

# Wills Puts an End To 'Newton's Law'

## Interrupted at 129 Home-Court Win Streak

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Ronald Bradley will probably sleep a little easier now that his Newton County Rams' home winning streak was ended Friday night at 129, but Bradley could have taken a couple of more anxious evenings.

"It hurt, really hurt," a dejected Bradley said Saturday after the effect of the night before had time to sink in. "But it was bound to happen, we have been playing a lot of good teams and it was just a combination of another outstanding opponent and too much pressure that finally got us."

On Thursday night the Rams racked up their 129th victory on their home court tying the University of Kentucky record for most consecutive home victories for all classifications of



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basketball. But Friday the Wills Tigers of Bob Blankenship had a lot to shoot for themselves and remained unbeaten for the season via their 59-44 win.

"I guess we will just have to start again," Bradley said, "we have been real fortunate and it will be a long time coming before we can match our record."

The Newton win streak started Dec. 11, 1959, when they defeated South Hall, 71-51. And over Bradley's 10-year coaching reign the Rams have posted a 271-28 record making trips to the State AA tournament seven out of the last eight years.

**PREP NOTES:** Dennis Chadwick, who guided the Decatur Bulldogs to the AAA football semifinals this year, has been selected to Parade Magazine's third team All-America squad. Chadwick, a brother of Tennessee tailback Walter, was the only player from the Southeast selected to the 33-man team.

Chadwick, who made a successful transition from a running back to quarterback this year, completed 109 of 207 passes for 1,642 yards and 15 touchdowns and rushed for 843 yards and 16 touchdowns. Although he hasn't yet signed a college grant-in-aid, it's believed that the name of Chadwick will be continued in "Big-Orange County."

Druid Hills' basketball whiz of a year ago, Rudy Kinard is currently a starter on the University of Tennessee's undefeated freshman basketball team with a two-game average of 16 points. . . . Towers High now has a trophy to go in its display case as a result of the Titans winning their own Towers Invitational basketball tournament. It



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was the first trophy of any sort for the five-year-old school.

Whenever Decatur's Roger Kaiser and Druid Hills' Roger Couch meet this year in 5-AAA one is sure to walk away sporting a free cigar, a gift neither wishes to receive. On their first meeting, Decatur defeated the Druids, 51-45, and in the closing minutes Couch was given the opportunity to light up. He didn't, for Friday in the DeKalb Invitational Tournament finals the cigar was returned as Druid Hills evened the score, 53-34.