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## Hearts handle Breese Central for St. A tourney title

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— For the third time in four years, Effingham High School is the champion of the St. Anthony Thanksgiving Tournament.

The Flaming Hearts won Saturday's title game 67-53 over a highly-touted Breese Central club, completing a four-game romp through the tourney with 60 percent team shooting and 29 points from senior guard Cody McCollum.

"That was a great win for the boys," said EHS Coach Ron Reed, whose Flaming Hearts joined the tournament field in 2006 and won two straight crowns before finishing fourth a year ago.

"I'm really happy for them. (Breese Central) is an awfully good team, but the kids played a great game."

As easy as it might be to talk about McCollum's point total or the Hearts' 11-for-12 shooting in a 26-point second quarter, defense was once again the key factor for EHS at the Enlow Center.

Jeremy Wohltman, a 6-foot-3 junior and the only new face in the Effingham starting five, drew the daunting task of defending Central senior Daniel Wiegmann, who came into the game with 70 points scored in three previous contests.

While Wiegmann still managed to rack up 16, he was a dismal 2-for-14 from the floor and got most of his scoring done at the foul stripe with a 12-for-14 performance.

"Jeremy had a tough job guarding their best player," said Reed. "He did an outstanding job and also hit some big shots. The more he plays, the more comfortable he's getting out there."

Wohltman chipped in 10 points on 5-for-8 shooting, while Chad Green had his best outing of the tournament with eight points and seven boards.

Even though the Hearts battled foul trouble — starters Chase Green and Cole Morrow spent the entirety of the second quarter on the bench with two each — Effingham used the efficient frame to pull ahead 39-29 by halftime.

McCollum, an easy pick for all-tourney honors, led with seven of those points and also had the only missed field goal, although he got his own rebound and was fouled for a 2-for-2 trip to the line.

Six other EHS players scored in the second quarter, with Chad Green, Mitch Wohltman and Jeremy Wohltman each going 2-for-2. Jordan Tate also canned a three-pointer for his only shot attempt of the evening, while Nate Foreman and Alex Steppe each converted two-point field goals.

"We did all that in good rhythm," added Reed. "There really weren't too many bad shots. We got a lot of that done with four guys in foul trouble. You can go right down the list — everybody contributed."

Effingham didn't let up in the second half, opening post-halftime play with three straight buckets to stretch its advantage to 16 points. The margin stretched as wide as 17 during the third quarter and again early in the fourth.

Garrett Gaffner, who joined Wiegmann on the all-tourney team, scored eight of his team-high 19 in the fourth quarter as the Cougars mounted a vain attempt to make a game of the proceedings. The 6-7 senior also led his team with seven rebounds and two blocked shots.

Overall, Central was 16-for-44 (36 percent) from the field after shooting 49 percent in its first three tournament victories with a 62-point scoring average in that trio of victories.

The Cougars kept themselves alive at the line, hitting 19 of 24 free throws, but EHS converted 15 of 19. McCollum was 14-for-16 from the stripe and finished his tournament with 62 points, leading the Hearts in scoring each and every night.

"Cody is learning to be more than just a catch-and-shoot player," said Reed. "He has figured out so many different ways to score, and also is playing much better defense this season."

Chase Green scored just three points Saturday and ended his tournament with 23, but the work he did on both sides of the ball at the point guard position made him a most-deserving all-tournament team selection.

"Chase did a great job running the show and handling the other teams' point guards," said Reed, whose senior point man had four assists, three rebounds, two steals and took a charge Saturday.

"The pressure he can put on the ball at the perimeter is so important to our defense. "

That defense, a tenacious man-to-man, forced Central into 10 first-half turnovers and 15 overall — leading to 15 Effingham points.

As mentioned, Morrow's action was limited by fouls in the championship matchup, but his big game against St. Anthony and a steady showing all tournament long made him Effingham's third all-tournament pick.

After last year's rough 9-20 season, the Hearts are nearly halfway to equaling that win total just one week into the season.

"I'm going to savor this, and then we'll be back to work (today)," said Reed. "I kind of thought the kids could play this way."

Handling Breese Central — one of the most-ballyhooed Class 2A teams in the South — is certainly an accomplishment, but Friday's Apollo Conference opener will be another challenge as the Hearts travel to league favorite Robinson and University of Illinois recruit Meyers Leonard.

The Maroons will be coming off a championship game loss to Teutopolis in the Lawrence County Capital Classic. They were also taken to overtime by Dieterich in the semifinal round.

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### **7th Annual St. Anthony Thanksgiving Tournament**

#### **At The Enlow Center**

#### **Championship Game**

#### **EFFINGHAM (67)**

Cs Green 1-1 1-2 3, Steppe 1-2 0-0 2, McCollum 6-13 14-16 29, Semple 0-0 0-0 0, Tate 1-1 0-0 3, Morrow 1-3 0-0 2, Cd Green 4-5 0-0 8, M. Wohltman 2-2 0-0 4, J. Wohltman 5-8 0-1 10, Foreman 3-5 0-0 6.

