### 2011-2012 Season



Last Row (L to R): Coach Yeckley, Matt Schultz, Michael Wigfield, Billy Sanders, Kyle Wright, Coach Pastva Middle Row (L to R): Jarid Ivory, Patrick Hamilton, Zare Evanskey, Damon Braniff First Row (L to R): Chris Wilson, Matt Kimberly, Dakota Sinclair, Colton Kimberly

# Glendale boys welcome back four letterwinners for 2011

#### By Jon Christoff

Sports Writer FLINTON — The Glendale boys basketball team went to new heights last season, as it the WOT Inter-County Conference North Division championship, the Moshannon Valley League and was the top seed in the District 6 Class A playoffs.

Gone from that team, though, are head coach Rick Stackhouse and four valuable starters, including Progressland Player of the Year

Tyler Jenny. The cupboard isn't totally bare for first-year head coach Mark Yeckley, though, as he returns a key cog in last year's outfit in the form on Michael Wigfield, and a supporting cast that had great success on the junior varsity level.

Yeckley, who led the Vikings deep in the district playoffs in 2005 as a guard, looks to his predecessors in Stackhouse and former coach Gregg Mazenko, as well as the late Terry Kruise from Harmony, in prepping his squad for the upcoming season.

"Mazenko and Kruise were both intense, in-your-face kind of guys on the basketball court," said Yeckley "and I'd say that's where my defensive philosophy would come from. "I can't remember playing against a team coached by Terry that wasn't constantly in

your face, one way or the other. "Playing for Gregg definitely got you in the right mindset and Rick, I think he had a game-plan for everything, I would like to have the best of those three if I could, but those are definitely big shoes to fill."

Wigfield and his 6-foot-5 frame will give Yeckley a good start on stepping out of the shadows of the coaches he learned from, as he was a viable Player of the Year candidate after helping the Vikings to a 19-5 record.

The senior forward, who will also be called on to handle the ball at times, averaged 12.7 points and eight rebounds in starting all 24 games a season

Wigfield also added 2.4 steals, 2.4 assists and 2.3 blocks each game last year, but his experience and leadership is what Yeckley is most excited for

"Wigfield is the only one that we really had that consistently - not only started - but played a majority of the time," Yeckley said. "Everyone else saw some time, but not as much as we would have hoped (coming into the season) because we were pretty senior-laden last year as well

"Having a guy like Michael is definitely valuable. He knows the competition at the varsity level, and if there's any confusion on the court, the rest of the team will look to him to lead them through. I believe he's accepting that role and helping guide them in the right direction.

When Stackhouse had to go to his bench, which wasn't very often, the first guy he went to was Damon Braniff, who will run Glendale's point this season

In addition to Braniff, a junior, Yeckley is looking to a core of seniors to help lead the way.

Lettermen Patrick Hamilton, Billy Sanders and Kyle Wright will likely form the starting five for the Vikings. Glendale will also get considerable playing time from senior Zarek Evanskey and juniors Gary Witherow and Chris Wilson none of whom averaged more than 3.5 points per contest.

"Our lineup is probably going to change a lot through the year depending on matchups - who we play, when we play – and who's hot and who isn't," said

Yeckley. "We're going to look to our seniors to carry a majority of the load, and I believe, confidently, that we can go seven or eight deep (and not miss a beat).

"Offensively, we're looking to wear people down. We're going to look to push the ball any chance that we get and, if we don't get anything out of it, we'll set up our offense and run it horefulle to neffense and run it, hopefully, to perfection. I'm looking for our attention to detail to be our strength."

After a successful season at both the varsity and jayvee levels, expectations are high for Glendale, but Yeckley wouldn't put a number on just how successful the season would be.

"We didn't set a number of wins that we want this year," Yeckley said. "We've actually talked at length a couple of times about how total wins doesn't mean anything in late February or early March. Our goal is to set ourselves up nicely for the playoffs and, obviously, make a run at districts and ultimately get to the state playoffs. "I think it's a legitimate goal

to set with the players that we have on the roster.

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Photo by Jim Butler

Returning letterwinners - The Glendale boys basketball team returns four letterwinners to this season's squad. In front is Damon Braniff. Standing, from left, are Kyle Wright, Michael Wigfield and Patrick Hamilton.

Glendale returns four letterwinners

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The Vikings tip off the season on Dec. 12 when they travel to Mount Union.

#### Roster Seniors

Zarek Evanskey "Patrick Hamilton

arid vory Billy Sanders, "Michael Wigheld \*Kyle Wright

#### Juniors

"Damon Braniff, Chris Wilson, Gary Witherow

#### Sophomores

Colton Kimberly Matt Kimberly, Matt Schultz, Diakota Sinciair

\*Denotes returning letterwinner.

#### Schedule December

12--at Mount Union, 15-at Moshannon Valley, 22-at West Branch, 27-28--at Cambria Heights Tournament, TBA, 30-Curwensville

#### January

5-at Williamsburg. 7-Claysburg Kimmel 3 30 10 m. 9-Southern Huntingdon 11-at Bellwood-Antis 13-at Juniata Valley, 17-Mount Union; 19-Moshannon Valley: 21-Harmony, 4 p.m., 24-at Claysburg-Kimmel, 27-West Branch

#### February

1-at Curwensville, 3-Williamsburg, 7at Southern Huntingdon, 10-Bellwood-Antis, 14-Juniata Valley, 16-at Harmony. Varsity games begin at 7:30 p.m. unless noted.

### December 12, 2011: Glendale 37 at Mt. Union 39

Mount Union	GLENDALE (37): Wigfield 3 0-0 7, Hamilton 1 1-2 3, Wright 1 0-2 2, Braniff 4 1-3 9, Sanders 6 1-5 13, Evansky 1 0-2 3. Totals — 16 3-14 37. MOUNT UNION (39): Smith 1 2-2 4, D. Fortson 0 2-4 2, McClain 6 4-8 16, Walker 5 0-0 10, Heffner 1 0-0 2, K. Fortson 2 1-2 5. Totals — 15 9-16 39. SCORE BY QUARTERS Glendale
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### December 15, 2011: Glendale 76 at MoValley 40

HOUTZDALE — Michael Wigfield nailed 16 field goals on his way to scoring 34 points as Glendale pounded Moshannon Valley, 76-40, in high school boys basketball Thursday.

