



Roadrunners take down the Bulldogs, 60-48

By Greg Perkins

Holbrook improved to 13-8 with a 60-48 win over Winslow in front of a packed Munoz Gym on Friday night.

Manny Rico matched the Bulldog first quarter output with 6 of his own. Braylon Taliman also connected from deep, giving Holbrook the early 11-6 lead.

In the second, Taliman, Brady Becenti and Rico each found the mark from distance, and Amare Nelson hit 2 traditional buckets extending Holbrook's lead to 28-21 at the half.

The third quarter was the difference maker. Holbrook's Taliman and Nelson combined for 15 points in the quarter, and Winslow struggled with just 7 points. Holbrook led 46-28 going into the final eight minutes.

In the fourth, Winslow made a bit of a run but never got closer than 8 points. Taliman capped off the best game of his season with 7 more points. Winslow's Jerry Alcithy did his part for the Bulldogs with 10 in the final frame, but Holbrook went on to win the game 60-48.

The Roadrunners were led by the junior Taliman's 20-point effort. Rico and Nelson each netted 14, Travis Bia added 5, as did Becenti. Jah Castille hit one 2-point field goal.

Holbrook made four treys and went 8 for 15 at the free throw line.

Winslow was led by Alcothy's 13 points. Jacobee Chee added 11, Antonio Nezzie, 7; Jayden Curtis, 7; Anthony Nezzie, 4; Jalen Taylor, 4; and Josh David added 2. The Bulldogs made three treys and went 7 for 14 at the charity stripe.

Holbrook entered the game ranked 11th in the 3A rankings. Winslow was ranked fourth prior to this loss.

The Roadrunners are 8-3 in regular season games. This week they will play in Show Low on Wednesday night then will see the same Cougar team in Holbrook on Friday night.

Lady Roadrunners earn a win over the Lady Bulldogs

Holbrook made it a season sweep over Winslow on Friday night. Playing in front of a full house, the Lady Roadrunners saw a big lead disappear in the fourth, but thanks to a couple of 3-point field goals in the final minutes they managed to secure a 50-42 win over the Bulldogs.

Holbrook started well behind a pair of 3-point field goals from Camesha Bahe, and got scoring from five others in the first eight minutes to lead 15-8 after the first.

In the second, the two teams matched each other with 10 apiece. Channing Harrington connected from deep and Maya Francisco scored 4. Winslow's Taylinn Puhuhetvaya drained two deep 3-point field goals for the Dawgs.

Holbrook extended their 7-point halftime lead out to double digits in the third with six different players scoring 2 points. In the final frame Winslow used their pressure defense to go on a 12-1 run, cutting Holbrook's lead down to a single point at 41-40 with less than two minutes left in the game. Tatum Upshaw and Yazzie each scored 6 points during that run.

Holbrook regained their composure in the final 90 seconds. Camesha Bahe and Sami Thomas each connected on huge 3-point field goals much to the delight of the Holbrook crowd. Also, Angelica Uranga Williams took over in the paint collecting offensive boards with putbacks scoring 7 in the final frame helping Holbrook hold off Winslow 50-42.

"We played better than we have been, at least up until the middle of the fourth. We struggled with Winslow's trap, which is surprising since it is the same trap we run. Once we called our fourth time out with still over four minutes left in the game, I thought the girls did a really good job of adjusting to the press and started to attack it the correct way. For them to go over four minutes without a time out and hold off a hard charging Winslow team is something maybe we can feed off of going forward. Camesha, and Sami's 3-point shots were huge, as was Angelica in the paint down the stretch. I was proud of the way the girls played in the final minutes knowing we didn't have a timeout to save us," said Coach Greg Perkins.

"Defensively we did a solid job all around. We took away their leading scorer for most of the game and chased them off the 3-point line in the second half, which made the difference. We really needed this win and the girls got the job done."

Holbrook had a balanced offensive attack led by Uranga Williams' 11 points. Camesha Bahe added 9, Harrington, 8; Sami Thomas, 7; Bailey Williams, 5; KC Tsosie, 4; Francisco, 4; and Heidi Bahe added 2. Holbrook made 9 of 12 free throws and connected on five 3-point field goals.