TOTALS 24-40 FG (60.0) 15-19 FT (78.9).

#### **BREESE CENTRAL (53)**

Rakers 1-5 0-0 2, Grapperhaus 1-4 2-2 4, Wiegmann 2-14 12-14 16, Norrenberns 0-0 0-0 0, Finan 0-0 0-0 0, Scheer 2-4 2-3 7, Book 2-5 0-0 5, Gaffner 8-12 3-5 19. TOTALS 16-44 FG (36.4) 19-24 FT (79.2).

**Effingham**-----13---26---12---16-----**67**

**Breese Central**---11---18---9---15-----**53**

3-point FG — Effingham 4-10 (Steppe 0-1, McCollum 3-8, Tate 1-1), Central 2-13 (Rakers 0-3, Wiegmann 0-4, Scheer 1-2, Book 1-4). Total Rebounds — Effingham 28 (Cd Green 7, Morrow 5), Central 23 (Gaffner 7, Wiegmann 6). Offensive Rebounds — Effingham 7 (Foreman 3), Central 10 (Wiegmann 4). Total Fouls — Effingham 20, Central 16. Fouled Out — None. Turnovers — Effingham 13, Central 15. Assists — Effingham 15 (Cs Green 4), Central 8 (Scheer 4). Steals — Effingham 7 (J. Wohltman 3), Central 7 (Scheer 4). Blocked Shots — Effingham 2 (McCollum, Cd Green), Central 4 (Scheer 2, Gaffner 2). Charges Taken — Effingham 1 (Cs Green). Officials — J. Fisher, K. Hacker, T. Rodriguez.

#### ***Worman's threes push St. Anthony past Charleston***

Taylor Worman apparently wasn't interested in settling for any less than third place.

St. Anthony High School's senior guard personally made sure the Bulldogs came away victorious from Saturday's third-place game at the St. Anthony Thanksgiving Tournament, draining four three-pointers in the fourth quarter of a 66-48 defeat of Charleston.

Worman, who scored 22 points and later joined junior teammate James Jansen on the 10-man all-tournament team, hit three of those four on consecutive trips just after the Trojans (2-2) had closed within five points for the first time since the first quarter.

After trailing by as many as 16 at the Enlow Center, Charleston used a Dylan Doughty three-pointer and a 1-for-2 trip to the foul line from Brad Wheeler to get the score to 46-41 — but saw that progress quickly evaporate at the hands of St. Anthony's long-range assassin.

"Taylor gave us a big lift," said St. Anthony Coach Matt Britton. "He did a great job of stretching the lead.

"I was very pleased with our fourth-quarter effort. We executed offensively, but it all started with our defense. We made some adjustments and got some stops, which is something we didn't do in the third quarter."

Taking a 31-21 lead into halftime, St. Anthony (3-1) allowed Charleston to hang around for quite a spell. The Trojans were 3-of-3 from three-point range and scored 16 in the period, their highest one-quarter output of the day.

Worman canned six three-pointers in all and also dished out four of St. Anthony's 15 assists, while Jansen hit four more three-pointers on his way to 16 points. Six-foot-7 junior Ryan Schmitt had his best game of the tourney, shooting 5-for-8 for 10 points and also pulling down six rebounds.

Schmitt and senior reserve Derek Rohlfing gave the Bulldogs a post presence they didn't have in Friday's pool play loss to Effingham.

"I've always said when our front line plays well, we can be a very good team," said Britton.

"For us to accomplish our goals, we need some balance. If we become one-dimensional and always settle for jumpers, we're going to be vulnerable to many of the tougher teams on our schedule."

Rohlfing scored eight points, grabbed three rebounds, blocked a shot and also took a charge. Three of Schmitt's rebounds were off the offensive glass, although sophomore Reed Willenborg led with four offensive rebounds.

Joey Miller, Charleston's only all-tourney pick, led the way with 14 points. Taylor Nead, a 6-5 senior, checked in at eight points, nine rebounds — including five offensive boards.

St. Anthony is off until Tuesday, Dec. 8, when it hosts Beecher City to open National Trail Conference play.

"This was a great week," said Britton. "We learned a lot from our loss to Effingham, and I'm looking forward to a week of practice.

"We want everybody to get healthy and want to continue getting everybody on the same page. There's a lot of work to do this week."

