

Marquette soars over Louisville, West Virginia

Marquette ran its record to 3-0 in fourth-fifth grade boys Amherst Youth Basketball this season as they defeated Louisville, 29-18, at Sweet Home High School.

Right from the opening tip, it was end-to-end action as both teams' up-tempo style of play saw 18 points tallied just eight minutes into the game, with the Golden Eagles holding a 10-8 advantage at the end of the first quarter.

Great picks were set by Marquette's Mandella Namaste, Elliott Schulefand, and Liam Hughes which allowed teammates Patrick Hartigan, Joey Brady, and Jeffrey Calderon to score on some drives to the hoop.

The see-saw battle continued into the second quarter with Louisville occasionally double-teaming the ball on defense and crashing the boards on offense, allowing them to draw even at 16-16 tie by intermission. The Cardinals had balanced scoring in the first half with Pedro Pereira, Kevin Zachau and Matt Rosen each scoring twice, while Mike Garofalo and Kevin Roginson each tallied a bucket.

The horse race took its toll on both teams in the second half, but perhaps more so for Louisville as the Cardinals missed a few scoring opportunities and looked like their legs were tiring.

Meanwhile, Marquette seemed to figure out the double-team defensive scheme that Marquette had deployed as Jonathan Hall hit an open jumper from 12 feet out and Zachary Lee added two more buckets from the left low-post area.

Louisville also had strong defensive play from Mickey Evans, Ben Clement and Paul McKay.

Marquette 29, West Virginia 20

The Marquette Golden Eagles soared over the Mountaineers of West Virginia in a hard-fought Big East game.

Joe Brady and Jeff Calderon spotted Marquette a 17-16 lead after two quarters, which saw five lead changes and three ties.

Tenacious man-to-man trapping defense was played by all the Golden Eagles, but especially by Liam Hughes, Mandella Namaste, and Elliott Schulefand who were able to help hold the normally explosive Ryan Czerwinski and Billy Hartford to just two buckets apiece in the first half. Also notching baskets in the first half for the Mountaineers were Steven Bunce, Jacob Huber, Mitchell Kozlowski, and Ryan Woods.

The third quarter saw Marquette extend its lead to three points as Jonathan Hall netted a bucket on a nice slashing drive and Eric Duran found the bottom of the net on a strong offensive rebound put-back.

Steven Zaprowski scored the lone Mountaineer basket of the third quarter.

Marquette's Patrick Hartigan was able to get untracked in the fourth quarter as he picked up four points, and Zachary Lee rounded out a great game with a nice bucket in the last stanza.

West Virginia also got solid play from John Freda and Austen Renzi.

Notre Dame 16, Connecticut 15

Notre Dame won a hard fought defensive battle with Connecticut.

Mitch Fors led the Fighting Irish with six points followed by strong play from Alexander Grano and Joe Sanford with four points each. Joe Adcock and Greg Cook turned in solid defense.

Jaelin Marong led Connecticut with 13 points.

Providence 24, DePaul 23

Providence earned their first win over DePaul on Saturday.

The game was very close with Providence up 8-7 at halftime. DePaul scored 11 points in the third but only five in the fourth as Providence stepped up its defense and clawed its way to six and 10, respectively, to pull out the win.

Kyle Fabian led the winning team with 16 points. Brandon Hill (three), Justin Collins (two), Jack Karnes (two), and Connor Cooley (one) also scored.

Ryan Johnson, Alex Martin, and

Jayson Buhlman played great defense. Lee Gaskin led in rebounds.

DePaul had a balanced attack with seven players scoring. Alex Wehrin and Ryan Konotopsky had five each. Connor Smith (four), Max Brightenfield and Stephen Gervase (three each), Cort Williams (two) and Matt Laughlin (one) also scored.

Louisville 18, Rutgers 10

The first quarter was a defensive gem with each team's defense overpowering the other's offense. The Cardinals led 4-1 at the end of the quarter on two nice baskets from Kevin Roginson.

Both team's offenses game to life in the second quarter. Louisville's offense exploded for 12 points. Providing the Cardinal firepower were Michael Garofalo (four points), Kevin Zachau (four points) and Roginson (three points).

Rutgers countered with five points (Davontae Bailey - two, Zachary Schneider - two, and Nikolaus Castilone-one).

