

# Ohio State pulls out sixth grade boys victory

In a game that was tied 20-20 going into the last four minutes, Ohio State was able to pull away from a tenacious Wisconsin team for a 25-20 Amherst Youth Basketball sixth grade boys victory.

Damian Powers (nine points) and C.J. Westcott (six points) led Ohio State along with three key points in the last stanza by Homd Ali (five points total). Michael Calandra and Jack Looney were tough on the defensive side for Ohio State.

Evan Poole turned in a stellar performance for Wisconsin with 10 points and Hank Ransom and Nick Kiener (four points) grabbed numerous rebounds.

## Ohio State 47, Michigan State 36

Ohio State was able to hold off a tough Michigan State team for a win.

Led by Mark Cerza's nine first half points (11 total) and Brandon Schick (seven points), Michigan State jumped out to a 9-1 lead.

Chris Ossa's six first half points (11 total), along with five points each from Andrew Pierino and Damian Powers (13 total) helped Ohio State take a 24-18 halftime lead.

Great passing and defense by Jack Looney (six points) and Nick Hillenbrand helped key the comeback. Powers, Mike Calandra, and Hamd Ali (six points) were tough on the boards for Ohio State.

Michael Spina (six points) and Wes Harvin (eight points) also turned in fine floor games for Michigan State.

## Ohio State 34, Purdue 17

In a Saturday morning game, Purdue raced to a 7-0 lead and a 13-10 halftime advantage over Ohio State.

Five points each by Damian Powers and Homd Ali helped Ohio State capture a 26-13 third quarter lead and hold on for a 34-17 victory.

Chris Ossa (10 points) led the Ohio State offense along with Michael Calandra (six points) Ali and Hillenbrand demonstrated great playmaking skills and tough defense that helped slow down Purdue.

Purdue was led by Connor Radel (five points) and Airic Thornton (four).

## Michigan State 39, Wisconsin 20

Balanced scoring was the story of the game with all Spartans contributing.

Leading the Spartans were Wes Harvin and Mark Cerza, who combined for 19 points. Mike Spina (six points), Brandon Schick (five), Yohan Andraud, Jack Trotman and Justin Allmore (two points each) also contributed.

Nick Swain and Anthony Scamurra provided strong rebounding.

Nick Kiener led the Badgers with 10 points. Kyle Zurak and Evan Poole each added five points each. Matt Shank provided plenty of razzle dazzle plays.

## Michigan State 37, Indiana 23

Mark Cerza and Wesley Harvin combined for 20 points during this battle with Indiana.

Nick Swain pulled down 12 rebounds and added nine points. Mike Spina added six points. Brandon Schick (three points), Jack Trotman (two), Yohan Andraud (two steals, rebound) and Anthony Scamurra (six rebounds, couple steals) also contributed.

Mike Torrillo scored 13 of Indiana's 23 points. Alex Radice chipped in six points. Brandon Delac had four.

## Michigan State 28, Penn State 11

Michigan State started off strong and jumped out to a 15-6 halftime lead.

Penn State made some halftime adjustments to close the gap in the third quarter.

Leading the Spartans was Wesley Harvin (12 points), Brandon Schick (nine points), Mark Cerza (five), Mike Spina and Jack Frotman (two points each). Yohan Andraud and Anthony Scamurra made several steals and grabbed rebounds.

Penn State was led by Mike O'Brien (seven points), Tyler Piasecki (three points) and Mike Fowler (one point).

## Seventh grade boys

### Florida State 36, Miami 24

The Seminoles from Florida State

used a 24-11 first half advantage to beat Miami.

Swingman Peter Moran scored 11 of his game-high 15 points in the first half to lead Florida State. Brett Butler and Caleb Saathoff battled the tough front line of grabbing numerous rebounds. Butler chipped in with eight points. Guards Tom Kline and Nick Konotopskyj directed the offense and scored seven and four points, respectively. Zach Hopper, Mark Roustum and Sam Zierchowski led the defensive effort with Zierchowski also adding a bucket for the winners.

Mike Altman led Miami with nine points. Tom Melody was dominant under the boards, scoring four points along with Alex Blum. Jeremy Rakoon, Pat Yanetti and Sterling Tiras each scored two points and Josh Lewis finished with one point for Miami.

