

WINCHESTER CHATTER.....ISSUE #6....Friday, January 11, 2019.....DAY7.....ISSUE #6

I blame the Lashmett boys who handle the parking. They've got some kind of deal with Mother Nature, and apparently they anger her every Winchester Invitational Tournament. She's really teed off, and ready to hit us with a giant snowball. We will persevere. In all seriousness, those guys are a godsend when you are coming and going at the tournament. Great job, guys!

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Here is the latest list of top scorers at the tournament:

1	Landon Obert	Liberty	59	
2	Gabe Jones	Carrollton	51	
3	Garrett Snow	Triopia	48	
4	Nathan Hendricker	Brown Co	46	
5	Jordan Neisen	Liberty	45	
6	Cole Howard	W Central	44	(2 games)
7	Gabe Carlock	Porta/AC	42	
	Keaton Brown	N Greene	42	
9	Lane Ippensen	Camp Point	37	(2 games)
10	Tanner Cannady	Payson	35	(2 games)
	Cole Schwartz	Payson	35	(2 games)

This is at least the third straight year that weather has affected the tournament. Two years ago, the final day was moved to Monday. Games were postponed a year ago, and six games were played at Friday before the tournament ended on time in Saturday.

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Three overtime games have been played here this year. That's one short of the record for the tournament. There were four overtime games in 2001. This is the sixth time there have been three overtime games in one tournament, the last of which occurred in 2014. The double overtime game last night was the first here at Winchester since 2013, when Western beat Calhoun 62-60. There was a triple overtime game that year, won by Liberty 47-46 over Camp Point.

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And, there is a link between Liberty and overtime games. Liberty has played in nine overtime games since the calendar rolled over to 2000. That includes two overtime games in the 2014 tournament and the 2005 tournament, and a triple overtime win by Liberty over Camp Point in 2013. Liberty has played in 11 overtime games at Winchester. The Eagles have won 7 of them. In the other 70 overtime games at the tournament, five games between 1943 and 1960 were decided by sudden death.

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Camp Point and Calhoun have not played here since 2001. That game was also in the fifth place bracket when the Panthers won 56-43.

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Western and Routt played here a year ago. The Wildcats made last second shots at the end of regulation and in overtime to beat Routt, 50-40. Routt beat Western 70-53 in the 5<sup>th</sup> place bracket game in the 2017 tournament.

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Payson and West Central have not played here since 2011. The Cougars scored a 50-39 win in the quarterfinals that year. Payson's first ever game at the Winchester Invitational Tournament occurred in 2008 when the Indians beat West Central 53-51 in overtime.

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The double overtime win by Carrollton over Liberty last night fueled an 82 point performance by Carrollton. That's the first 80+ game by a team since Calhoun had 82 in a win over Routt in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round on the consolation side of Winchester in 2014.

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Please get your all tournament ballots in by halftime of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game. Love to see all 16 coaches cast ballots. Turn in to any tournament official. Or give to the guys at WEAL. Thanks.