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The North Coast Section playoffs kicked off with a doubleheader at Deer Valley High School as the Wolverines took both openers behind stellar play out of their senior stars. [Andre McPhail](#) had 22 points and 15 rebounds in a 69-48 win over Amador Valley while [Raven Fox](#) had 22 of her own for a 73-38 victory over Irvington.

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Wolverines zone out Amador Valley

Deer Valley got out to a 9-0 lead and took a 19-6 advantage after one quarter though steady play from McPhail and a very effective zone defense. With length all of the floor, Amador Valley finished the first half shooting 6-for-26 and didn't make a two point field goal until 2:09 left in the half. Its dependence on the outside shot proved to be detrimental to Amador Valley's postseason run. The Wolverines also relied on the shooting of Dylan Williams, who made four threes in the first half, to take a 33-17 halftime lead. While the Dons were able to get 10 second half points from Brandon King, Deer Valley remained in full control the rest of the way to win 69-48. In the end, the overall athleticism and size of the Wolverines proved to be too much as they now move on to face San Ramon Valley on Friday.

"Our intensity was high tonight. We played some really good defense. The guys came out and really wanted to defend," Deer Valley head coach LeChet Phillips said. "They weren't going to let this slip by, so they stepped up and got into them."

McPhail finished with 22 points, 15 rebounds and two blocks in showing himself as one of the best prospects left on the board for the 2011 class. He has very good feet and uses the baseline well on drives. He is an athletic power forward who is at his best catching the ball on the move going to the basket. He's also a tough rebounder. Phillips said it is tough to guard him one-on-one and he carried the Wolverines on Tuesday night. If he can develop his outside game, somebody is going to get a very good spring steal.

[Kendall Smith](#), a 2013 point guard, had six assists as a clear pass first point guard. He has good court vision and plays under control, despite routinely being able to get inside the defense. Smith is a definite guard to watch based on his high game maturity for a sophomore.

[Marcus Lee](#), one of the highest ranked prospects in the 2013 class, has the potential college coaches crave at 6-foot-8. He played on the perimeter much of the night, but finished two fantastic dunks to display his athleticism. Though raw in some areas of his game, expect Lee to stay near the top of his class throughout his career. He teamed with McPhail to give Deer Valley and advantage inside, which was very important according to Phillips.

Deer Valley breezes through first round

After a slow start, Deer Valley easily moved into the second round with a 73-38 win over Irvington behind 22 points from Fox. While the offense struggled to 33 percent shooting in the first quarter, the defense forced nine turnovers to take an 18-7 lead after one quarter. The Wolverines pushed the lead to 28-9 midway through the second quarter en route to taking a 35-19 halftime lead. They continued to pressure an overmatched Irvington team into 15 second half turnovers (it had 17 in the first half) to hold them to less than 40 points. Deer Valley head coach Mark Anger said his team has to force turnovers and force tempo and the pressure helped wear down Irvington. Michelle Lee (14) and Nicole Ho (11) were the top contributors for the Vikings.

Fox had 22 points and five steals in playing the passing lanes very well for Deer Valley. She has a good **first** step on defense and also uses it to get to the rim. Playing off of forced turnovers, she got out quickly for easy lay-ups. She was just 1-for-6 from three point range, but is a dynamic lead guard.

Sabrea Coleman, a talented 2013 guard, had a big impact on this first round game especially defensively. She's a talented on-ball defender who reads the action well. Coleman also possesses a strong dribble to the rim with the potential to draw contact and finish as her career progresses. She finished with 10 points, six rebounds, two assists and three steals.

"Sabrea is a key for us. She's been our sixth or seventh man (with Monique Mulder). Sabrea can be as good as she wants to be," Anger said. "She's long. She's explosive. She can get to the rim against a 2-3 zone. She finishes really well and is a great disruptor on defense."

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