

Calvary Baptist holds on, 55-49, to stay undefeated in church league

Calvary Baptist won a hard-fought contest against Old Time Baptist on Saturday, 55-49, to stay undefeated in Estill County Church League basketball action after six games.

Calvary led after one quarter, 16-13, and held a 12-point advantage at the half, 32-20.

But Old Time Baptist stormed back in the second half and trailed by only 6, 42-36, at the end of the third. The game was tied at 47-all at 2:16, but Cade Berryman put in a field goal and followed that by two free throws to put Calvary up 51-47. Calvary then went up 53-47 while Old Time Baptist could manage only one basket in the final two minutes as Calvary went on to win by 6, 55-49.

Calvary (6-0) has defeated every team in the league except Ravenna Church of God (3-3) and takes on that team on Saturday, April 5th in the final week of regular season play. The

league tournament starts the following week (April 12th).

Old Time Baptist has dropped out of the league, so the first game scheduled for Saturday, with OTB and Gum Springs, has been cancelled.

LINESCORES:

Saturday, March 29th
Gum Springs (70)
Green Pastures (52)
Green Pastures ..10-20-20-20 70
Gum Springs.....04-09-18-21 52
Green Pastures: Fike 20,
Johnson 4, Reece 11, Hitchcock 13,
Salyer 7, McCormick 2.
Gum Springs: Clay 13, Jonathan 11,
Mo 15, Brian 10, Rob 2,
Frank 14, Brandon 4.
Ravenna CG (55)
Stacy Lane (50)
Ravenna CG.....07-16-21-11 55
Stacy Lane 13-11-15-11 50
Ravenna CG: Brinegar 6, Smith 3,
Dixon 2, Harris 6, L. Harris 8,

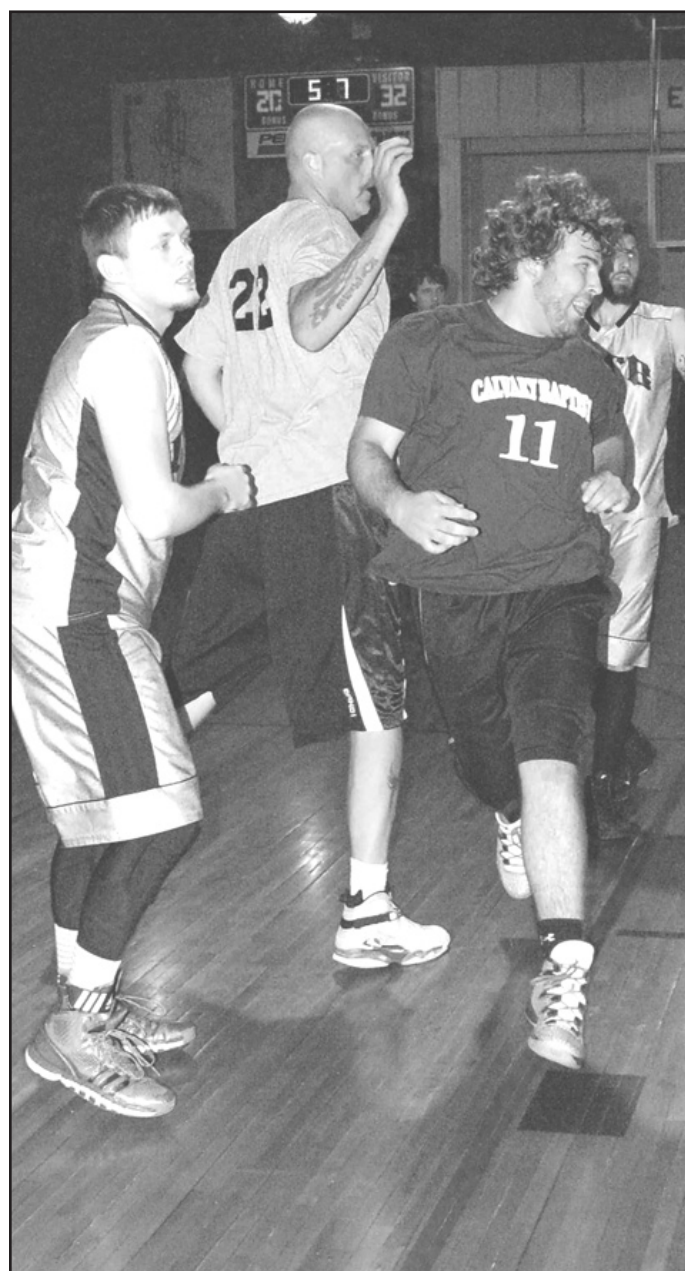
Archibold 10, Williams 20.
Stacy Lane: Brandon 5, Gary 2,
James 9, Anthony 7, John 17,
Josh 10.

Mt. Carmel (68)
Rice Station (58)
Mt. Carmel22-10-17-19 68
Rice Station.....13-18-12-15 58
Mt. Carmel: Jared 27, Phillip 6,
Jay 5, Scott 4, Benton 6, Travis 12,
Josh 8.

