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Beavers slip past Evart

EVART—Beaverton remains undefeated—barely—following a one-point victory over Evart Friday night.

Beaver coach Roy Johnston simply said "We were fortunate." Johnston, whose team is now 5-0 in the league following the Jack Pine Conference win, commented on the first two quarters of play — "We stunk the first half." The final score was 53-52.

The Beavers were behind at the half, following a shooting performance as frigid as the weather—only eight of 41 shots from the floor in the half.

The third period was more productive as Beaverton took the lead, and went into the fourth quarter out in front by four points.

Evart didn't give up but Beaverton held a six-point lead. The Wildcats whittled the lead to two points, and then intentionally fouled a Beaverton player with 10 seconds left. The Beaverton free throw was good, giving a three-point lead.

Beaverton called a timeout, and realizing that Evart had no more timeouts, elected to stand aside as Evart brought the ball in. Evart made the field goal, but the clock ran out, giving the Beavers the narrow victory.

Although coach Johnston was less than enthusiastic about the offensive performance of his team, he had only good words for the defense. "We were really tough on defense" he said. "Evart played a heckuva

ball game". Randy Sroufe led the Beaverton scoring with 21 points. Doyle Durkee and Jeff Roehrs each added 10. Durkee was held 12 points below his area-leading average.

For Evart, Keith Nickols dumped in 13 points, followed closely by Rick Outman with 12. Dave Musser added 10 to the Evart effort.

Beaverton keeps working on a perfect season, with 5-0 conference record and a 8-0 overall tally. Evart is now 3-2 in the league, and 3-5 overall.

Beaverton... 10-0-18-17-53
Evart... 14-7-11-20-52
BEAVERTON: Durkee 5-0-10; O'Brien 3-2-8; Roehrs 5-0-10; Neighbors 1-0-2; Sroufe 9-3-21; Stubbs 0-1-1; Russell 0-1-1. Total: 23-7-53.
EVART: McLaughlin 2-1-5; Pritchard 2-0-4; Nickols 5-3-13; Outman 6-0-12; Ryan 2-0-4; Young 1-2-4; Musser 4-2-10. Total: 22-8-52.

Beaverton 53
Evart 52



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Jack Pine

Sroufe pours in 21 to spark Beaverton

Randy Sroufe scored 21 points to lead Beaverton to a 53-52 win over Evart Friday night, as the Beavers widened their first-place lead in the conference.

In other JPC games, Sanford-Meridian beat Farwell 70-56, Roscommon dumped Houghton Lake 56-45, and Harrison

squeezed past Coleman 77-75 in a pair of overtimes.

Doyle Durkee and Jeff Roehrs each hit 10 points for Beaverton, which moves to 5-0 in the league.

Keith Nichols led Evart with 13 points, while Rich Outman scored 12.

The Eagles trailed by three in the contest's closing seconds, but Nichols' layup at the buzzer was all they could manage.

MERIDIAN 70, FARWELL 56
Bill Fillmore scored 16 points for the Mustangs, while Ron Cay chipped in with 11.

Farwell's Lenny Hardoin, not to be outdone, led the Eagles with 17 points. Jamie Hicks rounded out his team's attack with 12 points.

The pair were the only two Farwell cagers in double figures.

Most of Meridian's 14-point edge came from the boards, as the Eagles could bring down only 21 caroms to the Mustangs' 41.

The win was Meridian's first in the conference on the year, against four losses. Farwell slips to 1-4.

ROSCOMMON 56, HOUGHTON LAKE 45
Jeff Cousineau led the Bucks with 27 points. His one-man show doused the efforts of Mike Newsom, Houghton Lake's team leader. He had 19.

HARRISON 77, COLEMAN 75
The statistics were nearly even for the length of the matchup in Harrison, with one exception.

Both teams hit 33 field goals and both had 34 rebounds. But Harrison hit 11 free throws compared to Coleman's nine and those two points made the difference at the end of the second overtime.

Jim Yost was Harrison's leader with 23 points; Mark Smith followed with 21 and Brad Boulton scored 18.

Paul Brugger hit 19 for the Comets, and Dean Johnson chipped in with 18.

With the game tied at 67, Harrison missed a one-and-one situation to end regulation time; with three seconds left in the first overtime, another Hornet missed a one-and-one.

In the second overtime, Brad Boulton got the final basket to clinch it for Harrison.



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EVART (52)
Tryon 2-0-4; Outman 6-0-12; Nichols 5-3-13; Pritchard 2-0-4; Musser 4-2-10; Young 1-2-4; McLachlan 2-1-5. Totals: 22-8-52. By Quarters: 14-7-11-20-52.
JV Score: Beaverton 45, Evart 40

SANFORD-MERIDIAN (70)
McGinnity 5-0-10; Jankowjak 2-3-7; Cousens 2-1-5; Dubay 1-4-8; Fillmore 7-2-16; Cay 3-5-11; IanNorthwich 2-1-5; Brown 0-3-3; Draves 1-3-5. Totals: 23-24-70. By Quarters: 14-10-28-18-70.

FARWELL (56)
Hardoin 7-3-17; Hicks 5-2-12; Robbins 1-1-3; Belch 1-2-4; Wilson 1-4-2; Dewey 1-1-3; Bedard 2-2-6; Leopold 2-2-6; Prayer 0-1-1; Gatchel 1-0-2. Totals: 21-14-56. By Quarters: 8-14-13-21-56.
JV Score: Farwell 51, Meridian 50

