



## **MT. LION BOYS' BASKETBALL OPEN SEASON AGAINST ELKINS**

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HAMBLETON – The Tucker County High School Boys' Basketball team opened the season with a home game against longtime rival Elkins on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. The Mt. Lions got off to a slow start and could not complete the comeback and fell in the contest 56-49.

The first quarter belonged to the visiting team as the Tigers came out on fire as they outscored Tucker County in the opening quarter to lead 18-6 after one quarter. The Mt. Lions would fight back in the second quarter as Tucker County's Wesley Snyder scored 9 points in the quarter as the home team outpaced Elkins 17-16 to make the score 34-23 Tigers at the half.

Tucker County then picked up the paced on defense as they held Elkins to 7 points in the period and outshot the Tigers 14-7 to cut the visitors lead to 41-37 after three quarters of play. In the final quarter Tucker County got to within 1 point of Elkins, but the Tigers held off the Mt. Lions to pick up the win 56-49. This was the first win by Elkins at Tucker County since December 22, 1998.

Wesley Snyder led Tucker County with 20 points, 3 steals and Corrick Ambrose added 17 points, 8 rebounds. Jeffrey led the Mt. Lions on the boards with 13 rebounds and Alec Cummings collected 6 boards in the Tucker County loss. Elkins was led by Donovan Wiles with 25 points. The Tucker County JV fell in the first contest of the night 41-36.

OAKLAND – Tucker County traveled to Southern last Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> for a contest with the Rams. The Mt. Lions built a 9 point lead in the third quarter, but Southern stormed back to take the victory 54-46.

The first quarter went back and forth as neither team could build a lead and Southern led after one quarter 12-9. In the second quarter the Mt. Lions surged ahead as they outscored the home team 13-7 to take the lead at halftime 22-19. Tucker County then continued to build on their lead early in the third as the Mt. Lions advantage grew to 9 points. The Rams then fought back late in the third quarter as they connected on 3 three point field goals to outpaced Tucker County in the third 16-8 to take back the lead at the end of three 35-30. Southern then sank another 4 three point baskets in the fourth quarter and the Rams outscored Tucker County 18-16 to pick up the win over the Mt. Lions 54-46. Jeffrey Snyder led Tucker County with 11 points, 7 rebounds, 3 blocks and Wesley Snyder added 10 points. Corrick Ambrose chipped in with 9 points for the Mt. Lions in the loss. Southern was led by Korey Mitchum with 21 points. The Mt. Lions JV team lost the first contest 67-27.

Tucker County(0-2) was scheduled to play at Glenville State College on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Mt. Lions will then face either Gilmer County or Doddridge County. If Tucker County wins on December 11<sup>th</sup> then they will play in the Championship game on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:40pm at Glenville State College. If Tucker County falls on December 11<sup>th</sup> then they will play in the Consolation game on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Glenville State College. For more info or complete schedules go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County's Wesley Snyder looks to score in the game against Elkins on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at TCHS.  
Tucker County fell in the contest 56-49 – Photo by Becky Moore