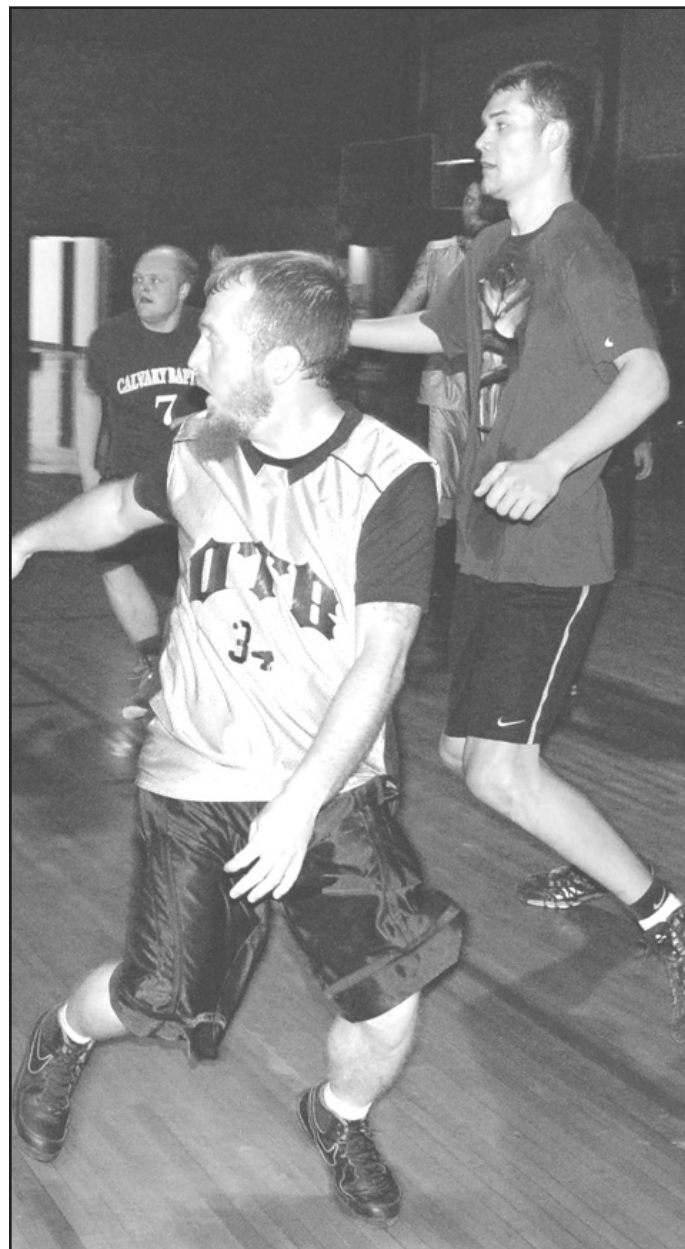
Rice Station: Michael 16, Justin 13,
John 3, Logan 18, Tyler 6,
Peyton 2.

Calvary Bap. (55)
Old Time Bap. (49)
Calvary Baptist...16-16-10-13 55
Old Time Bap.....13-07-16-13 49
Calvary: Singleton 22, Berryman 9,
Watkins 3, Hardy 6,
Alexander 15.

Old Time Baptist: Bingham 3,
Muncie 14, Norton 4, Officer 18,
Jay Bingham 5, Hoover 5.



Estill County Church League action on Saturday between Old Time Baptist (light uniforms) and Calvary Baptist. Calvary remains undefeated at 6-0 after the 55-49 win. Shown above, left to right, is Chris Hoover, Steve Officer (#22) and Calvary's Trent Singleton (#11).



Larry Norton (#34) of Old Time Baptist looks for a pass under the basket while Calvary Baptist's Chase Alexander and Jon White (#7) in background try to defend during Saturday's action.

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

Kentucky '... and here they come to me now!' Wildcats going to Final Four



Bob Watkins

In context of losing ten times, surviving Kansas State, unbeaten Wichita State, defending NCAA champion Louisville, then Michigan, Kentucky's unlikely advance to the 2014 Final Four, is reminiscent of ...

"... the Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant!" — **Russ Hodges, New York Giants radio, 1951.**

Or ...
 "Do you believe in miracles?" — **Al Michaels, Olympic Games, 1980.**

Or ...
 "I don't believe what I just saw," — **Jack Buck, St. Louis Cardinals radio, 1988.**

Or ...
 "... and here they come to me now." — **Cawood Ledford (any Kentucky Derby).**

Me, in this instance, is you of Big Blue Nation. They, in this instance, are three front men — Marcus Lee, Aaron Harrison and John Calipari. Each personifies what has emerged from March's mad wilderness, a team.

√ Harrison had nerve to seize a moment, step back with 2.3 seconds left on Sunday, and stick it.

√ Lee stayed engaged to explode out from Willie Cauley-Stein's long shadow and, well, step up.

And, Calipari recognized the media love and dividend to be gotten from preparing his team, leave them to talk together before tipoffs and time outs, shut up and let 'em play.

