

Mountain Heritage

Boys Varsity
 Tuesday, December 29
 Pioneer Christmas Tournament
 vs. West Caldwell
 Paul Badgley - Statistician

	1	2	3	4	Total
Mountain Heritage	14	12	15	16	57
West Caldwell	9	23	13	9	54

Mountain Heritage opened the Pioneer Holiday Tournament with an exciting 57-54 come from behind victory over West Caldwell Tuesday night at Watauga High School. The Warriors featured a athletic and talented team led by point guard K J Jones. After the Cougars raced out to a first quarter lead, Jones took over the second quarter. The Cougars could not find an answer to his outside shooting or his driving and he scored 23 of West Caldwell's 32 first half points. In addition, the Cougars were playing their first game with their full compliment of players after the state title chase in football. Finally, the Cougars had not played a game in three weeks due to weather and exams schedule. Mountain Heritage was also plagued with foul trouble in the first half and were called for 11 team fouls vs. West Caldwell's six. After halftime, the Cougars made some adjustments on defense and were able to slow Jones down enough and started making their shots. The Cougars began to get easy shots and finally took the lead with about two minutes left to go in the game. They continued to be plagued by foul trouble, but Coach Johnson was able to rotate in players and no one fouled out during the game. The comeback started in the third quarter and was led by the shooting by senior Steven Wilson who made all eight of his field goal attempts in the game and ended with a team high 17 points. Alex Biggerstaff chipped in 14 more, capped by two pressure free throws, including the front end of a one-on-one with 7.6 seconds left in the game that provided the final margin. John Cannon also added 13, including many clutch shots in the second half. He also came up with several key blocks in the second half. The Cougars lifted their record to 3-0 with the victory and will play the winner of the Watauga/Covenant Day School game tomorrow at 5:30 PM for the Championship of the Tournament.

	FG	FTA	FT	3PT	TOTAL
WEST CALDWELL					
Bominger					0
K J Jones	7	12	8	4	34
M Steptoe		2	1		1
C Meshaw					0
T Witherspoon		2	2	0	2
A Dula	1	2	1		3
J Battle	2	2	0		4
S Fogle	1	6	4		6
D J Dula	2	4	0		4
D Dula					0
Totals	13	30	16	4	54

	FG	FTA	FT	3PT	TOTAL
MOUNTAIN HERITAGE					
Biggerstaff	3	2	2	2	14
Kardulis	3	1	0		6
Woody					0
Wilson	7	1	0	1	17
Silvers					0
Tomberlin					0
Swann	1				2
Cannon	5	5	3		13
Badgley					0
Burleson		2	1		1
Vess					0
Neill	2				4
Totals	21	11	6	3	57