Louisville led 16-6 at halftime.

Rutgers stepped up its defensive pressure in the third quarter to hold Louisville scoreless. Rutgers narrowed the Louisville lead to eight points by the end of the quarter.

Both teams matched one basket apiece in the final quarter to seal the win for Louisville.

Louisville was led offensively by Roginson's seven points. Other Cardinals scoring were Garofalo (four), Zachau (four), and Mickey Evans (three).

Matt Rosen, Ben Clement, and Paul McKay rebounded well for the Cardinals. Jake August and Pedro Pereira played well defensively for Louisville.

Rutgers had a balanced scoring attack with five of eight players tallying. Rutgers was led offensively by Schneider's three points. Bailey, Lucas Perna, and Blake Rickan each scored two points. Castilone scored one point. Benjamin Saathoff, Ken Sniatecki, and Matt Soos played well defensively for Rutgers.

Pittsburgh 22, Providence 16

The Pitt Panthers took an early first half lead with David Lyskawa scoring six of his team-high 10 points in the first half.

Providence roared back in the second half but a Casey Davis bucket with two minutes left put the game out of reach.

Strong defensive rebounding led by Robbie Zabel and Mike Losi helped limit the Friars' offense all game.

Fourth-fifth grade girls

South Carolina 35, Georgia 11

Georgia kept it close through half-time with the score 12-7 on baskets from Kaitlin Connor and Samantha Weiss and good defense by Andrea Cucatello and Arianna Wagar.

South Carolina pulled away in the second half, scoring 23 points with unbelievable offensive play by Lauren DiDuro's 16 points. Morgan Kennedy, Colleen Doyle, Ally Spicer, Samantha Stanford and Sally Fors added other baskets.

Even though Georgia's Raelin Brown, Brigid Ryan and Lydia Greener showed terrific ball handling moving the ball around the court, the great defensive play of South Carolina's Jordan Weinstein, Nylah Robertson and Jenna Stogsdill kept Georgia to four points during the second half.

Sixth grade boys

Ohio State 34, Illinois 25

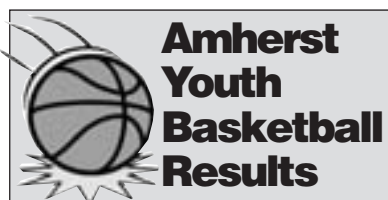
A match-up of two excellent teams ended with a score that was not indicative of the game's competitiveness. The Ohio State Buckeyes overcame foul trouble to defeat Illinois.

Illinois led 24-22 after three quarters. Jack Looney led a tenacious Buckeye defense that forced numerous Illinois turnovers.

Guard Nick Hillenbrand helped calm an offense that had been flustered all day by the tough Illinois team. Homd Ali continued his strong play, adding six points and Andrew Pierino was strong on the defensive glass.

Nick Geraci (nine points) led Illinois.

Illinois started the game strong



thanks to Sean Laughlin's six but in the end, they could not contain the Buckeye's Damien Powers. Powers controlled the boards and scored six of his team-high 14 in the fourth quarter.

Ohio State faces Indiana next Friday night in a game matching two undefeated teams.

Ohio State 29, Wisconsin 15

On Friday night, a good Wisconsin team led Ohio State 6-4 after the first quarter.

Wisconsin guard Kyle Zurak accounted for all six points. However, it was all Ohio State the rest of the night.

Zach Morrison and Homd Ali led a strong Buckeye attack in the second quarter to take a lead into halftime. However, it was the Ohio State defense on Zurek that held the Badgers to three field goals after the first quarter.

CJ Westcott's strong defense and four third quarter points helped fuel the second half surge.

Damien Powers scored nine of his team leading 11 after halftime. The Buckeyes were excellent on the offensive and defensive boards, led by big man Michael Calandra. Nick Kierner pitched in a field goal for Wisconsin.

Michigan State 35, Illinois 24

Michigan State defeated a very determined Illinois team on Saturday at Clearfield.

Michigan State got off to a fast start and led 12-2 at the end of the first quarter. Michigan extended the lead in the second half with good passing and teamwork. Mark Cerza led the scoring with 18 points.

Also helping were Wes Harvin (eight points), Brandon Schick (four points), Jack Trotman (two points), Justin Fillmore (two points) and Nick Swain (one point).

