



Basketball Results

LSU wins defensive battle with Vanderbilt

LSU's season opener in Amherst Youth Basketball's seventh-eighth grade division was a defensive battle.

Down the entire game, LSU came back with 10 points in the fourth quarter to beat a very strong Vanderbilt team, 20-18.

LSU had seven different scorers. LSU point guard Lisa Harb led with six points. Adding four points was LSU center Emily Ludwig. Contributing two points each were Erin Lynch, Haley Stogsdill, Shelby Donhauser, Sabrina Lipowski and Mina Divan.

Bridget Tichenor and Shannon Doherty played tough defense and were able to stop Vanderbilt's late rally.

Vanderbilt's three top scorers with four points each were Melissa Magiera, Lameess Mehanna and Hailey Wageman.

LSU 22, Florida 16

In a spirited game, LSU came out victorious over a well-coached Florida team.

LSU's Bridget Tichenor, Erin Lynch, Haley Stogsdill and Shannon Doherty came up big, stopping the experienced Florida fast-break offense.

LSU point guard, Lisa Harb led her team's scoring with eight points followed by Emily Ludwig's six points and Mina Divan's four points. Scoring two points each were Sabrina Lipowski and Shelby Donhauser. Florida center Colleen Logan led all scorers with 12 points.

LSU 20, Georgia 20

In a see-saw battle, LSU and Georgia played to a 20-20 tie.

LSU had a six-point lead at halftime, only to see their lead disappear after a scoreless third quarter.

The game ended up tied at the end of the third quarter and both teams scored two baskets in the last four minutes to end with a very exciting draw. LSU guards Lisa Harb and Sabrina Lipowski led their team with eight points each. Georgia's Inbal Fischer led

all scorers with 12 points with the last two points coming with seconds left to tie the game.

Fifth-sixth grade girls

Iowa 12, Nebraska 6

In an intense defensive struggle, Iowa edged Nebraska on December 8.

Liz Viola led the scoring for Iowa with six points, along with a basket each for Grace Licata and Alyssa Calandra. Erin Egan and Aimee LaVere contributed a free throw each.

Nebraska's high scorer was Jacqueline Oestreicher with four points. Both teams played very aggressive defense.

Fifth-sixth grade girls

Kansas 18, Kansas State 13

Kansas won its first game of the season against Kansas State but State took an early lead with buckets by Lauren DiDuro and MacKenzie Cutler. Tori Sims had Kansas' only points in the quarter.

Kansas State's DiDuro and Madison Warren got buckets in the second quarter but Kansas' offensive attack of Jordan Weinstein, Jennifer Schwab, Jenna Stogsdill and Alexa Slisz (six points) helped them take a six-point lead into halftime.

Kansas State fought back in the second half with buckets by DiDuro and Ally Spicer and a foul shot by Cutler, but baskets by Slisz and Stogsdill sealed the win.

Third-fourth grade girls

UB 34, Toledo 9

UB came out firing with two points by Katelyn Kardaman, Noelle Gulick, and Ellen Divita to jump out to an early 12-4 lead. Kelsey Stasiak contributed key rebounds and steals.

Kardaman and Gulick each added another basket to give UB a 16-5 halftime lead.

In the second half, UB got a key basket from Margaret Moran to extend the lead. Emily Trotman and Divita had big steals.

The Bulls led, 22-7, going into

the fourth. Margaret Moran continued her hot shooting along with Kardaman and Gulick, who each finished with a team-high 12 points. Kardaman had a team-high four steals.

Eighth grade boys

Raptors 37, Lakers 36

It was close until the Raptors surged to a lead in the second quarter.

The Raptors had a balanced attack from Jimmy Caputi, Nick Plant and Cameron DeLac.

The Lakers fought back with Jack Ranallo, Justin Bangert, Peter Moran and Jeremy Reoon. Jack Ranallo tied it on a driving bucket with less than 20 seconds left.

On their final possession, Jimmy Caputi drove up the court and passed to Plant sprinting down the lane. Plant took the final shot with only two seconds left, missed, but was fouled. He made the second of two foul shots to win it.

Seventh grade boys

Virginia 38, Maryland 16

Virginia came out of the gates smoking in the first half against Maryland, going up 22-8.

Connor Radel had the hot hand for the Cavaliers with 18 points while Brandon Schick added four.

In the second half, Virginia continued to dominate offensively while being very stingy on defense.

Virginia's defense was led by Kyle Zurak (seven steals) and Radel (nine rebounds) with strong play by Nick Swain (seven points), Matt Whiting (two points) and Alex DiBernardo.

Maryland's scoring was led by Mike Torillo (six points) and CJ Westcott (four points).

It was Virginia's first win of the season.

Virginia 36, Boston College 14

The game started as a defensive battle with the score 8-6 after one.

In the second quarter, Virginia's

offense started clicking. Brandon Schick ended the first half when he pulled a sweet head fake to freeze BC's defense and drained a three at the buzzer to put Virginia up 19-10.

In the second half, the Cavaliers' defense of Joshua Jager, Nick Swain, Matthew Whiting and Yuchen Sun held BC to four points.

