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TUCKER COUNTY BOYS' BASKETBALL DROP 3 GAMES IN BUSY WEEK

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HAMBLETON – The Mt. Lions hosted Class “AAAA” Preston on Tuesday April 13th. Tucker County battled the Knights all evening, but the Mt. Lions could not get the win as Preston picked up the road victory 62-57.

The first quarter was close in scoring as both teams went back and forth as Tucker County held a slim 15-14 lead after one. The second quarter was just as competitive as neither team developed a big advantage as Preston edged the Mt. Lions in scoring 14-12 during the second quarter to make the score 28-27 Preston at the halftime break.

The Knights started to pull away in the third quarter as Preston outscored Tucker County 21-14 in the third to put the score to 49-41 Preston after three. The Mt. Lions battled back in the fourth quarter as they cut the Knights lead to 60-57 late in the contest, but Tucker County could not complete the comeback as they fell in the contest 62-57.

Zack Colebank led Tucker County with 14 points, 5 rebounds and Ashton Lycliter added 12 points, 8 rebounds. Trenton Wilfong chipped in with 11 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists and Maddox Anderson dished out 5 assists in the loss for the Mt. Lions. The Tucker County JV team picked up the win over Preston 59-54.

MILL CREEK – Tucker County traveled to Tygarts Valley on Thursday April 15th for a Varsity only contest against the Bulldogs. The Mt. Lions struggled to score in the second quarter and Tygarts Valley held off the Tucker County in the second half to get the win 54-42.

The Mt. Lions got off to a good start in the first quarter as they led Tygarts Valley after one 16-7. The Bulldogs battled back in the second quarter as they outscored Tucker County 19-3 in the period to give Tygarts Valley the 26-19 halftime lead.

The third quarter showed both teams offense as the Bulldogs edged the Mt. Lions 14-13 in scoring to make the score 40-32 after three quarters. Tygarts Valley then pulled away in the fourth quarter as they outpaced Tucker County 14-10 in the final period to give the Bulldogs the home victory by the final score of 54-42.

Zack Colebank led Tucker County with 14 points, 18 rebounds and Ashton Lycliter added 8 points, 6 rebounds in the Mt. Lions loss. Maddox Anderson chipped in with 8 points and Levi Bennett had 7 points for Tucker County.

HAMBLETON – The Mt. Lions hosted PVC Rival Pendleton County on Friday April 16th for the last game of the regular season. Pendleton County held Tucker County to just 3 points in the fourth quarter to pull away for the 51-34 victory. The first quarter went back and forth as the visiting Wildcats held a slim 15-14 lead after one quarter of play. Pendleton County then pulled away slightly in the second as they outscored Tucker County 14-6 to make the halftime score 29-20 Pendleton County.

The third quarter was played even as the Wildcats edged the Mt. Lions in scoring 12-11 in the third to put the score to 41-31 Pendleton County after three. The fourth quarter would belong to the Wildcats as they outpaced Tucker County 10-3 in the final period to give Pendleton County the victory by the score of 51-34.

Zack Colebank led Tucker County with 17 points, 8 rebounds and Levi Bennett added 8 points for the Mt. Lions. Ashton Lycliter pulled down 6 rebounds and collected 3 blocks for Tucker County in the loss. The Mt. Lions JV team also fell in the first game of the night by the score of 45-42.

Tucker County (10-5) will host the Sectional Championship against East Hardy or Union on Thursday April 22nd at 7pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County's Gus Mullenex takes the ball to the basket against Preston on April 13th. Tucker County fell in the contest 62-57. Photo by Brittany Channell.