

HIGHLANDERS STILL ON TOP SECTION 1: Eric Nagle's Cambria Heights squad had yet another 3-0 week and finished the week with a 17-1 record. The Highlanders defeated Bishop McCort, Forest Hills and Central Cambria.

In the Bishop McCort game, the Highlanders bested the Crushers 62-50. Ian Vescovi led the way with 22 points while Steve Sharbaugh had 17 and Devin Lansberry had 11.

On Friday, CH traveled to Sidman to take on the Rangers of Forest Hills and defeated them 52-43. John Link led the squad with 19 while Vescovi had 13 and Lansberry contributed 11.

Finally, on Saturday, the Highlanders hosted Central Cambria and took care of the Red Devils by a score of 66-56. Sharbaugh led the squad with 25 points.

The team has a two-game lead over its nearest opponent in the section, Central Cambria. When you look at the overall wins and losses, the Highlanders are the only team with a winning record.

BOTTLENECK IN SECTION 2: It's a different story in Section 2 as four of the six teams could legitimately take top honors. Bishop McCort, Johnstown, Bishop Carroll and Somerset are all having outstanding seasons. Johnstown will get mention below, but McCort was 2-1 on the week. Bishop Carroll unfortunately lost both of their contests while Somerset lost their only contest of the week.

Although the Crushers lost the above mentioned contest against Cambria Heights to start the week off, they recovered to edge Bishop Carroll 48-47 in a big section game and finished the week out on Saturday with a non-league win over DuBois Central Catholic.

In the BC win, Bill Dill had 10 points while in the victory over DCC, Jim Spisak led the way with 14 points.

UNDEFEATED WEEK FOR THE TROJANS: Dave Roman, Jr's club had a rough first week of January, dropping back-to-back contests to Bishop McCort and Bishop Carroll. Since that point, the Trojans have rattled off seven straight victories. Last week, they defeated DuBois (81-56), Penn Cambria (78-66) and Westmont (49-41).

In the game with DuBois, a big win over a Quad-A opponent, Paul Weatherly had 21 and Cliff Eddins had 15.

Weatherly had what is believed to be his career best in 34 points against Penn Cambria (he scored 31 against Bedford last season).

Lastly, the Westmont contest where Weatherly and teammate Richard Agurs both had double-doubles. Weatherly had 14 points and 11 rebounds while Agurs had 10 and 10.

This is something of a redemption week for JHS as they are at Bishop Carroll on Wednesday and host Bishop McCort Friday in a chance to avenge both of those previous losses.

WEDNESDAY A WASH: Actually, more accurately, Wednesday was a freeze as all scheduled contests in the LHAC were postponed. Most were rescheduled for this upcoming week, but a few were made up on Saturday.

HOT SHOTS:

- It's not a LHAC Basketblog without mention of Central Cambria's Jordan Miller, who scored 40 twice last week. He dropped 49 in a five point win over Bedford and 40 in a one-point loss to Bishop Guilfoyle.
- Nick Johnston and Chris Brown contributed 25 and 13 points respectively in the above mentioned one-point (49-48) win over Central Cambria for Bishop Guilfoyle.

- Bedford defeated Penn Cambria 58-51 and for the Bisons, Mark Scott led the way with 23 points.
- There were a couple of upsets late in the week as on Friday Richland defeated Somerset 66-47. Coach Tim Koshute got double-doubles from Jordan Rozich (21 points and 14 rebounds) and Dereck Malzi (14 and 11). Then, on Saturday, Westmont defeated Bishop Carroll 54-45 on the wings of a 19-point performance from Mike Valcheff.

ON THE HORIZON: Some top match-ups for the week ahead:

- Bishop McCort has a big week of games ahead, Wednesday they are at Somerset, Friday they're at Johnstown and Saturday they host Richland.
- Somerset is busy with four games this week: Monday at Bishop Guilfoyle, Wednesday they host Bishop McCort, Friday they host Westmont and Saturday they host Johnstown.
- Cambria Heights is at Central Cambria on Monday, home against Bishop Guilfoyle on Wednesday and Friday they're at Penn Cambria.
- Aside from the previously mentioned contest with Cambria Heights, Central Cambria hosts Bedford on Wednesday and is at Forest Hills on Friday.

DISTRICT OUTLOOK: In three of the four classifications in District 6, the LHAC is represented high in the potential playoff standings. In AAA, Johnstown is third while Somerset is fifth. In AA, Cambria Heights is on top with Bishop McCort right on their tail in second. Richland is in tenth place. Finally, in Class A, Bishop Carroll is on top while Bishop Guilfoyle is in eleventh.

RANKINGS: Although Bishop Carroll dropped to Honorable Mention in the Class A rankings, Bishop McCort joined them in HM status in the Class AA group.