

# In Two Games, Al Welch of Grover Hill Scored 99 Points and the Team Scored 215 Points! Oakwood 105-104 and Mendon Union 112-111

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## Oakwood Wins League Crown by Edging Grover Hill 105 – 104

How does it feel to score 104 points in a game and still lose not only the game, but the league championship as well? Just ask the Grove Hill Hornets. They managed to do both here Friday night as the Oakwood Bobcats eked out a 105-104 decision to win the Paulding County League title.

The game was tight all the way with the score being tied at the end of the half and after the three-quarter mark. Oakwood led 23-22 after one quarter, but the Hornets tied it at 49-49 at halftime. Both teams canned 25 points in the third quarter to leave the score at 74-74 after three periods. In the fourth period, Oakwood scored 31 points to 30 for Grover Hill to eke out the win.

The game went right down to the wire. With the score 104-103 in favor of Grover Hill, Oakwood's Steve Mohr hit a 20-foot jumper with a mere six seconds to go to put the Bobcats out in front 105-104. Grover Hill's Alan Welch then tried a desperation shot from the mid court line at the buzzer, but the ball went in-and-out and Grover Hill's chance for victory vanished.

Welch was the big man for Grover Hill as he poured through 39 points. Keith Miller, the area's leading scorer, hit the cords for 27 for the Hornets. Oakwood had five men in double figures for the evening. Bill Lee canned 30 markers for the Bobcats, while Doug Parrish amassed 29 points, Steve Mohr 20, Alan Burt 12 and Doug Bair 11.

For the game, Grover Hill hit a fantastic 64% from the field and 70% from the line. Oakwood fashioned a 52% figure from the field and 64% from the charity stripe.

The win gave Oakwood a 13-5 overall ledger including 7-1 in the Paulding County League. The victory also gave the Bobcats undisputed possession of the PCL championship. Grover Hill dropped to 8-9 overall and 5-3 in the PCL.

### OAKWOOD 41 – 23 - 105

Parrish 10-9-29. Mohr 9-2-20. Lee 10-10-30. Bair 5-1-11. A. Burt 6-0-12. T. Burt 1-1-3.

### GROVER HILL 44 – 16 – 104

Miller 13-1-27. Ladd 3-2-8. Welch 16-7-39. Johnson 2-3-7. Edwards 1-1-3. Gudakunst 2-0-4. McClure 4-1-9. Thornell 3-1-7.

Oakwood	23 26 25 31 105
Grover Hill	22 27 25 30 104

## Welch Scores 60 Points Grover Hill Loses 112 – 111

Lightning can strike twice in the same place it seems. Friday night Grover Hill was edged 105-104 to Oakwood and then Saturday night the Hornets were edged a second time by Mendon Union 112-111 in overtime.

Alan Welch continued to show why he is one of the area's leading scorers though as he ripped the nets for 60 big points in Grover Hill's last regular season game. Once again, his desperation shot from 40 feet out hit the rim, but bounded the wrong way as the final buzzer sounded.

Shooting 63% for the night, Mendon Union took a slim one point margin after the first period, 23-22, but Grover Hill came back with 24 points to 22 to take a 46-45 lead at the half.

The Hornets slipped in the third period though as Mendon Union outscored them 34-20 to take a 79-66 lead. Coming alive in the fourth period, Grover Hill swished the nets for 37 points to knot the game at 103-103. Taking full advantage of foul shots, Mendon Union then outscored Grover Hill 9-8 in overtime for the victory.

While his team was making 58% of its shots from the field, Welch was ripping the nets for 27 of 43. He also made all six of this charity tosses including five in the last period and overtime.

Mendon Union took full advantage of its charity tosses and height, however. Grover Hill made 19 of 31 free throws while the winners sank 34 of 47 shots from the foul line. Mendon Union also controlled the boards with one player reaching 6-4 and another 6-3. Grover Hill's tallest cager is 6-0.

Reaching double figures for Grover Hill beside Welch was Jim Johnson with 17 points. Five of Mendon Union's player's scored in double digits. Bob Howell took top honors with 36 tallies while Dale Nuttle connected for another 20 makers.

Coach Don Lockwood's Hornets finished out their regular season with an 8-10 record while ending in a two-way tie for second place in the Paulding County League with a 5-3 mark.

### GROVER HILL 46 – 19 – 111

Miller 2-3-7. Ladd 2-1-5. Welch 27-6-60. Johnson 8-1-17. Gudakunst 3-0-6. McClure 2-2-6. Thornell 2-3-7. 0-3-3.

### MENDON UNION 39 – 34 – 112

Howell 9-18-36. Hoghe 4-4-12. Nuttle 7-6-20. McMichael 4-4-12. Krugh 4-1-9. Derossett 6-1-13. Dudgeon 3-0-6.

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Mendon Union	23 22 34 24 9 112