

Trenton Bulldogs pass quarterfinal tests at Hamilton Basketball Tournament

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The Trenton girls and boys basketball teams were challenged by squads from Bethany and Lathrop on Tuesday night, but strong fourth quarter surges by the Bulldogs sent both THS teams into Thursday night's semifinal round, with quarterfinal wins in the Hamilton Basketball Tournament. The Trenton Lady Bulldogs, playing South Harrison for the third time this season, squeezed by the Bethany girls by the score of 49-42. South Harrison, looking to pull a monumental upset, was within 43-42 of the top-seeded Lady Bulldogs with 32 seconds remaining, but THS knocked in six straight free throws to ice the game. Trenton entered the contest as the #2 ranked team in Class 3, in the just released MBCA/MoSports state poll.

Scotlin Hurley led Trenton with 13 points, while Makaila Capeder had 10 for the now 15-1 THS girls. South Harrison's improvement in their third shot at Trenton came, in large part, to the play of two freshman. In particular, Hunter Purdun had a huge second quarter for South Harrison, scoring 12 of her game-high 14 points in that frame. Ciara Jennings, a 6'2" freshman center, had nine points, and was a large defensive presence that gave Trenton difficulties with their normally potent inside game. Kaylee Smith finished with 10 points for South Harrison.

Trenton will play the Polo Lady Panthers in a 7:30 semifinal game on Thursday night. Polo advanced with a 58-49 overtime win on Monday night against Gallatin. In girl's pool play, Hamilton and Lathrop have moved into a 'semifinal' showdown on Thursday afternoon at 4:30, with Lathrop drilling Richmond on Tuesday night, 58-19, and Hamilton cruising on Monday night, to a 63-25 win over the Lady Spartans. The losses push Richmond into the consolation final on Friday night, where they will play Gallatin, a consolation semifinal winner (57-25) on Wednesday night against South Harrison.

The Trenton boys trailed upset-minded Lathrop in the battle of the 4/5 seeds on Tuesday night, 33-32 going into the fourth quarter. However, Trenton showed a good finishing kick, scoring 29 points in the fourth quarter and rallying for a 61-56 win over the Mules. The win broke a two-game losing streak (South Harrison and Chillicothe) for the Bulldogs, and pushed their season record to 11-6.

Chase Tolson led Trenton with 19 points in the quarterfinal win, with Chris Kurtz adding 12. For the Mules, Chris Koehn had 13 points, Brandon Stimelsky 12, and Robert Askren 11.

Trenton will next play Richmond (the #1 seed) on Thursday night in a 9 o'clock semifinal. Richmond rattled the host Penney Hornets in a Monday night quarterfinal, 69-38, behind 34 points from Reid Summers. In Monday's other boys game (in pool play), Gallatin ripped Polo, 84-40. On Tuesday night, South Harrison defeated Polo, 80-49, pushing the Panthers into Friday night's consolation final with Lathrop, a 60-57 consolation winner on Wednesday night over Hamilton.

South Harrison and Gallatin, two powerhouses from the Grand River Conference this season, will meet in the semifinals at 6 o'clock on Thursday night. Gallatin is the #2 seed, with South Harrison sitting at #3.

Tuesday night's Trenton games were broadcast on Hot Country Z 101.7 and www.kgozfm.com, and could be viewed on 'Internet TV'. We will have the exact SAME set-up for Thursday night's games involving Trenton (girls vs. Polo at 7:30, boys vs. Richmond at 9:00), with Tom Johnson on the call from Penney High School!

Here are the other TOURNAMENT scores to this point of the week from the area:

MEADVILLE TOURNAMENT:

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Monday Quarterfinals:

GIRLS: Mercer 84, Grundy R-V 21
BOYS: Mercer 64, Northwestern 39
GIRLS: Northwestern 51, Linn County 33
BOYS: Linn County 58, Grundy R-V 31

Tuesday Quarterfinals:

GIRLS: Meadville 32, Tina-Avalon 25
BOYS: Bucklin/Macon County 37, Tina-Avalon 28
GIRLS: Hale 53, Bucklin/Macon County 46
BOYS: Meadville 75, Hale 17

Wednesday (Consolation Semifinals):

GIRLS: Tina-Avalon 55, Grundy R-V 48
GIRLS: Bucklin/Macon County 51, Linn County 32
BOYS: Grundy R-V 80, Northwestern 59
BOYS: Tina-Avalon 58, Hale 39

Thursday (Semifinals):

GIRLS: Hale vs. Northwestern at 4:30 PM
BOYS (on KTTN FM 92.3): Mercer vs. Linn County at 5:45 PM
GIRLS (on KTTN FM 92.3): Mercer vs. Meadville at 7:00 PM
BOYS: Meadville vs. Bucklin/Macon County at 8:15 PM

GILMAN CITY TOURNAMENT:

Monday Quarterfinals:

GIRLS: Princeton 64, Tri-County 24
BOYS: Princeton 76, Tri-County 33
GIRLS: Gilman City 48, Cainsville 46
BOYS: Ridgeway 76, Cainsville 33

Tuesday Quarterfinals:

GIRLS: North Harrison 39, Ridgeway 36
BOYS: North Harrison 71, Pattonsburg 29
GIRLS: Pattonsburg 75, Union Star 15
BOYS: Union Star 50, Gilman City 43

Wednesday:

GIRLS CONSOLATION: Ridgeway 34, Union Star 24
BOYS CONSOLATION: Pattonsburg 63, Tri-County 54
GIRLS CONSOLATION: Cainsville 53, Tri-County 28
BOYS CONSOLATION: Gilman City 49, Cainsville 28

Thursday:

GIRLS SEMIFINAL: Princeton vs. Gilman City at 4:30 PM
BOYS SEMIFINAL: Ridgeway vs. Gilman City at 6:00 PM
GIRLS SEMIFINAL: North Harrison vs. Pattonsburg at 7:30 PM
BOYS SEMIFINAL: North Harrison vs. Princeton at 9:00 PM

KING CITY TOURNAMENT:

Monday Quarterfinals:

GIRLS: North Andrew 66, Stanberry 38
GIRLS: King City 50, St. Joe Christian 42

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Tuesday Quarterfinals:

GIRLS: South Holt 52, DeKalb 49 (OT)

BOYS: DeKalb 29, Maysville 24

GIRLS: Maysville 79, Stewartsville 11

BOYS: King City 67, Stewartsville 48

Wednesday:

GIRLS CONSOLATION: DeKalb 70, Stewartsville 21

BOYS CONSOLATION: St. Joe Christian 50, South Holt 17

GIRLS CONSOLATION: Stanberry 36, St. Joe Christian 28

BOYS CONSOLATION: Maysville 39, Stewartsville 28

Thursday (Semifinals):

GIRLS at 4:30 PM: South Holt vs. Maysville

BOYS at 5:45 PM: King City vs. DeKalb

GIRLS at 7:00 PM: North Andrew vs. King City

BOYS at 8:15 PM: North Andrew vs. Stanberry

CAMERON TOURNAMENT:

Monday Girls Quarterfinals:

St. Joe Central 31, Savannah 28

Kearney 49, Chillicothe 26

Cameron 57, Excelsior Springs 22

Bishop LeBlond 54, Lawson 44

Tuesday Boys Quarterfinals:

Maryville 53, Bishop LeBlond 52 (OT)

Smithville 69, University Academy 43

Cameron 58, Chillicothe 40

Excelsior Springs 69, Lawson 62 (OT)

Wednesday:

GIRLS CONSOLATION: Lawson 55, Excelsior Springs 23

GIRLS SEMIFINAL: Kearney 31, St. Joe Central 28

GIRLS SEMIFINAL: Cameron 61, Bishop LeBlond 29

GIRLS CONSOLATION: Chillicothe 54, Savannah 45

Thursday:

BOYS CONSOLATION: University Academy vs. Lawson at 4:00 PM

BOYS SEMIFINAL: Smithville vs. Excelsior Springs at 5:30 PM

BOYS SEMIFINAL: Cameron vs. Maryville at 7:00 PM

BOYS CONSOLATION: Chillicothe vs. Bishop LeBlond at 8:30 PM

NORTH PLATTE TOURNAMENT:

Monday Quarterfinals:

GIRLS: North Platte 43, West Platte 28

BOYS: Jefferson 52, Plattsburg 46

GIRLS: Jefferson 42, Mid-Buchanan 29

BOYS: Mid-Buchanan 50, North Platte 45

Tuesday Quarterfinals:

GIRLS: Plattsburg 46, ACE 11

BOYS: Braymer 63, ACE 51

GIRLS: Braymer 45, Lone Jack 38

BOYS: West Platte 66, Lone Jack 35

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Wednesday:

GIRLS CONSOLATION: West Platte 39, Mid-Buchanan 21

BOYS CONSOLATION: Plattsburg 45, Lone Jack 36

GIRLS CONSOLATION: Lone Jack 45, ACC 30

BOYS CONSOLATION: North Platte 53, ACC 40

Thursday:

GIRLS SEMIFINAL: North Platte vs. Jefferson at 4:30 PM

BOYS SEMIFINAL: Jefferson vs. West Platte at 6:00 PM

GIRLS SEMIFINAL: Plattsburg vs. Braymer at 7:30 PM

BOYS SEMIFINAL: Braymer vs. Mid-Buchanan at 9:00 PM

On Tuesday night, Winston and Newtown-Harris SPLIT an HDC doubleheader at the Newtown gym. The Winston girls won 63-29, with the Newtown-Harris boys emerging with a 57-50 win over the visiting Redbirds.

The Trenton freshmen and JV boy's basketball teams played at Bishop LeBlond on Monday night. The JV picked up a 47-39 victory to move to 9-2 on the season. Chris Flowers had 12 points and Cree Mullenix 11 for Trenton. The Trenton freshmen were beaten by LeBlond, 46-34. Aaron Anderson had 14 points and Brice Dillon 11 for Trenton. The Trenton freshmen and JV boys HOST Lathrop on Thursday night, January 24th at the THS gym. The action starts at 6 o'clock.