

# Tigers Athletic News



## Tigers Boys Basketball Scoreboard

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## Tigers Boys Basketball Upcoming Games

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## TIGERS BOYS BASKETBALL NEWS

### 8th Grade

On a sunny, but cool Thursday afternoon the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boy's basketball team ventured down I-94 to St Paul to take on St Paul Academy's Blue Team. Coach Honerman was still beaming from last week's win at St John the Baptist in New Brighton and was ready to start a win streak. He leaned over and said to his bookkeeper, "if we win today we aren't ever going back to play a home game. The road is good for these warriors from Transfiguration." Following a spirited pre-game speech instructing the team to fight furiously as a tiger does, the team broke it down and took the court. The starting 5 sized up their opponents, prepared for battle, and chose their matchup. The magical orange orb was tossed in the air and Jackson "Spring Loaded" Moddrell nearly jumped into the green roof structural beams, and tipped the ball to a teammate who promptly nailed a 19'-8" jumper for a quick 2-point lead. These prowling Tigers took a defensive stance, but gave up a quick 19-10" jumper for an early deficit. Not to be denied, the Tigers came right back and put up a floater in the lane thru the net to regain the lead. A lead they would not relinquish. A group of several tigers is called a streak or an ambush; our Transfiguration Tigers created an ambush and continued a winning streak. Zac "I'll score 24 for Kobe" Frey was a scoring machine and dropped 22 in the first half and followed his father's footsteps and got a talking to from the referee. Daniel "Count Me In" Anderson participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> half scoring barrage by tallying his first points of the season. The bench jumped to their feet for this amazing feat and the celebration continued to the other end and SPA quickly answered with an easy layup due to the distracted defense.

At the half, Tigers 26 - SPA Blue 13. Coach Honerman continued his inspirational words, channeled his inner Ted the Tiger, and told the boys to work on the little things "...grab a rebound, take a charge and continue this domination, for we are road warriors!" Our Tiger ambush continued with a couple of quick buckets and prowling team defense led by Derek "Good Luck Getting By Me" Chuhel and Aiden "Don't Call Me Dennis Rodman, but I Am Just As Good A Rebounder" Arneberg. SPA decided to try team defense to silent our high scoring 2 guard and that was a mistake because Luke "Cool As The Other Side Of The Pillow" Honerman and Gabe "I Won't Be Denied" Roers took over. At the 9-minute mark of the second half, #4 of SPA fouled out and his intensity was distributed to the rest of the SPA team, they marched back and cut the lead to 8. However, their intensity proved to be uncontrollable and an intentional foul was committed on our highest percentage free throw shooter, Matthew "Consider It Good" Gregar. He calmly stood at the line by himself, swished 2 more free throws to keep his 100% average intact and slammed the door on the comeback. In a fitting tribute to the Black Mamba himself, Zac ended with 24 and the team's winning streak extended to 2 with a 38-28 win. Traveling back to Oakdale down I-94, our Ambush beaming and dreaming of Dilly Bars!

### 5th Grade

The Tiger 5th grade boys basketball team was fired up and ready for their February 3 clash with the Romans from Liberty Classical Academy. In the pre-game press conference, co-coach Shelly Umland sounded determined to secure the big win for the Tigers. "We're not going into the Romans' home court looking to be lion food. This is going to be a classic matchup in every sense of the word and even if you say it in Latin." The atmosphere at the Roman Dome was electric and a capacity crowd was on hand for the opening tipoff. This was a much-improved Romans team and it was clear they had every intention of making this a gladiator battle to the finish. Henry Hruby, one-half of the much-feared Transfiguration Twin Towers centers took the court and rocketed his way to winning the opening tipoff for the Tigers. Hruby finished the game with 12 rebounds as the two Big Tigers owned the middle. And somebody call the fire department please, because the other member of the Twin Towers, Michael Marabella was on FIRE from wire to wire. Marabella was a one-man wrecking crew in the paint, ending with a career-high 8 points and 12 rebounds in an epic effort. The Tiger guards had their hands full all game. Luke "The Motivator" Jacobson again led the Tiger attack from the point. Jacobson was unstoppable and he cruised to a Red-Bull-fueled career-high of 17 points with his "fly low, fly fast" approach. Henry "Kirch" Kirchberg ran at full throttle the entire game and posted a career-high 4 points on 8 rebounds as he tied the Romans in knots with his speed and skill. Another great guard performance came from Dangerous Drew Gieser. In easily his best ball-handling performance of the season, Gieser the Elder ran the gauntlet, navigating a blistering Roman phalanx attack on every trip up the court. An absolutely instrumental performance by Gieser had the Tigers on top in the early running. But the Roman Empire wasn't going to fall easily. In front of the raucous Roman crowd, the home team circled their chariots and the Tigers led by a scant 4 points at halftime. The second half was a gladiator battle to the finish. The Romans changed to a run-and-gun offense while the Tigers stuck with their traditional Golden State offense. The Tiger forwards came alive in the second half on both ends of the court. Henry "Hurricane" Ahern hit the Roman Dome just in time. The Hurricane blew the Romans away with 4 key late-game steals and he netted 2 points along the way. Juan Lopez-Munoz, the Tiger's best offseason acquisition from St. Pascal's also had a career-high 4 points in an excellent effort. Nathan Narusiewicz again put the power in power forward and hit 2 points from the area known as Nate's Hotspot. Caleb Umland joined the forward fun with a fine defensive performance and a bucket to boot. Alex "Don't Call Me Drew" Gieser had another fine game as did David Vomastek. The Tigers fought off a blistering full-court-press at the end to secure a huge 39 to 24 victory. After the