For Kentucky fans: "... and here they come to me now."

A month ago, Big Blue's basketball bunch dribbled onto the court in Atlanta wearing the same clothes. By Sunday evening, March 16, the Wildcats had lost to Florida by a point, accepted an NCAA selection committee slap-in-the-face eight seed in the Midwest Region. K-State was waiting. No. 1 ranked Wichita State, defending NCAA champion Louisville and 2013 title game finalist Michigan too.

In a fortnight that beckons a Jack Buck: "I don't believe what I just saw!" the Wildcats came upon us like daffodils. Suddenly, there they are! Next, UK gave its fans four games so gorgeous even Uncle Adolph Rupp would've allowed an approving smile. Not since Anthony Davis' Inc. highlight reels has Big Blue Nation had reason to revel in 160 minutes of gorgeous basketball. Four games. Silk. Efficient, good decisions, unselfish, soaring, push-for-shove, incredible clutch shooting, and no blink.

Kansas State was game but surrendered.

Wichita State was determined, but too nourished by a negative: "we don't get any respect."

Louisville simply cracked under pressure. Rick Pitino was so crushed he could not do the hand shake queue with one-and-done Wildcats.

And, by then, Michigan faced a Kentucky team destined to put in full eclipse the ghost of Chris-

tian Laettner. Even if these Wildcats had no idea, you did. Aaron Harrison's step-back swisher at 2.3 seconds ... then guard the in-bound pass.

Epilogue? NCAA Midwest All-Region Team: UK's Julius Randle and Aaron Harrison of course. But, (wait for it) with 15 minutes playing time in one box score, Marcus Lee. Perfect.

"... and here they come to me now." ... Kentucky is going to the Final Four.

America's glam team is bringin' its best, driving the band wagon past all the "told ya so's" to Lone Star's Big D.

TWEAK

As surprised by his team's blossom as the next man, Calipari, in three weeks, given new life to the word, tweak which means: "I'm gonna shut up-and-let 'em play!"

Media herd allowed itself to be tweaked by John Calipari too. By Sunday critics to one-and-done-ism were U-turning faster than Charles Barkley's bobble head move.

"Hey, maybe John's got it right," they yodeled.

AMEN CORNER

Michigan's John Beilein, one of the five best coaches in college basketball today (Billy Donovan, Tom Izzo, Rick Pitino and Mike Krzyzewski), offered the best quote last week.

About Michigan Fab Five and so much attention given Kentucky freshmen "... is a media thing," Beilein said at a press conference. "I wish we'd all just embrace the kid that's a grinder for four years instead of making this huge thing about freshmen stars. Let's reward the kid that really works hard just as much as the freshmen stars."

Amen.

REFLECTIONS

√ Michigan's Fab Five, a sports writer implied last week, "was cool and spearheaded a huge social change."

Say what? Chris Webber, Jalen Rose and pals did not win even a Big Ten title. And, their booster-financed time in Ann Arbor brought an NCAA edict: Take down the Final Four banner. Some cool legacy.

√ With ESPN's Jimmy Dykes gone off to coach the women's team at Arkansas, basketball fans might get relief from incessant analysis, right? Wrong. Greg Anthony is a worthy replacement. He's good, but, if it moves, Anthony's going to explain.

√ If someone whispered four words into Alex Poythress's ear before he checked into a game, the kid might be an All-American. "It's show time, man."

√ Stunning, life and times parallels of Adolph Rupp at Kentucky and John Wooden at UCLA. Seth Davis' *Wooden: A Coach's Life*, is quite a read.

FINAL FOUR

Odds-makers make it an all SEC final on Monday.

Florida versus Kentucky would be a third meeting this year. The Wildcats, Billy Donovan's team played in Lexington February 15 and in Gainesville March 8, is no more. Florida would play a team it beat by a point at the SEC Tournament in Atlanta.

If it happens, don't be surprised if bettors offered no point spread this time.

PARTING SHOT

UK basketball fan who said: "Kentucky basketball this year? Look at it on the bright side. It could've been worse. The Harrison twins could've been triplets," stand up, please?

And so it goes.

Estill Co. Church League 2014 Basketball Action

Saturday, March 22nd

Old Time Baptist (65) -- Ravenna CG (47)
 Gum Springs (71) -- Mt. Carmel (64)
 Calvary Baptist (79) -- Rice Station (57)
 Green Pastures (65) -- Stacy Lane (55)

Saturday, March 29th

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Saturday, April 5th

Gum Springs vs. Old Time Bap. (Cancelled)
 10:15 Green Pastures vs. Rice Station
 11:30 Mt. Carmel vs. Stacy Lane
 12:45 Calvary Bap. vs. Ravenna CG

Standings As Of March 22, 2014

Calvary Baptist	6-0	Ravenna CG	3-3
Gum Springs	5-1	Mount Carmel	1-5
Green Pastures	4-2	Stacy Lane	1-5
Old Time Baptist	4-2	Rice Station	0-6

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