### Florida State 42, Boston College 35

Florida State grabbed a 12-point halftime lead, 24-12, only to see Boston College race back in the third quarter to cut the deficit to three going into the final stanza. Clutch free throw shooting down the stretch enabled the Seminoles to hang on for a victory.

Brett Butler and Peter Moran each scored in double figures with 18 and 11 points respectively, for the winners. Point guards Tom Kline (five points) and Nick Konotopskyj (four points) led the fast-breaking Seminoles. Caleb Saathoff, Zach Hopper and Tony Mauro helped Butler on the boards and Sam Zierchowski scored two points and led the defensive effort with Mark Roustum.

Will Burton was the catalyst for the comeback in the third quarter, scoring six points with numerous steals while Joe Gianturco led the Eagles in scoring with 11. Also scoring for Boston College were Joe Kleinman (six points), Dan Maher and Odin Fors (four each) and Nick Dimitroff (two).

### Florida State 33, Duke 18

Balanced scoring from guards Nick Konotopskyj, Tom Kline and Peter Moran led the Seminoles over Duke. Konotopskyj led Florida State with 10 points, followed by Kline and Moran with eight each. Brett Butler and Zach Hopper split four points while Caleb Saathoff and Sam Zierchowski each scored a point a piece. Mark Roustum and Tony Mauro led the defensive charge for the Seminoles.

For the Blue Devils, Trenton Miller scored nine points, R.J. MacDonald added four, Mike Cerza chipped in three and Sam Dusenberry finished with two. Peter Cahlstadt and Robert Bojanek did an outstanding job rebounding and playing defense for Duke.

### Florida State 27, North Carolina St. 21

The Seminoles outscored the Wolfpack 13-8 in the second half to break open a close game and earn a victory. Nick Konotopskyj and Tom Kline each scored eight points to lead the way for Florida State.

Brett Butler battled NC State power forward Ted Langlois to draw scoring six points while defensive specialist, Sam Zierchowski added four points. Peter Moran finished the scoring for the Seminoles with one point.

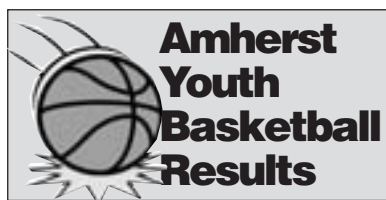
Caleb Saathoff grabbed numerous rebounds while Mark Roustum and Tony Mauro led the defensive effort for the victors.

Jim Caputi led NC State with nine points. Mark Fleming chipped in four points, Langlois added three and Landin Murphy and Nathan Cristantello had two each. Justin Meyer rounded out the scoring for the Wolfpack with one point.

### Virginia Tech 29, Duke 17

Virginia Tech overcame a solid Duke team in an exciting game.

The teams were evenly matched on both sides of the ball, with David Berkun scoring several points, together with baskets by Mark Pitman and Ben Perdziak. Jake Greibner turned in his usual all-around great play to contribute to the win.



Trenton Miller and Sam Dusenberry played hard for Duke.

### Eighth grade boys Nuggets 71, Supersonics 41

Eric Wilczynski had 22 points on a variety of inside moves and outside shots to lead four Nuggets in double figures in a 71-41 victory over the Supersonics in eighth grade basketball.

Jake Tyno had 13 points, Max Pergament 12 points and Max Klansky had 11 as the Nuggets broke up a tight game by scoring 47 points in the second half to register their highest-point total of the season.

All seven Nuggets got into the scorebook. James Dryden had all of his seven points in the second half. Pergament, who hit 10 of 13 foul shots, had all of his points in the second half as well. Joe Bennett had four points and Alex Kosmowski had two points.

The Sonics were led by Brandon Maranto's 15 points, nine of which came in the fourth quarter. David Glotzer added nine points and Christian Boswell and Nate Joseph had six points apiece. All seven Sonics also scored. Ben Stoler and Nathaniel Hess had two points apiece and Ezra Littman had one point.

### Nuggets 41, Rockets 35

Eric Wilczynski had 18 points and Max Klansky had eight points as the Nuggets defeated the Rockets, 41-35, in eighth grade basketball.

