

P O R C U P I N E

R Six Quarters of Unforgettable Basketball

If you think varsity games are more exciting than JV, you obviously missed the Jan. 17th game against Frazer. The Nashua JV basketball team started out with six players against Frazer's eight.

At the end of the first quarter, Nashua was ahead 15-8. The second quarter was back-to-back scoring for both teams, but Nashua was already in trouble with their first player, Dillon Fisher, fouling out at the end of the second quarter.

Adding to Nashua's foul trouble, Brad Clark hurt his knee and was taken out of the game with 4 fouls. The Porcupines were left with four players to start the second half of the game, with the score 26 to 21 in favor of the Bearcubs.

JV coach Kirk Sibley and varsity coach Gary Fisher must have really given a great speech in the locker room because the boys came back ending the third quarter with a score of 33-31 in favor of Nashua. The fourth quarter is where this game turned into one-for-the-decades!

With two minutes left in the fourth quarter, Darby Gorman fouled out, making him the third player to sit the bench. The Frazer Bearcubs' coach, Marlin Jackson, believes in fair play, so he had two players standing on the sideline, making it a 3-on-3 match. With seconds left in the game, Wes Sibley cans a 3-pointer to tie the game at 45-45.

The JV boys started the over-time period with three players on the floor against Frazer's five. Again, the Bearcubs' coach actively played only three of the five. Overtime ends in another tie, when Steven TalksDifferent sinks a basket and makes it 55 all.

The JV team is now in double overtime, and right away point guard Wes Sibley fouled out which left only Ryan Dahl and TalksDifferent on the court. Frazer continued playing a fair game pulling back another player.

It wasn't too long before Ryan Dahl joined the bench, leaving Steven TalksDifferent to play a one-on-two game with the Bearcubs. He fought hard and gave it his all, but it was obvious he was tiring out.

Coach Sibley calls a time out to make a one-player-inbound plan. Steven's first attempt at inbounding was successful. He hit an opposing player on the leg and he attempted a hook shot that almost went in. Frazer inbounded the ball, but turned it back over to Nashua. Steven then inbounded under Frazer's basket, attempting to hit a referee in the leg, but he missed, giving the ball back to Frazer who then scored.

One more time, TalksDifferent inbounds to himself using the bottom of the backboard. There was only one player defending him as he made his way down to Nashua's basket. He attempted many 3-pointers, but came up a little short, as the clock wound down to the last seconds of the game. The whole gym was cheering for Steven as he played his heart out to the very end. Frazer won with the score of 65-61.

The crowd was on their feet, applauding Steven as he walked to the locker room. Coach Sibley commented, Frazer won more than the game, they won the respect of the crowd, while Nashua's own Steven TalksDifferent won their heart. This will be a game to remember.

This game was made even more special as it was the first game Steven's mother had been able to watch due to her coaching duties with the Frazer Lady Bearcubs.

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Austria Comes to Nashua

On Wednesday the 21st, Jeff Sather came and talked to the Nashua 7-12 students about his IFFY exchange trip to Austria. Sather stayed with a number of different families in Austria and also traveled to Germany and Switzerland all during a three month period.

While he was there, he stayed on family farms and worked and lived as part of the family. Jeff's presentation included numerous pictures from his trip. The students saw everything from special equipment needed to farm, horse trailers pulled by cars, farm animals and their houses.

Sather also told the students all about their food, how their meat was all processed and that they even have a McDonald's just like the ones in America! Sather was selected for this trip after filling out an application and a lengthy phone conversation. He encourages kids who are in 4-H to get out there and try to go on the exchange because it is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Honor Band and Choir Performs

On Monday the 26th, the Nashua choir and several band members traveled to Glasgow for Honor Band and Choir. They gathered together with surrounding schools and worked on many different songs. After practicing all day, with a few breaks every now and then, the Choir and Band preformed in a huge concert that evening.

Choir participants were Rachel McMurry, Teal Hansard, Savanah Taypayosatum, Katrina Lauckner, Tabetha Boushey, Ryan Dahl, and Waynetta Hill. Band participants were Jana Tihista, Kassidi Sibley, Alexa Barnes, Darbi Borgen and Joe Sibley.

Eighth Grade Rule Change

Mr. Fisher attended the MHSA meeting on Monday, January 19th. "MHSA is a foundation that governs all sanctioned interschoolastic events in Montana," stated Fisher. "It covers athletics, cheerleading, speech/drama, and music. Representatives from all 'classes' in Montana meet and discuss the different proposals that have been brought up."

The Class C proposal basically states that Class C schools can bring up 8th graders to participate in volleyball, track and field, and basketball and will be in effect as of next year. The rule used to be that you can bring up enough to have at least 7 people on a basketball or volleyball team. The new rule states that you can bring up enough 8th graders to have enough people to scrimmage or complete a relay team; that's 12 total for volleyball, 10 total for basketball, and you can bring up enough to complete your relay team. They cannot bring up any more than the exact number they need. This means they can pick the players they want, even if it means leaving out a few of the 8th graders not needed to complete the team.

There are many rules that the 8th graders and the coaches have to follow before they can play. First, the names of the 8th graders coming up have to be submitted by the coach or the school to the Executive Director of MHSA before their first practice. They are not allowed to play JV, only varsity, but as long as they are eligible, they are allowed all the same privileges as the other players, including being a starter.

