HERMANN WINS BOYS' R-2 INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY TAKES 2ND PLACE

For the first time in several years, the Montgomery County R-2 Wildcats and the Hermann Bearcats faced each other in the Championship Game of the Montgomery County R-2 Invitational Tournament on Saturday, December 3. As is almost always the case in any game between these two rivals, the intensity is at a high level and the winner isn't determined until very late in the game.

Except for the intensity being at an even higher level in this game because it was for the Tournament Championship, this game was no different as past games between these teams. In a wild, fast-paced, action packed ballgame, the Hermann Bearcats (#2 seed for the tourney) pulled off only the second upset of the Boys' Tournament by defeating Montgomery County (#1 seed for the tourney) 74-68 to win the Tournament Championship.

A more detailed report on this game (and the Wildcats' other 2 games in the tournament) are either in this issue of the Standard, or will be in next week's Standard.

OTHER TROPHY GAMES ON SATURDAY & FRIDAY

Earlier on Saturday, Fulton (#3 seed) played Clopton (#4 seed) in the 3rd Place Game. Fulton used a 19-1 second quarter to pull away to a 30-10 lead at halftime, only to have Clopton come back with an 18-4 scoring run in the second half. However, Fulton was able to hold on and win the game and the 3rd Place Trophy by the score of 52-42.

The final games on the Consolation side of the tournament were played on Friday night. Wellsville-Middletown (#6 seed) pulled of a minor upset and won the Consolation/5th Place trophy by defeating Bowling Green (#5 seed) 60-50. In the other game played on Friday, New Haven (#7 seed) defeated Silex (#8 seed) 46-35.

BOYS' GAMES ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY

The boys' teams also played games on Tuesday and Thursday, which set up the match-ups for Friday and Saturday's games. Just like in the Girls' Tournament, there were no upsets in the First Round Games or the Semifinal Games.

In the First Round Games played at the High School Gym on Tuesday, Montgomery County defeated Silex 78-43 and Clopton defeated Bowling Green 49-35. In the First Round Games played at the Middle School Gym, Hermann defeated New Haven 38-33, and Fulton defeated Wellsville-Middletown 82-60.

In the Championship Semifinal Games played on Thursday at the High School Gym, Montgomery County defeated Clopton 75-71, and Hermann defeated Fulton defeated 53-47. In the Consolation Semifinal Games played at the Middle School Gym, Bowling Green defeated Silex 35-27, and Wellsville-Middletown defeated New Haven 52-49.

NELSON NAMED TOURNAMENT MVP & PARRISH MAKES ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Once again, an “All-Tournament Team” and “Most Valuable Player” (MVP) for the tournament were selected by a vote of the tournament coaches. R-2 Wildcat Junior Aubrey Nelson was elected as this year’s Tournament MVP.

5 other players were elected to the “All Tournament Team”. Wildcat Chase Parrish was elected to the team, as were the following players (listed alphabetically): Makygh Galbreath (Fulton); Landon Hall (Clopton); Trey McKague (Hermann) and Jacob Ussery (Wellsville-Middletown). “Congratulations” to all of these young men for earning this honor.

“Congratulations” to the Hermann Bearcats on winning the R-2 Tournament Championship. Also, “Congratulations” to the Montgomery County Wildcats for winning the 2nd Place Trophy.

Finally, a great big “THANK YOU” to everyone who helped make this another successful tournament.

CLOPTON WINS GIRLS' R-2 INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY WINS 5TH PLACE TROPHY

The Clopton Lady Hawks (#1 seed in the tournament) won the Girls' Montgomery County R-2 Invitational Tournament on Saturday, December 3, by defeating the Herman Lady Bearcats (#2 seed in the tournament) 65-46. This is the fifth R-2 Tournament Championship for Clopton, the third highest total behind Mexico with 10 (no longer in the tournament), and Hermann with 7.

As a "side note", this was the eighth consecutive tournament that Hermann has played in the Championship Game. Although the Lady Bearcats have won 7 R-2 Invitational Tournament Championships, they have lost the Championship Game in each of the last 4 tournaments.

LADY WILDCATS WIN FIRST R-2 TOURNEY TROPHY IN 18 YEARS

The final games on the Consolation side of the tournament were played on Friday night, December 2. For the first time since 1998, the Montgomery County R-2 Lady Wildcats won a trophy in their own tournament. The Lady Wildcats (#5 seed) won the Consolation/5th Place Trophy by defeating Fulton (#6 seed) 49-44. The last Lady Wildcats team to win a trophy in the R-2 Tournament was the 1998 team, who won the 3rd Place Trophy that year. In the other game played Friday night, Silex (#7 seed) defeated Wellsville-Middletown (#8 seed) 58-44.

In addition to the Championship Game on Saturday, the Girls' 3rd Place game started off Saturday afternoon/evening's set of Trophy Games. In the only "upset" of the Girls' Tournament, New Haven (#4 seed) won the 3rd Place Trophy by defeating Bowling Green (#4 seed) 51-40.

GAMES ON MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

The girls' teams also played games on Monday and Wednesday to set up the match-ups for the games on Friday and Saturday. On Monday, New Haven defeated Montgomery County 40-20, and Clopton defeated Wellsville-Middletown 63-20 in the 2 games at the High School Gym. In the two games at the Middle School Gym Hermann defeated Silex 57-20, and Bowling Green defeated Fulton 54-33.

In the Championship Semifinal games on Wednesday (both played at the High School Gym) Clopton moved on to the Championship Game by defeating New Haven 57-42. In the other Championship Semifinal Game, Hermann defeated Bowling Green 64-45.

In the Consolation Semifinal Games played at the Middle School Gym, Montgomery County defeated cross-county rival Wellsville-Middletown 58-33. In the other game, Fulton defeated Silex 40-37.

TOURNAMENT MVP & ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Once again, an “All-Tournament Team” and “Most Valuable Player” (MVP) were selected by a vote of the tournament coaches. Allison Stiers (Hermann) was elected as this year’s Tournament MVP.

The “All-Tournament Team” included the following players (listed alphabetically): Katelyn Charlton (Bowling Green); Lauren Gerlemann (New Haven); Ashtyn Lagemann (Clopton); Kaitlyn Kuntz (Clopton); and Tess Schannuth (Hermann). “Congratulations” to all of these young ladies for earning this honor.

“Congratulations” to the Clopton Lady Hawks on winning the Tournament Championship. Also, “Congratulations” to the Montgomery County R-2 Lady Wildcats on winning the Consolation/5th Place Trophy.

Also, a great big “THANK YOU” to everyone who helped make this a successful tournament.