

# Sophs' talent should lead to bright future

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Matchup

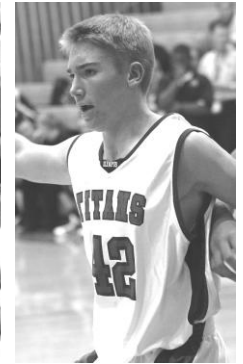
If the 2010-11 sophomore basketball season was any indication, the future is looking bright for the varsity team for the next couple of years.

Brent Burton coached the squad to a 13-7 record this year. The Titans were 9-3 in region play, which was second best behind Woods Cross. With all that the team learned and how they played together, that's a good sign for the future.

"This was a group that was probably as good as any group we've had at Olympus," Burton said. "It was deep and talented. The goal always is to have the best record in the region of all the sophomore teams, and we did pretty well."

"We had a talented team top to bottom. It wasn't necessarily one standout player," he added. "During a typical year, you'll have 8-9 guys contribute. After that, there's usually a big dropoff. This year, it was pretty solid."

The team was led by Jaren Jones, who spent the early part of the season on the JV squad, but played on both teams in order to gain more experience. Jones was frequently the top scorer and, if he continues to improve, could play an integral role on the varsity soon.



LEFT: Madsen Murphy  
MIDDLE: Connor Haller  
RIGHT: Will Christensen

varsity soon.

"He's a big athletic kid and fit in well," Burton said.

Burton also noted that Jake White, Chandler McOmber, Madsen Murphy, Spencer Williams, Tyson Johnston, Sam Fox, D.J. Bracken had high-scoring games at times. Other players found ways to contribute other than scoring.

Burton said the team played its best game at Bountiful, but the highlight had to be defeating neighborhood rival Skyline, 49-44. The Titans were coming off three consecutive losses and managed to win.

"That's a very competitive game and it's much different than any other teams that we played," Burton said. "We had a kid on our team – Connor Haller - from Churchill (Junior High). He was earmarked to go to Skyline. His brother played on the Skyline varsity team, so you know that

## Sophomore roster

No.	Name
1	Jake White
3	Nate Goldsberry
10	Madsen Murphy
11	Connor Haller
12	Sam Fox
15	Chandler McOmber
21	Drew Johnson
22	Spencer Williams
23	Tanner Goates
32	Tyson Johnston
33	Will Caine
35	D.J. Bracken
42	Will Christensen
44	Andrew Durham

**Coaches:** Brent Burton, Greg Boyce, Aaron Whitehead

was interesting for that family."

The Titans' 82-54 win at Bountiful was one of those games where everything came together, Burton said. It was easily Oly's highest-scoring contest of the season. By contrast, the low point of the year occurred when Bountiful came to the Titans' home floor late in the season and pulled off a 60-51 victory.

# OLYMPUS BASKETBALL: Sophomore season recap



Coach **Brent Burton** and a group of Olympus sophomore basketball players intently watch the action on the court.

## 2010-11 Sophomore results (13-7)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Nov. 30	COTTONWOOD	W	74-44	Jake White and Chandler McOmber had 10 points apiece as Titans grab a big lead early in game.
Dec. 3	MURRAY	L	50-54	Chandler McComber, Spencer Williams and Madsen Murphy were big scorers, but rally falls short.
Dec. 7	at Alta	L	46-53	Madsen Murphy leads balanced scoring attack, but Oly can't quite keep up with Hawks.
Dec. 14	at Bingham	L	41-67	Spencer Williams and Tyson Johnston scored nine each, but game gets out hand late.
Dec. 17	SKYLINE	W	49-44	Jaren Jones, Madsen Murphy and Spencer Williams lead as Oly holds on in 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.
Dec. 22	at Box Elder	W	46-40	Chandler McOmber scored 17 and Spencer Williams hits two big threes late in the game.
Dec. 30	at Taylorsville	W	54-39	Jaren Jones, Sam Fox and D.J. Bracken hit big shots as Oly pulls away in third quarter.
Jan. 4	WEST JORDAN	L	52-60	Jaren Jones scored 20 points, but Titans lose their lead in 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.
Jan. 7	WOODS CROSS*	L	48-67	Jaren Jones and D.J. Bracken top Oly scorers, but Wildcats blow this open in 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter.
Jan. 11	EAST*	W	71-50	Jaren Jones scored eight of his 21 points in 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter as Oly bolts to lead and coasts.
Jan. 14	at Stansbury*	W	62-41	Jaren Jones had 16 points, but Spencer Williams keys blowout with threes in 2 <sup>nd</sup> half.
Jan. 21	at Tooele*	W	60-45	Jaren Jones leads balanced scoring with 12 and Oly earns another blowout win.
Jan. 25	at Bountiful*	W	82-54	Jaren Jones had 20 and Tyson Johnston 15 as Oly's offense clicks in another blowout.
Jan. 27	HIGHLAND*	W	53-36	Spencer Williams had 18 and Oly outscored Highland 14-4 in impressive 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter.
Feb. 1	at Woods Cross*	L	39-56	Jaren Jones had 10 points in this close game that got out of hand in 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.
Feb. 4	at East*	W	65-62	Jaren Jones had 10 of his 12 points in 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter as Oly holds off East in close battle.
Feb. 8	STANSBURY*	W	50-26	Jaren Jones had 14 points and Sam Fox 12 as Titans grab big lead and everyone plays.
Feb. 15	TOOELE*	W	55-35	Jaren Jones had 18 and Oly rallied by outscoring Tooele 18-0 in 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter.
Feb. 18	BOUNTIFUL*	L	51-60	Jaren Jones had 15 and leads Oly rally, but Braves pull away late in the contest.
Feb. 22	at Highland*	W	69-57	Jaren Jones had 23 as Oly starts slowly but comes back to end season on a high note.

\* - Region 6 games. Home games in CAPS