

“Era”

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Mt. Vernon finished as the 46th District Runners-Up in the years of 1947, 1954, 1955, 1957, and 1958. The list would be too long to mention here, but there have been outstanding players to play for Mt. Vernon since basketball came in at the local school. Coach Jack Laswell stated, “During my 25 years at Mt. Vernon, I have had the privilege of coaching some fine boys. There have been a lot more victories (Laswell had over 300 wins to his credit) than defeats—but to me all boys who played and worked hard to develop their basketball skill were winners. During my years as coach, I have had wonderful cooperation from the administrators such as Clyde Linville, Mrs. Neureul Miracle, Cleston Saylor, and Charlie B. Parsons.” “I certainly appreciate the fine support given my teams through the years by the students of Mt. Vernon High School and the people of Rockcastle County.”

Coach Laswell went on to say. Fans of Mt. Vernon basketball are urged to help make history Friday night by attending the last basketball game of Mt. Vernon High School—and also make plans now to attend the first game next November of the new Rockcastle County High School and to follow and support our new school as we begin a new era in basketball in Rockcastle County.

School mascot: Red Devils School colors: Red and White.

Mascot history: Mt. Vernon High School's original mascot was the Owls. Later it was changed to the Tigers only to be changed again to the Cardinals. One day after the Cardinals had

defeated an opponent, one of the players asked a female member of the faculty, who did not particularly care for the sport, if they looked like Cardinals? The reply was no. She thought they looked like little Red Devils. The name stuck.

Mt. Vernon Fight Song
*When old MVHS falls in Line,
We're Going to Win this Game another Time,
And for old MVHS we love so well,
We're going to Yell and Yell and Yell and Yell and Yell,
And when the Team rolls up another score,
We'll circle in and then we'll fight some more,
We're gonna roll old Brodhead on the floor, Out the door...
Fight, fight, fight, fight, fight,
Yea Big Red, Yea Big White
Yea Big Team lets Fight, Fight, Fight!!!
Coaches - MVHS Coaches
Professor C.V. Lucy 1914-15 (1 yr), D.H. Lyon 1915-16 to 1919-20 (5 yrs), John Lair 1919-20 (1 yr), A.E. McGuire 1920-21 to 1925-26 (6 yrs), Jack Garrett 1926-27 to 1927-28 (2 years), Charles Harper 1928-29 (1 year), Marvin Fairchild 1929-30 to 1930-31 (2 yrs), Charlie Perkins 1931-32 to 1933-34 (3 yrs) Bill Landrum 1934-35 to 1940-41 (7 yrs), Albert Albright 1941-42 to 1945-46 & 1950-51 (6 yrs), Jack Laswell 1946-47 (called into military 1950-51) to 1971-72 (25 yrs).*

Known to have assisted Coach Laswell at different times were: Albert Albright, Charles “Tuck” Baker, Buford Parkerson, and Mark McKinney.

District Champions and Runners-Up

Champions: 1928, 1930, 1932, 1935, 1941, 1946, 1953, and 1956.

Runners-Up: 1947, 1954,

1955, 1957, and 1958.

Region Champions and Runners-Up

Champions: 1953.

Runners-Up: 1928, 1932, and 1956.

All-District

Keith Arnold (1947)
Charles “Tuck” Baker (1951)

Lee Childress (1962)

George Cloud (1965)

Dale Coffee (1970 & 71)

Howard Coffey (1960 & 61)

Tommy Coffee (1970)

Kenneth Cornelius (1954-55-56)

Robert Cromer (1948 & 49)

Billy Davis (1958)

Charles Bennett Farris (1960)

Lowell Griffin (1950)

Joe Hansel (1957)

John Dale Helton (1956)

Jerry Hodges (1966 & 67)

Joe Howard (1969)

Billy Kirby (1947)

Charles Machal (1964)

Charles McElridge (1958)

Earl Noe (1952-53-54)

Edward Owens (1952)

Jimmy Pitman (1957)

George Powell (1971)

Lee Price (1962)

Orvie Richmond (1964)

Howard Saylor (1968 & 69)

Charles Shedpard (1953)



Mt. Vernon High School campus as it appeared in 1971.

