

CLASS 1A-DIVISION I BOYS

110TH STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

QUARTERFINALS | TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

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

Ness City 53, Stockton 41

Montezuma-South Gray 72, Pratt-Skyline 49

Little River 56, Clyde-Clifton Clyde 40

Olpe 50, Wichita-Classical School of Wichita 30

Remaining Four

Semifinals|Friday, March 12, 2021

At Dodge City United Wireless Arena

3 p.m., No. 1 Montezuma-South Gray (23-0) vs. No. 4 Ness City (17-7)

7 p.m., No. 2 Little River (22-1) vs. No. 3 Olpe (16-3)

Winners of Friday's Semifinals will play for the Class 1A-Division 1 State Championship at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, at United Wireless Arena. There will be no 3rd place game this year.

Tuesday's Quarterfinal Game Recaps

MONTEZUMA-SOUTH GRAY 72, PRATT-SKYLINE 49

MONTEZUMA – The No. 2-ranked team in Kansas in Class 1A-Division I opened its pursuit of a second state championship in four years here Tuesday night with a 72-49 quarterfinal victory over Pratt-Skyline.

The win kept the Rebels unbeaten at 23-0 as they look to complete a second undefeated season in four campaigns after going 26-0 in 2018.

The Rebels used a stifling defense early to jump out to a 16-6 first quarter advantage over the Thunderbirds and then exploded for 28 points in the second while holding the T-Birds to 13 that produced a 44-19 halftime lead.

The T-Birds, though, came out like a fire truck and went on a 21-10 scoring run in the third, cutting the lead to 54-40 going into the fourth and final stanza. It was still a 14-point lead with just more than 7 minutes to play when the Rebels' leading scorer, Aaron Skidmore, had to leave the floor with an injury, but the T-Birds could not close the gap any more.

Ethan Salmans scored 7 of his 12 points for the Rebels in that closing quarter to help the home team hold off the big rally by the T-Birds. Skidmore had poured in 19 points before departing. Carter Riley and Brady Deges tacked on 16 and 15 points, respectively. Deges connected on 7-of-8 free throws.

For the Thunderbirds, Tyler Wray and Nathan Adams led the Skyline scoring with 14 and 13 points, respectively. The T-Birds finish the season with a 15-7 record.

South Gray now heads to Dodge City on Friday for its semifinal game at 3 p.m. against Ness City, a 53-41 winner over Stockton. In the other two quarterfinal match-ups, Little River topped Clyde-Clifton Clyde, 56-40, and Olpe handed Wichita Classical School a 50-30 setback. Those two winners meet in the other semifinal at 7 p.m. Friday.

PRATT-SKYLINE (49) – L. Egging 0 1-2 1, Tyler Wray 6 1-2 14, Wallace 2 0-0 6, Miller 1 0-0 2, Carrasco 3 0-0 6, Nathan Adams 4 4-4 13, Temanson 3 1-2 7. Totals 19 7-10 49.

MONTEZUMA-SOUTH GRAY (72) – Penner 4 0-0 8, Martin 0 0-2 0, Deges 3 7-8 15, Skidmore 6 4-6 19, Salmans 4 2-8 12, Jantz 1 0-0 2, Riley 6 3-4 16. Totals 24 16-28 72.

Pratt-Skyline (15-7) 6 13 21 9 -- 49

Montezuma-South Gray (23-0) 16 28 10 18 -- 72

3-point goals: Pratt-Skyline 4 (Wray 1, Wallace 2, Adams 1); South Gray 8 (Deges 2, Skidmore 3, Salmans 2, Riley 1). Fouls: Pratt-Skyline 17, South Gray 12. Technical Fouls: Pratt-Skyline bench. Fouled out: None.

NESS CITY 53, STOCKTON 41

NESS CITY – The Ness City Eagles boys’ basketball team broke loose from a close score after the first quarter of Tuesday night’s Class 1A-Division 1 quarterfinal game to post a 53-41 triumph over the visiting Stockton Tigers.

The victory advances the Eagles to the semifinals of the tournament, which will be played Friday in Dodge City at United Wireless Arena where they will take their 17-7 record and put it on the line against the No. 1-seeded South Gray Rebels, a 72-49 winner over Pratt-Skyline.

Ness City had just a 9-8 lead at the end of quarter one, and then outscored the Tigers 18-8 in the second period to take a 27-16 lead into the locker room at halftime. In the third quarter, Stockton had a mini-rally of 14-11 to make it 38-30 going to the final eight minutes. Ness City, though, had a 15-11 edge in the closing minutes to finish with the 12-point triumph.

Taylor Cable, a 6-4 junior frontcourt player, paced the winning Eagles with 22 points and teammate Jose Guzman added 10. For Stockton, which finishes with a 10-12 record, Ethan Means and Troy Rogers reached double-digit scoring with 15 and 10 points, respectively.

STOCKTON (41) – Lindsey 1 0-0 2, J. Hamel 2 3-4 8, Ethan Means 6 2-2 15, K. Hamel 1 2-3 4, Buss 1 0-1 2, Troy Rogers 4 0-0 10. Totals 15 7-10 41.

