

Winchester CHATTER---Wed, Jan 13, 2016---Winchester CHATTER---4th DAY--BY GWS

Congratulations to Luke Gillingham, who has climbed into the top 50 scorers for the Winchester Invitational Tournament. Gillingham now has 157 points in his career here, which eases him past Justin Brock of Liberty. Two more players threaten the top 50. Calhoun's Mitchell Bick has 149 points here, and Rushville-Industry's Manning Plater has 128 points.

We had to wander all the way back to 1986 to find the last time a Rushville team played Griggsville. Rushville won on the consolation side that year 75-48. And, the 1979 tournament saw Rushville stop Griggsville 93-74 in the first round.

Routt and Triopia last met here in 2012, when the Rockets dropped Triopia 45-37 in the opener that year. Routt would go on to win the tournament that year. I can't find a time when the two teams played each other on the consolation side of the bracket. And, neither team has advanced beyond the 2nd round on the consolation side since both teams did it in 2013.

Porta/AC is looking to make it to the final four of the Winchester Invitational Tournament for the third straight year. Calhoun hasn't been in the final four of this tournament since finishing third in the 1996 tournament with a win over Triopia 59-46. Calhoun last won the tournament in 1986 over Winchester 69-61. The teams last played as Porta-Calhoun when Porta won the opener of the 2008 tournament over Calhoun 46-32.

Payson's win over Greenfield/Northwestern last night puts the Adams County school in the final four for the 4th straight year. Payson has a 3rd, first, and 2nd place trophy to show for the other three years. In fact, since joining the tournament in 2008, Payson has two 4th place finishes, one third place trophy, a first and a 2nd place finish. That's five out of the last 8.

These are the new numbers to shoot at for the final night of second round action.

Cole Wellman	Liberty	39
Jonah Hopper	N Greene	38
Connor Shade	Gfld/NW	36
Luke Gillingham	Carrollton	34
Drew Burwinkel	Payson	30
Tayton Roe	Liberty	28
Carter Lewis	Brown County	26
Klayton Conrad	Payson	25
Reed Wolfmeyer	Liberty	24
Jacob Hurrelbrink	W Central	24

Max Muller of Porta AC has 23 points, and Manning Plater of Rushville Industry has 20. But both have played just one game. The top ten list of scorers covers two games.

Triopia-Meredosia-Virginia tonight will try to win its 2nd game all time in the tournament. Since the communities combined for basketball, the Trojan record is 1-6. The team has lost five in a row, and its only win was a 55-35 victory over the West Central JV squad from 2013. Triopia Meredosia had an 8-12 mark over 20 games, and Triopia as a stand-alone team was 60-41 over 101 games.

Liberty has climbed to the 6th spot in the Class 1A Associated press poll this week. The Eagles were 9th a year ago, and Payson is rated 10th this week, after not making the top ten a week ago.