

Meadville wins Holiday Hoops battle against North Mercer

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The unbeaten and state-ranked Meadville Eagles played a dominant floor game, controlling the boards and hitting 10 three-point field goals as a team, in defeating North Mercer in a boy's basketball game on Wednesday night at the Ketcham Community Center in Trenton, 69-45. The game was billed as a boy's showdown of two of the top squads in the region, but the Eagles quickly jumped on the Cardinals, going out to a 17-4 lead less than four minutes into the first quarter. North Mercer's rallies throughout the game would bring the Cardinals to within shouting distance of Meadville, but never close enough to truly threaten the lead.

After a scoreless first quarter, Meadville senior guard Derek Smith scored 12 points in the second on his way to a Meadville-leading 22 point night. T.J. Schmitz had 17 points, Cade Shiflett 12, and Kolton Friesner 10 for Meadville. North Mercer, in falling to 5-2 on the campaign, had Colton Hartley with 25 points and Caleb Wyatt with 12.

That boy's game was broadcast locally on KTTN FM 92.3, as was a girl's basketball game between the Princeton Tigers and Meadville Eagles. A jump shot by Princeton's Paige Phillips with 31 seconds remaining was the difference, with Princeton earning the 47-46 win over the Eagles. Nancy Berwanger had a superb night for Princeton, scoring a game-high 31 points, while junior Haley Fitzpatrick paced Meadville with 23 points.

Other WEDNESDAY scores from NCMC Holiday Hoops were:

(Girls) Gilman City 40, Novinger 23
(Boys) Polo 66, Novinger 31
(Girls) Polo 62, Carrollton 29
(Girls) Green City 56, North Harrison 42
(Boys) North Harrison 55, Green City 33

Scores from Saturday, December 22nd at Holiday Hoops were:

(Girls) Norborne 37, Green City 32
(Boys) Green City 46, Norborne 45
(Girls) North Nodaway 41, Newtown-Harris 17
(Boys) Newtown-Harris 57, North Nodaway 19

(Girls) Santa Fe 67, Winston 45
(Boys) Putnam County 59, Santa Fe 57
(Girls) North Mercer 66, Putnam County 35
(Boys) Kirksville 51, Maryville 50 (OT)

The schedule for THURSDAY, December 27th at NCMC Holiday Hoops is:

9:00 AM - (Girls) Ridgeway vs. Braymer
10:30 AM - (Boys) Novinger vs. Braymer
12:00 PM - (Girls) Novinger vs. Rock Port
1:30 PM - (Boys) Winston vs. Rock Port

4:00 PM - (Boys) (BROADCAST ON HOT COUNTRY Z 101.7) Princeton vs. Ridgeway

5:30 PM - (Girls) Nodaway-Holt vs. Hardin-Central

7:00 PM - (Boys) Nodaway-Holt vs. Hardin-Central

8:30 PM - (Girls) Lawson vs. Savannah