

Dec. 29 – Riverton 58, Herriman 39

Story of the game: Whitney Saunders scored 13 points and Mallory Bostic and Pume Currie added 11 apiece to lift Riverton past Herriman in a matchup between neighborhood rivals.

Coach Ence's comments: The team enjoyed the Christmas break and seemed happy to practicing and playing again. It had been nine days since we played and our game was at Herriman. Considered a rivalry game, and being played in the afternoon, I was worried about how we would perform.

Although we owned a double-digit lead at the half, the Herriman coaches messed us up pretty good in the first half. They changed defenses almost every time down the court. In particular, they used a triangle-and-two defense, meaning that three players play zone, and the other two guarded Smith and Saunders man-to-man. Thank goodness for team balance as Pume and Mallory found themselves open several times and made shots.

It was another strong defensive showing from all the girls. The only down side was poor foul shooting again. Herriman did well this year and qualified for the state tournament for the first time. So this certainly was a good win to close out the year!



Jennica Hogue

GAME SUMMARY

Riverton	19	11	19	9	-	58
Herriman	10	7	13	9	-	39

RIVERTON (58) – Mallory Bostic 5 0-1 11, Jamie Smith 1 1-2 3, Gerika Ballard 2 1-2 5, Whitney Saunders 5 3-5 13, Pume Currie 5 1-1 11, Kirsten Spencer 1 0-0 2, Tiena Afu 3 0-2 6, Shelby Richards 2 0-4 5, Elyssa Marchant 1 0-0 2. Totals 25 6-17 58.

HERRIMAN (39) – Kate Lamoreaux 0 1-2 1, Alexi Smith 4 0-0 11, Brittany Maynard 5 1-1 11, Baily Hayward 1 2-2 4, Kayla Peel 1 0-1 2, Casie Edgington 1 0-0 2, Ashlee Burge 3 2-2 8, Nicholle Shaw 0 0-0 0. Totals 15 6-8 39.

Total fouls: Herriman 17, Riverton 12.

Fouled out: None.

Three-point goals: Riverton 2 (Bostic, Richards), Herriman 3 (Smith 3).

GAME SUMMARY

Taylorville	4	3	7	9	-	23
Riverton	14	26	10	18	-	68

TAYLORSVILLE (23) – Julie Maka 1 0-2 2, Karlee Jensen 3 0-0 9, Mattie Evensen 1 2-4 4, Whitney Olsen 1 1-2 3, Lineti Maile 1 0-0 2, Katie Clarke 1 0-0 3, Cami Toeun 0 0-0 0, Natasha Debenedictis 0 0-0 0, Shalese Chavez 0 0-0 0, Kendra Peterson 0 0-0 0, Samantha Cook 0 0-0 0, Katie Nash 0 0-0 0, Kaitlyn Toluono 0 0-0 0. Totals 8 3-8 23.

RIVERTON (68) – Mallory Bostic 5 0-0 10, Jamie Smith 1 3-3 5, Gerika Ballard 0 0-0 0, Pume Currie 2 1-1 5, Whitney Saunders 8 4-4 20, Kirsten Spencer 1 0-0 2, Tess Campbell 1 3-3 5, Kiena Tai 0 1-2 1, Tiena Afu 2 3-6 7, Shelby Richards 3 2-4 10, Elyssa Marchant 1 0-0 2, Morgan Littlewood 1 0-0 2, Rebecca McDougal 0 1-2 1, Alisha Hopkin 1 1-2 3, Rachel McDougal 0 0-0 0, Jordan Landis 0 0-0 0. Totals 25 16-24 68.

Total fouls: Taylorville 14, Riverton 5.

Fouled out: None.

Three-point goals: Taylorville 4 (Jensen 3, Clark), Riverton 2 (Richards 2).

Jan. 3 – Riverton 68, Taylorsville 23

Story of the game: Whitney Saunders scored 20 points, Shelby Richards and Mallory Bostic had 10 points each as Riverton dominated Taylorsville in the final non-region game of the regular season.

Coach Ence's comments: There seriously was only one way to describe this game: *revenge!* Last season's most embarrassing performance was a loss at Taylorsville. Yes, they lost some good players, but the girls were so determined that I am not sure any team was going to stand in their way tonight.

Defense and transition were the names of the game as we raced out to an unheard of 40-7 halftime lead! We needed this game to help get us ready for region, but I had to put the brakes on and everyone received playing time.

Twelve different Riverton girls scored points. So, preseason was over and the team was undefeated at 11-0 and ranked No. 2 in the state by the local papers. It was only the second time in Riverton girls basketball history team had gone

undefeated in preseason. The other time it happened, the team went on to play in the state championship game.

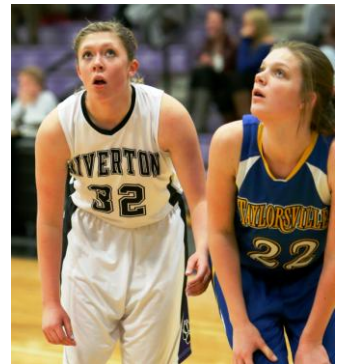
We had struggled to finish a few games and been surprisingly bad from the free-throw line. But this group played hard and feared no one.

I asked my assistant, "where's this team going to end up?"

Coach Lee said, "how about going all the way?"

I responded with a raised eyebrow, "seriously?"

She said bluntly, "yeah....why **not** us?"



Rachel McDougal