

**For Immediate Release**

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Contact: Randy Hatlen, Principal

HatlenR@ripon.k12.wi.us

(920) 748-4616

**Ripon Boys Basketball Statistics**

**Ripon, WI** – The following statement was shared by Athletic Director Bill Kinziger with players and parents of the Ripon boys basketball team:

“On December 31, 2015, the district responded to a complaint that statistics for more than one boys varsity basketball player were being inaccurately reported by the head coach. The athletic department and the school district administration took the complaint seriously and initiated a review. Inaccurate statistics were discovered for more than one player. The situation was discussed with the head coach and as a result the district is doing the following:

- Reviewing the statistical records as far back as the 2013-2014.
- Correcting inaccuracies that are discovered.
- Reassigning the reporting of statistics.

Additionally, the Ripon School District reported the incident to the WIAA. There will not be any WIAA penalty to the boys' varsity basketball team or the school district.

As the Athletic Director, I am committed to providing the best learning experience possible for all student-athletes participating in the athletic program.

I assure you of the following:

- The season will move forward with Coach Vander Plas as the Head Coach.
- The district is taking appropriate disciplinary action in this matter.
- The reporting of the statistics will be more closely monitored in the future.

I ask for your continued support of the Ripon athletic program and the basketball team in particular. Importantly, I also ask that each of you respectfully deal with this situation, and when discussing it neither over-state the information nor discount it, but present the incident as factually as

possible. If you have questions or if you are questioned about this incident by others, please refer those questions to me. Thank you.”

Please contact High School Principal Mr. Hatlen at [hatlenr@ripon.k12.wi.us](mailto:hatlenr@ripon.k12.wi.us) or Athletic Director Bill Kinziger at [kinzigerb@ripon.k12.wi.us](mailto:kinzigerb@ripon.k12.wi.us) with any questions.

###