

[High school notebook: Looking at scoring leaders at the midway point of season](#)

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As Recorder Area basketball teams have passed the midway point of their seasons, it's a good time to check in on the scoring leaders in the area.

Of course, scoring leaders don't tell a full story as there's a lot more that goes into the game of basketball than putting the ball in the basket. It is, however, the most important skill considering if you can't score, you won't win many games.

On the boys side, scoring is up this winter. As teams last winter, Greenfield was the highest scoring Recorder team at 63.9 per game. Pioneer (59.1), Frontier (58.2), Mahar (57.1), Turners (48.3), Athol (48) and Franklin Tech (37.8) rounded out the team scoring leaders last year during the 18-game regular season.

Heading into Thursday night's slate, Pioneer is the top offense in the Recorder Area by averaging 71.5 per game through 10 games. Greenfield is second (69.4) followed by Mahar (58), Frontier (55), Athol (52.4), Turners (49.5) and Franklin Tech (39.2). The Redhawks are the lone team that hasn't exceeded its average from a year ago, but only by a mere three points that can easily be made up down the stretch.

Why is scoring up? One factor is the players that returned.

Last winter 15 boys in the Recorder Area finished the season averaging over 10 points-per-game. Of those 15, 10 were underclassmen who returned this winter and another year older, their scoring totals have gone up.

Pioneer's Brayden Thayer — a 1,000 point scorer — was the top scorer in the area last year at 18 points-per-game and Thayer has the early edge to regain the title winter, as the senior is putting up 22.3 per game.

Two other locals are also scoring over 20 per game. Frontier's Max Millette is the catalyst of the Redhawk attack and is scoring 21.9 per game while fellow Panther Kurt Redeker is averaging 20.4 per game. Greenfield's Jon Breor — another 1,000 point scorer — is fourth at 19.5 points per game while Green Wave freshman Grayson Thomas is fifth (18).

Turners Falls' Jackson Cogswell (15.6), Pioneer's Alex McClelland (15.3), Mahar's Jayden Delgado (15.2), Greenfield' Caleb Thomas (14.5), Mahar's Derek Collins (13.5), Greenfield's Caleb Murray (11.5), Mahar's Marshall Ames (10.4) and Franklin Tech's Gabe Mota (10.1) round out the locals currently putting up 10-plus per game, showcasing the depth of talent in the area.

It's a different story on the girls side.

Scoring is way down for the Recorder Area girls teams. Last winter five of the seven area teams averaged over 40 points-per-game, led by Pioneer at 52.4 followed by Frontier (48.3), Greenfield (48), Franklin Tech (47.7) and Mahar (41.2). Mohawk Trail (35.4) and Athol (27.6) rounded out the local teams.

Only Frontier is putting up a higher total per game this season going into Thursday night, with the Redhawks (58.8) the only Recorder Area team averaging over 40 per game. None of Franklin Tech (37.5), Mahar (35.9), Greenfield (32.3), Mohawk Trail (30.5), Pioneer (26.6) and Athol (22.2) are on pace to eclipse their scoring marks from last winter. While the Recorder boys basketball teams were led by underclassmen last year, the girls teams were led by senior laden squads. Seven players averaged over 10 per game last winter but just three returned this winter.

Combine that with Frontier — the highest scoring team in the area — has a deep lineup and has been blowing teams out in the first half and just three area girls are currently scoring over 10 points-per-game.

Mahar's Hayden Comeau is pacing the field, scoring 13.6 per game. Frontier's Addie Harrington is second (11.5) while Pioneer's Kyler McClelland is third (10.1). Franklin Tech's Hannah Gilbert — a 1,000 point scorer — is fourth in the area (9.3) while Frontier's Harper Modestow (9.1) is fifth.

Power Rankings

Here's where the Recorder Area teams sit in the latest power rankings:

Div. 4 boys: Frontier (No. 22); Greenfield (No. 24). Div. 5 boys: Pioneer (No. 1); Mahar (No. 11); Athol (No. 28); Turners (No. 42); Franklin Tech (No. 60).

