

Exciting wins mark JV season memories

By Bruce Smith
Matchup

At Olympus, the junior varsity team plays a big role in player development. Coach Marc Hardy said the season isn't dependent on victories, but in giving its players a chance to compete.

The JV squad finished with a 13-7 mark, but Hardy said the highlight was that all the players had their moments to shine. Many of their games were close, and there were positive things to note in almost every one.

One player on the JV roster – Will Cannon – spent the entire season on varsity. Several others suited up on the varsity, but had limited playing time.

It was on the JV were they built their resume this year, and that led to a lot of fond memories, with a few in particular.

"Any time you go to Bingham and beating Bingham, that's great win," Hardy recalled. "We pulled that game out. It was a great win and it gave the kids some confidence."

The other main highlight came at the end. Olympus won four of its last five games. The defeat was a hard-fought 56-51 decision at home to Bountiful but they made up for it with a 65-61 win at Highland that lasted two overtime.

"Those last two games ... they were something," Hardy



Coach **Todd Breinholt** and a group of JV players watch the action on the court.

said. "Losing to Bountiful was a tough loss, and I could see the kids were disappointed at losing. But the Highland game was great. The experience of Bountiful game helped the kids learn to grind out a game and win."

Hardy said the JV team had different players take the reins and lead them to victories, but Jackson Coleman was probably the most consistent. Nick Barnes, Jake Bengtzen, Stuart Pace and Jaren Jones also had some good scoring nights.

Nico Bronzati was on the JV roster and suited up, but did not play due to a football injury.

"He was out all year, but

Olympus JV roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	Jake Bengtzen	Jr.
3	Cole Benson	Jr.
10	Nick Barney	Jr.
20	Jaren Jones	Soph.
21	Scott Porter	Jr.
23	Stuart Pace	Jr.
25	Nico Bronzati	Jr.
30	Will Cannon	Jr.
44	Jackson Coleman	Jr.
45	Nate Breivik	Jr.

Coach: Marc Hardy
Assistant: Todd Breinholt

we gave him a uniform because it was a ceremonial type of thing," Hardy said. "We wanted him to feel like he was part of the team. He'll probably come back next year and be a good player."

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2010-11 JV results (13-7)

Date **Opponent** **W/L** **Score**

Nov. 30 COTTONWOOD **W** **55-51**
Jaren Jones scored 10 points, but it was Nick Barney who scored eight of his nine points in the pivotal third quarter as Oly won its opener.

Dec. 3 MURRAY **W** **63-55**
Jaren Jones had 22 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter, as Olympus pulled away. Stuart Pace also made a difference with nine points.

Dec. 7 at Alta **L** **56-59**
Nick Barney scored 21 points and got Oly off to a good start, but the Titans lost the lead shortly after halftime and dropped a close one to the Hawks. Jackson Coleman added 10.

Dec. 14 at Bingham **W** **66-58**
Nick Barney scored 19 points and Jackson Coleman had 18 as Oly grabbed a 37-23 halftime lead and held on to beat Bingham. The Titans made 11 three-pointers.

Dec. 17 SKYLINE **L** **53-54**
Nick Barney had 20 points and Jackson Coleman 13 as Olympus rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit, but couldn't quite catch up.

Dec. 22 at Box Elder **W** **42-36**
Jackson Coleman got hot early, hitting three treys in the first quarter. He finished with 21 points as the Titans held off Box Elder's comeback.

Dec. 30 at Taylorsville **W** **54-30**
Nick Barney and Jackson Coleman put on a scoring show as Olympus broke open a close game in the second half and went on to rout the Warriors.

Jan. 4 WEST JORDAN **W (OT)** **88-81**
Jackson Coleman scored 29 points and made his presence known with a big fourth quarter as the Titans won in overtime. Nick Barney added 17 and Jaren Jones 15.

Jan. 7 WOODS CROSS* **L** **39-54**
Jackson Coleman led a balanced-scoring effort with nine points, but Olympus didn't have enough offense to match the Wildcats.

Dec. 11 EAST* **W** **49-36**
Jackson Coleman, Nick Barney and Jaren Jones each reached double figures, and Coleman and Barney did most of their damage during the pivotal third quarter when Oly outscored the Leopards 22-9.

Date **Opponent** **W/L** **Score**

Jan. 14 at Stansbury* **W** **62-26**
Nick Barney scored seven of his 14 points in the first quarter as Oly grabbed a big lead and had no trouble. Nate Breivik added eight points, including two three-pointers.

Jan. 21 at Tooele* **W** **69-50**
Nick Barney was a three-point shooting machine. He scored 20 points and Jake Bengtzen and Jaren Jones had 13 each as Oly pulled away in the third quarter.

Jan. 25 at Bountiful* **L** **71-82**
Jackson Coleman had his best-scoring night of the season with 30 points, but the Titans lost the lead in the third quarter and couldn't make up the difference. Nick Barney added 21.

Jan. 28 HIGHLAND* **L** **51-69**
Jake Bengtzen and Jackson Coleman scored 11 points apiece, but Highland managed to pull away in the second half, despite 10 treys by the Titans.

Feb. 1 at Woods Cross* **L** **52-62**
Jackson Coleman scored 19 points, but again Olympus faltered in the second half and dropped their third straight game.

Feb. 4 at East* **W** **76-55**
Jake Bengtzen had the hot hand, scoring 25 points, as this time it was the Titans' turn to win going away and they ended their losing streak.

Feb. 8 STANSBURY* **W** **52-29**
Jackson Coleman had 14 points and Jaren Jones 11 as Oly buried Stansbury early. The Titans had balanced scoring and nearly everyone got in the game.

Feb. 11 TOOELE* **W** **75-48**
Stuart Pace and Nick Barney scored 14 points each, and Jackson Coleman added 13 as Oly jumped on the Buffaloes early and won handily.

Feb. 15 BOUNTIFUL* **L (OT)** **51-56**
Jaren Jones and Jackson Coleman scored 16 points each but the Titans couldn't hold on to the lead and eventually fell to the Braves in the extra session.

Feb. 22 at Highland* **W (2OT)** **65-61**
Jaren Jones had 18 points, but it was Nick Barney's free throws and a three-pointer by Jackson Coleman in overtime that made the difference as Oly ended the season on a high note.