

Darts Stun Bear River

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Mike and Mark Gardner, a couple of basketball brothers whose common bond is a love for coaching, bet the family pride on the outcome of yet another Davis High-Bear River confrontation Tuesday evening.

Let's simply say Mark still very much respects his elders.

Mike, who coached his younger brother back in 1971 at Davis, taught Mark a few more intricacies of their vocation and the Darts taught the Bears the value of a strong third quarter while pinning a 62-49 defeat on Bear River in Kaysville.

"You don't ever like to see you brother lose," intoned Mike Gardner following his third straight triumph over his younger family member. "But when you're both in this racket, someone has to win and someone has to lose. He's (Mark's) doing things right. He has taken over a program that was at the bottom of the hill. Bear River is on the right track."

Davis, which was clinging to a 29-27 halftime lead, overthrew the Bears by outscoring their visitors 18-8 in the pivotal third period. The Darts then maintained their superiority throughout the fourth quarter, despite missing four one-and-ones, to climb to 3-0 in Region Four competition. Wes Coonradt poured in 19 points, Brad Peterson 15 and Pat McGill 11 to pace Davis. Mike Giles topped the Bears with 14 points.

Although Davis remained unbeaten in Region Four Tuesday, the Darts must still share first place with Woods Cross and Ogden. Ogden came from behind to halt South, 70-47; Woods Cross outdueled Logan, 78-69; and Box Elder edged Ben Lomond, 66-61, leaving the Darts, Tigers and Wildcats atop the standings with 3-0 marks.

Highland, East Triumph

Region Three, a class so close it has coaches dieting on milk to combat ulcers, provided another series of cardiac affairs Tuesday.

Highland, ranked No. 1 in the Class 4-A fraternity, rode the efficiency of Mike Maxwell to an 80-73 overtime victory at West, while East came from behind to edge Olympus, 86-77, and Skyline remained perfect with an 89-79 triumph over Cottonwood.

Craig Child had a golden opportunity to give West its first league victory of the year and deal Highland its first loss, but Child missed the front end of a one-and-one with four seconds left in regulation play and the scored tied at 66-66. The Rams then went to Maxwell in overtime, and Mike responded by hitting eight-of-eight free throws, as Highland outshot West 14-7 in the extra session. Maxwell, who swished 18-of-18 free throws on the afternoon, led all scorers with 30 points, while John Baucom swished 19 and Gordon Kener 16. Gordon Shingleton pumped in 18 points and Stewart Fitts 15 to pace the Panthers (0-2).

Skyline, a 17-16 first-quarter deficit, outshot Cottonwood 30-16 in second period to take command. Scott Spurrier popped in 31 points and Brandon Bennett 25 to buoy the Eagles (2-0), while John Lambourne paced the Colts (0-2) with 23.

East opened the Region Three season impressively, but was forced to overcome a 55-53 deficit entering the final eight minutes and outscore Olympus 33-22 in a wild fourth period to secure its triumph. Rich Gremillion, who had missed three weeks with a knee injury, poured in 23 points to lead the Leopards. Brad Boyle added 22 and Dave Johnson 11 for the winners, while Willie Wright dumped in 22 for Olympus (0-2).

Orem, Granger Prevail

Orem and Granger remained undefeated and Hillcrest evened its record at 1-1 in Region Two headliners Tuesday night. Orem improved to 2-0 with a 62-55 victory over Kearns; Granger moved to 2-0 by virtue of a scintillating 59-55 overtime triumph against defending 4-A champion Bingham; and Hillcrest demolished Alta, 77-41.

Granger and Bingham each had an opportunity to taste triumph in regulation time, but both failed to score during the final minute to necessitate an overtime session with the scoreboard deadlocked at 50-50. Mike Birch then assured the Lancers' victory by swishing three of four free throws in overtime. Matt Almond popped in 20 points junior Brett Beagley 13 for Granger, while Mike Crellin tossed in 19 for the Miners (0-1).

Hillcrest, which zipped to a 21-13 first-quarter edge at Alta, outscored the out-manned Hawks 16-2 in the second period to solidify its first Region Two win. Mike Bernardo fired in 16 points and Jerry Hansen 13 for the Huskies.