

Bearcats zone out against Collins on Friday

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Landon Daniels goes for a layout on Friday against Collins

SHELBYVILLE – For the first time this season, the Anderson County defense had a bad performance.

Combine that with an offense that missed some easy shots and turned the ball over too many times, you have a bad night in the arena.

In the opening 30th District game for the Bearcats, Bryan Hyatt's team fell 61-45 to Collins.

The loss came to the Titans, who had struggled after winning its first three games of the season.

Hyatt said he took a different approach to the game on Friday. During practice, he had the team work on its zone offense plays.

"I wanted to pinpoint some zone offenses to get the ball to Andrew (Sparrow) and I should have been practicing patience like we did in the North (Bullitt) game," said Hyatt in retrospect.

Missing some easy shots early was combined with nine turnovers in the first half to create a big hole for the Bearcats.

"We dug a hole early and this team can't did a hole," said Hyatt. "Collins played great I thought. I had not seen them play that well all year."

"I just think we had a bad night, me included," said the coach. "But Collins deserves a bunch of credit for that."

The Bearcats shot 34.8 percent from the field and 27 percent on its 18 three-point attempts. The team did shoot 72.7 percent from the free throw line.

Sparrow had a big night with 18 and Landon Daniels hit double

figures with 12 points.

Sparrow also led the team in rebounding with nine and Cooper Welch had seven.

Opening the district play with a loss always hurts, said Hyatt.

"It was on the road and our guys gained valuable experience," said

Hyatt, whose team won the district title last year. "We have to play and coach tougher in district games to have a shot. There is still a bunch of basketball left. We have to get better and pick off our home seed games and, if not, we will have to play our way out of it in the tournament."

ANDERSON COUNTY 45 – Andrew Sparrow 18, Landon Daniels 12, Cooper Welch 7, Colton Smith 6, Brayden Morrow 2

AT COLLINS 61 – No scoring available.

WIN OVER NORTH BULLITT
With Sparrow in early foul trouble and sitting out much of the second quarter, Anderson County found a way to control the tempo and walked away with a 40-36 victory on Tuesday against North Bullitt. "I really liked the game for us," said Hyatt. "Any time you can go on the road and out of region and win, that is a good sign."

The visitors entered the fourth quarter behind 28-26 on the scoreboard. It had been a night in which both teams ran a very disciplined, pass-first offense.

Sparrow scored inside at the 6:20 mark to tie the game. His three-pointer put the Bearcats on top for good. Colton Smith's three-pointer pushed the lead to six but North Bullitt came back to get within 37-36 with 23 seconds left to play.

Landon Daniels hit one of two free throws with 22 seconds left. After North Bullitt missed a runner, Daniels was fouled and he converted both free throws for the final 40-36 margin.

Hyatt said other teams are focusing the defense on Sparrow, which is resulting in a slower pace.

He felt Eli Young came in and gave valuable minutes while Sparrow was on the bench.

The key to success will be patience to get Sparrow the ball. On this particular night, Hyatt felt the team did a good job of that.

"I also thought our defense was good," said Hyatt.

The Bearcats shot 41 percent from the field, including six of 17 three-point attempts. The team also hit six of eight from the charity line.

Sparrow led the team in scoring with 17 and Welch led the Bearcats with six rebounds.

ANDERSON COUNTY (13-6-7-14) 40 – Andrew Sparrow 16, Colton Smith 7, Cooper Welch 5, Landon Daniels 5, Brayden Morrow 3, Tyler Ishikawa 2, Elijah Young 2

AT NORTH BULLITT (15-3-10-8) 36 – Jeremiah Green 14, Nolan Bott 8, Shawn McNeil 5, Jordan McKinney 4, Rowen Burton 3, Cayden Gibbs 2

UPCOMING GAMES

The Bearcats returned to Bullitt County on Tuesday with the opponent being Bullitt Central.

This Saturday, the team will participate in the Henry County Classic with the opponent being Walton-Verona at 2 p.m. The Bearcats will travel to Gallatin County on Tuesday, Jan. 20, before returning home for a big district battle against Spencer County.

JESUS

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said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel."

If you are a believer-follower of the Lord Jesus, you are also a chosen vessel as was the Apostle Paul. Any soul you win to Christ is just as precious

and important as those Paul won.

We are living in a world of skepticism.

Refusal to believe anything spiritual and supernatural has become a trend in our world society.

For Christians to consider ourselves bi-vocational is more important in our world today than ever. There are now over eight-billion people on planet earth and a vast majority of those do not accept a faith based belief in God Jesus.

Faith is the only legitimate belief system we have for something we have not personally witnessed or experienced. Probable every American that reads this believes George Washington was the first president. But none of us saw him, did we?

If Christians do not tell the world about Jesus, no one will, and our world will continue into a state of degradation because there is no other way for people

to know God's laws; specifically to know right from wrong.

We must always teach that eternal salvation is attained by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) in Christ Jesus crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (1 John 1: 9), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

Realize and understand,

we are "chosen vessels" and the imperative of the Gospel is before us. Yes, Jesus was bi-vocational and so are we!

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For District 6, this is an open seat as incumbent Andy Barr is running for the U.S. Senate seat. Six precincts – Lillard, Duncan, Witherspoon, McBrayer, Alton and Hickory Grove – are part of his voting territory in Anderson County.

Republicans Ralph Alvarado, Adam Perez Arquette, Ryan Dotson, Gregory George and Steve Shannon will be on the ballot in May.

On the Democratic side, Harvey Carroll Jr., Zach Dembo, David Klover, Erin Petrey and Cherlynn Stevenson will be vying to be the nominee for the general election.

With the retirement of Mitch McConnell, there are a whole ballot full of contenders wishing to fill the seat of U.S. Senate.

For the Republican Party, front-runners include Andy Barr, Daniel Cameron and Nate Morris. Other contenders on the ballot include: Anissa Catlett, James Duncan, Michael Faris, Valerie Fredrick, Jonathan Holliday, Jimmy Leon, A. Nick Shelley, George Washington and Other Donald Wenzel.

For the Democratic Party, candidates include Charles Booker, Joshua Blanton Sr., Logan Forsythe, Amy McGrath, Dale Romans, Pamela Stevenson and Vincent Thompson.

The winner from each party will face one another in the fall general election.

Candidates are invited to email to editor@pioneernews.net to receive a profile form which will be used for an announcement story. These will be run in January and early February. These forms must be requested by Jan. 31.

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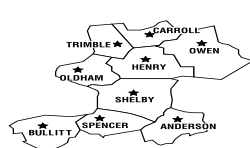
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