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Bloomfield, Missouri – The #3 ranked Bloomfield Wildcats defeated the #6 seeded Cooter 60-32 in the boys Class 2, District 1 basketball tournament.

“Good effort defensively for us tonight,” commented Bloomfield head basketball coach Jason Karnes. “We knew Cooter had some guys who could really score the basketball and thought we did a good job checking shots and rebounding.”

Noah Vandiver paced the Wildcats with a game-high 14 points including one trey. Austin Bond recorded 12 points and Tyler Battles finished with 11 points. Nathan Newell hit one 3-pointer for Bloomfield.

Bloomfield scored in double digits in each of the four periods. Cooter was held to single digits in the first three quarters.

“Offensively was a little sluggish early, but got some rhythm as we went along,” continued Karnes.

Bloomfield will face Bernie in the semifinal game on Thursday evening at 7:15 p.m.

“We will face an excellent Bernie team on Thursday, and need a good day of preparation tomorrow to get ready to compete at a high level against them on Thursday,” stated Karnes.

Final score #3 Bloomfield 60, #6 Cooter 32

Cooter 6 6 7 13 - 32

Bloomfield 12 19 18 11 - 60

Cooter (32) – Kyler Barnes 6, Tyler McLevain 7, Jace Murphy 7, Cole Crowder 6, Riley Hickerson 6. FG 12, FT 6/10, F 22. (3-pointers: Barnes 1, Mcevain 1. Fouled Out: None).

Bloomfield (60) – Caleb Pulley 2, Tim Hector 2, Peyton Bell 3, Nathan Newell 5, Austin Bond 12, Tyler Battles 11, Noah Vandiver 14. FG 16, FT 15/19, F 11. (3-pointers: Vandiver 1, Newell 1. Fouled Out: None).

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Wildcats Win One on the Road in Holcomb

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Wildcats Win One on the Road in Holcomb

Holcomb, Missouri – The Wildcats traveled to Holcomb on Thursday night winning one on the road! The Bloomfield boys basketball team defeated the Hornets 49-41.

Holcomb jumped out to a 16-14 lead at the end of the first period. The Wildcats shut them down defensively only allowing 8 points in the second quarter while offensively they were able to score in double digits adding 15 points to the board.

“We have struggled playing on the road this year so it feels good to finally win one away from home,” commented Bloomfield coach Jason Karnes in a press release to the ShowMe Times.

Noah Vandiver recorded a team-high 20 points for Bloomfield including two 3-pointers.

Alex Gibbs tallied 12 points and Tyler Battles finished with 10 points for the Wildcats.

Nathan Newell hit one trey.

“We were able to grind out stops down the stretch and I hope we are starting to understand how important each possession and defensive stop is,” continued Karnes. “Our next three games are all on the road and will be a good test for us as we head into the district.”

Chance Davis paced the Hornets with 11 points. Skyler Johnson, Preston Sikes, and Ben Vance each contributed a trey for Holcomb.

Bloomfield (14-9) returns to action on Saturday at 3:15 p.m. at the Three Rivers College in Poplar Bluff. They take on Gideon.

Final Score Bloomfield 49, Holcomb 41

Bloomfield 14 15 16 6 - 49

Holcomb 16 8 7 10 - 41

Bloomfield (49) – Nathan Newell 3, Austin Bond 4, Tyler Battles 10, Noah Vandiver 20, Alex Gibbs 12. FG 18, FT 10/15, F 13. (3-pointers: Newell 1, Vandiver 2. Fouled Out: None).

Holcomb (41) – Skyler Johnson 3, Jordan Massey 7, Zach Bridges 4, Preston Sikes 5, Jacob Adkins 2, Colton Dunbar 4, Chance Davis 11, Ben Vance 5. FG 18, FT 2/4, F 18. (#-pointers: Johnson 1, Sikes 1, Vance 1. Fouled Out: None).

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Wildcats Take Down Eagles on Senior Night

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Bloomfield, Missouri – The Bloomfield Wildcats defeated the Oran Eagles 60-47 on Tuesday. It was Senior Night for the Wildcats!

“This is as good of a win as we have had all year,” commented Bloomfield head basketball coach Jason Karnes. “Oran has really been playing well as of late, and coach Shoemaker does a great job with his teams.”

Bloomfield scored double digits in each of the four quarters.

Noah Vandiver paced the Wildcats with a game-high 23 points.

Tyler Battles finished with 10 points.

Peyton Bell and Nathan Newell each contributed 8 points with Bell hitting the only 3-pointer for Bloomfield.

“It was one of our best efforts of the year defensively, and hopefully this will point us in the right direction and give us some momentum as we head into the final stretch of the regular season,” continued Karnes.

Jacob Priggel tallied a game-high 23 points as well before fouling out in the fourth period.

Bloomfield (13-9) travels to Holcomb on Thursday. Game time is 6:00 p.m.

Final Score Bloomfield 60, Oran 47

Oran 15 9 15 8 - 47

Bloomfield 13 17 11 19 - 60

Oran (47) – Blake Overfield 2, Thomas Trankler 7, max Priggel 6, Jacob Priggel 23, Hunter Schlosser 6, Jason Bennett. FG 22, FT 2/7, F 24. (3-pointers: Trankler 1. Fouled Out: Jacob Priggel, Max Priggel.)

Bloomfield (60) – Peyton Bell 8, Nathan Newell 8, Austin Bond 7, Tyler Battles 10, Noah Vandiver 23, Alex Gibbs 4, FG 20, FT 19/31, F 10. (3-pointers: Peyton Bell 1. Fouled Out: None).

