

**Skyline foils Cottonwood hopes**

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It seemed like a good possibility for a Colt upset Tuesday night when Cottonwood and Skyline went at it in a Region Three encounter.

Because (1) Cottonwood had won three of its last four, the only loss being a three-pointer to unbeaten East; (2) Skyline had just come off two cakewalks and could have been looking ahead to its next game — with East; and (3) the game was being played at Cottonwood.

For one half Tuesday night, it looked as if the upset might materialize as the Colts took a 31-26 halftime lead. But it didn't last long as Skyline made the necessary halftime adjustments to get on top and finish with a comfortable 71-52 victory.

Skyline coach Paul Jeppesen explained the difference. "In the first half we were just standing around and we weren't hitting our shots," he said. "We went into a trapping defense in the second half, caused some turnovers and our shots started to fall."

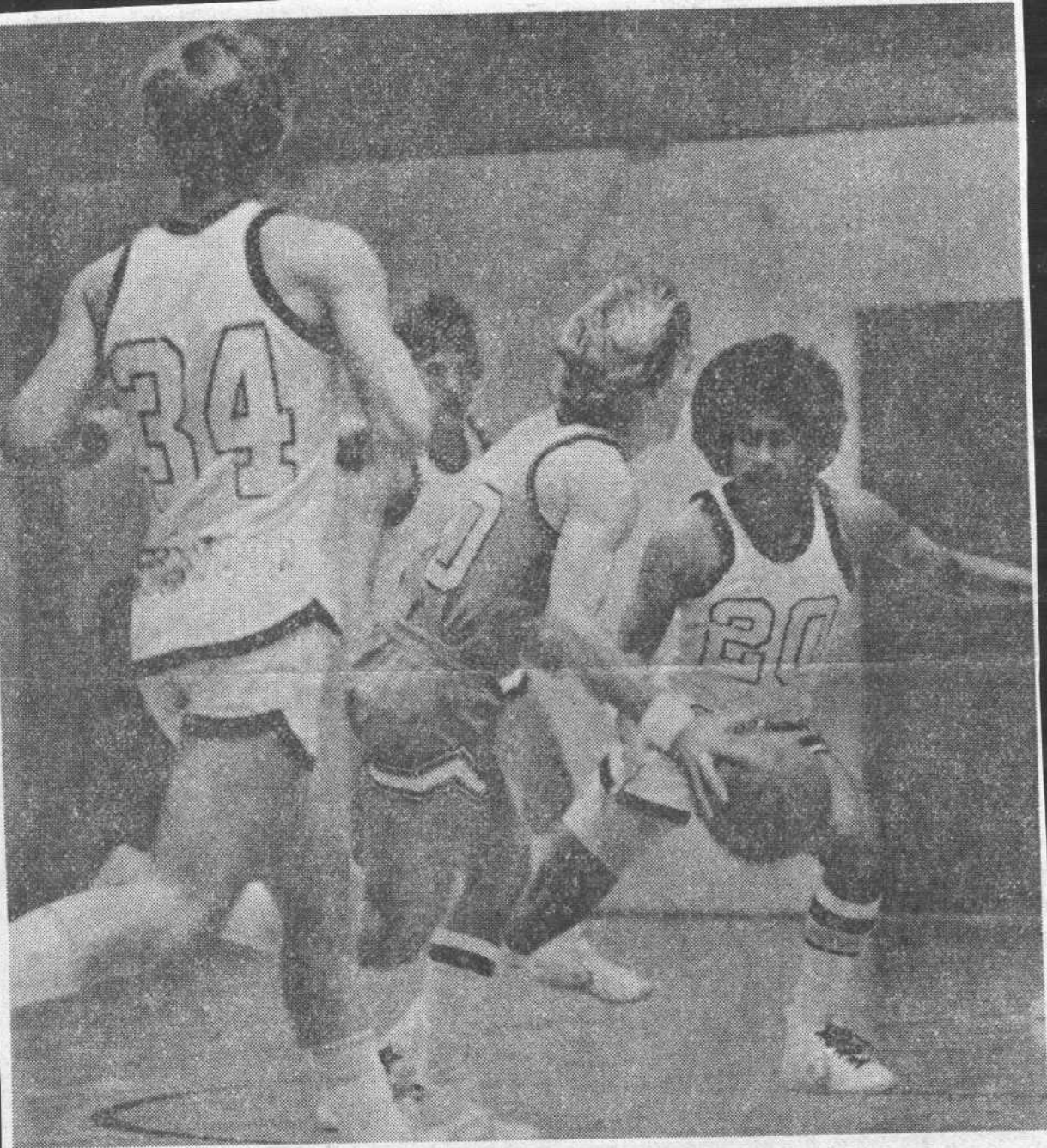
Going into the last quarter, it was still anybody's ball game with Skyline holding just a 49-47 lead. But the Colts went six minutes without scoring a field goal, while the Eagles rolled up a 22-5 last-quarter margin to win going away.

