

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- 5th Grade: Arrow Van Brocklin (Utah Tigers)** - The heady guard has been very consistent all year
- 6th Grade: Logan Beckstrand (Utah Stealth) & Crew Morgan (Utah Stealth)** - The duo scored a combined 126pts this weekend as their high level play prepares them to defend their title.
- 7th Grade: Boston Cederholm (Utah Blitz)** The guard with one of the best shooting strokes in the game played well to keep the Blitz on pace to challenge for the Chip..
- 8th Grade: Henry Wolfgram (Stealth) & Bennet Webb (Utah Mountain Stars)** - Henry one of the best players in the league, keeps playing well every week. Bennett arguably the best player in the league leads his team to an upset win over Utah Stars Elite.

Honorable Mentions: Dash Rohovit(Team BWILL), Zane Riddle(South Valley Hoop), Noah Castagnetto(Real Athlete Black), Trey Amico(Utah Mountain Stars), Drew Harlan(Court Evolution), Nixon Carter(Utah Hoops), Liam Taylor(Salt Lake Sonics), Tydus Caputo(TSBA Elite), Finn Madsen(Utah Rise), Crete Smith(Idaho Elite), Kason Wray(Utah Flight), Crew Choque(The Peak) Bennet Gummersall(Salt City Hustle), Henry Bench(Team BWIL), Lincoln Moltrie(Utah Tigers), Alex Jardine(Salt Lake Sonics).

JAN 24th STORYLINES

- Playoffs: March 5th, 6th, 7th**
- 5th-Top 4 teams from the South Division and Top 4 from the North.
- 6th-Top 5 from the South Division and Top 3 from the North Division.
- 7th-Top 6 from the South Division and Top 4 from the North Division
- 8th-Top 6 from the South Division and Top 4 from the North Division

Coaches Corner:

"Focus on team unity over individual performance"
Jerrod Calhoun-Utah State Basketball Coach

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Utah Mountain Stars- Completed the upset win of 3-time Champions Utah Stars Elite handing them only their 2nd loss in 4yrs. Their confidence is sky high with only 3 weeks left in the season.

Utah Rise- Off to a great start going 10-0, this team is very competitive and has all the pieces to make a run in the Playoffs. Next week is a big week for them, as they take on a tough Utah Magic team and a big game against another undefeated team Lockdown.

KEY MATCHUPS - FEB 7TH

5th Grade: Utah Tigers vs UpTempo 5th Elite.

A fight for the top seed in the North is still up for grabs, this game will a long way in deciding the seedings

6th Grade: Utah Stealth vs The Peak

The Champs will be tested this weekend vs The Peak who plays everyone tough

7th Grade: Utah Rise vs Lockdown

Battle of the unbeatens and the top seed in the North is on the line in the highly anticipated game

8th Grade: Utah Prospects vs Salt Lake Sonics

The rematch of the Pre-Season Challenge semi-finals is going to be a great battle of two great teams. The duo of Baca and Swenson for the Sonics will make for a great match vs the talent guards for the Prospects and high scoring guard Robby Dupuy

Local College Teams:

Utah State Big win over San Diego State to lead the Mtn West Standings. See you in the NCAA Tournament.

BYU UVU still stands at the top of the WAC Standings.

Former Player Shout-Outs

Richie Saunders (BYU) Despite the loss to Kansas, he went for 33pts, 10 rebounds and make 6 Three pointers.

Karter Miller (Layton High School) The ultra talented Jr guard scored 32pts vs Syracuse. This is the 2nd time this year scoring over 30pts

FINAL THOUGHTS

Another outstanding week of basketball; upsets, buzzer beaters, and high-level play from start to finish. Over the next three weeks, continue to compete, improve, and bring your very best every single game. There's a reason teams are invited to play in Youngblood: they're competitive, well-coached, and eager to test themselves against the best. Finish strong.

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- 5th Grade:** Liam Lazarus (**LE Strikers**) - He gets double-teamed once he passes half court and still manage to get his pts
- 6th Grade:** Isaac Harrington (**Real Athlete Future**) - Against two of the top teams in the division he stepped up big for two wins.
- 7th Grade:** Holden Atwater (**Lockdown**) & Thomas Jacob (**Fantomz 7th**) - Holden has led a surprise Lockdown team to a 8-0 start while Thomas continues with his solid play halfway through the season.
- 8th Grade:** Julian Flores (**Uptempo**) - Playing without his back court mate Trigg who is out for injury, Julian had to step up his game and scored big scoring 23pts & 28pts.

