5-10-20; Craig, 6-0-12; Horton, 2-0-4; Adams, 2-4-20; Trabert, 4-3-11.

Officials — Harbuck, Phelan

## Vanceburg Goes To Olive Hill High

OLIVE HILL, Ky. — Olive Hill High School turned the tables on Vanceburg High here Tuesday night by downing the visitors, 76-41, in a one-sided game. Earlier in the season Vanceburg trimmed Olive Hill, 63-47.

Vanceburg played without all-state center candidate Ralph Davis and the Lions were no match for Olive Hill. Davis missed the game because of illness.

Paul Jordan led the Vanceburg attack with 16 points while Benson was high for Olive Hill with 14 and Tackett and Knipp added 12 each. Olive Hill also won the reserve game, 38-34.

Vanceburg — 41  
Kennard, 2-4-8; Pack, 0-3-3; Cooper, 1-1-3; Jordan, 7-2-18; Staggs, 1-0-2; Riedinger, 2-3-7; Sapp, 1-0-2.

Olive Hill — 76  
Tackett, 6-0-12; Teters, 6-2-2; Knipp, 5-2-12; Frazier, 2-0-4; Greer, 4-2-10; Parker, 1-2-4; Kiser, 1-2-4; Benson, 4-6-14; Williams, 3-5-6; Papp, 2-0-2.

Officials — Harbuck, Phelan

## Vanceburg High To Try For 20th

VANCEBURG, Ky. — Vanceburg High School will try for its 20th victory of the season — and the seventh in a row — tonight when the Lions journey to Tollesboro to tangle with arch-rival Tollesboro High.

Vanceburg racked up its 19th triumph here Thursday night as the Lions grabbed an early lead and then coasted to an easy 70-39 victory over Morehead. Ralph Davis led the way with 18 points but Pack had 13 and Riedinger had 12.

Vanceburg also won the reserve game, 55-34, as Bob Rouse paced the winners with 12 points and Buck Silvey added 11. Johnny Moore and Herb Ramey had 10 each for the visitors.

Morehead — 39  
Bowman, 0-2-2; Pierce, 1-0-2; I. Hardin, 6-2-14; Dorsey Hardin, 5-1-11; Marshall, 4-2-10.

Vanceburg — 70  
Kennard, 2-4-8; Cooper, 2-2-6; Pack, 4-5-13; Hamilton, 0-2-2; Davis, 2-2-18; Jordan, 1-2-4; Riedinger, 1-0-2.

Officials — Harbuck, Phelan

## Vanceburg Loses To Grayson Team

VANCEBURG, Ky. — Vanceburg's Lions suffered their first loss of the season Tuesday night to Grayson, 56-55. Shelby Linville's quint caught up in the final quarter, but couldn't hold on.

The Lions were hampered by loss of Center Ralph Davis, out with a hip injury. Paul Jordan was high scorer for the losers with 16, three less than Grayson's Buck Adams.

Vanceburg took the reserve contest, 40-39, as Billman scored 17.

Grayson — 56  
Mitchell, 7-4-18; Craig, 2-2-8; Horton, 2-4-8; Adams, 8-3-18; Willett, 1-1-3; Stamer, 1-0-2.

Vanceburg — 55  
Kennard, 2-3-7; Hamilton, 4-3-11; Pack, 3-5-11; Riddineer, 2-6-10; Jordan, 7-2-16.

Grayson — 56  
Vanceburg — 55

## Vanceburg Racks Up 10th Victory

MOREHEAD, Ky. — Vanceburg High School grabbed an early lead and then kept up the pace to down Morehead High, 73-60, here Monday night as the Lions racked up their 10th victory in 14 starts.

Vanceburg rolled out to a 20-11 first-quarter lead and at the end of the third period the visitors were on top by 20 points, 57-37.

Ralph Davis led the Vanceburg attack with 24 points while Tom Kennard came in second with 22. Don Hardin led the Morehead attack with 27 markers.

Vanceburg also won the reserve game, 42-40, in an overtime thriller. Bucky Billman and Buck Silvey led the winners with 10 points each.

Vanceburg — 73  
Kennard, 10-2-22; Sapp, 0-4-2; Davis, 11-4-24; Jordan, 3-4-8; Riedinger, 1-1-3; Hamilton, 3-4-4; Cooper, 2-0-4; Rouse, 1-0-2.

