

BRAYMER BOYS WIN BIT

The Braymer High School boys' basketball team pounded their competition in three games to claim title to the championship of the Braymer Invitational Tournament for 2010. About the only thing that slowed the Bobcats down was the weather. Twice the schedules had to be postponed and rescheduled due to inclement weather and cold temperatures.

In their first round game against the Norborne Pirates, Braymer jumped out to a 21-3 lead after the 1st quarter and never looked back. Led by Clayton Brown and John Haley (who both scored all of their points in the 1st half), the Bobcats went to the locker room at halftime ahead by a score of 43-13.

Despite the fact that the reserves played much of the 3rd quarter, Braymer extended its lead to 54-18 at the end of the period. With a running clock and mass substitutions the Bobcats outscored the visitors 11-5 in the 4th quarter for a final score of 65-23.

Clayton Brown paced the Bobcats in scoring with 15 points followed closely by John Haley with 13. Brandon Taylor had 7, Dalton Owen and James Schreier 6, Caden Shonk and Trace Phillips 4, Brett Willis and Cody Goodrich 3, and Dylan Adkison and Nate Owen 2 apiece. Trent Utt put 6 points on the board for Braymer while picking up a team high 7 steals.

The semifinal of the tournament for Braymer featured a rematch of the season opener vs. Stet. In their first matchup at Stet, the Bobcats came away with a hard fought come-from-behind victory 46-40. In the rematch Braymer made sure that there would be no doubt as they jumped out to leads of 12-9 and 27-15 after the 1st and 2nd quarters. A high scoring third quarter that left the Bobcats ahead 48-22 and a fast start in the 4th where Braymer again outscored Stet 28-14 left the game to be finished with a running clock and all reserves on the floor.

Braymer had 3 players in double digits in scoring led by John Haley with 19, followed by James Schreier with 13 and Clayton Brown with 11. Trent Utt and Brandon Taylor each posted 6 points, while Dalton Owen and Nate Owen each put up 4. Jesse Utt and Caden Shonk had 3 points apiece and Dylan Adkison rounded out the scoring with 2.