

# Host Sonblazers Control Second Quarter Vs. Tigers

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Another low-scoring second quarter set back the Hot Springs varsity boys basketball team Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Mesilla Valley Christian.

MVC beat HSHS 67-42.

After a competitive first quarter in which the Tigers found themselves down by only 13-9, the host Sonblazers erupted for 20 points in the second frame, while limiting Hot Springs to five points. MVC led 33-14 at halftime, and while the second half proved competitive, with the Sonblazers outscoring the Tigers 16-12 and 18-16 in the third and fourth quarters, re-

spectively, the halftime deficit was too much for the visiting team to overcome.

It was the second game in a row that the Tigers struggled in the second stanza, held to just two points in a 61-53 loss at Deming the previous week.

Senior forward Lorenzo Jaramillo led Hot Springs with 15 points on 5-of-17 shooting, reflecting a cold-shooting night for the Tigers with an individual and overall 29 percent field goal percentage.

Junior center Tino Luna, with 10 points, had the best showing from the field with a 5-for-10 shooting mark, followed by fresh-

man point-guard Verrels Lukman (5 points), freshman guard Nathan Salcido (4), sophomore forward Juan Avalos (4), senior guard Victor Garcia (2) and sophomore guard Coltin Whitehead (2).

The Tigers went 0-for-5 from the 3-point line.

They shot a serviceable 10-for-15 from the free-throw line for 67 percent, with Salcido (4-of-4) and Jaramillo (5-of-5) leading the way.

Jaramillo recorded a double-double with 13 total rebounds – six offensive and seven defensive, followed by Luna with seven.

Luna and Jaramillo also were a presence inside

the lane defensively, with three and one blocks, respectively.

The Tigers benefited from nine steals, but that stat was offset by 22 turnovers.

According to MaxPreps, the 2A Sonblazers are 2-0 on the season with an impressive 58-50 win over 5A Valencia.

Hot Springs, 2-3 on the season, traveled to 5A Santa Teresa on Tuesday, Dec. 12, and will participate in the Wingate Tournament Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 14-16, opening against Navajo Pine.

The Tigers have fared well at the northwestern New Mexico tourney in

recent years. Last year under then head coach Tony Bastine, the Tigers beat Whitehorse and Zuni and lost to Farmington.

If Derek Bean, in his first season as HSHS head coach, can lead his team to a similar showing, it sets up a good opportunity to finish off the 2017 half of the season with a 5-4 mark if they beat visiting Cliff on Dec. 19. Earlier in the season, the Tigers traveled to the western New Mexico basketball hotspot, where they beat the Cowboys 53-51.

Following the holiday break, the Tigers will host Belen on Jan. 4.

## LADY TIGERS

The Hot Springs varsity girls basketball team competed in the Wingate Tournament on Dec. 7-9, falling to Crownpoint 70-39 in Friday's game (additional scores from the tourney were not immediately available). Crownpoint took control early with a 23-10 first-quarter lead. They led 36-20 at halftime and outscored the Tigers 12-7 and 22-12 in the third and fourth frames, respectively.

Hot Springs (1-5 on the season, not including two tournament games) hosted Chaparral on Tuesday, Dec. 12, while Ruidoso visits Tiger Gym on Friday, Dec. 15 (junior varsity game starts at 5 p.m.).

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Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no other reports.

Bear Canyon Lake: Fishing was fair using Fire Balls, worms and PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing was good using homemade dough bait and liver for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Caballo Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was fair to good using blade baits, spoons, curly tail grubs and jig and minnow combinations for white bass. Anglers fishing for white bass also picked up a few walleye. Fishing was slow to fair using Ned rigs, jigs, curly tail grubs, worms and creature baits for large-

mouth bass and small-mouth bass. Fishing was good using cut bait, live bait, night crawlers, liver and homemade dough baits for catfish. We had no other reports. The surface water temp ranged from the high 50s to the low 60s.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and Fire Balls for trout. We had no other reports.

Gila River: Stream flow on Monday morning was

57.3 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Glenwood Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Lake Roberts: Fishing was fair using worms, liver and homemade dough bait for catfish. Fishing was fair to good using Fire Balls and PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports.

Percha Dam: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Quemado Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rancho Grande Ponds: Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no other reports.

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte Monday morning was 0.00 cfs. Fishing was fair using liver and stink bait for catfish. Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports.

Snow Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Young Pond: Trout fishing was good mid-week but tapered off over the weekend. Best baits were PowerBait and Fire Balls.

Catches of the week  
Heron Lake: Aaron Suazo caught a 22-inch rainbow trout Nov. 27. He was using a white shad swim bait.

Lake Maloya: Jessica Pargament of Raton caught a 20-inch rainbow trout Dec. 4. She was using yellow PowerBait.

Rio Grande: Andrew Black of Santa Fe caught and released a 38-inch northern pike Dec. 3. He was fly fishing and using a bunny streamer.

If you have a catch of the week story or just want to tell us about your latest New Mexico fishing experience, send it to us at fishforfun2@hotmail.com. We may include your sto-

ry in our next report.

For catches of the week, include name, age, hometown, date, and location, type of fish, length and weight if possible and bait, lure or fly used.

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## Irrigating In Winter Same Depth, Less Frequent

Winter irrigation questions recently have been the topic here in the Sierra County Extension Office. Many of those questions have been along these lines; "I'm wondering what the frequency of watering should be and the best time of day or night to have the water come on?" Knowing how much water to apply in your landscape is hard enough in the summertime when demands are high but now that winter is here in Sierra County, it can be even more difficult to know the right amount because many plants are bare and it can be easy to forget. Most plants need less water in colder months. This is partly because dormant plants are not actively growing. Lower temperatures also reduce transpiration of water through plant tissues. When deciduous plants drop their leaves, photosynthetic rates also drop, as do water requirements. That does not mean, however, that no water is needed at all. In our high desert climate, warm winter days, along with cold, drying winds, trigger some transpiration, which further dries the soil. Plus, many plants, like rosemary and pine trees, do not lose their "leaves" at all, so they continue to transpire, even if at a slower rate than in hot summer temperatures. Mulch is key! Mulching helps insulate plant roots and maintain soil moisture in both winter and summer. Not to mention, mulch makes a great weed barrier. The most widespread rule of thumb is to water less



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frequently in the winter months, but always water to the same depth. If you water landscape plants for, say, 30-minute intervals once a week in the hottest months and then back off to only 10-minute intervals once a week in colder months, roots will die back. This invites stress-related symptoms like insect problems, diseases, diminished performance, and even plant death. But hold on, there is a caveat. While always watering to the same depth is the best rule for irrigation efficiency, one drawback is the possibility of salt buildup in the root zone, which can be damaging. Judith Phillips, a landscape de-

signer and garden writer in the Albuquerque area, pointed out that plant irrigation needs in winter depend largely on when they were planted. Even desert-adapted plants will need more frequent irrigations if they were installed this summer or fall. The following watering guidelines are from the Arizona & New Mexico Getting Started Garden Guide by Mary Irish and Judith Phillips and are geared toward desert-adapted, established plants (more than 1 year, or 3 years for trees). December through March, water trees, shrubs, and warm-season grass every 45-60 days; ground-

covers and vines every 30-60 days; cool-season grass every 30 days. Annual plants tend to have smaller root systems, so water every 10-14 days during bloom. The recommended watering depths, which should be kept constant throughout the year, are 24-36 inches for trees; 18-24 inches for shrubs; 8-12 inches for groundcovers, vines, and annuals; and 6-10 inches for turf.

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