

Elementary tourney time

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Bracket busters arrived on the first night of the 5-6 grade elementary girls tournament.

Coming in as the two lowest seeds, both the Irving College Lady Tigers and West Elementary Lady Wizards slipped on the Cinderella slippers Monday.

The Lady Tigers rode a big night from star forward Brooklyn Wanamaker to a 24-13 victory over the Bobby Ray Lady Stars to open tournament play at Warren County Middle School. Later, Kiaann King carried the Lady Wizards to their first victory this season, 20-17 over the Hickory Creek Lady Hawks.

Irving College and Bobby Ray split their regular season series, setting up a rubber match in the tournament's first game with the highest stakes possible - only one team would continue its season past Monday.

The Lady Stars got off to a hot start, outscoring the Lady Tigers 7-1 in the first quarter. Sadie Duggin, Brily Jones and Zoie Verge each scored from the paint, giving Bobby Ray an early advantage.

Wanamaker decided to take over once the second quarter started.

The Irving College star showed why she was one of the league's top offensive players. She was a one-girl offense in transition.

Wanamaker got open runs to the rim by grabbing rebounds and taking off in front of the chasing Lady Star defense. Arriving at the rim, Wanamaker showed her ability to finish with either hand. Wanamaker parlayed her quick-strike offense into 12 points in the second quarter, rallying Irving College from an early eight-point deficit to a 14-9 halftime lead.



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Ashlyn Ried drives to the basket against Bobby Ray's Emily Richardson during Monday's 5-6 grade tournament game at WCMS. The Lady Tigers advanced with a 24-13 victory over the Lady Stars.

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Wildcats win



Mathew Arnold scored eight points to help Dibrell beat West Elementary 43-12. See more on 3B.

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SBLII winners and losers

The Super Bowl featured 1,151 yards of offense, the most of any game in NFL history.

It featured advertisers shelling out \$5 million for a 30-second ad.

And perhaps the most memorable moment came from some 13-year-old kid fumbling with his cellphone during Justin Timberlake's halftime performance. The teen, who wished only to be identified as Ryan, was interviewed on "Good Morning America" on Monday and said he gained more than 8,000 online followers since being shown on TV with Timberlake.

As the glow from Super Bowl LII begins to fade, Ryan is one of the big winners, redeeming his 15 minutes of fame. Here are some other winners and losers.

WINNERS

EAGLE COACH DOUG PEDERSON - He lost his franchise QB near the end of the season and his dominating left tackle before that. To win a Super Bowl with backups at those positions is remarkable.

The fourth-down trick TD pass to QB Nick Foles is one of the best plays I've ever seen

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designed. It came from the vault of assistant coach Press Taylor, who said the Eagles planned to use it in the NFC Championship, but never needed it.

NICK FOLES - Nothing increases your market value like being named Super Bowl MVP. The question is whether Foles, who is under contract with the Eagles next year, will be happy with a backup role if a healthy Carson Wentz returns?

AMAZON - Amazon may one day rule the galaxy. With that lofty possibility, you'd have to expect the company to produce the best Super Bowl ad. It did.

LOSERS

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA - The Eagles win and their fans celebrate by setting fire to their town and causing mass destruc-

tion. It's once again proof the human race is not very intelligent.

MALCOLM BUTLER - The Super Bowl hero for New England during its win over Seattle, Butler didn't play a single defensive snap for the Patriots on Sunday after he led the team in defensive snaps during the season.

It's hard to question Bill Belichick, but let's do it this time because not playing Butler was a dumb decision.

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE - It won't hurt \$300 ticket sales to his concerts, but Timberlake's halftime show was largely blah. The show might earn fair marks as a dance routine. As a concert, it stunk like a dead dog.

THE PATRIOTS - Might this (finally!) be the beginning of the end of New England's dynasty. Tom Brady, assuming he returns, will start next season at age 41.

Patriot defensive coordinator Matt Patricia accepted the head coaching job with the Lions on Monday. Offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels was announced as the Colts new head coach Tuesday. Even Belichick's future has been under speculation.

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