Richmond, Cambridge City "Pushed" In Sectional Wins Greensfork Nearly Upsets Richmond HS While Economy Extends Wampus Cats

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Confident Cambridge City and staggering Richmond moved into the semifinals of the Richmond sectional with wins Friday night and probably are thanking their lucky stars they made it through the thrill-a-minute contests.

Greensfork's Demons almost accomplished the upset of the area as they out-played Richmond for better than three quarters only to see their high hopes go out the window, 47-43.

Cambridge City didn't have as bad a scare as the Red Devils, but needed six-point, final-period performances each from Ron Matney and Jim Miller to turn back Economy, 63-58.

Hagerstown and Boston, who had picked up triumphs earlier in the day, collide Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock for one berth into the finals, while Richmond and Cambridge City tangle in the other contest at 2:15.

Afternoon winners then meet at 8:15 p. m. Saturday for the Richmond title and the bid in the Muncie regional the following Saturday.

Greensfork, with Coach Don Pfaff calling the plays, led the host Red Devils 10 times in the game as the lead changed hands repeatedly.

Deserved Better Fate

And the Demons deserved a better fate as they outrebounded the taller Red Devils, 31-30, and out-played their hosts most of the contest.

Center Earl Foster's work was slightly less than sensational as he netted 21 points and led both clubs in rebounding with 10 picks off the boards.

He had position constantly on the Devils, faked them out of position, and drew 13 free throws for the times he didn't make his goals.

Greensfork jumped off to a 3-0 margin against the Devils as Richmond HS mentor Charlie Dils decided to

start his second unit. The lead changed hands six times the first period, with the Demons on top at 14-12 at the stop, thanks to three goals by Gene Charles.

Dils sent in his first team at the start of the second quarter, with that crew hitting five of nine shots, and

Dave Ramsey's hook shot sending the Devils to a 25-23 lead with 16 seconds to play in the first half. Charlie Bane made one of two free throws to cut the margin to one, 25-24, by halftime.

Today's schedule

1:00 p.m. - Cambridge City vs. Fountain City.

2:15 p.m. - Richmond vs. Milton

8:15 p.m. – afternoon winners battle for Richmond sectional title

Hectic Play Continues

The second half was just as hectic as the first, with Bane putting the Demons on top, 26-25, with a side shot. But Jim Hotopp hit three set shots to push Richmond in front, 81-30, midway in the period and Ramsey's "hooker" sent the Red Devils on top, 33-31.

Richmond was in front, 40-35, after three, but Greensfork had more tricks up its sleeve.

Foster made two free throws, Brian Jones hit a "jumper" for Richmond and then Foster poured in three straight goals from underneath the bucket to send Greensfork on top, 43-42, with 3:47 left.

Paul Flatley's free throw, tied the game at 43-all and then he sent the Satans out in front, 45-43, by batting in a rebound of his own missed lay-up.

Greensfork got a shot away, but missed and Richmond picked up two more free throws in the final seconds

Foster led all scoring with 21 points, while Flatley netted 10 for Richmond.

Shooting Same

Both teams shot about the same, Richmond hitting 18 of 49 for a .367 percentage, while Greensfork made 14 of 39 for a .359 mark.

Economy and Cambridge City matched shooting percentages in their battle, with the Wampus Cats hitting five more goals in 13 more attempts.

Although Cambridge City trailed only once, at 1-0, the Wampus Cats never were out of the woods. The tenacious Cardinals kept pecking away at the 11-point lead Cambridge City enjoyed in the second period to pull within two with slightly less than two minutes gone in the final stanza.

But then again, as it had been against Centerville Thursday night, the Wampus Cats had the necessary reserve to keep from sinking.

Big Jim Raby banged in his only field goal of the second half and Matney took Miller's pass for an easy bucket on the fast break before the Cards called time out in an effort to straighten out their defensive assignments.

Jim Clark then swished the nets from the side for his lone goal of the last two periods and the Cats were on top by 55-47 with less than four minutes to play.

Economy sliced the margin to 55-50 with 3:07 to go before Matney hit again, Miller tossed in two free throws and scored a fast-break basket.

This raised the margin to 11 points again and it was good enough for the victory despite a closing Economy flurry.

Carlin Nets 20

Frank Carlin, the Wayne County conference's leading scorer, turned in another "superman" effort, getting 20 points despite the efforts of three different Cambridge City men to stop him.

Jerry Thompson fouled out trying to get the job done, while Larry Stanley collected four personals and Garth Fisher one guarding Carlin.

Carlin converted 10 of 14 attempts at the charity line along with four fielders to end with 20 points. Don Mosier, who hit six of nine long shots, ended up with 14 points and was a constant threat in the final period.

But it was Raby's yeoman rebounding job that saved Cambridge as he came up with five picks off the board the final stanza and ended up with 18 for the night.

This, combined with Matney's deadly shooting, and Miller 's lightning-like assistance, was too much for Economy to overcome.

Matney drilled in 11 of 18 attempts, including nine of his last 11 tries.

Economy shot .393 for the night, making 19 of 48 tries, while Cambridge made good on 24 of 61 shots for a .393 mark.

Cambridge City also hit 15 of 20 tries at the charity stripe and Economy did almost as good on 20 of 28.

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Richmond	(47)	Fg	Fga	Ft	Fta	Pf	Тр
Jordan, forward		0	2	0	2	1	0
Hitchcock, forwar	d	2	5	0	0	1	4
Flatley, forward		3	13	4	4	1	10
Jones, forward		2	5	0	1	3	4
Ramsey, center		3	7	0	1	4	6
Green, center		1	1	1	2	3	3
Schuerman, guard		1	4	0	0	0	2
Satterfield, guard		0	3	4	5	0	4
Hotopp, guard		4	6	1	2	3	9
Sweet, guard		2	3	1	2	1	5
Totals		18	49	11	19	17	47
Greensfork	(43)	Fg	Fga	Ft	Fta	Pf	Тр
Bane, forward		3	8	2	3	3	8
Martin, forward		1	4	2	4	4	4
Foster, center		6	11	9	13	4	21
Hahn, center		0	2	0	0	0	0
Charles, guard		4	8	0	0	0	8
Mikesell, guard		0	6	2	5	1	2
Totals		14	39	15	25	12	43

Score by quarters:

Richmond	12	25	40	47
Greensfork	14	24	35	43

Officials: Charles Posey (Muncie) and Roy W. Gardner (Batesville).

Cambridge City	(63)	Fg	Fga	Ft	Fta	Pf	Тр
Clark, forward		3	14	2	2	2	8
Thompson, forwa	rd	0	2	0	0	5	0
Stanley, forward		0	3	0	0	5	0
Fisher, forward		0	1	1	3	1	1
Raby, center		4	13	7	7	3	15
Miller, guard		5	9	3	5	2	13
Matney, guard		11	18	2	3	2	24
Carlson, guard		1	1	0	0	0	2
Totals		24	61	15	20	19	63
Score by quarters:							
Cambridge City		19		34	47	(63
Economy		11		29	41	į	58

Officials: Roy W. Gardner (Batesville) and David R. Habegger (Berne).