

Winchester Invitational Tournament Chatter-Day 8-Issue #6-Saturday, January 18, 2020

Porta/AC is in the final four for the 7<sup>th</sup> straight year. The Bluejays have won one title in that stretch. That occurred in 2015, the only time the team played in the title game in that run. Porta/AC beat Payson in the third place game last year 58-55.

Payson is in the semi final round for the third straight year. The Indians won the tournament two years ago, and finished 4<sup>th</sup> last year.

Liberty and Western played at the Pittsfield Saukees Tournament earlier this year. Liberty won 64-37. The two teams last played here in 2010 with Liberty posting a 47-39 win in the quarterfinal.

West Central's Gabe Cox is now at 203 points in the tournament's top scoring list. That pushes him to number 18 on the all time tournament scoring list. He is 26 points away from 100 in this tournament. The WIT has not had a 100 point scorer since Justin Brock of Liberty had 102 in 2006. His 34 points Thursday makes him the single highest scoring West Central player in this tournament. Keith Evans of Bluffs had 34 in the 1995 game, and Kenny Davis scored 37 for Winchester in 1979, Jimmie Evans had 38 for Winchester in 1987.

Cole Schwartz of Payson is edging up the all time scoring list. Schwartz has 153 points in his career at the WIT. He is 7 points short of becoming the 50<sup>th</sup> player to score at least 160 career points in the tournament.

Tate Kunzeman of Griggsville Perry and Cox of West Central have become the first pair of players to score 30 or more points in the same tournament since three players did it in 2015. They are Drew Burwinkel of Payson with 33, Michael Mast of Liberty with 32, and Taylor Heimann of Camp Point had 30.

Here are the top scorers, after two full rounds.

Gabe Cox	West Central	74
Keaton Brown	North Greene	64
Tate Kunzeman	Griggsville Perry	59
Broc Moore	Triopia	47
Corey Nelson	Calhoun	46
Blake Eyler	Camp Point	46
Ben Eberlin	Calhoun	42
Brayden Pettit	Porta/AC	35 (2)
Hayden Hildebrand	Payson	32 (2)
Cole Schwartz	Payson	32 (2)
Mason Muller	Porta/AC	32 (2)

For all coaches this this year's tournament, PLEASE make sure you have an all-tournament ballot. They are available from Grant Dewitt, Denny Vortman and from the WEAL broadcast position upstairs. Return to any of those folks before the third place game next Saturday. And, take the time to vote.