Damon Braniff added 11 for the Vikings.

Joel Martin led the Black Knights with 30 points.

GLENDALE (76): Wigfield 16 1-3 34, Hamilton 3 1-1 7, Wright 2 0-0 4, Braniff 5 1-4 11, Evanskey 3 4-6 10, Sanders 2 0-2 4, Sinclair 0 1-2 1, C. Kimberly 1 0-0 2, M. Kimberly 0 1-2 1, Wilson 0 0-0 0, Ivory 0 0-0 0, Schultz 0 0-0 0. Totals - 32 9-20 76. MOSHANNON VALLEY (40): Martin 12 2-6 30, Bubb 2 0-0 4, Balley 2 0-0 6, Harlow 0 0-0 0, McHugh 0 0-0 0, McMillan 0 0-0 0, Southern 0 0-0 0, Jarrett 0 0-0 0, Krupa 0 0-0 0, Penn 0 0-0 0. Totals 16 2-6 40. SCORE BY QUARTERS Glendale......17 15 23 21 - 76 Moshannon Valley...4 820 8-40 3-point goals: Glendale 3 (Wigfield 3); Moshannon Valley 6 (Martin 4, Bailey 2).

Records: Glendale (1-1).

JV: Moshannon Valley 28-27. High scorers-Sinclair, G, 11, Krupa, MV, 13.

### December 22, 2011: Glendale 57 at West Branch 63

#### Glendale 57

Hamilton 0 0-0 0, Wright 2 2-5 6, Wigfield 6 2-2 15, Braniff 9 3-4 24, Evanskey 3 0-1 6, Sanders 2 0-2 4, Wilson 1 0-0 2, Totals: 23 7-14 57.

#### West Branch-63

Pennington 1 0-0 3. Emigh 10 10-15 34, Larson 2 3-3 7. Rothrock 3 0-2 8. Lidgett 3 0-0 6. Rockey 2 1-3 5. Kolesar 0 0-0 0. Krise 0 0-0 0. Totals: 21 14-23 63. Three-pointers: Braniff 3, Wigfield; Emigh 4, Rothrock 2, Pennington. Score by Quarters Glendale 14 12 18 13-57 West Branch 12 20 13 18-63

### December 27, 2011: Glendale 56 vs Northern Cambria 47 (CH Tourn.)

GLENDALE 56, NORTHERN CAMBRIA 47	an
NORTHERN CAMBRIA (47): Bonatesta 2 3-	3
8, Polites 4 2-2 13, N. Lee 5 0-0 10, Hogan 7 2-	2
16, B. Bearer 0 0-0 0, S. Bearer, Z. Lee 0 0-0 0	
Totals - 18 7-7 47.	338
GLENDALE (56): Wigfield 9 7-10 26, Wright	3
0-0 7, Braniss 2 0-0 5, Evanskey 6 1-3 14	4
Sanders 2 0-0 4, Hamilton 0 0-0 0, Wilson 0 0-0	0
. Totals - 22 8-13 56.	
SCORE BY QUARTERS	208
Northern Cambria	1
Glendale	A
(Bonatesta, Polites 3); Glendale 4 (Wigfield	68
Wright, Braniss, Evanskey).	28
	100 100

### December 28, 2011: Glendale 40 vs C. Heights 49 (CH Tourn.)

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CHAMPIONSHIP GLENDALE (40): Wigfield 7 0-0 14,
Wright 1 0-0 2, Braniff 2 2-2 8, Evanskey
4 0-0 8, Sander 0 0-0 0, Hamilton 3 0-0 8,
Wilson 1 0-0 2, Totals: 18 2-2 40.
CAMBRIA HEIGHTS (49): Lacue 1 0-0
2, Vescovi 5 4-6 16, N. Bearer 6 0-0 14,
Milanesi 4 2-4 11, Brawley 1 0-1 2,
Prohonic 2 0-0 4, Totals: 19 6-11 49.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Glendale
Cambria Heights
3-point goals: Glendale 2 (Hamilton
2). Cambria Heights 5 (Vescovi 2, N.
Bearer 2, Milanesi).
Officials: Joe Stephen, Roy Rolla, Joe Bilka.
Records: Glendale (2-3); Cambria Heights (4-3).
rieignes (4-5).

### December 30, 2011: Curwensville 29 at Glendale 62

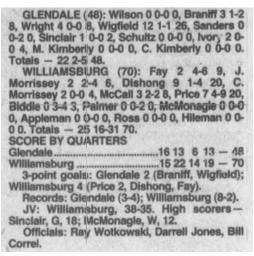
Damon Braniff added 14 for the Vikings, who have now evened their mark at 3-3.

CURWENSVILLE (29): Elensky 3 0-0 7, Johns 2 2-2 6, Gardner 3 0-0 6, Olson 2 1-2 5, Jacobson 1 0-0 2, Stephenson 1 0-0 3, Pennington 0 0-0 0, Harker 0 0-0 0, London 0 0-0 0, Kurtz 0 0-0 0, Shaffer 0 0-0 0. Totals -12 3-4 29.