Mike Spina, Anthony Scamura and Yohan Andraud showed strong rebounding.

In the second quarter, Illinois fought back with scoring from Sean Laughlin and Mike Domonahowski, four points each, to close the gap to four points.

Michigan State 38, Penn State 12

Michigan State jumped to an early lead as Mark Cerza and Jack Trotman led the charge with eight points each. Excellent defense and fast break opportunities broke the game open for the Spartans.

Mike Spine and Brandon Schick each had six points. Wes Harvin had four points and Anthony Scamura, Justin Fillmore and Yohan Andraud each had two points. Nick Swain turned in a solid performance on the boards.

Tom Price and Tyler Piasecki scored five each and Mike O'Brian and Nick Fago scored two each for Penn State.

Sixth grade girls

Kansas 20, Texas 17

In the opening game of the season for both teams, Kansas held off Texas to get the victory.

The Jayhawks used a well-balanced offense in which five different girls scored to overcome the strong effort of the Longhorns, who were led by Kelly Farrell and Sabrina Lipowsky.

Allison Safir and Kristin Markarian led the way for Texas with six points respectively, while Haley Adams added four and Brooke Atkins and Sarah Moran each chipped in two. Markarian did a great job on the boards and scored some tough baskets underneath for the Longhorns.

Kansas jumped out to an early lead, but Texas, behind the strong inside play of Farrell and scoring of Lipowsky, charged back.

Once both teams settled in, the score see-sawed back and forth and remained close during the second half. Kansas was able to hold off the final Longhorn stampede through the

strong defensive efforts of Marley Weinstein and Rachel Siva.

For the Longhorns, Sabrina Lipowsky led the scoring parade with eight points, while Kelly Farrell added six and Dana Larkin netted two. Farrell's strong inside play against the taller Jayhawks helped keep the game tight. Bridget Tichenor, Maria Cicatello, Jackie Deleneve, Dana Macchia, and Alexis Polokoff all played strong defense for the Longhorns.

Kansas 23, Missouri 16

The Missouri Tigers, behind the scoring of Melissa Magiera and Gabriella Staffo jumped out to an early lead against Kansas in the first quarter. Shannon Doherty and Marissa Pieri of Missouri scored baskets in the second quarter as the Tigers took an 8-7 lead into halftime.

In the third quarter, the Jayhawks, behind the torrid scoring of Brooke Atkins stormed back. Atkins scored a total of eight points in the quarter and helped Kansas take a 17-12 lead entering the final quarter. The Tigers controlled the early part of the fourth quarter and cut the lead to 17-16. Katie Porter and Magiera hit key baskets to narrow the Jayhawks' lead. Erin Lynch, Ashley Sciandra, and Chelsea Engel's hustling defense and some key steals helped fuel the Tigers' run.

The Jayhawks, after a quick timeout, came out with pressure defense that helped fuel the offense over the last four minutes of the game. Allison Safir, Marley Weinstein, and Kristin Markarian's strong defense jump-started the Jayhawks' final surge where the outscored the Tigers 6-0 to end the game and go home with a 23-16 win.

Brooke Atkins paced all scorers with 14 points for Kansas and was aided by Haley Adams's six points, and Sarah Moran's three. Adams added eight rebounds and five blocked shots for the Jayhawks.

Magiera's six, Staffo's four, and two each by Doherty, Pieri, and Porter led Missouri.

Colorado 30, Oklahoma 14

An exciting Friday evening basketball game was held at the Clearfield Gym as the Colorado Buffalos stormed out to an early lead behind eight first half points by Kayla Burt and held on for a win over the Oklahoma Sooners.

Burt finished with 14 points and several assists, Emily Ludwig displayed a stellar inside game, finishing with eight points and Meghan Cirbus was very steady with four points and solid defensive play. Jane Truesdale and Alexis Cook each added two points while Shelby Donhauser and Nadia Vasquez were strong on the defensive boards for the Buffalos.

Emily Marcus, Hannah Pilkey and Jennifer Delsignore led Oklahoma's comeback effort with four points each. Alyssa Ferenczy added two points. Morgan Allender, Jessica Burkard, Amanda Curtain, Laura Gagliano and Sarah Schnabel were extremely strong on both ends of the court.

