

Roundup: MR remembers Rogers, falls to OV

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NORTH CLARENDON — A 73-50 loss to rival Otter Valley may not have been what the Mill River boys basketball team had hoped for, but the purpose in their play was clear.

The Minutemen's three seniors dedicated their Senior Night to their former coach Jack Rogers, who passed away unexpectedly in 2020.

"They saw the passion (Jack) had for the game," said Mill River coach Ben Smith. "They loved him. He was a great basketball mind. I thought it was a great idea to dedicate the game to him."

A 23-8 fourth quarter pushed the Otters to their first win. Otter Valley led the game by three at the half and by eight after three.

Johnny Verdon led all scorers with 17 points for the Minutemen, followed by Adam Shum with 14.

Alex Philo led the Otters with 13 and Hayden Bernhardt dropped 12.

Mill River (1-7) is at Middlebury on Saturday. Otter Valley (1-6) hosts Springfield on Friday.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Hartford 57, Fair Haven 51

FAIR HAVEN — The Hartford boys basketball team continues to show it's for real and bested defending Division II Fair Haven 57-51 Tuesday night.

The Slaters led 32-25 at the half, but knotted the score heading into the fourth. In the final frame, the Hurricanes had the juice to pull out the win.

"Their length bothered us a lot in the fourth," said Fair Haven coach Bob Prenevost. "They are a well-coached team. They should do well in the Division II tournament."

Tarin Prior led Hartford with 18 points, Brandon Potter had 13 and Jacob Seaver had 10.

Kohlby Murray and Zack Ellis led the Slaters with 13 points, while Sawyer Ramey had 10.

Fair Haven (5-2) finishes the regular season at Woodstock on Friday.

Rutland 57, BF 41

WESTMINSTER — Rutland took care of business on the road Tuesday night, beating Bellows Falls 57-41 in Holland Gymnasium, and now finds itself with a chance to have an undefeated regular season by winning at Windsor on Saturday.

Jack Coughlin led the 6-0 Ravens with 16 points and Noah Depoy had 15. Slade Postemski joined them in double figures with 11.

“We played solid defensively,” Rutland coach Mike Wood said.

Saturday’s game carries a lot of significance. It is not only a chance to wrap up the regular campaign unbeaten, but it will have playoff seeding implications.

“We want to put ourselves in the best possible position (for the playoffs),” Wood said.

MSJ 71, Brattleboro 51

The Mount St. Joseph boys basketball team made it a happy Senior Night, besting Brattleboro 71-51 at McDonough Gymnasium Tuesday night.

“The seniors played their butts off to start,” said MSJ coach Chris Charbonneau.

The Mounties led 28-22 at the half and continued to build their lead from there.

Maddox Traynor led MSJ with 21 points, followed by Jerimiah Green with 18 and Keegan Chadburn with 16.

Jake Williams scored eight and impacted the game in many ways.

“(Jake) set good, hard screens, was rebounding the ball and created lots of second-chance opportunities,” Charbonneau said.

Gabe Packard led the Colonels with 16 points and Tate Chamberlin had 10.

MSJ (4-1) finishes the regular season at Hartford on Friday.

Proctor 66, Sharon 38

PROCTOR — It was Senior Night in the Almo Buggiani Gymnasium and two of Proctor's seven seniors led the scoring parade in a 66-38 victory over Sharon Academy. Brennon Crossmon had 20 points and Conner McKearin added 14.

A freshman Carter Crossmon, younger brother of Brennon, connected on four 3-point field goals for his 12 points.

Ian Roberson led the Phoenix with 17 points.

The Phantoms take a 5-2 record into the regular-season finale against Rivendell in Orford, New Hampshire on Friday.

WRV 45, West

Rutland 27

WEST RUTLAND — White River Valley bested Proctor last week and followed it up by besting the Phantoms' rivals, West Rutland, Tuesday night.

"We came out with a good fight in the first half, but they were the more disciplined team," said Westside coach Jordan Tolar. "We have to find a way to put it in the hoop."

The Wildcats led 19-18 at the half and pulled away with a run late in the third and early fourth.