

The Eastern High School girls' basketball team didn't seem to be suffering any ill affects of tryptophan from the Thanksgiving turkey as they jumped out early and cruised to a 69-49 win at Salem Monday (Nov. 28).

“With it being a rivalry game I was worried about a slow start after the long break,” said Lady Musketeer Head Coach Mike McBride. “It was nice. We scored six points in the first 30 seconds of the game and were up 6-0 and forced a quick timeout. It was a real nice start.”

Eastern's senior class finish their basketball careers with a 3-1 record against their biggest rival. McBride said a close loss as sophomores kept them from being perfect against the Lady Lions.

In this year's battle, a senior and a junior led the way for the Lady Musketeers.

Ball State signee Jocelyn Mousty tied a career high with 26 points and she added 12 rebounds. She finished the game hitting 11 of 18 shots.

Junior Krista Roberts 16 points and eight rebounds and was six of 11 from the field.

“We wanted to get it inside to those girls as much as possible and the guards did a good job of finding them,” McBride said. “We played really well. Salem outscored us 21-9 in the fourth quarter.”

The win improved the Lady Musketeers to 5-0 on the season with a showdown at Brownstown Central looming Saturday.

“The (Mid Southern) conference goes through Brownstown to start,” he said. “Since it's an early game on our schedule, we might as well go ahead and attack that beast right now. They are the defending conference champion, the state runner-up from last year and they are still undefeated.

“We are going to have to go up there and play well. We've only beaten these guys once, in school history and that was three years ago at our place when our seniors were freshmen.”

For Salem, they will become road warriors. They have a Thursday-Friday double header against Orleans and Providence, respectively.

They will follow those games with a road trip to Borden on Dec. 6.