



Caught from behind! Cottonwood's Lief Olson (14) glides past West High's Tom Hewitson (44) for apparent basket, but Hewitson gets piece of ball from behind.

Regions Four, Five, Six

Scots, Bees, Logan Win

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Ben Lomond was happily surprised with the magnitude of its 72-48 victory over South Friday afternoon, but you could excuse the Scots for quickly looking ahead to next week.

"I've said all along that Ogden and Box Elder are the teams to beat in Region Four," said Ben Lomond coach Ron Carling after his team raised its record to 2-0 in the region. "We play them both next week, so we should get a pretty good idea of where we stand."

Ben Lomond thought it would get a good idea of what a close game was like Friday, but South couldn't stay with the Scots after the first quarter, and the Cubs fell to 0-2 in their new region.

"I thought they'd be tougher on us because they have a lot of quickness," said Carling. "But they didn't handle our press well. I think our press won the game for us more than anything else."

Scots Open Up

South made turnovers in bushels at the start of the second quarter, when the visitors broke the game open. Ben Lomond was trailing by 14-11 when it scored the last basket of the first quarter and then reeled off the first 14 points of the second for a 27-14 lead. It was no contest after that.

South made only two field goals in the whole second quarter and only two more in the first seven minutes of the third, when Ben Lomond opened up a 50-26 lead. Bobby Tillman had a fine shooting game for the Scots and finished with 20 points.

"He's been our best player all year," granted Carling.

South could take solace in its fourth-quarter play, when its reserves played the Scot starters fairly evenly. Hal Sorenson with 12 points and Anthony Nelson with 10 led the spunky Cub reserves. Uddell Foster and Mike Kunz each had 12 points for Ben Lomond.

Box Elder Prevails

Carling's estimate of the even strength of Box Elder and Ogden seemed accurate after the two teams went into two overtimes at Ogden Friday night before Box Elder prevailed, 55-47.

In other Region Four games Friday, Logan held off visiting Davis, 60-57, and Woods Cross smothered Bear River, 56-37. That leaves Logan and Ben

Lomond on top of the region with 2-0 records, followed by Ogden, Box Elder, and Woods Cross, all at 1-1.

Ogden's Jackie Watkins hit a jumper with 20 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 45-45 and force the overtime with Box Elder. Ogden ran down the clock in the first overtime but missed its shot, causing the second extra session. The Bees then outscored the Tigers, 10-2, with Mike McCarron hitting two key baskets to spark the victory. Watkins finished with 20 points and McCarron with 19.

Logan held off Davis, as John Fjeldsted scored 20 points. The Darts had their chance to win, as they had the ball with nine seconds left. But Logan made a steal and Fjeldsted drove in for a clinching lay-up in the closing moments.

Woods Cross picked up its first Region Four win behind 18 points from Jeff Ostler.

Murray Unbeaten

Murray stayed atop Region Five by winning its fifth straight game against no losses. The Spartans ripped Union, 88-65. Tooele remained one game back with a 65-52 victory over Utah, and Carbon improved its record to 4-2 with a 65-55 triumph over Judge.

Craig Hammer had 21 points and Steve Chapman 19 to lead Murray to its one-sided win. The Spartans had to overcome a 31-point performance by Chris Henton.

Bob Burge pumped in 28 points to lead Carbon past Judge, which fell to 3-2 in the league despite a 22-point effort by Terry Murnin.

Provo and American Fork remained tied for the Region Six lead, as both teams stretched their records to 7-0. Provo rocked Dixie, 67-49, and American Fork won on the road over Spanish Fork, 77-64. In other Region Six action, Springville dumped Payson, 63-55, and Timpani vanquished Cedar City, 70-57.

Panthers, Eagles Win

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West High's Tom Hewitson was giving one of those special matinee performances, the kind reserved for those lazy afternoons when there is nothing better to do than practice a little basketball magic.

Before the show was complete, Hewitson had made the ball disappear into the meshing for 27 points and West owned an 89-65 victory over Cottonwood in a Region Three confrontation which bordered on the bizarre.

Hewitson is one of those 6-4 players who believes he is 6-9, thanks to a pair of pogo stick legs which may send him sailing out of the gym one of these days. But his performance Friday was masterful, as he yanked down 14 rebounds and wowed the crowd with a resplendent slam-dunk to complement his scoring outburst.

Shingleton Offers Aid

Hewitson shared the spotlight with Brent Shingleton during the initial eight minutes. Shingleton, a 6-5 senior, poured in 10 points to power the Panthers to a 20-10 first quarter advantage, a lead from which the Colts never recovered.

But then it was all Hewitson.

The basketball magician did his tricks to the tune of 10 points during the second period, which elevated West to a 38-25 halftime lead. Hewitson then helped the Panthers cruise to a 58-38 advantage after three periods, and participated in one of the zaniest fourth quarters on record.

Cottonwood decided "fouling for profit" was the only way to solve the West showmanship. And foul they did, 21 times to be precise. That meant the Panthers journeyed to the free throw line for 21 one-and-one attempts during the final eight minutes alone. The quarter lasted 40 minutes, and West connected on 23 of 37 free throws to ice the triumph and improve to 3-1 in league play.

