? Floyd Central won a big 55-41 Hoosier Hills Conference (HHC) decision over host New Albany Saturday night, in a game in which Jennifer Smith scored 16 points for the Lady Highlanders.

On Thursday, Borden hosted Paoli and won a girls' basketball decision by a similar 55-41 score.

And last Tuesday, Lanesville traveled to South Central and lost 51-31 in a Southern Athletic Conference (SAC) contest.

Floyd Central 55, New Albany 41-Jennifer Smith's 16 points were a big factor in the win for the Lady Highlanders, but the points weren't always falling for Smith in the contest. She scored 10 of her 16 point total in the 2nd half, and three of the baskets were in the crucial 4th quarter.

Up only 41-35 with 5:39 in the game, Floyd called a full time out, and Smith scored her three 4th quarter buckets over the remainder of the game.

Brittany Sutton got New Albany even closer to the Lady Highlanders first, with her bucket at 5:19. The Lady Bulldogs were within 41-37 at this time, but Brigid Morrissey answered with a pair of free throws at 3:38.

Lindsay Johnson contributed a bucket for the Lady Bulldogs 11 seconds later, but the Lady Highlanders outscored New Albany 12-2 the rest of the way for the win.

Jennifer Smith scored her three buckets with 3:16, 2:40, and 26 seconds on the clock left in the game.

Also contributing for Floyd in the 12-2 stretch were Erica Smith, Morgan Rookstool, and Shelby Allen.

According to Floyd Central coach Joe Voelker, it was just the right time to get the ball into the hands of Jennifer Smith.

"We started rushing possessions; the ball had to get to Jennifer Smith," said Voelker. Voelker also was pleased with Morgan Rookstool's play in the 1st half.

Rookstool scored eight points in the game, with six of them in the 1st half.

"She helped give us a 10 point lead going into the half," said Voelker.

Camry Hinton also helped with the 28-18 lead at the half, and she scored a three and a deuce in the latter minutes of the 1st half for the Lady Highlanders. Hinton scored eight points in the contest.

The game had a large crowd, and the atmosphere reminded Voelker of the post season. "It's just like being in the state tournament," said Voelker.

"We made too many errors at both ends. But, I was pretty pleased with the way we came out of it. I thought we did very well; we held a good team to 41 points."

Borden 55, Paoli 41-Borden senior Andrea Rademacher had a career night against Paoli, scoring 29 points, and grabbing 11 rebounds in the win.

The win gave Borden a 7-5 record, and Borden Coach Charlie Gardner noted that the seven wins "is one more than we won all of last year."

Leading 19-9 after the 1st quarter, Gardner said he felt pretty good about his team's efforts.

"We came out; got on them early," Gardner said. "We feel pretty good about it."

Adding to the good feelings on the Borden team is the recent championship of the Brown County Invitational over the holidays. Gardner said his team really needed the title, the team's first in several seasons.

Paoli outscored Borden 14-3 in the 4th quarter, but it wasn't enough to catch the Lady Braves.

Besides the contributions of Rademacher, Erin Mikel added 16 points and 7 rebounds.

South Central 51, Lanesville 31-Normally feeling happy with a 20 point loss would seem like looking upon the game loss as a moral victory, but Lanesville coach Bill Krammes was fairly pleased with the efforts of his team after the trip to South Central.

“It was a good game; it was 10 to 11 points most of the time,” explained Krammes. “A few shots hit would have made (South Central) play differently.”

South Central started off with a 7-0 lead, but closed the lead to 10-6 with just over two minutes left in the 1st quarter.

A 6-0 run by the hosts gave the Lady Rebels a 16-6 lead after a period of action, but a three by Lanesville freshman Kayla Smith and a pair of buckets by Ashley Schoen (including a three point goal) kept the Lady Eagles within 26-16 with 1:43 left in the 1st half.

Schoen added another deuce with 46 seconds left in the half, getting Lanesville to within 27-18.

Smith scored a three in the 3rd quarter, and scored a two point goal and hit a free throw to end up with six points in the 2nd half, and a total of 9 in the game.

Ashley Schoen had 10 points in the game, and Faith Johnston added 8 in the contest. Krammes noted the scoring trails off after Schoen, Johnston, and Smith.

“We just aren’t very good shooters. We don’t have anybody that can score consistently. We need one kid that can score consistently. The second half of the season, I think we’ll be at .500. (The players) don’t like their record, but they’re not down on themselves at all,” Krammes said.