6, Cison 2 1-2 5, Inson 1 0-0 3, 0-0 0, London 0 0-0 0. Totals –

GLENDALE (62): Wigfield 9 0-2 21,

### January 5, 2012: Glendale 48 at Williamsburg 70



### January 7, 2012: Claysburg 37 at Glendale 65

Wilson– 8, Sinclair– 10, Wright– 13, Wigfield– 22, Snaders-6, M. Kimberly– 2, Schultz– 2, Ivory-2 Claysburg 9 6 8 14– 37 Glendale 18 22 14 11– 65 Three's– Wright, Wigfield 2

#### January 9, 2012: Southern Huntingdon 37 at Glendale 73

Glendale73
Southern Huntingdon37
FLINTON - Michael Wigfield
scored a game-high 25 points to lead
Glendale past Southern Huntingdon.
Kyle Wright added 15 points and
Damon Braniff 12 for Glendale.
SOUTHERN HUNTINGDON (37): James 0 1-2 1, Parana 1 0-0 2, Piper 0 0-0 0, Cornelius 1 0-0 2,
Ford 1 0-0 2, Rathke 2 3-4 8, Booher 0 4-4 4,
Harrington 2 0-0 4, Thomas 5 1-2 11, Hileman 1 0- 0 3. Totals - 13 9-12 37.
GLENDALE (73): Wigfield 10 0-0 25, Hamilton 0

Records: Southern Huntingdon (2-8, 2-4 ICC North); Glendale (5-4 overall, 3-3 ICC North, 3-1 Moshannon Valley). JV: Glendale, 41-33. High scorers-Booher,

JV: Glendale, 41-33. High scorers – Booher, SH, 18; Ivory, G, 26.

### January 11, 2012: Glendale 61 at Bellwood 67 20T

GLENDALE (61): Wigfield 6 3-4 16, Wright 6 5-8 17, Hamilton 2 0-0 6, Braniff 4 3-6 12, Wilson 1 2-2 4, Sinclair 0 2-2 2, Sanders 2 0-0 4, Evanskey 0 0-0 0. Totals - 21 15-22 61. BELLWOOD-ANTIS (67): Davis 6 16-19 30, Wolfe 5 2-4 12, Dionis 2 0-0 5, Steffen 3 0-0 7, Sinisi 0 0-0 0, S. Worthing 5 1-3 13, C. Worthing 0 0-0 0, Bartiett 0 0-0 0, Hollen 0 0-1 0. Totals - 21 19-27 67. SCORE BY QUARTERS Glendale ..... ......117 13 14 10 6 - 61 Bellwood-Antis.. 10 15 6 14 10 12-67 3-point goals: Glendale 4 (Wigfield, Hamilton 2, Braniff); Bellwood-Antis 6 (Davis 2, Dionis, Steffen, S. Worthing 2). Records: Glendale (5-5); Bellwood-Antis (9-1). JV: Glendale, 52-19. High scorers-Wyland, G, 12; Sinclair, Shultz, BA, 6 apiece.

### January 13, 2012: Glendale 68 at Juniata Valley 74

Juniata Valley ......74 ALEXANDRIA — Stewart Borst scored 33 points as Juniata Valley edged Glendale in an Inter-County Conference North Division game. Damon Braniff scored 23 for the Vikings.

GLENDALE (68): Wigfield 6 0-0 13, Wright 6 0-0 12, Braniff 9 2-6 23, Evansky 2 4-6 8, Sanders 1 1-1 3, Sinclair 3 3-4 9, Totals — 27 10-17 68,

JUNIATA VALLEY (74): Borst 13 3-9 33, Varner 3 7-8 13, Grissinger 3 1-1 7, Taylor 7 0-1 15, Masonet 0 2-2 2, Gardner 1 0-2 2, Leri 1 0-0 2, Collins 0 0-0 0, Grove 0 0-0 0. Totals - 28 13-23 74. SCORE BY QUARTERS

Glendale ..... 17 12 17 22 - 68 Juniata Valley... ..23 22 10 19 - 74 3-point goals: Glendale 4 (Wigfield, Braniff 3); Juniata Valley 5 (Borst 4, Taylor).

Records: Glendale (6-5); Juniata Valley (5-6). JV: Juniata Valley, 46-29. High scorers-Hamilton, G, 9; Grove, JV, 21.

### January 17, 2012: Mt. Union 62 at Glendale 54

Glendale ..... 

FLINTON — Ryan McClain scored 28 points to lead Mount Union past Glendale in an Inter-County Conference North Division game.

Michael Wigfield and Damon Braniff scored 14 and 13 points, respectively, for Glendale. The Vikings slipped to 6-6 overall and 3-6 in the ICC North.

Mount Union moved to 8-5 overall and 6-3 in the division.

MOUNT UNION (62): Smith 1 0-0 2, D. Fortson 2 0-0 5, Loner 0 2-2 2, Heffner 1 4-6 6, Simmons 1 1-6 3, Walker 4 0-1 8, Ralson 0 0-0 0, McClain 10 8-11 28, K.

Fortson 3 1-7 8. Totals — 22 16-33 62. GLENDALE (54): Wigfield 6 2-4 14, Hamilton 1 0-0 3, Wright 3 0-2 8, Braniff 4 3-8 13, Evanskey 1 0-0 2, Sanders 3 1-5 7, Wilson 0 0-0 0, Sinclair 2 3-5 7. Totals — 20 9-24 54. SCORE BY QUARTERS 12 14 12 25 - 62Mount Union ..... Glendale . 3-point goals: Mount Union 2 (D. Fortson, K. Fortson); Glendale 5 (Hamilton, Wright 2, Braniff 2).

Records: Mount Union (8-5); Glendale (6-6). JV: none.

### January 19, 2012: MoValley 37 at Glendale 76



3-3 15, Harlow 1 1-4 3, McHugh 3 0-0 7, Bubb 1 2-2 5, Jarrett 1 0-0 2, Krupa 2 0-0 5. McMillon 0 0-0 0, Balley 0 0-0 0, Southern 0 0-0 0, Stephens 0 0-0 0. Totals - 14 6-9 37.