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Bloomfield Celebrates 1965 and 1966 Final 4 Basketball Seasons

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Bloomfield Celebrates 1965 and 1966 Final 4 Basketball Seasons

Bloomfield, Missouri – Bloomfield High School celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the back-to-back Final 4 Basketball seasons of 1965 and 1966 on Friday evening at their Homecoming festivities.

They honored cheerleaders Bonnie Blue, Carolyn Whitledge Brown, Janice Asbell Aslin, and Brenda Graham Johnson. From the 1964-1965 basketball team Mick Aslin, Rodney Bullinger, Danny Gaines, Dennis Gillespie, Phil Johnson, Allen Lafferty, Ron McAdoo, Mike McCollum, David Pounds, Dale Underwood, Ron Underwood, Bill White, Ron White, Mike Wise, Head Coach Tom Hewgley, Assistant Coach Charlie Spoonhour, and scorekeeper Lonnie Hutchison.

This season, the Bloomfield Wildcats finished first in the Bernie Tournament, Bloomfield Christmas Tournament, and the Stoddard County Tournament. In the regional Tournament, they defeated Risco, Bernie, Doniphan, and Richland by an average of 64 points to advance to the Class M State Tournament.

At State, they defeated Ester 77-50, Advance 53-47, before losing to eventual state champion Buffalo by just 3 points 52-55.

The Wildcats responded by defeating Owensville 76-44 to capture 3rd place in State and completing the greatest season in wildcat Basketball History with 34 wins and 2 losses.

Individual honors for the 1964-1965 season went to Dennis Gillespie – All County, Ron Underwood – All County, Mike Wise – All County, Ron White – All-County and 1st Wildcat to be selected to the All-State Team.

The following 1965-1966 roster saw a blend of new and familiar faces. Those honored were Lanny Bell, Andy Bullinger, Terry Chasteen, Phil Johnson, Mike McCollum, David Pounds, Tom Rainwater, Dave Swindell, Doyle Swindell, Dennis Underwood, Don Underwood, Bill White, Don Williams, Glen Williamson, Mike Wise, Head Coach Tom Hewgley, Assistant Coach Charlie Spoonhour, and scorekeeper Lonnie Hutchison.

This season the Wildcats repeated with winning the Bernie Tournament, the Bloomfield Christmas Tournament and the Stoddard County Tournament.

In Regional Tournament they defeated Doniphan, Quilin, Malden, and Greenville to secure back-to-back trips to the Class M State Tournament. Mike Wise also set a 4 game regional record scoring 122 points for an average of 30.5 points per game.

At state they found themselves again in the 3rd place game, eventually losing to Booneville 51-52 to place 4th. They finished the season with 32 wins and 3 losses capping off the greatest 2-year run in Wildcat Basketball history.

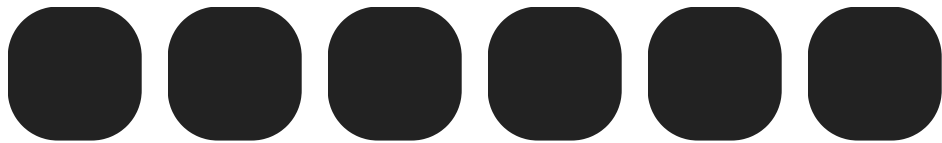
Individual honors for the 1965-1966 season went to Phillip Johnson – All District, Andy Bullinger – All District, Donnie Underwood – All County, and Mike Wise – All County, All District and the second Wildcat selected to the All-State Team.

The Wildcats were guided from 1963-1967 by Coach Tom Hewgley and Assistant Coach Charlie Spoonhour. During their tenure the Wildcats compiled a record of 112 wins and 19 losses, a winning percentage of .855. They are still the winningest coaches in school history to date.

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Bloomfield Wildcats Defeat Bell City Cubs

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Bloomfield Wildcats Defeat Bell City Cubs

Bloomfield, Missouri – The Wildcats hosted the Bell City Cubs Tuesday evening and improved their record to 12-8 with a 59-36 victory!

Bloomfield led by 11 points at the end of the first quarter. Their biggest lead in the game in the 3rd quarter when they outscored the Cubs 23 - 5.

“We were able to catch Bell City at a good time,” commented Bloomfield coach Jason Karnes. “They were short a few kids, but they came in here and played really hard. We had a sluggish first half, but were able to pick it up defensively the second half and that led to some good possessions the other way for us.”

Tyler Battles paced the Wildcats with a team-high 14 points including one trey.

Austin Bond and Noah Vandiver each added 11 points for Bloomfield. Caleb Pulley hit one 3-pointer!

Cole Nichols hit three treys for the Cubs. He finished with a game-high 18 points. Nate Finney finished with 12 points including two 3-pointers.

“We have a big conference game on Friday against a good Puxico team,” stated Karnes. Bloomfield (12-8) will host the Puxico Indians. Game time 6:00 p.m.

Final Score Bloomfield 59, Bell City 36

Bell City 5 13 5 13 - 36

Bloomfield 16 8 23 12 - 59

Bell City (36) – Nate Finney 12, Cole Nichols 18, Logan Yates 3, Jesse Smith 2, Peyton Maddox 1. FG 12, FT 7/15, F 21. (3-pointers: Finney 2, Nichols 3. Fouled Out: Brandon Abner).

Bloomfield (59) – Caleb Pulley 5, Peyton Bell 2, Nathan Newell 8, Austin Bond 11, Tyler Battles 14, Noah Vandiver 11, Alex Gibbs 6, Nate Cazee 2. FG 18, FT 21/28, F 19. (3-pointers: Pulley 1, Battles 1. Fouled Out: Gibbs).

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