

# RIVERTON BASKETBALL



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## Dec. 18 – Riverton 46, Alta 38

**Story of the game:** Whitney Saunders scored 11 points and Shelby Richards had nine as Riverton built a nice lead and held off Alta in a non-region game.

**Coach Ence's comments:** I was really excited for this game. They had beaten us the last two years in pretty close games. I knew the kids wanted to win this one badly. Alta had great shooters and a team that drove to the hoop well.

The staff decided we would need to play some zone defense, throw in some tough man defense, as well as mix in some half-court trap to keep them off balance. Honestly, things were working just fine and we were dictating the tempo through three quarters and held a nice 34-18 lead heading into the fourth.

Wouldn't you know it? We started to melt down under their pressure. And we helped their cause by missing free throws. We shot a miserable 6-of-18 from the foul line and several of those were front ends of a 1-and-1 situation. But we won and this team started showing some strong will under pressure. They call it "bend but don't break." So, we remained unbroken for another day.

### GAME SUMMARY

Riverton	8	16	10	12	-	46
Alta	6	6	6	20	-	38

**RIVERTON (46)** – Mallory Bostic 2 0-0 5, Jamie Smith 2 0-0 4, Gerika Ballard 2 1-3 5, Elyssa Marchant 0 0-0 0, Whitney Saunders 3 5-6 11, Tiena Afu 3 0-0 6, Shelby Richards 4 0-6 9, Pume Currie 3 0-1 6. Totals 19 6-16 46.

**ALTA (38)** – Lauren Garland 5 1-1 11, Samantha Staples 2 0-0 4, Adrianna Jensen 0 0-0 0, Madyson Quigley 1 0-0 2, Chloe Ferre 2 1-1 7, Elsa Ferre 2 0-0 5, Jalissa Bagley 2 2-3 7, Rachel McDonald 1 0-0 2, Rachel Jensen 0 0-0 0. Totals 15 4-5 38.

**Total fouls:** Alta 19, Riverton 8. **Fouled out:** None.

**Three-point goals:** Riverton 2 (Bostic, Richards), Alta 4 (C. Ferre, E. Ferre, Bagley).

### GAME SUMMARY

Viewmont	10	10	13	7	3	-	43
Riverton	7	18	11	4	12	-	52

**VIEWMONT (43)** – Caitlyn Larsen 6 4-4 18, Tana Singley 0 1-2 1, Taya Adams 3 0-0 6, Kauri Tye 1 0-0 2, Katie Toole 7 2-4 16, Shelby Justice 0 0-0 0, Susi Teisina 0 0-0 0. Totals 17 7-10 43.

**RIVERTON (52)** – Mallory Bostic 4 1-2 9, Jamie Smith 1 5-6 7, Gerika Ballard 3 3-3 9, Elyssa Marchant 0 0-0 0, Whitney Saunders 1 2-2 4, Pume Currie 0 2-2 2, Kirsten Spencer 1 0-1 2, Tiena Afu 3 0-0 6, Shelby Richards 3 3 6-12 13. Totals 16 19-34 52.

**Total fouls:** Viewmont 21, Riverton 14.

**Fouled out:** Tye.

**Three-point goals:** Viewmont 2 (Larsen 2), Riverton 1 (Richards).

## Dec. 20 – Riverton 52, Viewmont 43 (OT)

**Story of the game:** Mallory Bostic and Gerika Ballard led a balanced-scoring attack with nine points each as Riverton bounced back from a tough fourth quarter to edge Viewmont in a non-region game.

**Coach Ence's comments:** This was the last game before the Christmas break. The girls were looking ahead to the break and still enjoying the win over Alta. The game was one you would label as a traditional "nail-biter" that goes down to the wire with both teams having a chance to win. Viewmont was a strong team, but not very deep. Their defense was aggressive and gets after teams. They count on two players to do the majority of the scoring and they delivered for them again tonight.

After a slow start, we had a big second quarter, similar to our game against them last year. However, unlike last year, they fought back. They held us to four points in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime.

We got a quick jump on them in overtime and won by nine. I felt that if we hit our free throws, this game never goes to overtime, but that's basketball. Viewmont had a great year. They went undefeated in their region, but lost in overtime in the first round at state to Fremont. They return all their players next year and should be one of the favorites in 5A.