Morehead — 60  
Bowman, 0-2-2; Ramey, 1-1-3; Pierce, 4-1-3; D. Hardin, 7-13-27; Dorsey Hardin, 2-2-6; Marshall, 2-1-7; Vanceburg — 73

Morehead — 60



# Davis, English Head All-EKC; Kiser Named Third



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DUDLEY BLEVINS



JAMES BOYD



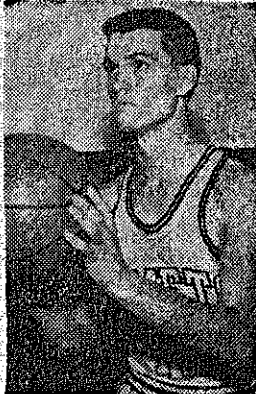
DON HARDIN



BERT GREENE



TIM SIMPSON



PAUL LEWIS



RALPH DAVIS

## Players From 7 Schools Honored On First Team; Ten Seniors Selected

An odd combination of ten seniors and a freshman make up the 26th annual All-Eastern Kentucky Conference basketball team announced today.

Seven of the twelve member schools are represented on the first team, which has eleven players due to a tie in the voting. Regular-season champion Olive Hill placed three with Ashland Holy Family and Boyd County each landing two.

The only unanimous choices were Ralph Davis, center on the tournament champion Vanceburg Lions, and Rex English, Carter center and EKC scoring champion. J. D. Kiser, veteran Olive Hill guard, missed by one vote.

The lone freshman is Olive Hill's center, Bert Greene. He is the first freshman to make the squad since Buster Cartee of the same school in 1940. Pat Serey of Holy Family, Jack Adams of Grayson and Dudley Blevins of Boyd County lacked only two votes of unanimous acclaim. Tim Simpson of Holy Family, James Boyd of Boyd County, Paul Lewis of Olive Hill and Don Hardin of Morehead complete the first team. Lewis and Hardin tied.

This is the third time Kiser has been selected. Other repeaters from last season are Simpson and Blevins.

Three second-team choices narrowly missed the first team. They are Bobby Kouns of So. Portsmouth, Gene Knipp of Olive Hill and Paul Jordan of Vanceburg.

Conference coaches and the commissioner made the selections with one coach failing to vote.

### ALL-E.K.C. 1956

Player-School-Votes	Height	Class
RALPH DAVIS, Vanceburg (12)	6-3	Senior
REX ENGLISH, Carter (12)	6-1	Senior
J. D. KISER, Olive Hill (11)	5-8	Senior
PAT SEREY, Holy Family (10)	5-10	Senior
DUDLEY BLEVINS, Boyd Co. (10)	5-8	Senior
JACK ADAMS, Grayson (10)	6-1	Senior
BERT GREENE, Olive Hill (7)	6-1	Fresh
TIM SIMPSON, Holy Family (6)	5-11	Senior
JAMES BOYD, Boyd County (6)	5-9	Senior
PAUL LEWIS, Olive Hill (5)	5-9	Senior
DON HARDIN, Morehead (5)	5-9	Senior

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# Ashland Daily Independent.

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ASHLAND, KENTUCKY SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 29, 1956

## Vanceburg Stops Olive Hill 60-58 For First E.K.C.

# Vanceburg Bars Path To Comets' 3rd Straight Title In EKC Tonight; Holy Family, Boyd Battle For 3rd

## Lewis Countians Rally For 65-64 Victory Over Irish; Olive Hill Wins 76-65

Olive Hill's Comets seek their third consecutive Eastern Kentucky Conference championship in the Armory here tonight with formidable Vanceburg standing in their path.

Vanceburg rallied to edge Holy Family 65-64 in a real thriller and Olive Hill outlasted a stubborn Boyd County team 76-65 last night in the semi-finals.

Vanceburg and Olive Hill, who have split two regular-season games, will be meeting in an EKC tourney for the second time. Olive Hill won a semi-final game 38-37 in 1944 when Jack Fultz, Comet coach, was a star player.

Holy Family, which took third place in 1952, and Boyd County, third-place winner in both 1944 and 1945, tangle at 7:30 for consolation honors. Holy Family has beaten the Lions twice this season.

Tickets for the final session are one dollar. Children under 12 will be admitted at half price.

Trophies to the four teams and individual awards will be presented following the title game by Wilburn Caskey, Ashland mayor. An all-tourney team will be announced in Sunday's Independent.

Paul Jordan bucketed a pair of free throws with 23 seconds to play to win for a Vanceburg club that was behind by ten points, 45-35, late in the third quarter. But the Lions promptly cut this lead to three points and it was evident that a tremendous stretch battle was in prospect.

Vanceburg gained a tie at 57 with 4:56 on the clock and despite some deadly clutch work at the free throw line by Bob Gilmore and Pat Serey, the Lions moved relentlessly to victory.

son failed.

