

Jan. 8 – Riverton 77, Lehi 44

Story of the game: Whitney Saunders scored 17 points and led a balanced-scoring attack as Riverton opened Region 4 action with a convincing road win at Lehi and kept its undefeated streak going.

Coach Ence’s comments: We opened region play against Lehi, which most coaches around the region agreed had talent, but just couldn’t seem to put it together consistently. They had a good sophomore post, who was 6-foot-2, and they tried to throw the ball to her as often as possible. We needed to pressure the guards so they couldn’t make easy passes to her for layups.

Sure enough, the first two times Lehi had the ball, they simply passed over our heads and their tall post grabbed it and put it in the basket. On the bench, I wondered aloud if it was going to be a long night because we sure didn’t have anyone who could out-jump her. But halfway through the first quarter, the girls applied some fierce half-court defensive pressure, got several steals, and ended up leading 23-10. We were able to outscore them 22-11 in the third quarter and pulled away. Four girls - Jamie, Mallory, Shelby and Whitney scored in double figures, and 11 Riverton girls scored in the game.



Tess Campbell

GAME SUMMARY

Lehi	10	11	11	12	-	44
Riverton	23	12	22	20	-	77

LEHI (44) – Failtot’a Faleao 5 1-8 11, Tyra Rodriguez 0 1-2 1, Brooklyn Willes 2 0-0 5, Reesie Tua 2 1-4 5, Beth Beeston 8 0-0 18, Cherish Mansfield 1 0-1 2, Annika Hancock 1 0-0 2, Kaylie Bartholomew 0 0-0 0, Micala Downs 0 0-0 0, Sam Slater 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 3-15 44.

RIVERTON (77) – Mallory Bostic 3 3-5 10, Jamie Smith 4 1-2 11, Gerika Ballard 1 1-2 3, Pume Currie 2 0-0 4, Whitney Saunders 7 2-3 16, Kirsten Spencer 1 1-2 3, Tess Campbell 1 0-0 2, Tiena Afu 3 1-1 7, Shelby Richards 7 1-3 17, Elyssa Marchant 1 0-0 2, Rachel McDougal 1 0-0 2, Morgan Littlewood 0 0-0 0. Totals 31 10-18 77.

Total fouls: Lehi 12, Riverton 11. **Fouled out:** None.

Three-point goals: Lehi 3 (Beeston 2, Willes), Riverton 5 (Smith 2, Richards 2, Bostic).

Jan. 10 – Riverton 53, Lone Peak 37

Story of the game: Whitney Saunders scored 14 points and Riverton’s defense smothered Lone Peak during the second and third quarters as the Silverwolves rolled past Lone Peak in a Region 4 contest.

Coach Ence’s comments: Lone Peak had been a top team for several years, but this particular year the team struggled. For this game, they missed their two post players, and were starting two sophomore guards. I felt if we came out strong and aggressive we could win pretty easy.

Well, things didn’t go according to plan, at least during the first quarter. They were the aggressors and quickly broke our traps for layups and we ended the first quarter leading by one point. I thought we were a bit stunned and, during the quarter break, I asked everyone to just take a deep breath and start over.

As fast as you could snap your fingers, the girls started flying all over the place on defense and turnovers led to quick points. We outscored them 31-8 in the second and third quarter to put the game away. It was pretty amazing and we are off to a great start in region.



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Lone Peak	11	6	2	18	-	37
Riverton	12	23	8	10	-	53

LONE PEAK(37) – Aubrey Wilson 3 0-0 8, Mallorie Pennie 1 4-7 6, Lyndsee Robison 3 3-4 9, Blaike Ross 1 0-0 3, Abi Johnsen 3 0-0 6, A.J. Call 1 0-0 3, Rachale Asay 1 0-0 2, Peyton Beveridge 0 0-0 0, Adrienne Krout 0 0-0 0. Totals 13 7-11 37.

RIVERTON (53) – Mallory Bostic 1 3-4 5, Jamie Smith 2 1-2 5, Gerika Ballard 0 1-2 1, Pume Currie 1 5-6 7, Whitney Saunders 4 4-6 12, Kirsten Spencer 0 5-6 5, Tiena Afu 2 2-2 6, Shelby Richards 2 1-2 5, Elyssa Marchant 3 0-0 7, Tess Campbell 0 0-0 0, Kiana Tai 0 0-1 0, Rachel McDougal 0 0-0 0, Morgan Littlewood 0 0-0 0, Jordan Landis 0 0-0 0, Alisha Hopkin 0 0-0 0. Totals 15 22-31 53.

Total fouls: Lone Peak 21, Riverton 15.

Fouled out: Robison.

Three-point goals: Lone Peak 4 (Wilson 2, Ross, Call), Riverton 1 (Marchant).

TOP: Whitney Saunders drives to the basket for two of her 14 points.

BOTTOM: Jamie Smith gets by a surprised Lone Peak defender.