

JUAN DIEGO BASKETBALL: Game-by-game results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>
Dec. 1	at Lehi	L	48-55
Morgan Hesleph scored 15 points, all on three-pointers, and Ajay Pizza caused Lehi problems inside, but it was the Pioneers who grabbed the early lead and were able to hold on in this first game for both teams.			
Dec. 4	at Richfield	W	52-40
The Soaring Eagle traveled to Richfield for the 2A/3A preview tournament and had to play the home team in the opener. Juan Diego rode the scoring of Hesleph and Pizza, got off to a hot start and earned the convincing victory.			
Dec. 5	vs. Manti	W	63-54 (OT)
Pizza scored 22 points, including a perfect 4-of-4 from the free-throw line in overtime, to help Juan Diego rally and then bury Manti in the extra session to go 2-0 in the tourney. The Soaring Eagle made 28-32 free throws.			
Dec. 8	at Layton Christian	W	75-63
Pizza had 21 points and Juan Diego stretched a one-point lead in the third period to earn a comfortable win.			
Dec. 15	SKYLINE	L	36-41
The Soaring Eagle took on 5A power Skyline at home and Pizza, with 15 points, provided most of the offense. Juan Diego had a one-point lead entering the fourth period, but couldn't hold it.			
Dec. 18	LONE PEAK	L	31-41
Pizza and Mark Krueger contributed nine points apiece, and Juan Diego hung right with undefeated Lone Peak until the Knights built a nine-point lead in the third quarter. All of Krueger's points came at the free-throw line.			
Dec. 28	vs. Bingham	L	48-57
The Soaring Eagle went to a tournament in Logan and was paired with top-ranked Bingham (a 5A school) in the first round. Juan Diego played one of its best games of the year. Pizza put on quite a show in the narrow loss.			
Dec. 29	vs. San Bernardino, Calif.	L	69-72 (OT)
Pizza had 21 points, Logan Mortenson 15 and Trever McFalls 13 as Juan Diego had the lead for most of game, but lost it late. San Bernardino gained the momentum and won one of the most exciting games of the tournament.			
Dec. 30	vs. Oxnard, Calif. JV	W	54-33
One of the California teams in the tourney had to pull out, leaving Juan Diego without a final-day opponent, so they took on the JV team from this California school. Hesleph and Pizza had big nights in the relatively easy win.			
Jan. 8	GRANTSVILLE*	W	53-50
The Soaring Eagle started Region 11 play with a tougher-than-expected win over Grantsville. Pizza and Hesleph led Juan Diego, which led by nine points and then held off a valiant Cowboy comeback.			
Jan. 13	at Judge Memorial*	W	40-36
All of coach Tangaro's scouting, and the recent 5A opponents, seemed to pay off as Juan Diego went on a 10-0 run in the second quarter and beat its biggest rival on the Bulldogs' home court for the first time in history. Pizza led with 15 points, and Hesleph had good games on offense and defense.			

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Jan. 15	BEAR RIVER*	W	66-43
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Pizza had 20 points nad McFalls 12 as Juan Diego avoided a post-Judge letdown and buried the winless Bears to move to 3-0 in region play. The Soaring Eagle built a 51-29 lead after three quarters and everyone got to play.

Jan. 20	MORGAN*	W	46-39
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Mortenson and Hesleph scored 13 points apiece, and Hesleph was hot from the free-throw line, as Juan Diego held off the Trojans. McFalls made the game's biggest play with two key charity shots that iced the win.

Jan. 22	at Ben Lomond*	W	52-51
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Pizza scored 17 points and Krueger had seven of his 12 in the final period and Juan Diego rallied from a nine-point deficit to win on the Scots' home floor. The defense really clamped down late in the game to win its sixth straight.

Jan. 29	at Grantsville*	W	68-55
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The Soaring Eagle were riding high after Krueger had his best game of the season with 18 points in this win. Mortenson had a big three-pointer in the third period when Juan Diego put the game away.

Feb. 3	JUDGE MEMORIAL*	L	33-44
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The "Clash of the Titans" didn't go well for the Soaring Eagle, who fell behind early and couldn't rally. Krueger had a nice game with 14 points, but Juan Diego managed just 10 baskets all night and lost in front of its home crowd.

Feb. 5	at Bear River*	W	57-39
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Mortenson had 14 points and Hesleph had 10 as Juan Diego built a big first-half lead and got back on the winning track. This wasn't a pretty game, but the team stayed in a tie for first place with the win.

Feb. 10	at Morgan*	L	70-80
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The Soaring Eagle traveled to Morgan, but left its defense at home. After earning a 15-8 first-quarter lead, they fell apart and the Trojans took advantage. Krueger had 20 points and Pizza had 18, but Juan Diego couldn't keep pace.

Feb. 12	BEN LOMOND*	L	33-51
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On "Senior Night" at home, the team didn't come ready to play and the Scots avenged the earlier loss. Ben Lomond jumped to a crazy 20-0 lead and sent Juan Diego into the postseason on a losing note.

Feb. 20	RICHFIELD#	W	44-37
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After an eight-day break, the Soaring Eagle rallied from a first-quarter deficit, thanks to Pizza's 15 points and great defensive play on the perimeter by Hesleph. The team felt it had its swagger back and advanced in the 3A tourney.

Feb. 25	vs. Hurricane#	L	49-60
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The Tigers viewed this as a rematch from the football season, and came out hungry. The Soaring Eagle got off to a poor start on UVU's home court and defenses ruled. Pizza had 11 points and Brian Curran had a season-high 10.

Feb. 26	vs. Morgan#	L	44-73
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In this 3A consolation game, another poor start doomed the Soaring Eagle, and Morgan made them pay. Pizza had 16 points, but as the end drw closer, coach Tangaro emptied the bench and let everyone gain valuable experience.