The award proposal deals prize money for student athletes. The previous rule stated that no prize over the amount of \$20 was to be awarded to a player. An example of this is JJMT, which is a basketball tournament in Glasgow for kids. As most people know, they award the winning team with sweatshirts, which were over the amount of \$20. The new rule states that up to a \$50 prize may be awarded to a player per event.

The Nashua Porcupines Win Big, Lose Close

The Nashua boys earned victories over Jordan, Saco and Frazer and lost close ones against Hinsdale and Lustre over the last two weeks of play.

On January 16th, Nashua traveled to Jordan to take on the Mustangs. Nashua jumped all over Jordan early and got the victory, 74-48. Anthony Bengochea and Pick Ackerman held high point honors with 15 each.

The Porcupines loaded the bus and traveled to Lustre on Tuesday, January 20th. There were several lead changes throughout, but in the end Lustre came away with the victory, 55-46. Willy Lauckner was the leading scorer with 13 points.

On January 22nd, Nashua traveled to Hinsdale for a match-up against the Raiders. It was a close game all the way throughout, but the Raiders got the best off them; Nashua lost 51-46. Shae Stein was the high point scorer with 13 points.

Saco came to town for a re-match on January 24th. The Porcupines took the lead from the beginning and never gave it back. Nashua easily got the win 73-23 employing the mercy rule the whole fourth quarter. Bengochea was once again the high scorer with 24 points. Ten out of the 13 boys scored points in this game.

On January 27th, Frazer came to Nashua for a make-up game. The Porcupines got the lead early. However, Frazer fought back in the fourth quarter, outscoring Nashua 24-16, but Nashua was able to hold on taking the victory 71-64. Lauckner was the high scorer with 16 points.

The Porcupines are scheduled to travel to Opheim on the 30th and have a home game against Lustre on the 31st. They close out the rest of the season with four games next week.

Lady Porcupines Go 2-3 Over Two Week Span

On January 16th, the Nashua Porcupines took a long bus ride to Jordan to take on the Mustangs for the second time this season. The girls played a tough close game with an ending score of 44-43. High scorers for the team were Kassidi Sibley with 15 points and Rachel McMurry with 12 points.

The Porcupines had another away game against the Lustre Lions on the 20th. Nashua put up 20 points in the first quarter compared to Lustre's 8 and continued outscoring them in the following quarters. Top scorers were Sibley with 24 points and Teal Hansard adding another 12 points.

Thursday the 22nd, the Porcupines took on the number two team in the conference, Hinsdale. The game was very close throughout, however, Nashua missed six free throws in the 4th quarter allowing Hinsdale to sneak away with the 31-25 victory.

The next game for the Porcupines was against the number one ranked Saco Panthers. Playing without the injured Darbi Borgen, the team struggled against the quicker Saco girls. The Panthers outscored Nashua 17-7 in the fourth quarter to take the 18 point win, 58-40. In double figures for the Porcupines were Hansard with 14 points and Sibley with 13 points.

On Tuesday the 27th Nashua finished a continuation of a game against Frazer that was halted in the first quarter on Saturday the 17th. The Lady Porcupines defeated the Bearcubs 52-46. Players hitting double digits were Hansard with 20, Sibley with 14 and Tihista 10.

Elementary Celebrates the 100th Day of School

The Nashua 2nd grade, celebrated the 100th day of school. They brought 100 items from home to sort and count. They wrote their name as many times as they could in 100 seconds. They made as many words as they could using the letters in One Hundred Days. They wrote in our journals what they would do with \$100. They are working on naming 100 animals. They made cookies were quiet for 100 seconds. They are making a 100 Days of School book, too.

100 days of school

The third grade class celebrated the 100th day of school on January 26. One of the many activities they did was to complete the following sentence. If I had 100 ____, I would _____. Here are the results.

If I had 100 legos, I would play with them. By Cassidy Greene

If I had 100 dogs, I would cuddle them. By Brayden Jackson

If I had 100 dolphins, I would swim away. By Sophia Koessl

If I had 100 Littlest Pet Shop toys, I would play with them all. By Aidan Peters

If I had 100 dollars, I would buy my own airplane. By Matthew Poland

If I had 100 monkeys, I would scream all day and all night. By Jaelle Chamberlain

If I had 100 grasshoppers, I would torture Mrs. G because she hates them. By Colton Yoss

If I had 100 cats, I would have to feed a lot of cats in the morning. By Taylor Laumeier

If I had 100 cars at my house, I would be very, very happy. I would drive all of them. It would be fun. By BoDee Doney

If I had 100 dogs, I would play with them. By Macala Adkins

If I had 100 legos, I would build something. By Gunner Greene

If I had 100 coconuts, I would throw them at someone. By Reece Hunsley

Another activity the elementary classes participated in was making 100th day cookies in the lunchroom. The cooks prepared the dough for grades K – 6 and each student got to design their own cookie using two different colors of dough. After the cooks baked the cookies, the class enjoyed eating them in the afternoon. Pictured above are Nashua fifth graders making thier 100th day cookies.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Pam and Shannon for helping make cookies for the 100th day of school!