Winslow was led by Taylin Puhuhatvaya's 13 points. Upshaw added 10; Emiah Yazzie, 6; Kryon James, 5; Ayla Curley, 4; Nalani Chee, 2; and Jesalyn Puhuatvaya added 2. The Bulldogs made both their free throw attempts and made four 3-point field goals.

With the win Holbrook improved to 11-10 on the season and they are now 4-7 in regular season games. They were ranked 16th in the power points, prior to Friday's win.

This week they will play in Show Low on Wednesday night, then see the same 5th ranked Cougars in Holbrook on Friday night.

Roadrunners take part in Doc Wright tourney

By Greg Perkins

Holbrook's boys placed 29th in the 46-team field at the 61st Annual Doc Wright Tournament hosted by Winslow High School over the weekend. The Birds finished with 39 team points.

Holbrook's Tildyn Larson (157) placed sixth with a 3-3 record. Jack Carbonneau (150) was 3-2. Victor Bazan (190) went 1-2. Gregory Queen (175) went 0-2. Gideon Pack (113) was 2-2. Eli Natoni (150) went 0-2. Adian Stump (106) went 1-2.

The Lady Roadrunners finished 28th in the 35-team field with 11 team points. Holbrook had just four wrestlers compete in the meet. Jordyn Lewis (145) went 0-2. Kenadi Stump (100) went 0-2. Riley Patterson (107) went 2-2. Rosario Carrillo (138) went 2-2.

Holbrook's girls team will compete this Tuesday in their final home multi meet.

Wildcats push their streak to eight wins



By Greg Perkins

The Wildcats pushed their current win streak to eight games with three more victories coming last week. Tuesday night they were at Mayer where they overmatched the home team Wildcats, 69-26.

A 28-5 first quarter, was followed by a 21-4 second quarter leaving the Wildcats in complete control with the 40-point halftime lead. With bench players playing the second half, the game was more competitive but the final was never in doubt.

Jaimen Tsosie led with 25 points. Eli James added 12, and Trenton Deets, Cort Miller and Coltran James each netted 6. Anakin Hutchens added 5; Gabe Chairez, 3; Kase Fish, 2; William Grant, 2; and Tatum Dixon finished with 2.

Hosting Williams on Thursday night the game was much more competitive. Williams built a 5-point lead through the first eight minutes, only to see the Wildcats overtake them by 4 points by the half time break. Joseph City scored well in the third with a 22-point effort, then finished off the Vikings in the fourth to get the 77-64 win.

Cort Miller led the way with 20 points. Tsosie added 18; Eli James, 11; Heston Miller, 7; King Robinson, 7; Coltran James, 4; Jaxon Arnell, 3; and Fish added 2.

Saturday's game at Seligman was a little more comfortable. A 5-point first quarter lead exploded to a 48-22 halftime lead thanks to a 31-point second quarter for Joseph City. They stayed hot in the third, then slowed things down in the fourth of the 77-52 win.

Eli James had a slow week by his standards but made up for it in this game. He finished with 29 points. Heston Miller added 12, Hutchens, 7; Robinson, 6; Tsosie, 5; Cort Miller, 5; Arnell, 4; Fish, 3; Deets, 2, Grant, 2; and Dixon helped with 2 points.

With the three wins Joseph City moves their overall season record to 17-6. They are 10-3 in regular season games and ranked fifth in the 1A power rankings heading into Saturday's game. This week they will host Mogollon on Tuesday, travel to Sedona on Wednesday, and host Grand Canyon on Friday night.

Lady Wildcats easily trounce three teams

By Greg Perkins

Another ho-hum week for the Lady Wildcats who rolled up three more victories to their impressive resume of what is now a 20-2 overall record.

