

Yellow and Blue Teams Are Tourney Champs

The Estill County Elementary boys basketball leagues completed their seasons on Tuesday night, with all eight teams seeing action.

In the championship games the Blue Team and the Yellow Team were the winners in their respective divisions.

The league was divided into two age groups this year with four teams in each.

Championship 3rd-4th

Boys Blue (26) – Red (22)

The Blue Team, coached by Estill County High varsity player Caleb Click and three of his teammates, Trenton Jenkins, Trevor Jenkins, and Deron Miller, put together a run that was similar to UK's by defeating both the Green and Red Teams to claim the tournament championship.

Caleb Witt was impressive with a shooting touch that saw him rip the nets for 15 points of his team's 26 in the championship game against the Red Team. Included in those 15 points were three threes.

Aaron Williams contributed 7 points, Joe Collins 2, and Issy Gibson 2.

Alex Stamper, Zade Young, Hayden McIntosh, Christian Begley, Levi Begley, and Caiden Godby all played and contributed to the win by helping defend the Red Team and star player Tyler Brewer.

The Blue Team finished 5-3.

Tyler, one of the league's leading scorers, still managed to score 19 of his Red Team's 22 points. Ben Tipton contributed 2 points and Payton Murphy 1.

Others playing and helping the Red Team to a 6-2 record were Hunter Flynn, Landon Knox, Ethan Henry, Randall Stamper, and Cameron Townsend; along with Coach Steve Brewer.

Championship 4th-5th

Boys Yellow (27) – Gold (24)

In the other division championship game, the Yellow Team, under the direction of Jeremy Niece, edged out a close win over the Gold Team 27-24.

The Yellow was led by Cousins Trevyn and Tye Niece. Ty scored 10 points and Trevyn hit for 8. Bryce Willis scored

7 and was outstanding with his defensive play.

Logan Riddell hit for 2 with a timely bank shot that seemed to turn the tide of a close game.

Others playing were Casey Howell, Trenton Flynn, Issac Thomas, and Woody Conner.

The Gold, coached by Dickie Arthur, was led in scoring by Jacob Birchfield who scored 12. Rocky Hix was next with 10 before fouling out late in the game; Elliott Hardy did a good job handling the ball while he tossed in 2 points.

Others seeing action were Kaden Hardy, Alec Arthur, Hunter Price, Keaton Henry, Zane Sparks, Noah Walters, and Trevor Rogers.

The Yellow finished with a 5-3 record and the Gold 3-5.

Consolation 4th-5th

Boys Purple (36) – Black (19)

In the same division consolation game the Purple Team was impressive in a win over the Black 36-19. Both Teams were without their star players and coaches.

Tommy Wilburn filled in for Purple Coach Rodney Napier and Ralph Harrison subbed for Black Team Coach Gary Beeler.

The Purple played extremely well despite being without their star player, Landon Napier. Six players broke the scoring column led by a kid called Pep Rally who scored 11.

Waylon Puckett and Jamison Miller both scored 8 and Josh Ledford tossed in 5. Keadon Wilburn and Tyler Hutton tossed in 2 each to round out the scoring. Caden Stewart also played.

The Black Team, without their leading player Dustin Beeler, placed two players in the scoring column. Andrew Elam, a nifty ball handling guard, scored 8 and Lennon Abney exhibited a soft shooting touch hitting three three's for a total of 11.

Others playing were Kaden Arthur, Dylan Sizemore, Zack Conrad, Jesse Jordon, and Rafe Harrison. The Purple record was 4-4 and the Black 4-4.

Consolation 3rd-4th

Boys Green (18) – White (15)

In the consolation game for the younger division, the Green Team, coached by Bee Williams, edged out a win over the White Team 18-15. Landon Coomer was the leading scorer for the Green tossing in 14 points.

Landon Canter scored 2 as did Parker Mullen. Others playing were Aiden Sparks, Gavin Thacker, Blake Muncie, Dominick Johnson, Brennan Estes, Dylan Hager, and Luke Williams. Green finished 4-4.

The White Team was led by Michael Smith with 11; Thomas Forehand scored 2 as did Lynden Baskin.

Others seeing action were Zack Townsend, Hunter Parks, Noah Lutes. Garret Hall also saw action for Coach James Woolery. The

White Team finished 2-6.

FINAL STANDINGS

Boys 3rd & 4th

Red6-2

Green4-4

Blue4-4

White2-6

Boys 4th & 5th

Yellow.....5-3

Black4-4

Purple.....4-4

Gold.....3-5

Girls

Blue5-2

Black5-3

Gold.....1-6



Girls Black Team players Yana Turner (#3) and Rachel Arthur (#2) guard the inbounds pass during the championship game against the Blue. Black won 12-9.

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

Kentucky '... and here they come to me now!' Wildcats going to Final Four

In the end, one at a time, it's how we handled intervals Who we left smiling all. Kentucky players handled the intervals well. Thanks, guys. See you on television.



Bob Watkins

'We live our lives by intervals' and Kentucky gave Big Blue fans 29 more

Tribute time for Kentucky's basketball team? Yes.