GLENDALE (76): Wigfield 12 0-1 26, Hamilton 2 0-0 6, Wright 3 0-0 6, Braniff 5 0-0 10, Evanskey 4 1-4 9, Sanders 1 1-2 3, Sinclair 5 0-0 10, Shultz 2 0-0 4, C. Kimberly 0 2-2 2, Wilson 0 0-0 0, M. Kimberly 0 0-0 0. Totals - 34 4-9 76. SCORE BY QUARTERS Moshannon Valley.......4 15 9 9 - 37

Glendale .....

3-point goals: Moshannon Valley 3 (McHugh, Bubb, Krupa); Glendale 4 (Wigfield 2, Hamilton 2).

Records: Moshannon Valley (0-13, 0-4 MVL, 0-10 ICC North); Glendale (7-6, 3-1 MVL, 4-6 ICC North).

JV: Glendale, 37-25. High scorers -Hamilton, G, 18; Southern, MV, 10.

### January 21, 2012: Harmony 28 at Glendale 52

FLINTON \_\_\_\_ Damon Braniff scored 12 points to help Glendale defeat Harmony, 52-28, in high school boys basketball on Saturday.

The Vikings improved to 8-6 overall.

HARMONY (28): Novella 1 0-2 2. Young 1 4-8 6, Tiesi 2 0-1 4, Leyo 1 1-2 4, Kruise 1 0-1 2, Kirkz 0 0-0 0, C. Stral 1 0-0 2, L. Stral 3 0-0 8, Fox 0 0-0 0. Totals -10 5-14 28 .

GLENDALE (52): Wigfield 2 4-6 8, Hamilton 2 4-4 9, Wright 1 0-0 3, Braniff 4 3-4 12, Evanskey 3 0-0 8, Sanders 2 1-2 5, Sinclair 3 1-2 7. Totals - 17 13-18 52.

#### SCORE BY QUARTERS

3-point goals: Harmony 3 (Leyo, L. Stral 2); Glendale 5 (Hamilton, Wright, Braniff, Evanskey 2).

Records: Harmony (3-12); Glendale (8-6)

JV: Glendale 40-28. High scorers -Hamilton, G, 12; L. Stral, H, 14.

### January 24, 2012: Glendale 65 at Claysburg 25

Glendale
Claysburg-Kimmel25
CLAYSBURG - Michael Wigfield
scored 23 points to go with 11 more from
Dakota Sinclair as Glendale
dropped Claysburg-Kimmel.
The Bulldogs got six
points each from Austin
Lamont and Brandon
Gergely.
GLENDALE (65): Wigfield 11 1-3 23,
Hamilton 1 0-0 3, Wright 2 1-3 5, Braniff 4 0-0 9, Evansky 3 0-0 6,
Condere 2 0.0 4 Willoom 0 4.0 4
Wigfield Sinclair 4 3-3 11, M. Kimberly 0 1-2 1,
lvory 1 0-0 2. Totals - 28 7-13 65.

CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL (25): Lamont 1 3-4 6, Cerully 1
0-0 2, Brown 2 0-0 5, Musselman 0 1-2 1, Kerr 0 1-2 1, Malovick 1 0-0 2, Moses 1 0-0 2, Gergely 2 0-0 6, Morgan
0 0-1 0. Totals - 8 5-9 25.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Glendale
Claysburg-Kimmel
3-point goals: Glendale 2 (Hamilton, Braniff):
Clavsburg-Kimmel 4 (Lamont Brown Gergely 2)
Records: Glendale (8-7, 5-6 ICC South); Claysburg-
Kimmel (1-14, 1-10 ICC South).
JV: Glendale, 43-42, OT. High scorers - Hamilton, G,
25; Gergely, CK, 14.

### January 27, 2012: West Branch 65 at Glendale 66

Glendale	WEST BRANCH (65): Larson 5 2-4 12, Lidgett 5 0-0 11, Emigh 4 2-5 11, Ruthrod 8 0-0 21, Pennington 4 0-0 10. Totals — 26 4-9 65. GLENDALE (66): Wigfield 7 2-5 16, Wright 5 3-4 13, Braniff 5 4-6 14, Evanskey 2 0-1 5, Sanders 4 0-0 8, Sinclair 5 0-0 10. Totals — 28 9-16 66. SCORE BY QUARTERS West Branch
	(Lidgett, Emigh, Ruthrod 5, Pennington

Wright scored 13 points as Glendale improved to 9-7.

y). ich (9-6, 6-5 ICC -6 ICC North);. High scorers -WB, 13. Hamilton, G, 16; Price,

February 1, 2012: Glendale 69 at Curwensville 32

Glendale69
Curwensville32
CURWENSVILLE -
Glendale jumped out to a 16-7
lead after one quarter and coast-
ed to a victory over
Curwensville.
Dakota Sinclair led the
Vikings with 14 points, Michael
Wigfield scored 12, and Damon
Braniff added 11 points.

GLENDALE (69): Wigfield 6 0-0 12, Wright 3 2-2 8, Braniff 5 0-1 11, Evanskey 1 0-0 2, Sanders 4 0-0 8, Wilson 1 0-0 2, Sinclair 5 4-4 14, M. Kimberly 2 1-1 6, C. Kimberly 1 0-0 2, Ivory 2 0-1 4. Totals — 30 7-9 69. CURWENSVILLE (32): Gardner T 1-1 19, Kurtz 1 0-0 2, Johns 1 0-2 2, Elensky 1 1-4 3, Olson 3 0-0 6, Jacobson 0 0-2 0. Totais - 13 2-9 32 SCORE BY QUARTERS Glendale ... Curwensville ... .....7 10 8 7 - 32 3-point goals: Glendale 2 (Braniff, M. Kimberly); Curwensville 4 (Gardner 4). Records: Glendale (10-7, 6-1 MVL); Curwensville (1-13, 0-4 MVL). JV: Glendale, 46-23. High scorers – Hamilton, G, 20; Gardner, Olson, C, 7 each.

