

BRAYMER BEGINS DISTRICT PLAY WITH WIN

Despite getting off to a sluggish start Tuesday night in Jamesport, the Braymer Bobcat boys basketball team did just enough to leave the gym with their 18th win of the season and a trip to the district semifinals. Posting a 71-54 victory over #8 seed Winston, the Bobcats will face Southwest Livingston Thursday afternoon.

While the Bobcats post players scored early and often against a smaller Winston Redbird team, defensively Braymer struggled to stop their opponents who ran basically a four guard offense. Playing a slow paced game where they used up the clock before looking for a high percentage shot, the Redbirds, led by senior Bryan Lee led early in the 2nd quarter and trailed by only 5 points at the intermission.

Braymer came out strong in the second half by going inside to their post players and then looking to senior guard John Haley from the outside. A strong 3rd quarter pushed the Bobcat lead to double figures and Braymer cruised from there on as they emptied the bench late in the game.

James Schreier led the Bobcats with a double-double of 23 points and 10 rebounds. John Haley had 23 points and dished out 3 assists. Clayton Brown had another fine game with 12 points and 9 boards, while Jesse Utt came off the bench to provide a spark in the second quarter. He finished the night with 5 points. Trent Utt scored 4 points and led the team with 9 assists. Brandon Taylor picked up a pair of points and pulled down 3 rebounds coming off the bench, and Caden Shonk had 3 assists to go along with 2 points. The Bobcats next game is Thursday @ 5:30 vs. Southwest.