Wilczynski had eight points in the decisive third quarter when the Nuggets outscored the Rockets, 16-7, to take an eight point lead after three quarters. Max Pergament had all of his five points in the second half and Jake Tyno had all of his four points in the first half for the Nuggets.

The Rockets' Eric Stolzenburg, who had 28 points in the first meeting between the teams, played unselfishly and had 12 points and several assists. Steven Tepitsky had six points in the first half, but fouled out in the third quarter. Nick Radice also has six points for the Rockets and Matt Colopriscio added three points.

### Supersonics 41, Bulls 41

In exciting action, the Supersonics, who led throughout the game, responded to the Bulls' last minute go-ahead basket with a Zac Jehle two-pointer to lead to a 41 all final.

Both teams played a strong all-around game and exhibited end of the season skills.

The Supersonics raced out to a 19-11 first quarter lead behind numerous drives to the basket by Brandon Maranto (eight points), his passing to teammates Christian Boswell (five points) and Zac Jehle (four points), as well as a nice drive by David Glotzer (two points).

The Bulls answered with the strong inside presence of Farhan Hassain and Scott Zachau (four points each), a basket by Michael Graziano and a foul shot by Andrew Couche.

The second quarter was highlighted by the Bulls' strong team rebounding and solid defense holding the Supersonics to rebound baskets by Boswell and Glotzer. Zachau contributed another six points, and Hassain and Nicholas Penberthy added baskets to pull the Bulls closer. The Supersonics led, 23-21, at halftime.

The third quarter saw strong offensive plays and tight defense on both sides. Boswell, on the strength of his rebounding and shooting, added four points while Glotzer, Jehle, and Maranto added two each. The Bulls stayed close with the inside play of Hassain, who added three points while Penberthy and Zachau each added two. Couche contributed two more foul shots and Michael DiMichele added a nice shot. The third quarter ended with the Supersonics leading 33-32.

In the fourth quarter, the Bulls' Couche scored four points, Zachau added three, and Penberthy added

two more. The Supersonics' Nathaniel Hess scored an important early quarter basket to keep up the momentum. Boswell, Glotzer, and Jehle scored baskets that led to the 41-41 conclusion.

The Bulls tied the game and took the lead. The Supersonics' Jehle tied the game on a perfect inbounds pass from Ben Stoler. The Supersonics rebounded a Bulls' attempt and held for the last shot. The shot missed, the Bulls rebounded and raced down the court for one more chance to get the win. The shot rimmed out and the game ended to the crowd's appreciation of both teams' effort.

Zachau was the game-high scorer with 15 points, while his teammates Hassain had nine, Couche had seven, including five foul shots, Penberthy scored six, and DiMichele and Graziano added two each.

Ryan Wistner hustled at both ends of the court.

Boswell's 13 points led the Supersonics. Maranto added 10 points, while Glotzer and Jehle had eight each. Hess rounded out the scoring with two.

The strong all-around rebounding, defense, and hustle of Nate Joseph and Stoler helped the Sonics throughout the game.

### Heat 52, Bulls 51

A close game throughout, the game was a balance between hustling offense and strong defense. The Heat was led by a single game, season high of 33 points by Edwin Young. Shane McKay added 16 points, Michael Murphy had two points and Ivan Tso tossed in one. Matt Morse, Alex Hong and Jeff DiLuca added to the team's defense and helped the Heat hold off the Bulls in the final minute.

The Bulls had a balanced scoring attack led by Scott Zachau (15 points), Farhan Hassain (10 points), Andrew Couche (nine points), Michael Graziano (eight points), Nicholas Penberthy (seven points), and John Janeczko (two points).

### Braves 57, Knicks 34

The Braves broke open a close game, outscoring the Knicks 30-10 in the second half, and went on to a victory Saturday afternoon.

The Knicks got off to a fast start and led 10-9 after the first quarter. Kevin Hall, who finished with a team-high 13 points, Andrew Milbrand, who had 10, and Kyle Black, who chipped in with four, led the Knicks in the early going.

Peter Fiorella was strong for the Braves in the beginning of the game as he battled on the boards (three rebounds), and scored a bucket to keep the Braves close.

The second quarter saw the Braves start to play the ball they are capable of. Aaron Adams led with six second quarter points. He finished with a team-high 15. Adam Kalnitz added four points and five rebounds.

