

Charlton's play tops JV memories

Season finale victory helps Warriors end on a good note

By Bruce Smith
Matchup

The Weber junior varsity girls basketball team came into its own this season, primarily due to the on-court thrills created by Hannah Charlton.

Charlton, a 5-foot-4 junior guard, was easily the team's leading scorer and vocal leader. She had several big games that led to Warrior victories, including a 28-point effort that resulted in a comeback win over Bear River and a 29-point night a week later at Taylorsville.

"She was the voice of the JV team," said coach Kelsey Sparkman. "She said the first half of the year she wasn't 'in' to basketball, but we didn't see it."

Charlton dominated in several JV games and eventually earned a starting spot on the varsity. For the season, she averaged 14.5 points per game in JV contests. As she got more varsity time, several different players showed improvement.

The JV team finished with an 8-12 overall record, including 4-6 against Region 1 opponents. The Warriors defeated Davis and Northridge both times, but dropped their contests to the other league teams, including several close ones. The JV team played its



Hannah Charlton had several high-scoring games on the JV and varsity teams.

games after the varsity, so some of the players came in tired, but it didn't present a problem.

Abbie O'Neill, Courtney Bedke, Kayla Green, Karon Garrett, Haley Nelson and Reilly Shook took turns fueling the offense and each will likely be counted on even more next season.

Sparkman said she thought the team's best game came in the season finale at Fremont, a 57-51 win.

"That game was fun because nobody quit," she said. "All three (of Weber's) teams came to play because they knew we weren't going to state."

Charlton finished that game with 17 points and O'Neill had 12. What helped make it

JV roster

| No. | Name |
|-----|-------------------|
| 2 | Reilly Shook |
| 3 | Megan Bedwell |
| 4 | Courtney Bedke |
| 5 | Abbie O'Neill |
| 11 | Haley Nelson |
| 12 | Hannah Dixon |
| 13 | Hannah Charlton |
| 15 | Mikah Meyer |
| 22 | Jessie Shaw |
| 23 | Kayla Green |
| 24 | Karon Garrett |
| 25 | Sophie Gustaveson |
| 33 | JoCee Porter |
| 42 | Kayla Bramwell |

Coach: Kelsey Sparkman

memorable, though, as that Megan Bedwell, O'Neill, Charlton and Green combined to make 11-of-11 free throws in the fourth quarter.

"It was great to end on a good note," said Sparkman.

WEBER BASKETBALL: JV season recap



WEBER WARRIORS JV BASKETBALL TEAM

TOP ROW: Reill Shook, Hannah Dixon, Karon Garrett, Haley Nelson, Megan Bedwell, Abbie O'Neill, Kyra Bramwell.

BOTTOM ROW: Kayla Green, Sophie Gustaveson, JoCee Porter, Mikah Meyer, Courtney Bedke, Hannah Charlton, Jessie Shaw.

Junior varsity results (8-12, 4-6)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Opponent</u> | <u>W/L</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Notes</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|---|
| Nov. 20 | HUNTER | W | 44-14 | Hannah Charlton scored 14 points as Weber blew the game open in the 3 rd quarter. |
| Nov. 27 | HERRIMAN | L | 29-38 | Charlton had 11 points, and Karon Garrett led a 4 th -quarter rally that fell short. |
| Nov. 29 | BEAR RIVER | W | 42-38 | Charlton had an amazing 28 points and dominated the 4 th quarter during a huge Weber rally. |
| Dec. 4 | OGDEN | L | 42-45 | Abbie O'Neill had 12 points and Kayla Green kept the game close with two treys late in the game. |
| Dec. 7 | at Taylorsville | W | 42-36 | Charlton scored 29 points, including 11 in the final quarter, as Weber put together another rally. |
| Dec. 11 | at Brighton | L (OT) | 54-57 | Charlton scored 22 points and O'Neill 20 as Weber rallied again, but fell short in overtime. |
| Dec. 14 | BOUNTIFUL | W | 39-38 | Charlton had 12 points and Green again came through with big shots from the perimeter. |
| Dec. 18 | at Bingham | L | 28-31 | O'Neill and Megan Bedwell had six points each in this defensive-minded contest. |
| Dec. 20 | at Lone Peak | L | 28-29 | Charlton scored 15 points and Weber stayed close thanks for LP's poor free-throw shooting. |
| Jan. 2 | SKY VIEW | L | 41-65 | Charlton led with 17 points but Sky View pulled away in the 4 th quarter. |
| Jan. 8 | LAYTON* | L | 20-36 | Courtney Bedke scored eight points and Charlton six, but there was little other offense. |
| Jan. 11 | at Fremont* | L | 33-43 | Charlton scored 16 points, but the difference was how Fremont pulled away in the 3 rd period. |
| Jan. 15 | DAVIS* | W | 42-37 | Charlton had 24 points, including four treys, as Weber built a nice lead and hung on. |
| Jan. 18 | at Syracuse* | L | 32-35 | Charlton led again with 13 points as the game went down to the final seconds. |
| Jan. 25 | NORTHRIDGE* | W | 54-44 | Charlton, Green and Haley Nelson had big games as Weber blew the contest open early. |
| Jan. 29 | at Layton* | L | 31-35 | Reilly Shook scored 12 points and Charlton had 10 but the Warriors couldn't hold on to the lead. |
| Feb. 1 | FREMONT* | L | 30-54 | Green paced Weber with six points, but Warriors were out of this game early. |
| Feb. 5 | at Davis* | W | 42-32 | Charlton had 18 points, most came in the 3 rd quarter when Weber took a comfortable lead. |
| Feb. 8 | SYRACUSE* | L | 35-37 | Green had 14 points for Weber, but again Syracuse came through and won a close one. |
| Feb. 12 | at Northridge* | W | 57-51 | Charlton had 17 points and O'Neill 12 and Weber made all of its free throws at the end. |

* - Region 1 games. Home games in CAPS