NESS CITY (53) – Jose Guzman 4 2-2 10, D. Guzman 1 1-2 4, Delaney 0 2-2 2, Taylor Cable 10 2-6 22, Seib 1 0-0 3, Stoecklein 1 0-0 3, Lopez 1 0-0 2, Ross 2 3-3 7. Totals 20 10-15 53.

Stockton (10-12) 8 8 14 11 -- 41

Ness City (17-7) 9 18 11 15 -- 53

3-point goals: Stockton 4 (J. Hamel 1, Means 1, Rogers 2), Ness City 3 (D. Guzman 1, Seib 1, Stoecklein 1). Fouls: Stockton 18, Ness City 14. Fouled out: Stockton (K. Hamel).

LITTLE RIVER 56, CLYDE-CLIFTON CLYDE 40

LITTLE RIVER – In a battle of two of the top four-ranked Class 1A-Division I schools in the final regular season rankings, it was No. 1 Little River taking control in the second half to post a 56-40 triumph over No. 4 Clifton-Clyde in the quarterfinal round of the 1A-Division I state tournament on Tuesday night.

The victory sends the Redskins into Friday's semifinals with a 22-1 record and a No. 2 seed behind unbeaten and No. 2-ranked South Gray. Little River will face Olpe in the second semifinal battle at 7 p.m. South Gray will meet Ness City in the first semifinal at 3 o'clock, all at Dodge City's United Wireless Arena.

Little River is seeking to pull off a double-dip state championship season after having claimed the 2020 8-Person Division I football title in November.

The big gun in football, Jayden Garrison, has been the big scorer for the Redskins in basketball as well, finishing with a game-high 25 points, including a trio of 3-point baskets. He had support from Troy Rolfs with 16 points and Braxton Lafferty with 12. The Redskins drilled nine 3-point baskets from behind the arc as Rolfs paced that effort with four. Little River also made 11-of-15 free throws.

For Clifton-Clyde, which finishes its season with a 20-3 record, Jarik Weiche and Wyatt Lange shared honors with 14 points each.

CLYDE-CLIFTON CLYDE (40) – Long 0 1-2 1, Koch 1 0-0 2, Girard 0 0-2 0, Jarik Weiche 7 0-3 14, Rudolph 2 0-2 6, Seifert 1 1-1 3, Wyatt Lange 7 0-0 14. Totals 18 2-10 40.

LITTLE RIVER (56) – Troy Rolfs 6 0-1 16, Lafferty 3 3-4 12, Stephens 0 2-2 2, Jayden Garrison 8 6-8 25, Konen 1 0-0 3. Totals 18 11-15 56.

Clyde-Clifton Clyde (20-3) 17 7 11 5 -- 40

Little River (22-1) 20 11 12 13 -- 56

3-point goals: Clifton Clyde 2 (Rudolph 2), Little River 9 (Rolfs 4, Lafferty 1, Garrison 3, Konen 1). Fouls: Clifton-Clyde 14, Little River 14. Fouled out: Clifton-Clyde (Koch).

OLPE 50, WICHITA-CLASSICAL SCHOOL OF WICHITA 30

WICHITA – Classical School of Wichita was making its first foray into the state basketball tournament on Tuesday, and with the better record between the Saints and visiting Olpe, the home court was going to be a big help.

But the game actually was held at the Wichita-Kapaun Mt. Carmel gymnasium, due to seating capacity limitations and social distance seating in place.

Olpe wasted little time in getting off the starting blocks as the Eagles went on a 17-0 run through the fourth quarter to take command early. The Saints did rally to a degree in the second quarter, outscoring the Eagles 17-8 to slice into that deficit trailing by 8, 25-17, at halftime.

The Eagles, though, responded with a 25-14 second-half surge to win pulling away in the final 16 minutes. Derek Hoelting with 14 points, and Jordan Barnard with 12, led the Eagles (16-3) as they moved into Friday's semifinals at United Wireless Arena in Dodge City to face No. 1-ranked and No. 2-seeded Little River (22-1). The winner of that game advances to the Saturday 6 p.m. state title contest.

Olpe is the lone school that has qualified both its girls and boys for the semifinals.

OLPE (50) – B. Redeker 1 1-2 3, Jordan Barnard 4 2-4 12, Bailey 1 0-0 3, Clark 2 0-0 4, Derek Hoelting 4 6-8 14, D. Redeker 3 2-2 8, Foraker 1 0-0 2, Olsson 2 0-0 4. Totals 18 11-16 50.

CLASSICAL SCHOOL OF WICHITA (30) – Sinclair 0 2-2 2, Darrah 1 0-0 2, L. Buckingham 3 0-0 7, B. Buckingham 1 2-4 4, Jordy Dolloff 4 4-4 15. Totals 9 8-10 30.

Olpe (16-3) 17 8 14 11 -- 50

Classical School of Wichita (18-4) 0 17 7 6 -- 30

3-point goals: Olpe 3 (Barnard 2, Bailey 1), Classical School 4 (Buckingham 1, Dolloff 3). Fouls: Olpe 15, Classical School 16. Fouled out: None.