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Soroco High School sophomore Peyton Parker looks for an open teammate during a game against Mead in the 2019 Steamboat Shootout on Thursday.

Soroco girls eye state

Speedy Rams stick to tried and true method of winning

RAMS Soroco High School

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — If you catch yourself whipping your head left and right at a Soroco High School girls basketball game, you aren't alone. The Rams are fast.

Longtime head coach David Bruner wants his girls to move the ball up and down the court with speed and put up as many shots as they can. That style of play has earned Soroco success in the last decade, and Bruner has no plans to change that approach.

"We've been the winningest program for the last 10 years in Routt County. That's what we expect still," Bruner said. "We expect to win 13 to 15 games, have a chance to be in the district championship game and have a chance to win it. (We expect) to play in regionals like we have six out of the last seven years. Those are our same expectations."

Sophomore Kayedence Bruner echoed those goals, saying the team wants to host regionals before heading to state.

The Rams aren't quite to the level they need to be at to still be playing late in the

year, but every game, they make steps to get there. Soroco won its first game of the year and are now 3-3 after going 1-2 at the Steamboat Shootout. Coach Bruner said he brings his team to the Steamboat Shootout not to win but to improve as a squad, and they did both.

Soroco has three seniors in Kourtney Bruner, Morgan Geiger and Jady Ellis. Coach Bruner said they will no doubt be the leaders on the floor.

Only a sophomore, Kayedence Bruner is also a leader in a way.

"I try to hype people up and get them going, kind of telling them where to be on the floor, when to be there," she said.

The youngest Bruner is small but quick and agile. She moves the ball and shoots well, both from the three-point line and from close range. She led Soroco with 35 points over three games at the Steamboat Shootout.

"She's a great ball player," said David Bruner. "She does a lot of stuff for us."

Kayedence isn't the only young Ram on the floor. Sophomore Peyton Parker, who was sidelined for most of last winter with an injury, is back this year and ready to

SOROCO GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- **Dec. 5-7:** Soroco at Meeker Shootout: 4th, W vs. Lotus 44-26, L vs. Moffat County 60-35, L vs. Meeker 63-33
- **Dec 12-14:** Steamboat Shootout, L vs Mead, 38-32, W vs. Steamboat Springs 44-34, W vs. Eagle Valley 49-33
- **Thursday:** Soroco at Battle Mountain
- **Saturday:** Caprock at Soroco
- **Jan. 4:** South Park at Soroco
- **Jan. 11:** Soroco at West Grand
- **Jan. 17:** Soroco at DeBeque
- **Jan. 24:** Hayden at Soroco
- **Jan. 25:** Soroco at North Park
- **Jan. 31:** Rangely at Soroco
- **Feb. 7:** Soroco at Hotchkiss
- **Feb. 8:** Soroco at Paonia
- **Feb. 13:** Soroco at Meeker
- **Feb. 14:** Plateau Valley at Soroco
- **Feb. 21:** Vail Christian at Soroco

contribute at the varsity level.

Makinley Parker is the only junior on the varsity roster and, at 5-foot-8, provides a little height for the Rams.

"We expect Makinley to give us more points every night," David said. "She's starting to go to the basket more. I think that'll happen."

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SPOKE TALK



Routt County Riders e-bike position

Here at Routt County Riders, we love bikes. Road bikes, mountain bikes, gravel bikes, townie bikes, whatever gets you outside and enjoying our beautiful valley. We would love to see more of our fellow community members on bikes. For these reasons, we have been following the surge in popularity of electronic-assist bikes, or e-bikes, with great interest.

It is important to define what e-bikes are. They are not motorcycles. Class 1 e-bikes provide an additional 1 horsepower boost of power to your pedal strokes, so long as you are traveling less than 20 mph. Recent academic studies show that these e-bikes are identical to traditional mountain bikes in terms of trail wear and tear. Class 2 e-bikes operate with a throttle assist rather than a pedal assist. Class 3 e-bikes add more power and operate up to a brisk 28 mph.

Recent policy discussions, from the federal level down to the Steamboat Springs Parks & Recreation Commission, show that land managers are considering opening up trail networks to e-bikes. Class 1 e-bikes have been authorized in trail networks busier than ours without degrading the trail experience for other users.

We recommend that the city of Steamboat Springs, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service develop a pilot program under which e-bikes will have increased access to local trails. We recommend that these land managers consider the following criteria:

■ **Impermanence:** This should be a pilot program rather than a permanent program. Our first responsibility is to ensure a positive experience for traditional trail users and nonmotorized bicycles. Studies suggest that the trail experience for other users will not be affected. However, land managers should reserve the right to cancel the program if our local experience differs.

■ **Selectivity:** Not all trails are suitable

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
NUGGETS	17	8	.680	—
Utah	15	11	.577	2½
Oklahoma City	11	14	.440	6
Minnesota	10	15	.400	7
Portland	10	16	.385	7½

Southwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
Dallas	17	8	.680	—
Houston	17	9	.654	½
San Antonio	10	15	.400	7
Memphis	9	17	.346	8½
New Orleans	6	21	.222	12

Pacific

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	24	3	.889	—
L.A. Clippers	20	8	.714	4½
Sacramento	12	14	.462	11½
Phoenix	11	14	.440	12
Golden State	5	23	.179	19½

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Philadelphia	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	20	8	.714	—
Boston	17	7	.708	1
Toronto	17	8	.680	1½
Brooklyn	14	12	.538	5
New York	6	21	.222	13½

Southeast

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	19	7	.731	—
Orlando	12	14	.462	7
Charlotte	7	17	.292	11
Washington	7	17	.292	11
Atlanta	6	21	.222	13½