The win was a particular tribute to lanky Ralph Davis, Vanceburg's remarkable center. Davis, who can do everything well, was equal to the occasion with a 41-point outburst and an otherwise brilliant performance. Vanceburg had considerable difficulty feeding him the ball through the Holy Family zone but he was a terror when the sphere did reach him. He scored 26 points in the do-or-die last half, hitting nine frees in 13 tries.

Jordan and Charles Riedinger also did outstanding work for the winners, who are mentored by Shelby Linville, a star member of UK's 1951 national champions.

Tonight's title game has added importance due to the fact that Vanceburg and Olive Hill are in the same bracket for district tourney play.

Vanceburg gained a 4-0 lead but lost it at 13-12 and Holy Family managed to stay in front the rest of the way until the late fourth-period change. Holy Family led 39-23 with a minute remaining in the half but Vanceburg rallied with three quick goals to leave it 30-29 at the intermission.

The combined firing of Holy Family's star scorers, Simpson and Serey, was required to outdo Davis, and then the edge was just 46-41. Simpson hit for 24 and Serey 22 and many of their shots were on the spectacular side. Dan Stephenson scored eight before fouling out in the fourth.

Olive Hill secured a 10-point lead against Boyd in the first quarter but the rest of the game was just about even. The Comet lead bounced between

## Vanceburg Meets Olive Hill Quint In Finals Game

ASHLAND, Ky. — It'll be defending champ Olive Hill and newcomer Vanceburg in the championship game tonight in the Eastern Kentucky Conference tournament.

Vanceburg moved into the finals Friday night with a 65-64 victory over Ashland Holy Family as Ralph Davis scored 41 points for a school record. Olive Hill gained the championship game with a win over Boyd County.

Davis' total was one shy of the tourney mark.

Paul Jordan was the player who put the Lions over the hump, however. Jordan scored two foul shots with Vanceburg down, 64-63, and 23 seconds left in the game. Holy Family got the ball, but couldn't get a shot.

Vanceburg is 12-4 for the season. Vanceburg — 65  
Kennard, 20-4; Pack, 1-1-3; Davis, 15-11-41; Jordan, 4-2-10; Riedinger, 3-1-7.

Holy Family — 64  
Jarris, 0-2-2; Stephenson, 3-2-3; Servey, 8-6-22; Gilmore, 2-2-6; Dickson, 1-0-3; Simpson, 10-4-24  
Vanceburg — 60  
Holy Family — 54

## As Vanceburg Downs McKell

VANCEBURG, Ky. — Vanceburg High School jumped into an early lead and then kept going to outscore McKell High, 69-50, here Friday night as the Lions captured their 18th victory in 24 starts.

Coach Shelby Linville's charges grabbed a 22-13 lead over the visiting Bulldogs and pushed the margin to 16 points at halftime, 39-23. Vanceburg outscored the McKell five in the second half for a 19-point victory.

Ralph Davis, Vanceburg's fine center, led the Lions' attack with 16 field goals and three free throws for 35 points while Jake Riedinger came in second with 12 points and he also set up several scoring plays with his floor work.

Joe Webb kept McKell in the game with 27 points on 10 fielders and seven charity tosses. Paul Bradley came in second with 10 markers but these two boys didn't get enough help to outscore the Lions.

Vanceburg also won the reserve game, 43-25, as Ken Sapp tossed in 12 points. Albert Bradley had 10 for McKell.

Vanceburg plays host to Morehead next Thursday night and winds up the season Friday night at Tollesboro. McKell plays at Russell Tuesday night in the last game of the regular season.

McKell — 50  
Howard, 1-0-2; Combes, 1-0-2; Morton, 1-1-3; Bradley, 3-4-10; Ratliff, 1-4-6; Webb, 10-7-27.

Vanceburg — 69  
Kennard, 2-5-11; Pack, 0-1-1; Hamilton, 1-0-2; Davis, 15-3-35; Jordan, 3-1-7.

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## 20th At Tollesboro

TOLLESBORO, Ky. — Vanceburg High School came from behind in the fourth quarter to score a hard-earned 58-54 victory over arch-rival Tollesboro High here Friday night. It was Vanceburg's 20th victory of the season and their seventh straight.

Paul Jordan took scoring honors for Vanceburg with 25 points while Ralph Davis, who controlled both backboards, and Jake Riedinger tied for second with 11 markers each. Bob Bane was tops for Tollesboro with 20 points.

Tollesboro won the reserve game, 54-50, as Jack Roe tossed in 23 points. Ken Sapp had 17 for the losers. Vanceburg will now get ready for the district tournament which will be played at Hitchens.

Vanceburg — 58  
Kennard, 2-2-6; Pack, 0-1-1; Davis, 3-5-11; Jordan, 5-15-25; Riedinger, 3-5-11; Cooper, 1-2-4.