Honorable Mentions: Trey Amico(Utah Mtn Stars), Zane Randle (South Valley Hoop), Jonah Parrish(Team Utah), Henry Wolfgramm(Stealth), Parker Caton(Utah Rise), Chase Bigelow(Heat Check), Cole Oyler(Utah Blitz), Logan Wilson(Utah Notes), Lorenzo Park(Lockdown), Anson Galbraith(Real Athlete Black), Poutoa Fa'alogo, Benet Gummersall, , Bodie Stokes(Uptempo), Beklan Stoker(The Peak).

JAN 24th STORYLINES

- Top 7th Grade Guards:** Cole Oyler, Lorenzo Park, Kyrie Davis, Parker Caton, Holden Atwater, Jake Larsen, Hudson Goeckeritz, Clinton Pierce, Boston Cederholm. Who is the Best!
- Undefeated Teams:** Utah Stars Elite, Utah Mountain Stars, Heat Check, Utah Prospects 2031, Lockdown, Utah Rise, and Utah Stealth still undefeated at the halfway point
- Real Athlete (Future) 6th:** With the addition of Nephi and Poutoa this team is set to contend for the Championship

Coaches Corner:

"We believe in people executing their role and caring about the team more than anything individually" Gregg Popovich

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Salt Lake Sonics- After winning the Pre-Season Challenge in November this talented team has not let up. Losing only to 3-time champs Utah Stars Elite. Look for this team to really make a push for a rematch in the Championship game.

Heat Check (ID)- The surprise team of the first half of the season this scrappy team from Idaho won only 1 game last year, they started this season 6-0 looking to make it to the playoffs.

Team BWIL 5th- When this team is locked in, they are as good as anyone. 1 of 7 or 8 teams who can win the 5th grade championship

KEY MATCHUPS - JAN 31ST

5th Grade: Salt City Hustle 2031 Select vs Real Athlete(Future).

This will be a classic as these highly competitive teams meet with possible playoff implications

6th Grade: Real Athlete (Future) vs The Peak

After suffering their first loss can the bounce back against a talented Real Athlete (Future).

7th Grade: Utah Prospects vs Utah Magic

Utah Magic is one of the 2 or 3 teams who's poised to knock off the highly talented Utah Prospects.

8th Grade: Utah Stars Elite vs Salt Lake Sonics

Battle of the only two unbeaten teams face off in this exciting matchup, can anyone take down the champs.

Local College Teams:

Utah State snaps two games losing streak with comeback victory over CSU.

BYU almost shocks the world coming up a little short in lost to #1 ranked Arizona.

Former Player Shout-Outs

Isaac Davis (Utah Valley) The forward scored a career high 23pts vs Utah Tech including going 9 for 9 from the free throw line.

Nation Williams (Centennial High School (NV)) The five star Jr recruit scored 41pts and 18 rebounds in a home victory over Mojave. Nation has more than 25 D-1 offers

FINAL THOUGHTS

The league is at the halfway point and the competition is fierce for playoff spots. Teams are trying to position themselves for a spot to compete for the Championship. Make sure you get the popcorn ready when the Playoffs tip March 5th, 6th, & 7th.

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- 5th Grade:** Myles Holt (Real Athlete Future)- This kid is going to be a problem for all teams, scoring a game high 25pts
- 6th Grade:** Lucas Maas (Utah Havoc)- Although his team is struggling to start the season, this kid had two great games leading his team to two wins on Saturday.
- 7th Grade:** Boston Reyne (Real Athlete Black) & Clinton Pierce (Utah Rise)-In a class of highly talented players Boston and Clinton stood out showing they are two of the top players in 7th grade
- 8th Grade:** Robby Dupuy (Utah Prospects)-Robby is by far one of the best scorers in the league with a silky-smooth jump shot and confidence that is off the charts. Not many players in the league have his talent and scoring ability.
- Honorable Mentions:** Rio Mulford(Salt City Hustle), Myles Holt(Real Athlete Future 5th), Jack Jensen(Team BWIL), Bodie Stokes(Uptempo), Crew Morgan(Utah Stealth), Nixon Beecher(Invictus), Brady Hendry(Real Athlete Future 6th), Robbie Cannon(Team BWIL), Finn Madsen(Utah Rise), Anson Galbraith(Real Athlete Black), Clinton Pierce(Utah Rise), Tieg McClure(Heat Check), Darius Swenson (Salt Lake Sonics), Tristen Johnson(OnTapElite White), Noah Castagnetto(Real Athlete Black 8th).

JAN 17th STORYLINES

- Talented Bigs in 8th :** Hazen Wilde, Tristen Johnson, Darius Swenson, Bennett Webb, Cater Isaacson & Waad Mojwok. These guys can play.
- 4 Undefeated Teams :** Utah Prospects, Heat Check, Lockdown and Utah Rise undefeated through the first 3 weeks.
- Utah Peaks 6th:** This team is showing well in first year in Youngblood going 6-0 in the first 3 weeks.

