

Basketball Round Up

MVC High School Hoops Simpson's second half treys significant

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Mt. Abram, 61 – Lisbon, 57

LISBON — The Roadrunners traveled to Lisbon to take on the winless Greyhounds in a battle for both teams to put one in the win column.

As the buzzer sounded to end the third, the Roadrunners had a 10-point lead which at one point in second half action reached 14. This cushion came off two treys nailed by MTA senior captain Sam Simpson.

But a relentless Greyhound team battled back making it interesting as the clock winded down. As the final buzzer sounded, MTA (1-6) won the game by a four-point margin.

Simpson was the game high scorer with 22-points that day. Teammates Corey Tripp and Kenny Moir each netted 11.

Mt. Abram's Jim Barker was credited with one three-pointer in the win and nine points on the day.

In conference rivalry, Mt. Abram hosted Carrabec on Monday, Jan. 5. They are also home tonight Jan. 7 in a MVC match-up against Madison. The Roadrunners can also be seen at home this Friday in a game against Monmouth. JV games typically start at 5:30 p.m. with varsity tip-offs starting at 7.

Lisbon, 39 – Mt. Abram, 35

The Lady Roadrunners had less fortune on the afternoon. First half offense was limited to only 18 points for MTA, enough for a half-time lead. But the Greyhounds outshot the lady Roadrunners 12-6 in third quarter action, and gained a lead that became insurmountable.

MTA senior captain Kenny Norton lit the boards with 15 points that day followed by sophomore center Macy Ryan who had eight points followed by Kylie Rolbiecki with six.

MTA hosted Carrabec yesterday, Jan. 6 and will travel to Madison on Thursday, Jan. 8. On Saturday, Jan. 10 the Lady Roadrunners will host the Mustangs of Monmouth with JV action starting at 5:30.

Rangeley Holiday Tournament

Roadrunners runner-up in Holiday Tourney

RANGELEY — The Mt. Abram boys' basketball squad finished in second-place in the Rangeley Holiday Tournament over vacation. As a result the Roadrunners received the runner-up trophy.

In the first round of action MTA defeated Rangeley. They then went onto to win a game against Acadia Christian.

In the final round, MTA lost to Livermore for the championships. Livermore edged the Roadrunners by just seven points that game.

NFC Middle School Hoops Raiders defeat Indians

Phillips, 57 — Strong, 37

STRONG — In a tight middle-school basketball game, the boys of Phillips overtook Strong in fourth quarter offense on Dec. 15.

Strong's biggest deficit was just four points to end the half and brought the game within one point, 34-33.

The Phillip's offense of Calum Dixon (18-points) and Colby Wheaton (18-points) was too much in the fourth as the Raiders went on a 23-4 run to open the game up.

Strong captain Ethan Boyd returned to fourth quarter action after straining his ankle to play with heart and determination. "He worked hard throughout the game taking care of the ball and getting through Phillips' zone trap to find the open man," Strong coach Amy Cummings said. Boyd had eight points on the day.

Cummings said it was difficult to keep up with Dixon and Wheaton late in the game.

She noted that seventh grader Nick Cole had an amazing game under the basket. He scored a career high 24 points that day and shot 50 percent from the line.

"Hard work, determination, off season practice, and love for the game is what Nick has to thank for his significant progress this year," Cummings added.

Phillips' Ian James managed nine points on the board and behind him was Sol Fast with eight.

Strong's Nate Knox put up three points for the Indians.

Strong will host Kingfield on Wednesday, Jan. 7 and then match up with Phillips again on Friday.

NFC Middle School Hoops Indians take down Bobcats

Strong, 43 – Stratton 26

STRONG — Before the holiday break, some of the area basketball teams faced off in middle school hoops action. On Dec. 17, Strong traveled to Stratton and the Indians' Ethan Boyd came up with the game high 18 points to lead the way for the Indians.

The first quarter saw little action with Strong getting a two-point advantage after the buzzer. A 16-4 second quarter scoring drive made a difference in this one.

For Stratton, Jared Clukey had the hot hand scoring 7 points on the day. Mitchell Gray was also able to put 5 on the board for the Bobcats.

In the paint, Strong's Nick Cole was dominating in both offensive and defensive rebounds. His efforts under the net yielded 17 points for the Indians.

Boyd hit the only three-pointer of the game part of his 9-point third quarter drive. He also shot at 50-percent from the line that afternoon.

A 15-4 fourth quarter run for the Bobcats was not enough as Strong secured this one in a 43-26 win.

Strong went to a 1-1 record with the win that day.



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Out Straight	16	110	Coldbrook	12	80
Jock and Bra	4	104	jd	0	76
Sergio	12	100	Inventor	12	76
TB	12	98	bucky	16	74
redbarn	16	98	Chupacabra	4	72
DMC	12	96	Millsy	12	68
Amos	16	96	Zap	8	58
cosmo	12	94	skibum	8	55
Laural	12	94	Flaflander	4	52
Masters	12	94	Mr. Web	0	44
Maple	16	92	capt. Jay	4	44
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