

## **Austin Lady Eagles battle Charlestown, take 56-43 victory**

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After grabbing a win over arch rival Scottsburg in their previous game, the Austin Lady Eagles made another Mid-Southern Conference (MSC) stop at Charlestown on December 2 to take on the hosting Lady Pirates.

What was a close game in the first half turned around in the Lady Eagles' favor thanks in part to senior spark Katy McIntosh in the last two quarters.

The Lady Eagles walked off the court with a 56-43 victory and improved their overall record to 5-0 on the year and 2-0 in the MSC.

The first half began with a steal and a lay-in by Michelle Goodin which was followed up by 4 nice points made by McIntosh to put the score at 6-0 Eagles.

When a basket from the paint by Shantel Gray gave Austin a 10-2 lead, the Lady Pirates called a quick time out to get some plays set up. Charlestown began to creep back into the game and eventually snatched a 16-15 advantage over the visitors.

When McIntosh had to be taken into the locker room because of an injury, Sam Wooten and Krystal Napier got some valuable court time for the Lady Eagles and scored 4 points between them to push Austin back on top 23-18.

At the half, the Lady Eagles led the game 29-26.

In the second half, Austin took better care of the ball and guarded their opponents tighter to make Charlestown work for every shot they took. McIntosh's presence back in the game made a difference, too, and the Lady Pirates never again got within range, at one point trailing by 16 points, 49-33.

At the end of the night, it was the Lady Eagles who recorded another win with a score of 56-43.

McIntosh led the Lady Eagles in scoring with her 20 points. Goodin had 12, Gray 8, Chelsea Jones 5, Jessie Davidson 4, Ashley Dowling 3 and Wooten and Napier 2 each.