

TINSLEY IS WINNERS' CLUTCH MAN

By George, Wesleyan Downs Evansville

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OWENSBORO, Ky. — Joel Bolden, the senior from Louisville Trinity High School who jumps as if he starts from a trampoline, was in his glory for 15 minutes.

Dick O'Neill, the lanky 6-6 center with a good outside shot, was raising his fists as a victory sign often, too.

But when it was all over, and Kentucky Wesleyan's basketball team had evened the score with Evansville 66-60 at the Owensboro Sportscenter last night, the consensus was: "Just let George do his thing."

And indeed, George Tinsley and his carefully trimmed Fu Manchu were once again where the action was.

'A Solid Performer'

The former Louisville Male star scored 10 of his 23 points in the second half, one for each of the first 13 critical minutes of the period, as Wesleyan got revenge from the team that broke its 29-game victory streak back on Jan. 4.

"George had 17 points and 20 rebounds in that game at Evansville," Wesleyan coach Bob Daniels pointed out. "He

had 14 rebounds tonight, but I do think he played a better game," O'Neill was slightly more vociferous in the dressing room afterwards. Jamming a finger into Tinsley's name on a copy of the box score, he exclaimed: "There's the guy that beat them tonight. He was just tremendous."

Losing coach Arad McCutchan was more moderate in his praise. "Well, he is a very solid performer, no question about that." But you got the idea McCutchan reserves those words for an elite group. "We were able to throw the guards at him a little more in the first game," he went on. "But tonight our defense wasn't as good."

"We like to get him free in a one-on-one situation," said Daniels, "and he was getting that opportunity in the second half."

Behind by as much as 10 points in the first half, Evansville had gradually trimmed that Wesleyan advantage to one at 64-63. But Tinsley scored three points, then he and O'Neill grabbed rebounds and fired a quick pass for 2-on-1 breaks. Wesleyan outscored the visitors 9-1 for a 73-64 lead with 6:40 left and the victory was locked up.

But Daniels also thought three baskets

by Bolden in the first half came at opportune times. Heading toward his best offensive game, Bolden leaped miles in the air to tip in two missed shots, giving Wesleyan four-point leads each time, and later on rapped home a jump shot after a steal for a 32-23 advantage.

Left in First Half

He had 12 points in the first 14 minutes, but in the process also picked up four fouls. He was replaced with 5:23 to go in the first half and entered again with 11:04 to play. He scored one point after that.

"It was a real shame," said Daniels. "He was on the way to his best game. He's a streak shooter and was really 'on.' But it was partly my fault. I debated too long on his replacement after he got his third foul. John Duncan was at the scorer's table ready to go in when Bolden got No. 4."

Bolden and O'Neill each scored 13 points, but Duncan, another ex-Male player, scored 10 and Steve Deskins 11. Daniels started an all-senior lineup.

McCutchan pointed to two statistics as the main contributors to the loss. "We were outrebounded 45-26 and they got

off 10 more shots than we did," he said. Evansville had the taller front line, but Dave Weeks, Mike Owens and John Wellemeyer weren't nearly as quick as the Wesleyan threesome.

Weeks and Owens, the two who did the most offensive damage to Wesleyan earlier, scored 23 and 18 respectively, but Daniels felt his team's defense was generally better.

Wesleyan, the defending NCAA college champ, is now 16-3 for the season. However, said Wesleyan publicist Jim Elkins, "Evansville must be the best 8-11 team in the country."

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Player	FG	FT	TP	Player	FG	FT	TP
Rae	3	11	11	Bolden	17	24	13
Owens	4	8	18	Tinsley	17	24	13
McKinnic	7	4	19	O'Neill	4	11	10
Holtz	5	8	6	Hobbs	2	10	10
Weeks	7	6	23	Cl. Smith	1	2	10
Wentworth	2	2	4	Duncan	1	2	10
Moore	1	0	2	Deskins	4	2	11
Glatt	1	0	2				
Clayton	0	0	0				
Totals	29	22	86	Totals	33	70	84

Wesleyan—Wesleyan 46-42.
Attendance—579.