

**North Mercer wins HDC doubleheader at Newtown-Harris**

**Sports**

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Just 24 hours after a decisive victory over Hardin-Central at NCMC Holiday Hoops, the North Mercer boy's basketball team returned to the floor, this time playing at Newtown-Harris in an HDC Conference contest on Thursday night.

The Cardinals won for the EIGHTH time this season (their record is 8-2) with a 78-64 victory. In the girl's game that preceded the boy's contest, the Lady Cardinals cruised to a win against an overmanned Newtown-Harris Lady Tigers squad, 78-23.

Elsewhere on Thursday night, Grundy R-5 and Northwestern split a doubleheader, with the Lady Panthers, despite a season-high 28 points from Elizabeth Novak, falling to the Lady Eagles by a score of 46-42. Sara Benedict had 16 points for Northwestern. The Grundy R-5 boys, behind a balanced scoring effort led by 17 points from Brody Hatcher, beat Northwestern, 65-55. Clayton Radcliff had 15 points, Destin Gann 14, and Mason Larson 12 for Grundy R-5. Curtis Huffman led Northwestern with 20 points.

In Holiday Hoops from North Central Missouri College, Tina-Avalon and Novinger split games in the final two contests for this year's event. The Tina-Avalon girls won by a score of 41-26, with the Novinger boys taking a 43-35 win over the Dragons.

In scores from the Marceline Tournament, the Bevier girls won a consolation semifinal over Higbee, 44-36, with the Keytesville boys winning a consolation affair against Higbee 42-33. Keytesville will play Milan in the boy's consolation final at 5:30 on Friday night, in a game to be covered LIVE on Hot Country Z 101.7 and [www.kgozfm.com](http://www.kgozfm.com).

The Glasgow girls and boys won semifinals against Macon County/Bucklin, advancing the Yellowjackets into Saturday night's championship games opposite the host Marceline girls and boys. Glasgow won the girl's semifinal against the Lady Raiders, 57-29, with the Glasgow boys beating the Raiders, 55-16. The Milan Lady Wildcats will play Macon County/Bucklin for THIRD PLACE in the Marceline Tournament on Friday night at 7:00, also on Hot Country Z 101.7 and [www.kgozfm.com](http://www.kgozfm.com).

The rest of THURSDAY night's scoreboard has:

**GIRLS:**

North Shelby 43, Atlanta 29  
Putnam County 46, Green City 41  
Meadville 48, Hale 41  
North Harrison 60, North Nodaway 31  
Polo 71, Osborn 32

**BOYS:**

Cameron 57, Savannah 48  
Chillicothe 42, Bishop LeBlond 31  
Polo 70, Osborn 40  
North Harrison 54, North Nodaway 33  
North Shelby 72, Atlanta 64  
Putnam County 80, Green City 37  
Meadville 57, Hale 19