Coaches Corner:

"Arrive to the game early, top players show up early to prepare for the game"

-Youngblood League Coach

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

DC Heat: Although this team is 3-3, they have played some of the best teams early and have been very competitive in their first year of Youngblood. Don't be surprised if they make the playoffs and upsets some teams this season

Utah Rise: Off to a great start at 6-0 this team is showing they belong with the elite teams in the league. Although they will get tested in the next couple of weeks.

Team BWIL 6th: They are quietly winning games and can win it all at the end of the season. Look out for this team.

KEY MATCHUPS - JAN 24TH

5th Grade:

OnTapElite 5th vs Team BWIL 5th

This will be a battle of two teams who want a shot at the title when the playoffs start in 5 weeks. Can't wait to see this game.

6th Grade:

Uptempo vs The Peak

The Peak will get their first major test against a very good Uptempo team. You're not going to want to miss this one

7th Grade:

Utah Rise vs DC Elite

Utah Rise has won close games to start the season and don't let DC Elite's record fool you. This game will come down to the wire.

8th Grade:

UpTempo vs Salt Lake Sonics

This will be a battle of two of the top teams in the North Division.

Local College Teams:

- BYU 14-2
- Utah State 15-2
- Utah Valley 15-4

Former Player Shout-Outs

Isiah Harwell (University of Houston) The guard from Idaho is helping the #6 Cougars as he is logging 20 mins a game as a freshman.

Dean Rueckert (Timpview High School) The best player in the state continues to show it scoring 31pts knocking down 7-3 pointers vs Salem Hills.

FINAL THOUGHTS

We have witnessed high-quality games over the first three weeks of the season. The level of basketball has been excellent, with teams competing hard all the way to the final buzzer. Sportsmanship between teams and coaches has been outstanding, and it has been great to see parents positively supporting their teams. Thank you for respecting the league, the players, and the coaches

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- 5th Grade:** Myles Holt (Real Athlete Future)- This kid is going to be a problem for all teams, scoring a game high 25pts
- 6th Grade:** Lucas Maas (Utah Havoc)- Although his team is struggling to start the season, this kid had two great games leading his team to two wins on Saturday.
- 7th Grade:** Boston Reyne (Real Athlete Black) & Clinton Pierce (Utah Rise)-In a class of highly talented players Boston and Clinton stood out showing they are two of the top players in 7th grade
- 8th Grade:** Robby Dupuy (Utah Prospects)-Robby is by far one of the best scorers in the league with a silky-smooth jump shot and confidence that is off the charts. Not many players in the league have his talent and scoring ability.
- Honorable Mentions:** Rio Mulford(Salt City Hustle), Myles Holt(Real Athlete Future 5th, Jack Jensen(Team BWIL), Bodie Stokes(Uptempo), Crew Morgan(Utah Stealth), Nixon Beecher(Invictus), Brady Hendry(Real Athlete Future 6th), Robbie Cannon(Team BWIL), Finn Madsen(Utah Rise), Anson Galbraith(Real Athlete Black), Clinton Pierce(Utah Rise), Tieg McClure(Heat Check), Darius Swenson (Salt Lake Sonics), Tristen Johnson(OnTapElite White), Noah Castagnetto(Real Athlete Black 8th).

JAN 17th STORYLINES

- Talented Bigs in 8th :** Hazen Wilde, Tristen Johnson, Darius Swenson, Bennett Webb, Cater Isaacson & Waad Mojwok. These guys can play.
- 4 Undefeated Teams :** Utah Prospects, Heat Check, Lockdown and Utah Rise undefeated through the first 3 weeks.
- Utah Peaks 6th:** This team is showing well in first year in Youngblood going 6-0 in the first 3 weeks.

Coaches Corner:

“Arrive to the game early, top players show up early to prepare for the game”

-Youngblood League Coach

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

DC Heat: Although this team is 3-3, they have played some of the best teams early and have been very competitive in their first year of Youngblood. Don't be surprised if they make the playoffs and upsets some teams this season

Utah Rise: Off to a great start at 6-0 this team is showing they belong with the elite teams in the league. Although they will get tested in the next couple of weeks.

Team BWIL 6th: They are quietly winning games and can win it all at the end of the season. Look out for this team.

KEY MATCHUPS - JAN 24TH

5th Grade:

OnTapElite 5th vs Team BWIL 5th

This will be a battle of two teams who want a shot at the title when the playoffs start in 5 weeks. Can't wait to see this game.

6th Grade:

Uptempo vs The Peak

The Peak will get their first major test against a very good Uptempo team. You're not going to want to miss this one

7th Grade:

Utah Rise vs DC Elite

Utah Rise has won close games to start the season and don't let DC Elite's record fool you. This game will come down to the wire.

8th Grade:

UpTempo vs Salt Lake Sonics

This will be a battle of two of the top teams in the North Division.

