

Wetmore @ Bern Sub-state recap & Player to Bank On

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"Player to Bank On:" Matthew Haverkamp (Bern) 22 points

The final scored definitely wasn't indicative of how close this contest was between the Wetmore Cardinals and the Bern Indians, as they meet up in the first round of the sub-state action for the second straight year. It was a close game throughout the first half with both teams holding leads for stretches of the first half, with Wetmore leading by one at the end of the first quarter and Bern taking a three-point lead into the half. The third quarter is were took a turn in favor of one squad with Bern mounting a offensive act outscoring Wetmore 18-6 in the period, enough to not allow the Cardinals to comeback in the game, as Bern notched the 58-44 win to move on in sub-state.

Bern utilized balance scoring from five players, with three pacing the way with double figures on the evening. Senior forward, Darren Meyer and junior guard, Graham Droge scored 10 and 13, respectively in the contest, but the go to player of the night for the Indians was sophomore center, Matthew Haverkamp. Haverkamp had himself one of his best games of the season, actually tying his season-high in points with 22 on the night. He helped spark the run in the third quarter that ultimately gave Bern control of the game. Though Bern took control of the game in the third period, it was a pair of seniors for Wetmore that left everything they had on the floor to try and make a comeback for the Cardinals. Forward, Dom Larkins finished the night with 11 points, nine of which came in the fourth quarter; while senior guard, Derek Henry finished with a game-high 23 points.

With the victory Bern improves o 11-10 on the season and advances on in sub-state, where they will face off against the Baileyville-B&B Falcons on Thursday in the Class 1A--Division II sub-state semifinals in Frankfort at 6:00pm. Wetmore finishes the season with a 2-19 record on this season.

The boy's and girl's semifinals (Thursday and Friday, respectively) and finals (Saturday) will be broadcasted on 92.1 KMZA, game times will be 6:00pm for the first game each night and the second game to follow at 7:30pm.