

Oriskany pushes win streak to 10



Oriskany's Aaron Warcup (33) attempts a layup against Remsen's Jake Rowlands on Thursday at Oriskany High School. Oriskany won 76-44. [ALEX COOPER / OBSERVER-DISPATCH]

Basketball team bests Remsen in home matchup to go 15-2 overall

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ORISKANY – The Oriskany boys basketball team's winning streak reached double digits Thursday.

Oriskany pulled away from Remsen in second half at Keith Davis Gym for a 76-44 victory and pushed its streak to 10 games.

"I think we're starting to play together," Oriskany coach Chris Mahoney said of the win streak. "We've told the team, 'Don't do the little things good, do the little things great.' I think that should help us out in the end."

Oriskany (11-1, Central State Conference Division IV, 15-2 overall) was helped by senior Ricky Phelps' game-best 23 points, seven rebounds, five assists and four steals. Classmate Cal Pianka added 18 points while Fellow senior Mykal Warcup chipped in 12 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

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Remsen's Jason Lahan shoots against Oriskany's Mykal Warcup as Oriskany's win streak reached 10 games.

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Remsen (1-10, 3-12) was led by senior Jake Rowlands' 14 points. Classmate Jason Lahan added 13 points.

Oriskany led 30-23 at the half, but gradually increased its advantage by 50-34 by the end of the third quarter. Phelps helped get everyone on the same page, Mahoney said.

"It just shows that if we need to be putting 32 minutes together," Mahoney said. "If we can do that, we can be expecting something big at the end of the season."

Oriskany is trying to win its third straight league title this season. They remain in a tie for first in CSC Division IV with Hamilton, which picked up a 53-51 victory Thursday at Old



Oriskany's John Longeretta (40) and Donovan Williams fight for a rebound against Remsen's Wyatt Jones and Jake Rowlands on Thursday. [ALEX COOPER / OBSERVER-DISPATCH]

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That sets up a huge matchup Monday when Oriskany plays at Hamilton (10-1, 14-2).

Oriskany "came out flat" to start the game and then again in

third quarter, Mahoney said.

"Remsen challenged us offensively," he said. "We got to do a better job of coming out in games and being more focused."