### February 3, 2012: Williamsburg 55 at Glendale 59

Glendale	WILLIAMS Dishong 7 0 Morrissey 2 0 McMonagle 1 5-10 55. GLENDAL 4 0-1 8, Bra Sanders 5 1- 0-0 0, Totals SCORE BY 0 Williamsburg Glendale
the Blue Pirates.	3-point Morrissey, Fr

SBURG (55): McCall 2 0-2 4, -0 14, C. Morrissey 4 3-6 12, J. 0-0 4, Fay 5 0-0 13, Palmer 2 0-0 4, 1 2-2 4, Biddle 0 0-0 0. Totals — 23

LE (59): Wigfield 12 1-1 25, Wright aniff 3 1-2 8, Evanskey 1 0-0 2, -3 11, Sinclair 1 3-4 5, Hamilton 0 - 26 6-11 59. DUARTERS

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....11 7 20 17 - 55 ....15 15 16 13 - 59

### February 7, 2012: Glendale 63 at Southerm Huntingdon 55

Glendale 63 Southern Huntingdon...55 THREE SPRINGS Michael Wigfield scoreed a game-high 24 points to lead Glendale to a win at Southern Huntingdon.

The Vikings, who trailed 20-12 after one quarter, also got 19 points from Damon Braniff.

GLENDALE (63): Wigfield 9 5-7 24, Wright 1 3-8 5,

Braniff 7 0-0 19, Evansky 2 2-3 6, Sinclair 1 7-10 9, Sanders 0 0-0 0. Totais - 20 17-28 63. SOUTHERN HUNTINGDON (55): James 0 0-1 0, Cornelius 5 0-0 11, Ford 2 1-2 7, Brasky 7 0-01 19, Stewart 0 2-4 2, Harrington 4 0-0 8, Thomas 4 0-0 8. Totais - 22 3-7 55.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Records: Glendale (12-7, 8-6 ICC North); Southern Huntingdon (5-13, 4-10 ICC North). JV: Glendale, 52-34. High scorers – Hamilton, G, 18.

### February 10, 2012: Bellwood 59 at Glendale 50

Bellwood-59

Glendale-50

Branniff-9, Wright-7, Evansky-6, Wigfield-24, Sanders-4

Three Pointers: Braniff, Evanskey– 2, Wigfield

Bellwood- 11 10 11 27-59

Glendale- 15 10 12 13-50

### February 14, 2012: Juniata Valley 46 at Glendale 64

Glendale .....64

Juniata Valley ......46

FLINTON — Glendale had four scorers in double figures and took a 33-22 lead heading to the halftime break on its way to a win over Juniata Valley.

Michael Wigfield led all scorers with 20 points, Kyle Wright and Damon Braniff had 13, and Billy Sanders chipped in with 12.

Stewart Borst led the Green Hornets with 16 points, and Caleb Taylor scored 10. JUNIATA VALLEY (46): Borst 3 8-12 16, Varner 1 0-0 2, Grissinger 1 0-0 3, Taylor 5 0-0 12, Gardner 2 1-3 5, Leri 1 0-0 2, Collins 1 0-0 3, Grove 1 0-0 3, Maysonet 0 0-0 0, Boyd 0 0-0 0. Totals - 15 9-15 46.

February 16, 2012: Glendale 51 at Harmony 50

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#### Glendale 51

Wigfield 6 4-6 16, Wright 4 0-0 8, Braniff 4 2-6 11, Sanders 1 0 0 2, Sinclair 3 0-0 6, Evanskey 2 3-4 8 Totals 20 9-16 51 Harmony-50

Young 10-22 Tiesi 11 1 2 25. Leyo 6 0 0 14.

K Kruise 2 1-2 5, C Sral 0 0-0 0, Novella 0 0-0 0, Kurtz 0 0-0 0, Black 0 0-0 0, L Sral 2 0-0 4, Lucas 0 0-0 0, Totals: 22 2-6 50.

JV: No game.

Three-pointers, Braniff, Evanskey, Tiesi 2. Levo 2

#### Score by Quarters

Glendale	9	19	10	1351
Harmony	14	4	15	17 -50

### February 24, 2012: Glendale 67 vs Williamsburg 66 (District 6 Playoffs) Glendale holds off Williamsburg to earn trip to D-6 semis

#### **By Jaclyn Yingling** Sports Editor

EBENSBURG - In the end, it all came down to one foul shot for the Glendale boys basketball team.

After going a horrid 5-of-15 from the free throw line in the first 31½ minutes of their game against Williamsburg, the Vikings needed a foul shot on a and-1 with 17.6 seconds remaining to take a 67-66 lead.

Glendale's Dakota Sinclair stepped to the line and knocked it down, and the Vikings defense did the rest, sealing the one-point victory over the Pirates in the quarterfinals of the District 6 Class A playoffs on Friday evening at Bishop Carroll High School.

It was a dramatic victory for the Vikings, who lost a 12-point lead with 3:21 to go in the game. "Coming into the game, hon-

estly, I thought it was going to be back and forth like this one was the entire time," said Glendale head coach Mark Yeckley.

"I give credit to Williamsburg for fighting back in the second



intensity and put the pressure on us. The shots we were making in the first half, we didn't right away in the second half.

Sinclair

crowd get into it, and their kids got really pumped up. Luckily, we were able to get it together. I think our experience from the season with a lot of close games helped us here."

In four games this season, the Vikings have won twice by one point, lost by one point and lost in double overtime. Their final game of the season was a 51-50 nailbiter at Harmony.

One of the games that wasn't close, however, was a 22-point defeat at the hands of the Williamsburg. in Pirates Glendale did turn it around at home, downing the Pirates by

four. "We played real well," said Viking Michael Wigfield. "The

first time we played them we lost by like 20 and the second time we played we won, so we knew it was going to be close no matter what.

Things didn't look so close at halftime, as Glendale held a 33-21 lead over Williamsburg, which struggled with fouls and turnovers most of the first half.

The biggest key, however, was the play of the Vikings' Billy Sanders, who put in several easy baskets while the Pirates were focused on Wigfield.

