

East, Skyline to Renew '79 Rivalry Tonight

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Like a pair of classy heavyweights, they sit simmering in their corners, waiting for the bell to signal the beginning of what promises to be a high-powered rematch. But their sport is basketball, not boxing.

Yet, East and Skyline High have become renowned for their spicy knockouts during the 1979 season.

When they met Jan. 25 at East, a controversial conclusion left the Leopards savoring a .75-71 triumph, while Skyline could only dream of what might have been had it been granted two timeouts during the closing two minutes which were deemed illegal by the officials. Of course, that is all now a distant memory.

But it is a bit of history which will be prominently remembered by Skyline Coach Paul Jeppesen and company when the Eagles host East Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. with the Region Three lead at stake.

Gremillion to Play?

Two facets of that four-point East victory in round one may be reversed Tuesday. First, should Skyline request a timeout immediately following an East basket, the request will be granted. Second, Rich Gremillion — the man who led the Leopards in scoring when the teams initially tangled — may not be in uniform Tuesday.

But, then again, he may.

Gremillion, who pumped in 18 points against Skyline in January, is recovering from a severely broken ring finger on his right hand. However, the doctor gave Gremillion permission to practice Monday. If Rich is able to bend the finger properly and doesn't feel an abundance of discomfort, he will be back in uniform Tuesday evening at Skyline.

"He's still a question mark," said East Coach Dick Milne of Gremillion's status. "Even if he dresses, it's hard to say how effective he will be. If he can play, I want him because he's our natural center. (Greg) Grant or (Brad) Boyle can slide in and play center, but they are natural forwards."

Skyline, which trails East by a single game in the Region Three standings, is unbeaten at home in league play this year. Meanwhile, the Leopards (8-0) have been perfect at home and on the road, meaning Tuesday's collision guarantees an end to one winning streak.

"I hope we get East with their best team, with their best players," noted Skyline Coach Paul Jeppesen. "They've had a tough luck year with injuries, but you never want to see good players forced to miss a game of this importance. I'm sure East wants to meet Skyline's best and Skyline wants to meet East's best. We were intimidated a little bit in the first half at East. We've just got to keep East off the boards and shoot a little better. We missed five or six layups at East."

While East and Skyline command the spotlight, Granite (3-5) hosts West (2-7), and Cottonwood (3-6) visits Olympus (0-9) to round out the Region Three schedule.

Logan Hosts Woods Cross

Is Woods Cross uncatchable in Region Four? The Wildcats, who have coasted through the region season undefeated, face one of their stiffest road challenges of the year Tuesday. Logan (7-2) still entertains aspirations of catching Woods Cross (9-0) before the regular season expires, but the Grizzlies must halt the Wildcats Tuesday to make that possible.

Logan, which has won its last five straight games, will be anxious to avenge a 78-69 loss at Woods Cross earlier this season, when the two longest winning skeins in Region Four collide Tuesday. In the scoring department, Mark McCleery (18.4 norm) will pace Woods Cross, while Lee Allred (14.9 average) and Tann Tueller (14.1) will guide the Grizzlies.

Box Elder (4-5) hosts Ben Lomond (3-6), South (1-8) travels to Ogden (7-2), and Davis (4-5) is at Bear River (1-8) in other Region Four games Tuesday.

Granger Entertains Orem

Wild Region Two, which has four teams within a whisker of first place, hopes to solve some its mystery Tuesday, with the Orem-Granger matchup providing the greatest intrigue. Orem (6-3) is one-half game behind Brighton in its quest for first place, while Granger (5-3) can take a giant step toward a solid state berth and a shot at the top with a triumph.

The Lancers, who defeated Orem in a thriller in Orem earlier this year, will rely on Matt Almond and Brett Beagley, while the Golden Tigers counter with Chris McMullin and Scott Schlappi.

Kearns (1-8), whose only victory of the season came at Brighton, hosts the Bengals (6-2) in a rematch Tuesday night, while Bingham (3-5) entertains Alta (3-6) to conclude the Region Two slate.



The ball seems to be doing its hypnosis act as Skyline's Brent

Layton (23) and East's David Johnson (35) stand fixed dur-

ing the last meeting between the teams. They tangle Tuesday.