

Wildcats Shatter Scoring Records

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Kalida Routs Cincinnati Team 98 – 46

Cincinnati St. Rita's School for the Deaf was not much of a match for the Kalida Wildcats last Friday as the Putnam County quintet whipped them 98-46.

Ten players got into the scoring column for Kalida, four in double figures, as they picked up their seventh victory against five defeats for the season.

Mark Warnecke showed the way with 19 points, Dan Heitmeyer, a 5-9 junior who had previously scored only 21 points this season came in with 16, while Denny Vorst had 14 and Bill Grote 10.

The reserve game was also an easy one for Kalida as they won 71-47 and evened their season record at 6-6.

ST. RITA'S 16 - 14 - 46
Manzold 5-4-14. Smith 4-2-10. Mokato 0-3-3. Shiraliff 1-2-4. Rood 6-3-15.

KALIDA 42 - 14 - 98
Selhorst 4-0-8. Warnement 4-0-8. Gerdeman 3-0-6. Siefker 2-1-5. Vorst 7-0-14. Schroeder 2-1-5. Heitmeyer 7-2-16. Warnecke 6-7-19. Grote 4-2-10. Unverferth 3-1-7.

St. Rita's 7 18 11 10 46
Kalida 22 24 33 19 98

Wildcats Crush Malinta 102 – 66

The high scoring Kalida basketball machine blasted through the century barrier twice in two nights last week-end, tying one county record, breaking another, establishing a couple more and is bearing down on one more.

The Cats roared past Malinta 102-66 on Friday night and kept up where they left off on the next night to blast Bluffton 112-97.

The 112 points on Saturday night tied the all-time county record for the most points scored by a team in a game, which was established by Miller City on November 18, 1966, when they beat Tinora 112-69.

The 209 points score in the game was the highest number ever scored in a high school basketball game in this county. The 97 scored by Bluffton was the highest ever scored in a losing effort.

The charges of Coach Bill Lammers have scored 312 points in their last three games, as they dumped Cincinnati St. Rita's 98-46 on January 19. In all probability that is the most ever scored in three consecutive games by a county team, although no records are available on that mark. It is the first time a team ever went over 100 in two consecutive games.

Kalida's 47 field goals, scored against Malinta is probably another record.

THE WILDCATS have raised their scoring average to 79.1 points in their 14 games so far and are coming close to the all-time high season average set last year by Ottawa-Glandorf. The Titans set a new record last year by finishing off with 80.2 per game.

However, Kalida has thrown defense to the winds and its defensive mark is one of the highest ever in this county also, being only about seven points lower than its offense as the Wildcats have won nine and lost five for the year.

In last weekend's two contests, the Wildcats scored at a steady pace in all eight quarters. They got at least 22 points in each period and never over 31.

The game was no contest with Malinta on Friday night as they roared off to an early lead and pulled away steadily throughout the game to hand the Henry County quintet its 10th setback against only four victories.

Kalida Blows by Bluffton 112 - 97

IT WAS DIFFERENT on Saturday, however, as the Wildcats had to work all the way and were actually outscored in one quarter by the Bluffton Pirates who refused to give up before suffering their seventh setback against seven victories.

Kalida led in that game just 26-23 after the first quarter and then moved ahead into a safe lead in the second round to take a 53-42 advantage into the dressing room at halftime. The Pirates sliced one point off the margin in the third quarter, but Kalida finished off the big week-end with a 31 point fourth frame.

Most of Kalida's victory margin came at the foul line as both teams were hot from the field. The Wildcats scored 40 field

goals to 39 for Bluffton, but at the line they outscored them 32-19.

Ten players helped in the scoring against Malinta, but only eight did it in the Bluffton contest. Denny Selhorst was the big gun, scoring 51 points in the two games. He fired 20 against Malinta and 31 against Bluffton to take game honors both nights.

Kalida had four in double figures against Malinta and five against Bluffton. Virg Siefker scored 19 on Friday night, but none on Saturday. Frank Schroeder got 18 and Bob Unverferth 15 on Friday.

On Saturday Mark Warnecke, a 6-0 junior, helped out with 25, while Unverferth chipped in with 17, Denny Vorst with 16 and Ben Warnement with 15.

Tom Riemuide and Ron Spangler tied Selhorst for Malinta with 20 apiece. Bluffton's Bassitt had 27 and Gratz 21.

The Kalida junior varsity made it a perfect week-end for the home fans. They beat Malinta 75-37 and edged Bluffton 56-53 to run their season record to 8-6.

MALINTA 25 - 16 - 66
Riemuide 7-6-20. Spangler 8-4-20. Rohr 3-0-6. Huber 2-3-7. Honek 3-1-7. Moore 2-2-6.

KALIDA 47 - 8 - 102
Selhorst 10-0-20. Warnement 4-0-8. Gerdeman 1-0-2. Siefker 8-3-19. Vorst 2-1-5. Schroeder 9-0-18. Warnecke 4-1-9. Grote 1-2-4. Unverferth 7-1-15. Stechschulte 1-0-2.

Malinta 12 16 22 16 66
Kalida 22 28 25 27 102

BLUFFTON 39 - 19 - 97
Gratz 9-3-21. Bassitt 12-3-27. B. Yant 4-2-10. M. Osborne 2-1-5. S. Yant 4-0-8. Heyneman 1-1-3. White 4-4-12. T. Osborne 1-2-4. Sutter 2-3-7.

KALIDA 40 - 32 - 112
Selhorst 10-11-31. Warnecke 10-5-25. Unverferth 5-7-17. Vorst 6-4-16. Stechschulte 1-0-2. Schroeder 1-0-2. Warnement 6-3-15. Gerdeman 1-2-4.

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Bluffton 23 19 29 26 97