



## **TUCKER COUNTY BOYS FALL TO SOUTHERN IN OPENER 69-55**

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HAMBLETON – The Mt. Lions were scheduled to open their season on Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> against Pocahontas County, but Mother Nature had different plans as freezing rain and ice postponed that game. Instead the Tucker County Boys' basketball team opened their season on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> at home against longtime rival Southern Garrett. The Mt. Lions only trailed by 1 point at the half, but the Rams built a lead in the third quarter and Tucker County could not complete the comeback to fall in the contest 69-55.

Southern came into the game with one game under their belt as they took down Moorefield the night before and they were ready as they built a quick 7-0 lead. Tucker County fought back to make the score 10-7 Southern after one quarter. Both teams battled back and forth in the second as neither team could pull away and the first half came to an end with the visiting Rams ahead 24-23.

In the third quarter Southern outscored the home standing Mt. Lions 19-11 to lead after three quarters 43-34. The Mt. Lions cut into the lead a few times, but they could never get any closer than 5 points in the fourth and Southern made their foul shots down the stretch to pick up the win 69-55.

Ethan Crosten led Tucker County with 36 points and 7 rebounds. Jakob Cousin added 6 points and 9 rebounds for the Mt. Lions. Sam Friend led the Rams with 25 points. The Tucker County JV team fell in the first contest 40-29.

The Mt. Lions(0-1) were scheduled to play a varsity only contest against Gilmer County on Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> at Glenville State College. Tucker County will travel back to Glenville State on Saturday at 1:40pm if they win Monday. If they lose on Monday they will play at Glenville State on Thursday at 5:40pm in the consolation game against St. Marys or Wheeling Central. Tucker County will then host Petersburg on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The Pocahontas County game at home has been rescheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>. For more info or complete schedules go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Ethan Crosten dribbles the ball against the Southern defender last Thursday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – photo by Becky Moore