

JUDGE MEMORIAL BASKETBALL

Nov. 24 – Judge Memorial 47, Cyprus 43

Story of the game: Will Whitt scored 18 points, and pulled down nine rebounds, as Judge rallied with a big fourth quarter to beat Cyprus in the season opener for both teams.

Judge's highlights: The Bulldogs' quick defense was the key as Judge had 17 steals in the game, and that made the difference near the end. Basil Vetas had eight points and a team-high seven steals.

Cyprus' highlights: The Pirates trailed after one quarter, but rallied nicely to eventually claim a 33-30 lead. Marquis Newman led Cyprus with 10 points and Jazz White had nine.

Statistical notes: Judge saved its best for last, scoring 17 points in the final period (as many as the second and third quarters combined). There were few free throws shot in this game, and both teams were about 50 percent.

What we learned from this game: Last year's game – at Cyprus – was also a close one and Judge won that one, too, for Coach Jim Yerkovich's 600th win. Cyprus didn't go quietly, but pulled off the win in front of the home crowd.

GAME SUMMARY

Cyprus	6	11	16	10	-	43
Judge	13	7	10	17	-	47

CYPRUS (43) – Isaac Johnson 1 0-0 2, Jazz White 4 0-0 9, Landon Stauffer 2 1-2 5, Eric Valdez 3 1-1 8, Marquis Newman 4 2-2 10, Brennan Ray 2 0-2 5, Marcus Bryce 2 0-0 4, Taylor Morris 0 0-0 0, Tyler Connor 0 0-0 0, Trent Robbins 0 0-0 0, Trevor Stratton 0 0-0 0. Totals 18 4-7 43.

JUDGE (47) – Ben Cook 1 0-0 2, Basil Vetas 3 1-3 8, Will Whitt 10 1-1 22, Zach Myaer 3 0-2 6, Ben Zanolli 1 1-3 3, Collin Lawless 1 0-0 2, Michael Olive 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 7-14 47.

Total fouls: Cyprus 13, Judge 12.

Fouled out: None. **Three-pointers:** Cyprus 3 (White, Valdez, Ray). Judge 2 (Vetas, Whitt).

Dec. 4 – Highland 51, Judge Memorial 48

Story of the game: Nate Fakahafua scored 12 points and Sam Orchard had 10 as Hillcrest buried Judge with a big third quarter and then held on to beat the Bulldogs in a non-region game.

Judge's highlights: The Bulldogs weren't ready for Highland's physical play in the third period, but made a nice rally in the fourth. Zach Myaer and Will Whitt each had 15 points, and Whitt added 11 rebounds. Myaer and Basil Vetas also had three steals.

Highland's highlights: The Rams trailed 25-19 at halftime, but came out in the third period with a vengeance, outscoring Judge 20-3 to take a 39-28 lead. Fakahafua and Matt Barker each contributed eight points during that span, and the defense held Judge to a single basket by Whitt.

Statistical notes: The second half was one to watch. Highland dominated the third period and built an 11-point lead, but then had to withstand Judge's rally. Highland didn't shoot well from the free-throw line and was 4-9 from there in the final period. Judge was an amazing 11-11, including 6-6 from the stripe down the stretch. That almost made the difference in this game. Vetas had nine points and three rebounds.

What we learned from this game: These two teams always seem to battle to the end. The third quarter made the difference. However, Judge made a nice rally and it was almost enough.

GAME SUMMARY

Highland	7	12	20	12	-	51
Judge	13	12	3	20	-	48

HIGHLAND (51) – Sam Orchard 2 6-10 10, Teddy Grzeskiewicz 1 0-1 2, Lew Evans 3 2-2 8, Steven Divver 0 0-0 0, Lloyd 1 0-0 2, Nate Fakahafua 5 1-6 12, Ed McConkie 1 0-0 2, Ben Johnson 2 2-2 6, Matt Barker 2 3-4 9. Totals 17 14-25 51.

JUDGE (48) – Ben Cook 0 0-0 0, Basil Vetas 4 0-0 9, Will Whitt 6 3-5 15, Daniel Shiramizu 0 2-2 2, Zach Myaer 4 6-6 15, Collin Lawless 1 0-0 2, Michael Oliver 2 0-0 5, Ben Zanolli 0 0-0 0. Totals 17 11-11 48.

Total fouls: Judge 20, Highland 14.

Fouled out: None. **Three-pointers:** Highland 3 (Barker 2, Fakahafua). Judge 3 (Vetas, Myaer, Olive).