



Early, Captain

Basketball

In the pre-conference tilts, Varsity nosed out Cedarville College, 32-28, fell before the "Y," 37-30, and decisively defeated the L. B. Harrison, 35-21, and Georgetown University, 40-24.

The first Buckeye game proved a thriller from start to finish. The Bearcats trekked to Wittenberg and fell before the Lutherans in an overtime tilt by the score of 45-40. Varsity held a 17-16 lead at the half and gained a seven point margin with six minutes to play. Then they faltered and the Lutherans managed to tie the score at 40—all before the gun went off, and to win it out in the overtime. Bill Popp scored nine field goals and four fouls making total of 22 points to lead the Bearcats in scoring.

Cincy next travelled to Oxford and took the highly touted Miami quintet into camp, 47-38. Captain Dan Early played a brilliant brand of basketball and led the team in scoring with 15 points. Franz followed closely on his heels with 14. The Bearcats rolled up a comfortable lead and held a 30-21 edge at the half. The Oxford crew tried hard but it was the night for Cincy to shine.

Next on the schedule came the fast flying Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan with a record of nine straight victories. Cincy played a marvelous brand of ball for the first three quarters of the game and were resting easily on the long end of a 35-20 score. However, they failed to freeze the ball and the deadly eyes of the Methodists began to shower the bucket with baskets and the visitors finally nosed out the Bearcats, 42-40. This defeat was a heart-breaker too for Coach Rice's charges but they bore up bravely under the shock.

The Bearcats took their revenge upon Denison in a fast and furiously fought contest. Cincy held a 11-10 lead at the half. In the second half, the Queen City stars ran up a comfortable lead but the Baptists tied the score at 25—all with one minute to play. Then Captain Dan, who had kept the Bearcats in the game by his wonderful play, took the ball in mid floor and dropped it cleanly through the hoop for the needed two points.

Ohio University next visited the Varsity court and again the Bearcats were hard put to eke out a two point victory. It was a game of ups and downs with each team forging ahead only to see their opponents come with a rush and knot the count. The score was knotted at the intrmission, 17 apiece. It seesawed again until with a 34-34 count, Dick Franz made a beautiful long shot to supply the necessary margin.