West converted 29 of 48 free throws for the game, which must be close to a world record for number of attempts in a high school contest. Craig Child backed up Hewitson's 27 points with 11 for West, while Arnold Slowman and Shingleton chipped in 10 apiece. Perrin Anderl topped Cottonwood (1-3) with 21 points.

Skyline, East Triumph

Skyline continued its dominance over rival Olympus, 66-57, and East outlasted Granite, 66-65, in another pair of intriguing Region Three matchups Friday.

The defending 4-A champion Eagles broke open a close contest in the second quarter by outscoring Olympus, 19-11, to assume a 41-29 halftime edge. However, the Titans trimmed the deficit to 53-45 after three periods and appeared ready to challenge the Skyline supremacy. But the Eagles then outshot Olympus, 13-12, during the final eight minutes to assure the win.

Brandon Bennett popped in 20 points and Steve Clark 12 to give the Eagles their fifth straight victory over Olympus, while Paul Rasmussen added 13 and Eric Slaymaker 10. Ron Ence topped Olympus with 19 points, while Fred Trovato put in 12.

Granite's Kevin Walker swished a pair of free throws with 40 seconds remaining to help the Farmers pull within one point of East, but the Leopards stiffened defensively and did not allow Granite another point to take home their second Region Three victory.

Doug Milne paced East with 20 points, while Chris Furgis (14) and Brad Boyle (10) also helped give the Leopards the close victory.

Bingham, Brighton Prevail

Bingham remained unscathed by outdueling Granger, 63-56, while Brighton nipped Jordan, 74-73, and Orem edged Hillcrest, 68-63, in Region Two encounters Friday night.

Bingham boosted its record to 2-0, as Bob Beers poured in 21 points, Dave Holt 14, Brad Fuller 13 and Fred Roberts 12. The Bingham balance beam overshadowed 19 points by Granger's Cory Jensen and 18 by Richard Black.

Brighton blew to a 21-point lead against Jordan midway through the third period, but the Beetdiggers rallied behind a full-court press to nearly earn the victory. Doug Price hit 12 of his 16 points during the rally to key the Jordan comeback.

But the Beetdigger comeback was foiled by Steve Tapp (20 points), Rob McCleary (14) and Todd Tovey (14), who retained their poise down the stretch. Brian Still topped Jordan with 20 points, while Milan Swilor added 13.

Nathan Hyde popped in 27 points on a variety of awe-inspiring shots to pace Orem past Hillcrest. Chris McMullen swished 12 and Lynn Gilbert 11 to aid

the Tigers (2-0), while Mike Bernardi captained Hillcrest with 25 points.

Weber and Clearfield continued their winning ways in Region One Friday evening. The Warriors improved to 5-0 by downing Sky View, 75-59; Clearfield advanced to 5-0 by zipping past Layton, 69-49; Viewmont halted arch rival Bountiful, 58-51, and Roy stopped Bonneville, 78-61.

Weber led Sky View from start to finish, as Steve Jensen collected 17 points, Steve Trawick 16 and Mark Montgomery 12. Robbie Nielson put in 21 points for the Bobcats.

Taps Dallas

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That was Jimmy (The Greek) Snyder's forecast of the outcome of the Sunday Super Bowl game between the Dallas Cowboys and Denver Broncos.

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Weber Travels To N. Arizona

Special to The Tribune

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Weber State, which has won all eight of its games in the new Dee Events Center, gets a look at the Big Sky Conference's other new basketball arena Saturday night, when it visits Northern Arizona for a 7:30 p.m. game.

Weber State (5-4) has not been a particularly good road team this season, losing four of five games away from home. Northern Arizona is 7-5 this year, and both teams are 1-1 in the Big Sky.

The Wildcats haven't been impressive in their last four or five games, and even their two latest wins over Idaho and Chico State, both weak teams, were lackluster.

"We haven't played well in the last four games," said Weber coach Neil McCarthy this week. "We've got to put together a good game down there."

Moore started at center in the Chico game Monday as coach Neil McCarthy benched Richard Smith. Moore may start again at center Saturday as he practiced with the first team during the week.

Weber got some strong play at center against Chico from Moore and freshman Darryl Brown, who scored a game-high 16 points. So Smith will have to regain his intensity if he is to get his starting job back.

Smith is expected to see action against NAU, as is sixth man Rob McKone, who was held out of the Chico game to rest a sprained ankle.

Northern Arizona, which split its Idaho-Gonzaga trip last weekend just as Weber did, boasts a strong one-two scoring punch in 5-8 forward David Henson (25 points a game) and 6-4 junior college transfer Troy Hudson (15.9).

But the Axers have not been a good rebounding team and this is where the Wildcats will hope to control the game.

Weber State, which is hitting 52 percent of its floor shots for the season, is led in scoring by Bruce Collins (18.0), Dave Johnson (15.5), and Ben Howland (13.9).

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