Nebraska 24, Texas 16

Balanced scoring and solid teamwork led Nebraska to victory on Friday night at the Clearfield Recreation Center against a tough Texas squad.

Nebraska started out the contest hitting, with buckets from Chelsea Thomeer and Haley Stogsdill.

Texas answered with four points to score a team-high 10 points.

The second quarter started strong for Nebraska behind the tough defensive efforts of Maggie Steele, who hit for four, and Stogsdill, who connected for another. Sabrina Lipowsky answered back for Texas by hitting a basket, and was helped out on defense by Bridget Tichenor and Alexis Polokoff.

Texas rallied in the third quarter behind the strong scoring of Farrell, with Tichenor helping out on the defensive end with a couple of steals. Hannah Dreger came on strong for Nebraska, hitting all four of her points during this period. She was

helped by Sarah Stanford and Hailey Wageman, who each hit for two, all of which helped Nebraska to a four-point lead at the end of the third period.

Polokoff jump-started the fourth quarter for Texas by hitting for two, Tichenor grabbing some critical rebounds and Farrell and Lipowsky playing tight defense. But in the end Nebraska was able to pull ahead and seal the victory with Steele, Stanford, and Wageman each hitting for two, Divya Sukumaren and Thomeer grabbing crucial rebounds and Dreger and Stogsdill playing tough defense.

Maggie Steele led Nebraska with six. Hannah Dreger, Sarah Stanford, Haley Stogsdill, and Hailey Wageman contributed four points apiece and Chelsea Thomeer chipped in two.

Farrell led Texas with 10 points. Lipowsky and Polokoff each had two.

Nebraska 18, Missouri 8

In a tough match-up between two hard-fighting teams, Nebraska came out on top on Saturday at the Clearfield Recreation Center.

It was strong defensive effort at both ends of the court that saw the game tied at 4-4 by the end of the first period.

Nebraska's Chelsea Thomeer and Maggie Steele led the offensive effort, each hitting for two. Missouri's Gabby Staffo knocked in four for her team, and was helped on the defensive end by teammates Chelsea Engel and Ashley Sciandra.

Nebraska's Hannah Dreger and Haley Stogsdill jump-started the second period, each scoring a basket in spite of a tough defensive pressure applied by Shannon Doherty and Marissa Pieri, along with some key defensive rebounds by Erin Lynch of Missouri.

In the third period, it was Doherty again who nailed one from the floor for Missouri, with Melissa Magrera tossing in another. This, in addition to Katie Porter's hard work under the boards, helped Missouri pull within striking distance of Nebraska.

But it was Nebraska who pulled ahead in the end with additional baskets from Dreger, Thomeer, and Stogsdill. Stogsdill was also credited with grabbing some crucial defensive rebounds. Steele would add four more in the second half to help secure Nebraska's victory.

Balancing out Nebraska's overall effort was Divya Sukumaran, Sarah Stanford, and Hailey Wageman, who all contributed on the defensive end of the floor with timely steals and tight defense.

Steele led Nebraska with six points. Dreger, Stogsdill, and Thomeer contributed four points each.

Staffo (five points), Doherty (two), and Magrera (one) led Missouri.

Seventh grade boys

Florida State 38, Georgia Tech 21

In the opener, Florida State outscored Georgia Tech 21-8 in the second half to break open a close contest.

Brett Butler led Florida State with 19 points. Aggressive defense by guards Sam Zwierchowski, Mark Roustum and Tom Kline led the fast-breaking Seminoles.

Peter Moran and Nick Konotopskyj each finished with eight points for the victors while Zach Hopper, Tony Mauro and Caleb Saathoff helped Butler battle the boards against forwards Andrew Berg and Jon Catranova of Georgia Tech.

Guards Joe Hill, Jacob Foster and Zach Battaglia had strong games for Georgia Tech with Foster (eight points), Catranova (six points), Francis Mangubat (three points) and Eric Markarian and Berg (two points each).

Florida State 37, UNC 18

The Seminoles again played a strong second half against UNC in the win.

Peter Moran scored 11 of his game-high 19 points in the second stanza to lead Florida State.

Nick Konotopskyj and Tom Kline led the fast break offense with eight and four points, respectively, while Sam Zwierchowski and Caleb

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