

Cage Prospects Looking Up

West Liberty High's Kids Together Again

(This is the third in the series reviewing the prospects of the OVAC basketball teams.)

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Two winters ago, a scrappy band of tousle-haired youngsters from the hilltop community of West Liberty strutted to the Ohio County grade school championship.

And last year, they took a big jump—into the varsity cage ranks—and were able to win but three of 17 games against their more experienced rivals.

Early this month these grade school champions of 1949—now sporting faint traces of peach fuzz on their respective chins—assembled again on the basketball court for another season as mates.

So Coach Chuck Hacskayo, entering upon his first full coaching year, remarks that prospects look "pretty fair."

"We'll do all right against other Class B schools this year," Hacskayo points out. "And next year, we'll be even tougher. The boys have a lot of fight and are working hard."

Hacskayo's new hilltop squad will be strictly sophomore-dominated—eight of his first eleven falling into this classification. These are the youngsters who have been playing together for some three seasons.

Only one regular, Center Dick Hildreth, was lost from last winter's squad as eight lettermen return.

Senior Dick Garrison—the only upperclassman on the squad—is back to claim his forward spot. The 5'11" high scorer of last season will be joined by Sophomore Harold Flouhouse, 5'10", at the forward spots.

Three more sophomores, Guards Bob Ernest, 6', Harry Flouhouse, 6', and Vic Fluharty, 5'11", are back for the new season.

Other returning lettermen include—three more sophomores—Guards Harold McCausland, 5'6", Charley Read, 5'10", and Forward Tom Savage, 5'8". Bob Garrison is the eighth sophomore. He's a 5'8" forward candidate.

The only junior candidate is six-foot two-inch Bob Cox who was prevented by illness from playing last season. He's a pivot prospect along with Guard Ernest, who may alternate.

A freshman is also making a spirited bid to oust one of the sophomores from their guard job. He's Ronel Stanley, 5'7".

West Liberty is scheduled to open the new campaign on December 1 against Claysville (Pa.) high.

New Cumberland Tops W. Liberty

New Cumberland, sizzling hot in the first half, withstood a second half rush by West Liberty to upset the Hilltoppers 55-51 last night at New Cumberland.

With West Liberty unable to find the range in the first quarter New Cumberland raced to a 18-4 lead. They increased this advantage to 37-18 at the half. Although able to cage but 16 points in the second half the winners staved off the West Liberty rally in the final seconds. Robert Wern paced New Cumberland with 27 points.

W. Liberty	Gls	Fls	N. Cumber.	Gls	Fls
Flouh'se f	4	4-5	R. Wern f	10	7-12
Cox f	3	3-9	D. Bowen f	2	0-2
Ernest c	3	10-17	Crago c	5	1-5
Stanley g	5	1-6	D. Wern g	1	0-3
McCausl'd g	1	1-1	Nardo g	1	0-0
Savage	0	1-2	Glover	2	0-0
			Boyles	0	3-5
			Knight	0	1-2
			Householder	0	1-2
Totals	16	19-40	Totals	21	13-32
Score by quarters—					
West Liberty	4	14	16	17	51
New Cumberland	18	21	8	8	55
Referee—Torchio-Zubel.					