

Triumph by Beavers sets horns

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BEAVERTON—Horns honked and people rejoiced in this tiny town Friday night. . . the Beavers beat arch-rival Coleman.

In a rivalry which took up where last year's district finals left off, Beaverton High used a definite height advantage and capitalized on some Coleman turnovers to down the Comets, 61-49, in the Jack Pine Conference opener for both schools.

The win enabled the Beavers to remain unbeaten in two games htis season while also maintaining the edge over a hustling Coleman team for the second consecutive year.

Last season Beaverton nipped Coleman in the district finals, 62-61, to win the championship, while also outdistancing the Comets in league competition. The Beavers finished third in the JCP with a 9-5 record, while Coleman was fourth at 6-8.

Beaverton jumped out to a 19-9 lead in the first quarter and led by as many as 16 in the final period, but the Comets would not give up. Even with the game apparently out of reach, the Comets scored six quick points to bring them within 10, but it was too late.

"This is a bitter rivalry," Beaverton Coach Roy Johnston explained afterwards. "No one is going to blow the game open when these two teams play. It's a dog-eat-dog battle."

Coleman Coach Jim Simpson, though more reserved, had nothing but praise for the Beavers and a promise that his team would get better.

"Beaverton has a good team," he said. "They're really going to be a contender in our league. They're a super team."

"They controlled the boards," he continued, "and forced us into a lot of turn-

overs in the first quarter."

"We just couldn't get the momentum," Simpson added. "We didn't shoot well at the free throw line and we just couldn't board with them. But we'll get better."

Although rebounding hurt the Comets, the failure to take advantage of a bonus situation in the third and fourth quarters may

have been more vital. Four times the Comets failed ot hit the top half of one-and-one situations, losing a possible eight points.

In addition to their own shortcomings, however, the Comets had to cope with 26 points by Beaverton's Doyle Durkee. The 6-foot-1 senior guard was all over the floor in canning 11 field goals and four foul shots.

"Durkee played real well," Simpson said. "He really did a super job."

But Simpson also had praise for one of his own players who also happened to hit the magic 20-point mark. Paul Brugger, a 6-foot senior guard, scored 21 points for the night. "Paul did a great job offensively and defensively," Simpson

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beamed. "He only played in the districts last year because he was hurt much of the season with a football injury."

Johnston singled out another Coleman player for praise, however. Dud Strauch is a fine ballplayer," the Beaverton coach said of the 5-foot-11 senior guard who scored 16 points for the night.

It was Strauch and Brugger's scoring which brought the Comets to within a six-point half-time deficit. Brugger scored eight points, while Strauch added six in putting the Coleman five within striking distance.

However, thanks to two quick buckets from Durkee and another one from Randy Sroufe the Beavers' lead swelled to 10 again and from there it appeared as if Beaverton might rout the Comets.

Durkee ended up with 10 third-quarter points, while Sroufe, a 6-foot-2 senior forward, contributed four to give the Beavers a 49-33 lead.

Coleman attempted to stage a fourth-quarter comeback, but traveling violations and some rough play resulting in fouls—not to mention a stubborn Beaver-

ton defense—kept the Comets at bay.

Beaverton outrebounded Coleman, 40-29. However, the Comets outshot the Beavers from the floor.

Coleman hit 20 of 45 shots for 44 per cent, while Beaverton only could manage 26 of 63 for 31 per cent. The Beavers did shoot better than Coleman from the charity stripe, though. Beaverton shot nine for 12, while Coleman only could hit nine of 20 for the evening.

In the junior varsity game, Coleman crushed the Beavers, 73-36 behind 21 points from Darwin Smith.

Coleman's Bill Diment chipped in with 13 to help the little Comets to the rout, while Dave Keeler led the losers with eight.

Both Coleman and Beaverton get back into action Tuesday night in non-league games. The Comets, who are 1-1 now, host Saginaw St. Stephens, while Beaverton travels to Freeland in an attempt to keep its record unblemished.

Beaverton 19-14-16-12-61
Coleman 9-18- 6-16-49
BEAVERTON: Durkee 11-4-26; O'Brien 2-2-6; Roehrs 1-1-3; Neighbors 2-0-4; Sroufe 4-0-8; Garvin 2-1-5; Stubbs 3-1-7; Schofield 1-0-2. Totals 26-9-61.
COLEMAN: Strauch 7-2-16; Johnson 0-1-1; Konopnicki 2-1-5; Brugger 9-3-21; Moore 2-2-6. Totals 20-9-49.

Game 2

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Dec. 5.

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