

# Miners hold off Titans in tight game

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Bingham head coach Mark Dubach knew his team's Tuesday night matchup with the Olympus Titans was going to be competitive for all 32 minutes of the game.

Even when Bingham grabbed its largest lead of 10 points early in the first half and when the Titans went up by seven points two different times during the third quarter, Dubach always expected the game to go down to the wire.

In a game that saw eight lead changes and three ties, it wasn't until Connor Williams made a layup in transition with just 30 seconds left did the Miners put the game out of reach, setting up the 63-57 home victory.

"We know Olympus is a good team; we knew it was going to be a close game," Dubach said of the 3-2 Titans. "We were down most of the second half, so we're just happy (with the outcome)."

Bingham (6-1) took complete control of the game from the start, taking a 12-2 lead with 3:36 remaining in the first quarter. Senior Sean Larson led the Miner attack, scoring eight of his team's points during that run.

After a quick timeout, the Titans rallied and responded with four consecutive three-pointers and



Tanner Curtis eyes his defender and prepares to make an offensive move.

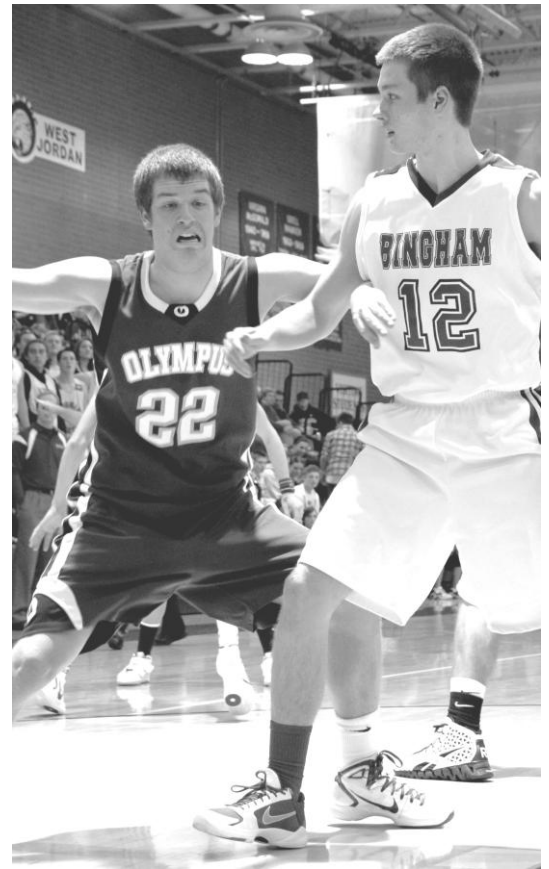
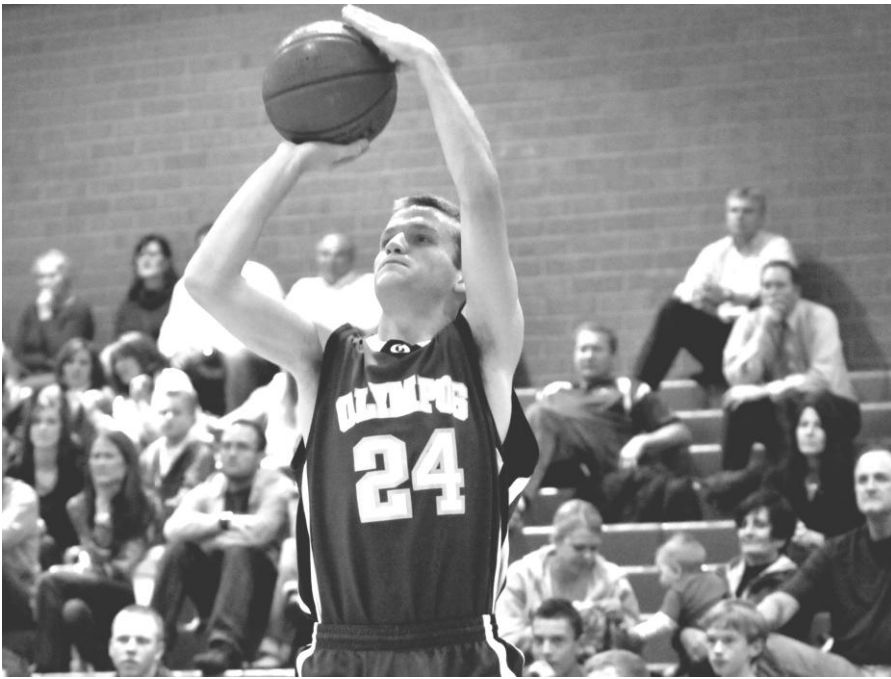
a 19-4 run that spanned the end of the first quarter and the first three minutes of the second, giving Olympus a 21-16 edge.

"We tried to take away their high-post play. We knew they'd make some threes but we felt like we needed to take away their high-post play," he

said, adding that he felt it was a higher priority to limit the Titans' play inside.

While Olympus' shooters were on fire early, making five of their eight treys in the first 16 minutes, the heat cooled and the Titans missed

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key opportunities late in the game.

As the first half wound down, each team countered with its own mini-run, and the Miners went into halftime with a one-point lead, 26-25. The second half, however, began in just the opposite way the first quarter had started. Olympus jumped out into control, going on a scoring run and controlling all aspects of the game.

Just as Bingham had in the first half, the Titans outrebounded and outhustled the Miners for the majority of the third quarter, capturing their largest lead of seven points at 42-35 with two minutes left in the third period. It wasn't until Larson started attacking the basket again did Bingham pull back into contention.

"We just executed," Dubach said when asked what spurred the second-half comeback. "I didn't say anything special, we just started executing."

Larson, along with team leaders Logan Parker and Jordan Phouthavong, scored all but three of the Miners' 23 points in the final quarter.

"Larson was tough tonight with 16 (points); it's his best game of the year," Dubach said of the 6-foot-8 forward, who had a double-double with 12 rebounds and was 6-for-8 from the foul line in the fourth. "We just focused on getting him the ball a little bit more (tonight)."

The final two minutes of the game were filled with free throws as the Titans strived to stay within striking distance before Williams clinched the win.

Parker finished with 20 points, while Phouthavong had 13 and Williams contributed nine. Carter Young led Olympus with 14 points.

**TOP LEFT:** Jordan Marsh appears to have a clear look at the basket while the Bingham fans watch in the background.

**TOP RIGHT:** Carter Young applies some defense on Bingham's Eric Hannay.

## GAME SUMMARY

<b>Olympus</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Bingham</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63</b>

**OLYMPUS (57)** – Tanner Curtis 0-1 0-0 0, J.T. Timmons 2-7 0-0 6, Sam Williams 3-9 1-2 8, Spencer Lindsley 0-1 0-0 0, Carter Young 6-12 0-0 14, Jordan Marsh 2-10 0-1 6, Will Cannon 6-8 0-0 12, Taran Bailey 0-0 0-0 0, Colton Stewart 4-9 2-2 11. Totals 23-57 3-5 57.

**BINGHAM (63)** – Logan Parker 20, Sean Larsen 16, Jordan Phouthavong 13, Connor Williams 9, Beau Hoyer 3, Kobin Courtney 2. Totals 23-41 15-21 63.

**Total fouls:** Olympus 18, Bingham 11.  
**Fouled out:** Cannon, Stewart.

**Three-point shooting:** Olympus 8-27 (Timmons 2, Young 2, Marsh 2, Williams, Stewart).

**Rebounds:** Olympus 27 (Cannon 6), Bingham 23 (Parker 6).

**Turnovers:** Olympus 14, Bingham 13.