

Winchester CHATTER---Mon, Jan 11, 2016---Winchester CHATTER---2nd DAY--BY GWS

Let's clear up an item from Saturday's chatter. I would love to blame this one on Kent Coultas, but it was all me. Apparently, I looked at an old record book. Carrollton head coach Jeff Krumwiede coached his 80 game in the Winchester Tournament Saturday, leaving him just one behind Dan Bowman, who coached 81 games from Routt and Greenfield. I had him down 6 to Bowman on Saturday. My mistake! Hurrah! We had a team score 70 or more points on Saturday. Liberty opened the tournament with 71 in a 30 point win over North Greene. It was the most points scored by a team in the Winchester Invitational Tournament since Waverly had 83 in an 83-28 opening round win over ISD in 2011. No other team had scored at least 70 points since then.

The 12 team upsetting the number 4 team at Winchester was a first Saturday in several years. 12th ranked Pleasant Hill knocked off number 4 Carrollton 53-43 on the opening day this year. It was the first time a 12 beat a 4 since North Greene surprised Camp Point in 2012 44-38.

The win for Pleasant Hill was the Wolves' first since P Hill stopped Waverly on the consolation side of the bracket in 2008 56-37. And, it was the first opening round win for Pleasant Hill since the Wolves pulled an upset in the first round in 2000 as a 15th ranked team. Pleasant Hill upset number 7 Barry that year 49-43. Pleasant Hill would lose the next two that year to Griggsville Perry and Bluffs.

The loss for Carrollton in the initial round of the WIT was the first for the Hawks since falling as the number 12 seed to 4th ranked West Pike in 2002 60-56.

Liberty won its opening round game for the 7th straight year here at Winchester. Liberty beat North Greene 71-41 Saturday. The Eagles last lost in the first round of the WIT in 2009, falling to the West Central varsity club 41-33.

Just three losing teams failed to score 40 points Saturday. That's a far cry from a year ago, when six losing teams failed to hit the 40 point mark. On the other side, just four winning teams scored 60 or more this year, the same number as a year ago. I don't know if we need more cow bell, but we do need more offense.

Porta/AC's winning streak in the tournament is now at 6 games. Porta followed up its third place finish two years ago with a tourney title last year. Porta/AC stopped Routt Saturday night 61-33.

Here's the Un-Official list of the top ten scorers from the tournament action on Saturday.

1- Max Muller	Porta/AC	23
2- Conner Shade	Gfld/NW	21
3- Manning Plater	Rush-Ind	20
4- Luke Gillingham	Carrollton	19
5- Tayton Roe	Liberty	17
Reed Wolfmeyer	Liberty	17
Cole Wellman	Liberty	16
Drew Burwinkel	Payson	15
Jonah Hopper	N Greene	15
Carter Lewis	Brown Co	15

I know we have at least three 1-thousand point scorers in the tournament. Luke Gillingham of Carrollton Hit the 1-thousand point mark in the Waverly Tournament. Manning Plater of Rushville/Industry reached 15-hundred points last week. And Colin Slagle hit the 1-thousand point mark against Greenfield/Northwestern last Thursday. Are there any others out there? Let me know.

Tournament historian Kent Coultas tells me Carrollton and North Greene are both in the consolation bracket together, for the first time since 1988. North Greene lost to top rated Liberty Saturday 71-41, and Carrollton was upset by Pleasant Hill. The two teams would meet in the consolation title game in 1988, won by North Greene 56-51.