

HSHS Starts 3-4A Slate With 8-8 Record

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The Hot Springs varsity boys basketball team started out the District 3-4A season earlier this week sporting an 8-8 record – compared to last year’s 7-11 mark entering league play.

For first-year HSHS coach Derek Bean, the challenges are coming early with league-leading Silver visiting Tiger Gym on Tuesday, Jan. 16, followed by trips to Socorro on Tuesday, Jan. 23, and Cobre on Friday, Jan. 26.

The Tigers wrapped up the pre-district schedule with a home win against visiting Lordsburg on Tuesday, Jan. 9, followed by a 1-2 showing at the Hope Christian Tournament in Albuquerque on Jan. 11-13.

Hot Springs defeated Lordsburg 77-37, employing full-court and half-court pressure to take a 26-10 first quarter lead and never letting up.

The Tigers beat the host Mavericks by 23 points in the third game of the season in late November.

HSHS point-guard Verrels Lukman, with 11 points in the first quarter alone, led all scorers with 21 points, followed by Seth Childress with 13 and Lorenzo Jaramillo with 12. Additional Tiger scorers: Victor Garcia (9), Juan Avalos (6), Miguel Miyamoto (5), Miguel Regalado (5), and two apiece for Aiden Aguirre, Tino Luna and Abel Radian.

At the Hope Christian Tournament, the Tigers fell to the host Huskies in the opening round on Thursday, 81-54. Hope advanced to the championship game, beating Taos 81-70 on Friday. Results from the title game were not immediately available.

The Tigers lost to Shiprock, 64-44, on Friday, and defeated Zuni, 83-51, on Saturday.

LADY TIGERS

The Hot Springs varsity girls basketball team entered District 3-4A play with a 2-15 record.

The Lady Tigers traveled to Magdalena on Tuesday, Jan. 9, where they lost to the host Lady Steers 61-18.

HSHS participated in the Hope Christian Tournament, placing last among the eight-team field, with a first round loss to Hope, 57-16, and a second-round setback to Taos, 57-50. A score from Saturday’s tourney game was not immediately available.

The Lady Tigers traveled to Silver on Tuesday, Jan. 16, and host Socorro on Tuesday, Jan. 23.



INSIDE TRACK - Hot Springs senior forward Lorenzo Jaramillo (#21) establishes position in the lane during Tuesday’s, Jan. 9, Tiger win over the visiting Lordsburg Mavericks. **HERALD photos/TONY A. ARCHULETA**



Hot Springs freshman pointguard Verrels Lukman (#15)



Hot Springs senior forward Aiden Aguirre (#24)



Hot Springs junior post Tino Luna (#30)



Hot Springs junior forward Miguel Miyamoto (#22)



Hot Springs senior guard Seth Childress (#23)

PGA Sun Country Section Presents Lifetime Achievement Award to Tucker

The Sun Country PGA Awards Committee recently selected retired TorC Municipal Golf Course Pro Howie Tucker as the recipient of the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award.

“This is a prestigious award and you are well-deserving of such an honor,” PGA Awards Chairman Matthew Long said.

The award was presented Nov. 13, 2017, during the Sun Country PGA Fall meeting & Awards Banquet at Tanoan Country Club in Albuquerque.

From the PGA Sun Country Section: Tucker has been a PGA

Member for 43 years. His interest in golf began as a young boy in the 1950s when he got a job as a shag boy at Norwood Country Club in Normandy, Mo.. In 1958 his family moved to Englewood, Colo., where Howie sought out golf at Mountain View Golf and Range. The owner, PGA Professional Norman (Bud) McClellan, took him under his wing and began to share the tricks of the trade.

Howie says, “His knowledge about the complete operations of his business fired me up more about the game.” It planted the



PGA Pro Howie Tucker

seed of his love of golf.

After playing golf in high school, Howie enlisted in the army in 1963. While serving in Special Services in Italy, he played for the Southern European Golf Team and started his college educa-

tion through the University of Maryland Correspondence Courses.

After being discharged in 1966, Howie became an assistant at Valley Hi Golf Course in Colorado Springs during the summer, and at Broadmoor during the winter. That was when Howie decided to begin his PGA career, starting his apprenticeship in 1968 and gaining membership in 1974.

Howie has served the Section in many capacities since then. He was on the Board of Directors from 1977-1983, 1986-1990, 1992, and 2007-2008, serving at various

times as Junior Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Amateur Relations Chairman, Long Range Planning Chairman, Secretary, Vice President and President from 1987-1988.

After spending 10 years in the Southwest Section, he returned to Sun Country in 2005 and worked first at Tucumcari Golf Course and then for eight years at Truth or Consequences Municipal Golf Course until his retirement in 2015. He continues to work for the good of the game as a Life Member-Active by volunteering as a rules official for Sun Coun-

try PGA and Sun Country Amateur Golf Association events.

Howie thanks his three daughters, Tamora, Kimberly and Stephanie, all the Sun Country members, and the three PGA Professionals who have been instrumental in his career: Bud McClellan, Dow Finsterwald, and Paul Ransom, who told him, “If you love golf, you will love this job!” – a statement that has stood the test of time for Howie Tucker.

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