

Nov. 20 – Riverton 41, Davis 36

Story of the game: Shelby Richards came off the bench to score 16 points in her first game in a Riverton uniform as the Silverwolves held off Davis in the non-region opener for both teams..

Coach Ence’s comments: We started the season at home vs. Davis in an endowment game. Our boys were playing the Davis boys team with their endowment game immediately following our game. It was the first time we tried this format.

Davis was a team I figured would be in the hunt for Region 1 title, but I didn’t think they would end up winning it. They returned a couple of aggressive guards, but I was not sure about how well they could handle the ball under pressure. The strength of their team was their 6-foot post named Richardson. She was going to present a problem that would repeat itself during the season. That is, our posts would usually end up guarding taller post players almost every game.

This was the game that Shelby Richards sort of burst onto the Riverton basketball scene. She came off the bench about three minutes into the game and proceeded to score 12 points in the first quarter! We applied pressure near half court pretty much the whole game. Davis committed over 30 turnovers, thanks to Mallory, Jamie, Pume and Shelby’s, aggressive defensive play against their guards. The Davis post ended up fouling out and we had a great opening-night win.

GAME SUMMARY

Davis	11	6	10	9	- 36
Riverton	14	7	11	9	- 41

DAVIS (36) – Caitlyn Gibson 3 0-0 7, Emily Bott 0 1-4 1, Morgan Hartvigsen 1 3-4 5, Natalie Mecham 2 1-4 5, Jessica Richardson 3 0-0 6, Sarah Beecher 3 2-2 8, McKenzie Day 1 0-0 2, Karly Sprague 1 0-1 2. Totals 14 7-15 36.

RIVERTON (41) – Mallory Bostic 2 0-0 4, Jamie Smith 1 0-0 3, Gerika Ballard 2 3-7 7, Elyssa Marchant 0 0-0 0, Whitney Saunders 2 2-2 6, Shelby Richards 6 4-8 16, Kirsten Spencer 0 2-2 2, Tiena Afu 0 1-2 1, Rachel McDougal 0 0-2 0, Pume Currie 0 2-3 2. Totals 13 14-26 41.

Total fouls: Davis 19, Riverton 17. **Fouled out:** Richardson.

Three-point goals: Davis 1 (Gibson), Riverton 1 (Smith).



Mallory Bostic approaches a Davis defender as Elyssa Marchant watches intently from behind.

GAME SUMMARY

Mtn Crest	8	6	9	9	- 32
Riverton	16	10	21	9	- 56

MOUNTAIN CREST (32) – Kelsey Nelson 1 0-2 3, Kelsey Kartchner 2 2-3 6, Katie Wallentine 4 2-6 10, McKenzie Anderson 0 0-0 0, Kenzie Rasmussen 2 1-2 5, McCayla Hanks 2 0-0 4, Baylee Willden 1 0-0 2, Kayla Erickson 1 0-0 2, Haylee Hemmert 0 0-0 0. Totals 13 5-13 32.

RIVERTON (56) – Mallory Bostic 7 1-1 15, Jamie Smith 3 2-2 8, Gerika Ballard 0 0-2 0, Elyssa Marchant 3 0-0 7, Whitney Saunders 4 5-6 13, Tiena Afu 1 0-0 2, Shelby Richards 5 1-2 11, Rebecca McDougal 0 0-1 0, Kirsten Spencer 0 0-0 0, Tess Campbell 0 0-0 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, Rebecca McDougal 0 0-0 0, Jennica Hogue 0 0-0 0. Totals 23 9-14 56.

Total fouls: Mountain Crest 14, Riverton 13. **Fouled out:** None.

Three-point goals: Mountain Crest 1 (Nelson), Riverton 1 (Marchant).

Nov. 27 – Riverton 56, Mountain Crest 32

Story of the game: Mallory Bostic, Whitney Saunders and Shelby Richards each scored in double figures and the Riverton defense shut down Mountain Crest to record a decisive non-region victory.

Coach Ence’s comments: Mountain Crest is a high school that is just a south of Logan - in Cache Valley. They were chosen as one of the preseason favorites in 4A - just behind Springville and Bonneville high schools. They had big post players and a new coach, so we were not sure what to expect from them.

We were also not sure what to expect from our girls, especially coming off the long Thanksgiving Day weekend. The coaching staff whispered during warm-ups that it appeared we should be much quicker. We needed to pressure out front, so that it would be difficult to enter the ball to their posts down on the block. That’s what the kids did and built a 10 point halftime lead. They then proceeded to outscored them 21-9 in third quarter to put game away early. There was a great team effort on both ends of the floor, featuring balanced scoring and quick disruptive defense. If this trend continues, we are going to contend for region and maybe more.