7/10/2014: PTL round-up

(*Editor's note: Due to a prior commitment, I wasn't able to travel to Waterloo to cover Thursday's PTL games. I have however obtained copies of the stat sheets from Thursday's games and have a compilation of what took place below. Regular coverage from HawkeyeDrive.com of this summer's Prime Time League will resume next week from North Liberty. Thanks for understanding.)

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L.L. Pelling/Comfort Care Medicare 109, Vinton Merchants/Marion Iron Company 89

After starting the summer with two straight defeats, Pelling/Comfort Care managed to reel off its second consecutive win Thursday, defeating Merchants/Iron 109-89. Both teams finished the regular season portion of league play with 2-2 marks as a result of Thursday's outcome.

The story behind Pelling/Comfort Care's success was the Hawkeye senior duo of center Gabe Olaseni and guard Josh Oglesby. Olaseni produced a game-high 33 points on 14-of-22 shooting from the floor and even drained a 3-pointer for good measure in this contest. After not playing last week, Oglesby responded with a 15-point, 6-assist effort that included 3-of-8 shooting from behind the arc.

If there was a positive for Merchants/Iron in defeat, it was once again the play of Mike Gesell. The junior guard scored a team-high 28 points and did so on 11-of-21 shooting. He also contributed four rebounds and four assists. Incoming freshman forward Dominique Uhl only scored seven points on 3-of-10 shooting, but also managed to tally eight rebounds.

BlendCard 112, Culver's/McCurry's 98

It took four weeks, but BlendCard is no longer winless in the PTL this summer after coming away with a 112-98 victory over a short-handed Culver's/McCurry's squad.

After producing a 30-point performance last week for BlendCard, sophomore guard Peter Jok put on a similar show for the folks at Waterloo's Cedar Valley SportsPlex. He shot 9-of-17 from the floor to finish with 28 points and also contributed with six rebounds and two assists. Even more impressive for BlendCard was that it won Thursday despite not having its top draft pick, Northern Iowa's Seth Tuttle.

As for Culver's/McCurry's, it was minus senior forward Aaron White, who was in Las Vegas taking part in the LeBron James Skills Academy this week. It did however have the services of incoming sophomore guard Trey Dickerson, who made his second PTL appearance of the summer. The junior college transfer had 18 points on 5-of-14 shooting for Culver's/McCurry's and also had five rebounds and four assists in defeat.

Despite Thursday's defeat, Culver's/McCurry's won a four-way tiebreaker at 2-2 via coin flip for the playoffs' No. 2 seed, while BlendCard solidified the No. 6 spot with a 1-3 record.

Westport Touchless Autowash/IAHomesForSale 98, Jill Armstrong of Skogman Realty 76

Armstrong won't enter the PTL playoffs unbeaten after suffering a 98-76 loss to Autowash/Homes on Thursday, its first defeat of the summer. But with a 3-1 mark in league play, Armstrong still managed to secure the playoffs' top seed as a result of the night's earlier outcomes.

Once again, a six-man Armstrong squad Thursday night was led by junior forward Jarrod Uthoff, who had a dominating 25point, 19-rebound showing in defeat. But his effort wasn't enough to combat Autowash/Homes' 1-2 punch of juniors Adam Woodbury and Anthony Clemmons.

Playing in just his second PTL game of the summer, Clemmons responded big-time from a 3-point game last week by dropping a game-high 26 points on 11-of-16 shooting. As he has all summer, Woodbury continued to impress himself by contributing with another double-double of 22 points (also on 11-of-16 shooting) and 17 rebounds.

Playoff Schedule:

July 17:

6 p.m. (Roberts Gym) — No. 4 Westport Touchless Autowash/IAHomesForSale (2-2) vs. No. 5 Vinton Merchants/Marion Iron Company (2-2)

6 p.m. (Jones Gym) — No. 1 Jill Armstrong of Skogman Realty (3-1) vs. No. 2 Culver's/McCurry's (2-2)*

*Game doesn't count in standings or as part of the playoffs

7:30 p.m. (Jones Gym) — **No. 3** L.L. Pelling/Comfort Care Medicare (2-2) vs. **No. 6** BlendCard (1-3)

July 24:

6 p.m. (Roberts Gym) — Autowash/Homes-Merchants/Iron winner vs. **No. 1** Jill Armstrong of Skogman Realty (3-1)

7:30 p.m. (Roberts Gym) — Pelling/Comfort Care-BlendCard winner vs. No. 2 Culver's/McCurry's (2-2)

July 31:

7 p.m. (Roberts Gym) - 2014 Prime Time League Championship Game

*All times listed are Central Standard. Be sure to visit HawkeyeDrive.com for ongoing coverage of the Prime Time League this summer.