Mickey Smock (1948)
Randell Stokes (1955)
Wayne Taylor (1959)
Doug “Peachy” Woodall (1947)

All-Region

Kenneth Cornelius

(1953-54-55-56)

Earl Noe (1953)

Charles Shepard (1953)

All-State

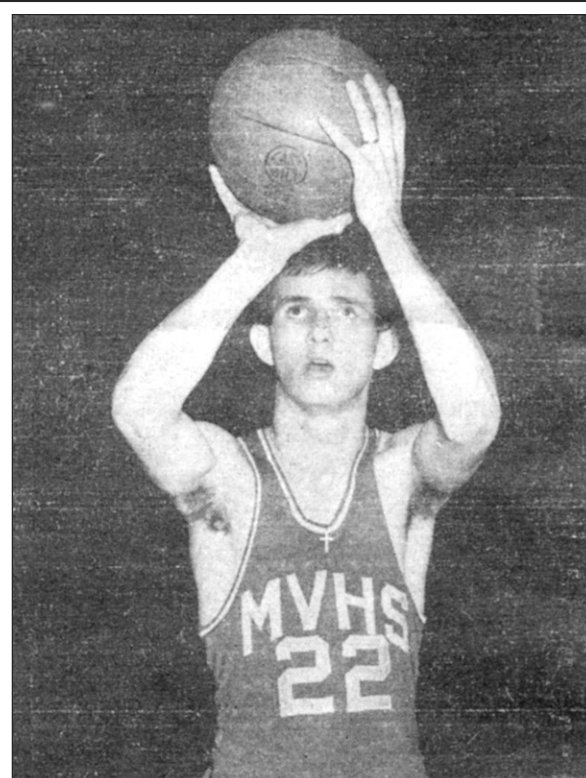
Kenneth Cornelius

(1955 Honorable Mention and 1956 Second Team) and named to the 1956 Kentucky East-West All-Star Team.

Earl Noe (1953 Sweet Sixteen All-State Team)

*No records found prior to 1947.

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Kenneth Cornelius, class of 1956, was Mt. Vernon's all-time leading scorer, tallying 2,633 points.

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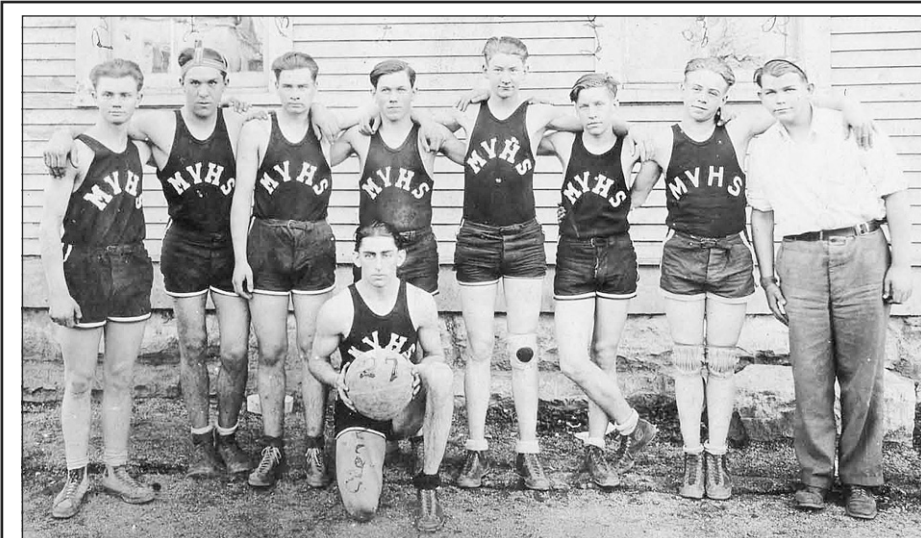
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The 1930 District Champion Mt. Vernon Red Devils. Can anyone identify any players?



MVHS team of 1926-27. Pictured from left are: ? Purchell, Vic Hysinger, Delbert "Windy" Baker, Other Hamlin, William Cox, Robert Sparks, Orville Langford, Manager ? Durham. Kneeling is Captain Ballard Clark. This was Mt. Vernon's last team to play on out door courts. The following year this same team (no seniors in 1927) was the first to play at the new school and won the district title and finished region runner-up.



The Team of '55-'56

First row: Coach Jack Laswell, Kenneth Cornelius, Keith Kincer, Theodore McClure, John Dale Helton, Billy Gregory, Billy Davis, Billy Joe Hansel, Bobby Sigmon, and Marvin Hines.

Second row: Manager Charles McEldred, Linda Farrish, Ruby Barnett, Carol Ann Fred, Patricia Taylor, Carol Jean Owens, Joan Maggard and Manager Jerry Hansel.

The 1956 District Champion and Region Runner-Up Mt. Vernon Red Devils.

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