

Trenton Lady Bulldogs roll to South Harrison Tournament title

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The third-ranked Trenton Lady Bulldog basketball team was able to withstand a poor first-half against Princeton in Thursday night's semifinal, dominating the second half against the Lady Tigers in a 50-19 final, and then rolling past the host South Harrison Lady Bulldogs in Saturday night's championship game, 58-41.

The wins improve Trenton's season record to 13-1 (with a one-point loss at Marceline the only blemish). In the semifinal victory over Princeton, Cassidy Cotton led Trenton with 14 points. Princeton fell to 5-7 with the loss, the Lady Tigers second of the season against Trenton. The South Harrison girls claimed a 56-53 semifinal win over Putnam County.

Saturday night's final, broadcast on Hot Country Z 101.7, was dominated by the play of Trenton senior point guard Scotlin Hurley, who led the Lady Bulldogs with 23 points. Trenton's lead was as large as 27 points in the fourth quarter, before South Harrison made a late-game push against Trenton's JV players. Kaylee Smith led the South Harrison Lady Bulldogs with 12 points. Cassidy Cotton had a trio of three-point shots in the first quarter in a nine-point night, but turned an ankle and missed the second half due to that injury.

The Trenton boys picked up one of their most exciting wins in their season to date, beating the Putnam County Midgets in Thursday night's semifinal, 66-64. Austin Taul led Trenton with 26 points, with Colby Larson adding 20 to the winning cause. For the Midgets, Trey Ream had 19 points (but only 2 after halftime), Deion Hunt 16, and Cory Lewis 13. The South Harrison boys held off a semifinal challenge by Ridgeway to win by a score of 64-56.

In Saturday's third-place action from Bethany, the Putnam County girls beat Princeton 57-47, while the Ridgeway boys upended Putnam County 66-64. In Saturday night's boys championship game from Bethany, the South Harrison Bulldogs dominated Trenton, winning 63-39. For the second try this season against South Harrison, Trenton was unable to slow the one-two scoring combination of Kaid Hendren and Dylan Heitz, with Hendren hitting for 28 points (14 in the third quarter) and Heitz 17 for South Harrison. Trenton, now 10-5 on the season, had 12 points from Wilson Utley and 11 from Colby Larson. Of Trenton's FIVE losses, two each have come against Grand River Conference powers Gallatin and South Harrison. The Trenton boys other loss was December 18th at Marceline.

The South Harrison girls and boys, on Tuesday night (January 15th) host the Princeton Tigers. The Trenton girls and boys play their annual "Rivalry" games with Chillicothe on that same night, with a JV girls game at 5:00, followed by the varsity girls and varsity boys games from Chillicothe High School. Both VARSITY games will be carried LIVE on KTTN FM 92.3, www.kttn.com, and 'Internet TV', exclusively from www.kttn.com!