

Lancers run 'n gun past Viewmont

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Layton decided to run and gun for a change, Tuesday night, and the strategy paid off handsomely in an 81-59 victory at Viewmont.

The Lancers in their previous three league games had been stuck on 55 at the end of each contest (55-51 over Roy, 55-38 over Bonneville, and a 55-57 loss to Weber). But Tuesday evening, Layton got past the 55 barrier with 25 seconds left in the third quarter and then tacked on 24 additional points in the final period.

"We decided to take the shots when they were there and see what happened," said Lancer coach Doug Moon. "I didn't expect to win that easily because Viewmont has been playing well."

The Lancers were led by the shooting and playmaking of guard Dave Burke, who led all scorers with 24 points, including 10 of 12 from the foul line. Six-foot-7 Gordon Anderson came on strong in the second half to record 15 of his 19 points, and Brandon Flint put in 17, mostly from close range.

Viewmont, which was out of the game after one quarter, relied on 19 points from Brad Thacker and 15 from Kelly Downs.

In other Region One play, Clearfield used its bench to notch a 65-58 win over Bountiful, Roy counted on a last-second shot by Fred Fernandes to tip Weber 58-57, and Sky View beat Bonneville 67-55.

Region Three

Most people probably thought that Highland would run away with its game at West Tuesday afternoon. Especially when one considered how the two teams fared when they represented Utah in the Rancho Holiday Classic in late December. Highland won the prestigious tourney, while West was blown out early.

What people don't realize is that West probably has the best "book" on Highland of anyone anywhere, seeing how they saw the Rams play four consecutive nights in the Las Vegas tournament.

West used its knowledge of the Rams to full effectiveness in coming within an eyelash of pulling a major upset before falling 80-73 in overtime. Craig Child had a free throw attempt to win the game with four seconds left fall off to the side, sending the contest into overtime where Mike Maxwell's eight free throws sealed the victory.

Maxwell made an incredible 18 of 18 foul shots on the day in leading the Rams with 30 points. As a team,

Highland hit 90 percent from the line on 28 of 31. That made the difference in the ballgame as West scored six more field goals. Gordon Shingleton led West with 18.

Skyline used a 2-2-1 zone press and superior inside strength to record an 89-79 victory over Cottonwood.

The Colts had several rallies fizzle in the second half as Skyline maintained an eight to 12 point advantage throughout the half. Cottonwood's 6-foot-7 center Tim Whitworth was plagued by foul trouble and saw limited playing action.

Skyline's Scott Spurrier led all scorers with 31 points and teammate Brandon Bennett added 25.

East outscored Olympus by 10 points in the fourth quarter to capture an 86-77 victory. The game was closely fought throughout, with the lead changing hands several times.

East guard Paul Schmutz spearheaded an effective fourth quarter zone press and Rich Gremillion scored 23 points before fouling out, and Brad Boyle added 20. Willie Wright headed the Olympus scoring with 22 points.

Region Two

Granger was like a locomotive Tuesday night in rolling over defending 4A champ Bingham 59-55 in overtime.

It seemed as though Bingham was engineering a win until early in the fourth quarter, when things started working like well-oiled machinery for the Lancers.

Granger stretched a 38-36 third quarter lead to 50-42 late in the fourth. But Bingham didn't quit. Thanks to a 10-player volleyball-style rebound ending in a basket, plus two technical foul shots after a small melee, the Miners tied the game at 50 forcing an overtime.

In the overtime, Mike Birch clinched the win with three foul shots and a layup. Matt Almond paced the Lancers with 20 points, while Mike Crellin had 19 for Bingham.

Granger coach Chris Hill was satisfied that his club showed a "well-balanced effort." Bingham coach George Sluga is optimistic that his team will "turn it around."

In another tight game, Kearns succumbed to Orem in a 62-55 battle at Orem.

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Layton's Brandon Flint (24) wrestles ball away from Viewmont's Kelly Downs in the Lancers' 81-59 victory at Viewmont Tuesday night.

East 18 41 62 87, Granite 14 31 51 75
East—Furgis 8, 5-6, 21; Grant 12, 4-4, 28;
Grimillion 1, 0-0, 2; Johnson 2, 6-7, 10; Boyle
7, 6-7, 20; Lunt 0, 1-2, 1; Schmutz 1, 3-4, 5;
Totals 31, 25-30, 87.

Granite—Sprouse 7, 1-2, 15; Quhn 9, 2-3,
20; Able 7, 3-4, 17; Margetts 1, 0-0, 2; Cornia
1, 0-0, 2; Fisher 5, 3-6, 13; Roberts 2, 0-1, 4;
Glissmeyer 0, 2-3, 2; Totals 32, 11-19, 75.

Skyline 79, Highland 71

Highland 16 34 46 71; Skyline 20 42 56 79;
Highland—Maxwell 10, 5-5, 25; Kener 6,
0-1, 12; Baucom 2, 5-5, 9; Hewlett 9, 2-2, 20;
Moon 0, 2-3, 2; Backman 0, 1-2, 1; Bennion 1,
0-0, 2; Totals 28, 15-18, 71;

Syline—Mettene 5, 0-0, 10; Spurrier 6, 3-5,
15; Layton 5, 5-6, 15; Bennett 6, 4-4, 16;
Rasmussen 5, 5-6, 15; Anderson 1, 2-2, 4;
Duncan 1, 2-3, 4; Totals 29, 21-26, 79.

West 57, Olympus 50

West 17 34 46 57; Olympus 13 34 46 50.
West—Child 4, 1-1, 9; Fitts 4, 0-1, 8;
Shingleton 11, 0-1, 22; Schreiter 5, 4-5, 14;
Lloyd 1, 2-2, 4; Jeff 0, 0-1, 0; Totals 25, 7-11,
57.

Olympus—Wright 8, 2-2, 18; Oliphant 1,
0-0, 2; Bauer 5, 1-1, 11; Rossberry 0, 4-4, 4;
Phillipoom 4, 1-2, 9; Layton 1, 0-0, 2; Davis
1, 0-2, 2; Sorenson 0, 2-2, 2; Totals 20, 10-12,
50.