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Bloomfield, Missouri – There's always one upset of the day and the award goes to the Saxony Lutheran Crusaders vs the Bloomfield Wildcats game.

Those who expected Saxony Lutheran seeded #5 to overpower the Bloomfield Wildcats who are seeded #12 were badly mistaken. The Wildcats wanted a win and they fought a great battle!

"We are a real young team and we know that," commented head basketball Coach Jason Karnes. "Everybody kind of says, maybe you guys will be pretty good in a year or two. We use that as motivation and say why wait for a year or two, let's be a little bit better than what we are right now."

The Wildcats had three players ending with double digits in the first round of the tournament. Noah Vandiver #33 tallied a game-high 22 points, Triston Mitchell #34 contributed 16 and Nathan Newell #21 tallied 13.

Nathan Newell was the only Wildcat to score a trey.

"I think those guys are finally starting to believe in themselves," stated Karnes. "We have had some really good practices and are probably as good as any group we have ever had."

Saxony's Jack Lake scored a game-high 19 points including one trey. Ryan Palmer was amazing at the 3-point line. He had 4 treys for the Crusaders and finished with 14 points. Zach Beal contributed 10 points and was 4 for 4 at the free throw line.

Saxony was leading Bloomfield after the end of the first quarter 20 – 11 and again at the half 33 – 19. It looked like Saxony had this one in the bag, but whatever Karnes said in the locker room it made a tremendous difference in the second half.

"We finally decided to play a little bit of defense. We didn't think we came out and guarded very well in the first half or did any of the things we prepared for prior to the game," stated Karnes. "We didn't change anything at half time, we just started doing what we were supposed to do all along."

By the end of the 3^{rd} quarter the Wildcats not only gained on the Crusaders, but also held them to just 4 points. Bloomfield was able to score 17 points in the 3rd and decrease the lead to just one point, 37 - 36. The Wildcats stepped up their attack and scored 27 points in the 4^{th} quarter to take the lead and defeat Saxony Lutheran by a score of 63 - 48.

"We would get beat off the dribble and we didn't stay in front of the basket. In the second half we did a lot better job of containing the basketball and that's where it has to start," continued Coach Karnes.

Final Score: Bloomfield Wildcats 63 – Saxony Lutheran Crusaders 48

Bloomfield Wildcats 11 8 17 27 - 63

Saxony Lutheran Crusaders 20 13 4 11 - 48

Bloomfield (63) – Nathan Newell 13, Tim Fox 4, Jacob Clary 2, Noah Vandiver 22, Triston Mitchell 16, Alex Gibbs 6. FG 24, FT 14/18, F 17. (3-pointers: Nathan Newell, Fouled Out: none)

Saxony Lutheran (48) – Zach Beal 10, Ryan Palmer 14, Hunter Coe 5, Jack Lake 19. FG 16, FT 10/21, F 14 (3-pointers: Ryan Palmer 4, Hunter Coe 1, Jack Lake 1, Fouled Out: none)

Bloomfield will be back in action at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 27th to take on South Pemiscot. This will be game #14 of the tournament.

Saxony Lutheran will play Doniphan at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 27th in the first consolation game of the tournament.

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Bloomfield, Missouri – The Doniphan Dons came into the tournament as the #13 seed, but they played aggressively and gave South Pemiscot a good run. It was an intense game considering the South Pemiscot Bulldogs were ranked #4.

The Doniphan Dons kept pace and were capable of upsetting the Bulldogs. At the end of the first quarter they were only behind by 5 points. That's not much in any basketball game. The Dons held their own during the second quarter as each team was able to score 10 points. Half time score South Pemiscot 25 – Doniphan 21.

The Bulldogs leading scorer, Jacob Trammel, led with a game-high 19 points, including five 3-pointers. Anothony Primer contributed 10 more points.

Wyatt Eaton #45 for the Doniphan Dons had a game-high 15 points. Lucas Moe #30 tallied 10 points.

Final Score: South Pemiscot 60 – Doniphan 47

Doniphan 11 10 13 13 - 47

South Pemiscot 15 10 18 17 - 60

Doniphan (47) – Clay Payne 6, Justin Harder 5, Brett Hale 5, Lucas Moe 10, Wyatt Eaton 15, Stephen Murphy 4, Seth Gettings 2. FG 17, FT 12/17, F18 (3-pointers: Brett Hale 1, Fouled Out: none)

South Pemiscot (60) – Jarvis Johnson 6, Torrance Shepard 5, Anothony Primer 10, Jcob Trammel 19, Glen Jackson 6, Anton Wilbourn 6, Contrell Johnson 8. FG 24, FT 6/15, F20 (3-pointers – Jacob Trammel, Contrell Johnson 1, Fouled Out: none)

The Doniphan Dons will play Saxony Lutheran in the first consolation game of the tournament beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 27th.

South Pemiscot will play Bloomfield at 5:30 p.m. in game #14 of the tournament on Friday, December 27th.

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bernie Mules began their bid for the title at the 57th Annual Bloomfield Christmas Tournament on Thursday.

The #3 seed Bernie Mules looked great and were confident on the floor as they defeated the Puxico Indians by a score of 72 - 38.

Bernie's Bubby Schwent recorded a game-high 17 points and was 7 for 8 at the charity stripe. Jake Wagner sank a couple of 3-pointers on his way to a 12 point game. He was also 4 for 4 in free throws.

Both Caleb Ellenburg #50 and Justin Stanfield #15 scored in double digits. Ellenburg, a 6' 2" junior recorded 11 and Stanfield tallied 10 points and was 2 for 2 at the charity stripe for the Mules.

Matt Vernon and B.J. Jennings each added a trey. Stanfield calculated two 3-pointers.

