

# Orem, Hillcrest Get Wins

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Orem High's fate was in its own hands Friday night. The theorem was simple. If the Golden Tigers were able to derail Brighton Friday, they would gain no less than a share of first place in Region Two and enter the Class 4-A state tournament as the league's No. 1 team.

Orem knew what it had to do. But more surprising, the Golden Tigers accomplished the feat, edging Brighton 50-48 in an overtime drama which wrote a fitting conclusion to a hectic 1979 Region Two season.

But while the Golden Tigers were slipping past Brighton, Hillcrest was busy outlasting Granger, 57-54, leaving the Huskies and Orem tied after an entire season with 9-3 records. However, Orem will qualify for the 4-A tournament as the No. 1 team in the league on the basis of its series sweep of Hillcrest during the regular season.

## Golden Tigers Prevail

Although Brighton enjoyed a three to seven point advantage throughout the first three quarters against Orem Friday, the Golden Tigers showed a courageous ability to come back to force a 46-46 deadlock after regulation time. Then, Scott Schlappi and Chris McMullin each swished one free throw during the pressure-packed extra session, while Dave McGinn cashed in on two-of-two charity tosses to supply the Golden Tigers with four overtime points and the two-point triumph.

"You have to give credit to Orem's defense," said Brighton Coach Duke Reid, obviously disappointed with the loss. "They played a halfcourt trap, and even though we practiced against it all week, we took a couple of bad shots and committed some turnovers down the stretch that cost us dearly."

McMullin paced Orem with 17 points, while Schlappi popped in 12 and Dave Bennion 11. Dan Hill and Rob Urry each had 10 points for the Bengals (8-4).

Hillcrest secured a share of the Region Two championship by withstanding a gallant Granger rally in the fourth period. The Huskies enjoyed a 44-39 edge entering the final eight minutes, but the Lancers (6-6) played intellignet basketball to make it close during the waning moments. However, in the end, Mike Bernardo's 21 points, and 17 from Bob Keyes, were too much for Granger to balance.

## Region One Games

Roy, perhaps the hottest team in 4-A basketball, sprinted to its eighth consecutive victory and wrapped up the Region One championship Friday by virtue of a 75-64 triumph at Bountiful. Mark Sindle poured in 26 points, and Rob Vanderwood and Fred Fernandes dropped in 15 apiece to captain the Royals. Blaine Benard's 22 points topped the Braves, who finished the season at 5-9.

In another heart-teaser in Region One Friday, Jim Miller connected on a jumper with two seconds left in overtime to spark Viewmont past determined Bonneville, 73-72. Brad Thacker had forced the overtime for Viewmont when he swished a jumper from the corner with two seconds to play in regulation time. Thacker's 25 points led all scorers.

Clearfield and Layton concluded the Region One season Friday with impressive victories, and closed the season with identical 10-4 records. They will share second place in the league.

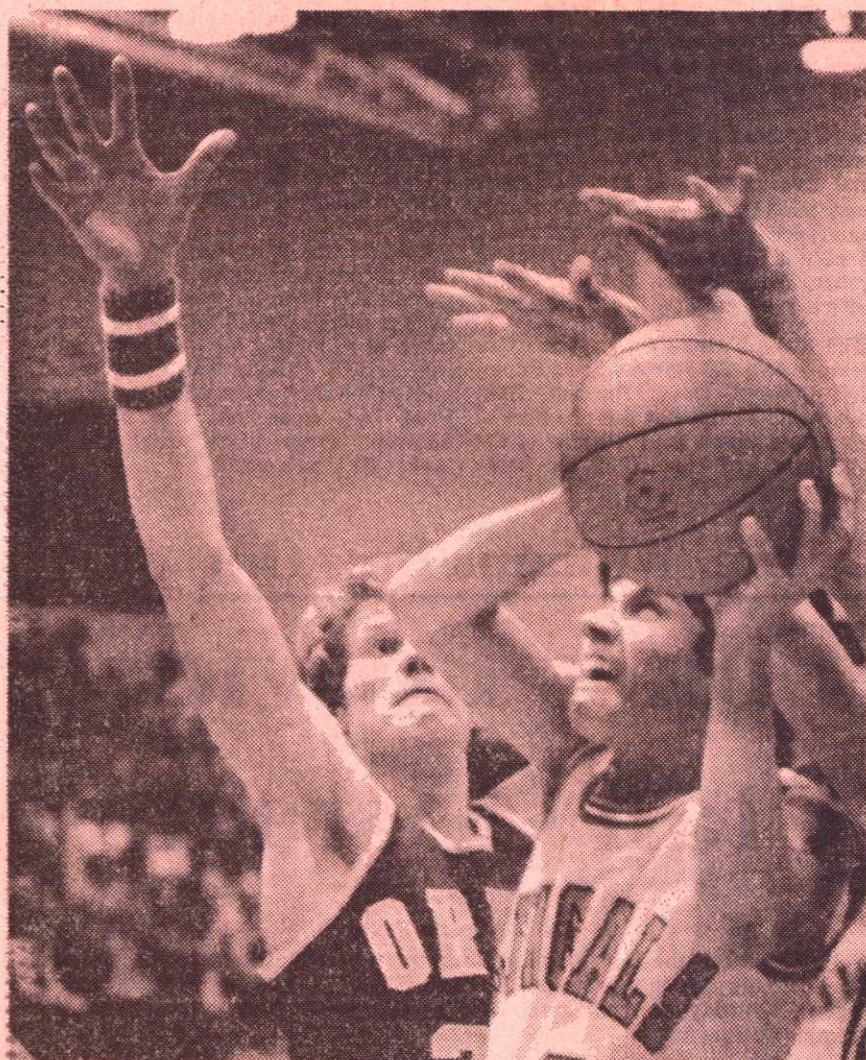
Gordon Anderson and Brandon Flint buoyed Layton to a 64-54 victory over Sky View, as the Bobcats finished the season at 5-9.

The only regular-season challenge remaining for East is a perfect record. The Leopards clinched the Region Three championship Friday with a 93-72 victory over Cottonwood, which left East with an 11-0 record with one game left on the league schedule. The Leopards held a slim 41-34 edge at halftime but outshot the Colts 27-9 in a pivotal third period to ice the triumph. Greg Grant poured in 24 points, Rich Gremillion 19 and Brad Boyle 18 for East, while Jim Brown topped Cottonwood (4-8) with 31 points.

Highland, which has one game remaining on its region schedule, assumed a one-half game lead in the Region Three race for a second with a 98-78 conquest of Granite Friday. The Rams (9-2) used a 27-point first quarter to take command and never again trailed. Mike Maxwell collected 36 points and John Baucom 18 for Highland, with Dave Fischer's 21 points high for the Farmers (3-9).

Skyline, meanwhile, closed the regular season on a victorious note and assured Olympus of its first winless season in history by whipping the Titans, 99-59. Brandon Bennett dropped in 20 points, Scott Spurrier 16 and Brent Layton 14 for the Eagles, who enter the 4-A tournament with a 9-3 league ledger.

Kearns also closed the Region Two season triumphantly Friday by outdueling defending 4-A champion Bingham, 49-47. The Cougars (3-9) trailed 29-16 at halftime, but outscored the Miners 18-9 in a decisive fourth period to earn the two-point victory. Chad Mantle and Greg Jensen each put in 11 points for Kearns, while Tom Roberts led Bingham (4-8) with 13 points.



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Brad Steinke of Brighton is surrounded by arms in game with Orem. David Bennion of Orem provides the defense.