

Winchester Invitational Tournament Day 6 Fri January 13, 2017 Winchester Chatter WIT Day 6  
Friday? The 13<sup>th</sup>? Maybe that's why we are getting pounded by Mother Nature today. Or, it is the Winchester Invitational Tournament, where all bad weather comes to roost. Don't expect me to predict the weather. But the new schedule has the lone game tonight..West Central and North Greene, and the rest of the schedule Monday. That means the two fifth place bracket games will be at 9 and 10:30 AM, and then resume with the consolation title game at noon.

Triopia's win over top ranked Porta/AC means this will be the first time since 2012 that neither the first or second ranked teams will be in the title game. Sixth ranked Routt that year upset number 5 Liberty in the tournament's final game.

This tournament marks the first time that a team from Porta was rated first, and did NOT play in the title game. Porta was rated 1<sup>st</sup> in 1976, and beat Bluffs in the title game 62-59. Porta was rated first in 2008, and beat Carrollton in the last game 40-22. And, Porta/AC Central was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> two years ago, and dropped Carrollton again 52-49.

North Greene and West Central last played here in 2013, when the Spartans beat West Central 60-48 in the second round. North Greene is trying to reach the title game for the first time since 2001 when the Spartans fell to Liberty 68-55. West Central is trying to reach the title game for the first time since 2011. The Cougars out defended Camp Point Central that year 38-35.

A tip of the hat to Bill Martin, who may be the oldest living former player of the tournament. He has been supporting the North Greene Spartans this week. Martin is 92, and played for White Hall in the 1941 and 42 tournaments. His grandson, Layne Newingham, is a key member of the North Greene Spartans this year.

Here are the top 10 scorers for the tournament. Keep in mind, two players in the top ten list have played only two games.

1) Max Muller	Porta/AC	71
2) Jeremy Watson	Carrollton	56
3) Isaac Werries	Triopia	48
4) Shaun Bell	Triopia	46
5) Lane Marlow	Camp Point	45
Russell Miller	Pleasant Hill	45
Tanner Cannady	Payson	43
Drew Winters	Routt	40 (2 games)
Kaleb Root	Pleasant Hill	38
Jonah Hopper	North Greene	35 (2 games)