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Ohio Wesleyan handed Coach Chambers' prodigies their second defeat, beating them 33-28 at Delaware. The U. C. Cagers got away to a poor start, and at one point they were trailing 20-5. They staged a remarkable comeback, however, and were leading 28-23 with less than five minutes to play, only to fall before Wesleyan's last minute attack. The defeat was due largely to the Bishops' ability to hold Bolton in check. "Red" made only two points, both on fouls. Dial and Early started with nine markers apiece.

Cincy's first B. A. A. victim was Ohio U., the Bob-cats going down 48-20 in a game in which the winners had things pretty much their own way. Meyers was "hot" on the attack and piled up fifteen points. He was followed closely by Bolton with 12 and Early with 11.

Against Wittenberg the following week, the Bearcats piled up the season's high score in the Buckeye League, the Lutherans being handed the short end of a 55-28 count. Dick Dial took his turn as leading scorer by chalking 18 tallies. Bolton was second with 13. The Lutherans vaunted attack was stopped cold by Varsity's defense.

The return game at Springfield a week later, however, was a "horse of a different color." The Bearcats were considerably off-color while Wittenberg looked much better than in the first encounter. The game was close throughout but the Lutherans took a slight lead early in the second half and managed to hold it the rest of the way. The final count was 38-36, with Varsity coming fast. Bolton's playing stood out on both offense and defense. He accounted for 13 points.

Cincinnati's court representatives continued their in-and-out-playing by taking the Ohio Wesleyan cagers over the rocks two days later by a decisive 54-25 score. The team never looked better than it did in this game. Dial led the scoring with 15 counters, Bolton dropped in 12, and Early contributed 9.

The Red and Black climbed above the 500 mark in the B. A. A. when they beat Miami 41-31 at Oxford for their first and only League victory away from home. This win was the more gratifying because Varsity was forced to play the entire second half with "Red" Bolton out on fouls. Dick Bryant replaced "Red" and the team kept right on going, shattering Miami's illusions about the Red and Black being a "one man" team. The Bearcats outclassed the Big Red in the opening stanza and led 24-10 at the intermission. This lead was more than enough to withstand Miami's desperate attempt to come back in the closing period. Dan Early dropped six field goals from all angles to lead both teams in scoring.

The last faint hopes of another Buckeye title vanished when the Denison Baptists defeated Coach Chambers' charges 29-24 in the second meeting between the two teams. The Denisonians played a marvelous brand of basketball and clearly deserved the victory. Cincy held a slender 11-10 lead at the half, but the visitors doubled their score in the second stanza before U. C. was able to tally again. The locals were utterly unable to get going in the last period. Varsity made only seven field goals, but caged ten free throws. Bolton was high scorer with nine markers.

Following the Finals of the Tri-State Tournament, the Bearcats took on the Y. M. C. A. Wildcats and sent Coach Richardson's boys back down-town smarting under a 40-39 defeat. The game was rather listless despite the close score and proved costly to Varsity as Dick Dial suffered a rib injury that put him on the shelf for two weeks. Bolton got back to normal on the offense with 19 tallies, while Mehl looked like his old self when he replaced Dial.

Athens was the scene of Cincy's last game on a foreign court. In this tilt Ohio U. obtained sweet revenge for the defeat suffered in Cincinnati earlier in the season. U. C. held a slight lead throughout most of the first half which was slow and poorly played, but Ohio drew away in the final stanza to win 36-29. With Dial on the sidelines, the play of the Bearcats lacked its customary dash and when Bolton and Meyers were ejected on the team's chances of victory were further reduced. Bolton bagged five baskets and three fouls before leaving the game and seemed in for a big night. His 13 points were easily the best individual scoring effort of the game.



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