

GIRLS

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35 percent (10-of-28) from the field and committed 12 turnovers. The second half turned out to be a different story.

The Wildcats shot 50 percent (17-34) from the field and created 15 Durango turnovers while outscoring it 40-14. Second half runs of 14-4 and 17-4 by Las Vegas buried the Trailblazers quickly.

(Las Vegas) coach (Yvette Estrada) told us that we've played hard all season and if we didn't we come out (in the second half) and play like we wanted to take a trip up to Reno, then we were going to do anything," said Tammy Hilliard, who paced the 'Cats with 23 points and 9 rebounds.

"We were telling them (at halftime) to step up and do the fundamental things better," Estrada said. "We were turning the ball over without even getting a shot off, in the first half. Everybody on the team needed to step up.

"There was only 16 minutes left to play and everybody in this tournament is out here to win."



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THIS WEEK'S STARTING LINEUP

Friday, February 24 IHL - Phoenix @ LV Thunder - 6:45 p.m.	Monday, February 27 NBA - Utah @ L.A. Lakers - 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, February 25 IHL - Peoria @ LV Thunder - 6:45 p.m.	Tuesday, February 28 IHL - Detroit @ LV Thunder - 6:45 p.m.
Sunday, February 26 NBA - Chicago @ Orlando - 9:30 a.m.	Wednesday, March 1 NBA - Phoenix @ L.A. Lakers - 7:15 p.m.

CLASS AAA ALL-CONFERENCE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

*VOTED BY CONFERENCE COACHES

- MVP - Sarai Hoopes - Chaparral**
Georgette Brewer - Cimarron-Memorial
Tammy Hilliard - Las Vegas
Venetia Graham - Rancho
Shauni Bechdol - Chaparral
Jackie Lambeth - Bonanza



First Team Sunset
Stacey Hartwell,
of Cheyenne

HONORABLE MENTION
 Tamara Richardson - Clark, Roshaunda Hall - Cheyenne, Kristi Buck - Silverado, Misty Huff - Cimarron-Memorial, Joyce Sudario - Silverado, Kamel Greene - Cimarron-Memorial, Demetria Miller - Rancho, Jue'Donna Smith Clark, Nicki Cal - Las Vegas

- ALL-SUNSET DIVISION**
Jackie Lambeth - Bonanza
Stacey Hartwell - Cheyenne
Georgette Brewer - Cim.-Memorial
Wetona Bell - Durango
Liz Nieman - Gorman
Nicole Bellinghausen - Gorman

- ALL-SUNRISE DIVISION**
Sarai Hoopes - Chaparral
Venetia Graham - Rancho
Kayunta Sweeney - Basic
Tammy Hilliard - Las Vegas
Shauni Bechdol - Chaparral

Boys

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 at Rancho and I'm hoping my team will play a lot better as a result of it."

The Bengals (14-17) remained tough until Rancho's (25-3) tenacious defense startled them into a scoring drought for exactly three minutes. It was just enough time for the Rams to unleash a 10-0 run, sparked by senior reserve Ernest Chambers.

The 5-9 guard scrapped his way to eight points and five rebounds behind a stellar defensive effort midway through the third quarter.

Bonanza wouldn't go away though, as it clawed its way out from a six-point fourth quarter deficit, eventually tying the game

at 60-60.

Senior Michael Johnson nailed a 3-pointer with 3:36 left to give the Rams a 63-60 edge, then senior Bobby Smith connected on the front end of a one-and-one to make it a two-possession lead.

Senior forward Larry Treadwell, the game's leading scorer with 22 points, netted 4-of-5 free throws in the final minute to seal Bonanza's fate.

Johnson finished with 16 points and 5 rebounds, Smith had 12 points and 4 rebounds and Jameel Harper added 11 points and 5 rebounds.

Rancho will meet Cheyenne (17-10) at 7:15 p.m. tonight, pitting two of the conference's top defenders - Rancho's Johnson

and Damian Thomas - and two of its top scorers - the Desert Shield's Aaron Henderson and Shonray Johnson.

"In order for us to be successful and do the things we want to do, we have to play defense," said Thomas. "Defense is gonna win the game. We can hit some shots maybe down the stretch, but defense is gonna win the ballgame."

"Shonray is a great player and is one of the top players in the state, but all I could do is go in the game, play hard and get rid of this cold."

Cheyenne moved into the quarterfinals with a 50-47 win over Chaparral (13-12), also played on Tuesday night. The Desert Shields got 40 of its 50 points from Henderson (23) and Johnson (17).

In Tuesday's afternoon action, defending state champion and state runner-up, Cimarron-Memorial (15-12) and Las Vegas (13-14) respectively, were bounced from the tournament with opening round losses.

Valley (19-9) commenced the 1995 event by pulling off an 83-76 ousting of Cimarron and coach Jeff Wagonseller moved Bishop Gorman (18-11) closer to a state tournament berth after beating Las Vegas 56-51.

Valley and Gorman meet this evening at 5:45 for a berth to Reno and a shot at Green Valley in the zone semi-finals.

"Everybody that played (on Tuesday) is facing elimination and its even gonna be worse (tonight)," Hopkins added. "Those games are gonna be harder for the simple fact that you're one game closer to getting to the (Class AAA Nevada) state tournament."

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