



Top-ranked Highland wins another 1-pointer

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When you win the close ones, you know you've got a good team. Larry Maxwell is sure of his club.

The Highland Rams took their third one-point victory of the season and second in Region Three play Friday — 72-71 over what is rapidly becoming the league's hard-luck team, Cottonwood — to solidify their No. 1 rating in the Deseret News prep Prep Poll.

"These tight ones are the ones you like to win," said Maxwell. "They show you whether you've got a good team." Especially when you can come from behind to win.

Highland led most of the way, but the spirited Colts caught the Rams with three minutes left and went ahead by three. The clubs matched baskets, and, with less than a minute left, John Baucom made the winning layin.

Even that was a team effort. Bill Moon "sailed right out of the gym and speared" a loose ball, said Maxwell, and passed off to Mike Maxwell who fed Baucom.

Maxwell finished with 33 points on 14-for-27 shooting over the Cottonwood zone. Moon, who had four fouls early and sat out much of the second half, caused four Cottonwood turnovers in the finals three minutes and was "a big factor" in the win. "He does things that don't show up in the box score," Maxwell said.

Baucom (14 points) and center Alex Priskos (12) played "solid inside games" offensively but had some trouble rebounding against Russ Nixon and friends. Nixon "did an exceptionally good job on the boards," Maxwell said.

The Highland coach thinks the Colts are "a good team that has just gotta get over the hump." Perrin Anderl (20) and Royal Richards (19) also impressed Maxwell.

East 72, Skyline 63

When two clubs on the move collide, somebody's

got to give in. Each was coming off an important victory, but East put together its "best defensive game in league play" to down the Eagles. "It was one of our better team efforts," said Leopard coach Dick Milne. "All five starters were involved offensively, but the defense was what won it for us."

Doug Milne scored 29 points on 11-for-11 free throwing, and that "must be some kind of record at East," said his father, the coach. Junior Tim Lunt shot 6-for-8 from the line in the last quarter, and Brad Boyle (14 points), Greg Grant (eight rebounds) and Chris Fergis (eight rebounds) played well.

Steve Clark (19 points) hurt East, but the Leopards did a good job on Eric Slaymaker for three quarters. He broke loose in the fourth for 7-for-7 free throwing. Between them, the teams shot 41 free throws and missed just eight.

Olympus 94, Granite 71

The Titans came back in fine fashion from their loss of a week ago at Skyline, Bobby Hall ramming home 23 points while T. Mike Vanderhoof got 16, Fred Trovato 15 and Ron Ence 12. Olympus had Granite doubled to open the second quarter and won going away. The Farmers got 11 each from Kevin Kuhn and Brad Abel.

Region Four

Davis 60, Ogden 59

Brad Petersen, the high Dart scorer with 16, was also the game's hero. It was his rebound shot of a missed Mike Mounter layup that propelled Davis to the win. Ogden, too, had its chances, but foul pitches wouldn't fall.

The Darts were ahead one with 15 seconds left when the Tigers stole the ball and scored, and Davis fouled on the play. The free throw was missed, but the Darts fouled again. Again it was missed, and Mounter took the long rebound and raced down-court, setting up Petersen's heroics.

Troy Howard with 15, Mounter with 13 and eight each by Mark Davenport and Ryan Hill paced Davis. "Our players, in the face of adversity and the threat of losing, never quit. They showed a lot of guts and went for the basket. I'm proud as heck of them," coach Mike Gardner praised.

Woods Cross 62, Box Elder 49

"We finally got a team effort," said Wood Cross coach Wayne Baker. "We had a game plan where we wanted to sit back in a zone . . . eventually, they weren't hitting the outside shot, and we shot fairly well."

Four Wildacts were in double figures including Mark LeCheminant, who hit 8-for-8 foul shots in the final period to finish with 14 points. Mark McCleery scored 19, Jeff Ostler 12 and Brent Horton 10 for the