

WEST JORDAN BASKETBALL

Feb. 19 – West Jordan 53, Kearns 48

Story of the game: Jaxon Knighton led a balanced-scoring effort with 14 points as West Jordan grabbed an early lead and held off Kearns to avenge an earlier loss to the Cougars.

West Jordan's highlights: Knight and Jesse Herrin (three treys) combined to make a good inside-outside combination and helped the Jags to a 12-point halftime lead. West Jordan led by 15 points before Kearns rallied.

Kearns' highlights: The Cougars stormed back in the final period, holding West Jordan to a season-low four points, to make the score look closer. Andrew Lokeni led the way with 18 points.

Statistical notes: Kearns' Marino Moore was credited with six assists. Knighton's 14 points was his season high and the eighth time he reached double figures. The Jags only shot three free throws, but made all of them.

What we learned from this game: The Jags were surprised when they played at Kearns last month, and made sure it didn't happen again. The victory also clinched a No. 2 seed.

GAME SUMMARY

Kearns	8	11	15	14	-	48
West Jordan	15	16	18	4	-	53

KEARNS (48) – Andrew Lokeni 18, Brady Sawsak 3, Dalton Noble 9, J.R. Finai 7, Jarin Bell 3, Justyn Searle 3, Marino Moore 2, Sammy Sweat 3. Totals 18 7-11 48.

WEST JORDAN (53) - Andre Ashton 9, Jaxon Knighton 14, Jesse Herrin 11, Jordan Loveridge 9, Jordan Pryor 2, Josh Woodruff 6, Tyler Kiesel 2. Totals 23 3-3 53.

Three-point goals: Kearns 5 (Finai 2, Sawsak, Bell, Sweat). West Jordan 4 (Herrin 3, Ashton).

Feb. 23 – West Jordan 54, Riverton 41

Story of the game: Jesse Herrin and Jordan Loveridge scored 13 points apiece as West Jordan shot past Riverton in the final game of the Region 3 regular season.

West Jordan's highlights: The Jaguars led most of the game, but put it away in the fourth quarter with fine free-throw shooting. Herrin had the hot hand outside again, nailing three treys. Jordan Pryor and Andre Ashton added eight points each.

Riverton's highlights: The Silverwolves reached the state tournament with Kearns' loss, so the defeat wasn't too disappointing. They fell 10 points behind in the first half, but made a nice rally in the third quarter to make it a game again. Riverton had foul problems and went deep into its bench. Jacob Peterson was the top scorer with nine points.

Statistical notes: Peterson's two best games of the season came against West Jordan. The Jags had a big advantage at the free-throw line, and nailed 25-31 charity shots. Riverton retaliated with seven three-pointers from five different players.

What we learned from this game: The Jags played well on "Senior Night" and go into the 5A state tournament with some momentum. They played consistent and, once again, their free-throw shooting played a primary role in the outcome. The Jags have a week off before going up against a tough Region 4 team in the tourney.

GAME SUMMARY

Riverton	4	12	14	11	-	41
West Jordan	8	18	9	19	-	54

RIVERTON (41) – Adam Trujillo 1, Alex Neilson 8, Breiden Gamble 3, Bronson Schroeder 3, Garrett Burt 6, Garrett Gundestrup 4, Jacob Peterson 9, Jordan Galley 2, Matt Hess 2, Zack Larsen 3. Totals 13 8-12 41.

WEST JORDAN (54) – Andre Ashton 8, Jaxon Knighton 5, Jesse Herrin 13, Jordan Loveridge 13, Jordan Pryor 8, Josh Woodruff 4, Tyler Kiesel 3. Totals 13 25-31 54.

Three-point goals: Riverton 7 (Neilson 2, Burt 2, Gamble, Peterson, Larsen). West Jordan 3 (Herrin 3).