

Lancaster Recreation Basketball

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As the Lancaster Recreation Department's Youth Basketball Program moves into late January, it appears as if the Braves and Grizzlies of the Boys Midget Conference are on a collision course that will determine supremacy of that conference with a February 1 showdown at Como Park School. Both teams stand at 4-0 after this week's action as each won closely contested games. The Grizzlies took a six-point lead into the locker room at halftime and held on to defeat the Knicks, 38-34, behind 16 points from Jack Sander and 12 from Brady Mecca. Gianni Latella and Jude Whiting split eight points and Carson Bosworth added a bucket to also contribute to the Grizzlies' win.

The Knicks (1-3) were led by Micah Dold, who finished with 14 Points. Liam Dold and Colin Matthews both scored eight and Jaedyn Pawlowski and Taylor Uzunov chipped in with a bucket each in the loss.

The Braves kept pace with the Grizzlies in a somewhat more arduous fashion, falling behind by 4 points at the halfway mark and fighting back for an identical 38-34 win over Lakers. Ian Shives kept his hot hand going in this game and finished with 20 points to top the winners' scoring. Christopher Vlahoff added 10 points and Jamie Casey eight more for the Braves.

The Lakers' offense was powered by Parker Waite's 16 points and eight from Jordan Szymanski. Noah Szymanski had his best game of the season, finishing with six points, while Tristan Ancker tallied four and Cole Silvestri two for the 2-2 Lakers.

The Spurs rode a 20-point performance from Blake Osika to their first victory of the season, besting the Bulls, 40-20. Channing Derenda-West and Brayden Klinger split 12 points to aid Osika. A bucket each from Tyler Leon, Connor Blest, Derrick Carroll and Caiden MacDonald rounded out the scoring for the Spurs (1-3).

Wes Munschauer had the hot hand for the Bulls, netting 12 points. Ford Inglet hit for four points and Connor Harshany, and Anthony Sirianni notched a basket each as the Bulls dropped to 1-3.

In the last Midget Conference game of the day, Clippers' captains Ashton Sikora and Matthew King provided the bulk of the offense for their team, scoring 23 and 14 points, respectively, as they took down the Celtics, 39-30. Israel Rendon provide a basket and numerous rebounds, and Anthony DeFelice and Sam Zgliczynski contributed with strong defensive efforts as the Clippers improved to 3-1.

Josh Kandefer topped the ledger for the Celtics with 16 points, while Zack Harrington chipped in six more and Ethan Guari, Carson Kollander, Ryan Pignataro and Quinn Randall knocked down a bucket each for the Celts, who lost for the fourth time in four starts.

Over at Lancaster Middle School the Nuggets, behind 16 points from Matt Bauer and 14 from Travis Bauer, improved to 4-1 on the season with a 63-51 win over the Warriors, leaving them alone atop the Junior Conference standings. Alex Derkovitz and Anthony Santiago split another 16 points, while Jacob Gabryszak netted six, Cole Munschauer five and Andrew Moberg, Gianni Pusateri and Nathan Wick two apiece for the winners.

Griffin Smith tallied 16 hard-earned points to guide the Warriors' offense. Ten points from Drew Zmozynski, nine from Jack Farrugia and eight from Nathan Myers also helped to keep the game close much of the way. The Warriors' (2-3) scoring was completed by Evan Vlahos, who hit for four points, and Ian Berst and Conor Cudek, who added a basket each.

The Wolves entered the win column for the first time this season, as Jack Harrington scored 16 points and Robbie Uhteg 14 more to help secure a 49-35 conquest of the Raptors. Jayden Duncan also hit for double figures, finishing with 11 points, and Gavin Kandefer knocked down eight for the 1-4 Wolves.

Jack Speyer played his best offensive game of the season, netting 18 points for the Raptors (1-4). Eight points from Sam Bergum, seven from Nick Jalovick and a deuce from Nathan Surdej filled out the Raptors' score sheet.

It was a tale of two halves in a game between the Cavs and Sixers, as the Cavs came out of the box quickly and led at halftime, 35-8. The Sixers came storming back in the second half but still ended up on the short end of a 51-40 decision. Matt Gattuso led the Cavs (3-2) with 12 points, while Liam Jennings tossed in 10 and Blake Minsterman eight more. Completing the winners' scoring were Jack Jennings, who hit for six points, Owen Nowak, who scored five, Matt Gullo and Nick Sirianni, who split eight, and Andrew Iacuzo, who provided a basket.

Ryan Corcoran and Lincoln Coughlin powered the Sixers' offense, finishing with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Jackson Tulley hit for nine additional points and Jack Miklas four as the Sixers dropped to 3-2 on the season.

The Bucks and Nets both joined the logjam of second-place teams at 3-2 as the Nets, behind 17 points from Darius Cervi, defeated the Bucks, 46-32. Max Stoldt supported Cervi with 12 points of his own, as did John Gang, who tallied six. Four points from Gabe Kerner, three from Mason Brooks and a hoop each from Shawn Booth and Peyton Shafer completed the winners' scoring.

Dylan Bucciferro scored eight and Aiden Gummo seven to lead the comeback effort for the Bucks. Kaiden Smiech added five points, Timmy Brooder and Evan Cornwell four each and Matthew Penner and Petar Stefanov a bucket apiece to round out the scoring for the losers.

Back at the Como Park School gym, the winless Eagles gave the undefeated Ducks all they could handle before succumbing 24-20 in a well-played Girls Bantam Conference game. A balanced attack, led by six points from both Emily Powell and Arianna McMahon, carried the Ducks to their fifth win without a loss. Fotini Bechakas and Allie Schintzius scored four points apiece, while Bryn Buchwald and Kyla Szymanski chimed in with a basket each to ensure the victory.

Ezra McMahon struck for 10 points and Sydney Lyman six for the Eagles to keep the outcome in doubt until the very end. A bucket from Jordyn Schintzius and another from Claire Snyder rounded out the scoring for the 0-5 Eagles.

In the other game, the Blue Jays also used balanced scoring to garner their second win of the season, a 26-14 win over the Cardinals. Gianna Guevara topped the score sheet with eight points and got help from Norah Roy, who tallied six, and Madison Buchwald, Maya Farrugia and Madeleine King, who all scored four, as the Jays improved to 2-3.

The Cardinals, who could never get things going offensively, received six points from Grace Honsberger, four from Olivia Guevara and two each from Lilly Szymanski and Elise Vallon as their record dipped to 2-3.

In the Girls Midget Conference, Marissa Krembliss ripped the nets for 12 points and Hayli Block threw down 11 more as the Orioles kept their hold of first place with a 37-20 triumph over the Pelicans. Coco Carlsen and Melanie Marcezin also provided offense, finishing with eight and six points, respectively, for the 4-1 Orioles.

Jillian Cummins ran her streak of double digit scoring games to four as she finished with 10 points for the Pelicans (1-4). Olivia Bell and Sophia Roy split another eight and Isabella Pilato tossed in a bucket to complete the scoring.

The Roadrunners and Penguins both stood at 2-2 entering their game and only a point separated the two as the first half ended. But the Roadrunners scurried away in the second half to take home a 40-28 victory. Julia Lyman and Alisa

Overton both knocked down 12 points and Gabby Smiech 10 to drive the offense. Alexis Taylor's three points, two from Lauren Jandzinski and a free throw from Addison Zuppa filled out the remainder of the score sheet for the winners.

The Penguins' Peytyn Chojnacki took game scoring honors, hitting for 14 points, while Sammie Uhteg netted another 10 and Madelyn Marcezin and Emelia Surdej provided a basket each in the loss.