

## Lee Paces Balanced Big Red Attack

# Bellaire Rolls Past River

Bellaire High's Big Reds, already established as one of the area's scholastic basketball powers this season, carried a multi-pronged offense to Hannibal Friday night and handed the previously unbeaten River Pilots their first setback in three outings. The final score was 109-63.

It was the second straight win for Terry Snively's sharpshooters who hit the road again next Tuesday for an engagement with arch-rival Martins Ferry. River returns to action tonight at Magnolia.

Bellaire's chief marksman against the Pilots was rangy Ricky Lee, who turned in a 34-point performance for the game's top-scoring honors. Lee amassed his total on 13 field goals and a fine eight-for-nine effort at the free throw line.

Nate Price, a 5 ft. 10 senior guard, provided the principal scoring support with 23 markers. He fired in 10 two-pointers.

Three other Big Reds tallied in double figures. Wayne Chase, Lance Mehl, and Jim Kincaide each contributed 12 points. Altogether, a total of 10 players figured in the Bellaire scoring outburst which produced a 46-goal total and connected on 17 of 24 attempts at the charity stripe.

Mitch Miracle, now in his fourth season as a River mainstay, sparked the Pilots' attack with 25 points. Lou (Scooter) Tolzda was his only teammate to score in double figures as he netted 12 markers.

Bellaire's hot hands swished 52 per cent of their floor shots th rough the nets while River tallied at a 35 per cent rate.

Except for the brief interval when the Pilots were ahead at 10-8, the Big Reds led all the way although the score was tied six times in the first quarter, the last time at 18-all. Bellaire then pulled out to a 20-16 advantage at the initial break.

The Big Reds lost no time in assuming complete command in the second period when a 33-10 spree carried them to a comfortable 53-26 halftime lead.

Bellaire grabbed a 26-21 edge in the third panel and entered the last frame with a fat 79-47 cushion.

The Big Reds won going away in the final eight minutes during which they outscored their hosts, 30-16. The hotly-contested preliminary was won by River's reserves, 51-50. Varsity scoring:

**BELLAIRE** — Lee 13, 8-9; Chase 6, 0-0; Mehl 6, 0-0; Price 10, 3-5; Liberaid 1, 3-4; Kincaide 6, 0-0; G. Johnson 1, 1-4; Huff 1, 0-0; Roseberry 1, 0-0; Bardwil 1, 2-3. Totals, 46.  
**RIVER** — Tolzda 6, 0-0; Gallaher 4, 0-0; D. Lee 3, 0-0; M. Johnson 3, 0-2; Hicks 3, 0-0; Miracle 11, 3-3. Totals, 30, 3-5.

# Bellaire Bags Revenge Nod Over Wintersville

Playing his last game on the home floor, Bellaire's Ricky Lee was matched point for point by Wintersville scoring ace Dave Dalsonso last night but the Big Reds ran away from the Golden Warriors in the second half to score a 91-75 triumph.

Lee and Dalsonso wound up with 36 points each, but aided by Wayne Chase's 24 markers in a supporting role, Bellaire came away with a prized revenge triumph to end the regular season with its 12th victory in 18 outings.

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# Staubenville Overcomes Lee's 40-Point Spree, Tops Bellaire

By ALAN ROBINSON

Overcoming another reserve game — came off the bench to toss in 12 markers in a row, four by senior Roszczyk to take a 52-game.

Brian Holmes, notching 13 finished with 17 points for tip-off for his sixth straight point and Bellaire was never able to get any closer than the three-point span the rest of the game.

Hoops by Roszczyk and Mich, who had scored just 10 off the foul stripe.

STUBENVILLE (80) — Marshall 5, 0; Boyles 0, 1-2; Holmes 6, 5-5; Porreo 0, 0-0; Mich 3, 6-8. BELLARE (73) — Lee 16, 8-8; TOTALS: 30, 20-25.

He was backed by Wayne Chase with 18 markers, but no other Big Reds' per- former was able to crack the double figure barrier. Pivot Jim Kinkade, held in check by Roszczyk all night long, managed just two points and

the determined visitors. They weren't enough to stop last period markers, but they tossed in six of ten goal tries and added four straight foul tosses for 14 last period markers, but they weren't enough to stop the determined visitors.

He hit four consecutive foul tosses which cut the spread to 43-37 and after hoops by Brian Holmes and Roszczyk, hit a short one from underneath which gave the visitors their first quarter points behind 6-5 for an important 80-73 win last night at Bellaire.

The win was the second of the year by Big Red over its down-river rival and gives 45, but Staubenville retaliated right at the end of the third period with six

around the boards. Playing without rebounding star Lance Mehl who had an appendicitis attack earlier in the day, Bellaire dominated the action early behind Lee's long-bombing but couldn't stay with the taller invaders on the boards in the second half.

Lee, who had 39 and 38 points in two earlier starts this week, hooped them from line and finished with 40 markers. The Big Reds' flash has now raised his average to around 31 points per game to rank as the Valley's top point-maker.

Lee's early efforts had pulled the Big Reds into a 37-29 halftime edge and a 43-33 third period lead, but it was then Big Red started to spurt behind a little-used reserve.

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# Steubenville Overcomes Bel Big Reds Whip Out Big Deficit, Lose First in Fi

Bellaire High's Big Reds, off to their best basketball start in a number of seasons, fell from the ranks of the unbeaten Saturday night at St. John Arena in Steubenville.

Always-tough Steubenville snapped Bellaire's five-game win streak with a hard-earned 67-63 victory, during which the host Big Red spoiled a spirited comeback by the visitors.

The win was the third in four outings for Steubenville. Bellaire, among the leaders in the O'VAC Triple-A title race despite the setback, will rest its 5-1 mark until Jan. 3 when it travels to Moundsville to face John Marshall.

The Redmen of coach Terry Sautvey fell behind 9-0 at the outset and trailed 27-14 after the initial eight minutes.

It was Bellaire's turn to dominate action and the Big Reds outscored the Steubers 20-12 in the second canto to close within 39-34

at intermission.

With senior scoring star Ricky Lee and junior Wayne Chase leading the way, Bellaire gained a 14-11 upperhand in the third round to come within 50-48 entering the final stanza.

Husky junior Lance Mehl connected from the corner at the outset of the final period to make it a 50-50 issue, but Steubenville retaliated and forged to a 58-53 advantage with about five minutes to play.

The Big Reds weren't through, though, and roared back with an 8-2 scoring tear to go up 61-60 with little more than three minutes showing.

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opening quarter. Roszczyk provided able support with 19 tallies, while the 6 ft. 3 Marshall chipped in with 14.

Lee nearly matched his seasonal average in scoring a game-high 24 markers for the Big Reds. Chase backed him up with 15, while Mehl contributed 12.

The Steubers lost Kent Hopkins on fouls with two minutes left, while Bellaire's Lee and Jim Kinkade departed during the final minute.

Bellaire's reserve squad, although outgaining Steubenville, dropped a 51-46 decision in the preliminary. Varsity scoring:

**BELLAIRE** — Lee 10, 4-6; Mehl 6, 0-1; Kinkade 1, 0-0; Price 4, 0-1; Chase 7, 1-3; Liberrati 1, 0-0. Totals, 29, 5-11. **STEBENVILLE** — Roszczyk 9, 1-7; Hopkins 2, 1-3; Fraser 2, 0-1; Marshall 6, 2-2; Boyles 2, 0-1; Holmes 10, 1-1. Totals, 31, 5-15.