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?? Despite all of the snow, ice, and power outages in the Indiana and Kentucky area over the last week, several Green Banner Publications area teams did manage to win over the past week.

Lanesville's girls managed to hang on to a 52-42 win over visiting Cannelton Monday night (Jan. 26), and Erin Dorgay scored 29 points for the Lady Eagles in the contest. In a Saturday afternoon game, Borden's Lady Braves lost a 58-53 Southern Athletic Conference contest to the invading south Central Lady Rebels.

Saturday night, Silver Creek hosted Providence in a big match up of Clark County area rivals, and the visiting pioneers went away with a 55-44 win.

Boys' -

Providence 55, Silver Creek 44 - Cody Jackson got Silver Creek off to a great start, with a trio of threes, and a two point shot in the 1st quarter.

It wasn't as if he didn't have any opposition from the Pioneers, though. Tucker Coots hit a few shots of his own, for the Pioneers. He had a lone free throw in the 1st quarter, but he picked up the slack in the 2nd quarter, when he hit a three, a pair of two point buckets, and hit four free throws.

Silver Creek jumped out to a 17-8 lead, before the Pioneers tied the score at 17-17 on a basket by Coots at 2:48 in the 2nd period.

"I thought we came out, and we competed very well," said Silver Creek coach John Bradley. "We played physical, we played hard, and just a couple of possessions was the difference in the game."

Silver Creek fell behind 21-19 after the half, but Michael Bradley tied it up at 21-21 less than a minute into the 3rd period, and after Providence hit a three, Silver Creek's Cody Jackson hit a three of his own to knot up the score at 24-24 (5:44).

The Dragons kept the lead for a few minutes longer, until Nick Koetter and Tucker Coots scored five points for the Pioneers in a 5-0 run for the Pioneers. Providence led 34-31, but Bradley hit a pair of free throws with three ticks left, to make the score 34-33 after three periods of play.

Providence got off to a strong start at the beginning of the 4th quarter, and led 43-37, making a time out by Silver Creek necessary.

The Pioneers then called their own time out immediately after the Silver Creek time out, in order to make their own adjustments.

The Pioneers then went on a 5-2 run, and led 48-39 with just over a minute left in the final quarter, but Providence hit 12 of 13 free throws in the 4th to hold off the Dragons. The Pioneers hit 19 of 24 in the contest. David Schellenberger and Nick Koetter hit a half dozen free throws in the final minute alone.

"We made our free throws," said a relieved Providence coach Lou Lefevre. "This is one of (a few) games when we hit our free throws at the end of the game. It was nice to finally see us put the game away from the free throw line."

Bradley thought his team was too hurried after Providence got a six pointy lead in the second half. "Once they got up six, we rushed things, and they do such a great job at protecting the ball, you end up beating yourself."

The contest was rugged throughout, and both coaches expected as much heading into the contest.

"Their (Silver Creek's) big guys love to bang, and you've got to be able to bang back. So, it was a good clean game. We played hard, we played physical," said Lefevre.

"When Silver Creek and Providence lock up, it's a battle," said Bradley.

Coots led all scorers with 19 points for Providence (11-3), and Jackson had 17 for Silver Creek (8-5).

Girls' -

South Central 58, Borden 53 - Too much of South Central's Shelby Miller proved to be a problem for the Lady Braves Saturday afternoon. Miller torched Borden for 26 points.

"Miller hit a couple of shots early," said Borden coach Charlie Gardner. "She actually had some shots during the whole game. They've got some girls that can shoot."

Megan Sherrard knocked down a three for the Lady Rebels to start off the contest, but Borden's Andrea Rademacher hit a free throw and a basket to counter another Sherrard bucket. At this point, South Central led 5-3.

Midway through the 1st period, Miller hit a three and a two point basket to give South an 11-5 lead. Kirsten Kingsley hit a basket as well and South Central's 13-5 lead forced a 60 second Borden time out 3:04.

Buckets by Erin Mikel and Rademacher both scored to pull the hosts to within 13-9 after the 1st.

South outscored Borden 8-2 at the start of the 2nd quarter to take a commanding 21-11 lead, and Borden called a 30 second time out (5:28) to discuss the matter.

It must have worked, because the Lady Braves went on a 5-0 run, closing the gap to 21-16 in favor of South Central.

Rademacher scored eight points over the next few minutes, to keep Borden in the hunt, and they were within 25-22, before the Lady Rebels 6-2 run gave them a 31-24 lead headed into the locker room at the half.

The 3rd quarter was nip and tuck throughout the entire period, which saw three ties, at 31-31, 33-33, 35-35, but the Lady Rebels' Miller scored a three and a two to end the period on a 5-0 run by South.

The 4th period saw buckets being traded back and forth to keep the South Central advantage up.

"We came back, tied it up, and made a game of it," said Gardner. "We got in a hole, down seven at half time. We fought back; we outscored them two in the second half."

"I'm proud of our girls' effort, to fight back the way we did."

Rademacher led Borden with 23 points.

Lanesville 52, Cannelton 42 - If the game had gone on any longer, the game might have been won by the visitors. As it turns out, Lanesville (6-12) outlasted the Lady Bulldogs and pulled out the win.

Lanesville ran to a 20-9 lead after the 1st quarter, and increased the lead to 34-15 by half time.

"We started off really well," said Lanesville coach Bill Krammes. "It was 34-15 at half time, and we just stopped playing."

Lanesville can probably be excused for the losing of steam in the second half. Krammes pointed out that they had played six games in 11 days headed into the game with Cannelton, and he said his team was "kind of tired."

"We played well at first, and then we kind of put it on cruise control," Krammes said.

With Erin Dorgay scoring 29 points for Lanesville, the effort did not go unnoticed by Krammes.

"The person that really played well tonight was Erin Dorgay," he said.

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Cannelton outscored Lanesville 15-6 in the 3rd period, and the last quarter was even at 12-12.