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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Vanderbilt controlled the action from the opening tip, cruising to an 89-58 win on Tuesday evening at Memorial Gym. The Commodores, who led Lafayette wire to wire in the contest, were paced by John Jenkins' 27-point effort.

Vanderbilt (8-4) opened with a 17-6 run on 7-of-9 shooting and never really looked back, pulling away for a 29-point victory.

With 6:19 showing on the clock, Lafayette put together a 7-0 spurt, capped by Les Smith's pull-up trey, cutting the deficit to 26-15. Lafayette held the home side without a bucket for a little more than nine minutes of game action, before Jenkins connected on one of his game-high seven three-pointers at the 3:05 mark.

Lafayette (4-7) cut Vanderbilt's lead to eight points on a jumper from Rob Delaney, just before the Jenkins' triple, but the Commodores scored five straight to take a 39-24 lead into the break.

Five minutes into the second half, Ryan Willen's three-point play pulled Lafayette within 14 points, but Vanderbilt responded with a 17-5 run, pushing the lead to 26 points with 10:46 to play. Willen hit two three's surrounding Lance Goulbourne's layup to make it a 20-point game. Lafayette didn't get any closer.

Seth Hinrichs, three-time Patriot League Rookie of the Week, contributed a team-high 16 points and has scored in double figures in three straight games.

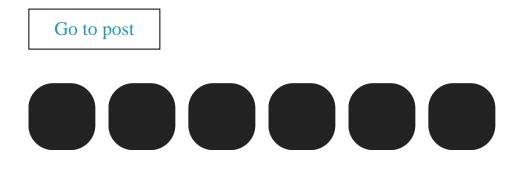
Dexter native Alan Flannigan was able to haul in a defensive rebound during his seven minutes of play in the contest.

Lafayette returns to action on Dec. 28, hosting Monmouth at 7 p.m. The Hawks are currently 2-9 (0-2 NEC) on the season.

For a full breakdown of the game's stats, click here.

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High School Girls

Lady Royals Classic

- Dexter 78, Neelyville 47
- Twin Rivers 48, Sikeston 43
- Doniphan 55, Naylor 41
- Greenwater 49, Senath 20
- Clearwater 66, Charleston 65

Kelso Supply Holiday Classic

- Jackson 48. Farmington 26
- Notre Dame 64, Meadow Heights 59
- Cape Central 47, Saxony Lutheran 29
- Perryville 35, Scott City 29
- Greenwater 49, Senath 20
- Clearwater 66, Charleston 65

NCAA Men

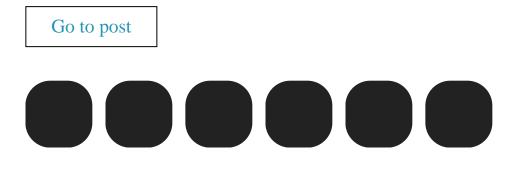
- Vanderbilt 89, Lafayette 58
- Murray State 78, Tennessee-Martin 54
- North Carolina 82, Texas 63
- Wake Forest 87, UNC-WIlmington 78
- South Carolina 62, Se Louisiana 43
- Oklahoma 83, S Carolina State 48

NCAA Women

- Gonzonga 82, Dayton 76
- Georgetown 72, Miama (FL) 46
- Penn State 78, Bucknell 54
- Kentucky 90, Samford 61

Photo Above: Brittany Harris wins the opening tip of the LRCC Semifinal contest between the Lady Bearcats and the Neelyville Lady Tigers.

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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor

SCOTT CITY - Poor free throw shooting has been the deciding factor in basketball games throughout the sport's history. One of the newest addition to the list can be the Bearcats' performance against the Scott City Rams on Tuesday (Dec. 21) night, where the 'Cats were an abysmal 8 for 23 (0 for 6 in the fourth quarter alone) from the charity stripe in a 65-62 loss.

"We got in a free throw shooting contest with them, and we aren't going to win many of those at this point," head coach Rob Nichols said after the game. "Did we play well? No. Were we ready to play? No. Mentally, I don't think we were. We got beat by the better

team tonight."

The 'Cats jumped out to a quick 12-6 lead midway through the first quarter before the Rams clawed back within three at the end of the frame. The game was closely officiated, with each team having players in foul trouble and being in double-bonus at the end of the first quarter.

Brad Potts hit a quick jumper to open the second quarter, but Ryan Brock completed an old-fashioned three point play at the 5:30 mark to give the Rams their first lead of the contest.

The Rams went on to score 14 unanswered points until Tyler Miller dropped in a layup at the 1:40 mark. Miller went on to hit a three in the last minute of the quarter to bring the score to 39-30 in favor of the Rams heading into halftime.

The Bearcats' outside shooting picked up during the third quarter, with Chase Young and Cody Neldon knocking down threes to pull Dexter within six at the 2:00 mark. Miller picked up his fourth foul early in the frame, and didn't play for the majority of the third. The Rams were able to hold on to a six point, 52-46 lead after the third quarter.

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3:00 mark. Jake Lee drew a charge to help the Bearcats chip the Rams' lead down to 60-57 with 2:00 left in the game.

