

Titans' three-point bombs beat Bountiful

Williams, Marsh make big baskets as Olympus holds on for upset win

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Despite leading most of the game, it looked as if things were slipping away from Olympus early in the fourth quarter with Bountiful finally finding its shooting touch with five straight baskets.

The Titans quickly turned to their bread and butter — the three-pointer — to bail them out.

Coming out of a timeout, Olympus recaptured the lead by burying three treys, a lead it never relinquished with clutch foul shooting on its way to the 60-52 upset road victory.

"It's great when you see your kids succeed in a tough situation on the road," said Olympus coach Matt Barnes. "I told my guys, these are the games you work for, these are the games you live for."

Nearing the midway point of region play, Olympus knew Tuesday's game was a must win. It played with that sense of urgency all game, and now it's tied with Bountiful and Highland atop the Region 6 standings with 4-1 records.

Sam Williams knocked down the first of the decisive 3s to put Olympus back in front



Sam Williams looks to make a big play as he dribbles around a Bountiful defender.

41-40 after relinquishing the lead for the first time since 4-3 early in the first quarter.

Bountiful continued its hot shooting with back-to-back jumpers, but Jordan Marsh had a response each time with consecutive baseline three-pointers to put the Titans in front 47-44 with 3:50 remaining.

"We just needed to continue to execute our offense, and once we did that

we got good looks and we were able to knock them down," said Williams.

The three-pointers seemed to deflate the Braves who found themselves still trailing despite making five straight shots. They struggled the rest of the way making just 2 of 8 shots, and somehow lost a game despite forcing 14 turnovers and committing just

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ABOVE: Colton Stewart is in a tough situation as he tries to pass to a teammate.



INSET: Nic Johnson

RIGHT: Carter Young defends a Bountiful player.



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six of their own.

Despite his fair share of turnovers, Williams was the catalyst to the victory. The senior point guard scored 20 points and knocked down three of Olympus' eight three-pointers.

"He's a tough hard-nosed kid, he's just a guy that controls us and takes care of the ball and hits big shots for us," said Barnes. "He's hit big shots all year for us. As a coach that's a point guard you want out there."

The Titans got great contribution elsewhere including Marsh, who was recently demoted from starter to reserve. He's responded with back-to-back big games, including 11 points against Bountiful.

"You've got to give Jordan Marsh a lot of credit. He had been starting for me for 10 or 11 games, was one of my better JV games last year, but he's really been struggling this year," said Barnes. "I took him out of the starting lineup and he's taken his new role and run with it."

Bountiful was led by Nick Williams' 14 points, but leading scorer McKay LaSalle was plagued by foul trouble all night and only finished with 10 points.

GAME SUMMARY

Olympus	20	5	11	24	-	60
Bountiful	13	8	13	18	-	52

OLYMPUS (60) – Colton Stewart 2-7 6-8 11, Sam Williams 6-7 6-7 21, Jordan Marsh 3-9 1-2 10, Tanner Curtis 1-6 2-2 5, Carter Young 1-4 3-4 5, Will Cannon 3-5 2-3 8, Spencer Lindsley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 16-38 20-26 60.

BOUNTIFUL (52) – McKay LaSalle 3-11 3-5 10, Dillon Salazar 1-2 4-4 6, Nick Williams 7-16 0-1 14, Dan Prawitt 5-8 1-2 11, John Maxwell 0-2 0-0 0, Brit Harding 3-7 0-0 7, Jordan Parkinson 2-5 0-0 4, Morgan Ellis 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 21-55 8-14 52.

Total fouls: Bountiful 21, Olympus 15. **Fouled out:** LaSalle.

Three-point shooting: Olympus 8-19 (Williams 3, Marsh 3, Stewart, Curtis). Bountiful 2-14 (LaSalle, Harding).

Rebounds: Olympus 34 (Stewart 15), Bountiful 28 (Williams 9).

Turnovers: Olympus 21, Bountiful 15.