

# O-G Coach Troy Yant gets 200<sup>th</sup> Career Win as Titans Defeat Elida

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OTTAWA - Ottawa-Glandorf girls basketball coach Troy Yant spent part of Monday evening's makeup game with Elida experimenting.

Playing their first game since losing to Bath last Thursday, the Titan head coach trotted out a different starting lineup and used some different rotations throughout the game against an undermanned Bulldog squad. The results of his experimentation were successful as his Lady Titans rolled to a big first half lead in defeating the Bulldogs 60-27.

The win for coach Yant was his 200<sup>th</sup> as head coach of the Lady Titans in less than nine full seasons at the helm of the program. O-G is now 3-1 in the WBL and 11-1 overall this season. Elida is 2-2 in the league and 6-4 overall.

"This has been a team thing over nine years," Yant said of his 200<sup>th</sup> career win. "This is other kids. This is less me than them. It would have been nice to have it against Bath. That would have made it a little more satisfying. I think a win against any WBL team is an important win. We'll take it. We needed a get by game after the way we played against Bath because we were hanging our heads, so it was nice to come and play a game where we played 10 people the first half and everyone got to play and do some nice things."

Ottawa-Glandorf came out with a different starting lineup Monday as sophomore Lily Haselman and freshman Myka Aldrich took the floor against the Bulldogs, who were without one of their key players in Amira Freeman (injury).

"We kind of protected ourselves up to the Bath game with being undefeated overall and in the league," Yant said. "Now that maybe that is off us that gives us an opportunity to see how we are developing. Against Bath we only went seven or eight deep. We've seen some good things from girls in practice and we gave them a chance to do some things with some other girls and see how they performed, so we can develop this roster, especially the younger girls."

Ottawa-Glandorf never trailed in the game as Anna Siefker opened the scoring with a three-pointer. Elida was within 9-6 in the opening quarter after a Payton Kuhn basket before the Titans scored the final four points of the first quarter for 13-6 lead.

The Titans were up 17-9 in the second quarter before they broke the game open with a 12-0 run. Kelsey Erford and Chloe Glenn both had four points for the Titans as they took a 29-9 lead with 1:51 left in the half. A Diani Lawrence free throw briefly halted the O-G run before baskets by Katie Kaufman and Erford gave the Titans a 33-10 halftime bulge.

"It wasn't like we hung a lot on them early as it was a close game, but I thought our girls were playing well. They were getting good looks," Yant said. "Once we started putting up points with other girls coming in, we played well. Myka Aldrich, who started and played JV tonight, did a good job guarding the Freeman girl (Addisyn) getting her feet wet in a critical situation. It was an opportunity to experiment and do some things." O-G continued their second quarter run into the third quarter as they scored the first six points of the half for a 39-10 lead as Erin Kaufman had four points. The Titans had a 45-17 lead after three quarters and were up 49-17 early in the fourth quarter.

Elida 10 6-10 27  
 P. Johnson 2-0-4. A. Freeman 2-4-8. B. Reese 4-0-8. Lawrence 0-1-1. H. Little 0-0-0. P. Kuhn 2-1-6. E. Mitchell 0-0-0.

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 Erford 3-4-10. Siefker 1-0-3. Okuley 2-0-4. Haselman 0-0-0. Fortman 3-0-6. Aldrich 0-0-0. Horstman 0-1-1. E. Kaufman 6-2-14. K. Kaufman 4-0-8. Glenn 5-2-12. Schroeder 0-0-0. Frey 1-0-2. Krouse 0-0-0.

Elida	6	4	7	10	27
O-G	13	20	12	15	60