

JUAN DIEGO BASKETBALL

Dec. 11 – Jordan 75, Taylorsville 45

Story of the game - Joe Mero scored 22 points and Kevin Goldsmith had 18 as Jordan dominated Taylorsville early and went on to earn an easier-than-expected victory in the first round of the Jordan Holiday Classic.

Jordan's highlights - Mero had the hot hand from outside (six three-pointers) and Steve Morgan had eight assists in the game. Jordan emptied its bench and started its tournament in a good way.

Taylorsville's highlights - The Warriors didn't show up. They trailed 43-18 by halftime and were never in the game. Stevie McCloyn and Andrew Togiai had 13 points apiece. Taylorsville played even with Jordan in the second half, but it wasn't enough.

Statistical notes - Jordan's 75 points would be one of its highest-scoring efforts of the season. Nate Monson added 10 points and a team-high six rebounds. The big quarter was the second, when Jordan outscored Taylorsville 24-7.

What we learned from this game - This was a great effort by the host team. This is the third year of the tournament and Jordan elevated its game after losing both contests in its tournament last year. In the other tourney game, Riverton defeated Cyprus, 39-35.

GAME SUMMARY

Taylorsville	11	7	15	12	-	45
Jordan	19	24	20	12	-	75

TAYLORSVILLE (45) – Yai Ajak 1 0-0 2, Brady Wright 1 2-2 4, Stevie McCloyn 4 5-7 13, Andrew Togiai 3 6-7 13, Jackson Roper 3 0-0 6, Wesley Wright 2 1-2 6, Allstar Loamanu 0 0-2 0, Brandon Jones 0 0-2 0, Issac Fullmer 0 0-0 0. Totals 14 14-22 45.

JORDAN (75) – Joe Mero 7 2-3 22, Steve Morgan 4 0-0 8, Kevin Goldsmith 8 2-3 18, Nate Monson 4 2-5 10, Tanner Barlow 1 0-0 3, Caden Sperry 1 2-2 5, Jordan Darger 0 4-4 4, Taylor Smith 1 0-0 2, Addison Walker 0 2-2 2, Ryan Nemelka 0 1-2 1, Taylor Loomis 0 0-0 0, Alex Hawkins 0 0-0 0, Victor Miller 0 0-0 0, Chase Armstrong 0 0-0 0, Caleb Johnson 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 15-21 75.

Total fouls: Taylorsville 15, Jordan 13.

Fouled out: None. **Three-pointers:** Taylorsville 3 (McCloyn, Togiai, W. Wright), Jordan 8 (Mero 6, Barlow, Sperry).

Dec. 12 – Jordan 65, Riverton 53

Story of the game - Kevin Goldsmith scored 19 points and Joe Mero and Nate Monson had 18 each as Jordan outscored Riverton to claim the first-place trophy at the Jordan Holiday Classic.

Jordan's highlights - The Beetdiggers led the entire game and won despite little bench help. Jordan controlled the inside game and Steve Morgan had a nice game with seven assists. Mero was named the tournament's MVP.

Riverton's highlights - The Silverwolves got a season-high 16 points from Garrett Gundestrup and 11 by Alex Neilson. Garrett Burt had nine points.

Statistical notes - Both teams shot about 70 percent from the free-throw line. Goldsmith had seven rebounds and three steals. Mero hit a trey in the first quarter and then Riverton stuck to him like glue. Lots of defense in this game, with 45 fouls called. Two Jordan players fouled out.

What we learned from this game - Jordan lost both of its tourney games last year, so their success this year was a major improvement. In the other tourney game, Taylorsville defeated Cyprus, 47-44.

GAME SUMMARY

Riverton	12	13	11	17	-	53
Jordan	18	13	13	21	-	65

RIVERTON (53) – Adam Trujillo 3 1-2 8, Alex Neilson 3 3-5 11, Jordan Galley 0 1-2 1, Zach Larsen 0 2-2 2, Jordan Bennett 0 1-2 1, Garrett Gundestrup 5 3-3 16, Bronson Schroeder 1 1-2 3, Matt Hess 1 0-0 2, Garrett Burt 0 9-12 9, Jake Peterson 0 0-0 0, Breiden Gamble 0 0-0 0. Totals 13 21-30 53.

JORDAN (65) – Joe Mero 6 5-5 18, Steve Morgan 1 0-0 2, Kevin Goldsmith 8 3-6 19, Nate Monson 6 6-8 18, Caden Sperry 1 2-3 4, Taylor Smith 1 2-4 4, Alex Hart 0 0-0 0, Tanner Barlow 0 0-0 0, Caleb Johnson 0 0-0 0. Totals 23 18-26 65.

Total fouls: Jordan 25, Riverton 20.

Fouled out: Hart, Morgan. **Three-pointers:** Riverton 6 (Gundestrup 3, Neilson 2, Trujillo), Jordan 1 (Mero).