#### **Third Place Game**

#### **CHARLESTON (48)**

Lord 0-2 0-0 0, Miller 4-12 4-4 14, Wheeler 1-7 6-7 8, Addison 2-4 1-2 6, Shick 0-1 0-0 0, Doughty 3-6 0-0 8, Clark 1-2 0-0 2, Nead 4-11 2-4 10, Van Popering 0-0 0-0 0, Cooper 0-0 0-0 0, Wesley 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 15-45 FG (33.3) 13-17 FT (76.5).

**ST. ANTHONY (66)**

Ragland 0-0 0-0 0, M. Jansen 0-0 0-0 0, Koerner 1-3 0-0 3, J. Jansen 5-11 2-2 16, Rohlfing 3-5 2-3 8, Worman 7-17 2-2 22, Dial 0-0 0-0 0, Willenborg 2-4 1-2 5, Baker 1-4 0-0 2, Sudkamp 0-0 0-0 0, Schmitt 5-8 0-0 10. TOTALS 24-52 FG (46.2) 7-9 FT (77.8).

**Charleston**---13---8---16---11-----**48**

**St. Anthony**---18---13---15---20-----**66**

3-point FG — Charleston 5-16 (Lord 0-1, Miller 2-7, Wheeler 0-3, Addison 1-3, Doughty 2-2), St. Anthony 11-25 (Koerner 1-3, J. Jansen 4-7, Worman 6-14, Willenborg 0-1). Total Rebounds — Charleston 28 (Nead 9), St. Anthony 34 (Koerner 6, Schmitt 6). Offensive Rebounds — Charleston 11 (Nead 5), St. Anthony 13 (Willenborg 4). Total Fouls — Charleston 13, St. Anthony 18. Fouled Out — None. Turnovers — Charleston 17, St. Anthony 15. Assists — Charleston 5, St. Anthony 15 (Worman 4). Steals — Charleston 2, St. Anthony 11 (J. Jansen 3). Blocked Shots — St. Anthony 2 (Rohlfing, Baker). Charges Taken — Charleston 1 (Miller), St. Anthony 1 (Rohlfing). Officials — B. Danks, T. Jones, J. Scott.

***Flora fifth, Mattoon seventh; All-Tourney Team announced***

St. Anthony High School's seventh annual Thanksgiving tournament ended without a single game decided by fewer than 11 points.

That included Saturday's seventh- and fifth-place games at the Enlow Center; Mattoon got its first win of the season with a 58-41 victory over Taylorville in the seventh-place contest, while Flora evened its tourney record with a 49-33 beating of Vandalia in the fifth-place matchup.

After the conclusion of Effingham High School's championship victory over Breese Central, the 10-man all-tournament team was named.

**Mattoon 58, Taylorville 41**

Derrick Zavarella closed his tournament with 23 points for Mattoon (1-3) as the Green Wave survived a second-half rally from the struggling Tornadoes (0-4).

Taylorville closed within five points in the final minute of the third quarter after going into halftime down 11, but a Dillan Miller three-pointer to close the frame and Zavarella's turnaround jumper to open the final quarter pushed the difference back to 10.

In its seventh and final year at the St. Anthony tourney, Taylorville committed another 24 turnovers to finish the meet with 107.

The Tornadoes shot adequately when they managed to get a shot away, hitting 11 of 25 field goals in the first three quarters with eight three-pointers. Their strategy to keep bombing away didn't work out as well in the fourth, however, as Taylorville hit just two of 10 triples and was 2-for-13 overall in the period.

Zavarella got some help from Michael Heller, who was 9-for-9 at the foul line and scored 17. Mattoon was 25-for-31 from the stripe, while Taylorville was 5-for-10.

Taylorville will be replaced by Mount Zion in next year's field. The Tornadoes won the inaugural 2003 tournament, but since then have won a total of six games in the meet.

**Flora 49, Vandalia 33**

The Wolves (2-2) allowed Vandalia to hang around for a quarter or so, but a 9-0 run during the middle of the second period got Flora ahead 20-10 and the Vandals (1-3) never got closer than 11 after halftime.

Paul Knapp finished his tournament with 76 points thanks to a team-leading 16 against Vandalia, scoring six of the Wolves' points during that 9-0 run.

Nick Painter and Mychal Bush-King each scored 11 for Flora; Bush-King also led with nine rebounds, getting the start in place of inactive senior Bryton Krutsinger. Painter also had four assists.

Vandalia's Marty Johnson led his team with 11 for his third double-figure output of the tourney, while freshman point guard Tim Ritchey dished out six assists. The Vandals committed 22 turnovers.

Knapp scored 70 points in last year's tourney despite a four-point performance against Breese Central. In eight games at the St. Anthony tournament, it is the sophomore's only single-figure scoring game.

**All-Tournament Team**

Five players were repeat nominees to the all-tournament team, including Effingham senior Cody McCollum and St. Anthony senior Taylor Worman.

McCollum scored 72 points in this year's tourney, including a 29-point outburst in the championship dismantling of Breese Central.

