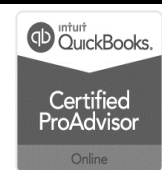




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Winning rivals East High School three times this season.



Front Row Sitting: Rob Dalton, DeVon Lemon, Vasquez Lingins, Tamarko Lawson, Jeff Floyd, Maurice Fountain. **Second Row Standing:** DeAnthony Griffin, Mr. Anthony Walton, Neal Pradier, D'Amonte Jones, Caleb Allen, Faizon Tucker, Coach Jeremy Stuhlfauth

It's hard enough to beat the same team twice in the same season, let alone three times. On Monday at Linden, the Panthers were looking to complete the sweep of rival East in the First Round of the Division II District Tournament. Behind an 11-0 start to the third quarter, No. 14 Linden did just that, taking down No. 17 East 63-44 in front of a packed crowd at home.

Linden plays No. 1 Whitehall on Saturday, Feb. 24th at 7 p.m.

Behind 20 points, 10 rebounds and six steals from Sophomore Forward **Fazion Tucker**, Linden punished East in the final three quarters, as the Panthers played with more heart and passion, grabbing the majority of the game's 50-50 balls.

Senior Wing Guard **Caleb Allen** added 15 points to the Linden scoring column, knocking down a pair of 3's in each half, and bringing terrific energy to the floor on both ends.

Arguably the game's all-around MVP, Senior Guard **DeAnthony Griffin** played all 32 minutes on Monday, finishing with nine points, six rebounds and seven assists, while playing terrific defense for 94 feet on East Junior Point Guard **Noah Harris**, who finished with a team-high 17 points, after scoring eight quick points in the First Quarter. Face-guarding Harris for most of the night, Griffin made it difficult for the Junior Guard to get easy looks, as the senior lead guard's defense was key for Linden on Monday.

In the Front Court, Linden received a big boost from Senior Forward **Maurice Fountain**, who finished with eight points and seven rebounds, playing with a non-stop motor to out-tough East inside.

Freshman Center **D'Amonte Jones**, who is longer than the Franklin D. Roosevelt presidency, finished with eight points and nine rebounds, highlighted by a powerful one-handed jam in transition in the First Quarter, in which the 6-foot-7 freshman went coast-to-coast after a steal.

With the win, Linden moves on to face No. 1 Whitehall on Saturday at 7 p.m. A difficult matchup for anyone, Linden will have its hands full with a Whitehall team that is playing as well as anyone in the area as of late.

Picking up its first tournament win at home in what might be school history, Linden took another stride on Monday as Head Coach Jeremy Stuhlfauth continues to build a strong program on Duxberry Avenue.

By Zach Fleer, Hoops

PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF BASKETBALL

Founders Ed "Skip" Young, Dr. John Howard Jr., and Dr. Wallace Chandler in 2012 came up with an idea to preserve the Basketball History of legendary Central Ohio High School Athletes, Coaches and Sportscasters. Thanks to the help of former players, the Greater Columbus Basketball Legends Association (GCBLA) was born. With a primary objective to create a Hall of Fame Basketball Legends Museum and provide Scholarships to deserving High School Basketball Players, the Association has inducted 25 Coaches and Players so far. The Association also is planning for its 4th Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony to be held this August 27, 2016.

Young, who graduated from Linden McKinley High School in Columbus in 1967 after leading his team to the State Championship, is one example of Central Ohio's basketball greats. Picked in the 7th round by the Celtics in the 1971 NBA Draft, he played in exhibition games during the pre-season turning many heads with his talents. As Head Coach of the Florida A and M University Development Research School's for 11 years, his team appeared in 7 final 4's, 3 State Championships, 2 runner-up State Titles. Skip twice was named Coach of the Year by the Florida High School Athletic Association in 2004 and 2012. In 2004, 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2014 he was the All Big-Bend Coach of the Year.

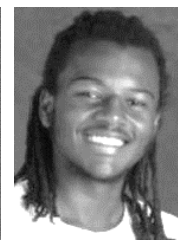
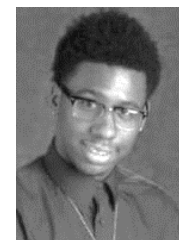
Before Young's days of dazzling the Linden McKinley fan base with his basketball finesse, Tom Bowman, current treasurer, tore up Linden's court with his prowess. During his senior year, Linden won the District undefeated. After graduating from high school in 1961, Bowman became an OSU Buckeye during the team's eight year winning stretch and played in three championship games. Post college days, there was a stint in the North American Basketball League where he played as a Columbus Comet whose home court was at the Ohio State fairgrounds.

As members of the association well know, basketball is more than a game. Ask Young and Bowman about its importance and they'll tell how the power of basketball changes lives. This power is something the GCBLA wants to promote through scholarships to high school students and by promoting basketball as a life skills avenue. These life skills include: leadership, the ability to persist and overcome adversity, and the respect for fellow teammates—all skills that help young men and women be better people on the court and off. Such skills, as the members of the association have learned open doors for careers in any field.



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- Contributor to youth development, business, education, or improvement to social affairs beyond basketball;
- Application of one's academic skills in life to benefit youth and society;
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