Tuesday the team was in Mayer where they simply dominated the home team Wildcats 55-6 for a final score. Twelve players played and 10 of the 12 scored in the lopsided affair. Audrey Neill led the way with 16 points. Amber Neill added 9; McKenzie Jesmer, 8; Tori Beatty, 6; Lileah Kinlicheenie, 4; Gianna Brawley, 4; Jaydiana Kinlicheenie, 2; Kaci Palmer, 2; Jackie Richards, 2; and Raylee Fish added 2 in the big win.

Thursday night the team hosted Williams winning by 30 points in what was their closest game of the week. The final score was 47-17. Audrey Neill led with 19 points and had 10 rebounds, followed closely by her sister Amber's 17-point output. Jesmer had 4, Lileah Kinlicheenie, 2; Beatty, 2; Palmer, 2; and Brawley helped with 1.

Their final game of the week was another laugh. Playing at Seligman on Saturday, the Lady Cats ran up the scoreboard to an 83-8 final tally for their 20th win of the season.

This week, three more games are on tap, with more than likely three more similar outcomes. Tuesday, they host Mogollon and Wednesday will be a trip to face a struggling Sedona team, then Friday night they will host another struggling team Grand Canyon.

Wildcats compete in Doc Wright meet

By Greg Perkins

The Joseph City Wildcats boys team placed 33rd in the 46-team field at the 61st Annual Doc Wright Wrestling tournament held in Winslow on Friday and Saturday. The team finished with 27 team points.

Joseph City had five boys compete in the meet. Alex Diaz (132) went 1-2 in his matches. Jens Hansen (215) also went 1-2. Kameron Brooks (285) followed suit going 1-2 in his weight class.

Manny Whitten (165) went 3-2 advancing to the consolation bracket. Tytan Penrod (165) was 1-2 in his matches.

Thirty-five teams competed in the girls' portion of the tournament. Joseph City scored 16 team points placing them 26th overall.

Seven Lady Wildcats competed in the meet. Baylee Petersen (114) went 0-2. Brooklyn Valdez (100) was 0-2, Katelyn Begay (235) finished with a 1-3 record placing sixth in her division. Katie Baxter (114) went 1-2.

Kayelana Puhuyesva-Numkena (165) went 1-2. Liberty Rodriguez (120) was 1-2. Madison Faulkner (107) was 0-2.

The next tournament the Wildcats boys will compete in will be the 36th Annual Mogollon Rocky Nelson Invitational held on the final weekend of January.

The Ladies will compete next weekend at the Rumble on the Rim tournament hosted by Payson High School.



Lobos split two games

By Greg Perkins

Snowflake split their two games played last week picking up a 71-58 home court region win over Alchesay on Friday night, then dropping a freedom game to Valley Christian on Saturday evening by a final of 72-39.

Friday's win over the Falcons kept Snowflake in a tie for third place in the east region standings with a 2-2 record. They are tied with Holbrook in standings, as well as their head-to-head records at this point.

The Lobos still have six region games remaining, as well as freedom games with Payson and ALA - Anthem South.

This week they travel to Winslow on Tuesday, then will go on the road to Payson on Thursday. Friday night they will play in Blue Ridge.

Snowflake was ranked 13th in the 3A Power rankings prior to their two games this weekend. Two of this week's opponents are ranked above them. Winslow was ranked fourth before Friday night's loss in Holbrook and Payson sits one position above the Lobos in 12th.

Lady Lobos sit on top of 3A and Copper rankings

By Greg Perkins

The Snowflake girls basketball team found themselves sitting on top of the 3A power rankings, as well as the Copper rankings when they were both released for the first time on Tuesday afternoon.

This week they only solidified that position with a home win over Alchesay on Friday, followed by a road win at Valley Christian on Saturday.

Their first meeting with the Falcons in Whiteriver, was an 11-point final outcome. This time hosting the Falcons, Snowflake again built a decent lead early, but they were outscored in the second half of a 59-48 final outcome.

Saturday afternoon, the team traveled to Chandler to face eighth-ranked Valley Christian. The Trojans had just one regular season loss, prior to their meeting with the unbeaten, at least in regular season, Lobos.

