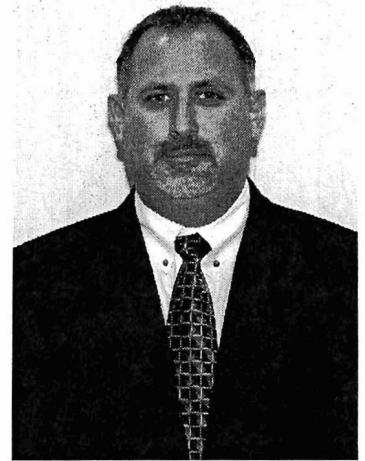


# Coaches comments



**NOVEMBER 30, 2007**  
**FRANKLIN HEIGHTS VS DUBLIN SCIOTO**

**Overview...** Tonight's OCC Capital Division matchup features the Scioto Irish playing host to Falcons of Franklin Heights. This is the season opener for Scioto, which is coming off a record setting 2006-07 campaign. Last year the Irish recorded 20 wins and went undefeated in the conference in route toward capturing the program's 4th OCC championship. The Irish face a heavy graduation loss with 4 starters and 6 seniors departed from last year. However the cupboard isn't bare, as 6 key players who saw considerable action return.

Franklin Heights (2-0) is coached by 1st year mentor Don Wortsell. They have had a good start to their season, opening last weekend with wins over Columbus Briggs (62-54) and Columbus West (79-72). Leading the way for Franklin Heights tonight are 5'11 junior guard Dorrell Taylor (22.5 ppg), 6'2 senior forward Marcus Neeley (10.5 ppg) and 5'9 senior guard Jerome Johnson (10.0 ppg).

**Coach B's Comments on Heights...** Offensively, the Falcons are really good at pushing the ball in transition, driving it and hitting the offensive glass. Defensively, they want to pressure the ball, get into passing lanes and create offense off of their defense. These are all issues the Irish must battle and overcome tonight in order to come out on top. Heights has new enthusiasm and Coach Wortsell will have them playing very hard. The main question for us is how will our players handle their new roles now that we've concluded our lengthy preseason and "lights are officially on"? As every year presents new excitement and anticipation, this one does especially. We will only know after the ball goes up tonight.

**Notes and Nuggets...** This is the 5th meeting between these two schools with Scioto holding a 4-0 advantage...Scioto's game at Big Walnut for Friday, December 7th has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 2nd due to Big Walnut having numerous players still involved in the state football playoffs...The annual Irish Alumni Game was held last weekend, with the even-year grads upending the odd-year grads by a score of 76-64. 2007 grad Kelly Winter was named player of the game by the Scioto staff.

**Upcoming Schedule...** The Green & Silver do not play again until Tuesday, December 11th at Worthington Kilbourne. The team will continue league play on Friday, December 14th at Watkins Memorial, before returning home on Tuesday, December 18th vs Westland.

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