

## Town of Lancaster Basketball Article #4

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A battle of unbeaten teams headlined the Boys Midget Conference slate as action in the Lancaster Recreation Department's Youth Basketball Program continued on Saturday at Como Park School. The Grizzlies, behind 10 points from Jack Sander, won a defensive battle with the Lakers, 23-22. Sander got help from Brady Mecca, who hit for six points and Carson Bosworth, Nikola Nikolov and Danny Snyder, who each contributed a basket. A free throw from Gianni Latella rounded out the scoring for the winners (3-0).

Parker Waite topped the score sheet for the Lakers with 12 points. Jordan Szymanski added four points and Tristan Ancker, Isaiah Harry and Noah Szymanski finished things up with a basket apiece, as the Lakers fell to 2-1 on the season.

In another nail-biter, the Clippers (2-1) went back and forth with the Spurs before finally prevailing, 29-28. Ashton Sikora netted 15 points to pace the offense, which also received six points from Max Karas, four from Michael King and a basket from both Matthew King and Anthony DeFelice.

Blake Osika had his best game of the young season, dropping in 19 points to lead the Spurs, who have played well in all three of their games, but are winless nonetheless. Aiden Falk chipped in with four more points, while Tyler Leon scored three and Connor Blest two in the loss.

The Bulls used a 26-point second half to overcome a 17-12 halftime deficit and take home their first win of the season with a 38-29 win over the Celtics. Anthony Sirianni poured in 28 points, 20 of which came in the second half, to lead the comeback. Connor Harshany helped out with six points and the brothers Hillman, Cooper and Mitchell, each provided a bucket in the win.

Zach Harrington's nine points, and eight from Josh Kandefer, led the Celtics' attack. Quinn Randall finished with six points, while Quinn Gleason added four and Ryan Pignataro two for the 0-3 Celtics.

In the final Midget Conference game of the day, captains Ian Shives and Chris Vlahoff finished with 18 and 12 points, respectively, to guide the Braves to a 42-34 conquest of the Knicks, keeping their record unblemished at 3-0. Liam Gladstone and Alex Seege also contributed to the win, splitting eight more points, while Jamie Casey and T.J. Shives did their part, as well, knocking down a basket each for the winners.

Colin Matthews continued his strong play with a season-high ten points to top the Knicks' (1-2) ledger. Six points from each of Micah Dold, Colin Ertl and Liam Dold, plus a bucket apiece from Everett Fix, Jaedyn Pawlowski and Taylor Uzunov completed the scoring for the losers.

In the Girls Midget Conference, a depleted Pelicans' squad used a 28-point outburst from Julianna Pagano to triumph over the Roadrunners, 47-37. Jillian Cummins supplemented that with 11 points, Sophia Roy added the final eight and Marianna Minnuto turned in a strong defensive performance to carry the Pelicans (1-3) to their first win of the season.

Julia Lyman played a stellar game for the Roadrunners (2-2), finishing with 23 points to help keep the game close. Alexis Taylor played her best game of the season, scoring six points and Isabelle Hoffhines and Gabby Smiech split eight more to complete the Roadrunners' scoring.

The other Midget Conference game saw the Orioles (3-1) build on their 10-point halftime lead and finish off the Penguins, 47-20. Melanie Marcezin and Marissa Kremblas provided the offensive firepower, scoring 16 and 13 points, respectively. Eight points from Hayli Block and four each from Coco Carlsen, Brady Hoffhines and Katie Myers finished off the scoring for the winners.

Kara Klimtzak topped the scoring for the Penguins with eight points, while Madelyn Marcezin hit for four and Bailee Berst, Maria Minsterman, Emelia Surdej and Sammie Uhteg two each as the Penguins dropped to 2-2 on the season.

Finally, the Girls Bantam Conference had a pair of games, the first of which saw the Ducks remain unbeaten with a 25-18 victory over the Blue Jays. Emily Powell hit for double digits with 10 points to lead the scoring for the Ducks (4-0). Bryn Buchwald turned in an outstanding game, as well, with eight points, while Arianna McMahon finished with six and Kyla Szymanski one to round out the scoring.

The Blue Jays' scoring was balanced, but insufficient, as Maya Farrugia tallied six points and Gianna Guevara, Norah Roy and Zoey Zmozynski four each. The Jays' record dropped to 1-3 with the loss.

In the Bantam Conference nightcap, the Cardinals came out of the gate quickly and never looked back, defeating the Eagles, 34-19. Grace Honsberger netted 10 points and Mackenzie Kupka eight to pace the offense, with Anna Browne scoring six and Olivia Guevara four in support. A basket each from Nora Cummins, Janey Squelch and Lilly Szymanski completed the scoring for the Cardinals, who won for the third time in four games.

Liv Utech played a banner game, finishing with 10 points for the Eagles, who lost for the fourth time in as many tries. A basket apiece from Kiley Honsberger, Sydney Lyman, Ezra McMahon and Claire Snyder, and a free throw from Tessa Kremblaus also dotted the scoresheet for the Eagles.