

If there was a theme to last Saturday's Floyd Central-New Albany game on Joe Hinton Court, it would be missed opportunities.

The Lady Highlanders were one for six in the final two minutes and a costly technical foul spotted the Lady Bulldogs four additional points. The FC miscues helped New Albany escape with a xx-xx win over FC.

New Albany led 37-25 heading into the fourth, but FC had a furious charge in them over the final eight minutes.

Two free throws by Brooke Hinton brought the lead to single digits, 39-31.

After a stop Hinton hit a three that cut the margin to six, and got the FC home crowd back in the game.

A basket by Madison Kaiser pulled the Lady Highlanders to within four, 40-36 forcing NAHS to call a timeout.

Out of the break, the Lady Dogs missed a field goal and FC got the loose ball rebound.

Kelsey Mayfield took advantage as she scored in the paint, trimming the lead to two, 40-38.

New Albany's Lauren Camm scored two, stretching the lead back to four.

On FC's end of the floor, the Lady Highlanders failed to score and Kaiser was called for a foul. She slammed the ball to the court, which is usually a sure technical. The official seemed to let that go, but appeared to hear her say something and called the T.

New Albany's Tanner Marcum hit the technical free throws and then Kamaren Cole hit the foul shots and with no time off the clock, New Albany's four point lead doubled to eight, 46-38.

In addition to the four point gift, Kaiser's personal was her fourth and she fouled out of the game on the technical.

The Lady Highlanders didn't let the play stop their momentum.

Hinton, who finished the game with 21 points and was 12 for 12 from the free throw line, converted an and-one opportunity that pulled FC to within five, 48-43.

New Albany answered with two points from the charity stripe, but then went cold.

The remainder of the game turned into a free throw battle.

Hinton hit two, but Niki Bruno connected on just one of six in the final minutes.

Even with the cold shooting FC hung around.

Mayfield scored again off an offensive rebound with 16 seconds left and New Albany's lead was just two 50-48.

The Bulldogs closed it out by hitting four of four in the final 16 seconds to seal the win.

Kaiser was FC's second leading scorer with 10 points.

Bruno only scored one point offensively, but her 12 rebounds kept the Lady Highlanders close.

Tori Kingsley also grabbed nine rebounds to go along with her five points.

FC lead early in the game, taking a 12-8 lead to the bench at the end of the first quarter, but New Albany dominated play in the second.

The Lady Bulldogs allowed the Lady Highlanders just two points, which came off two free throws by Kingsley, and outscored them 18-2 in the period.

New Albany led 26-14 at the half and maintained a double-digit lead until FC's fourth quarter run.

The Lady Highlanders fell to 7-7 and will likely have their hands full Saturday when they travel to Bedford for a 2:30 showdown against Bedford North Lawrence.

The Lady Starts are 12-2 on the season.

