

**Monday, February 3rd 2020**  
**Purple Eagles 20, Bonnies 18**

*Paige Cress and Serena D'Amico's late game heroics pushed the Purple Eagles past the Bonnies.*

In our first game of the night in the Girls 5-6 grade league, fans were treated to a wonderful game between the Purple Eagles and Bonnies. The first quarter however, started off a little slow as Serena D'Amico and Paige Cress (5 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals) combined to score the Purple Eagles only 3 points in the quarter with a layup from D'Amico and a made free throw from Paige Cress. For the Bonnies, all of their first quarter points came courtesy of Natalie Prezioso (4 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 6 steals, 1 block) as she was able to drive to the basket with ease. At the end of the first, it was the Bonnies that held onto a slim 1 point lead, 4-3.

Emma Miller kicked off things for the Bonnies in the second quarter as she was able make layup after layup to score 4 points in the quarter. The other Emma, Emma Stahl also had 4 points in the quarter as it was a total Emma Effort for the Bonnies. Prezioso added 4 rebounds and assisted on one of Miller's baskets. Natalie Caccamise (4 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist) went down the floor for the Purple Eagles later in the second quarter and drained a nice jumper to put her team on the board in the quarter. Teagan Leith (4 points, 2 rebounds) scored the other 2 points the Purple Eagles had in the quarter as they still trailed the Bonnies, 12-7.

It was the Purple Eagles who came out on fire to start the third quarter as they looked to attack right from the first whistle. Caccamise was able to hit another jumper while her teammates Cress, D'Amico, and Leith all scored in the quarter while D'Amico and Leith both added assists as the Purple Eagles worked as a team to claw back into this game. Emma Miller continued to impress for the Bonnies as she scored 6 points in the quarter while forcing turnovers and adding 2 rebounds to an impressive statline in the third quarter. Nora Davidson grabbed 4 of her 8 rebounds in the quarter, but the Purple Eagles had momentum on their side heading into the fourth as they now only trailed by 2 points, 18-16.

The fourth quarter was what would make or break the game for both teams and they knew that... Knowing that, it was a defensive battle by both teams. Neither team could seem to find any easy shots and second chance opportunities were limited as the Purple Eagles and Bonnie both rebounded extremely well. The Purple Eagles were eventually able to break through on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter thanks to baskets by Paige Cress and Serena D'Amico (7 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal). It was those 2 baskets that dealt the final blow to the Bonnies as they were held off the scoreboard in the fourth quarter. The Purple Eagles went on to complete the comeback and grab their first win of the season by a score of 20-18.

In the loss, Emma Miller turned in an incredible all-around game for the Bonnies as she almost completed a triple-double (10 points, 10 rebounds, 9 steals, 1 block)

**Monday, February 3rd 2020**  
**Golden Griffs 28, Bulls 11**

*Golden Griffs combine for 81 rebounds as a team with their defense playing elite.*

As the title says, it was defense that was the Golden Griffs best attribute in this game. However, it was a quick offensive start for the team as Annabelle Day (8 points, 15 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 steals, 3 blocks) scored 4 of her 8 points in the quarter while adding 4 rebounds. Lily Day (5 points, 15 rebounds, 2 assist, 5 steals, 2 blocks) and Amber Gambino (6 points, 12 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals, 1 block) both scored as well while Lily Day also had 2 assists in the quarter. Addison D'Andrea (1 point, 11 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals) scored her 1 point from the freethrow line. It was 9 total points for the Griffs in the quarter. For the Bulls, Gabrielle Geising (1 point, 3 rebounds, 7 steals, 1 block) scored her team's only points in the first quarter and came away with multiple steals. At the end of the first the Griffs were leading 9-1.

The scoring spree continued on into the second quarter for the Griffs with points coming from Juliana Haacker (6 points, 12 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 block), Amber Gambino (6 points, 12 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals, 1 block) and Annabelle Day all scored points in the quarter to help extend the Griffs lead and give them 17 points at the half. Paige Raymond (4 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals, 1 block) scored 2 of her 4 points in the quarter as well as Mikayla Campbell (4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals) also scored in the quarter to give the Bulls 5 points heading into halftime. The Griffs took their lead into halftime 17-5.

The Griffs only continued to push forward coming out of the halftime as Juliana Haacker scored 4 points in the quarter to go along with 2 rebounds and multiple steals in an all-around quarter. Both Day sisters combined for 5 points in the quarter and 7 rebounds. Madison Mascardo and Jessica Lindhurst each had 2 rebounds in the quarter while Hannah Talarico added an assist to one of Annabelle Day's baskets. It was the duo of Mikayla Campbell and Paige Raymond both added 2 points in the third quarter to give the Bulls 9 points at the end of the third. It was the Griffs that remained on top, 26-9 heading into the fourth.

The fourth quarter provided mostly defense and not a lot of offense as both teams were only able to score 2 points each. For the Griffs, it was Amber Gambino who scored the Griffs only 2 points in the quarter. Gambino also had 4 rebounds in the final quarter. For the Bulls, it was the work of Jordyn Szczesniak who scored the Bulls only 2 points of the quarter. Even with the low scoring quarter, it was the Griffs who went on to win 28-11.

In the win, the Griffs played a total team game where they combined for 81 rebounds and every girl on the team registered a stat on the stat sheet. Addison D'Andrea recorded 11 rebounds in the game and Sophie Virgillio had 6.

In the loss, both Giesing sisters combined for 8 rebounds while Lila Mirowski also had 3 rebounds of her own.

## Player of the Week



### **Amber Gambino—Golden Griffs**

Amber sparked the Golden Griffs offense as she was able to make her shots from just about anywhere on the court scoring 6 points. Aside from her offense she grabbed 12 rebounds and 5 steals to have a great all-around game in the Golden Griffs win.

## Unsung Hero



### **Emma Miller—Bonnies**

In what will go down as a tough loss for her team, Emma constantly battled throughout the whole game. Aside from recording a double-double (10 points and 10 rebounds), she helped her team in all assets of the game.