

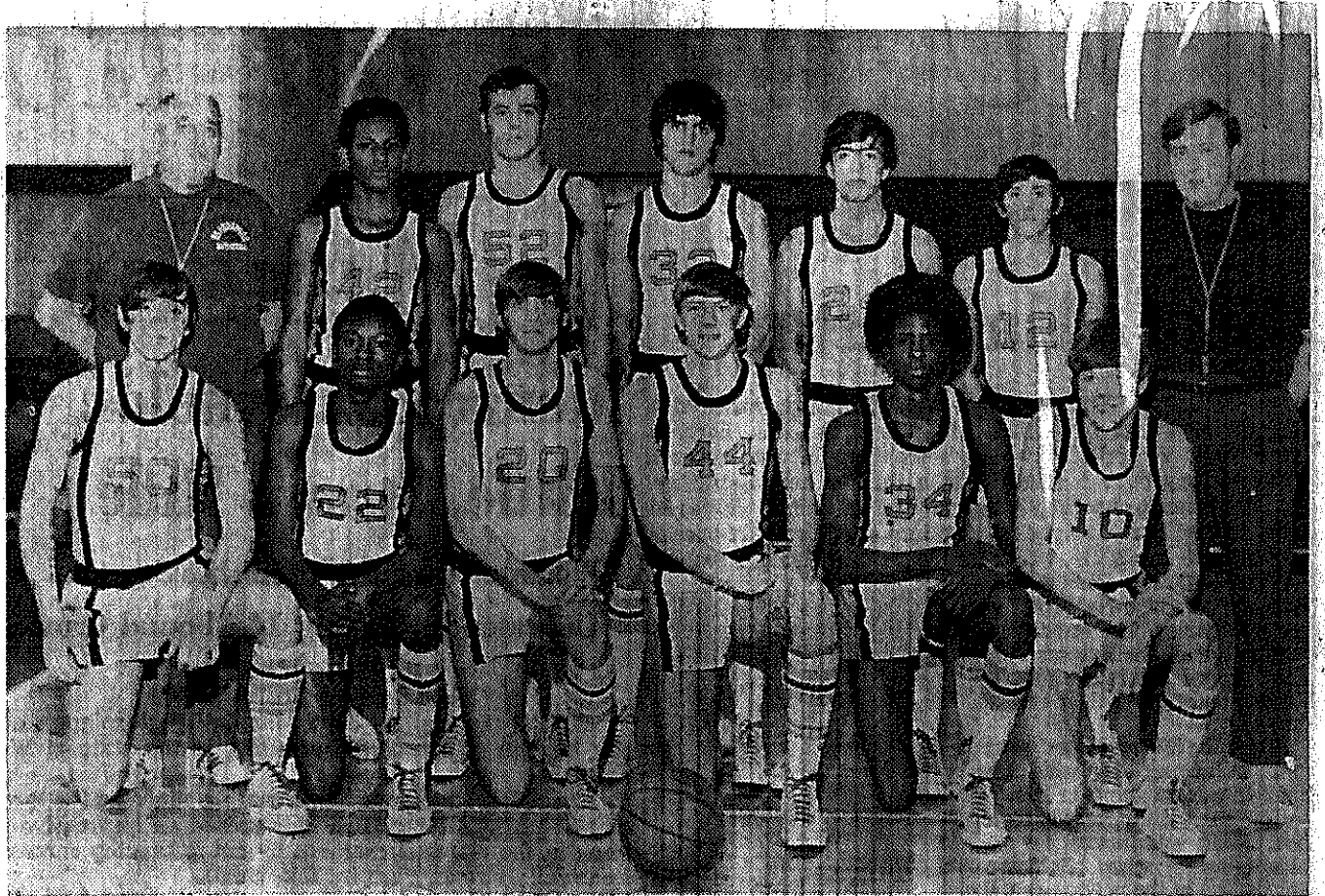


Bishop Donahue Wins OVAC Title

Champions of the Class A division of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference are the basketballers of Bishop Donahue High, shown here celebrating their title-clinching victory over Cameron. The Bishops, who lost three straight at the outset of the season and then caught fire to win 16 of their next 17, are now looking forward to next week's West Virginia state Catholic tournament at Huntington Memorial Fieldhouse. Coach Tom O'Connell's team will face Huntington St. Joseph in a first-round game next Friday. Kneeling, left to right, are John Beatty, Ben Rodriguez, manager Mark Hitt; Coach O'Connell and son Tommy, and Tim Popicg. Standing are Matt Williamson, assistant coach Bob Battista, Mark Moore, Duane Campbell, A. J. Gordon, George Krupica, Tom Boyle, Jim Black, and assistant coach Bob Kupchak. In back are George Kessler and Terry Tribett. (N-R Photo—Cochran)

Final OVAC Standings

CLASS AAA				
	W	L	CP	Avg.
John Marshall	17	3	115	5.75
Wintersville	15	3	101	5.3
Whg. Central	17	3	185	5.3
Steuensville	12	6	84	4.7
Steub. Catholc	14	4	80	4.4
St. Clairsville	10	8	62	3.4
Wheeling	10	10	66	3.3
Brooke	9	11	63	3.2
Martins Ferry	7	11	41	2.3
Tridadelphia	7	13	41	2.1
Wellton	6	15	33	1.7
Dale Glen	3	17	31	1.1
Bellaire	2	16	12	0.7
Union Local	1	17	3	0.2
CLASS AA				
	W	L	CP	Avg.
Bridgeport	16	2	99	5.0
Linsly	15	3	83	4.8
Toronto	12	6	66	3.7
Watr. Madonna	13	9	71	3.2
Shadyside	11	7	55	3.1
Barnesville	11	7	51	2.8
Mingo	10	8	49	2.2
River	8	10	53	2.1
Cadia	9	9	55	1.9
Warwood	9	11	39	1.9
Magnolia	8	12	38	1.8
St. John's	2	16	12	0.7
CLASS A				
	W	L	CP	Avg.
Bishop Donahue	18	4	64	3.2
Paden City	17	8	61	3.1
Mt. Pleasant	16	2	54	3.0
Yorkville	14	4	48	2.7
Adena	13	6	47	2.6
Woodfield	9	9	37	2.1
Cameron	9	11	31	1.6
Brilliant	7	11	27	1.5
