



Mustang Hoops Update



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MUSTANG BASKETBALL - HOLIDAY HOOPS:

When the IHSAA changed the rules to allow an extra two games or a tournament, I asked a few of our players if they'd be willing to play 5 extra games over Christmas Break. They were enthusiastic, as was I. This Friday and Saturday are full of possibilities for the hoops fan.

The Mustangs will play 2 games on Friday, 2 games on Saturday, and 1 game on Monday. It will be a great chance to build some depth as guys will have to share some minutes to survive the schedule of games. The Mustangs will kick off the Bismarck-Henning pool with a 10 am (11 am our time) game against the Fisher Bunnies of Illinois. WRC rival North Vermillion will be playing in the same pool as the Mustangs, but we will not be playing each other.

The entire schedule for the BSN Classic can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. Fountain Central's schedule is as follows:

Friday, Dec 26 -

vs Fisher - 10 am (11 am our time)



vs Bismarck-Henning - 8pm (9 pm our time)

Saturday, Dec 27-

vs Schlarman - 10 am (11 am our time)



vs Watseka - 6:30 pm (7:30 pm our time)

Monday, Dec 29 - TBA--@ Heritage High School, IL

LADY MUSTANGS ROLLING INTO BI-COUNTY:

The Lady Mustangs roll into the Bi-County Tournament with an 8-1 record and a 2A #8 ranking. The girls have been quite impressive this season. Coach Anthrop has the girls playing extremely well, and they will help make this year's girls' Bi-County tournament very exciting. Their opponents are also off to a strong start this season. Covington's girls' team is off to a 9-1 start; Seeger and Attica both stand at 7-2. That's a combined record of 31-6 for the girls side of the Bi-County Tournament! I would imagine it has been many years since all 4 teams combined for such an impressive record heading into the tournament. Good luck to the Lady Mustangs!



LAST WEEKEND RECAP:

The Mustangs struggled Friday against WRC rival Attica. Attica's defense and patient offense frustrated the Mustangs and we fell behind by as many as 12 points in the second half before taking a late lead on free throws by Casey Walls. Casey played one of his best games of the season against the Ramblers. In the end, the Mustangs 35% shooting proved to be too much to overcome, and we fell 52-50 to Attica.

Saturday night, the Mustangs bounced back in a big way, playing their best offensive game of the season. We shot over 60% from the field, while the Stars shot only 38%. Ethan Woodrow led in scoring with 28 points, while Clayton Corey added 19 and Koby Pierce 12. The Mustangs had a particularly strong 3rd quarter and led by 18 going into the fourth. Ladd Warner's passing into the post also led to several easy baskets for the Mustangs. Though the Stars hit some late 3s to make it closer, the Mustangs made free throws down the stretch for a 70-58 victory.

The win puts the Mustangs at 4-2 heading into the BSN Classic this week.



LOOKING AHEAD:

Our passing showed great improvement on Saturday night, which was a big reason we shot over 60% from the field. We would still like to see some big improvements in our defense. We were able to use our zone defense a little against the Stars, but we still have several areas to work on with the zone.

This week provides a big test for us. Our bench, which has been steadily improving all season will be asked to play a big role as we play 4 games in the first 2 days of the tournament. The only other chance to do this would be a regional appearance.



BI-COUNTY PREVIEW:

This year's Bi-County Tournament will be played at FC. Both the girls and the boys host Attica on Friday night, and the finals of the tourney will be played at FC as well. This year's tournament looks to be a great one. Don't miss it.



TOP 5 WRC OFFENSIVE AVERAGES:

1.	FOUNTAIN CENTRAL	68.2 ppg
2.	COVINGTON	67.4 ppg
3.	ROCKVILLE	58.4 ppg
4.	ATTICA	55.2 ppg
5.	NORTH VERMILLION	54.4 ppg

RECORD BOOK UPDATES:

I came across a little research I am planning to add to our FC Basketball Record Book. If you can provide us with the coaches' and/or players' names from these teams, we would greatly appreciate it. Below is a list of sectional championships from pre-consolidation Fountain Central area schools:

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

VEEDERSBURG GREEN DEVILS:

1920, 1924, 1931

HILLSBORO WILDCATS:

1926, 1932, 1933, 1943, 1944

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP RED DEVILS:

1950, 1952, 1957

WALLACE PEPPERS:

1925

KINGMAN BLACK ACES:

1936

MELLOTT DERBIES:

1928

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

HILLSBORO WILDCATS:

1926

--2014 BSN Classic--

December 26, 2014

At Heritage

Oakwood vs. Martinsville	10:00	
Salt Fork vs. Judah Christian	11:30	
Heritage/Villa Grove vs. Georgetown-Ridgefarm	1:00	
Martinsville vs Salt Fork	5:00	
Georgetown-Ridgefarm vs Oakwood	6:30	
Judah Christian vs. Heritage/Villa Grove	8:00	

At Bismarck-Henning


Fountain Central vs. Fisher	10:00	
Danville Schlarman vs. Watseka	11:30	
North Vermillion vs. Bismarck-Henning	1:00	
Fisher vs. Danville Schlarman	5:00	
Watseska vs. North Vermillion	6:30	
Bismarck-Henning vs. Fountain Central	8:00	

December 27, 2014

At Heritage

Georgetown-Ridgefarm vs. Judah Christian	10:00	
Oakwood vs. Salt Fork	11:30	
Heritage/Villa Grove vs. Martinsville	1:00	
Judah Christian vs. Oakwood	5:00	
Martinsville vs. Georgetown-Ridgefarm	6:30	
Salt Fork vs. Heritage/Villa Grove	8:00	

At Bismarck-Henning

Danville Schlarman vs. Fountain Central	10:00	
Fisher vs. North Vermillion	11:30	
Watseska vs. Bismarck-Henning	1:00	
North Vermillion vs. Danville Schlarman	5:00	
Fountain Central vs. Watseka	6:30	
Bismarck-Henning vs. Fisher	8:00	

December 29, 2014

At Heritage

Heritage 6th Place vs. Bismarck-Henning 6th Place	10:00
Heritage 5th Place vs. Bismarck-Henning 5th Place	11:30
Heritage 4th Place vs. Bismarck-Henning 4th Place	1:00
Heritage 3rd Place vs. Bismarck-Henning 3rd Place	5:00
Heritage 2nd Place vs. Bismarck-Henning 2nd Place	6:30
HERITAGE 1ST PLACE VS. BISMARCK-HENNING 1ST PLACE	8:00

