

Purdue sixth grade boys improve to 5-0

The Purdue Boilermakers (5-0) defeated Penn State, 28-26 on Saturday, in a sixth grade boys Amherst Youth Basketball game.

Purdue, down by four with under three minutes to play, came from behind to remain undefeated.

In the win, Connor Radel scored 16 points, eight of them coming in the fourth quarter.

Airic Thorton, playing a solid floor game, added four points, along with Nick Reding's four and Alex Dibernardo's two. Sam Burgett and Steven Campanelli contributed with strong defensive efforts.

Penn State's Tom Price played an outstanding overall game, contributing 10 points. Mike O'Brien and Tyler Piasecki scored six points each.

Purdue 23, Illinois 22

The Purdue Boilermakers defeated Illinois in a highly competitive game on Friday.

Purdue's Connor Radel scored 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Airic Thorton scored six points. Nick Reding and Alex Dibernardo added four points each. Sam Burgett pulled down six rebounds in the win.

High scorers for Illinois were Mike Domachowski with six points and Nick Geraci's four points.

Purdue 46, Michigan 16

The Purdue Boilermakers defeated Michigan on Dec. 9 to improve their record to 3-0. In the win, Connor Radel scored 16 points to go with eight rebounds and 10 steals. Nick Reding added 10 points, Airic Thorton and Doug Murphy had six points each and Michael Shatkin and Humza Rana added two points each.

Sam Burgett and Steven Campanelli contributed with strong defensive efforts.

Michigan's Mike Kuebler had an outstanding offensive effort with 10 points, followed by Schulfuro with four and Zach Siva with two.

Purdue 29, Iowa 23

The Purdue Boilermakers defeated Iowa in a closely contested game on Dec. 8.

Purdue's Alex Dibernardo scored eight points and Airic Thorton added six points. Sam Burgett, Steven Campanelli, Nick Reding, and Humza Rana each scored two. Connor Radel and Michael Shatkin dominated the boards with 10 and eight rebounds, respectively.

High scorers for Iowa were Zach Bischel with 10 points, followed by Tommy Adolf and Matthew Whiting with five points each.

Wisconsin 24, Illinois 19

In a nail-biting game Saturday afternoon game, Wisconsin overcame a strong Illinois team to win their second game of the season.

Hank Ransom led the Badgers' scoring with 10 points. Guard Kyle Zurak, and his skillful ball handling, added six points. Nick Kierner's strong rebounding presented opportunities for him to add four points to the score.

Evan Poole again was a key force under the basket with rebounding and added two points.

Returning from a two-game rest, Evan Haskins started the second quarter with a great shot from the right elbow for two points. Dave Costanza, Todd Huber, and Matthew Shank's strong dribbling allowed the Badgers to move the ball into Illinois territory. Ezra Steinfeld's quick feet contributed to several defensive steals.

Nick Geraci led Illinois with six points and Mike Domachowski contributed five points.

Illinois came out strong in the fourth quarter, putting 10 points on the board. Marc Peterson led the charge with five points.

Nick Geraci and Sean Laughlin had two points each and Sam Scime monopolized on a foul shot for one point.

In the last 15 seconds of the game, Nick Geraci sustained an injury. Tim O'Neill and Connor Gust showed strong defensive skills, helping Illinois lead their charge in the fourth.

Wisconsin 35, Penn State 11

The Badgers jumped to an early lead as Kyle Zurak led the charge with six points.

Strong defense led by Evan Poole and Dave Costanza provided opportunities for the Badgers' offensive game.

In his first game of the season, Hank Ransom added four points. Wisconsin's big center Evan Poole had a great night with eight points. Matthew Shank drew cheers from his teammates by scoring four points from just inside the three-point line.

Ezra Steinfeld's quick speed on defense forced several Penn State turnovers. Todd Huber (two points) and Nick Kierner (three points) also contributed to the Badgers' first win of the season.

Tyler Piasecki led Penn State with nine points. Mike O'Brien added two points. Tom Price, Nick Pieri, and Josh Jager played strong defense while Mike Fowler, Dave Klosterman, and Norman Yu all contributed on both ends of the floor for Penn State.

Wisconsin 21, Minnesota 21

Nick Kierner and Evan Poole led the Badgers' scoring with six points each. Kyle Zurak contributed five points and Todd Huber added four points.

Ezra Steinfeld, Matthew Shank and Evan Haskins played a strong game with several steals and rebounds.

Zachary Baschel and Tom Adolf led the Golden Gophers' scoring with eight points each. Bradley Gelder and Jacob Shine contributed two points each.

Sam Baudanza sank one point from the foul line. Matthew Whiting, Colby Durinka, Dave Panfil, and Alex Swierski helped hold the Badgers defensively.

Michigan State 28, Minnesota 19

The Spartans played strong at both ends of the court as they defeated Minnesota.

The Spartans' scoring was led by Wesley Harvin and Mark Cerza with 11 points each. Mike Spina, Brandon Schick and Jack Trotman each contributed two points.

