Panthers outlast Cougars 2-1 in district semi-final thriller

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Tuesday night featured an absolute classic between rival soccer programs as the semi-final matchup of the boys bracket took place in the 13th District Tournament. Meeting for a third time this season, the Logan County Cougars took on the Russellville Panthers, as the two programs have split the regular season series. This matchup was for all the marbles, in which the winner takes all. Going down to the wire, it was the Panthers that survived and advanced, earning the 2-1 win, punching their ticket to the title game and the 4th Region Tournament.

It was a hard-fought game between the two rivals as each team played with pure intensity for 80 minutes. With just under 24 minutes to go in the first half, senior Mannie Clayton got the assist from Braxton Coleman, floating the left-footed goal shot through to give the Panthers a 1-0 lead. Before the end of the half, Coleman added a goal to his stat sheet, giving the Panthers a 2-0 lead going into the break.

Coming out of the half, the Cougars knew the clock and scoreboard were working against them, but they weren't going to go down without a fight. The Cougars shifted the momentum with just 10 minutes gone, as senior Sebastian Hernandez buried a beauty of a penalty kick, narrowing the lead to one. After making the goal, the Cougars pressed and put pressure back onto the Panthers on their side of the field, forcing them to regroup. Ultimately, the Panthers held off the Cougars to close out the game.

Both programs had a lot to play for, but the Panthers were playing for something bigger than the game, as teammates sported arm bands with Randall Morrow's number nine, and the bench waved the flag with Morrow's number on it. The Panthers head coach, Cameron Kisselbaugh, expressed what the team was playing for: "We came out here after a very unfortunate loss to Randall after the horrendous tackle that happened against Ballard Memorial. He was one of our huge instrumental players on offense and defense so that is why we are representing the number nine. We were playing for him, and this year we have played for all of those people who have had things ripped out from underneath them. Those who didn't have that chance in life, who didn't have that choice."

Kisselbaugh emphasized their culture was the key to the win: "A lot of my players I've known for a long time. We've been through ups and downs, I've sat my starters, and I've told them they are not going to play, even in a district game. I have told them they are

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Striker Asher Woodall (left) trying to maneuver around the Panthers' Carlsen Farmer (2).



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Senior Sebastian Hernandez (10) puts through the penalty kick for the Cougars' only goal of the night.



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The Panthers celebrating the first goal of the night from senior Mannie Clayton (17).



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Junior Braxton Coleman (12) patient with the ball, earned one goal and one assist on the night for the Panthers.



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Panthers goalkeeper Sam Sinclair (center) puts the goal kick in play. Sinclair came away with 12 saves on the night against the Cougars.



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Cougars goalkeeper Aidyn Bryan elevating for the save against the Russellville Panthers in the 13th District Tournament.

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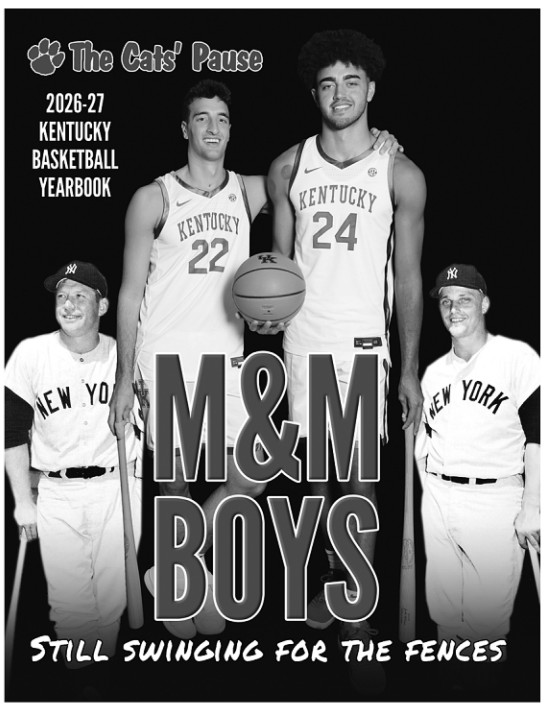

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Sealed proposals for the construction of the City of Adairville, Kentucky Wastewater Treatment Plant Additions and Improvements will be received at the office of the City of Adairville, PO Box 185, 110 North Main Street, Adairville, Kentucky 42202, Attention: Mayor Donna Blake on or before 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, November 12, 2026, and immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project will include the following described construction: Furnishing and installation for the construction of the additions and modifications to the Adairville Wastewater Treatment Plant including new headworks and influent pumps, proposed aeration basin, electrical control building, blowers, piping modifications, new return activated sludge pump station, modifications to the existing aeration tanks / clarifiers, modifications to existing waste activated sludge pumps, new sludge dewatering facility, additional generator, post aeration, demolishing of existing structures, piping, equipment, plumbing, heating, ventilation, electrical, grading, and appurtenances as required for the modifications and improvements to the existing treatment plant and all other work as shown on the Construction Drawings or indicated in the Contract Specifications.

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Dated at Adairville, Kentucky, on this 8th day of October 2026.

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BY: Donna Blake, Mayor