

Winchester CHATTER---Fri, Jan 15, 2016---Winchester CHATTER---6th DAY--BY GWS

TGIR Day! Thank God it's Ribs Day! In all seriousness, a great big thank you to Jeff and Gina, and Jeff's Country Smokehouse! The food has been great all week long, despite a nervous mom and dad, who, while watching their son play, still fed us. Great job! And, a great place for all you folks to go for your catering needs!

Let's head directly to the scoring list. This list will be reflected in the guys who have played 3 games, and those who have played 2. So, pay attention!

Manning Plater	Rushville/Industry	73
Cole Wellman	Liberty	57
Jonah Hopper	North Greene	53
Hunter Chumley	Routt	49
Colin Slagle	West Central	46
Tayton Roe	Liberty	46
Max Muller	Porta/AC	45 (2 games)
Luke Gillingham	Carrollton	43
Jacob Hurrelbrink	West Central	42
Ryan Beckman	Routt	37
Connor Shade	Gfld/NW	36 (2 games)

If you missed the finale last night, you missed a good one. Not only was Liberty down 15 at half, but the Eagles fell behind by 15 a second time in the 3rd quarter before making the comeback. It's become a good rivalry within the tournament. Two years ago, Liberty had to go to overtime to stop a West Central upset bid 59-50.

Brown County and Rushville-Industry are playing for the first time at Winchester since P Hill was eliminated on the consolation side by Brown County in 2009 60-29. Brown County beat the Wolves in the 2005 tournament in the first round 37-26. This is Pleasant Hill's third trip to the 5th place bracket. The Wolves won the 5th place trophy in 1999. The schools met once earlier this year, won by Brown County by one 49-48 in the Spartan Classic at North Greene.

Calhoun and Greenfield/Northwestern also met earlier this year in the Spartan Classic. Calhoun won 47-33. The two schools met two years ago here in an opening round game won by Greenfield 62-57. They also met in a barn burner in 2010 when Greenfield upset Calhoun 57-56. In fact, Greenfield has beaten Calhoun three straight times here in the tournament. The last win by Calhoun over Greenfield in this tournament was a second round winner's bracket victory 65-48.

Porta meets Payson for the third time in tournament history here tonight. Porta stopped Payson 61-55 last year, on the way to the tourney title. And, Porta used Payson as a stepping stone in the 2008 tournament, winning 51-24 in yet another semifinal match up. Watch out for Porta/AC if they get by Payson tonight.

Just one upset so far, and one overtime game in this year's 94th annual tournament. The record for the most is 12 upsets in the 2003 tournament. The 1992 tournament had only 2 upsets, and one overtime game. There was just one upset in the 1988 tournament. Couldn't find any less in the 16 team formats.

Discussions last night with historian Kent Coultas about rebounding records invite some response from long time tournament observers. Andy Kaufmann's record with Routt from the mid 1980's tournament for rebounding is at 25. Jacob Hurrelbrink had 17, unofficially earlier this week. We wonder in the legendary John Janvrin of North Greene from the late 1960s may have had single game rebounding numbers challenging what is now in the books. If anyone knows, reach out to KC.

All tournament ballots are due by the end of the third place game tomorrow. Please help us out, or we will hound you by text messages. And, Jeff Abell will force you to listen to that damn disco music!