Sanders had 12 points in the first half, and finished the night with a career-high 20 points.

"We call him our ninja," Yeckley said. "He likes to coin himself as that, too. Honestly, he's been doing that all year. I don't think he missed a shot tonight. If he did, he may have missed one.

"Every game he has the same opportunities, and tonight he really pulled through and cashed in on a lot of good looks.'

The Pirates started to focus on Sanders a little more in the second half, allowing Wigfield to

1

Sanders

with the win."

62-60 lead.

quarter.

take advantage.

senior poured in

16 of his 27

points in the sec-

ond half, includ-

ing two key 3-

Vikings stretch

their lead late

into the fourth

that

the

pointers

helped

"The first half we rode

Sanders," Yeckley said. "He was

making everything. In the sec-ond half, Wigfield did what he

does. I'm very proud of all of our

the outside, Wigfield doesn't

score like that. It was a great

team effort tonight to walk away

ardy with less than three min-

utes to play, as Williamsburg's

Mike McCall knocked down a

jumper to give the Pirates a

A bucket by Sanders tied the game at 62-62 with 2:58 to play

That victory looked in jeop-

Without those four guys on

guys for not being selfish.

The Glendale

before a jumper by Wigfield gave the Vikings a 64-62 lead.

Williamsburg kept on driving to the hoop, and drawing fouls. Jed Dishong hit two free throws with 1:12 to play to tie the game at 64-64.

After a Glendale turnover, the Pirates went back down the court and drew another foul. Dalton Price made both of his foul shots to give the Pirates a 66-64 edge with 30.6 seconds

remaining. The Vikings brought the ball back up the court, determined to knot things back up.

Sinclair drove to the hoop and was fouled. The ball rolled in, giving the Viking sophomore a chance to put his team up by one. Sinclair knocked it in and Yeckley immediately called a timeout.

Williamsburg had 17.6 seconds left to bring it back up the court. The Pirates drove to the basket to try to draw the foul, but didn't get the call.

After three attempts to put the ball in the hoop, the final try was rebounded by Wigfield, who

pushed back up the court and was fouled with 0.07 on the clock. Glendale inbounded the ball one final time and the buzzer sounded,

Wigfield

giving the Vikings the 67-66 victory "We did real well keeping it

together and keeping our composure," said Wigfield, who also had 13 rebounds and three blocks. "It got real loud in here, but we kept going.

"Billy played a great game, too. He was getting wide-open and easy shots. He was making everything tonight and that really helped us.'

Sinclair finished the game with nine points and five rebounds, while Kyle Wright and Zarek Evanskey each had five rebounds.

Williamsburg was led by Price's 21 points.

Dishong added 18 points and seven rebounds. McCall notched 11 points, while Caleb Morrissev had 10.

The Pirates finished the sea son at 14-9.

Glendale improved to 15-8 overall. The Vikings will play top-seeded Northern Cambria, a 71-58 winner over Penns Manor, at a date, site and time to be

GLENDALE (67): Sinclair 3 3-5 7,
Braniff 1 0-0 2, Wight 2 3-6 7, Wigfield 12
0-0 27, Sanders 11 0-0 22, Evanskey 1 0-0
2, Totals - 29 6-13 67.
WILLIAMSBURG (66): Price 8 4-4 21, J.
Morrissey 2 2-2 6, Dishong 6 6-10 18, C.
Morrissey 5 0-0 10, McCall 5 1-1 11, Fay 0
0-0 0, Totals - 26 13-17 66.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Glendale
Williamsburg
3-point field goals: Glendale 3 (Wigfield
3), Williamsburg 1 (Price).
Officials: Jim Racchini, Ab Dettorre,
Doug Steve

Glendale (15-8), Team records: Williamsburg (14-9).



"We let their

# February 28, 2012: Glendale 51 at Northern Cambria 74 (D6 Playoffs) Glendale boys fall to Northern Cambria

#### By Andy Stine Sports Writer EBENSBURG –

EBENSBURG — The Glendale boys basketball team came into Tuesday night looking for an upset and destroying Northern Cambria's chances at a district title.

Unfortunately, the Colts had other ideas in throwing their own party. A fast first quarter led them to a 74-51 victory over the Vikings in the District 6 Class A semifinals.

Northern Cambria avenged a loss against Glendale from Dec. 27, when the Vikings beat the Colts 56-47 at the Cambria Heights Tournament.

"It was just a different game last time," said Glendale head coach Mark Yeckley. "We came out and we just didn't hit our shots early. They hit just about every shot early. They got on the boards better than we did.

"When you're not making shots and you're not rebounding well, it's tough to put points on the board."

When the ball was tipped, the Vikings hung around for the first two minutes of the game. The Colts opened up with a quick 4-0 lead, but Billy Sanders and Kyle

Wright both put in buckets to keep Glendale in the game.

Then with the score at 6-4, the Colts went on a 20-4 run that put them way ahead. The run included four of Northern Cambria's six 3-pointers on the night. A pair of those treys were from Adam Polites, and another couple came from Josh Bonatesta.

Bonatesta capped off the run with a tip-in at the buzzer sounded at the end of the first quarter.

"The first quarter was the tale of the tape," said Yeckley, "I don't know what it was in the first quarter We started playing out of position, and we were over-aggressive

"After the first quarter, we played a lot closer to them. We kind of woke up from whatever sleep we were in and played much more competitive ball."

After the tough opening period, the Vikings got their senior center Michael Wigfield going with halt of his team's 12 points in the second quarter. Wigfield was held scoreless in the first and fourth quarters, as he drew double-teams and faced pressure all night

"He had a tough night," said Yeckley "He had hands in his face He had people all over him Same with (Damon) Braniff."



Photo by Jim Butler

Viking center Michael Wigfield (22) drives to the bucket against Northern Cambria's Derek Bearer (10) on Tuesday night. Wigfield had 14 points for the Vikings, but the Colts defeated Glendale, 74-51.

