



BISHOPS' CHEERLEADER TAMES WITTENBURG TIGER (PHOTOS BY MARSHALL BROOKS)

## Bishops win SE title...

The Battling Bishops captured the Southwest Regional Championship of the NCAA Division III Men's tournament by defeating the Bears of Washington University (21-6) in the finals and the Cardinals of Centre College (20-6) in the Semi-finals in St. Louis.

In the championship game the Bishops' Lloyd Watts scored the first five points before the Bears, of Washington University, scored. With 13:26 remaining in the first half of the Bishops ran off eight straight points to have their largest lead of the game, 11 points, and kept the Bears from scoring for over a minute. A surge by the Bears with 4:50 remaining in the first half cut the Bishops lead to one point and the Bishops called time out to regroup. Watts came out of the huddle and on the Bishops possession dunked for two points and the Bishops led at the half by four points.

Chris Bratcher started the second half with a three pointer to increase the lead to seven points, but a foul by Watts put Paul Jackson on the free throw line and he made both. A three-pointer by Brent Rueter and a technical foul on Coach Bill Chambers cut the Bishops' lead to one point and gave possession to the Bears. John Bergman scored on a layup giving Washington the lead by one point.

Another three-pointer by Bratcher put the Bishops up by two points, but the Bishops would go ahead by five points after a three-points by Terry Battle and a 16 feet jumper by Watts. The Bears scored the next five points on a three-pointer by Reiter and an eight feet jumper by Kevin Suiter to tie the score again 56-56 with 6:54 remaining in the second half.

A 17 foot jumper by Fluguel would give the Bears their largest lead before the Bishops would

score seven straight points to put their lead back up to four points with 48 seconds remaining in the game. Following a Bear time out, Bergman made both ends and the Bishops held a two point lead with 26 seconds. Bratcher was fouled, made the two free throws, and again the Bishops led by four, but a 12 feet jumper by Rueter cut it back to two to make the final score 66-64.

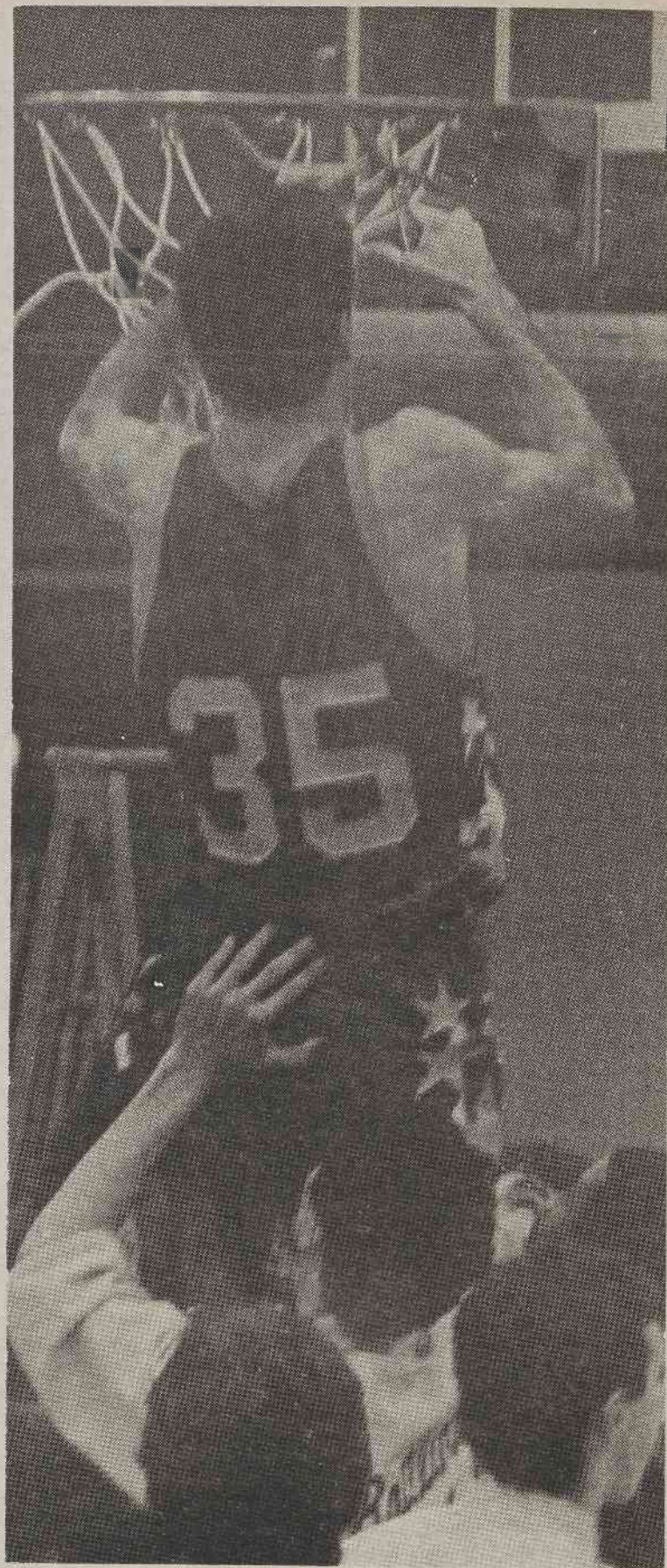
The Bishops had Two All Tournament players, Chris Bratcher (20pts) and the Tournament's Most Valuable Player, Lloyd Watts (17pts).

