

Etiwanda beats Eisenhower, extends win streak to 13



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#33 Etiwanda senior center Tim Myles gets high above Eisenhower defenders for a shot in the first half.

By Richard Dawson

The Etiwanda Eagles led wire in a 63-34 rout of the visiting Eisenhower Eagles during non-league action on Saturday, January 19, at Etiwanda high school.

Etiwanda (15-2), coming off an emotional, standing-room only win at home over Baseline League rival Rancho Cucamonga on Friday night, didn't have a drop-off in performance.

The home Eagles opened up the game with a 9-0 run over the first four and a half minutes and led 15-6 after one.

Eisenhower struggled mightily on the offense side of the ball, making just five of its first 28 shots, and found itself trailing by

11 at halftime but the deficit grew to 21 by the end of the third.

Senior guard Sheldon Blackwell led Etiwanda with a game-high 14 points, including 6-of-8 from the free throw line, to go along with six boards.

"I told Sheldon two or three games back that I wanted him to be more assertive on offense," said Etiwanda head coach Dave Kleckner. "And ever since then, he as, I am really happy with his progress."

Junior guard Dominick Alexander was 3-of-4 from long range in route to 12 points on the night. Junior forward Kenny Barnes had a game-high nine rebounds.

On a night where the visiting Eagles put up their lowest point total of the season, senior guard Thayer

Sims led the team with 14 points, though most came in the second half with the game out of hand.

Eisenhower will look to bounce back in Citrus Belt League play, where they own a 3-1 record, with road games at Redlands and Cajon on January 22 and 24th.

Etiwanda will look to extend its win streak with two Baseline League games, first visiting Glendora on the 22nd, before returning home to face Upland on the 25th.

Despite the recent success, Etiwanda isn't looking passed league, and has its sights on one goal at a time.

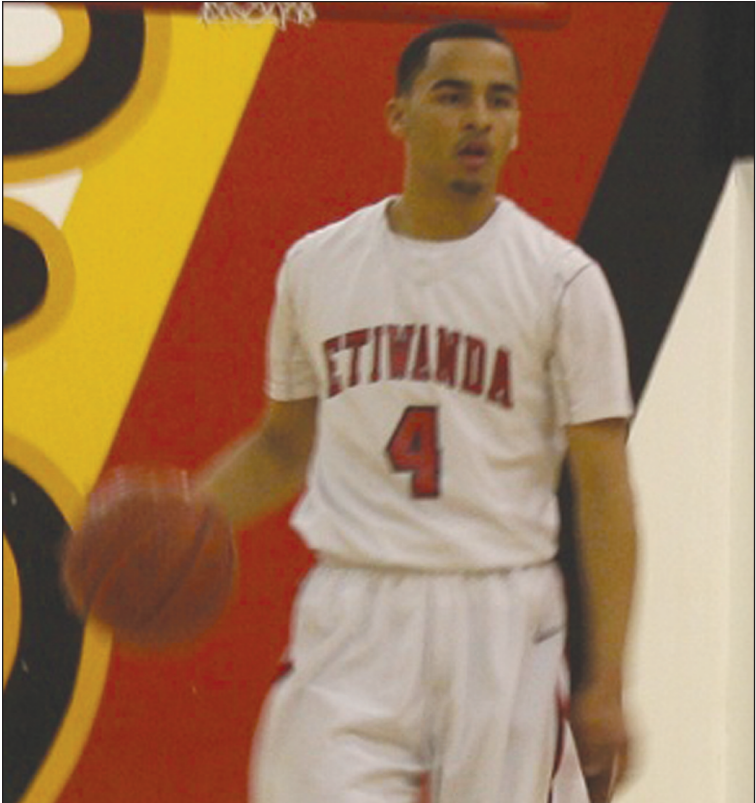
"We put a big precedence on winning league championships, right now we are in that part of the season," said Kleckner.



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#3 senior guard Sheldon Blackwell made 6-of-8 free throws, and finished with a game-high 14 points in Etiwanda's win over Eisenhower.

(below) **#4 Dominick Alexander** made three three-pointers for Etiwanda.



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