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The Lady Bearcats, fresh off a blowout win against Senath-Hornersville on Monday night, lost a hard-fought SEMO Conference battle against the Jackson Lady Indians on Tuesday night.

“Jackson’s a great ball team this year,” head coach Chad Allen said after Monday night’s win. “They already have two D-1 signees with SEMO. Its going to be a tough matchup for us, but we need a matchup like that. Hopefully we can come out with a victory and our first SEMO Conference win tomorrow night.”

The Lady ‘Cats battled for four quarters, and held a 23-19 lead at the half, but ultimately fell to Jackson with a 45-38 final score.

Brittany Harris and Paige Patterson had their work cut out of them with Connor King - Jackson’s center is every bit of 6’2” and a very physical player. Harris and Patterson both stepped up to the challenge, holding the SEMO signee to only seven points and each blocking one of her shots.

The Lady ‘Cats trailed 12-10 at the end of the first, but a 13 point effort in the second quarter put the ‘Cats on top at the break.

Jackson's defense played extremely well in the third, as they held the Lady 'Cats to five points, but the Lady 'Cats battled back to within four points with a minute left in the contest.

Dru Haertling, Jackson's other SEMO signee, did everything she could to make sure she had the ball in the last minute, so when the Lady 'Cats fouled for possession, she was sent to the line. Haertling's perfect 11-11 effort from the charity stripe was enough to seal the win for the Lady Indians with a 45-38 final score.

Hannah Noe led the Lady 'Cats with 9 points, while Harris and Patterson had 8 and 7, respectively.

The Lady 'Cats fall to 3-2 on the season with the loss, and will be in action again on Thursday (Dec. 8) night when they travel to New Madrid to face off with the Eagles.

The game is scheduled to get underway with JV action at 6:00 p.m., and Varsity action immediately following.

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