

## Tornadoes pull away from Defenders down the stretch

Mount Carmel 50

Mount Carmel closes game with 13-5 run

Warrior Run 44

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TURBOTVILLE—With one game left, the Warrior Run boys have won more games this season than in either of the last two seasons.

But that doesn't mean the Defenders have learned how to win yet.

Warrior Run (7-14) took Mount Carmel down to the wire Wednesday night but could not come out on top as the Red Tornadoes (10-11) won 50-44 in a Heartland Athletic Conference Division II boys basketball contest.

"We get nervous down the stretch," said Warrior Run head coach Jeff Pealer. "I said it before the season, we need to learn how to win.



Warrior Run's Zach Miller (21) goes up for a shot between Mount Carmel's Tommy Lynott (10) and Christian Kelley Wednesday night.

"When the game gets tight, we tighten up and don't hit the shots."

That was evident Wednesday night.

With 6:24 left, Warrior Run held a 39-37 lead.

The Defenders would hit just two more buckets the rest of the game as Mount Carmel closed on a 13-5 run to win it.

"Mount Carmel got to the basket more than us," said Pealer. "They broke us down on some pick-and-rolls and just driving to the basket.

"I would like to see us drive to the basket more but we

are learning."

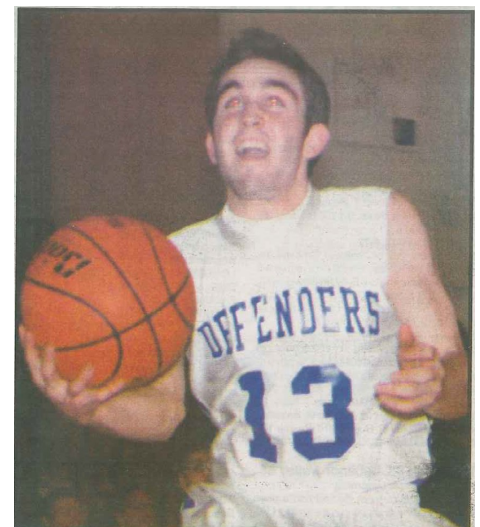
The Red Tornadoes, who needed the win to keep their playoff hopes alive, also did a better job on the boards Wednesday night.

"We get intimidated with the bigger boys in the paint like Mount Carmel," said Pealer. "We did a good job on the boards against Midd-West Tuesday.

"Different animal I guess."

Jared Bender led the way with 14 and Zach Burrows had nine. Zack Miller chipped in with eight.

Warrior Run will end the season Saturday morning against Lewisburg at home.



Warrior Run's Jared Bender goes in for a layup Wednesday night against Mount Carmel.

Mount Carmel (10-11) 13 11 12 13—50.

Warrior Run (7-14) 10 11 15 8—44.

Mount Carmel (50)

Tommy Lynott 2 0-2 6, Zach Tocyloski 6 4-6 16, Ben Scicchitano 5 0-0 10, Zack Wasilewski 1 3-4 5, Christian Kelley 5 2-9 12. Totals 19 9-21 50.

3-point goals: Lynott 2.

Did not score: Lee Amarose, Juwan Sullins.

Warrior Run (44)

Lance Pealer 1 2-2 5, Zack Miller 3 2-2 8, Jared Bender 5 2-2 14, Callen Foresman 2 2-2 6, Sean Morehart 1 0-0 2, Zach Burrows 4 1-2 9. Totals: 16 9-10 44.

3-point goals: Bender 2, Pealer.

Did not score: Jordan Welliver.



Warrior Run's Sean Morehart (23) bumps into Mount Carmel's Christian Kelley on his way to the basket Wednesday night.