

Wilson Cagers Score 2nd Consecutive Upset Victory

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Wilson Central continues to play the role of a giant killer in the Niagara-Orleans Basketball League.

After scoring a shocking upset win over defending league champion Newfane last Tuesday, the Lakemen surprised previously unbeaten Akron Friday night 72-63 in a N-O game played at Wilson.

A vastly improved Starpoint team made it two wins in three starts by tripping Royalton-Hartland 50-46 and Medina won its second straight game, edging Niagara-Wheatfield 44-42 in the only other contests. Albion was scheduled to play at Barker, but the game was canceled because of poor weather conditions.

Wilson wasn't expected to finish in the first division prior to the start of the season and Coach Bill Kennedy's crew may not, but at the moment they're playing the best ball in the league and against the circuit's toughest teams.

Albion Leads

Akron jumped off to a 19-12 first quarter advantage and led 36-28 at the intermission despite a six-point spree by Wilson early in the second period which cut the lead to one.

It didn't take the Lakemen long to reduce the margin again once the third quarter got under way. Within two minutes, Wilson had pulled even with the Tigers and from then on the Lakemen seemed to control the play.

The lead changed hands several times during the next few minutes, but Wilson's Jack Schrader scored six straight points near the end of the quarter and the Lakemen were on their way. They outscored Akron 26-14 during the period to take a 54-50 advantage. Wilson put the frosting on the cake with an 18-point final period while the visitors managed only 13.

Schrader was one of four Wilson players who hit double figures. He had 17 and all of them came in the second half. Teammate Dick Kennedy finished as the team's top scorer with 20 while sophomore Dave Lampman had 18 and Craig Austin 12.

Berry Top Scorer

Jim Berry was the leading marksman for the Tigers with 24 points while Gerry Gruber had 14 and Joe Zurlo 12.