

# East, Skyline easy victors

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Neither winning coach was particularly happy about his team's play in Tuesday's second round of the Salt Lake Valley prep basketball tournament at Highland High School.

But when you win by 16 points or more, you'll accept the results.

Skyline coach Paul Jeppesen called his Eagles' 64-44 rout of Kearns "typical of pre-season games." He saw room for improvement but "defensively, the team was outstanding."

The Eagles gave up just 17 baskets and forced 21 turnovers including five steals. Only Brad Staker, who shot six for 12, blocked two shots, got eight rebounds and made two steals, could do much to break the Eagles' grip for Kearns.

"I'd like to have gotten our fast break and motion offense going," Jeppesen said. The Eagles ran while the Cougars pressed full court to open the game but abandoned the practice after finishing the first period with only a two-point lead.

The Eagles advanced to Thursday's 7:30 p.m. semifinal and will

play East, 72-56 winner over Granger in Tuesday's first game. Granger and Kearns will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Tonight's games pit first-round losers Granite and Jordan at 5:30 while West and Highland, the winners, go at it in the 7:30 semi.

Jeppesen said he was impressed with East, particularly its rebounding, and expects a tough game tomorrow night.

East head man Dick Milne, however, thought, "It was pretty crude, but we seemed to maintain a 10-point lead."

"It seemed like we were in our two-second offense the whole game, just get down and shoot as fast as we can. But we did some good things. We got good boards, 52 rebounds. And Doug (Milne) had seven assists. That's a bright spot."

Milne's two junior big men, Rich Grenillion (6-foot-7) and Brad Boyle (6-5), had good games. Grenillion shot seven for 12 and got seven rebounds, mostly late in the game; Boyle was five for 9 with 11 rebounds.

Tim Lunt broke a 4-4 tie by tipping in his first shot. Milne

added a three-point play after his second steal, and East was ahead to stay.

Rebounding played an important part for the Leopards, who got 14 more than Granger. The Lancers were led by Richard Black with 17 points and junior Jeff Warburton with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Skyline scored 16 points without benefit of a single free throw in the second quarter while holding Kearns to six points to take control. Brandon Bennett, scoring leader with 15, contributed three second-period baskets while John Mettenet got two of his three.

The Eagles rested in the third period, also scoring 16 points but this time using 10 free throws.

For the game, Bennett shot seven for 15 and dragged down nine rebounds. Eric Slaymaker added 12 points but shot five for 14, a below-average night for him, said Jeppesen. Paul Rasmussen picked up eight rebounds, Dave England seven.

Center Steve Clark made just one of six field goals, but Jeppesen says, "He's a super shooter when he gets in shape. He has a nice touch for a big kid."

## Upstart downs Smith

SYDNEY, Australia (UPI) — Former Wimbledon Champion Stan Smith suffered a bleak 31st birthday Wednesday when he was bowled out of the \$17,000 New South Wales Open Tennis Tournament by young New Zealand giant-killer Chris Lewis.

Playing on grass at White City's center court, Lewis defeated Smith, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

New Yorker Vitas Gerulaitis had an easy time to the third round when he showed his best form beating Britain's John Lloyd, 6-2, 6-2.

Bill Scanlon, Tim Gulikson, Tom Gorman, Butch Walts and Brian Teacher were other Americans making it to the third round.

Czech star Regina Marsikova defeated Australian Sue Saliba, 6-1, 6-0, in a second-round women's singles match.

# Cougars beat McNeese, but not easily

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PROVO — What about this McNeese State University? No doubt the Cougars of Brigham Young University are asking themselves that very question after squeezing out a 78-68 win here Tuesday.

To use an old cliché, though, "don't let the score fool ya." BYU was leading a by a scant two points with 41 seconds remaining in the game.

Not much was known about McNeese prior to its arrival other than it is a small Louisiana university in the Southland Conference. Its nickname is the Cowboys and the name McNeese sounds like an expression that should be followed by a "Bless you."

It was learned, though, that McNeese has a pretty fair ball club and, in fact, had the Cougars not smoothed out in the last minutes of the ball game, it could well have been loss number five in a row for BYU.

The win was the second of the year for BYU against five losses. McNeese has three wins and three losses.

The Cougars now go on the road for four games and the Rainbow Classic in Hawaii before returning home Jan. 3 to host Weber State.

As for the McNeese-BYU game Tuesday, it was a good game at times; bad at other times. There were 44 turnovers and lots of fouls.

In fact, the Cougars went to the line for 25 shots in the second half and hit 20 of 'em. From the field they hit a cold 36 percent or eight of 22 for 16 points in the second half.

In that second half McNeese made but two points from the foul line on three tries.

In the first half the Cougars seemed to run hot and cold. Between bites on a victory donut, BYU coach Frank Arnold explained that with one name — Alan Taylor.

"It's obvious that we need that big man working on the inside. When Taylor got in foul trouble late in the first half and most of the second, our game suffered.

"I was pleased with the way my boys played on offense, but I was not all that pleased with their defense. I think offensively, though, we played one of our better games."

McNeese coach Glenn Dahon was a bit unhappy at the number of fouls called and noted post game:

"BYU is a fine team and Coach Arnold deserved the win out there tonight. But it wasn't my five players out on the floor, nor Coach Arnold's five players, nor was it my coaching or Coach Arnold's coaching that decided the game."

At the start of the game BYU's Taylor was obviously the difference. He hit seven for seven and all from the inside. On defense Taylor intimidated McNeese. Most of the Cowboys' shots were not good percentage ones.

With 8:47 left in the first half BYU held a ten-point lead, 26-16. Then Taylor went out and McNeese came on.

Cowboys' Chirley McLaurin worked the outside, John Rudd the inside. Five minutes later they tied the score at 32-all. At the half BYU led 42-38.

Dan Ainge, who finished the night with 26 points, and Scott Runia, who had 10, hit key shots early in the second half.

But then McNeese came back. McLaurin hit six in the first five minutes to give the Cowboys the lead, 59-53. Then the fouls started to come.

In the middle of the second half, the Cougars went nearly 10 minutes without scoring from the field. They stayed in the game strictly on their foul shooting.

With two minutes left to play BYU took the lead 68-67 and from that point on played some of its best basketball.

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