

Mountain Heritage

Boys Varsity
Thursday, February 18
Western Highlands Conference
Round 1 @ Owen
Statistician Paul Badgley

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
Owen	11	7	9	14	8	49
Mountain Heritage	5	8	14	14	12	53

Mountain Heritage outlasted an outstanding effort by Owen to defeat the War Horses 53-49, in the opening game of the Western Highlands Conference Tournament 2-A bracket. Owen utilized a stall offense along with clutch three point shooting to start the game and then continued the strategy the remainder of the game. The strategy was particularly effective in the first half along with the fact that John Cannon only attempted three shots and Owen only turned the ball over six times. These factors contributed to the War Horses holding a 18-13 lead at the end of the first half. Owen opened the second half with the ball and held it nearly two minutes before attempting a shot, continuing their strategy. With their lead at 24-20, Coach Johnson substituted five fresh players in and the group immediately turned the tide of the game. Dillon Vess drew a charge and the Trenton Burleson connected on a three point shot in his first action of the night. The group managed a 7-0 run to give the Cougars their first lead of the night 27-24 as the third quarter wound down. An Owen three pointer tied the game at 27-27. The Cougars used the spark from their bench to open up a four point lead at times, but they could never get any farther ahead the rest of the game, as Owen used some back door cuts effectively in the final frame. During the second half the fouls started adding up for both teams and several key players for both squads got into foul shot. After Owen tied the game in the final 15 seconds of regulation, the Cougars got the ball for a final shot but they were unable to connect. In overtime, the Cougars depth was critical as the five Owen starters, who had played almost the entire game, were not as fresh as Heritage and the Cougars, despite two three pointers from Owen in the extra frame finally outlasted a tremendous effort by Owen. The Cougars to their credit, made 11 of 12 free throws attempted in the four quarter and overtime and Owen, most likely due to fatigue, made just three of 10. This proved to be the difference in the final score. John Cannon led the Cougars with 13 points and Alex Biggerstaff and Steven Wilson added 11 each for Heritage. The Cougars will play in the 2-A Championship Friday night at 8:30 at Owen. In addition, the Cougars will have a home state playoff game Monday night.

OWEN	FG	FTA	FT	3PT	TOTAL
Evans					0
Baird					0
Duckworth					0
Dodd					0
Frizzell					0
Marino					0
Wallace	2	2	1		5
Chapman		2	0	4	12
Brown	3	1	1	2	13
Marrett	3	3	2		8
Halverson E					0
Halverson T	5	4	1		11
Totals	13	12	5	6	49

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE	FG	FTA	FT	3PT	TOTAL
Biggerstaff	2	6	4	1	11
Kardulis	1	2	2		4
Woody					0
Wilson	3	2	2	1	11
Silvers					0
Tomberlin					0
Swann		4	3		3
Cannon	4	6	5		13
Badgley					0
Letterman	2	2	2		6
Burleson				1	3
Vess					0
Neill	1				2
Miller					0
Totals	13	22	18	3	53