

East Startles West, 89-67; Highland, Hillcrest Prevail

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His coach, the venerable Dick Milne, pondered the question and decided East High's Rich Gremillion was "about 75 percent" Friday against arch enemy West. Milne, of course, meant the hobbling Gremillion was nearly 75 percent healthy.

But the figure might have also been an accurate estimate of Gremillion's field goal percentage Friday.

The 6-foot-6 Gremillion, showing few effects of a knee injury which kept him out of a basketball uniform for nearly three weeks, poured in 23 points and yanked down 14 rebounds to power East to an 89-67 victory over West in round one of the semi-annual rivalry.

Knee Still Hurting

"Gremillion's knee is still hurting him," admitted Milne, who saw his Leopards advance to 2-0 in Region Three competition. "We have to pack the knee in ice every time he plays, but it makes a lot of difference to us when we have him in there. We've had some memorable games with West, but I don't remember beating them this bad since about 1970."

West, which slumped to 0-3 despite opening against a suicidal schedule that included Skyline, Highland and East, was able to match excellence with the Leopards during the initial 13 minutes. But after the game had been deadlocked six times, East pulled away from a 31-31 stalemate to reel off 10 unanswered points and take command. In all, the Leopards outscored West 12-3 during the closing 3:32 of the second quarter to assume a 43-34 halftime advantage.

With Brad Boyle and George Furgis fueling the fire, East then outshot the Panthers 18-10 in the third quarter to coast to a 61-44 lead and ice the triumph. Boyle pumped in 26 points and Furgis 11 to complement Gremillion's 23, while Gordon Shingleton paced West with 17 points.

While East remained unbeaten in Region Three, Highland and Granite followed suit impressively Friday.

Highland (3-0) ran to a 55-29 halftime lead and went on to halt Cottonwood, 97-64, as Mike Maxwell popped in 26 points, John Baucom 20 and Gordon Kener 16. John Lambourne topped the Colts (0-3) with 16. Granite zipped to a 52-48 lead and Coach Dave Mascaro emptied his bench en route to an 89-80 victory over Olympus. Dave Fischer (18 points), Kevin Kuhn (17), Layne Sprouse (14) and Matt Margetts (12) all hit double figures for the Farmers (2-0).

Willie Wright's 32 points led the Titans (0-3).

When all was said and done in Region Two Friday, Granger was the only undefeated team—and the Lancers were idle Friday. Bingham upended Orem, 79-67, as Ron Vance swished 27 points and Tom Roberts chipped in 24 to hand the Miners their first league triumph of the young season.

Meanwhile, Hillcrest knocked Brighton from the "perfect" ranks by bolting to a 50-44 lead after three quarters and holding on to its six-point cushion for a 67-59 victory. Bob Keyes put in 18 points, Bob DeMarco 13, Mike Bernardo 12 and Gene Player 10 coming off the bench for the Huskies (2-1). Dan Hill paced the Bengals (1-1) with 15 points.

Alta secured its first league basketball triumph as a 4-A school Friday, when Greg Schmidt swished a pair of free throws with eight seconds left to carry the Hawks to a 44-43 win at Kearns. Dave Mills' 11 points and

