

Tigers Athletic News



Tigers Boys Basketball Scoreboard

TIGERS BOYS BASKETBALL NEWS

5th Grade

On February 11, the 4th and 5th Grade Transfiguration Tigers basketball team loaded up the Tiger Tour Bus and headed west for a rematch against the crosstown powerhouse Community of Saints. This was the final game of the regular season and the Tigers wanted to end on a high note.

In a packed pre-game press conference, co-coach Shelley Umland was asked if she and her co-coach felt they needed a win to keep their coaching contracts secure for another season. "There's no such thing as job security at this level of coaching," Umland responded. "This team has come a long, long way from the start of the season. We need to do our thing like we do it when we do it really well."

In front of a raucous, sold-out Saints Arena, the Tigers took the court to do battle for the last time in the regular season. And battle they did!

The story of the game in the first half was David "Big D" Vomastek. Big D played big, rebounded big, and late in the 2nd quarter, he scored BIG. Vomastek thundered home a bucket to bring the Tigers back to within striking distance. A completely dominating performance by the Big D had the Tiger faithful on their feet cheering for more.

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Look for the playoff schedule to come out next week!

And when the Tigers needed more, there was Dangerous Drew Gieser to provide it. Danger isn't his middle name, it's his first name and he showed just why. Gieser battled for 6 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 tie-ups in a pivotal contribution that kept the heat on the Saints.

But the Clan Gieser attack was just getting started. Alex Gieser was all over over the Saints on both ends of the hardwood. Alex pounded home 2 points of his own, along with 3 rebounds and at jump ball tie-up. The Gieser Dynamic Duo will be a force to be reckoned with in this league for years to come.

Once again, the 4th graders proved they could play in the big leagues with the best of them. Luke "The Motivator" Jacobson had another high octane performance with 9 points including a long-range three-pointer that had the crowd on their feet. Henry "Kirch" Kirchberg was as good as gold with 2 points, 4 rebounds, and a terrific defensive performance.

Also on the scoresheet for the Tigers was Michael Marabella with 2, Cam Bennet with 4, and Henry "Hurricane" Ahern with 2.

When the final horn sounded, the Tigers made the Saints sweat with a much-improved effort over their first meeting. Final score was Tigers 30, Saints 41.

In the post-game presser, co-coach Hruby was asked about the team's effort in this contest. "We threw everything we had at them and we had players like Big D (Vomastek) and Alex (Gieser) joining the party, which was huge. If we keep spreading the scoring around and keep improving, we can make a run in the playoffs."

On to the playoffs!

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TIGERS GIRLS BASKETBALL NEWS

8TH GRADE

Dateline: Monday, Feb 17th. The Iron Six took their "Traveling Road Show" the unfriendly confines of Nativity Arena. "We haven't had much luck here, last year we lost in the playoffs in OT to this Nativity team and we felt we were up to the challenge" said Jordyn "JOJO" Preiner. With Ella Geelhoed on holiday up north for the extended Presidents Day Holiday, the Tigers invited an old friend and still rostered Kara "Shotgun" Sheeser to suit up. "It was special to take the court again" said Kara while being taped up by the Tiger Athletic trainer "I just need to get in the flow of the game and lets those nerves settle". In the flow she did in her first minutes with a quick steal, a rebound and a put back to tie the score at 6-6. But this game would take more turns and twists over the next 30 minutes than ever seen before. Down 28-20, the girls fought back relentlessly to pull within 2 led by 3 pointers from Daniella "DJ" Johnson and Rhiannon O'Neill. With 3 minutes left Nativity once again expanded their lead to 37-31 but the Lady Tigers still would not go down. Riding the heels of 5 three pointers in the 2nd half, Sami McBuckets McMenemy buried a 3 with 1 minute remaining to push the score to 37-32. Off the in-bounds, the pressing Tigers stole the ball led by JoJo Preiner and she hit a baseline jumper with the foul. Tensions began to rise as the score was now 37-34. After a missed free throw the Tigers lock down defense got a final stop with 17 seconds. Pushing the ball up the court, the Tigers reversed it to an open Rhiannon "Ballgame" O'Neill who would bank home a 3 with 4.2 seconds left to tie the score. Off to overtime it was where a back and forth physical game got even more physical. Shutting down the 6'2" center of Nativity was key and it was an all out team effort led by Sami McMenemy, Kendall Buffalo, and Rhiannon O'Neill getting most of the work. The Tigers would get a last chance to win it in OT but the shot did not fall and a foul called on the Tigers with 0.7 seconds left in overtime would allow Nativity 2 free throws to win the game. "We had this call against us in OT last year with 4 seconds left, it was like Deja Vue" said Coach Henry Buffalo. But this was different and Nativity missed both free throws and were unable to get a rebound shot up in time. Off to Double "Sudden Death" OT we would go. The first minute was back and forth with Nativity and Tigers both getting ops for the walk off. But as Nativity girls pushed the ball and went into a layup, Jordyn Preiner blocked the ball, recovered it, went the length of the court only to get fouled. Preiner would need just one free throw for the win and she hit her first one as the bench ran onto the court in a hog pile. The Tigers had knocked off top ranked Nativity 38-37. "Never quit, never got down, never relented" said Coach Scott Johnson at the postgame press conference at Plums Bar. "Sheeser provided the energy, the girls took it from there". Playoff basketball type atmosphere at its best. Scoring: Preiner 15, O'Neill 9, Johnson 7, McMenemy 5, Sheeser 2

Dateline: Tuesday, Feb 18th: The Lady Tigers last regular season game ever vs border rival St Peters at sold out O'Reilly Hall in North St Paul. On this occasion, Sami McMenemy was given a day off and the Tigers brought in Addie Teeters along with Sheeser once again. It also didn't take long for Teeters to make a statement with 4 points in the first half as the Tigers headed to the locker room down 21-18. "Slow start, might have been a little worn down from the back to back after a double OT game but no excuses" said Rhiannon O'Neill "we needed to right the ship". The Tigers did just that and used the long ball once again with Preiner hitting 3 threes to keep the team close. The 2nd half was what we've come to expect from the Lady Tigers this year, overcoming obstacles and getting back in the game led by Johnson, Buffalo and O'Neill in the 2nd half. The Tigers would break away late in a tightly battled game to win 40-35. Scoring: Preiner 16, Johnson 8, Buffalo 7, O'Neill 5, Teeters 4.

The girls will now take on the winner of the ICS/Holy Spirit game on Thursday, Feb 27th at 6:30pm at Nativity. Come out and cheer the girls on as they look to hang a banner for the Transfiguration Nation. Special thanks to Kara Sheeser and Addie Teeters for suiting up late in the season. Your contributions and presence were great to see.

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Spring sports registration form is attached click the link! Please try to have all forms turned in by March 5th!

http://www.transfigurationmn.org/PDF_School/Sports%20Registration%20Spring%202019-20.pdf

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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4ca8a72ba5fc1-basketball6>

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!!!!!!