

MURRAY BASKETBALL: Game-by-game results

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Dec. 1	JORDAN	L	51-58
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The Spartans took a nice lead in the second quarter, but couldn't hold on and lost their season opener at home. David Collette led the way with 14 points, but sloppy play late in the game doomed Murray's fortunes.

Dec. 8	at East	W	70-43
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Collette and Justin Escarciga scored 16 points apiece as Murray played one of its best games all season and routed the Leopards for their first win. Escarciga had three treys in this convincing victory.

Dec. 11	OLYMPUS	L	51-61
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Collette and Escarciga had nice games, but Oly had too much talent and depth and beat Murray. Wyatt Woodard was the team's rebounding leader.

Dec. 15	at Taylorsville	L	59-60
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Collette had his way inside, scoring 25 points, but the Spartans lost this game when Taylorsville's Stevie McCloy was fouled and hit a free throw with 1.8 seconds remaining. Cade Bullough added 15 for Murray.

Dec. 16	at Spanish Fork	W	60-53
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Collette scored eight of his 16 points in the fourth quarter to help Murray rally to win this game and help erase the tough loss the night before. Escarciga had 13 points and Bullough 12. Riley Grandinetti also played a key role.

Dec. 18	RIVERTON	W	47-37
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Collette scored 19 points and Bullough had 12, but it was Murray's fourth-quarter defense that shut down the Silverwolves and helped the Spartans earn their first home win of the season.

Dec. 22	at Highland	L	43-63
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Collette scored 20 points, but the Rams dominated the fourth quarter, hitting 17 of 18 free throws.

Dec. 29	at West Jordan	L	61-65
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Collette had 21 points and Escarciga had another good game with 13, but Murray's fourth-quarter rally wasn't quite enough and the Spartans lost to the defending 5A state champions.

Jan. 5	JUDGE MEMORIAL	L	57-59
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Bullough scored 18 points and Mitch Tate, Woodard and Collette had 10 apiece, but Murray's second-half rally fell just short in this loss to Judge. The Spartans trailed by 15 points at halftime.

Jan. 8	HUNTER*	W	57-35
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Collette led a balanced-scoring effort with 12 points as Murray dominated the opening half and routed Hunter in each team's Region 2 opener. This was the start of the "new" season and the Spartans played well.

Jan. 12	at Cottonwood*	W	44-40
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Collette had 12 points, Escarciga nine and Bullough eight as Murray shut down the Colts in the fourth quarter and rallied from a seven-point deficit to beat its neighborhood rival.

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Jan. 19	at Skyline*	L	50-55
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Collette scored 21 points and Bullough 13, but Skyline hit enough free throws late in the game to hold off Murray and give the Spartans their first Region 2 loss. This was a key game in the Spartans' season.

Jan. 22	WEST*	L	39-53
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Collette had 15 points, but Murray had no answer for West's Tyrell Corbin (who was voted the region's MVP) and the Spartans dropped their second straight game.

Jan. 26	at Granger*	W	72-59
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Collette scored 26 points and Woodard had a season-high 17 as Murray finally pulled away in the fourth quarter and downed the Lancers. This win was a real confidence-builder after two straight losses.

Jan. 29	at Cyprus*	W	68-50
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Collette was in form again, scoring 23 points, and he had help from Tate, Woodard, Grandinetti and Bullough as Murray won handily again.

Feb. 2	at Hunter*	W	64-56
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Collette had 21 points and Woodard and Grandinetti had 15 each, including key baskets in the third period when Murray finally started to pull away.

Feb. 5	COTTONWOOD*	W	42-35
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Collette and Grandinetti were the scoring leaders again, paving the way for a good start and helped the Spartans win their fourth straight game and sweep the season series from Cottonwood.

Feb. 12	SKYLINE*	L	39-49
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The Spartans fell behind 22-3 early to the hot-shooting Eagles and couldn't muster a big enough rally. Collette finished with 14 points, but was double-teamed most of the night. Woodard added 10 points.

Feb. 16	at West*	L	36-64
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Collette had 13 points and got Murray off to a good start, but the Spartans were dominated after that.

Feb. 19	GRANGER*	L	52-55
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Collette had 20 points, but the Spartans lost a seven-point lead in the fourth quarter and dropped their third straight region game. Bullough had 15 points.

Feb. 22	CYPRUS*	W	39-38
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Bullough hit a pressure-filled jumper with eight seconds left to give Murray the lead, and the defense forced a turnover in the final seconds to end the regular-season on a winning note on "Senior Night."

March 2	at Fremont#	L	43-62
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Collette played one of his best games of the season, scoring 21 points against Fremont's powerful front line, but the Silverwolves took an early lead and rolled to victory in the first round of the 5A state tournament. Bullough had 10 points in his career-ending game.

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