

Season of 1928



Franz

Cincy went into a tie for the lead in the Buckeye race by polishing off Wittenberg, 25-21. The losers assumed an early lead, held a 15-9 margin at the half, and relinquished it finally after the superhuman efforts of the Bearcats proved too much for them. The Lutherans played a beautiful stalling game in the second half but the accurate shooting of the Bearcats, whenever they laid hands on the ball, decided the issue.

Before a capacity crowd of frenzied fans, Varsity went into undisputed possession of first place. The fast breaking offense of the Denison University team finally succumbed to the efforts of the Bearcats. After the first basket, the boys relinquished the lead and did not regain it until only four minutes of play remained. The timely shooting of Gervers, Popp, and Franz decided the issue.

Wilmington College fell before Cincinnati by the score of 32-24. The regulars sat on the bench and watched the reserves amply furnish the Quakers with more than they could handle.

Ohio Wesleyan dealt a heavy blow to Cincy's hopes when the Bishops snowed Varsity under by a score of 54-33. The Bearcats were plainly off, and the close guarding and dead shooting of the Bishops accounted for the large margin of victory. This defeat dropped the Bearcats into a triple tie for the leadership of the Buckeye race.

A trek to Athens resulted in another two point victory over Ohio University. Early was equal to the occasion and made a bunny to untie a 36-36 knot. The reserves were given another chance to show their wares at the expense of Dayton University to the tune of 33-22.

A successful season was happily concluded by a very decisive victory over the Big Red of Miami, 40-32. The Bearcats played in a rather lackadaisical manner by running up points and then allowing Miami to draw within striking distance only to draw away again with a flash of real ability.

Thus is concluded the chronicle of the 1929 basketball season and with it, the careers of Captain Dan Early and Dick Franz come to an end. The peerless play and uncanny eye of the stout legged leader and the dazzling speed of the former Hughes star will be remembered in years to come. Their places will be hard to fill but the wealth of material remaining from this year's squad promises well for next year. All hail, Buckeye basketball champions, 1929.

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