

Local basketball action heats up

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? ? In a big week for action between girls' teams the previously unbeaten North Harrison Lady Cats had their 8-0 record blemished with a tough 59-58 overtime win by the host Floyd Central Lady Highlanders and the Borden Lady Braves won 62-46 at Lanesville over the Lady Eagles.

In boys' action, the Silver Creek Dragons barely escaped from Ramsey with a 60-56 Mid Southern Conference victory over the host North Harrison Cougars, and the Lanesville Eagles rolled 68-25 over Medora to help celebrate their homecoming.

Girls'-

Floyd Central 59, North Harrison 58

It took an overtime period to decide the matter, but it looked for a while like it would be decided early in the game Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Cats took an early 14-2 lead, but the Lady Highlanders scored the last seven points in overtime to win the game. The Lady Cats had scored the first three goals of the overtime, but were outscored 7-0 the remainder of the extra period.

Brigid Morrissey scored three points on a traditional three point play with 1:41 left in the overtime. Camry Hinton scored with 1:11 left, getting the Lady Highlanders within 58-57. Megan Rookstool dropped in two with 24.7 left on the clock, and that was all that was needed for the win.

"We made some errors late in the game," admitted North Harrison girls' coach Hal Pearson. "Floyd Central did what they had to do late in the game."

A host of North Harrison players did the early damage, with Sasha Grangier, Kacey Cox, Kayla Lambert, and Wynn Shroyer doing the damage for the Lady Cats in the 14-4 start.

"Our start was terrible," said Floyd Central girls' coach Joe Voelker. "We didn't execute what we talked about what we wanted to do."

The Lady Cats outscored Floyd 4-3 to close out the quarter, and all four points for North were from Lambert.

The second quarter was a different matter for both teams, with Floyd out pointing North 17-5 in the period. "The second quarter was what beat us more than anything."

Jennifer Smith, Morgan Rookstool, Bailey Hubert, and Erica Smith all contributed to the Lady Highlanders' 11-1 run, which included a full 60 second time out by North Harrison (5:20). By the time that Erica Smith hit a pair of free throws with 3:07 left in the 1st half; the hosts were only a point down (19-18).

Camry Hinton hit an old fashioned three point play at the 2:28 mark to put her team up 21-19 over the Lady Cats, and two free tosses by Jennifer Smith gave the Lady Highlanders a 23-19 advantage. Wynn Shroyer, Katie Watts, and Deidre Book all scored to keep the Lady Cats in the game in the waning stages of the second half, but Hinton's lone free throw with only 7.4 seconds gave the hosts a 24-23 lead at the break.

"We told our kids, they (North Harrison) got up six in two minutes, you can make it up in two minutes," said a happy Voelker.

Grangier gave North a brief lead of 25-24 seconds into the second half, and after Floyd scored, Lambert's single free throw tied the game up at 26-26 (5:51). Grangier gave the Lady Cats a brief lead of 28-26 at 5:15.

Later, Caitlyn Janes' spin move in the lane gave her team a 32-28 advantage (3:27), but Jennifer Smith scored three straight buckets to pull Floyd to a lead of 34-32, causing a full North time out (1:39). Floyd went into the final period with a 38-35 lead.

Erica Smith tied the game up at 50-all with 42.9 in regulation, but Cox gave the Cats a 52-50

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lead with 13.5 seconds. Rookstool scored with four seconds left for the hosts, and forced the extra period.

- The Lady Cats (8-1) were ranked 6th in the Class 3A coaches' poll on Tuesday (Dec. 9), up one spot from the previous week. North Harrison received a total of 65 votes. The poll was before the loss to Floyd Central Saturday afternoon.

Borden 62, Lanesville 46

Andrea Rademacher's 35 points and eight rebounds helped to power the Lady Braves past the host Lady Eagles Thursday night.

Borden got off to a 5-0 start, before Lanesville's Erin Dorgay dropped one in at 7:13. After Rademacher scored nearly a minute later, Lanesville freshman Kayla Smith and junior Faith Johnston scored in succession to get the Lady Eagles to within 7-6.

An 8-0 streak by the Lady Braves gave the invaders a 15-6 score, Dorgay hit a pair of free throws (2:10), and after neither squad scored for over a minute, Lanesville called a full time out at 1:24. Ashley Schoen rounded out the scoring for the hosts when she scored at 1:18.

The second quarter belonged to Rademacher, if any did. The Indiana State signee had five baskets (all deuces), and 5 of 5 free throws to score 15 points in the period.

"Rademacher is good," admitted Lanesville girls' coach Bill Krammes. "You can't give her lay ups."

Dorgay helped to keep the Lady Eagles in the contest with six points. Smith added a three point goal, and Johnston and Schoen added a deuce each. The Lady Braves led 32-23 at the half.

Borden outscored the hosts in the third quarter, and led 46-29 headed into the fourth period.

Bethany Burrier put Borden up 20 with an old fashioned three point play seconds into the 4th, but Dorgay answered with a three soon after, making the score 49-32.