Worman scored 22 for St. Anthony in its third-place win over Charleston and ended his tournament with 69 tallies.

Others returning to the all-tourney team include Paul Knapp (Flora), Garrett Gaffner (Breese Central) and David Wiegmann (Breese Central).

First-timers included St. Anthony junior James Jansen and Effingham seniors Chase Green and Cole Morrow. Rounding out the list were Derrick Zavarella (Mattoon) and Joey Miller (Charleston).

**Seventh Place Game**

**MATTOON (58)**

Carlen 0-0 0-0 0, Zavarella 8-17 7-9 23, McDonald 0-1 2-2 2, M. Heller 4-8 9-9 17, Wolfe 0-3 2-2 2, K. Heller 1-3 1-3 3, Miller 1-4 0-0 3, Arthur 1-2 0-0 2, Milligan 1-2 4-6 6, Painter 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 16-40 FG

(40.0) 25-31 FT (80.6).

**TAYLORVILLE (41)**

Yard 2-8 1-2 7, Trulock 0-0 0-0 0, Brandis 2-6 2-2 8, Handegan 3-4 0-0 8, Heil 4-14 0-0 12, Bollinger 1-2 1-3 3, Peters 1-4 1-3 3, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 13-38 FG (34.2) 5-10 FT (50.0).

**Mattoon**---13---18---11---16-----**58**

**Taylorville**---6---14---14---7-----**41**

3-point FG — Mattoon 1-7 (Zavarella 0-1, M. Heller 0-2, Wolfe 0-1, K. Heller 0-1, Miller 1-2), Taylorville 10-25 (Yard 2-7, Brandis 2-4, Handegan 2-2, Heil 4-12). Total Rebounds — Mattoon 29 (Zavarella 7, McDonald 5), Taylorville 28 (Peters 7, Brandis 6). Offensive Rebounds — Mattoon 8 (M. Heller 2, Milligan 2), Taylorville 8 (Brandis 2, Peters 2). Total Fouls — Mattoon 12, Taylorville 21. Fouled Out — Taylorville 2 (Brandis, Handegan). Technical Foul — Taylorville 1 (Bollinger). Turnovers — Mattoon 10, Taylorville 24. Assists — Mattoon 4 (McDonald 2), Taylorville 11 (Heil 3). Steals — Mattoon 13 (M. Heller 6), Taylorville 5 (Heil 3). Blocked Shots — Mattoon 1 (Arthur 1), Taylorville 1 (Yard 1). Charges Taken — Taylorville 1 (Handegan 1). Officials — J. Douthit, J. Julius, T. Krumreich.

**Fifth Place Game**

**FLORA (49)**

B. Taylor 1-3 0-0 2, Durre 0-2 0-1 0, Earleywine 0-0 0-0 0, Bush-King 5-8 1-2 11, Greenwood 3-3 3-3 9, Orel 0-0 0-0 0, Knapp 6-12 2-4 16, Painter 4-9 3-3 11, Thompson 0-2 0-0 0, Lewis 0-5 0-0 0. TOTALS 19-44 FG (43.2) 9-13 FT (69.2).

**VANDALIA (33)**

Hoffman 0-0 0-0 0, Berning 0-1 0-0 0, Bell 2-3 0-0 5, Ritchey 0-3 2-2 2, Rubin 1-1 0-0 2, Norris 1-2 0-0 2, Osorio 0-2 2-2 2, Hosick 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 4-11 0-2 11, Stewart 0-1 3-4 3, Cowger 1-5 4-6 6, Austin 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS 9-30 FG (30.0) 11-16 FT (68.8).

**Flora**-----6---19---11---13-----**49**

**Vandalia**---7---5---10---11-----**33**

3-point FG — Flora 2-11 (B. Taylor 0-1, Durre 0-1, Knapp 2-4, Thompson 0-1, Lewis 0-4), Vandalia 4-13 (Bell 1-2, Norris 0-1, Johnson 3-9, Stewart 0-1). Total Rebounds — Flora 24 (Bush-King 9, Greenwood 5), Vandalia 23 (Johnson 5, Cowger 5). Offensive Rebounds — Flora 10 (Bush-King 4), Vandalia 8 (Cowger 5). Total Fouls — Flora 15, Vandalia 12. Fouled Out — None. Technical Fouls — Vandalia 1 (Bench). Turnovers — Flora 12, Vandalia 22. Assists — Flora 7 (Painter 4), Vandalia 7 (Ritchey 6). Steals — Flora 9 (Knapp 3), Vandalia 7 (Bell 2, Cowger 2). Blocked Shots — Flora 1 (Painter), Vandalia 2 (Johnson, Austin). Officials — T. Bartley, S. Dillon, D. Feldhake.

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