

SPORTS NEWS

St. James Tigers defeat Bulldogs Monday

Dixon trailed St. James 23-17 after one quarter and 40-27 at half-time. The Tigers held a 51-35 advantage entering the final period and the Bulldogs couldn't make up any ground as they played even with St. James in the final eight minutes.

Top scorer for Dixon was CJ Thiltgen with 16 points. Will Shelton also reached double digits sinking 12 points.

St. James was led by Peyton

Gruver with 14 points. Kaden Guese and Silas Redburn each scored 13 points.

Scoring by quarter:
Dixon 17 10 8 13 - 48
St. James 23 17 11 13 - 64
Individual Scoring:
Dixon (48) - CJ Thiltgen 16, Will Shelton 12, Clayton Sinden 6, Jayden Roam 6, Shannon Kamper 5, Alex Easterling 2, Matthew Barnett 1.
St. James (64) - Peyton Gruver

14, Kaden Guese 13, Silas Redburn 13, Chris Boone 8, Logan Sparks 8, Trent Satterfield 4, Blake Redburn 3.

3-Pt: Dixon 4, St. James 6
FT: Dixon 12/18 (67%), St. James 9/14 (64%)
PF: Dixon 15, St. James 19
The Bulldogs record moves to 6-4 overall and is 1-0 in the Frisco League.

Dixon JV tops St. James 50-36
Dixon's junior varsity defeated St. James in the JV game 50-36. The Bulldogs JV record improved to 7-2 overall and stayed 1-0 in the Frisco League.

(Scoring stats not available.)
Upcoming: Dixon will play Jamestown in the semifinals of the Stover Tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 5:00 p.m. at the Stover Dome. Dixon will then play Saturday, Jan. 9 at the Dome, either at 12:00 p.m. for third place or at 6:00 p.m. for the championship.

After completing play in the Stover Tournament, the Bulldogs will next see action Monday, Jan. 11 at Cuba, game time at 5:30 p.m.

Dixon Lady Bulldogs lose first round game to Stover

The Dixon Lady Bulldogs lost to 2nd seeded Stover, 63-24, Saturday, January 2 in the first round of the Stover Girls Basketball Tournament. Dixon lost two starters during the game, Resa Martin due to an ankle injury early in the first quarter, and Ryli Martin fouled out in the third quarter. The Lady Bulldogs finished the game with five available players, none with varsity experience before this season.

Dixon Coach James Thompson stated, "Despite the adversity, the girls played hard and I'm proud of them."

Ryli Martin led Dixon with 10 points, Tristen Martin scored 8, and Resa Martin added 6 points.

Stover had two players in double digits with Abby Dittmer with

15 points and Amyjah Belt scoring 12.

Scoring by quarter:
Dixon 9 2 13 0 - 24
Stover 20 21 15 5 - 63
Individual Scoring:
Dixon (24) - Ryli Martin 10, Tristen Lipscomb 8, Resa Martin 6, Stover (63) - A. Dittmer 15, A. Belt 12, Julia Marriott 9, Reese Brown 8, Madison Mosher 4, Josiah Walker 3, Hannah Bauer 2, Kara VanVleck 2, Tierra Stark 2, Katelynn Jackson 2, Helen Black 2.

3-Pt: Dixon 4, Stover 2
FT: Dixon 6/18 (33%), Stover 9/18 (50%)

PF: Dixon 17, Stover 12

With the loss, Dixon's record falls to 2-8 overall and remains 0-1 in conference play.

In other first round games Saturday, Jamestown edged Green Ridge 43-41, and top seeded Holden was upset by the California JV 55-48. The other later girls game between Versailles and Cole Camp was postponed until Mon., Jan. 4 due to weather conditions. Monday Cole Camp beat Versailles 51-44.

Dixon played Versailles on Tuesday but results were not available at press time. The Lady Bulldogs will next play on Fri., Jan. 9 at 5:00 either for consolation at The Dome or for 7th place in the Stover H.S. gym.

Upcoming: After completing play in the Stover Tournament Friday, Dixon's next game will be Thursday, Jan. 14 at St. Elizabeth with tipoff at 6:00 p.m.

Bulldogs defeat Calhoun to advance to Stover Tournament semifinals Wednesday

The top-seeded Dixon High School Bulldogs hammered Calhoun, 77-20, Saturday, January 2 in the first round of the Stover Basketball Tournament. The Bulldogs improve to 6-3 overall. (See next week's Pilot for Dixon stats in their Stover Tournament games.)

In other boys first round games Saturday, Jamestown defeated Holden 52-46, and second seed Versailles smashed Green Ridge 97-21. The game between Cole Camp and Stover was postponed until Mon., Jan. 4 with Stover dowing Cole Camp 72-47.

The Bulldogs advance to play Jamestown in the semifinals on Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 5:00 p.m. at the Stover Dome. Dixon will then play Saturday, Jan. 9 at the Dome, either at 12:00 p.m. for third place or at 6:00 p.m. for the championship.