"He had a tough mght," said Yeckley "He had hands in his face He had people all over him Same with (Damon) Braniff."

Northern Cambria used a balanced scoring effort, having five different guys get their 13 points in the quarter.

The Colts were up 39-20 heading into the break.

"They had five guys that can not only get up and down the court, but they could leap. And I don't think we've seen that yet," said Yeckley

"We've seen teams that have

had two or three kids that could do this. But across the board, they could all get up the floor, they can leap and they can score the ball."

The third quarter was almost a mirror image of the second The Colts again used five guys to score their 17 points. For the Vikings, Wigfield scored eight of his team's 14 points.

Heading into the final quarter, the Colts got Polites going when he splashed another pair of treys. He doubled his six points in the first half with 12 in the second half, despite being on the bench with foul trouble.

Polites picked up his third foul in the second quarter and didn't return until late in the third.

Glendale was led by Wigfield, who finished the game with 14 points, while Sanders chipped in with 10 points.

The Colts were paced by Polites and Jeff Hogan, who each posted 18 points, while

Bonatesta and Nick Lee put in 16 apiece.

Lee capped off Northern Cambria's big night with a thunderous dunk.

"They hustle," said Yeckley. "The one thing that stuck to my head was they were up 20, and I think it was Adam (Polites) was diving on the floor for a loose ball and saving it from going out of bounds.

"If you have kids with that kind of talent and that kind of attitude, they're going to go far. So I wish them luck."

"I told the guys, 'Go in. This one's going to hurt tonight. Brain dump it and go back to work tomorrow."

Glendale (15-9) will head to the court again on Friday night against Bishop Guilfoyle in the District 6 consolation game. A site and time is to be determined.

Northern Cambria (19-5) will play Bishop Carroll on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Saint Francis University. The Huskies were a 49-42 winner over the Marauders on Tuesday night.

#### Glendale-51

Sinclair 1.0-0.2, Braniff 4.0-0.9, Wright 3.0-0 6, Sanders 5.0-0.10, Wigfield 5.2-4.14, Evanskey 3.2-2.8, Ivory 0.0-0.0, M. Kimberly 0.0-0.0, C. Kimberly 0.0-0.0, Wilson 1.0-0.2, Schultz 0.0-0.0, Totals.22.4-6.51

#### Northern Cambria-74

Bearer 1 2-4 4. N Lee 8 0-0 16. Polites 7 0-0 18. Bonatesta 7 0-0 16. Hogan 8 2-2 18. Hartman 1 0-0 2. Z. Lee 0 0-2 0. Eckenrode 0 0-0 0. Olish 0 0-0 0. Bowman 0 0-0 0. Jennings 0 0-0 0 Totais: 32 4-8 74

Three-pointers: Braniff, Wigfield 2, Polites 4, Bonatesta 2.

Score b	Quarters			
Glendale	8	12	14	17-51
Northern Cambria	26	13	17	1874

### Glendale boys bounced from playoffs by Bishop Guilfoyle, 37-35

By Jaclyn Yingling Sports Editor

EBENSBURG — After squeaking out some wins over several opponents this year, Glendale wasn't able to muster one more rally as its playoff run ended Friday evening.

Down by two points to Bishop Guilfoyle with 7.8 seconds remaining, the Vikings got off two final shots, but neither fell, as they were defeated by the Marauders, 37-35, in the District 6 Class A consolation game at Bishop Carroll High School.

The Marauders snagged a rebound with three seconds left and Patrick Irwin fell on the ball and held it as time ticked off the clock for the win.

"I told them that this one is going to hurt a lot, since it was so close down the stretch," said Glendale head coach Mark Yeckley.

"But, we got a defensive stop with under a minute left and gave ourselves a chance to tie

or win. It just didn't happen."

The teams played close all night, except a run each by both teams.

Bishop Guilfoyle rallied back from an 8-point deficit in the second quarter, while Glendale rallied back from six points down to get back to within two points of the lead in the fourth.

"There was a point in the second quarter of the game where I thought we were going to be able to open it up a little bit," Yeckley said.

bit," Yeckley said. "But the media timeout hit and stopped us in our run. Then they came back with a run of their own."

The Vikings held the lead the entire second quarter, heading into the locker room up 24-21.

But the Marauders came out and set the tone to start the third, as Colin Sullivan drained a 3-pointer to tie the game just seconds into the third.

Bishop Guilfoyle closed out the frame with just a 4-3 run, however, leading just 28-27 heading into the final frame.

Glendale's Damon Braniff gave his team back the lead after a steal and a layup, putting the Vikings on top 29-28.

But the Marauders went on a 7-0 run from there, as Sullivan drained another trey and Patrick Irwin and Nate Nardelli had buckets.

"When we did the scouting on BG, we knew that they would come out after halftime and really ratchet it up with defensive pressure," Yeckley said. "And, they did. I have to give them credit for their style of defense and doing what they did all year.

"The tempo of the game was definitely their style."

But the Vikings stayed in it, as Michael Wigfield took in a layup and was fouled. Wigfield missed the free throw, but Glendale cut the lead to 35-31.

After a Zach Patterson basket for BG on a turnover, the

Vikings scored the next two buckets to make the score 37-35.

Bishop Guilfoyle called a timeout with 1:22 remaining, then turned the ball over 28 seconds later.

Glendale took the ball down the court and got off one shot before the Marauders knocked the ball out of bounds with 7.8 seconds remaining.

The Vikings got the ball to Wigfield on the inbounds pass, but his shot just clipped the rim.

Teammate Dakota Sinclair pulled down the rebound before putting a shot up. That also missed and Sinclair looked to get the putback, but the ball was grabbed by a BG player, who was on the floor, and held for the final seconds.

"They were a little bit quicker than I thought we thought they were going to be," said Yeckley. "They disrupted Michael's motion. They got a hand in the pocket, and he isn't used to having a hand in the pocket.