Div. 4 girls: Frontier (No. 9). Div. 5 girls: Mahar (No. 20); Greenfield (No. 24); Franklin Tech (No. 27); Pioneer (No. 39); Mohawk Trail (No. 42); Athol (No. 64).

Div. 4 hockey: Greenfield (No. 17)

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[HS Roundup: Big first half leads Frontier girls basketball past Greenfield, 48-14 \(PHOTOS\)](#)

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It was a dominant defensive showing for the Frontier girls basketball team against Greenfield on Thursday.

The Redhawks didn't allow the Wave to get on the scoreboard until there was 1:41 to go in the first half, as Frontier raced ahead 29-2 at the half.

The Redhawks went on to earn a 48-14 Franklin County League North victory at Goodnow Gymnasium.

Addie Harrington and Harper Modestow each scored 10 points while Whitney Campbell, Skyler Steele, Claire Kirkendall and Olivia Machon each added five points in the win for Frontier. Elderina Cecunjanin tallied six points, Tayler Bergeron scored five points while Anna Bucala finished with three points for Greenfield.

Mohawk Trail 47, Franklin Tech 44 — Trailing 32-31 going into the fourth, the Warriors outscored the Eagles 16-12 in the final frame to defeat Franklin Tech in Buckland Thursday. Valerie Bzomowski finished with 11 points, Emmalee Inman and Zephyr Jetzon both scored nine points, Bella Pettengill recorded eight points while Natalie Lanoue added seven points in the win. Lili Inman led the Eagles with 14 points, Haleigh Benoit scored eight points while Hannah Gilbert and Brayleigh Burgh each scored seven points in the loss.

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Alpine ski

Another PVIAC meet, another first place finish for Mohawk Trail's Addie Loomis.

The junior blazed through the slalom course in a time of 43.04 seconds, earning her first place in the girls race on the day.

Fellow Warrior's Ellie Pinkham (third, 47.71) and Grace Sisum (sixth, 50.02) joined Loomis in the top 10 while Sofiya Slocik-Gritzner (12th, 52.23), Brooke Koshinsky (14th, 53.12) and Jaylynn Peters (26th, 1:04.10) for Mohawk Trail.

Grayson Bishop led the way for the Warrior boys, placing second with a run of 32.26 on the giant slalom course. Phineas Tuttmann (eighth, 33.24), Liam Zarotny (ninth, 34.13) and Ben Zarotny (10th, 34.91) placed in the top 10 while Zavel Gardner (20th, 37.95) and Xerxes Law (30th, 39.72) earned top 30 finishes for Mohawk Trail.

Wednesday results

Wrestling

Franklin Tech 49, Mahar 27 — Victories from Carsten Couture (120), Maxon Brunette (126), Mia Marigliano (132), Camden Bonnett (150), Benjamin Baker (157), Travis Eastman (175), Collin Eddy (190), Jackson Morey (215) and Seamus Collins (185) lifted the Eagles past the Senators in Turners Wednesday.

Abduli Gilmore (106), Asher Williams (113), Elias Roberts (138), Joshua Mazza (144) and Eujeyn Smith (165) secured victories for Mahar.

Mohawk Trail 36, Duggan 34 — Liam Smith (106), Wade Purington (120) and Logan Moore (157) earned wins via pin for the Warriors, propelling them to a victory in Buckland Wednesday.

Middle school

Wesley Darling (10 points), Xaviay Reynolds (eight points) and Jake Richardson (four points) led the Greenfield middle schools boys past PVCICS, 48-27.

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Indoor track

The fifth PVIAC indoor track meet of the season took place on Sunday at Smith College, with Frontier, Greenfield and Pioneer competing in the early meet while Athol and Mohawk Trail competed in the late window.

Here are the top 10 performers from each team:

Athol

Girls: Kareligh Chase, shot put, 1, 28-10.

