

# Sophs' success offers hope for more

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Matchup

As excited as the Weber girls varsity basketball team was entering the season, the sophomore team felt the same when it ended.

The Warrior girls finished with a 16-4 overall record and coaches Emily Cottle and Kelsey Sparkman were thrilled at the progress the team made. Led by Kayla Green, Abbie O'Neill, Haley Nelson, Reilly Shook, Jessie Shaw, Megan Bedwell, Mikah Meyer and others, Weber's sophs won four straight games to start the season and finished on a six-game win streak.

Eleven of the team's 20 points were won by 10 points or more. With the exception of a one-point loss to Sky View, the sophs won every home game. It was a dominating performance that gave the coaches high hopes for the future.

The highlight of the season was the fact that Weber won all three of its overtime games. It also ended the year with a dominating performance in the fourth quarter that resulted in a 51-40 win at Northridge.

"They had a great year," said varsity coach Rick Stoeckl. "The girls showed a lot and I don't expect a drop off (from the varsity) in the future."

The success showed this eventually could be a special team. Coach Kelsey Sparkman



LEFT: Haley Nelson  
ABOVE: Abbie O'Neill

said the team was led primarily by O'Neill, who showed "unreal" athletic ability.

"She also had been working on her shot," Sparkman said, "and she jumps like a boy."

O'Neill also provided a lot of excitement. At 6-foot-1, she showed opponent a lot of physicality and came a long way with her basketball skills.

"She improved so much," Sparkman said. "She also got some varsity time."

Megan Bedwell provided more athleticism to the team and Green sparked the squad with her passing skills at point guard.

## Sophomore roster

No.	Name
2	Reilly Shook
3	Megan Bedwell
5	Abbie O'Neill
11	Haley Nelson
12	Hannah Dixon
15	Mikah Meyer
22	Jessie Shaw
23	Kayla Green
25	Sophie Gustaveson
42	Kyra Bramwell

Coaches: Emily Cottle,  
Kelsey Sparkman

"She played point guard for the JVs and sophs," Stoeckl said. "When she was out, we had to change a few positions."

# WEBER BASKETBALL: Sophomore season recap



**WEBER SOPHOMORE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM**

**TOP ROW:** Reilly Shook, Abbie O’Neill, Haley Nelson, Megan Bedwell, Hannah Dixon.

**BOTTOM ROW:** Jessie Shaw, Mikah Meyer, Kyra Bramwell, Sophie Gustaveson, Kayla Green

## Sophomore results (16-4, 8-2)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Nov. 20	HUNTER	W	59-28	<b>Kayla Green</b> scored 17 points and <b>Abbie O’Neill</b> had 16 to help Weber dominate early.
Nov. 27	HERRIMAN	W	48-26	<b>Green</b> led a balanced-scoring effort with 10 points as Weber pulled away in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half.
Nov. 29	BEAR RIVER	W	34-24	<b>O’Neill</b> had nine points and <b>Jessie Shaw</b> eight in this defensive-minded contest.
Dec. 4	OGDEN	W	55-14	<b>Green</b> scored 20 points and had help from <b>Reilly Shook</b> (15) and <b>Shaw</b> (10) in this easy victory.
Dec. 7	at Taylorsville	L	37-41	<b>Green</b> had 10 points and <b>Shook</b> nine, but the breaks went Taylorsville’s way at the end.
Dec. 11	at Brighton	W	46-25	<b>Green</b> had 15 points, including three treys, as Weber grabbed a big first-half lead.
Dec. 14	BOUNTIFUL	W	42-15	<b>Shook</b> had 15 points and <b>Green</b> 12, and Weber held the Braves scoreless in the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter.
Dec. 18	at Bingham	W	29-25	<b>Green</b> led with nine points and <b>Shaw</b> made two important free throws in the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.
Dec. 20	at Lone Peak	W (OT)	47-45	<b>Green</b> scored 15 points and she and <b>Haley Nelson</b> made their charity shots in overtime.
Jan. 2	SKY VIEW	L	31-32	<b>Shook</b> scored 12 points, but Weber blew a five-point lead in the final quarter.
Jan. 8	LAYTON*	W	40-29	<b>O’Neill</b> had 15 points and Weber broke open a close game by making 15-19 FTs in the 4 <sup>th</sup> period.
Jan. 11	at Fremont*	L	25-39	<b>Green</b> scored nine points, but the Warriors couldn’t narrow a nine-point halftime
Jan. 15	DAVIS*	W	38-36	<b>Shook</b> scored 10 points and got Weber off to a fast start in the final period in close win.
Jan. 18	at Syracuse*	L	26-39	<b>Green</b> had 22 points, but Weber started slowly and didn’t have enough offensive support.
Jan. 25	NORTHRIDGE*	W	50-25	<b>O’Neill</b> had 12 points and Weber began the game with a 20-0 spurt to grab easy win.
Jan. 29	at Layton*	W (OT)	50-40	<b>Green</b> had 16 points and <b>Shook</b> 12 to help Weber break the game open in the extra session.
Feb. 1	FREMONT*	W	45-30	<b>O’Neill</b> and <b>Green</b> each had 15 points as Weber took a 21-6 halftime lead and coasted.
Feb. 5	at Davis*	W (OT)	40-32	<b>Shook</b> had 12 points and <b>O’Neill</b> 11 as Weber finally got some breathing room in overtime.
Feb. 8	SYRACUSE*	W	35-31	<b>Shook</b> scored 17 points and made several big shots during the pivotal 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.
Feb. 12	at Northridge*	W	51-40	<b>Green</b> had 20 points and <b>Mikah Meyer</b> 12 as Weber rallied with a huge 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.

\* - Region 1 games. Home games in CAPS