Minnesota's Bradley Gelder led the scoring with eight points and several steals. Zach Baschel added five points.

Michigan State 37, Michigan 22

Michigan State defeated Michigan in a spirited game.

A great defensive effort was turned in by Yohan Andraud, Mike Spina, Jack Trotman and Nick Swain.

Mark Cerza led the offense with 14 points, Wesley Harvin and Mike Spina (six points each), Brandon Schick (five points), Jack Trotman (four points) and Justin Fillmore (two points) also scored.

Michigan charged back in the third quarter to close the gap to six points. Michigan was led by Mike Kuebler (eight points), Patrick Stasiak and Luke Wheeler (four points each), and Cole Florian, Zack Silva and Andrew Weinberg (two points apiece.)

Ohio State 42, Iowa 16

Michael Calandra's 12 points led Ohio State over Iowa.

Andrew Pierino, Damian Powers and Homd Ali added eight points each. Jack Looney contributed four points along with strong defense. Zach Morrison, Nick Hillebrand and C.J. Westcott also provided strong defense in the Ohio State win.

Iowa was led by Brett Pusateri's six points. Ben Morina and Michael Schake added four points each.

Ohio State 27, Indiana 17

Ohio State overcame a tough Indiana team to win.

Damian Powers and C.J. Westcott led Ohio State with 11 and eight points, respectively. Michael Calandra, Homd Ali and Andrew Pierino also provided strong defense and rebounding for Ohio State.

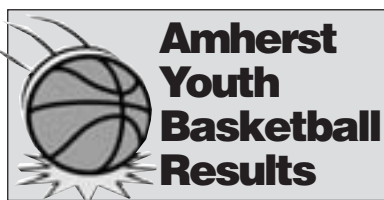
Mike Torrillo led Indiana with 11 points. Thomas Mann hauled in seven rebounds to lead the defense.

Fourth-fifth grade boys

St. John's 27, Louisville 15

Ryan Konotopskyl led St. John's with a season-best 15 points in a win over Louisville.

Although Louisville was up 7-6 at halftime on the strong offensive performance of Kevin Zachau, St. John's was able to play as a cohesive team in the second half and score 21 points.



Alex Wehrin virtually shut down the center lane through his excellent defensive efforts, while adding six points offensively. Connor Smith, the team's other point guard, added four points and was very effective in moving the ball quickly up court and finding the open man, as was guard Matthew Laughlin.

Max Brightenfield, Cort Williams, Stephen Gervase and Timmy Kreuz played strong defensive games and worked well toward taking good, high percentage shots.

Mickey Evans and Kevin Zachau led Louisville with six points each. St. John's is now 2-3 with one game left before the holiday break.

Pittsburgh 36, Louisville 23

Pittsburgh's Casey Davis and Nic Noll led the Panthers to a 10-point halftime advantage. Pitt's height led to several offensive rebounds and the lead.

The Cardinals took over the third quarter, outscoring Pitt, 12-5, with the outside shooting of Kevin Zachau and Pedro Pereira. Kevin Roginson scored on a steal and a fast break layup to cut the lead to three.

Panther point guards David Lyskawa and Mike Shanahan took back control of the game in the fourth quarter, giving Pitt the victory.

Pittsburgh 28, West Virginia 11

David Lyskawa and Mike Shanahan led the way on offense for the Panthers.

Strong defensive rebounding was the difference in this game led by Tyler Trubish, Mike Losi and Robbie Zabel.

The Mountaineers hung in until the fourth quarter. Rich Zaprowski scored eight points.

Pittsburgh 31, DePaul 23

The Pitt Panthers knew it would take a big team effort to overcome Ryan Majewski's 12 points and the bigger boys from DePaul.

The Panthers got that effort from Tyler Turbish, who scored Pitt's first four points, and from Robbie Zabel and Mike Losi's several steals which led to Pitt's fast break offense.

Strong rebounding from Casey Davis and two big-time rebounds from Jack Manzella, who was the shortest man on the court at the time, also occurred.

Solid ball handling was also displayed from Mike Shanahan and team scoring leader David Lyskawa, who also dished out four assists.

The Panthers trailed 15-14 at halftime but outscored DePaul 11-6 in the final quarter to hang on and win a very competitive game.

Marquette 29, St John's 29

Marquette jumped on St. John's early, taking an eight-point lead into halftime, led by Joe Brady's nine points and Patrick Hartigan's eight points.

The Golden Eagles played some tenacious first-half defense, with Mandela Namaste and Elliott Schulefand hawking the ball and Liam Hughes and Eric Duran sweeping the boards.

In the second half, the Red Storm found their rhythm, especially Ryan Majewski (who led all scorers with 11 points), Eric Benshadle (eight points), Jared Kish (six points) and Peter Crofut (two points).

The Golden Eagles also got some key second-half baskets by Jonathan Hall, Jeff Calderon, and Zachary Lee.

The Red Storm also had strong play from George Attea, Patrick Faracca, Paul Jager, Tre Marzec, and Joe Uranov.

