

The Salem High School girls' basketball team improved to 3-0 last week with a thrilling come from behind win, 57-54, over visiting South Central.

The Lady Lions trailed through three quarters, but senior Brittney Walker scored eight of her 11 points in the fourth quarter and sophomore Alex Davidson scored five of her game-high 25 points in the fourth, that helped turn a three-point deficit into a three-point win.

Head Coach Laura Motsinger admitted to being surprised by her team's fast start, but gives a lot of the credit to her players.

Davidson, Walker and Krista Baker were all members of the Salem softball team that lost a close game in last springs sectional championship game.

Walker helped guide the Salem girls' golf team to an Mid Southern Conference championship and its first regional since 2007.

Motsinger said that kind of experience and leadership is invaluable.

"We were down in our game at South Central and Brittney told me that she wanted to shoot the ball," she said. "She told me to get her the ball and she came through and helped us get the win. We are short on numbers so we have to have that kind of leadership."

Outside of Walker and Davidson, Salem had a balanced scoring attack against the Lady Rebels.

Danielle Voyles scored seven points, while Roberts and Treasure Hurst had six points each.

In the junior varsity game, the Lady Lions lost 32-25.

Salem was led in scoring by Sadie Soliday, who tossed in 11 points and Liz Geralde had seven.

The Lady Lions will try to continue to their hot start Tuesday when they host the West Washington Lady Senators.

Motsinger said it's an interesting thing coaching against her former high school coach Wade Tomlinson.

"I have a lot of love and respect for Wade," she said. "He has taught me much of what I know about basketball and really helped me become the coach I am."

At Salem, Motsinger is 3-1 against her former coach and says she doesn't dare to even joke with him about it.

The WW-SHS junior varsity game will begin at 6 p.m. and the varsity game will begin at about 7:40 p.m.