Tollesboro — 54  
B. Bane, 7-6-20; A. Bane, 5-4-14; Willis, 2-2-6; Ellis, 1-2-4; Bryant, 2-4-8; Henderson, 1-0-2.

Vanceburg — 15 14 16 13 — 58  
Tollesboro — 12 14 18 10 — 54

## Olive Hill, Vanceburg Gain Semis

Olive Hill and Vanceburg won semi-final games last night in the Eastern Kentucky Conference basketball tournament in Ashland. They will meet for the tourney championship at 9 P. M. tonight in the Ashland Armory.

Olive Hill rolled up a 38-24 halftime lead over Boyd County and coasted to a 66-55 victory.

Ralph Davis led a last-quarter Vanceburg rally that overcame Holy Family's 49-44 edge at the end of the third period. Davis poured in 41 points on 15 baskets and 11 of 14 free throws in the 65-64 victory.

Bert Greene's 20 points was high for the winning Olive Hill quintet.

Holy Family and Boyd County will meet in the consolation game tonight.

OLIVE HILL	POS.	B. COUNTY	PTS.
Tackett	14	F Sorrell	1
Kalip	10	F Smith	0
Greene	20	C Huff	12
Lewis	14	G Boyd	12
Kiser	18	G Blevins	26

Subs — Boyd County: Dunnigan 5, Stephens 4, Lyons 3, Crisp 2.

OLIVE HILL 18 20 18 20 — 66  
BOYD COUNTY 10 14 16 25 — 55

Officials — Johnson & Phelps.

HOLY F.	POS.	VANCEBURG	PTS.
Stephenson	5	F Kennard	4
Servey	22	F Pack	3
Gilmore	5	C Davis	41
Dixon	2	G Jordan	10
Simpson	24	G Riedinger	7

Subs — Holy Family — Jarvis 2.

HOLY FAMILY 11 27 19 15 — 64  
VANCEBURG 12 17 15 21 — 65

Officials — Johnson & Phelps.

## Vanceburg Loses Out In District Meet

HITCHINS, Ky. — Olive Hill and Grayson will clash here tonight in the championship round of the 63rd District basketball tournament.

Olive Hill rolled into the championship bracket by outscoring Vanceburg High, 70-58, here Friday night in a game that was won at the foul line.

Each team had 23 field goals but Olive Hill connected 24 times at the foul line while Vanceburg had only 12 charity tosses for the 12-point victory margin.

Don Green took scoring honors for Olive Hill with 24 points on eight field goals and eight free throws while Jim Knitt came in second with 14 markers.

Ralph Davis, Vanceburg's fine pivot man, led the Lions' attack with 25 markers on 12 field goals and a charity toss while Jordan added 14 markers and Hamilton contributed eight.

Olive Hill had a narrow 14-13 lead at the first stop but pushed it to 32-22 at halftime. Vanceburg picked up two points in the third period but Olive Hill exploded for 22 points in the final quarter to win going away.

Vanceburg — 58  
Kennard, 1-1-3; Pack, 1-0-2; Hamilton, 2-4-8; Davis, 12-1-25; Jordan, 6-2-14; Stags, 0-2-2; Riedinger, 0-1-1; Sapp, 1-1-3.

Olive Hill — 70  
Knitt, 8-2-14; Penson, 1-0-2; Barker, 0-2-2; Greene, 8-3-24; Peters, 1-2-4; Lewis, 3-4-10; Pope, 3-0-6; Kiser, 1-6-8; Vanceburg 13 9 18 18 — 58

## Vanceburg Rally Nets Victory Over Russell

VANCEBURG, Ky. — Vanceburg rallied in the fourth quarter Tuesday night to edge Russell, 59-56. The win, the Lions' second over Russell, gives Vanceburg an 8-3 record.

Vanceburg outscored Russell, 22-13, in the fourth period to overcome a six-point deficit. Ralph Davis with 24 and Paul Jordan with 12 led the Lions.

Russell took the reserve contest, 37-34, in the first of 12 points each by Vanceburg's Rocky Billman and Ken Sapp. Paddy Vanceburg plays at Carter City.

Gilmore, 2-1-3; Russell, 1-0-2; McKinnis, 3-10-16; Williams, 2-6-11; Scott, 2-2-8; Sparks, 1-2-1; McKenna, 1-2-4; Clark, 1-0-2.

Kennard, 2-1-3; Riedinger, 3-5-11; Sapp, 1-1-3; Davis, 15-11-41; Jordan, 4-2-10; Bradley, 3-4-10; Ratliff, 1-4-6; Webb, 10-7-27.

Officials — Johnson & Phelps.