Frontier

Boys: Ben Cachiguango, 55, 9, 7.16; Cachiguango, 55 hurdles, 1, 8.07; Cachiguango, 300, 3, 38.15; Tavo Vincent Warner, 55 hurdles, 5, 8.99; Tegan Dexter, 300, 6, 39.74; Adrien Pazmandy, 600, 3, 1:31.23; Augustus Radner, 600, 9, 1:33.94; Luke Howard, 1,000, 3, 2:48.37; Howard, 2 mile, 7, 11:12.79; Oliver Brown, 1,000, 9, 3:01.47; Brown, high jump, 10, 5-2; 4x400, 2, 3:45.32. Girls: Hannah Davis, 55 hurdles, 3, 9.85; Davis, long jump, 8, 13-9.25; Julia Morse, 55 hurdles, 8, 10.56; Josie Fosnot, 300, 6, 45.11; Madelyn Antes, 300, 10, 47.32; Antes, high jump, 9, 4-4; Perla Ordaz, 600, 5, 1:54.27; Phoebe Radner, 600, 6, 1:54.27; Liv Christensen, 2 mile, 8, 13:45.65; Mary Burt, high jump, 2, 4-8; Maia Christensen, high jump, 3, 4-8; Ashley Rivard, long jump, 10, 13-5.5; Lilly Novak, shot put, 4, 28-9.25; Abbigayle Grover, shot put, 9, 24-10; 4x400, 4, 4:33.63.

Greenfield

Boys: Mason Youmell, 55 hurdles, 6, 9.20; Youmell, high jump, 8, 5-4; Youmell, long jump, 5, 18-0; Jerry Ven, shot put, 9, 35-6; 4x400, 8, 4:29.20.

Girls: Suhani Patel, high jump, 4, 4-6.

Mohawk Trail

Boys: Tanner Biagini, 55, 9, 7.12; Biagini, 300, 6, 38.71; Carson Richardson, 600, 5, 1:44.36; Richardson, 1,000, 9, 3:15.89; Peter Healy, 1,000, 5, 2:58.12; Healy, 2 mile, 2, 10:34.66; Qwade

Niquette, high jump, 4, 5-0; Niquette, long jump, 5, 17-2; Crimson Helenek, shot put, 4, 35-8.25; 4x400, 6, 4:09.44.

Girls: Morgan Raffa, 300, 10, 50.43; Virginia Krezmien, 1,000, 1, 3:24.48; Krezmien, high jump, 5, 4-6; Ella Thompson, 1,000, 10, 4:15.13; Thompson, mile, 10, 7:18.32; Georgia Gauthier, 2 mile, 2, 15:17.34; Avery Johnston, shot put, 2, 28-5.75; Cammie Thompson, shot put, 6, 24-4.75; 4x400, 4, 5:06.73.

Pioneer

Boys: 4x400, 7, 4:22.7.

Girls: Louise Flagollet, 55, 7, 7.87; Louise Flagollet, high jump, 1, 4-10; Emmanuelle Flagollet, 55 hurdles, 5, 10.18; Sahana Heilman, 55 hurdles, 9, 10.7; Heilman, long jump, 1, 15-2.5; 4x400, 5, 4:35.77.

Source: <https://www.recorder.com/MIAA-power-rankings-Pioneer-boys-Frontier-girls-lead-the-way-in-first-basketball-release-58874020>

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Girls basketball

Pioneer 35, Mohawk Trail 26 — Trailing 17-16 at the half, the Panthers outscored the Warriors 19-9 in the final 16 minutes of action to earn a Franklin County League South victory in Northfield Friday.

Kyler McClelland tallied 11 points and nine rebounds, Natalie Rios scored seven points to go along with eight rebounds and four steals, Maggie Tsipenyuk recorded seven points while Kiara Gruszkowski scored five points and added seven boards in the win.

Bella Pettengill finished with eight points, Natalie Lanoue and Valerie Bzomowski each scored six points while Emmalee Inman recorded four points for Mohawk Trail.

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