

Warriorettes fall to Greensburg in Sectional play, 52-37

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? Intense is probably the best word to describe the Scottsburg Warriorettes sectional game against the Greensburg Lady Pirates. Greensburg came into the game as heavy favorites with an 18-2 record to the Warriorettes 3-17 record. The Warriorettes looked to stop Greensburgs' "double trouble" team of Sara Welage and Chas Lecher. They did a nice job of it for most of the game, but in the end, turnovers and sloppy play which have been haunting Scottsburg all season, got the best of them as their season ended in a heart-wrenching loss 52-37.

The game started off very physical and didn't change from there as the officials let the teams play calling very few fouls. In the first quarter, points were hard to come by as stellar defense and sloppy play from both teams made for very few baskets. The physical nature of the game got the crowd pumped up as they joined in with cheers adding to the sectional atmosphere. With the score tied at two points apiece, the Lady Pirates went on a small run. They scored the last six points of the quarter and held the lead 8-2.

The second quarter started off with a long two pointer from Scottsburgs' Darion Hutchinson. This seemed to get the nerves out of the way and each team began to play a little better. As was a theme throughout the night, each time Scottsburg got within striking distance, they would come up on the short end of a rebound or loose ball, giving Greensburg the momentum back. The Warriorettes also shot themselves in the foot by turning it over several times, which the Lady Pirates took advantage of. At one point, with the game close, Tia Deaton scored a three point play giving Scottsburg huge momentum. However, turnovers once again hurt the team as they continued to give the ball to Greensburg who took advantage going from up five to up 12 in just a few seconds. Greensburg went in at half time leading the game 21-11.

The second half opened with much of the same as each team had several turnovers, and impressive defensive stops. The teams traded baskets for a short amount of time. After a defensive struggle for both teams the next few minutes, Morgan Dawson hit a big three pointer for Scottsburg bringing them within a few baskets of the lead. The physical and intense play of the sectional atmosphere continued as players scrapped for rebounds and loose balls. The crowd was also very into the game cheering wildly for their team. As the time ran down in the third quarter, Greensburg had possibly the biggest play of the game. With less than 10 seconds left, Scottsburgs' Katie Burch made a save from out of bounds right to Greensburgs' Erica Schwering who scored as the buzzer sounded giving the Lady Pirates a 29-21 lead and the momentum going into the final quarter.

The momentum seemed to carry over as Greensburgs' Welage opened the final quarter with a three pointer, and Scottsburg turned it over the very next possession. From there on out, Scottsburg continued to try and make moves on the Greensburg lead which was now at 12, but with each Scottsburg run Greensburg seemed to have one of their own. As the Warriorettes trailed 34-21 mid way through the fourth, the game still seemed to be in reach until a big play for Greensburg. Welage went up for a three and Scottsburgs' Jamie Collins fouled her. Welage went to the foul line and connected on all three shots giving Greensburg a 37-21 lead. From there the Lady Pirates didn't look back as she took the win 52-37 and advanced to the sectionals final. Top scorers for the Scottsburg were, Jessi Derrickson with 10 and Darion Hutchinson with 8. Greensburg was lead by Welage with 22 and Melanie Trammell with 10.