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Madison too much for Hillcrest

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At Rexburg, defending 5A champion Madison led 37-20 at the half and cruised to a 69-44 win over Hillcrest in high school boys basketball Wednesday night.

Bobcats senior Jace Balls led his team with 15 points, while teammate Kory Matthews contributed three 3-pointers on his way to 13 points.

"I felt like both teams battled hard," Madison coach Bill Hawkins said. "We executed pretty well in the second quarter." Madison outscored Hillcrest 23-11 in that quarter.

Madison struggled at the free throw line, converting only 16 of 25 attempts. Hillcrest made 12 of its 14 shots at the free-throw line.

"I like where we're at as a team this early in the season," Hawkins said. "We've got to continue to play as a team to continue this success."

Madison (2-1) will next play at Pocatello at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Shelley 53, Preston 40

At Shelley, Logan Driscoll scored 13 points to lead the Russets to a win over Preston.

Shelley jumped out early, leading 19-10 after the first quarter. The Russets never relinquished that lead on their way to an eventual 13-point victory.

"Driscoll had a good offensive game; he really set the tone for us in the first quarter," Coach David Hadley said. "We had good balance in scoring overall."

Tommy Higham scored eight points, while Tanner Higham and Tyson Cox pitched in with seven each.

"Preston is a very quick and aggressive team," Hadley said. "We were able to match that aggressiveness, and I felt that was the key for us tonight."

Aberdeen 67,

West Jefferson 40

At Terreton, Aberdeen's Miguel Gonzalez scored 15 points in a win over West Jefferson.

Rhett Driscoll and Aaron Schritter each scored 14 points for Aberdeen, which led by 17 points in the first quarter.

"(Aberdeen) was a lot more physical than us and they totally outplayed us," West Jefferson coach John Tucker said.

Damon Johnson scored 11 points in the second half and Ty MacDonald added 11 for the Panthers (2-1), who play at South Fremont on Saturday.

Girls basketball

Shelley 50,

American Falls 9

At American Falls, Shelley's Jaclyn Hone led all scorers with 18 points as the Russets overpowered American Falls.

"(Jaclyn Hone) is one that you can always count on," Shelley coach Burke Davis said.

The Russets led 29-4 at halftime.

"Erica Bradshaw (eight points) had her best game of the year so far. She created chaos for them and disrupted their flow," Burke said. "They came out with a lot more intensity tonight, both offensively and defensively," Davis said.

Shelley (5-2) plays host to Firth at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Sugar-Salem 50, Snake River 28

At Moreland, Snake River players Saige Goff, Mallory Stimpson and Kamel Hernandez each scored eight points as the Panthers fell to Sugar-Salem.

"We just didn't handle their full-court pressure very well and had a lot of turnovers," Snake River coach Barbara Bedwell said.

After finding themselves behind 31-13 at the half, Snake River played better through the final two quarters, being outscored by only 19-15 in the second half.

Ririe 43, Aberdeen 19

At Ririe, the Bulldogs dominated Aberdeen, with three players scoring in double digits.

Bulldog McKenzie Abbot added two 3-pointers on her way to scoring 10 points with Camille Burden and Alex Park also scoring 10.

"The girls are playing better," Ririe coach Leroy Johnson said. "We're starting to shoot a lot better." The Bulldogs are 2-4 on the season.

Falling behind 10-6 after one quarter, Ririe controlled the second quarter, outscoring Aberdeen 14-3 for a comfortable 20-13 halftime lead.

Wrestling

Rigby 43, Burley 35

Minico 50, Rigby 17

At Rigby, the Trojans started out their new wrestling season with a win over the

Burley Bobcats, but dropped a dual against the Minico Spartans. Rigby's Mitchell Thompson, Rusty Robinson and Cade Searle won both their matches in the double-dual.

"Minico is always one of the best teams in the state," Rigby coach Lyle Thompson said. "Against Burley the kids really stepped it up and wrestled well, I was really proud of the them."

Rigby (1-1) will wrestle at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Ashton against North Fremont and South Fremont.

Madison 44, Burley 30

Minico 63, Madison 16

At Rigby, the Madison Bobcats made short work of the Burley Bobcats on the mats, but ran into a tough Spartan team in their second dual.

"Our young kids looked pretty good," Madison coach Dan Clayson said. "The seniors did well tonight. We still have some work to do, but we looked OK."

Madison (1-1) will wrestle at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Rigby against the Trojans.

Jerome 43, Hillcrest 25

A. Falls 60, Hillcrest 11

At Hillcrest, the Knights opened the season with tough matches against the Tigers and Beavers.

"Nickolas Morano is a freshman and did a good job for us with two wins tonight," Hillcrest coach Bob Neal said. "Our seniors have stepped up and they are figuring it out. American Falls has a good team."

Hillcrest will wrestle at 3 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday in Boise at the Boise Duals.

Bonneville 37, Jerome 33

A. Falls 48, Bonneville 25

At Hillcrest, the Bees defeated Jerome, but fell to the Beavers in double-dual wrestling action.

"Things went good tonight as we started the season off well," Bonneville coach Zairrick Wadsworth said. "We need to work on some things, but we're excited and ready to continue with good things."

Bonneville will wrestle at 7 p.m. Wednesday at home hosting the Skyline Grizzlies.

Boys hockey

Bonneville-Hillcrest 10,

Skyline 1

At Idaho Falls, Bonneville-Hillcrest jumped out to a 5-1 first-period lead and cruised to a win over Skyline on Tuesday night.

Devin Crighton scored two of his three goals in the first period. Dylan Sherick added two goals and an assist and Jake Belnap chipped in two assists for Bonneville-Hillcrest.

Tom Hughes scored the lone goal for Skyline, with assists going to Ben Claver and Brady Ritchie.

Mac Cox made 22 saves for Skyline and Austin Mooso stopped 19 shots for Bonneville-Hillcrest.

Skyline takes on Idaho Falls on Tuesday at the Tautphaus Park Ice Center.