

Kodiak Boys Two-and-Out with Loss to Falcons

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Play continued early today for the Kodiak High School boys basketball team. Yesterday, the Bears kept it close against top-seeded West Anchorage, though lost 44-37. That sent them to the losers bracket game at 9:45 this morning against number-four Thunder Mountain, which fell in the first round to number-five Colony.

The Falcons, who the Bears lost to in the regular season, jumped out to a 13-point lead after one quarter, and extended that to 20 through the second, ending the half with a 47-to-27 lead over the Bears.

Kodiak cut the lead to 10 halfway through the third, but Thunder Mountain, with a significant height advantage pulled away, winning 80-to-64.

Alec Canete-Hall was the only Bear in double digits, scoring 20 points.

The number-one seeded Kodiak Lady Bears had an up and down first round game yesterday, but through tough defense prevailed over Dimond 54-40. They play their second-round game at 3:30 this afternoon against fifth-seeded West Valley, which beat fourth-seeded Ketchikan yesterday.

Playing the late night game yesterday, the Lady Bears started strong, building a 12-2 lead in the first period, but foul trouble put them back on their heels for much of the game.

Center Hannah Wandersee was sat down after collecting four fouls – including a technical – in the second, and was forced to stay on the bench for almost half the game. Jerica Nelson also spent much of the game on the bench because of foul trouble.

In their absence, forward Megan Pyles rang up 25 points and pulled down an even dozen rebounds to lead the Lady Bears to the win. The game was much closer than that, however, with Dimond trailing only by six halfway through the final quarter. But, a stifling full court press and 10 straight points near the end of the game sealed the victory for Kodiak.

Wandersee did manage nine points in her limited playing time, while Adriane Horn had 14 steals and six points. Nelson added five points, four assists and three steals.

Once again, the Kodiak High School Dance Team is hosting a live big-screen viewing of the Lady Bears game in the high school gym this afternoon.

All of Kodiak's games can be heard on KVOK radio.