The Braves led 27-24 at the intermission. Christoph Kothe hit a long three-point shot for the Knicks at the buzzer to cut the Braves' lead to three.

In the second half, led by strong defense and great rebounding, the Braves started to open up the game. Matt Nicosia, who had eight points and eight rebounds, led a balanced attack as once again all eight players scored.

Matt Cohen played a strong game, finishing with 12 points, five rebounds and several assists. Murad Ali, who finished with two points, also played great defense, while Tim Hartigan and Nick Corbett each played their high energy game, running the court and moving the ball around.

### Braves 49, Nuggets 34

Balanced scoring and getting everybody involved were the keys once again as eight players scored to lead the Braves to a victory over the Nuggets.

Aaron Adams again dominated the boards, grabbing 11 rebounds, to go along 13 points, eight in the first quarter, as the Braves got off to a fast start, leading 22-16 at the half.

The Nuggets were led by Eric Wilczynski, who finished with a

game-high 15 points and Max Klansky, who hustled all over the court and ended up with eight points. Max Pergament worked hard and finished with four points.

The Braves played great team ball, making the extra pass to get an easier shot and it paid off throughout the game. Tim Hartigan played his usual high energy game and finished with 13 points while Matt Nicosia had another strong game and had eight points to go along with six rebounds. Murad Ali, played inspired defense and hauled in five rebounds to go along with his four points.

The second half was more of the same as the Braves outscored their opponent 27-18. Matt Cohen, Adam Kalnitz and Kam Mishra all chipped in for the effort. Great play from Peter Fiorella and Nick Corbett showed that playing defense and moving the ball can help a team as much as scoring.

### Cavaliers 59, Knicks 50

Matt Radle scored 25 points and Andrew Nussal added 15 to lead the Cavs past the Knicks. Jacob Garvelli hit two big fourth quarter shots to keep the surging Knicks from getting too close. Pierce Young scored 15 of his 19 points in the first half, while Kevin Hall scored all of his 17 points in the second half for the Knicks.

### Fourth-fifth grade boys

#### Marquette 34, Notre Dame 29

Marquette had won the first meeting, and Notre Dame had taken the rematch, and then these two Big East bulls locked horns in the rubber-match last Tuesday night at the ECC-North gymnasium. It was a classic back and forth struggle as both teams bent but neither broke.

The first quarter saw the Golden Eagles jump out to a 12-8 lead on some tough drives by Patrick Hartigan and Joe Brady, many of which were a result of solid picks set by Mandela Namaste and crisp passes dished out by Jonathan Hall.

The second quarter belonged to the Fighting Irish - the result of good team play that saw six players score, including two baskets apiece by Joe Sanford and Sean McLean, a nice corner jumper by Mitchell Fors, and one point each scored by Nick Aja, Greg Cook, and Cal Jackson.

In the same stanza, Marquette could only muster four points, two of which came on a seven-foot jumper by Elliott Schulefand. With the game half over, Notre Dame had turned a four-point deficit into a five-point lead.

Both teams came out a bit flat in the third quarter, as Notre Dame only notched two field goals and Marquette did only one better than that, leaving the Fighting Irish with a three-point advantage going into the fourth quarter of play.

The last eight minutes of play was a great finish for these evenly matched teams. Marquette quickly tied the score on a fade-away jumper by Hall and a point by Liam Hughes, who was fouled in the act of shooting after hauling down a great offensive rebound.

The alternating possession arrow was changing directions like a metronome, as Namaste and Schulefand were scrapping for, and tying up, loose balls all over the court. Equal to the task were Alex Grano and Joe Adcock, who were leaving it all on the floor.

In the end, what may have tipped the scales in favor of the Golden Eagles, were team fouls. Marquette was in the bonus situation for the last four minutes of the game, allowing them to ring-up a couple of points at the end of the game, and escape with a five-point win.

Leading scorers in the game were Brady with 22 points, followed by McLean and Sanford with 10 points each, and Hartigan with seven points.

### Seton Hall 32, Rutgers 32

A couple of fourth and fifth grade teams had a great game on Feb. 6. Seton Hall came from behind to gain a 32-32 tie with Rutgers.

Matt Macomber and Eric Ruh led

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