Connor Radel (17 points), Schick (nine) Kyle Zurak (six), and Alex DiBernardo (four) led Virginia.

Michael Calandra (nine rebounds, three points) and Airic Thorton (five points) paced BC.

Sixth grade boys

Oregon State 27,

California 11

OSU ran its PAC-10 record to 2-0 as they tamed the Golden Bears.

Both teams played excellent defense which resulted in a low-scoring game, with OSU taking a 9-6 halftime lead.

The Beavers' passing game resulted in six players getting points, some of which were the result of some great screens set by Ryan Czerwinski. The Bears' scoring was shouldered by Vikram Saini and Ryan Mitchell.

OSU scorers were Joe Brady (12 points), Matt Macomber (six points), Ben Clement (four points), Jon Hall and Zach Lee (two points each), and Joe Unanov (point).

Arizona State 20, USC 9

Arizona State edged USC in a defensive battle.

Arizona State had a balance scoring attack with seven players scoring. Nicholas Noll led the way with six points. Zack Schneider contributed with four points and Armond June, Tyler Trubish, Matt Zygaj, John Simonian and Andrew Ruff all scored two points. Kellen Pembleton made several key defensive plays.

Jason Cohen led USC with three points. Kyle Topliffe, David Jasinski, and Robby Zabel each scored two points.

Arizona State 23, UCLA 21

Arizona State built an early lead and then held on as UCLA mounted a furious comeback.

Nicholas Noll led the Sun Devils with 13 points. Tyler Trubish scored four points. Armond June, Matt Zygaj and John Simonian had two points each.

Zack Schneider did a great job distributing the ball to his teammates. Kellen Pembleton and Andrew Ruff contributed with key rebounds and strong defense.

UCLA was led by Ryan Majewski's 11 points. Ryan Berkun and Matt Jaworowski had four points each. Kevin Perelstein had a key fourth quarter basket.

Fifth grade boys

Ohio State 15, Illinois 13

Ohio State began the game ahead, 6-0, but Illinois closed the margin to one at halftime with a couple of key baskets by Greg Cook.

Strong defensive efforts by Conner Cooley and Max Brightenfield kept Illinois close.

Illinois led, 13-9, at the end of the third but Ohio State rallied in the fourth, getting critical baskets from Trenton Mooney and Andrew White.

The Buckeyes (2-0) ran clock late, despite a full-court press by Illinois, and won.

White (six points) and Mooney (several important rebounds) led Illinois.

Ohio State's Thomas Jackson and Andy Rasimas turned in solid defensive efforts.

Ohio State 22, Wisconsin 12

Ohio State jumped out to a first half lead of 12-2, led by hot shooting guard Andrew White (six points).

The Badgers came back strong in the second half and narrowed the margin to 14-8 by the end of the third quarter. The Badgers received strong play from Joseph Adcock (six points) and Brad Zaffram (four rebounds).

The Buckeyes pulled ahead in the fourth to secure the win.

Ohio State was led by Trenton Mooney (eight points). Thomas Jackson scored six points on tough outside jumpers. Alex Grano helped out with three blocked shots and Colin Sugrue notched four rebounds.

Penn State 37, Michigan 22

David Lyskawa led the Penn State Lions with 18 points to defeat rival Michigan last Thursday night.

Mike Shanahan chipped in 10 points and Timmy Kruez had nine points and dominated the boards for the Lions.

Eric Duran led the Michigan offense with Jeff Calderon scoring 10 points.

Strong defensive efforts were also turned in by Taylor O'Brien and Sam Cimato for the Penn State Nittany Lions.

Michigan 28, Iowa 27

Despite a furious fourth quarter rally by Iowa, Michigan held on to win its first game of the year.

Michigan was led by the scoring and playmaking of Jaelin Marong and Jeff Calderon. Also contributing to the scoring effort was Alex Smith, Eric Duran and Kevin Abel.

Duran also led a tremendous defensive effort along with AJ DiChristina, Mike Panzarella and Jared Kish. Dakota Sanders and Jake Huber played well for Iowa in this very close game.



HOLIDAY CHEER — Players from the Amherst Girls Hockey 12U and 14U hockey teams went to the Niagara Falls Air Force Base on Saturday to help prepare and package Christmas toy bags for children of those families serving in the Armed Forces overseas. Some players from the girls house league

created and decorated Christmas cards. Pictured, from left, Lauren Basil, Haley McNamara, Kate Miller, Olivia Gajewski, Emily Koestler, Emma Ruggerio, Toni Warnick, Alyssa Molnar, Maddie Utz, Tricia Larkin, Karli Weidner, Amelia Gajewski, Jamie Cohen, Shauna Clair, Sara Dibernardo and Kristen Spulecki.

Sports brief

Kara Powalski of Williamsville recently signed a National Letters of Intent to swim for Canisius College.

Powalski is a four-year member of the swim team at Mount St. Mary Academy, swimming in the sprint freestyle and backstroke events.

A two-time team MVP, Powalski earned First-Team All-Catholic League honors as a senior while recording the most points of any swimmer for Mount St. Mary's. Powalski also has played four years of lacrosse for the Thunder.