

Here are the top scorers after day three of the Winchester Invitational Tournament.

1	Lane Ippensen	Camp Point	37	(2 games)
2	Garrett Snow	Triopia	35	(2 games)
	Tanner Cannady	Payson	35	(2 games)
	Cole Schwartz	Payson	35	(2 games)
5	Lucas Loos	Payson	33	(2 games)
6	Vaughn Toyne	Porta/AC	32	(2 games)
7	Kyle Colgrove	Western	30	(1 game)
8	Gabe Carlock	Porta/AC	26	(2 games)
9	Ben Baalman	Calhoun	25	(2 games)
	Cory Baalman	Calhoun	25	(2 games)
	Cole Howard	West Central	25	(1 game)
	Corey Nelson	Calhoun	25	(2 games)

The field at the 97th annual Winchester Invitational Tournament is represented well in the polls. Triopia has climbed to the 4th spot in the 1-A poll, just ahead of 5th rated Payson. West Central and Camp Point also received votes outside of the top ten. Porta.AC is rated just outside of the top ten among 2A schools.

Exhaustive research by tournament historian Kent Coultas has shown that the Winchester Invitational Tournament may be the oldest boys high school basketball invitational in the nation. Coultas says he found tournaments that are 82 and 85 years old in Missouri. Kansas has a tournament of 76 years, and there are 71 year old tournaments in California and Kentucky. If anyone who knows of an older invitational tournament, let Kent know.

West Central hopes to avoid last year's fate tonight. The Cougars opened the tournament with a rare #9-#1 upset to Western last year 65-53. It was West Central's first loss of the year. West Central defeated Western 80-52 earlier this year. Western has never reached the semifinals in consecutive tournaments.

Carrollton and Griggsville Perry play for the second time this year tonight. Griggsville Perry won the earlier meeting 73-70. Carrollton and Griggsville Perry last played at Winchester in 2014, when the Hawks beat Griggsville Perry in the 5th place game. Carrollton, by the way, is in the consolation bracket for the fourth straight year. Carrollton had not lost in the first round at Winchester in four straight years since 1937 through 1940.

Liberty is trying to snap a five game losing streak in the tournament. The Eagles last won here in the 2016 title game 62-58 over Payson. Liberty and Rushville Industry have never played in this tournament. The Eagles beat Rushville 61-42 in the quarterfinals of the 1995 tournament.

Pleasant Hill last night continued a lengthy losing streak for teams rated 16th in the tournament. No team rated 16th has won a game here at Winchester for 32 years. Bluffs was the last team rated 16th that won a game at the WIT. The Bluejays beat Rushville 52-51 in the consolation quarterfinals in the 1987 tournament.

By the way, the 21 points scored by Pleasant Hill in the first round lost to Calhoun 76-21 was the lowest point total scored by a team at the Winchester tournament since West Central scored just 18 points in a consolation title loss in 2015 to Camp Point. Earlier in that same tournament, Triopia scored just 17 in an opening round loss to Liberty.