

Jan. 22 – Riverton 65, Lehi 35

Story of the game: Shelby Richards, Whitney Saunders and Gerika Ballard each scored in double figures and Riverton’s pressure created havoc for Lehi’s offense and that allowed the Silverwolves to claim another easy win in a Region 4 game.

Coach Ence’s comments: The team took the weekend off and had a good Monday practice preparing for this game. The main concern in these situations was if you beat a team pretty good what, if anything, will they do differently in the rematch?

The girls were actually loose and focused at the same time - if there is such a thing. Maybe the pressure of being undefeated was good to have off their backs. We dictated the tempo on offense and defense, shared the ball and put Lehi on its heels by jumping out to a 32-14 halftime lead. They kept the pedal on and 12 different Riverton girls scored in this game. We forced them into over 30 turnovers.

Lehi should be good next year, as all of its players return. However, the coach had to resign after the season.



Rebecca McDougal

GAME SUMMARY

Riverton	15	17	16	17	- 65
Lehi	8	6	8	13	- 35

RIVERTON (65) – Mallory Bostic 2 0-0 4, Gerika Ballard 4 2-2 10, Shelby Richards 5 2-6 14, Elyssa Marchant 2 0-2 4, Whitney Saunders 5 2-2 12, Jamie Smith 3 0-0 7, Tiena Afu 2 1-2 5, Rachel McDougal 0 2-2 2, Pume Currie 1 0-0 2, Morgan Littlewood 1 0-0 2, Alisha Hopkin 0 1-2 1, Tess Campbell 0 0-0 0, Kiena Tai 0 0-0 0, Rebecca McDougal 0 0-0 0, Jennica Hogue 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 1018-65.

LEHI (35) – Kaylee Bartholomew 0 1-8 1, Micala Downs 0 2-4 2, Beth Beeston 5 4-5 14, Cherish Mansfield 1 0-0 2, Sam Slater 0 0-0 0, Failtoto’a Faleao 4 6-6 14, Anga AhQuin 1 0-0 2, Annika Hancock 0 0-1 0. Totals 11 13-24 35.

Total fouls: Riverton 20, Lehi 14. **Fouled out:** None.

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

Jan. 24 – Riverton 65, Pleasant Grove 39

Story of the game: Whitney Saunders scored 19 points and Shelby Richards and Tiena Afu added 14 each as Riverton bounced Pleasant Grove in a Region 4 road contest.

Coach Ence’s comments: This was the third year in a row we played very well at Pleasant Grove. As a team, Pleasant Grove shot the ball well and had already made 81 three-point shots during the season.

However, we needed to rely on what we had been successful with so far this year and pressure the ball away from the basket. On offense, we showed patience against their zone defense and didn’t settle for the long shots. The girls got after them right from the start and built up a terrific lead of 49-27.

In the huddle as the fourth quarter started, I didn’t know what to say because they were playing so well as a team. So I simply told them they would get Friday and Saturday off from practice if they just would hold on and win this game.

They all let out a big cheer! It’s hard to relate unless you were there, but it was really a funny reaction they made at the time. We won and I kept my end of the deal.

I need to point out the play of Tiena Afu in this game. She came off the bench and had a double-double in points and rebounds and showed a glimpse of her great potential.

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Riverton	20	15	14	16	- 65
Pleasant Grove	10	9	8	12	- 39

RIVERTON (65) – Mallory Bostic 1 0-2 2, Shelby Richards 6 0-0 14, Elyssa Marchant 2 1-2 6, Whitney Saunders 7 5-6 19, Gerika Ballard 0 0-0 0, Tiena Afu 4 6-9 14, Jamie Smith 2 1-2 6, Pume Currie 0 2-2 2, Rebecca McDougal 1 0-0 2, Kirsten Spencer 0 0-0 0, Tess Campbell 0 0-0 0, Rachel McDougal 0 0-0 0. Totals 23 15-23 65.

PLEASANT GROVE (39) – Alyssa Crabb 1 0-2 2, Megan Wilde 4 1-4 12, Hailey Albrecht 0 0-0 0, Lilly Evans 3 3-7 9, McKenna Miles 5 0-0 13, Rachel Eldredge 1 0-2 2, Amelia Fullmer 0 1-2 1, Alexis Sharp 0 0-0 0, CiCi Alder 0 0-0 0, T’naiha Williams 0 0-0 0, Jessica Matheson 0 0-0 0, MeKenzy Miles 0 0-0 0, Maddie Wilde 0 0-0 0. Totals 14 5-17 39.

Total fouls: Pleasant Grove 19, Riverton 16. **Fouled out:** None.

Three-point goals: Riverton 3 (Richards 2, Smith). Pleasant Grove 6 (Wilde 3, Miles 3).



Kirsten Spencer