Corey Pratt was the only Indian in double digits. He managed to score 13 points against the Bernie Mules. He was also 3 for 4 at the charity stripe.

Final Score: Bernie Mules 72 – Puxico Indians 38

Puxico Indians 8 11 15 4 - 38

Bernie Mules 20 21 19 12 - 72

Puxico (38) – Ronnie Wegener 4, Garrett Payne 6, Corey Pratt 13, Austin Tiechman 4, Zach McCoy 2, Seth Luttrull 4, Zach Tucker 5. FG 16, FT 6/11, F19 (3-pointers none, Fouled Out: Tim Hancock, Zach Tucker)

Bernie (72) – Matter Vernon 5, Jake Wagner 12, B.J. Jennings 9, Justin Stanfield 10, J.R. Pregel 4, Bubby Schwent 17, Joey Walker 4, Caleb Ellenburg 11. FG 23, FT 20/29, F 17 (3-pointers: Matt Vernon, Jake Wagner 2, B.J. Jennings 1, Justin Stanfield 2. Fouled Out: none)

The Bernie Mules will be back in action Friday, December 27th at 7:00 p.m. as they take on the Twin Rivers Royals. This will be game #15 of the tournament.

The Puxico Indians will play in the second consolation game of the tournament beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 27th.

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Bloomfield, Missouri – The Indians of Hayti rallied to defeat the Bulldogs of Van Buren in the second game of the Bloomfield Christmas Tournament.

Three of the Indians were in double digits. Demetrius Luster #35 had a gamehigh 24 points. Both Devan Riddick and Indaquel Presberry tallied 13 points each. Kenyatte Brooks and Indaquel Presberry sunk two treys apiece along with Devan Riddick, Cedric Harris, and Demetrius Luster who added one trey each.

Frankie Burden, Jr. fouled out in the fourth quarter and was the only player to do so.

Van Buren looked great in the second quarter and were able to keep up the pace with the Indians, but unfortunately Kennett had an 18 point lead going into the period.

Tyler Griffin did an extraordinary job putting 22 points on the board for the Bulldogs, including 3 treys. Austin Chilton tallied 10 points including one 3-pointer. All of Zach Griffin's points came in the way of 3-pointers. He recorded three.

Final Score: Van Buren Bulldogs 46 – Hayti Indians 76

Van Buren Bulldogs 9 17 11 9 - 46

Hayti Indians 27 19 6 24 - 76

Van Buren (46) – Dylan Williams 10, Zach Griffin 9, Tyler Griffin 22, Ricky Davis 5. FG 17, FT 5/12, F 11 (3-pointers Austin Chilton 1, Zach Griffin 3, Tyler Griffin

3, Fouled Out: none)

Hayti (76) – Kenyatte Brooks 8, Devan Riddick 13, Cedric Harris 5, Indaquel Presberry 13, Brandon Burden 7, Demetrius Luster 24, Frankie Burden, Jr. 26. FG 29, FT 11/18, F16 (3-pointers Kenyatte Brooks 2, Devan Riddick 1, Cedric Harris 1, Indaquel Presberry 2, Demetrius Luster 1, Fouled Out Frankie Burden, Jr.)

Game #16 will be Hayti Indians vs the Dexter Bearcats. Hayti will play Dexter Friday, December 27th at 8:30 p.m.

Van Buren will play Portageville at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 27th in the consolation portion of the tournament. It will be Bulldogs vs Bulldogs on the court!

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Bloomfield, Missouri – The Kennett Indians opened the 57th Annual Bloomfield Tournament with an impressive win over the Richland Rebels on Wednesday.

Coming into the tournament as the #1 seed, Kennett has won the last 3 of 4 Bloomfield Christmas Tournaments. The Holcomb Hornets are the defending 2012 Champions. Since 2005, Bernie, Hayti, Malden and Doniphan have each won the title and bragging rights.

Kennett has only won 4 other championships at Bloomfield prior to their recent domination.

Kennett's 6' 4" senior Kevonte Mitchell #20 tallied a game-high 28 points. Senior Antavies Drake #1 added another 22 points to the Indians' win. Akeem Nelson tallied 15 along with Rantrell Caruthers who added another 11 points.

Carlos Turners, Landon Vaughan, and Kevonte Mitchell each added a trey.

Richland's Skyler Harper had a game-high 16 points including one trey. Adam Lane tallied 15 points for the Rebels. Josh Thornton also scored in double digits adding 12 for the Rebels. Tristan Wamble was the only other Rebel to sink a trey.

The Indians will continue their bid for the title, as they will play tomorrow afternoon at 4:00 p.m. against Malden. Malden upset Holcomb in the final game of the day 70 - 67.

Kennett had a comfortable lead in the first quarter scoring 33 points against Richland's 9, but the Rebels rallied in the third quarter to earn 20 points. It simply was not enough to defeat the #1 seed.

Final Score: Richland Rebels 50 - Kennett Indians 104

Richland 9 16 20 5 - 50

Kennett 33 28 28 15 - 105

Richland (50) - Skyler Harper 16, Tristan Wamble 3, Jacob Gonzales 1, Marcus Grayson 1, Josh Thornton 12, Tristan Montgomery 2, Adam Lane 15. FG 20, FT 8/15, F 7 (3-pointers Skyler Harper 1, Tristan Wamble 1, Fouled Out: none)

Kennett (104) - Antavies Drake 22, Rantrell Caruthers 11, Carlos Turner 7, Akeem Nelson 15, Landon Vaughan 7, Kevonte Mitchell 28, Andre Oliver 6, Jerry Kinnon 2, Anthony Hawkins 2, Materion Jones 4. FG 48, FT 5/6, F 16 (3-pointers Carlos Turner, Landan Vaughan, Kevonte Mitchell, Fouled Out: none)

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