

HS BOYS BASKETBALL

Stoglin at home in MLK rout of I-Ridge

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Terrell Stoglin thrives on the McKale Center hardwood.

Stoglin posted another massive performance on the Arizona Wildcats home floor during Monday night's MLK Basketball Classic, scoring 29 points as Santa Rita blew out Ironwood Ridge 77-61.

"I'm just trying to get used to the size of an arena like this," said Stoglin, who is averaging exactly 28 points per game. "More than anything, I was just thinking about getting the win, though, not really where we were playing at. Just take care of business."

Monday's game might have marked his final appearance at McKale. The 6-foot-1-inch senior point guard will head to Maryland next year to play for coach Gary Williams.

Stoglin scored 34 in last year's MLK Classic win, an 88-63 rout of Ironwood Ridge.

- Amphitheater 98, Pueblo 58: Lester Medford, Malcolm Millner and Tim Derksen each scored 20 points or more as Amphi (19-1) routed the Warriors for its 19th straight win.

The Panthers (19-9) defeated Palo Verde on Friday night. They will take on Santa Rita today.

"We've won two of those three, and we're taking them one, each at a time," Millner said.

Amphi is averaging more than 95 points per game over its last five games, having crossed the 100-point barrier twice in that span, missing that mark by two against Pueblo (11-7).

- Tucson 58, Cienega 40: The Badgers made 11 of their first 13 baskets and took a 19-point lead during the second quarter. Junior Shakir Smith and senior Sama Taku accounted for 50 points.

The Badgers improved to 10-6; Cienega fell to 9-11.

"We've been playing together since we were like 5," Smith said of himself and Taku.

"We go to the gym every day. With us, it's: you get yours, I get mine, let's get a win."

Tucson led 17-5 after the first quarter, 31-13 at halftime, and by as many as 21 points in the second half. Smith and Taku had virtually no trouble getting to the hoop at any point during the game, even though the Bobcats had a slight size advantage.

"We're quicker than them, we're long, we take longer strides," said Taku, who finished with 23 points to Smith's 27. "Their size didn't make that much of a difference."

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