

RIVERTON BASKETBALL: Senior Night



TOP LEFT: Rachel McDougal is introduced to the home crowd in Riverton's home finale.

TOP RIGHT: Tiena Afu goes up for a shot.

LOWER LEFT: Riverton players enjoy the final minutes.

LOWER MIDDLE: Mallory Bostic fires away from the perimeter.

Jan. 24 – Riverton 65, Pleasant Grove 39

Story of the game: Shelby Richards scored 14 points, leading four girls in double figures, as Riverton had no trouble bouncing Pleasant Grove and ended the regular season on a winning note in front of its home fans.

Coach Ence's comments: Our Senior Night was here again. We lost six players, most who had given four years of hard work and great basketball - Rachel, Elyssa, Pume, Jamie, Gerika and Whitney. I have to say if there were better kids in the school, I would have loved to meet them because this group was pretty special. I watched them sacrifice hour after hour of personal and family time to be at practices, games and team activities all year.

Pume, Jamie, Gerika and Whit made the varsity as ninth graders and improved and progressed until their talents took them all the way to the top.

Rachel McDougal sang the national anthem before the game. I was not surprised to see the girls immediately focus at tipoff and get after it. Wanting to give it all in their last home game, they dominated. It was basically over at halftime with Riverton leading 36-12.

We had amazing team balance as four of our girls scored in double figures and one more added eight points. After the game, a parent of a Pleasant Grove player congratulated me on our fine team, told me they hated playing us (in a friendly way) and mentioned if we play like that we could go all the way.

Great night and great memories we will all enjoy for years. We finished region play tied for second place with American Fork and we later flipped a coin to see who got to enter the tournament as the second and third seeds.

GAME SUMMARY

Pleasant Grove	3	9	8	5	- 25
Riverton	14	22	9	17	- 62

PLEASANT GROVE (25) – Alyssa Crabb 0 2-2 2, Megan Wilde 2 1-2 6, Hailey Albrecht 0 2-2 2, Lilly Evans 0 0-0 0, MeKenna Miles 3 2-3 11, Savannah Weidauer 1 0-0 2, Rachel Eldredge 1 0-0 2, Alexis Sharp 0 0-0 0, CiCi Alder 0 0-0 0, Amelia Fullmer 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 7 7-11 25.

RIVERTON (62) – Jamie Smith 5 0-0 11, Gerika Ballard 5 1-4 11, Rachel McDougal 0 0-1 0, Pume Currie 1 0-2 2, Whitney Saunders 4 4-4 12, Mallory Bostic 3 2-2 8, Shelby Richards 5 1-2 14, Elyssa Marchant 1 0-1 2, 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 25 8-16 62.

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

Three-point goals: Pleasant Grove 4 (Miles 3, Wilde), Riverton 4 (Richards 3, Smith).

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ON TUESDAY, Feb. 12, the Riverton girls basketball team celebrated “Senior Night” with a win over Pleasant Grove.

Six seniors finished their basketball careers, and enjoyed a night to remember as they were greeted by nice crowd and posed for pictures with their parents.

For many of the players, this was the final touch of a career that – in four seasons - saw them win 78 games, a state title and two region crowns.

SENIOR NIGHT

TOP LEFT: Gerika Ballard

TOP RIGHT: Jamie Smith

MIDDLE RIGHT: Pume Currie

LOWER MIDDLE RIGHT: Rachel McDougal

LOWER LEFT: Elyssa Marchant

LOWER RIGHT: Whitney Saunders

