

### Class 1A-Div. II Frankfort sub-state finals recap

A state tournament bid and the Class 1A-Division II sub-state championship were up for grabs last night in two great matchups featuring the one and two seeds against each other in the boy's and girl's championship games. First up was the girl's game, featuring the B&B Falcons and the Wetmore Cardinals. It was a tight contest throughout with the lead changing hands multiple times, B&B lead at the half by one, but Wetmore would come back and ultimately win 39-30 and punch their ticket to the state tournament. In the boy's championship matchup it was the B&B Falcons taking on the Frankfort Wildcats. Like the girl's matchup this one would be back and forth between the two teams, actually needing an extra stanza to decide the winner, as it was tied at 47-47 at the end of regulation, forcing overtime. Overtime wouldn't disappoint as Frankfort took a one-point lead late and held on to secure a bid to the state tournament in Hays.

### **B&B vs. Wetmore (Class 1A-Division II Sub-state Championship)**

#### **"Player to Bank On:" Kelsey Henry (Wetmore) 13 points**

It was a matchup that featured two teams with a combined five losses on the season, both riding double figure winning streaks and being the one and two seed in the sub-state. The B&B Falcons took on the Wetmore Cardinals in the girl's Class 1A-Division II Frankfort sub-state championship; it would be a game featuring multiple lead changes and a close contest throughout the game. After the end of the first quarter it was a two-point lead for the Cardinals 11-9, but it would be the Falcons who take the lead into halftime leading it by one 17-16.

Coming out of the half Wetmore looked to score quickly and they did so to retake the lead and they did so, outscoring B&B by 10 in the second half to notch the 39-30 victory, winning the sub-state crown and earn themselves a state tournament bid.

Both teams fought hard throughout in a low scoring matchup with only two players finishing in double figures for both teams combined. Senior guard, Caitlin Deters finished with 10 points for the Falcons it what will be her finally high school game of her career. While senior forward, Kelsey Henry lead the way for Wetmore with 13 points, while making plenty of other big plays in the game for the Cardinals, as well.

After falling their sub-state championship game last year, the Wetmore Cardinals make sure they don't repeat that outcome as they win their twenty-first game of the season (21-2) and win the sub-state championship. The B&B Falcons finish their season 19-4, finishing three wins better than the previous seasons.

Wetmore earned themselves the number two seed in the Class 1A-Division II state tournament in Hays, Kansas, where they will face off against Logan (15-8) in the first round on Thursday, March 8th at 3:00pm.

### **B&B vs. Frankfort (Class 1A-Division II Sub-State Championship)**

#### **"Player to Bank On:" Alex Surdez (Frankfort) 15 points (5 three-pointers)**

You thought the girl's matchup was close, well the boys Class 1A-Division II sub-state championship game was even closer and needed overtime to decided who would earn the state tournament bid and win sub-state. It was tied at the end of the first quarter 8-8 and just like their

counterpart in the girls game the B&B Falcons lead at the end of the first half, 24-21. Frankfort would swing the momentum in their favor in the third quarter, leading by six points, but B&B would outscore Frankfort by six in the fourth to tie the ball game at 47-47 at the end of regulation. Frankfort would have a chance at the end of regulation but B&B's defense would stifle the offense to not allow Frankfort get a shot off.

Headed to overtime it would be back and forth again; Frankfort taking a one-point lead with about eight seconds left in the overtime period and B&B had the ball. Falcons would get a shot off at the buzzer, as senior, Eric Huerter shot up a three-pointer that would lip out of the rim, securing the 55-54 win for Frankfort in overtime.

Both teams finished the game with two players in double figures and balanced scoring overall with the players that tallied points in the contest. For the Falcons it was Huerter that lead the way with 20 points on the night, while senior, Cody Heiman added 13 points, 11 of which came in the first half. It was sophomore, Alex Surdez that lead the Wildcats connecting on five three-pointers, netting himself 15 points. The lone other Wildcat in double figures was senior, Jacob Broxterman, who has scored double figures every game this season, including 13 points on the night against B&B.

Frankfort improved to 19-5 on the season with the win and claimed the sub-state title and a state tournament bid, for the first time since the 2007-08 season, when they took home third place in state. B&B finishes their season with a 16-7 record, finishing tied for fourth in the Twin Valley League this season.

Frankfort will be the three seed in the Class 1A-Division II state tournament in Hays, Kansas, where they will face Colony-Crest (15-8) on Wednesday, March 7th at 4:45pm.