WHS Tigers start fast, finish strong against Carthage

Rolla, MO. Rolla High School December 30, 2020 - The Waynesville Tigers varsity basketball team defeated Carthage, 78-57 on Wednesday, Dec. 30.

Records: Waynesville 3-4 overall; Carthage 4-5 overall

Waynesville started fast, jumping out to a 24-9 lead in the first quarter. Waynesville went to the halftime locker room up 44-30.

The Waynesville Tigers outscored Carthage 34-27 in the second half.

Waynesville finished strong to win, 78-57.

Scoring:
Carthage (57) - Ray 4, A. Templemen 11, M. Templemen 23, Kinder 4, Carlton 15.
Waynesville (78) - Lewis 11, MacArthur 17, Hyatt 20, Martin 12, Okeke 6, Smith 9.

Stats:
3-Pt: Waynesville 7, Carthage 6
FT: Waynesville 7/12 (58%), Carthage 10/19 (53%)

Fouls: Waynesville 20, Carthage 16

Coach Pilz on the WHS Tigers - "Our guys bounced back this afternoon after a tough loss last night. We shot the ball with confidence today. We created some easy baskets with our defense. It's a much easier game when you make baskets. Our team continues to improve. We will take a few days off and get back to work."

NEXT: Smith Cotton Jan. 4.

Waynesville Tigers drop tough contest to Poplar Bluff

Rolla, MO December 29, 2020 - The Waynesville Tigers varsity basketball team drops a tough contest to Poplar Bluff Mules, 37-36.

Records: Waynesville 2-4 overall; Poplar Bluff 7-1 overall

Waynesville fell behind 13-4 after the first quarter and went to the halftime locker room down 21-15. The Tigers outscored Poplar Bluff 20-16 in the second half. The game saw several ties in the second half. Poplar Bluff was able to hold on down the stretch to win, 37-36.

Scoring:
Poplar Bluff (37) - Webb 5, Combs 4, Gavin Rivers 1, Gage Rivers 1, Hardiman 9, Campbell 11, Young 4, Brummitt 2.

Waynesville (36) - Lewis 12, MacArthur 7, Hyatt 10, Martin 4, Okeke 3.

Stats:
3-Pt: Waynesville 2, Poplar Bluff 4
FT: Waynesville 10/16 (63%), Poplar Bluff 13/20 (65%)

Fouls: WHS 15, Poplar Bluff 20

Coach Pilz on the WHS Tigers - "Our guys' effort was great tonight. We need to execute better on the offense end. Defensively we are improving. Our shot selection must be better. The difference tonight came down to Poplar Bluff's defense ability is ahead of our offense ability. We missed too many Free throws and lay-ups tonight. There is an old saying, "free throws don't win games, but they lose all the close ones. Poplar Bluff is a quality opponent. They are well coached and put extreme pressure on the guards. Our team has made huge strides on both ends of the court since we played them 10 days ago. I like our team. We will continue to improve basketball ability. Our guys are looking forward to our game with Carthage tomorrow (Dec. 30)."

Area teams ranked in State Poll

The MBCA state basketball poll released Dec. 26 involved area high school basketball teams.

MBCA State Girls Basketball Rankings as of Dec. 26

Class 2 Girls

- Wellington-Napoleon
- Richland
- Blue Eye
- Crane
- Greenfield
- Oran
- Schuyler County
- Mid-Buchanan
- Bishop Leblond
- Verona

Class 3 Girls

- Monroe City
- Tipton
- Skyline
- St. Pius X (KC)
- Strafford
- Sparta
- Twin Rivers
- West County
- Diamond
- Miller

Others receiving votes: Iberia, Hartsville, Steelville

Class 5 Girls

- West Plains
- Helias Catholic
- Willard

- Cardinal Ritter
- Cape Notre Dame
- Parkway North
- Rolla
- Carl Junction
- Lincoln College Prep
- Whitfield

Others receiving votes included

Waynesville.

MBCA State Boys Basketball Rankings as of Dec. 26

Class 3 Boys

- Greenwood
- Hartville
- Monroe City
- Skyline
- Thayer
- Christian (O'Fallon)
- Summit Christian Academy
- Iberia
- Strafford
- Licking

Waynesville girls beat Carthage, 68-58

The WHS girls basketball team beat Carthage, 68-58, December 29, in the Pink & White Tourney at Kickapoo HS in Springfield.

Waynesville 20 14 17 17 - 68

Carthage 17 12 8 21 - 58

Waynesville (68) - Evans 33, Gambill 3, A. Jones 3, Durrant 4, A Garcia 2, C Jones 2, Morgan 6, Hurd 15.

Carthage (58) - R. Probert 5,

Crowe 6, ream 18, Cochran 1, Yates 6, Fullerton 19, Shannon 3.

Waynesville Head Coach Brittany Matlock stated, "We have to be consistent for four quarters on both ends of the floor. The girls kept fighting and have played their way into the semifinals tomorrow (Dec. 30) vs. Nixa."