Snowflake didn't struggle, confirming their spot on top of all 1A-3A schools in girls basketball. The Lobos easily won the game 51-35.

This week Snowflake will be on the road for three straight games. Tuesday, they travel to face Winslow. Thursday they will be on the road to play Payson. Then Friday a short trip to Blue Ridge.

Snowflake is on top of the 3A rankings. Tuba City is second; Window Rock, third; Pusch Ridge, fourth; and Show Low is currently fifth. The Lobos have already defeated Tuba City and Pusch Ridge this season, both on the road. Next week they will face Show Low twice in four days.

Snowflake enters this week with an overall record of 20-1.

Lobos travel to Winslow for Doc Wright tourney

By Greg Perkins

Both Lobo wrestling teams were in Winslow over the weekend competing in the 61st Doc Wright Tournament.

Morenci won the boys team title with 253.5 team points. Corona Del Sol was second with 192.5, followed by Marana High School in third with 182. Payson finished fourth with 176 and Show Low rounded out the top five with 161 team points.

Snowflake's boys team finished 22nd in the 46-team field. The Lobos scored 90 team points. Their top finisher was Kannon Smith (123) who went 5-1 and placed third. Gavin Papa (150) went 4-2 and placed fifth.

Cohen Brimhall (138) went 0-2. Dalton Larson (215) was 1-2. Edge Bryant (113) went 0-2. Gunner Cardon (157) went 2-2. Issac Woodside (285) went 2-2. Jack Butler (175) was 1-2. Karson Kupfer (165) was 2-2. Kellen Rodriguez (106) was 0-2. Krew Burden (120) was 4-2. Logan Bailey (106) went 2-2. Maddox Wood (126) was 1-2. Omar Marin (190) went 0-2. Pacer Rodgers (132) finished 0-2.

The boys team will next compete in the 2026 Lusi James W.A.R. Duels held this coming weekend at Queen Creek High School.

The Lady Lobos finished fourth overall out of 35 teams at the Doc Wright tournament. Campo Verde took the top spot with 150 points, followed by Red Mountain with 142, Boulder Creek 122 and Snowflake had 104. They were one point ahead of fifth place finisher Sanra Day O'Connor's 103.

Mareli Marin (165) was the top individual placer for the Lobos with a third place finish with her 5-1 record. Sara Shumway (120) placed fourth with a 3-2 record. Madi De La Cruz (126) placed sixth with a 4-3 finish. Julia Jones (132) placed sixth with a 4-3 record. Brooklinn Baldwin (138) also finished sixth with a 4-3 record.

Those not placing but earning team points were Emilyta Tso (152) who went 2-2. Katalyn Haws (132) went 1-2. Laini Hancock (145) went 3-2. Sara Blackman (185) finished with an 0-2 record.

The Lady Lobos will next compete in the Diego Gadea Invitational meet hosted by Salpointe Catholic this coming weekend. That will be their final tournament before sectionals are held.



Winslow Bulldogs take sting out of the Yellowjackets

By K. Conner

On Jan. 13, the Winslow Bulldogs traveled to Lakeside to take on the Yellowjackets of Blue Ridge in a game where the Bulldogs would start off slow but then settle in and take the lead and hold onto it throughout.

In the first quarter the Bulldogs would out score the Yellowjackets 19-15. In the second quarter the Bulldogs would increase their lead, shooting 20 to the Yellowjackets 13, making the halftime score Winslow 39, Blue Ridge 28.

In the third quarter both teams would trade baskets with the Bulldogs shooting 16 to the Yellowjackets 14. In the fourth quarter the Bulldogs would take control scoring 19 points and holding the Yellowjackets to 7 points for a final score of Winslow 74, Blue Ridge 49.

Winslow had three players in double figures led by Jacoby Chee with 24 points including four 3-point shots, Jayden Curtis with 15 points with two 3-point shots and Jeremiah Acothley with 14 points. Acothley led the team in assists with 7. Jalen Taylor led the team in rebounds with 20. Chee led the team in steals with 4. Winslow was 6 of 11 from the line.