

# Model sweeps Rockmart to finish regular season

## PREP ROUNDUP

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The prep basketball regular season came to a close Saturday, and Model's boys' and girls' teams ended it with wins over Region 7-AA opponent Rockmart in Shannon.

The Blue Devils were put to the test against the Yellow Jackets for the second time this week and pulled out a 37-33 win to earn the regular season sweep against Rockmart.

Model (11-12, 8-6 7-AA) held a 20-7 lead at the half and saw the visiting Jackets chip away at the advantage until the Blue Devils held their ground in the fourth quarter.

"I think our guys have shown some resiliency all season long and tonight, that was a big deal," Model coach Jacob Travis said.

"It was a great win for us. We had some big rebounds down the stretch and defended a pretty good team."

Jackson Lively made a huge impact for Model, scoring 23 points, including all of the team's eight points in the fourth quarter.

He made three 3-pointers and was 6-of-8 from the foul line.

Rockmart (15-8, 9-5) was led by Bronson Garner, who scored 19 points, 12 of which came in the third quarter.

Both teams will play in this week's Region 7-AA tournament at Chattooga High School.

### **Model girls 58, Rockmart 28**

The Model girls' basketball team's final regular season home game served as a pretty good way to round out the Region 7-AA schedule.

Victoria Saxton scored a game-high 33 points in just three quarters as the Lady Devils rolled to a 58-28 win over Rockmart.

Model completes the regular season with a perfect 14-0 record in the region and 20-5 overall. It enters this week's region tournament as the top girls' seed.

The Lady Devils' were up 53-11 after three quarters, with Rockmart closing the gap in the final period.

"Any time you can have fun and watch your kids enjoy the game, you know, it's a pretty incredible feeling, because that's what the game was designed to be," Model coach Sally Echols said.

Rockmart (9-15, 4-10) was paced by Desiree Williamson, who scored 15 points. Model seniors Bailey Upton and Natalie Davis each scored six.

## **Rome girls 60, Hiram 44**

The Rome Lady Wolves defeated Region 7-5A foe Hiram 60-44 on the road Saturday to complete their regular season. Taya Gibson scored 24 points while Re'Tavia Floyd added 10.

Rome (17-7, 10-6 7-5A) will travel to Carrollton on Tuesday to take on Kell in the region tournament at 4 p.m.

## **Coosa girls 59, North Cobb Christian 50**

Taylor Roberts posted a double-double and three Coosa players reached double digits as the Lady Eagle defeated North Cobb Christian 59-50 in a non-region contest Saturday.

Roberts scored 14 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for Coosa (11-13) while teammate Tori Overby led the Lady Eagles with 15 points. Carrah Arrant added to the point total with 11.

Coosa will play in the Region 7-AA tournament Monday at Chattooga High School.

## **TRACK: Rome opens season with indoor meet**

The Rome track and field team garnered two first place finishes on the boys' side and three top finishes on the girls' side Saturday at the Riverside Military Academy Indoor Meet in Gainesville.

It was the first indoor meet Rome has ever competed in.

"We thought this was a great opportunity for us to try something new," Rome coach Nick Bridges said. "And our kids went out there and ran great, and we've got plenty of time to get better as the season comes along."

The Millsap brothers, Shi'Dell and Montrell, gave the boys' team wins as Shi'dell won the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.86 seconds and Montrell won the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.58 seconds.

Sarah Glick had a pair of victories, winning the 800 meters in 2:46.3 and the 1,500 meters in 5:49.72. Meanwhile, Tacoria Williams finished first in the triple jump with a leap of 32 feet, 10 inches.

Rome also got second place finishes from Da'Niyah Primus (400 meters), Chloe Pilpon (800 meters), Renauzay Jackson (long jump) and Holden Young (pole vault). Rome's boys' and girls' 4x200 meter and 4x400 meter relay teams finished second as well.

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