Winningest college basketball program in America is still Kentucky.

Nice run, fellas. Last six thunder runs were breathtaking gorgeous, good as it gets. Crowd following to Dallas was confirmation. But for a Kevin Olie coaching gem UConn would be doing the what if routine today.

Shining moments? I could be the one human on Planet Basketball to say today let's skip the if-onlys and just say lots of Moms went to bed happy 29 nights this winter. Never mind the other 11. And yes, the last one was tough.

So, from the throng of fair-minded and reasonable Kentuckians in Big Blue Nation, along with the constituency John Calipari calls crazy, thank you.

But let's be real too. Whatever love affair there was it came late. Well after the odious bunker talk: "it's us against the world, guys."

From Big Blue Madness in, we all knew the drill. Win, win, beat UofL, sell some tee-shirts, let Cal do the talking, win some, then get the h.... out of here for the NBA.

Tribute: *We live our lives by intervals, don't we?*

Moments of joy, days of contentment, seasons of wellness.

Grow certain we are wise and know enough,

you have done? Kentucky hoops, 2013-14, been a great story down the stretch. An ebb-and-flow drama with heroes and villains, ups, downs all wrapped into, "we'll be back for the final seconds after these commercial messages" big finish.

Apparently, one teenager knew how it would be all the time. Maybe he wrote the script Still, no Hollywood producer would buy it.

All of which takes me back to Tombstone.

"I dunno, darlin', there's just something about 'im,'" this Aaron Harrison.

CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR

Clamoring continues to pay college players (term student-athlete is passe'). ... form a players union! ... and, NCAA should dole out its billions in television revenue to the workers.

Ge, isn't that socialism?

On one hand, for television's talking heads - be careful what you wish for.

Before Charles Barkley could say "what's in your wallet?" college administrators would hire a Pay Scale Board and team of arbitrators.

Hypothetical test case: Should Breanna Stewart at UConn be paid same or more than Julius Randle at Kentucky? Must be a hearing, arguments, decisions, appeals and, where money is involved, discontent all round.

Be careful what you wish for.

On the other hand, amid the noise for justice for players, all is quiet on the ball coach front. Highest paid coach in college hoops 2013-14, according to USA Today, is Mike Krzyzewski at Duke. Bilas's old boss.

Coach K raked in \$9,682,032, according to the newspaper. Next is Rick Pitino at Louisville, \$5,758,338 a year. John Calipari at Kentucky, Bill Self of Kansas and Billy Donovan of Florida are in the 4-5 million dollars-a-year club.

Ball coach pay has soared right alongside corporate NCAA's warehouse of money. While Bilas and others rant about pay-for-play in college, where's clamor for a cap on coach pay?

Footnote: Looking ahead, status quo. Recruiting experts say Krzyzewski has the number one recruiting class for 2014-15, Calipari's next wave of players at Kentucky is second.

WORTH REPEATING DEPT.

Internet columnist: "The NCAA system for compensating players is antiquated. Unless there is revision, eventually kids who fuel the system will take their talents to semi-pro leagues where they can be paid fairly for hard work rather than watch schools get rich."

Comment: Semi-pro league option was a new idea when Elvis Presley was still singing in Las Vegas. Today, the NBA's D-League is viable option to one-and-done.

READERS (RIGHT) WRITE

"Richard Pitino's Minnesota team won the NIT ... with Tubby Smith's players, right? All those UK fans for all those years who said Tubby Smith won the (1998) NCAA Tournament with Rick Pitino's players ... what goes around comes around."

PARTING SHOT

Arrangements for the UK team's homecoming celebration on Tuesday, included an athletic department press release. Ironic and sad reminder how athletics at Kentucky are corporate captives..

To wit: "Other than IMG rightsholder, there may not be any live telecast, radio broadcast or internet streaming originating from inside Rupp Arena until 4:30 p.m. or the IMG/WKYT telecast has concluded, whichever is later."

And so it goes.

Stickeler's Answer

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The answer is **b. 4441**.

This sequence is made up of consecutive primes whose reversals are squares.

61	163	487	691	1297	1861	4201	4441
16	361	784	196	7921	1681	1024	1444
4 ²	19 ²	28 ²	14 ²	89 ²	41 ²	32 ²	38 ²

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Estill Co. Church League 2014 Basketball Action

Saturday, April 5th

Gum Springs winner by forfeit

Green Pastures (61) -- Rice Station (34)

Mount Carmel (88) -- Stacy Lane (47)

Calvary Baptist (61) -- Ravenna CG (48)

Final Season Standings -- April 9, 2014

Calvary Baptist	7-0	Mount Carmel	2-5
Gum Springs	6-1	Stacy Lane	1-6
Green Pastures	5-2	Rice Station	0-7
Ravenna CG	3-4		

Saturday, April 12th

ECCBL Tournament Pairings

#1 Calvary Baptist gets a bye

10:15 Mount Carmel vs. Ravenna CG

11:30 Gum Springs vs. Rice Station

12:45 Green Pastures vs. Stacy Lane

Tournament will continue to establish first through seventh place

All Games At Central Office Gym



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