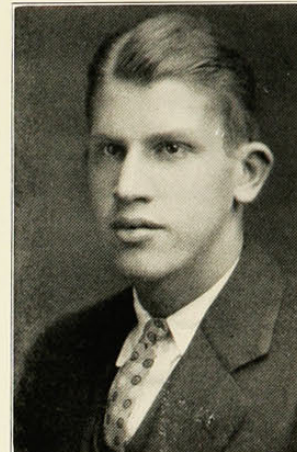


# 1930



Coach Rice



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## Basketball



WHEN THE SMOKE AND DUST of the Buckeye Conference basketball race had cleared away, Cincinnati's Bearcats were to be seen sitting atop a heap of vanquished foes. This was a familiar picture, for in the five years since the inception of the Buckeye Intercollegiate Conference, the Red and Black team has finished in first position exactly four times. But, atop that same heap, the Battling Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan could also be discerned. Cincinnati and Ohio Wesleyan, for the second consecutive year, were joint title-holders.

The season of 1930, from all angles, was a distinctly successful one. The Bearcats started off in a blaze of glory. They won game after game, until twelve out of thirteen contests were chalked up on the right side of the ledger. But, after Gervers was declared ineligible, and after Flax and Berwanger were injured, the Bearcats faltered in their stride and dropped two successive games. Recovering themselves in short fashion, the 'Cats won two of the remaining three games to come swaggering into their lair bearing the laurel wreath of Championship.

The highlights of the season were perhaps the first game with Ohio Wesleyan, the second game with Dayton, and the second game with Miami.

Just after Varsity had downed Denison 33-27, in the opening Buckeye game, the powerful Ohio Wesleyan five came to town. The Bishops, who had beaten us twice last year, were determined to annex another victory for the Delaware fans to gloat over. And, when the two aggregations met that evening in the Burnet Woods gym, it looked like curtains for old U. C. Wesleyan was leading 28-22, and the game was fast drawing to a close, when three field goals and one foul swished through the iron hoop in quick succession, and the Bearcats were ahead 29-28. The Delaware team immediately scored one point on a foul throw, thus tying the count at 29-28. With only two minutes to play, the Ricemen rallied once again and scored another field goal and a foul, to win 32-29, while the Bearcat fans filled the gym with their shrieks of joy.

