

CLASS 1A-DIVISION I GIRLS
49TH STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

QUARTERFINALS | MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

(PLAYED AT SITES OF SCHOOL WITH BEST W-L RECORD)

Jetmore-Hodgeman County 53, Osborne 41

Norwich 35, Coldwater-South Central 33

Highland-Doniphan West 57, Little River 44

Olpe 91, Rosalia-Flinthills 27

Thursday's Remaining Four Semifinals

At Dodge City United Wireless Arena

3 p.m., No. 1 Olpe (23-0) vs. No. 4 Jetmore-Hodgeman County (21-4)

7 p.m., No. 2 Highland-Doniphan West (20-3) vs. No. 3 Norwich (19-3)

Monday's Quarterfinal Game RECAPS

JETMORE-HODGEMAN COUNTY 53, OSBORNE 41

JETMORE -- The Monday night Class 1A-Division I quarterfinal game was a first for the Longhorns of Hodgeman County.

Since the Jetmore School consolidated a decade ago with Hanston to form Hodgeman County, the girls' basketball program had never qualified for the state tournament. That all changed last Saturday with a sub-state championship.

In their first-ever state tourney game, the Longhorns took the lead early and maintained it throughout en route to a 53-41 victory over the Osborne Bulldogs. That victory propels them into the tourney's semifinal round on Thursday, March 11, when they will next tackle No.1-seeded and unbeaten Olpe in a 3 p.m. contest at Dodge City's United Wireless Arena.

The other semifinal will match Highland-Doniphan West against Norwich at 7 p.m. The two semifinal winners will play for the Division I state title at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 13.

The Longhorns had identical 15-8 advantages over the Bulldogs in each of the first two quarters to take a commanding 30-16 halftime lead. The teams battled to an 11-11 standoff in the third, giving the home team a 41-27 margin with just eight minutes remaining. They did yield two more points to Osborne in

the fourth, 12-14, but managed to hold the lead around double digits most the remainder of the final quarter.

Sophomore Malynn Beil and junior Grace Shiew paced the Longhorns (21-4) with 14 and 13 points, respectively. The Longhorns connected on 16-of-24 free throws. Sophomore Trinity Lutters took game-high honors for the Bulldogs with 17 points while junior Taylor Elson added 10. Osborne completes its season with a 17-5 record.

OSBORNE (41) – Trinity Lutters 6 4-5 17, Wolters 1 0-0 2, Riner 2 0-0 5, Befort 2 0-0 5, Taylor Elson 2 6-6 10, Stull 1 0-0 2, Dill 0 0-1 0. Totals 14 10-12 41.

JETMORE-HODGEMAN COUNTY (53) – James 3 0-0 6, Borger 1 0-0 2, Pelton 2 1-6 5, Malynn Beil 4 5-6 14, Grace Shiew 3 7-8 13, Burke 2 0-0 4, J. Ruff 3 3-4 9. Totals 18 16-24 53.

Osborne (17-5) 8 8 11 14 -- 41

Jetmore-Hodgeman County (21-4) 15 15 11 12 -- 53

3-point goals: Osborne 3 (Lutters 1, Riner 1, Befort 1); Hodgeman County 1 (Beil). Fouls: Osborne 14, Hodgeman County 17. Fouled Out: None.

HIGHLAND-DONIPHAN WEST 57, LITTLE RIVER 44

LITTLE RIVER – They were trailing by two points and on the road, but the Highland-Doniphan West Mustangs put their spurs on in the final 16 minutes to walk away with a 57-44 triumph over host Little River in a Class 1A-Division I Girls quarterfinal game here Monday night.

The victory sends the Mustangs into their first-ever state semifinal matchup and this time they will take their 20-3 record against Norwich, a 35-33 winner over Coldwater-South Central in another semifinal battle.

This entry into the state tournament was history-making for the Mustangs as the school's girls' program had never attained such a place in the past.

Little River had jumped out to a 15-11 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Mustangs closed the gap to 27-25 at halftime with a 14-12 second quarter advantage. But the second half belonged to the visitors and they came out strong with a 15-7 third-quarter scoring spree to take a 40-34 advantage into the final eight minutes. They had their best scoring output of the night, with a 17-10 edge to win by double-digits.

Chloe Clevenger, a 5-6 sophomore guard, poured in a game-high 20 points, which included a trio of 3-pointers and going 5-of-6 at the free throw line. She was joined in double figures by Avery Weathersbee with 14 points. Lily Boughfman paced the Lady Reds with 13 points and Alaina Eck added 10. Boughfman also had 8 blocked shots on the defensive end. The Lady Reds ended the season at 20-4.

HIGHLAND-DONIPHAN WEST (57) – Johnson 1 2-2 5, Cole 2 0-1 5, Taylor 3 2-2 8, Whetstine 0 1-2 1, Smith 0 0-2 0, Chloe Clevenger 6 5-6 20, Leach 0 4-4 4, Avery Weathersbee 6 2-3 14. Totals 18 16-22 57.

LITTLE RIVER (44) – Sneath 2 2-2 6, DeBaere 2 0-0 4, Alaina Eck 4 0-0 10, Olander 4 1-2 9, Renken 1 0-0 2, Lily Boughfman 4 5-7 13. Totals 17 8-11 44.