Jeppesen was extremely pleased with the play of his bench. "Dixon Duncan did a super job coming off the bench, scoring 12 points," he said. "We have a lot of depth with eight or nine guys who can do the job. Our problem is getting time for them all to play."

Scott Spurrier was the top scorer on the court with 21 points for the Eagles, while Jim Brown had 19 for Cottonwood. The Colts were hurt by the loss of 6-foot-7 Tim Whitworth, who was out with an injury.

Most coaches are happy after a 30-point victory. But after his team's 88-58 win over West, Highland coach Larry Maxwell was upset because he thought a couple of West substitutes were playing a little too roughly late in the game.

West coach Clark Godfrey saw differently. "I really didn't think we were too rough. We just played hard — and they played played hard too," he said.



Skyline's John Mettenet dribbles between Cottonwood's Jim Brown (20) and John Lambourne Tuesday night. Skyline, ranked second in 4-A, won 71-52.

The Rams kept a steady lead throughout the game but were up by only 39-32 with five and a half minutes to play in the third quarter. That's when they put on one of their patented explosions to race to a 56-40 lead after three quarters.

The last quarter saw Highland pour in 32 points with several starters playing most of the way. With one second to play, a technical was called on West and Maxwell sent his son Mike in off the bench to put in his 36th and 37th points of the

day.

Along with Maxwell's large output, Ram Gordon Kener had a fine afternoon, scoring 18 points and dishing off 10 assists. Carey Lloyd led the Panthers with 16 points.

In another afternoon contest,

East coasted past hapless Olypus 103-78. That leaves the Leopards undefeated and the Titans winless.

Greg Grant led the way with 22 points for East, as 10 players found the scoring column for East. Brad Boyle added 20 and George Furgis had 18. Willie Wright, the only real bright spot for the Titans this year dropped in 25.

#### Region One

Roy High, down by six at half-time, rallied to a 19-10 edge in the third quarter, and downed Viewmont 66-56 in a Region One contest at Viewmont Tuesday night.

The Vikings had dominated the play in the second quarter and led 32-26 at intermission. Roy But hit its first four shots of the second half and pulled into a 34-34 tie, just two minutes into the third quarter.

After that the Viking world began to crumble as the Royals increased their lead to six in the final quarter and went four corners to run the clock out. Fred Fernandes, Nate Herzog and Jon Nickerson initiated fancy ball-control to frustrate the Vikings and widen the spread from the foul line.

Fernandes and Herzog were high with 19 apiece, and the Royal big men, Rob Vanderwood and Mark Sindle got 11 and 10 respectively. Viewmont's Brad Thacker came up with 16 points, 14 in the first half. Jim Miller was high for the Vikings with 19.

"They gave us the 15-foot wing shot and we took it," said Roy's coach Ted Smith. "We played well tonight." The win put the Royals in a tie for second with Layton.

Bonneville came up with its first league win of the year by edging Bountiful 63-62 in triple overtime.

Rex Coleman, Cory Sylvester, Kevin Poulsen and Danny Call each shot in double figures for the Lakers. Bonneville coach Gary Alverson cited the return of Coleman, who has been plagued with eye problems. Coleman was fitted with special glasses just before the game.

Mike Coffey blocked six shots and hit two foul shots in the final half minute to secure the victory. Blaine Benard led the Braves with 22 and Jim Perkins added 15.

Alverson was extremely pleased with the victory and vowed it wouldn't be the last.