



Mustang Hoops Update



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THIS WEEK IN MUSTANG BASKETBALL:

We are finally in the last week of the regular season. This week is odd in that our last regular season game is against Southmont, who is also in our sectional. This has been a fun group to coach so far. I am hopeful that we can make a nice run in the post-season again. We are 4-2 the last 2 years in the post-season, making it to the championship game of the sectional twice and winning it once. This year, our sectional is fairly wide-open. I feel we are good enough to win it, but we are going to have to play better defense and take care of the ball.



THIS WEEK'S FEATURED MUSTANGS:

Uriah Kyger & Luke Cooper.

Uriah Kyger has been one of our most improved JV players this year. He started the year without any playing experience, but he practices hard every day and works as hard as anyone on the team. If he continues to develop and work, he could be similar to Kiowa Simonton by the time he's a junior/senior. He has been a great addition to our program this year.

Luke Cooper has worked hard to improve his shooting this season, and he is shooting the ball much better. His next step is to work on getting stronger, and to spend more time with us in the summer getting in more games to help develop his game. Luke is an excellent student and always represents our program very well.



MUSTANG TEACHER OF THE WEEK:

This week, the Mustangs would like to thank Mrs. Larew for her passion toward Fountain Central students. Tyler Starkey says that Mrs. Larew will reprimand a student but then "one minute later, she is being nice to them because she's so eager for her students to learn." Thank you Mrs. Larew for your dedication to the students at FCHS.



PACERS THIS SUNDAY:

My wife and I are excited to attend the Pacers/Jazz game this coming Sunday. Though he will not be on the active roster (he's still getting paid and practicing, but will not be in uniform), one of my all time favorite players, Ian Clark, will be traveling to Indiana for the game. One of my friends gave me his tickets to the Monarch Beverage Suite for the game. Lindsay and I are likely to be the only ones wearing Utah Jazz - Ian Clark t-shirts in the suite. I had the privilege of coaching Ian at Germantown High School, near Memphis, Tennessee, when he was a freshman. Ian went from being the 4th best player on his middle school team (all four of their top players earned D1 scholarships) to becoming Belmont University's all time leading scorer and eventually signing a contract to play for the Jazz. Ian is a great kid from a great family and we are extremely proud of his accomplishments in basketball. I have not seen him for a couple years (though we text often), and my wife and I are looking forward to seeing Ian next weekend. We are still fans, but we are Ian Clark fans as well.



THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT:

SOUTHMONT MOUNTIES



The Mounties have had to overcome some adversity this season. They began the season without the best player in the area in Devin Burton. The Mounties are new to our sectional this season, as they dropped from 3A to 2A in the most recent reclassification. Southmont will play as hard as any team we play against. Burton is back and is still one of the best shooters in the area. He will be ready to make a push in his final season. The Mounties are a scary team this time of year.



WHAT TO LOOK FOR TONIGHT:

Southmont likes to press and force a fast tempo. Our ability to see the floor and make the correct pass will be very important. This is something we have improved on this season, but we still want to see our bigger guys think more like guards when they are being pressured. The Mounties also like to shoot a lot of 3's. We must make sure they are not getting wide-open, easy looks, and we must make sure we chase down any long rebounds.



SECTIONAL DRAW:

We will play Riverton Parke in the opening game of our sectional next Tuesday, 6pm, at FCHS. The winner will play Seeger on Friday. We defeated RP in the first game of the season, but they played well last week to defeat South Vermillion. We split with Seeger in 2 games this season. This year's sectional appears to be wide open. Hopefully, the Mustangs can put together a strong push in the post-season. The winner of our sectional will travel to Lapel to play the Lapel sectional winner (Tipton would likely be considered the favorite).



THIS WEEK'S BASKETBALL THOUGHT:

Make every game important. Great players understand that, if they want to play in a championship, they must treat every game as if it is a championship game. Players often talk about how they play better when they are "relaxed." However, almost no one is relaxed in a championship game, so you are better off treating them all like championship games and playing through the pressure. you will be better able to handle the pressure when it is real.

SECTIONAL DRAW:

TUES – Fountain Central vs. Riverton Parke (6:00); Clinton Central vs. South Vermillion (7:30).

FRI – Seeger vs. FC/RP (6:00); Southmont vs. CC/SV (7:30)

SAT – CHAMPIONSHIP – 7 PM

ALL SECTIONAL GAMES ARE AT FOUNTAIN CENTRAL

GO MUSTANGS!!!