When we missed, we couldn't pull down enough rebounds. And, when we did get rebounds, we couldn't finish."

Braniff led all scorers with 12 points.

Kyle Wright added eight points for the Vikings, while Wigfield finished the night with seven points. He also had 13 rebounds and four blocks.

"We got a co-league title this year and we made a playoff run," said Yeckley. "We could've packed it in when we were a sub-.500 team 12 games into the season, but these guys really came together and played well as a team.

"They won seven games in a row and set us up to be in a position like this."

Sullivan led the Marauders with nine points.

Patterson added six points, seven rebounds and three blocks.

Tai Irwin had eight points, six rebounds and two blocks.

Bishop Guilfoyle improved to 14-11 and will play the District 4 champion next Friday.

Glendale finished the season at 15-10.

#### Bishop Guilfoyle-37

P trwin 12-44, Sullivan 30-09, T. Irwin 32-36, Drenning 20-06, Patterson 30-06, Nardelli 10-02, Rickens 00-00, Fulare 10-0 2 Totals 14-47-37

#### Glendale-35

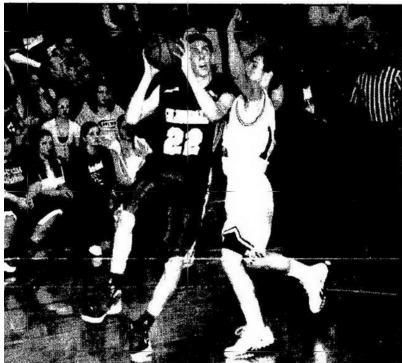
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Three pointers Sullivan 3, Drenning 2; Wigfield

#### Score by Quarters

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Glendale	13	11	3	8	35	

## 2011-12 Progressland Boys Basketball All-Stars announced Glendale's Michael Wigfield Player of the Year:



### Glendale's Michael Wigfield 2011-12 Player of the Year

Player of the Year: Michael Wigfield, Glendale — To say that Michael Wigfield had a huge season may be an understatement.

Standing at 6-foot-4, Wigfield was almost always the tallest player on the court. He finished his senior campaign averaging a Progressland-best 19.1 points and almost 12 rebounds per game.

Not only was he a force in the offense for head coach Mark Yeckley's Vikings, he was also a defensive stalwart with 2.9 blocks and 1.9 steals per contest.

Wigfield's phenomenal numbers and his ability to lead the Vikings all season long led Glendale to a 14-8 regular season record and a fifth seed in the District 6 Class A tournament.

The Vikings earned a close victory against ICC foe Williamsburg in the District 6 quarteriinals. Then, the Vikings were defeated by eventual champion Northern Cambria and Bishop Guilfoyle in the semifinals and third-place game, respectively.

The Viking center posted his biggest game against rival Moshannon Valley on Dec. 15. He scored 36 points in the game, pulled down eight boards, and had four steals to give the Black Knights a headache all night.

He also poured in 27 in the

playoff quarterfinal game with Williamsburg.

In addition to leading Progressland in points per game, Wigfield also was fifth in free throw percentage (61.7 percent) and seventh in 3-pointers per game (1.1 per game).

He was named a first team all-star for the Moshannon Valley League and the Inter-County Conference.

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		TM	36	Pts.	Avg.
Wigfield, G	203	42	29	477	19 1
Goodlin, PL	102	34	11	249	17 7
Martin MV	144	52	39	380	17.3
Emigh, WB	145	76	31	397	17 3
Myers. C	134	77	1	346	15.0
Curtis PO	136	43	7	322	14 6
Lidgett, WB	147	28	3	325	14 1
Rothrock WB	112	20	33	277	12 0
Braniff, G	110	32	26	278	111
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Elensky, Cu	76	36	13	201	10 0
Lezzer, C	82	27	27	218	99
Eveleth CAC	S 79	13	2	175	91

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	Scoring	Offense	
Team	GP	Pts.	Avg.
West Branch	23	1394	60 6
Glendale	25	1465	58 6
Clearfield	23	1050	45 6
Mc Valley	22	922	41.9
PO	22	910	4:4
Harmony	22	848	38.5
Curwensville	21	741	35 2
CACS	18	410	22 /

	Scoring	Defense	
Team	GP	Pts.	Avg.
Grendate	25	1242	491
Charfield	23	1170	50 9
West Branch	23	1210	52 6
P ()	22	1165	52 9
Harmony	22	1185	53 9
CACS	18	1032	5/3
Curwens ville	21	1237	58 9

## 2011-12 Boys Basketball Honor Roll

	First Team	
Cole Curtis	Philipsburg-Osceola	Senior
Parker Emigh	West Branch	Junior
Aaron Lidgett	West Branch	Senior
Joel Martin	Moshannon Valley	Senior
Robbie Myers	Clearfield	
	Glendale	

	Second Team	
Damon Braniff	Glendale	Junior
Tanner Elensky	Curwensville	Sophomore
Seth Goodlin	Purchase Line	Senior
Christian Lezzer	Clearfield	Sophomore
Tyler Rothrock		
Tyler Tiesi	Harmony	Junior

#### Honorable Mention

Jason Eveleth	Clearfield Alliance Christian	Sophomore
Brett Gardner	Curwensville	Sophomore
Nick Hudak	Purchase Line	Senior
Trey Jordan	Clearfield	Junior
Andrew Larson	West Branch	Senior
Eric Nartatez	Philipsburg-Osceola	Junior
Kyle Wright	Glendale	Senior

Player of the Year Michael Wigfield, Glendale Coach of the Year Bill Etchison, West Branch

Players	Points	Three's
Michael Wigfield	475	29
Damon Braniff	277	25
Kyle Wright	182	7
Bill Sanders	146	0
Dakota Sinclair	132	0
Zarek Evansky	114	9
Chris Wilson	25	0
Matt Kimberly	15	2
Jarid Ivory	12	0
Colton Kimberly	11	1
Matt Schultz	6	0