

## **Tigers End First Round Perfect**

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The number 1 ranked Clarksville Blue Tigers ended District 19-A first round play with a perfect 5-0 league record as Walker Nichols' team cruised to an impressive 99-24 home win over the neighboring Detroit Eagles on Tuesday night.

Clarksville (19-5) was never seriously challenged in the ballgame. The Tigers used relentless defensive pressure to force turnovers that led to baskets en-route to a 29-7 lead at the end of one quarter. The advantage grew to 55-13 by halftime as the Eagles became the first district opponent to score more than 12 points during the initial half against the Tigers.

Guard Radonte Edwards who led Clarksville with 23 points, ended the first half with 17, while Jarrian Roberts returned to the line-up to can 12 of his 22 points during the first two quarters.

With Nichols electing to provide all 10 of his players with lots of game action, the lead grew to 77-19 as the teams moved to the final period.

Clarksville used unselfish play on both ends of the court to increase the advantage to 99-24 when Gary Moore scored on a put-back, then ended scoring in the game by overpowering the Eagles with a slam dunk with five ticks left on the clock. The junior forward didn't have very many shot attempts in the game, but he still finished in double figures with 10 points.

Senior guard H.B. Rosser performed well as he also returned to the line-up to score 11 points.

Detroit, now 2-3 in district competition and 13-11 overall was led in scoring by Crey Dickerson with seven points.

Clarksville will open the second round of league play at Avery on Friday night. The Bulldogs were the only district opponent to score more than 30 points against the Blue Tigers in the first round of district competition. The Tigers won the first round meeting 69-38.

In the first game of the evening the Clarksville jv topped Detroit by a 61-36 margin with Kelton Scales leading the way with 18 points. Desmond Duckett added 8 while T.J. Tinnell canned 7 points for the jv Tigers.

### **Score By Quarters**

**Detroit 7 6 6 5 24**

**Clarksville 29 26 22 22 99**