MUSTANG BASKETBALL RECORDS

NOTE – Career and Single Season leaders are summarized this week. Each week, the basketball history of Fountain Central will be featured on this second page in some way. If you know of some interesting historical items that we could include in the newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact Coach Good directly.

CAREER LEADERS:



SCORING:	ROB SIMMONS	1582 PTS	1964-68
REBOUNDS:	ROB SIMMONS	800 REBS	1964-68
ASSISTS:	ANDY HAAS	372 AST	1987-91
STEALS:	COY OVERPECK	133 STL	1988-90
3-POINTERS:	JOSH HERING	139 3'S	1987-91

SINGLE SEASON LEADERS:



POINTS:	SCOTT BOONE	571 PTS	1975-76
REBOUNDS:	ROBERT GERARD	259 REBS	1972-73
ASSISTS:	ANDY HAAS	165 AST	1989-90
STEALS:	JEFF WILLIAMS	87 STL	1974-75
3-POINTERS:	JOSH HERING	62 3'S	1989-90
3-PT %:	TANNER PIERCE	42.3%	2010-11
FG %:	TERRY BLANKENBECKLER	67.7%	1983-84
FT %:	MATT BOOE	89.2%	1999-00
CHARGES:	LUKE DAVENPORT/JAMES KIRKPATRICK	17	

SINGLE GAME LEADERS:



POINTS:	ALAN HOLT	54 PTS	N. PUTNAM	1989-90
REBOUNDS:	ROBERT GERARD	26 REBS	TURKEY RUN	1971-72
ASSISTS:	CHRIS SHELTON	14 AST	N. PUTNAM	1981-82
	KENNY KROUT	14 AST	C-VILLE	1978-79
STEALS:	LUKE DAVENPORT	5 STL	SEEGER	2012-13
	LUKE DAVENPORT	5 STL	FAITH CHRIST.	2011-12
BLOCKS:	ETHAN WOODROW	4 BLK	B.C./SEEGER	2012-13
3'S:	ROSS McDONALD	7	N. VERMILLION	2000-01
	BRODY SOWERS	7	N. MONT.	2009-10
	BRODY SOWERS	7	N. PUTNAM	2008-09



NORTH PUTNAM – MAKE-UP

On Tuesday, we traveled to North Putnam to make up a game from earlier this season. We got off to a slow start, but finished strong, defeating them 50-39. It was one of our better defensive and rebounding games of the season. We had 3 players reach double figures in rebounds –Ethan Woodrow (12), Koby Pierce, & Doug Wallace (10 each). The Mustangs out-rebounded the Cougars 43-25 for the game. Clayton Corey did a nice job defending North Putnam's leading scorer Jordan Nauert. We still struggled to take care of the ball, committing 17 turnovers (our second highest total this season. Still, a road win is good. We did hold them to 29% shooting (tied for our second best this season).



COACH GOOD'S SECTIONAL MEMORIES:

I grew up with an older brother who was a much better basketball player than I was. He set many records at Rossville when he played, and many of them still stand. However, there is one thing he desperately wanted and never got, but I did – a sectional championship. In 1992, there was no class basketball, so we had to defeat Frankfort in the championship game. Frankfort was more than three times our size, but we often beat them. Many of my best friends were from Frankfort, so I really didn't enjoy losing to them (thanks to Tyler Metzger, Craig Whitlock, and Matt Severt, we didn't lose to them often in my high school years).

In the title game, we were down by 8 points with 4:00 remaining. We began to foul certain players on the Hot Dogs' team. Those players missed free throws, their point guard fouled out on some silly fouls, and we somehow came back and won the game. I still have the game on DVD (thanks to Ty Metzger) and watch it occasionally. I will forever remember that moment. In all honesty, my senior year was often frustrating for the most part, but that moment made up for all of it. We were the last Hornet team to win a sectional in the era of single class basketball. Rossville has since won a state championship at the 1A level, but will never again be able to defeat a school with 3 times as many students in the championship game. That night remains one of the best memories of my life.

I hate to admit it, but I was difficult to coach for Jeff Henley in those days. I was pretty sure I already knew everything, and I wish I could take back my attitude from those years. However, Coach Henley always wanted the best for us and overlooked my shortcomings. I am thankful to have had him as a coach. He taught me a lot about how to treat people.

Sectional time is an exciting time, and it goes by fast. Enjoy the moment and focus on winning.

THANK YOU PARENTS!

When I talk to coaches at other schools, I am reminded at how great our parents of our players are here. Thank you parents for your work, your patience, and your dedication to your kids. And thank you for allowing us to spend so much time with them in the winter.