According to Watts, "The main reason we won the regional championship was because of the way we played our man to man defense, it was possibly the best we've played all year. We had set our own goals and winning the regional was one we wanted really bad, plus we played together with

each other better than we had all year long and really accepted our particular goals."

Coach Bill Chambers said, "I was really proud of the players because they really rose to the occasion by playing excellent defense in the second half and by hitting the crucial shots. Terry Battle played really well in the second half, two-for-two from the field and two-for-two from the free throw line. John Brackett blocked the shots, made the steals, and hit a layup at crucial times in the second half."

In the first game of the tournament, the Bishops shot 44.6 percent from the field, 57.1 percent from the three point range and were 66.7 percent from the free throw line to down the Cardinals of Centre College 64-62. Lloyd Watts led the Bishops with 19 points and Chris Bratcher added 16.



SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL WAS TRIUMPH FOR WESLEYAN

## ...But fall to Tigers in quarter finals

By RHONDA SHARPE

The Tigers of Wittenburg College defeated the Bishops 77-64 in the NCAA Division III men's basketball tournament quarter finals Saturday in Springfield, Ohio.

The Tigers won the tap and led by two after a layup by Tom Weller. On the Bishops first possession a layup by Chris Bratcher tied the score at 2-2 with 18:45 to go in the first half. The score was tied again 6-6 with 16:28 left in the first half. The Tigers then scored seven unanswered points before a three-pointer by Terry Battle.

The Bishops scored five straight to come within two points of the

Tigers. However, from 11:31-2:48 in the first half the Bishops scored only six points while the Tigers scored 20 points to gain their largest lead of 22 points. The Bishops went into the locker room at half-time down by 16 points after a late surge.

Chuck Hoffman started the second half with a layup to cut the Tigers' lead to 14 points. The Tigers upped their lead to 19 points with 17:38 left in the game, but Wesleyan came back to trail by only eight points midway through the second half.

The Tigers increased their head to 19 points with 3:39 remaining in the game. Following a Bishop timeout, four unanswered points by

the Bishops cut the lead to 14 points with 3:11 to play. The Bishops would get within 11 points of the Tigers before losing by 13 points, 77-64.

The leading scorers for NCWC were Terry Battle with 21 points and Steve Allision with 24 points for the Tigers.

"What really hurt was we did not match up good against them," Coach Bill Chamber said. "They were taller and a lot stronger than we were physically. The difference in the game was they out rebounded us. They had 46 total rebounds, and we had 32, but what really hurt us was offensive rebounds. They had 19 and we had eight. We shot better than they did

from the field, but from the free throw line we had an off night, shooting 23 percent."

Coach Chambers added, "Well, it was a great season. It was the best season Wesleyan's had and the first time a Dixie Conference team has won the regional." Chamber feels that, "We're cautiously optimistic about next year because we're losing Lloyd. He was our key player and the most valuable player in the conference and difficult to replace. Also we will be losing David Gruver and Chuck Hoffman who along with Lloyd were the senior leaders. But we'll have John Brackett and Terry Battle as seniors along with Chris Bratcher and Johnny Wright."