

## SHS Lady Lions end regular season with a win

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The Salem High School girls' basketball team will enter sectional play coming off a 55-43 win over Hauser on Jan. 29.

In that game, six players found their way into the scoring column led by Alex Davidson with 20 points and Brittney Walker added 10.

Treasure Hurst scored nine points and Krista Baker and Sadie Soliday had seven points each. The win over Hauser snapped a five-game losing streak.

Two of the more recent losses were Jan. 24 at Austin and Jan. 19 at home against Paoli. Salem played well in both of those losses.

Against Paoli, Salem battled the highly ranked Lady Rams of Paoli.

Paoli took an early lead, going on top by 13 at intermission, 25-12.

Salem got the hot hand in the third quarter, putting up 20 points.

Alex Davidson scored seven of her 22 points during the run. Danielle Voyles hit two threes and Krista Baker scored five of her 10 points.

In the end, the Lady Rams were too much for the Lady Lions.

At Austin, Salem trailed 17-6 at the end of the first quarter and 28-15 at the half.

The Lady Lions made a run in the third quarter.

On defense, they held the Lady Eagles to just seven point and scored 16 thanks to Alex Davidson scoring 12 of her team-high 23 points. She was also two for two at the charity stripe.

Thanks to Davidson's out-put, Salem trimmed Austin's lead to just four, 35-31 at the end of the third quarter.

Salem kept the score close thanks to three-point baskets from Krista Baker and Brittney Walker and Danielle Voyles scoring sight of her 11 points.

The Lady Lions had 21 turnover.

Salem will begin sectional play Wednesday against host Scottsburg,

Information for this story was gathered by Boone DeFord.

### SMS continues to roll

The Salem seventh- and eighth-grade boys' basketball teams picked up two wins Jan. 28 against visiting Brownstown.

The eighth-grade Cubs won, 37-30, to wrap up an undefeated regular season at 17-0. The seventh-grade Cubs also won by double-digits.

Salem's eighth-graders were led in scoring by Travis Taylor with 10 points, Derek Cornett 9, Jaelen Nice 6, Jeffrey Burch 6, and Dustin Bowman 6.

"It was a nice job tonight for our boys," said Head Coach Duane Malloy.

SMS will now have some time off as they don't play again until Feb. 9 in the county championship tournament against West Washington at 10:15 am.

### Lady Cubs drop two

The Salem Middle School girls' basketball teams suffered two losses on Jan. 28 against Austin.

The seventh-grade Lady Cubs fell 44-31 and Salem's eighth-grade team lost 43-33.

In the seventh-grade contest, Salem got off to a rocky start, falling behind 12-2 at the end of the first quarter.

They regrouped in the second, thanks to a strong effort by Erin Motsinger, who scored six of

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her team-high 16 points to help her team stay within striking distance, 26-17 at intermission.

The Lady Cubs were never able to get over the hump.

It was more of the same in the eighth-grade game, Salem spotted Austin a 15-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and they trailed by nine at intermission, 22-13.

Salem made a push to make things interesting in the third when Laken White scored five of her 11 points and Alaina Davidson scored four, to trim the deficit to three, 27-24 at the end of the third quarter.

While SMS got close, they were never able to get over the hump and suffered the loss.

Salem, along with East Washington, Borden and West Washington competed in the county championship last Saturday and Monday.

Results from that tournament were not available at press time, but will appear in next week's issue of The Washington County Edition.