

In Valley tourney

East, Orem win

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The second night of the Valley Holiday prep basketball tournament at Highland High School wasn't much more exciting than the first as East stopped Granite 63-47 and Orem toppled West 63-55.

Things should get rolling Wednesday when Highland meets Skyline at 8 p.m. in a semifinal game. Alta and South play a 6 p.m. consolation game.

Both Skyline coach Paul Jepsen and Highland coach Larry Maxwell are complimentary about each other's teams. "They are quick and run the press very well," said Jepsen.

"They are a very good team and it should be a good contest," said Maxwell.

In Tuesday's play, the Leopards were led by the 21-point effort of Rich Gremillion in gaining their fifth victory against no losses. East coach Dick Milne characterized it as a typical early season game.

"We were trying too hard at

times and made some mistakes," he said. "We did play good defense though, and controlled the boards well."

The Leopards should be able to control the boards since they feature one of the state's tallest lineups with four starters 6-foot-4 or taller.

After a close first quarter, East kept a steady 12- to 14-point lead throughout despite a frantic second-half full-court press by Granite.

Brad Abel with 19 and Kevin Kuhn with 15 accounted for almost all of the Farmers' scoring.

Orem and West staged a close game for three quarters before the Tigers, the only non-Salt Lake Valley school in the tourney, broke away.

The Tigers displayed a balanced attack. Jeff McMullin led with 14, Dave Bennion had 13, Dave McGuinn 12 and Scott Schlappi 10.

Orem will face East in an 8 p.m. Thursday semifinal with West and Granite in the losers' bracket at 6 p.m.