

Winchester Invitational Tournament Day 5 Thurs January 12, 2017 Winchester Chatter WIT Day 5

Payson and Pleasant Hill have played in the Winchester Invitational Tournament just once. The Indians beat Pleasant Hill 65-33 in the first round of the 2010 Tournament.

Payson has played on the final day in six of the previous nine tournaments. Pleasant Hill has not advanced to the final day since winning the 5th place game in 1999.

Carrollton and Camp Point Central have met three times in past tournaments. The Panthers have won all three meetings. The two teams last played here in the 5th place bracket of the 2013 tournament, won by Camp Point 46-30. Camp Point and Carrollton have combined to win the two previous consolation titles. Central did it in 2015, and Carrollton last year.

Porta/AC and Triopia have not played in the tournament ever. Porta, before it became Porta/AC beat Triopia 44-37 in the first round of the 2006 tournament. Porta/AC is in the semi-finals for the fourth straight year. The Bluejays won the title in 2015, and finished 3rd in 2014, and last year.

This is Triopia's first appearance in the semi finals of the Winchester Invitational Tournament since the Trojans finished third in 2005. Triopia has not advanced to the title game since winning the title in 2000.

Three teams from the Western Illinois Valley Conference are in the semi finals for the first time since 2009. Carrollton won the title that year, West Central was second, and North Greene beat Western for third place that year. This is the 16th time since the conference was formed in 1975 that the WIVC has had three teams in the semifinals.

COACHES-Don't forget to cast your ballot for the all tournament team. Forms are available from Denny Vortman and Jeff Abell. You can also text in your selections to Coach Abell, or myself at 370-9058. Just make sure you ID yourself. Get them in from now til the end of the 3rd place game Saturday.

Porta/AC's Max Muller is now 19th on the tournament's all time scoring list with 189 points. He needs 11 points to become the 18th player with at least 200 points. Meanwhile, Jeremy Watson of Carrollton became the second player this year to hit 30 or more points in a game in the tournament last night. Muller did it in the first round. Here is the latest top ten scoring list.

1) Max Muller	Porta/AC	58
2) Jeremy Watson	Carrollton	46
3) Drew Winters	Routt	40
4) Tanner Cannady	Payson	38
5) Kaleb Root	Pleasant Hill	37
6) Jonah Hopper	North Greene	35
7) Shawn Bell	Triopia	33
8) Tanner Sussenbach	Brown County	31
9) Lane Marlow	Camp Point	30
Ian Smith	Grigg-Perry	30
Isaac Werries	Triopia	30