After Borden called a 30 second time out (5:17) up 51-35, Rademacher scored her last 10 points on the night, but Dorgay kept the Lady Eagles in the hunt. Dorgay hit a trey, a 2 point goal, and a pair of freebies for nine points in the final frame. She had 21 points in the game, and earned the praise of her coach.

"She did wonderful; I'm really happy for her," said Krammes.

A big difference in the contest was the free throw shooting of Borden; they canned 17 of 19 for the game (89.4 percent).

"It's something we've been working on," stated Gardner. "I knew this team didn't have an ounce of quit in them."

North Harrison 63, South Central 38

Senior Madison Snodgrass scored a career-high 15 points, and teammates Kacey Cox and Kayla Lambert added 13 each in the win over the Harrison County rivals.

Cox had seven points in the first quarter, and the Lady Cats led 12-8 headed into the second period.

Snodgrass scored three field goals over nearly a six minute period, to give the Lady Cats a 24-18 margin at the 2:11 mark in the 2nd quarter.

Lambert scored a lone free throw at 1:02, and Snodgrass canned a three at the buzzer to give the Lady Cats a 28-20 lead at the half.

Lambert, Grangier, and Wynn Shroyer scored a total of five points between them, starting

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out the second half, before Snodgrass let loose with another three at 4:10 to give the Cats a 36-22 edge.

South Central called a full time out six seconds later, but Cox connected on a trey with 3:03 left in the third period to give the hosts a 39-22 lead.

Despite Abby Day's free throw and basket for the Lady Rebels, Cox and Lambert each scored a basket to give the Cats a 43-26 lead headed into the final period.

Lambert scored six points in the fourth stanza, on two buckets and a pair of free throws. Katie Watts, Deidre Book, and Rachel LaDuke each scored points off of the bench in the fourth, with Book scoring four, and the other two a pair of tallies each.

"They made us slow down early in the game, with their zone," remarked Pearson. "We didn't attack very well."

Pearson added, "In the third quarter, we came out and took over control. Our kids played really well."

Boys'-

Silver Creek 60,

North Harrison 56

Silver Creek came into Ramsey Friday night as a Mid Southern Conference pre-season favorite, or at least co-favorite for the title.

As it turns out, the game was anything but a cakewalk for the visiting Dragons. They hung on to win the MSC contest, and raise their overall record to 4-1.

They jumped out in front 4-0, before Alex Edwards hit a pair of close in shots to tie the game up for the Cougars.

Nick Townsend scored a pair of baskets, and fellow Dragon Michael Bradley scored a three to give the Creekers an 11-4 lead, and forced a full time out to be called by North Harrison (2:03).

Dylan Janes scored a bucket for the host Cougars, but a pair of old fashioned three point plays were scored by the Dragons' Townsend, and Spencer Robinson, giving Silver Creek a 17-6 lead after one period.

Silver Creek led 22-12 when they called a 30 second time out at the 5:24 mark in the second period. Devin Southard scored a pair of free throws before the clock started again, and added a basket seconds later to get North within 22-16.

The Cougars played some of their best basketball in the contest from here until the half, and went ahead 26-25 after Joe Bolin back-to-back threes.

Townsend scored a pair of free throws to give Silver Creek a small 27-26 lead headed into the half.

The hosts continued the excellent play into the third quarter, and led 34-29 at the 4:52 mark, after a three by T. J. Sanders. Edwards and Southard also scored in the stretch.

Jack Eckert, Townsend, and Bradley all scored for the Creekers in succession to give the visitors back the lead at 37-34.

By the time Wil McCall scored a deuce for Silver Creek with only 12 ticks left in the third period, the Dragons had built up a 44-37 lead, outscoring the Cougars 7-3 in the stretch.

Robinson's pair of free throws (3:56 in the game) gave the Creekers a 49-41 lead, and two Chad Eveslage charity tosses the Cougars and another Townsend field goal for visitors left the margin at eight in Silver Creek's favor (51-43).

Southard scored a pair of buckets to get the Cougars to within 51-47, and after another McCall score for the Dragons, the Cougars called a full time out with 2:01 left in the game,

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sporting a 53-47 deficit.

Sanders' three with 16.2 seconds left in the game got the Cougars within 57-54, but the Creekers hit 3 of 4 free throws to put the game away.

Winning coach John Bradley wasn't very pleased with his team's effort in the game, save for the fact that they won.

"I've got to take my hat off to North Harrison," Bradley said. "They played hard, unselfish; they did a good job on the boards."

Bradley added, "What happened to us is we went away from what we were doing the very first quarter. We tried to get the ball inside (early), and got that lead, and then we went to the perimeter."

North Harrison got back in the game, and Bradley said he thought his team had a hard time recovering from that.

"I was disappointed in our enthusiasm in our play tonight, and our hustle," he said.

Despite a moral victory of sorts, North Harrison boys' coach Chris Martin noted that the Dragons put the game on the left side of the ledger (as a win), and his team still puts it on the right side (as a loss) of the won-loss column.

"It's better to win ugly than to lose pretty any night of the week," Martin observed. "I'm sure coming on the road in a Mid Southern Conference game, (Bradley is) glad to get out of here with a win. We'd like to have won it as well. This is going to make us better in January and February."