

ALTOONA-MIDWAY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

OSWEGO – Just a little over a week ago, the Oswego Indians needed a miraculous 32-point fourth quarter to post a come-from-behind victory over a feisty Altoona-Midway High School squad at the Pleasanton Tournament.

Back at the friendly confines of their home court, the Indians made sure that didn't happen again, as they stormed to a 31-12 halftime advantage, en route to a convincing 59-40 win in a rematch with the Jets in a Three Rivers League game played here Friday night.

In the girls' contest, Oswego was also the victors, posting a 54-19 triumph over the Lady Jets.

The loss dropped the AMHS boys to 1-13 overall (1-5 in TRL play); the Lady Jets fell to 0-14 (0-6).

Oswego 59, AMHS boys 40

"It took us a while to get things going. Oswego shot the ball very, very well in the first half," said Jet coach Jeff Almond. "We were simply unable to overcome the 31-12 halftime deficit.

"Once again, early foul trouble haunted us from the start. We got our first foul two seconds into the game," Almond lamented. "It's tough to do what we want to do when you have two or three starters on the bench in foul trouble."

Lone senior Clement Huffman led the Jets offensively with 10 points, while freshman Jackson Ashmore tallied nine and juniors Caden Carter and Dawson Ashmore scored seven and six, respectively. Another pair of freshmen found the scoring column as Dalton Smith netted four and Conner Houghton two, while junior Dayton Marsh also added two.

Oswego enjoyed a 25-point performance from Kite, while Teal fired in 11 and Elliott finished with 10.

Marsh and Huffman led the Jets in rebounding with 11 and 10 caroms apiece.

Oswego 54, AMHS girls 19

The Lady Indians stormed out of the gates to a 22-2 first-quarter advantage and increased the margin to 42-10 at halftime. Oswego was paced by R. Vail with 16 points and McNickle with 15.

"Give credit to Oswego for keeping us from getting comfortable all night. Their crowd was loud and pumped their girls up," said AMHS girls' head coach Ron Rice. "They also had a good night from Vail and McNickle,

both on the offensive and defensive end. They did an excellent job of pressuring us into mistakes and capitalizing on them for easy baskets.”

Rice said the girls made some poor passes and failed to get back on defense, but he also pointed a finger at himself.

“We made some mistakes tonight, but the biggest mistake was losing my composure when I felt calls were not going the way they should have been. I preach to the girls about staying positive even when we make mistakes and I didn't practice what I preached tonight,” he admitted.

Michala Kinzle had another good night for the Lady Jets, netting 11 points and grabbing six steals. Mariah Stackhouse led the team in rebounding and also added four points, while Caitlin Maxwell and Summer Tarlton each scored two points.

Oswego also bested the Lady Jets In a two-quarter JV affair, 18-10. Stackhouse had six point in that action.

After a very lengthy road trip, both Altoona-Midway squads will finally get back on their home court Tuesday when they host Marmaton Valley in TVL action.

“It has been six weeks since we have had a home game. It will be great to get back home Tuesday night as we take on Marmaton Valley in hopes of avenging our 5 point loss to them just a couple of weeks ago,” Almond noted. “The kids are excited to play at home again. It has been awhile since we have played in front of our fans. Hopefully, we will draw energy from our crowd and get us a ‘W’.”