Central

W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	24	3	.889	—
Indiana	18	9	.667	6
Detroit	11	15	.423	12½
Chicago	10	18	.357	14½
Cleveland	6	20	.231	17½

Sunday's games

Orlando 130, New Orleans 119
Indiana 107, Charlotte 85
Brooklyn 109, Philadelphia 89
L.A. Lakers 101, Atlanta 96
NUGGETS 111, New York 105
Sacramento 100, Golden State 79

Monday's games

Washington at Detroit, late game
Cleveland at Toronto, late game
Chicago at Oklahoma City, late game
Dallas at Milwaukee, late game
Miami at Memphis, late game
San Antonio at Houston, late game
Portland at Phoenix, late game

Today's games

L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 5 p.m.
Sacramento at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 5:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Orlando at Utah, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday's games

Charlotte at Cleveland, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 5 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Orlando at NUGGETS, 7 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 8 p.m.

Thursday's games

Utah at Atlanta, 5:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
Brooklyn at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

NHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	32	20	8	6	46	102	93
AVAILANCHE	32	21	8	3	45	117	86
Winnipeg	33	20	11	2	42	101	91
Dallas	34	19	11	4	42	90	80
Minnesota	34	16	13	5	37	105	112
Nashville	31	14	12	5	33	102	101
Chicago	34	13	15	6	32	94	110

Pacific

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Arizona	35	19	12	4	42	97	84
Vegas	36	18	13	5	41	109	103
Edmonton	35	18	13	4	40	106	109
Calgary	35	18	13	4	40	95	104
Vancouver	34	16	14	4	36	101	105
San Jose	35	16	17	2	34	96	122
Anaheim	33	14	15	4	32	87	97
Los Angeles	35	14	18	3	31	90	111

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Buffalo at Philadelphia	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo at Philadelphia	5	0	.786	372	283
Los Angeles at Columbus	5	0			

Atlantic

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	34	21	7	6	48	115	86
Buffalo	34	16	11	7	39	107	103
Montreal	33	15	12	6	36	105	107
Toronto	34	16	14	6	36	110	109
Tampa Bay	31	16	12	3	35	110	100
Florida	32	15	12	5	35	109	108
Ottawa	33	14	17	2	30	90	103
Detroit	35	9	23	3	21	76	136

Metropolitan

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	34	24	5	5	53	125	97
N.Y. Islanders	31	22	7	2	46	92	72
Carolina	33	20	11	2	42	107	86
Pittsburgh	33	19	10	4	42	110	89
Philadelphia	33	17	11	5	39	101	99
N.Y. Rangers	32	16	12	4	36	103	101
Columbus	32	12	14	6	30	79	98
New Jersey	32	10	17	5	25	77	115

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Sunday's games

Winnipeg 7, Philadelphia 3
Chicago 5, Minnesota 3
Los Angeles 4, Detroit 2
Vegas 6, Vancouver 3

Monday's games

Ottawa at Florida, late game
Nashville at N.Y. Rangers, late game
Washington at Columbus, late game
AVAILANCHE at St. Louis, late game
Edmonton at Dallas, 6 late game

Today's games

Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m.
Buffalo at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Los Angeles at Boston, 5 p.m.
Nashville vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 5 p.m.
Anaheim at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
Carolina at Winnipeg, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Vegas, 8 p.m.
Arizona at San Jose, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday's games

Anaheim at New Jersey, 5 p.m.
AVAILANCHE at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday's games

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 5 p.m.

Dallas at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 5 p.m.
Nashville at Ottawa, 5:30 p.m.
Chicago at Winnipeg, 6 p.m.
Carolina at AVAILANCHE, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Arizona, 7:30 p.m.
Vegas at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Kansas City	10	4	0	.714	394	284
Oakland	6	7	0	.462	258	366
L.A. Chargers	5	8	0	.385	289	251
BRONCOS	5	9	0	.357	239	284

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	11	3	0	.786	372	181
Buffalo	9	4	0	.692	234	212
N.Y. Jets	5	9	0	.357	247	343
Miami	3	11	0	.214	241	435

South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	9	5	0	.643	341	330
Tennessee	8	6	0	.571	339	279
Indianapolis	6	7	0	.462	296	295
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	230	337

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Baltimore	12	2	0	.857	472	257
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	259	242
Cleveland	6	7	0	.462	273	291
Cincinnati	1	13	0	.071	211	359

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	11	2	0	.846	397	229
Seattle	11	3	0	.786	371	345
L.A. Rams	8	5	0	.615	311	262
Arizona	3	9	1	.269	272	374

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Philadelphia	7	7	0	.500	334	328
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	334	267
N.Y. Giants	3	11	0	.214	283	382
Washington	3	11	0	.214	215	347

South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	344	296
Tampa Bay	7	7	0	.500	416	398
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	324	390
Atlanta	4	9	0	.308	300	343

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	330	283

Minnesota

9 4 0 .692 339 249
Chicago 7 7 0 .500 256 253
Detroit 3 10 1 .250 304 373
x-clinched playoff spot/cinched division

Thursday

Baltimore 42, N.Y. Jets 21

Sunday

Kansas City 23, BRONCOS 3

Tampa Bay 38, Detroit 17
Houston 24, Tennessee 21
N.Y. Giants 36, Miami 20
Seattle 30, Carolina 24
Green Bay 21, Chicago 13
New England 34, Cincinnati 13
Philadelphia 37, Washington 17
Cleveland 24, Arizona 38
Jacksonville 20, Oakland 16
Minnesota 39, L.A. Chargers 10
Atlanta 29, San Francisco 22
L.A. Rams 21, Dallas 44
Buffalo 17, Pittsburgh 10

Monday

Indianapolis at New Orleans, late game

Saturday, Dec. 21