Next game is in Pink & White Tourney Dec. 30 against Nixa.

WHS girls lose to Nixa in semifinal, 78-31

The WHS girls basketball team lost to Nixa, 78-31, December 30, in the Pink & White Tourney at Kickapoo HS in Springfield.

Waynesville 3 17 3 8 - 31

Nixa 26 17 29 6 - 78

Waynesville (31) - Evans 10, Gambill 3, Durrant 1, A. Garcia 4, C Garcia 2, Hurd 11.

Nixa (78) - Corrisalez 2, Mahy 3, Bray 2, S. Conway 15, A. Kamies 5, Gibbons 9, K. Kamies 8,

Clark 6, M. Conway 22, Weaver 4, Vincent 2.

WHS Head Coach Brittany Matlock stated, "Hurd got in foul trouble early and they double teamed Evans. We have to respond better to adversity. Nixa did a great job of getting us out of our rhythm. We know we have plenty of room to improve and this was a great test for us. Next game is Dec. 31 vs Republic at Kickapoo."

Waynesville girls BB falls to Republic, 70-33

The WHS girls basketball team fell to Republic, 70-33, December 31, in the third place game of the Pink & White Tourney at Kickapoo HS in Springfield.

Waynesville 8 9 13 3 - 33

Republic 21 22 24 3 - 70

Waynesville (33) - Evans 11, Hurd 22.

Republic (70) - Holmes 8, Ragsdale 8, Leonard 3, Kirby 11, Powell

Goodman 12, Bekemeier 18, Fin-

ley 8, Knotts 2.

Waynesville Head Coach Brittany Matlock stated, "Four games in four days and we finished 4th out of 16 team. Everyone knows Naudia and Bre are our go to players, but they cannot do it alone. We've got to do a better job at bringing the energy for 4 quarters on both ends of the floor as a team, even when it's a challenge."

Next game: Jan. 5 at Union.

First Baby born at Phelps Health in 2021 is Girl



From left are Phelps Health Labor and Delivery Unit employees Jeanie Cotner and Christine Brazier; parents Alyson and Aaron Born with baby Ada Jane; and Phelps Health Labor and Delivery Unit employees Kristin Stevens, Ciara Honse and Melissa Griffith (kneeling). Submitted

ROLLA, Mo. - Ada Jane Louise Born was the first baby born at Phelps Health in Rolla in 2021, arriving at 6:13 PM Friday, January 1, 2021. She weighed 7 pounds, 10.9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her mother and father, Alyson and Aaron Born, of Waynesville, MO, welcomed Ada Jane into this world. This is their first child.

Ada Jane arrived earlier than expected. Alyson's due date was January 14. "I thought she'd be born at

39 weeks when I was supposed to be induced," Alyson said. "This was completely unexpected."

For Aaron, having his daughter be the first baby born at Phelps Health in 2021 was a special moment. "It feels like the perfect start to the new year," he said.

As in previous years, the first baby of the new year receives gifts and baby items to commemorate the event. This year, the Phelps Health Labor and Delivery Unit donated baby supplies valued at over

\$300, including a Pack 'n Play combo with a removable swing, blankets, onesies, sleepers, an infrared thermometer, nipple pads and cream for the baby's mother, diapers, wipes and other items.

Ada Jane's parents wished good luck to all of the families having babies this year. "We hope they are all as beautiful and healthy as our Ada Jane," Alyson said.

On average, more than 800 babies are born at Phelps Health each year.

In Memory Of Dale L. Blackburn

September 8, 1936 - January 10, 2005

We're Thankful For You

*You brighten up our life
With memories we bare ..
When we reach out
You always are there.*

*You're someone we can count on
when we need a hand ..
You're compassionate and loving
you always understand.*

*Oh yes you have
your off days too ..
However those days
are but numbered few.*

*We're so thankful to have
a grandfather like you ..
There is no other who
could fill your shoes.*



Grandpa

GRANDKIDS:

Andrea Lauren, Ashley Rose, Tonya Rene, Chrissy Nicole, Erica Diane, Jordan Leigh, Lacey Dawn, Sherry Lynn, Stephanie Ann, Whitney Lynn, Kyle Rea, Haley Regan and Brandi Lea

GREAT GRANDKIDS:

Colby Eugene, Keaton Avery, Tate Douglas, Kenadie Ann, Taylor Lynn, Blaine Austin, Kaden Christopher, Malachi Jax, Parker Matthew, Gavin Clay, Taylen Leigh, Emrie Paige, Mckenzie Jade, Hailey Rene, Myla Rose, Kaleb Christian, Robert William, Kimber Lynn, Austin Jason, Elsie Jo, Knox James, Teagan Rea, Declan Bishop and Blakely Therese

*In Precious Memory Of Dale L. Blackburn Who Walked Through Heaven's Gate
January 10, 2005*