game Coach Hruby was asked by the assembled media about the victory. "Veni, vidi, vici," replied Hruby, refusing to waste the Julius Caesar quote opportunity. "We came, we saw, we conquered. The Tigers played like Tigers should play when they play, and that's all the people need to know."

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Tigers Girls  
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Scoreboard

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02/13 Away  
4:00pm

## TIGERS GIRLS BASKETBALL NEWS 8<sup>TH</sup>

### GRADE

The Iron 6 had a very productive week representing the Black and Gold of Tiger-Nation. The week started with a Thursday Night "Border Battle" with St Am-brose. Coach Scott "Scotty Juice" Johnson was at the helm and ready to go. "Girls are ready, I'm ready, lets roll" Scott told the cable access channel that covered the game. Girls started out strong and didn't relent all the way through as the Iron 6 won 23-15. "Tough game, always against a border opponent we are gonna get their best" said DJ Johnson " but we remained calm and got the Dub". Scoring: O'Neill 7, Buffalo 6, Johnson 5, Preiner 5

Dateline: Visitation Tournament. Time to get ready for playoffs in a win or go home scenario. The Iron 6 came out guns a blazin' vs St Charles. But this St Charles team, ranked in the Top 20, was not going away anytime soon. The Tigers used a balanced scoring attack and some long range missiles (4 three pointers) to stay in the game. With 45 seconds left down 2 the Tigers rotated the ball to Daniella "DJ" Johnson who had her feet set and was ready to sling it. DJ dropped the hammer to go up 25-24 with 40 seconds left and the lady Tigers did a masterful job running out the clock for an impressive win. Scoring: Preiner 13, Johnson 5, Geelhoed 4, Buffalo 2, O'Neill 1 Next up: SEAS (St Elizabeth Anne Seaton of Hastings). Undefeated and on their way to a league title, SEAS came in with all the confidence in the world in game 2. But the Iron 6 was not to be intimidated. Staying in the game for much of the contest with Jordyn "JoJo" Preiner sideline with bilateral leg weakness, the Tigers held in strong but in the end with only 5 girls left it was too much to deal with. The tigers lost 35-27. Scoring: O'Neill 7, McMenemy 7, Johnson 5, Preiner 5, Buffalo 4, Geelhoed 1 Game 3 of Visitation tournament against the hosts. A young Visitation team took the court and reminded the Tiger Coaches of the Iron 6 back in the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade days. Determined, small, but never giving up. The Tigers were just too much though and in the end won 48-10. But were appreciative of the Visitation girls efforts "Give them a few years and they will be hanging a banner" said Team Manager Kara Sheeser. Scoring: Preiner 14, O'Neill 10, Johnson 9, McMenemy 8, Geelhoed 5, Buffalo 2



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## Athletic Director

Watch for volunteering opportunities in the next coming weeks for playoffs. During the Winter sports season we will need help with the scoreboard. Thanks to all the families that have helped during the fall season and volleyball playoffs.

Be aware that coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers need to be current with the VIRTUS training.

Any student athlete that wants to play on more than one team in the same season can explore that option, just be aware of the chance of more time conflicts.

Anyone can join the Tiger Pride Booster Club at any time during the year. It is a fun group and the money they raise selling concessions helps with the school sports teams.

Any questions can be directed to Jim Weingartz or Abbey Luger. GO TIGERS!!!!!!