

Nail-biting game between county rivals ends in 47-45 decision for Warriorettes

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On Tuesday, November 20, the Austin Lady Eagles traveled to Meyer Gymnasium in downtown Scottsburg to challenge their county rivals, the Warriorettes, in the most intense and long-awaited game of the new basketball season.

The battle determined which Scott County city held the title of Best Basketball Team until the fall of 2013.

This pre-Thanksgiving Day shoot-out also had the two rivals come together for a very good cause. Fans and players supported cancer awareness by wearing their pinkest attire. Players and cheerleaders escorted cancer survivors to center court where they were honored by the audience. Educational booths, fund-raisers and even Chillers Ice Cream supported the cause.

In the varsity game, Scottsburg won the tip, and 50 seconds, 2 missed layups and a missed free throw before the Eagles got on the board, thanks to Kamry Howard making good on her second of 2 shots at the charity stripe. The senior then followed the basket with a three, tying the score at 4 all. Jessie Davidson struggled under the basket until the last 30 seconds, when she got off 2 successful lay-ups.

The final score of the first period read Austin 15 and Scottsburg 13.

Howard opened up the second quarter with a successful three as well. Both teams displayed weak ball handling, which in turn led to turnovers. The Warriorettes tied the game with 4:33 on the clock, but the Eagles claimed the halftime lead with a score of 27-22. The Austin ladies were well aware of the curse that haunted them at halftime, however. The past three years, the Eagles had been on top at halftime, only to lose the game at the end.

Determined to change their fate, the Lady Eagles worked fairly well at the start of the third period, but they slowly let Scottsburg regain a tie halfway through the quarter. The Eagles couldn't seem to keep hold of the ball and struggled offensively as well with rebounding. The third quarter still had Austin on top, 37-35.

The final quarter gave the fans the tension they expect from any Austin-Scottsburg game. The score stayed tied almost completely through the suspenseful eight minutes.

With just 12 seconds left, the Warriorettes swished a three-pointer through the basket and took the game with a final score of 47-45.

Leading scorers for the Eagles were Howard and Davidson, who both scored 16 points; Brenna Oeffinger with 7; and Meagan Smith and Kourtney Mace, each with 3.

The junior varsity continue to please their coach, Ryan Herald. They brought home their third straight win by a score of 48-41.