

Winchester CHATTER---Tues, Jan 12, 2016---Winchester CHATTER---3rd DAY--BY GWS

West Central junior Jacob Hurrelbrink's numbers last night were eye popping. Hurrelbrink helped West Central hold off Pleasant Hill's upset bid 52-55. He scored 21 points, and pulled down, unofficially, 17 rebounds. Rebounds are not kept on a regular basis here in the tournament. But, Kent Coultas does note that the one game record for rebounds in a game were by then Routt freshman Andy Kaufmann, who grabbed 25 in a game in the 1985 tournament.

Liberty and West Central are now set to meet for the first time in the tournament since an overtime win by Liberty in the 2nd round two years ago 59-50. West Central beat Liberty in the 2011 tournament 60-41, and went on to capture the WIT title.

Camp Point last met North Greene in the tournament in 2012, when 12th ranked North Greene upset 4th rated Camp Point 44-38. And, before that, it was in the 2004 tournament, when North Greene held off Camp Point 57-51. And, North Greene stopped Camp Point in the 5th place game 55-52 in 2002. In fact, Camp Point hasn't beaten North Greene since the 1999 tournament, when Camp Point crushed North Greene 65-36. Camp Point also beat North Greene the previous year. In total, North Greene is 4-2 against Camp Point in this tournament.

Carrollton and Western met in last year's tournament. It was an opening round win by Carrollton 57-31. Carrollton defeated Western in the 2009 tournament 63-49 in the semifinals. That's the only meetings between the schools.

The Payson-Greenfield/Northwestern game tonight is a re-match of the first round game between the schools from the 2013 tournament. Payson won that game as a top seed 58-44. We think that was the only other meeting of the schools in the tournament.

Cole Wellman of Liberty takes over the top spot of tournament scorers with 23 last night. He now has a total of 39 points through 2 games. Jacob Hurrelbrink of West Central is now second at 34 points. No one else has over 30 points. First round top scorers Max Muller of Porta/AC and Manning Plater of Rushville/Industry will play tomorrow. Connor Shade of Greenfield/Northwestern plays tonight.

Luke Gillingham of Carrollton needs 13 points tonight to move into the top 50 WIT scoring. Gillingham has 143 points. Gillingham can take aim at Liberty's Justin Brock, who has 156. Luke's brother, Mark is the all-time leading tournament scorer, posting 352 points from 2002 through 2005 for Carrollton.

Jeff Krumwiede of Carrollton ties Dan Bowman of Routt and Greenfield tonight for the most games coached at the Winchester Invitational Tournament. Krumwiede will be coaching in his 81st game here, matching Bowman's run from 1978 through 2006. Krumwiede has been a part of the tournament here since 1995. On another coaching note, West Central's Jeff Abell has now won 40 games here in the tournament. That's 3 fewer than the man in second place, Bob Hembrough of Beardstown.

Let's remind tournament coaches that all tournament ballots should be in their hands by now. If not, see me at the WEAL broadcast position, Denny Vortman or Jeff Abell. If you have lost your ballot, we can get another. And, they can be texted to me at 217-370-9058. All ballots should be turned in before the end of the third place game Saturday afternoon.