The end-game was a nail-biter as both teams, sensing victory, gave it their all to take the lead.

Syracuse 36, Providence 23

Syracuse defeated Providence on Tuesday night at ECC. It was a hard-fought battle with outstanding effort displayed by both teams.

Michael Keenehan poured in 16

points while Colin Greenway and David Maher chipped in eight each for the Orange. Quinn Keenan and Patrick Kelly each scored a basket. James Doyle, Jason Cohen and Jacob Schoellkopf led a smothering defense.

The Friars were led by Kyle Fabian's 10 points and tremendous play of Justin Collins, Jack Karnes, and Connor Cooley.

Syracuse 33, West Virginia 9

Syracuse defeated West Virginia at Sweet Home High School in a Big East battle.

Unselfish play and tremendous defense allowed the Orange to have success. Leading the offense was Michael Keenehan and Jacob Schoellkopf with eight points each, Colin Greenway and Pat Kelly with six points each and Quinn Keenan with five points.

Once again, James Doyle controlled the boards and everyone worked extremely hard on defense.

West Virginia never gave up and was led by Jacob Huber's four points and superb defense by Steven Zaprowski, Ryan Czerwinski, and Mitchell Kozlowski.

Sixth grade girls

Colorado 20, Kansas 7

In a hard-fought defensive game, Colorado used two clutch baskets by Alexis Cook and solid guard work by Meghan Cirbus down the stretch to hold off Kansas in a game played on Saturday.

Both teams jumped out to a fast start, with Colorado ending the first half with a 12-5 lead. The Buffalos were led by Emily Ludwig's four first half points and the strong defensive play of Jane Truesdell and Shelby Donhauser.

The Jayhawks responded with the dynamic inside play of Haley Adams, Tori Andrews and Brooke Atkins. Each blocked several shots and grabbed key rebounds.

In the second half, Alison Safir's strong all-around play provided a lift for Kansas, however, the balanced scoring and defensive rebounding from Colorado held off the surge.

Cook led Colorado with six points while Cirbus, Truesdell and Ludwig added four each. Donhauser chipped in two.

For Kansas, Andrews, Atkins and Safir had two points and Adams added one point and many key rebounds.

Colorado 25, Missouri 23

Emily Ludwig barely beat the buzzer on a rebound shot as Colorado came back from five points down in the fourth quarter to win against Missouri.

In a superbly played game by both teams, coach Richard Lynch had his Missouri Tigers well prepared as they jumped out to an early lead and were up 17-12 by halftime.

Missouri was led by the tremendous play of Katie Holmes and Melissa Magiera while Meghan Cirbus and Shelby Donhauser kept Colorado close.

Starting out the second half, the

strong defensive play of Jane Truesdale, Alexis Cook and Emily Malkowski provided the spark Colorado needed while Cirbus kept getting to the hoop.

However, Missouri kept a five-point lead going into the fourth period behind six third quarter points by Porter and strong all-around hustle of Shannon Doherty, Chelsea Engel, Erin Lynch and Marissa Pieri.

Down the stretch in the fourth quarter comeback, Cirbus made a clutch layup, passed the ball to Donhauser for an assist and then converted 1-of-2 free throws. Donhauser then converted a rebound to tie the game.

With less than 10 seconds left, Cirbus brought the ball over half court to the right baseline and got off a shot that missed but Ludwig was there and calmly converted the rebound as time expired.

Cirbus finished with 17 points for Colorado while Porter was high for Missouri with 18 points.

Nebraska 27, Oklahoma 21

In a tough match-up between two strong defensive teams, Nebraska beat Oklahoma, on Saturday at the Clearfield Recreation Center.

Both teams applied strong defense, causing numerous turnovers which had the game tied at the half and close throughout.

Nebraska had five girls scoring in the first half to balance the offensive effort and help keep pace with Oklahoma.

Buckets from Chelsea Thomeer, Haley Stogsdill, Hannah Dreger, and Divya Sukumaran, along with four from Maggie Steele, gave Nebraska 12 points at the half.

Solid defensive play from Gabby Tejada and rebounding by Hailey Wageman and Thomeer also helped keep Nebraska in it.

Oklahoma's Jennifer Delsignore and Alyssa Ferenczy each contributed four points in the half. Emily Marcus and Hannah Pilkey tossed in two a piece.

Sarah Schnabel and Laura Gagliano worked hard on defense with Morgan Allender helping out Marcus and Delsignore under the boards.

Nebraska would pull ahead in the third quarter behind Dreger, who hit twice from the floor, and a Steele layup. Steals from Sukumaran, Wageman, and Stogsdill also gave Nebraska a boost.

Tejada rounded out the offense by connecting for two, all of which gave Nebraska a four-point advantage going into the fourth.

Oklahoma came on strong in the fourth with Marcus leading the offense, hitting four of her eight in the period. Schnabel tossed in another point, with Allender, Pilkey, and Schnabel playing tight defense. Delsignore and Gagliano played tough under the boards to help hold off Nebraska but it would not be enough.

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