Highland-Doniphan West (20-3) 11 14 15 17 -- 57

Little River (20-4) 15 12 7 10 -- 44

3-point goals: Doniphan West 5 (Johnson 1, Cole 1, Clevenger 3); Little River 2 (Eck 2). Fouls: Doniphan West 13; Little River 18. Fouled out: Little River (Sneath).

OLPE 91, ROSALIA-FLINTHILLS 27

OLPE – The Olpe Eagles have said this season is one of unfinished business after seeing its unbeaten 2020 season come to a half when COVID cancelled the semifinal and potential championship game of the Class 1A state tournament.

Remember, Olpe was undefeated at 26-0 and was on the opposite side of the bracket from Claflin-Central Plains, which was seeking its seventh consecutive state title and extend its winning streak to perhaps 138 games, the third longest in girls high school basketball in America. But that matchup never materialized.

But that was then, and now is now. And with Class 1A dividing once again into two divisions, Central Plains is now in Division II.

The Eagles opened their pursuit of the 2021 title with a resounding 91-27 victory over the Rosalia-Flinthills Mustangs Monday night to advance to the 1A-Division I semifinals on Thursday at United Wireless Center in Dodge City.

As the only unbeaten team in the field, the Eagles will be the No. 1 seed and play the 3 p.m. game against Jetmore-Hodgeman County (21-4). They have now won 49 consecutive games over the past two seasons and will look for No. 50 on Thursday.

In Monday's victory, the Eagles jumped out to an early 27-7 first-quarter advantage and never looked back. It was 49-11 at halftime and 74-16 after three quarters.

Eleven different players scored for Coach Jesse Nelson, who was given his 947th career victory. Macy Smith's 18 points was tops for Olpe, followed by Kadey Robert's 15, Hattie Fisher with 14 and Marley Heins with 12. The Eagles knocked in 10 3-point baskets. For Flinthills, which sees its season end at 12-10, Morgan Holcomb scored 9 points.

ROSALIA-FLINTHILLS (27) – Hall 2 0-0 6, Carney 3 0-2 9, Holcomb 2 0-0 4, Alvord 3 2-2 8. Totals 10 2-4 27.

OLPE (91) – Macy Smith 8 1-1 18, J. Smith 2 0-0 4, Kadey Robert 6 1-2 15, Bailey 2 0-0 4, Marley Heins 4 4-4 12, Bishop 3 1-2 9, Hattie Fisher 5 0-0 14, Scheve 1 0-0 2, Clark 1 0-0 3, M. Broyles 1 0-0 2, L. Broyles 4 0-0 8. Totals 37 7-9 91.

Rosalia-Flinthills (12-10) 7 4 5 11 -- 27

Olpe (23-0) 27 22 25 17 -- 91

3-point goals: Rosalia-Flinthills (5) Hall 2, Carney 3; Olpe (10) M. Smith 1, Robert 2, Bishop 2, Fisher 4, Clark 1. Fouls: Rosalia-Flinthills 8, Olpe 10. Fouled out: None.

NORWICH 35, COLDWATER-SOUTH CENTRAL 33

NORWICH – The Norwich Eagles survived two low-scoring quarters here Monday night en route to a nail-biting 35-33 triumph over Coldwater-South Central in a Class 1A-Division I girls' quarterfinal basketball battle.

The Eagles and Timberwolves struggled offensively as the defenses dominated play. South Central had leads of 12-11 after one quarter and then 19-15 at halftime. A 14-10 Norwich advantage in the third quarter knotted the score at 29-all heading into the final eight minutes.

Neither team could break free of the other in the closing quarter, as Hadley Lohring scored the only two baskets for South Central in that stretch while Kira Kelly matched that for the Eagles and Brittany Gosch tacking on a single bucket for the difference.

Gosch scored a game-high 11 points to lead Norwich (19-3), which will now advance to Thursday's semifinals in Dodge City. As the No. 3 seed, they will face No. 2 seed Highland-Doniphan West (20-3), which upended Little River, 57-44, also on Monday. For South Central, Lohring was the lone double-figure scorer with 10 points.

Both teams each hit a pair of 3-point baskets, and South Central hit just 3-of-5 free throws compared to 1-of-5 for the Eagles. South Central ends its season with a 19-6 record.

COLDWATER-SOUTH CENTRAL (33) – Herd 4 0-0 8, Lohrding 5 0-1 10, Hackney 3 0-0 8, Jellison 2 3-4 7. Totals 14 3-5 33.

NORWICH (35) – Rosenhagen 2 0-0 4, Scott-Welch 1 0-0 2, Kyle 3 0-0 8, Kelly 4 0-1 8, Adams 1 0-0 2, Brittany Gosch 5 1-4 11. Totals 16 1-5 35.

Coldwater-South Central (19-6) 12 7 10 4 -- 33

Norwich (19-3) 11 4 14 6 -- 35

3-point goals: South Central 2 (Hackney 2); Norwich 2 (Kyle 2). Fouls: South Central 14, Norwich 7. Fouled out: None.