Miller hit another trey at the 1:20 mark, followed quickly by a 10-footer from Jordan Fitts to bring the score to 64-62. Nichols called a timeout with :15 left in the contest to draw up the Bearcats' last play.

Lee was fouled on the next play to send him to the line for a pair of free throws. After missing the first, Lee rebounded his own miss on the second shot and was fouled for two more free throws. After missing both shots, the 'Cats quickly had to foul Zach Cotner to stop the clock with two seconds left. Cotner knocked down one of his two free throws to seal the 65-62 win for the Rams.

"At this point, I'm not even worried about [the loss]; I'm more disappointed in our lack of composure, and I want to apologize for some of the things I saw out on the court," Nichols said of his squad. "I don't know if everyone else saw it, but that's not the way we need to act out on the court. Win or lose, that's the biggest thing I'm disappointed in."

The JV squad was able to pick up their first regulation win of the season with a 47-26 victory. Stevie Payne paced the young 'Cats with 19 points, while Jacob Murdock finished with six and Blake Horton with five.

The 'Cats won't be in action again until the 55th annual Bloomfield Christmas Tournament, where the earned the No. 5 seed, when they take on No. 12 South Pemiscot on Monday (Dec. 26).

"Right now I just hope we can go out and be positive people on the floor; play hard, not show negative emotion," Nichols said of the upcoming matchup. "If we can do that, maybe wins and losses can start to take care of itself, but at this point, I'm more worried about that."

Tip is set for 2:30 p.m. from Bloomfield High School.

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- Scott City 65, Dexter 62
- Charleston 80, Notre Dame 59
- Scott County Central 66, Oak Ridge 56
- Perryville 68, Ste. Genevieve 26
- Leopold 70, Meadow Heights 32

High School Girls

Kelly Supply Holiday Classic

- Jackson 49, Saxony Lutheran 11
- Farmington 41, Cape Central 39
- Meadow Heights 47, Perryville 27
- Notre Dame 61, Scott City 38

NCAA Men

- Kentucky 82, Samford 50
- Tennessee 72, UNC-Ashebille 68
- Gonzaga 71, Butler 55
- Arkansas 71, E Kentucky 57

NCAA Women

• Southeast Missouri 56, Longwood 52

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- East Tennessee State 68, Morehead State 57
- UMKC 70, Saint Louis 67
- Indiana State 67, Chicago State 59
- Missouri State 77, Arkansas State 68

Photo Above: Jamesia Price (11) of the Saint Louis Billikens during the NCAA Womens Basketball game between The UMKC Kangaroos and The Saint Louis Billikens at Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis. (Photo courtesy Saint Louis University)

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Harris, Patterson Too Much For Donettes In LRCC

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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor

BROSELEY - Paige Patterson and Brittany Harris' pure domination in the paint was enough to lift the Lady Bearcats to a 78-22 win over the Doniphan Donettes in the Lady Royals Christmas Classic.

The duo combined for 34 points, 18 boards, nine blocks, and eight steals in the Lady Bearcats' fifth-straight victory, all of which had an at least 30-point margin of victory.

"We definitely outsized them a little bit in the paint with Paige and Brittany," LBB head coach Chad Allen said. "We did a good job of getting the ball inside to them and they had a big night because of it."

The Bearcats had a 'perfect storm' during the big win: they shot 57% from the floor, held the Donettes to just 22%, and forced 31 turnovers in the contest.

"I think we shot around 57%, and we held them to 20-something," LBB head coach Chad Allen said after the game. "I thought our girls did a tremendous job defensively tonight. Not only in our full-court in the first half, but in our half-court in the second half, I thought it was probably the best we played all year."

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The Bearcats opened the contest with a 20-0 run, aided by six point efforts by Harris and Mollie Whitehead. The press was executed to near-perfection throughout the first half, as the Lady 'Cats were shutting out the Donettes until the 1:10 mark in the first quarter.

The Donettes fought back in the second quarter with a six point run early, but Whitehead knocked down a three at the 4:00 mark to spark a 29 point second quarter for the Lady 'Cats. Dexter held a commanding 49-16 lead at the half.

Hannah Noe had an old-fashioned three point play midway through the third that was quickly followed by another Whitehead three. The 'Cats put up 15 unanswered to open the second half, and held a 72-21 lead at the end of the third.

Katie Reiker and Brianna Bowers got more valuable playing time in the fourth quarter. The Lady 'Cats held the Donettes to just one point in the fourth to take the 78-22 victory and advance to the semifinals of the Lady Royals Christmas Classic.

The Lady 'Cats will be in action again on Wednesday (Dec. 21) night, when they face Neelyville.

"Coach Hale always does a good job with them. They have great pride in their program, and they have good teams all the way down into middle school," Allen said. "We played them in middle school ball this year, and they're always tough to play against. I know they lost some players from last year, but they've moved some girls up that have been successful in the past. They'll always bring a tough, competitive ball club over."

Tipoff for the semifinal contest is set for 6:00 p.m.

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