

Winchester CHATTER---Sat, Jan 16, 2016---Winchester CHATTER---7th DAY--BY GWS

Tyler Woods of Greenfield Northwestern put together a record tying performance yesterday. Woods made 8 three point shots in the upset win over Calhoun yesterday 70-61. Woods hit 3 in a row in the first quarter, and 5 in a row in the third quarter. Woods, an outstanding golfer, ended up with 27 points in the game. Woods tied the old mark, set first by Matt Vortman of Bluffs in 1997, and tied by Patrick Rhoades of North Greene in 2000.

Tanner Sussenbach scored the first 16 points for Brown County yesterday on the Hornets way to a 55-46 win over Pleasant Hill. Sussenbach ended up with 31 points. The run by Sussenbach at the start of the game was the longest since Jeremy Garrett of Winchester scored a record 18 points in a row in a game in 1993. Garrett now serves as an assistant for Brown County head coach Jared Hoots.

Tanner Sussenbach becomes the first player to score 30 or more points in a game this tournament, and it pushed him into the top ten scoring list. There was just one player who scored 30 a year ago, Taylor Heimann of Camp Point. Sussenbach was only the third player since 2007 to hit the 30 point mark. The other in the last eight years was Landon Epperson of Payson in 2012. Here's the updated list of top ten scorers for this year's Winchester Invitational Tournament.

Manning Plater	Rush/Ind	73
Cole Wellman	Liberty	57
Max Muller	Porta/AC	56
Connor Shade	Gfld/NW	55
Tanner Sussenbach	Brown Co	54
Jonah Hopper	N Greene	53
Hunter Chumley	Routt	49
Colin Slagle	W Central	46
Tayton Roe	Liberty	46
Luke Gillingham	Carrollton	43

Hurrah! We had another 70 or better point performance by a team last night, the second in the tournament. These days, 70 is the new 80, once fairly commonplace 20 years ago.

Greenfield/Northwestern downed Calhoun last night 70-61. It was easily the best offensive output of the season by GNW. By the way, the win by Greenfield was only the 2nd upset of the tournament this year.

Rushville is seeking its third consolation title here. The Rockets won the consolation trophy in 1978, and 83. Rushville is 2-5 in the consolation title game, and has never played Carrollton in this game. Carrollton has claimed 4 consolation titles, the last in 2002. The Hawks are 4-1 in this game.

Brown County and Greenfield/Northwestern have never met in the 5th place game. Brown County has never won the 5th place trophy, and Greenfield/Northwestern has won just one, as Greenfield, and that was in 1991. Brown County is 0-2 in this game. Greenfield is 1-1 in the game.

Porta/AC has just on third place trophy, won two years ago. West Central has just one third place trophy, claimed in 2010 with a win over Payson. Porta, as either Porta/AC or Porta have never met West Central, Winchester or Bluffs in the third place game. Winchester has 4 third place finishes, and Bluffs 2.

This is the third straight year that the two top teams have met in the title game at Winchester. Payson upset Liberty two years ago 49-35, and Porta/AC held off 2nd rated Carrollton a year ago 52-49. Payson is 1-1 in the title games. Payson won it over Liberty two years ago, and finished 2nd behind Liberty by 2, 54-52 two years ago. Liberty has been in the title game in 5 of the last 7 years. But, the Eagles have won just once over that stretch, again in 2014. Overall, Liberty has claimed the title five times, and is 5-5 in the championship game performances.

Final reminder for coaches! Get the all- tourney ballots turned in by the end of the third place game. Text me is you need to at 217-370-9058. All-tournament team announced at end of the title game.