Dillonvale	4	14	18	1.0
Beallsville	4	14	18	1.0
Warren Cons.	4	14	12	0.7
Smithfield	2	16	8	0.4



Bridgeport's OVAC Double-A Champions

Basketball champions of the double-A division of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference are the Bridgeport Bulldogs, who have won 16 games in 18 starts this season. This is the fifth time that Bridgeport has been an OVAC cage titlist and the third time under Frank Baxter. The Bulldogs are now looking forward to their sectional tournament clash with St. Clairsville on Tuesday night at St. John's Arena in Steubenville. Kneeling, left to right, are Bruce Futey, Bob Williams, Jim Murad, Chuck Taylor, Don Donaldson, and Bud Alexander. Standing are Coach Baxter, Jim Asbury, Wyatt Silver, Jeff Barritt, Glenn Taffan, Phil Trouten, and Assistant Coach Pat Greenwood.

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John Marshall's Conference Class AAA Champs

Basketball champions of the triple-A division of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference are the John Marshall Monarchs, shown Friday night after they had clinched the title with a 89-88 victory over Parkersburg's Big Reds on the Wood Countians' home boards. The victory was the seventeenth in 20 starts for John Marshall, piloted by Bill Francis. Now the Monarchs can look ahead to triple-A section play, in which they meet Triadelphia Tuesday night at Moundsville. Kneeling, left to right, are Bruce Williams, Mark Crow, Bob Eaton, Kevin Bonitatibus, Tom Bell, and Manager Brent Long. Standing are assistant coach Fred Tweedie, assistant coach Ron Canistraro, Andy Zelaski, Johnny Harter, Frank Wolfe, head coach Francis, Mark Pickett, Paul Crow, and Gary Fecat. In front is little Billy Francis, 3-year-old son of the coach.

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