

The Lancaster Recreation Department's Youth Basketball Program reconvened after the holiday break and the Sixers of the Boys Junior Conference picked up where they left off, defeating a game Raptors' squad, 45-38, for their third straight win. Ryan Corcoran and Xander Perry paced the offense, scoring 17 and 10 points, respectively. Jackson Tulley notched eight additional points, while Brayden Jiang scored four and Lincoln Counihan, Luke Kufel and Jack Miklas each provided a bucket for the Sixers (3-1).

Sam Bergum and Jack Speyer kept things close for the Raptors (1-3), both scoring 12 points. They also got five points from Nick Jalovick, four from Lukas Heerdt, three from Nathan Surdej and a basket from Christian Vega, but took the loss, nonetheless.

The Nets and Nuggets locked horns in another Junior Conference game, both looking to keep pace with the Sixers. The Nuggets used a balanced scoring attack to take home a convincing 56-31 win. Every Nuggets' player scored, starting with Travis Bauer, Alex Derkovitz, Jacob Gabryszak and Cole Munschauer, who each tallied eight points. Anthony Santiago and Ryan Zamer threw down six points apiece, Matt Bauer and Gianni Pusateri split another eight, Andrew Moberg netted three and Joshua Fehr provided a big free throw for the winners, who improved to 3-1 on the season.

John Gang played a strong game at both ends of the court for the Nets (2-2), finishing with 14 hard-earned points on the offensive end and giving up no easy ones on the defensive end. Max Stoldt finished with the 10 points, Peyton Shafer six and Jack Snyder one to round out their scoring.

The Bucks (3-1) grabbed their share of first place with a 59-47 win over the Warriors, behind 26 points from Eric Frys and 17 from Dylan Bucciferro. Petar Stefanov hit for six more points, while Evan Cornwell and Kaiden Smiech divided eight and Aiden Gummo knocked down a basket of his own.

Zack Doering's 23 points and 10 from Griffin Smith topped the Warriors' (2-2) score sheet. Rounding out their scoring was 12 points trisected by Jack Farrugia, Nathan Myers and Drew Zmozynski and a bucket from Evan Vlahos.

The Wolves took the court looking for their first win of the season, but a slow start doomed them to defeat as they fell to the Cavs, 63-42. Matt Gullo and Liam Jennings both scored 16 points and helped stake the Cavs to a 34-15 halftime lead. Matt Gattuso also hit for double figures with 11 points, while Jack Jennings and Blake Minsterman netted six points apiece and Andrew Iacuzzo, Alex Krupa, Owen Nowak and Nick Sirianni provided a basket each as the Cavs won for the second time in four games.

The Wolves (0-4) were led by Jayden Duncan's 17 points and 12 from Gavin Kandefer. Six points from Robbie Uhteg, three from Alex Fabian and a basket each from Sam Atanasio and Nolan Beach completed the scoring for the losers.

Over at Como Park Elementary School, the girls of the Midget Conference laced 'em up for two hotly contested games. In the first the Penguins used 16 points from Peytyn Hojnacki and 10 from Maria Minsterman to improve to 3-1 with a 46-41 conquest of the Pelicans. Kara Klimtzak and Sammie Uhteg each provided eight points and Emelia Surdej and Alexa VanNortwick provided a basket apiece to contribute to the win.

The Pelicans, led by Jillian Cummins' 15 points, played a strong game but lost for the fourth time in as many games, nonetheless. Cummins was aided by Olivia Bell, Julianna Pagano and Sophia Roy, who each tossed in eight points and Isabella Pilato, who added a basket.

The other Midget Conference game saw the Orioles (2-1) open up a 18-12 halftime lead and hang on, behind 16 Hayli Block points, to hand the Roadrunners their first loss of the season, 34-28. Marissa Krembllass, Melanie Marcezin and Katie Myers each scored six points to help secure the win.

The Roadrunners (2-1) were led by Julia Lyman, who netted 14 points. Lauren Jandzinski added six, Addison Zuppa four and Isabelle Hoffhines and Alisa Overton two each in the loss.

In a battle of Bantam Conference unbeaten, the Ducks used 12 points from Emily Powell and 10 from Arrianna McMahon to keep their record perfect with a 36-32 victory over the Cardinals. Allie Schintzius added eight more points, while Quinn VanNortwick scored four important points and Kyla Szymanski two more to nail down the win.

Mackenzie Kupka hit for a season-high 14 points to pace the Cardinals, who lost for the first time in three games. Olivia Guevara also had her best offensive output of the season, notching eight points, while Anna Browne score four and Grace Honsberger, Janey Squelch and Elise Vallon each chipped in with a basket.

The other Bantam Conference game was not nearly as close, as the Blue Jays, behind Zoey Zmozynski's 16 points and 12 from Norah Roy, defeated the Eagles, 40-13. Maya Farrugia scored an additional 10 points and Gianna Guevara another two to complete the scoring for the Jays (1-2).

Claire Snyder's six points topped the Eagles' (0-3) ledger. Kiley Honsberger scored four points, Liv Utech two and Jordyn Schintzius one to round out their scoring.

The Midget Conference Boys had a four-game slate at Como Park Elementary School, as well. The Grizzlies kicked things off by building on a 21-14 halftime lead and taking home a 37-20 win over the Celtics. Jack Sander led the Grizzlies' (2-0) offense with 16 points and was supported ably by eight points from Daniel Snyder, six from Brady Mecca, five from Gianni Latella and a basket from Vinny Cervino.

Zane Petroffski scored eight points and Joshua Kandfer six to keep things close for the Celtics (0-2). Rounding out their scoring were Quinn Gleason, Carson Kollander and Quinn Randall, who each contributed a bucket.

The Clippers took the floor looking to rebound from their opening week loss and did so, as Ashton Sikora's 16 points and 10 from both Matthew King and Maxwell Karas propelled them to a 40-23 victory over the Knicks. Michael King's four points completed the scoring for the winners.

Colin Robert finished atop the Knicks' (1-1) scoring chart with six points, while Micah Dold added five and the trio of Everett Fix, Colin Matthews and Jaedyn Pawlowski provided four points each.

The Braves remained unbeaten after two games as they took down the Spurs in the next game, 42-32. Ian Shives scored 12 points and Connor Bucciferro and Liam Gladstone split 16 more to pace the Braves' offense. Christopher Vlahoff and Alex Seege knocked down six points each and T.J. Shives provided two to round out their scoring.

The Spurs, behind Blake Osika's 12 points, kept the outcome in doubt for most of the contest but still took their second loss in as many outings. Tyler Leon, Connor Blest, Aiden Falk and Caiden MacDonald each scored four points and Nathan Vona two in a well-played game.

In the final Midget Conference game, the Bulls played a strong first half, leading 20-16 at the break, but couldn't close the deal and fell to the relentless Lakers, 38-29. Parker Waite guided the Laker offense with 14 points as they improved to 2-0 on the season. Jordan Szymanski and Trevor Ehrle provided eight additional points apiece, while Cole Silvestri netted four and Tristan Ancker and Noah Szymanski split four more for the winners.

Anthony Sirianni took game scoring honors with an 18-point performance for the Bulls (0-2), who also got nine points from Wes Munschauer and a basket from Cooper Hillman.