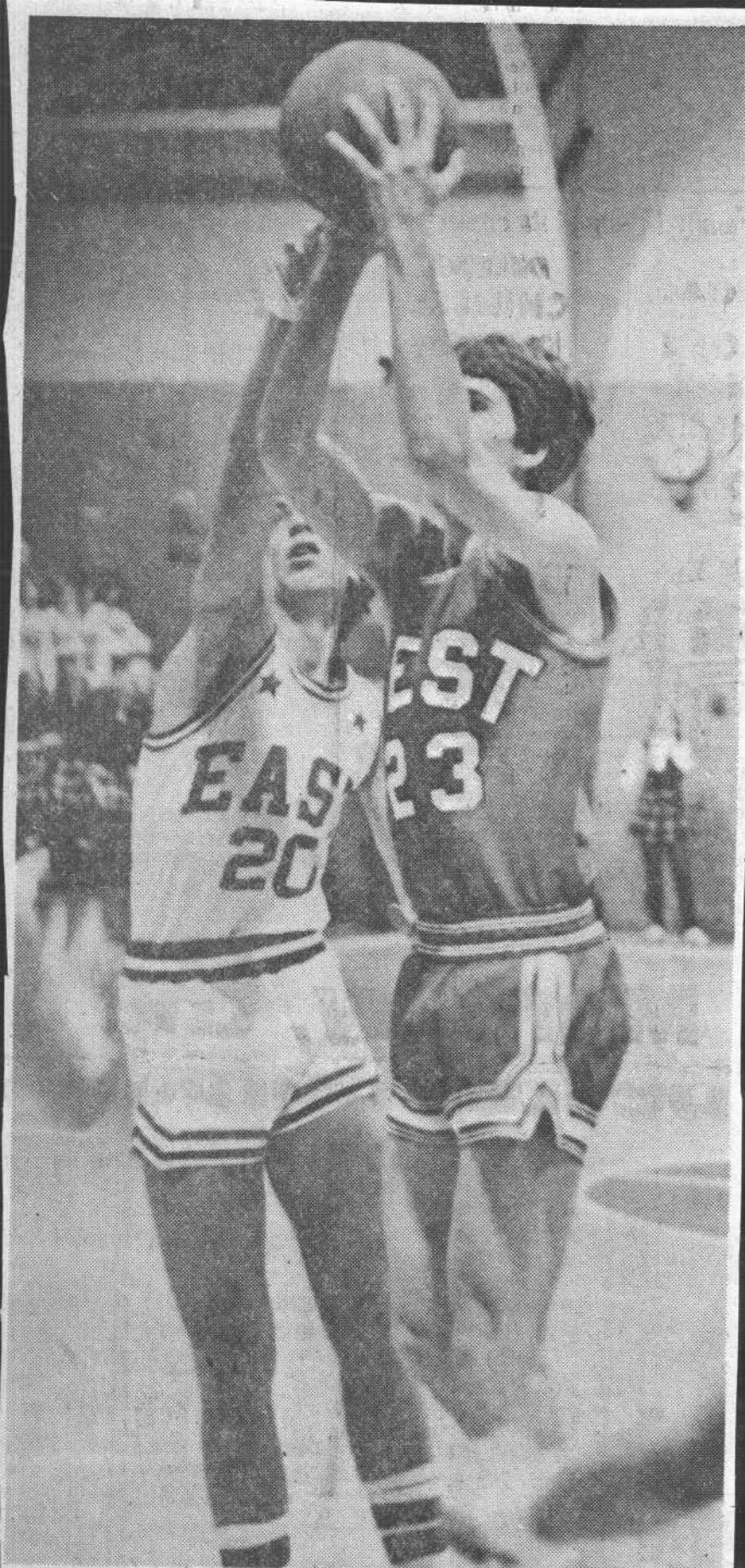
Gordy Campbell's 10 sparked Alta (1-2), while Todd Clark's 19 points was high for the Cougars (0-3).

Murray, Union Triumph

Murray accomplished the improbable in Region Five Friday. The Spartans beat Jordan at Jordan. But Murray, which owned a 56-48 third-quarter advantage had to douse a fiery Beetdigger rally in the fourth quarter to gain the 69-67 victory. Cizo Gonclaves popped in 21 points and Brad Hale 20, as the Spartans climbed to 2-0. Doug Price dropped in 16 points and Craig Ensign 15 for Jordan (1-1).

Uintah earned its first Region Five victory Friday, and the Utes did so at Roosevelt. Darrin Gardner bombed in 24 points to power the Utes to a 67-63 triumph. Doug Chasel hit 18 points for Union (0-2).

Tooele, meanwhile, made its journey to Price a memorable affair by edging Carbon, 58-54, in an overtime encounter.



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Giving fits to Fitts! East's George Furgis (20) jumps to deflect shot by West forward Stewart Fitts in Friday game.

Region Three

East 89, West 67

West 16 34 44 67; East 20 43 61 89.
West—Child 5, 1-3, 11; Fitts 7, 2-2, 16;
Shingleton 4, 9-9, 17; Schreiter 4, 2-2, 10;
Lloyd 4, 4-4, 12; Quinn 0, 1-2, 1; Totals 24,
19-26, 67.

East—Boyle 11, 4-5, 26; Gremillion 10, 3-4,
23; Johnson 4, 0-0, 8; Lunt 1, 2-2, 4; Furgis
5, 1-1, 11; Matheson 0, 1-2, 1; Schmutz 2, 1-3,
5; Homer 0, 2-2, 2; Rich 1, 1-3, 3; Powell 2,
2-2, 6; Maxfield 0, 0-0, 0; Totals 36, 17-24, 89.