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Bloomfield, Missouri – The Holcomb Hornets and the Kennett Indians will go head to head at the Bloomfield Christmas Tournament tonight at 7 pm. This is a battle of Dunklin County varsity basketball and fans have been waiting for such a match.

Jim Vaughan, head coach for the Kennett Indians stated, "A lot of our kids know each other. The towns are only 15 miles apart and they play together in the summer." Coach continued to say, "Holcomb came up big in the Hayti game Friday night. They have Massey, Glover and Vance who are good players and they will be easily rattled Monday night."

"Folks are going to look at it like a big school, little school thing," Seth McBroom, head coach for Holcomb said of the championship. "But we aren't worried about it at all. Kennett is a good team and we wouldn't be here if we weren't just as good. "

"It is a big rivalry and we should play each other," McBroom continued. No other team in Dunklin County has won more games than Kennett or Holcomb in the past few years. Both programs have increased their rankings under the leadership of current head coaches. They also have not scheduled a regular season game against each either.

/images/Sports/2012/Basketball/Kennett Indians 2012 - 2013 ipg Holcomb and Kennett both enter the finals with a 8 – 3 record; however Kennett has won the Bloomfield Christmas Tournament the last three years. Kennett is top seeded going into today's championship final, but Holcomb who is ranked sixth has won three games in the last three Saturdays. Should be a great game between these two athletic teams.

This will be the first appearance in the title game for Holcomb, and Coach McBroom hopes his players make the best of a well-deserved game. McBroom also stated, "We can relish in the fact we are here, but great happenings come from great opportunities and we need to try and take advantage of it."

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