West steamrolls Southwestern, Somerset pulls away from East

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There wasn't much to complain about for West Jessamine on Wednesday night as the Colts took control of the first round meeting with Southwestern and ran away with it for an 84-56 win.

DeAjuan Stepp continued to be an elite scorer for the Colts, leading everyone with 30 points on 11-25 shooting. He also pulled down 11 rebounds for a double double.

Not to be outdone, Daniel Waters put in a 15-10 performance for his own double-double.

Four West players scored in double figures — Gavin Salva had 13 and Jackson Green had 10 — and three had double figure rebounds as the team's single season rebounding leader Clayton Winter pulled down 16.

On Thursday night, the Colts were at Pulaski County to watch their crosstown rival East Jessamine take on Somerset.

The Jaguars kept it close, but the Briar Jumpers eventually pulled away thanks in large part to the outstanding performance from Kade Grundy.

The junior guard led everyone with 34 points. He shot 7-10 from inside the arc and 4-10 from downtown and cashed in on all eight of his free throw attempts.

No matter what East threw at him, Grundy was able to find the answer for it.

"I don't know what East could've done against him," Danville coach Ed McKinney said after his team won its first round game to set up a rematch with Somerset.

An emotional Nick Barton said that he was so proud of the way his team fought on Thursday night.

West Jessamine will take on Pulaski County, who is the tournament's host team. The two teams met in the first week of the season where the Maroons pulled out a 71-67 win on their home court.

Somerset will get a familiar foe in Danville. The two teams have squared off twice this year — in the first meeting at Burgin for the All-A regional championship, the Briar Jumpers pulled out a 72-70 win in a double overtime thriller. The second meeting — at Somerset — was less thrilling at the home team dominated the Ads with an 82-59 win. In both of those meetings, Grundy had 20 points.

SOUTHWESTERN

Scoring

No.	Player	2 Pt FGS	2 Pt FGA	3 Pt FGS	3 Pt FGA	FTS	FTA	Total Points
2	Dysinger, Cole	3	7	3	8	1	2	16
11	Coffey, Hunter	3	7	0	0	3	8	9
24	Jones, Andrew	1	3	1	2	2	2	7
13	Smith, Andrew	3	6	0	3	1	2	7
1	McKee, Tanner	3	5	0	2	0	0	6
12	Smith, Evan	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
22	Wood, Jon	0	1	1	3	0	0	3
25	Sims, Brayden	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
10	Maybrier, Lukas	1	2	0	1	0	1	2
21	Meadows, Ethan	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
3	Eastham, Chase	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
15	Coffey, Campbell	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
32	Pierce, Cameron	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
33	Jacobs, Luke	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

WEST JESSAMINE

Scoring

No.	Player	2 Pt FGS	2 Pt FGA	3 Pt FGS	3 Pt FGA	FTS	FTA	Total Points
11	Stepp, DeAjuan	10	20	1	5	7	10	30
31	Waters, Daniel	5	10	0	3	5	6	15
34	Salva, Gavin	5	5	0	0	3	6	13
10	Green, Jackson	4	4	0	1	2	5	10
32	Breeden, Nate	3	3	0	2	2	3	8
33	Winter, Clayton	3	7	0	0	0	3	6
24	Pugh, Landon	0	0	0	1	2	2	2
35	Barr, Luke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Welch, Braden	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
21	Snow, Sam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

EAST JESSAMINE

Scoring

No.	Player	2 Pt FGS	2 Pt FGA	3 Pt FGS	3 Pt FGA	FTS	FTA	Total Points
1	Powell, Michael	5	8	0	1	6	9	16
11	Jackson, DeQuante	3	6	3	8	0	2	15
12	McNew, Ben	1	1	2	5	3	4	11
5	Thompson, Cam	0	1	1	1	8	9	11
2	Thomas, Zion	3	6	0	1	2	4	8
4	Lockhart, Keegan	2	4	0	2	1	1	5
33	Smith, Caleb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	McElfresh, Collin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Kahler, Derek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Coleman, Zach	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

SOMERSET

Scoring

No.	Player	2 Pt FGS	2 Pt FGA	3 Pt FGS	3 Pt FGA	FTS	FTA	Total Points
3	Grundy, Kade	7	10	4	10	8	8	34
22	Sheron, Kaiya	4	9	0	0	5	9	13
23	Bruner, Jase	5	6	0	0	0	0	10
15	Stevens, Gavin	3	4	1	4	1	2	10
10	Burton, Dylan	1	2	2	3	2	2	10
24	Acey, Dakota	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

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