Local College Teams:

- BYU 14-2
- Utah State 15-2
- Utah Valley 15-4

Former Player Shout-Outs

Isiah Harwell (University of Houston) The guard from Idaho is helping the #6 Cougars as he is logging 20 mins a game as a freshman.

Dean Rueckert (Timpview High School) The best player in the state continues to show it scoring 31pts knocking down 7-3 pointers vs Salem Hills.

FINAL THOUGHTS

We have witnessed high-quality games over the first three weeks of the season. The level of basketball has been excellent, with teams competing hard all the way to the final buzzer. Sportsmanship between teams and coaches has been outstanding, and it has been great to see parents positively supporting their teams. Thank you for respecting the league, the players, and the coaches

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- 5th Grade:** Stockton Heugly (OnTapElite 5th White)- The shifty floor general put it all together with a game high 29pts. Leading his team to two wins.
- 6th Grade:** Crete Smith (Idaho Flite) & Cole Rippe (Uptempo)-Both players put on a show with their scoring ability, leadership and all-round play. Crete avg 19pts a game in 3 wins. Cole the iron man played both 5th and 6th grade games, avg 15 game for all 6 games with a game high 25pts
- 7th Grade:** Waad Mojwok (Utah Prospects 2031)-The big man was unstoppable, scoring, blocking shots and grabbing every rebound in sight. He even got a couple of dunks that brought teammates and fans to their feet.
- 8th Grade:** Hazen Wilde (Stealth)-Hazen maybe the most consistent player in the league, quietly giving you 20pts 10 rebounds every game. Nobody has found an answer for the big man from Logan.
- Honorable Mentions:** Rio Mulford(Salt City Hustle), Myles Holt(Real Athlete Future 5th, Jack Jensen(Team BWIL), Bodie Stokes(Uptempo), Crew Morgan(Utah Stealth), Nixon Beecher(Invictus), Brady Hendry(Real Athlete Future 6th), Robbie Cannon(Team BWIL), Finn Madsen(Utah Rise), Anson Galbraith(Real Athlete Black), Clinton Pierce(Utah Rise), Tieg McClure(Heat Check), Darius Swenson (Salt Lake Sonics), Tristen Johnson(OnTapElite White), Noah Castagnetto(Real Athlete Black 8th).

JAN 10th STORYLINES

- Utah Stars Elite:** Put all teams on notice. Statement wins over top-tier competition Salt Lake Sonics and Utah Prospects.
- Utah Prospects 2031:** If you haven't seen this team play, you are in for a treat led by big man Mojwok. Some believe they could contend for the 8th grade title if they were allowed to play up.
- Idaho Teams:** Showed up strong in their first Youngblood appearance of the year. Heat Check 7th, Uptempo 6th, and Idaho Flite 6th all finished the weekend undefeated.

Coaches Corner:

"Youngblood League is high level basketball with excellent play and great coaching. This league prepares players for the next level"

-D1 College Basketball Coach

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Heat Check (ID 7th): After winning just one game in Youngblood last year, this team has turned the page. Coached by former BYU great Mark Bigelow, a revamped roster came out eager to prove they belong with Utah's best, going 3-0 in their opening week.

Utah Stealth: Every team is gunning for them, yet they quietly keep winning, even playing up a grade this week. They have one mission to bring home the Championship again.

Real Athlete (Future) 5th: They may have lost in the Pre-Season Challenge, but they're sending a clear message: the Youngblood League championship still runs through them. They kick off the season 4-0.

KEY MATCHUPS - JAN 17TH

5th Grade:

Salt City Hustle vs Utah Tigers

With high-energy coaches leading the way, expect a battle that won't end until the final whistle.

6th Grade:

Utah Stars vs Utah Flight

Both teams are ready to battle and reclaim the form that made them contenders last season.

7th Grade:

Utah Magic vs Utah Notes

The Magic are likely title contenders, but can the Notes show they should be in the conversation too.

8th Grade:

Utah Prospects 14U vs Fantomz

After falling to the Champs, they now face the upstart Fantomz 8th, who have impressed during the first two weeks of the league. This matchup will be a major test for both teams.

Congratulations:

- BYU close rivalry win over Utah.
- Utah State blow out win over Boise State.
- Utah Valley big win over Utah Tech

Former Player Shout-Outs

Jaxon Kohler (Michigan State) The big fella is averaging a double double on the 12th ranked Spartans. 14pts, 10rebounds a game.

Luke West (Bingham High School) One of the top scoring guards in the state, capable of scoring at all three levels, erupted for 31 points against Copper Hills and 30 against Herriman.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Coaches: remember to return your coaches badges following daily games

Spectators: Children should not be playing in the halls; they must remain in the gym. This is a school policy that will be enforced throughout the season.

