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The Lady Bearcats picked up another blowout win in their return home on Monday night. The ‘Cats downed the Kennett Lady Indians 56-26 in their second meeting of the 2011-2012 season.

Paige Patterson and Brittany Harris were given the task of shutting down the Tribe’s potent Audrey Wynne, who dropped 27 points on the Bearcats in the Lady Royals Christmas Classic.

Patterson and Harris delivered in a big way, holding Wynne to just nine points in the contest.

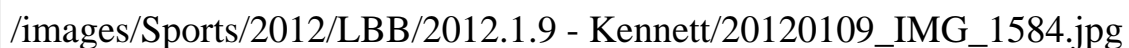
“I thought Paige and Brittany did a great job tonight switching off on Wynne and limiting her touches; last time we played them, she had 27 points, and tonight, she had nine,” LBB head coach Chad Allen said after the game. “A few of those points, I’d typically refer to as ‘garbage points’ where the ball just bounced to her.”

“The past few days, we’ve been working hard on a game plan to try and stop [Audrey] Wynne and trying to put a lot of pressure on [Darby] Sparks in the full-court press,” Allen added. “I thought the girls executed that really well. We really tried to take the ball out of Sparks’ hands, and I think that threw them off offensively.”

The Lady 'Cats played outstanding defense all night, and held the Tribe to single-digit scores in each frame of the contest. The 'Cats struggled shooting the ball at times throughout the game, but their potent defense kept the Indians in check.

“The girls did a really good job tonight defensively. Offensively, we didn’t shoot the ball very well; I thought we came out flat, especially in the second quarter when we only had six points,” Allen said. “We didn’t have a lot of energy; I thought we took too many perimeter shots and didn’t try to get it inside like we did in the first quarter.”

The Lady



'Cats opened

the game with a 16-2 run that spanned the entire first quarter and part of the second, but the Tribe rattled off nine unanswered points to cut Dexter’s lead to 16-11 at the 1:15 mark of the second quarter. Mollie Whitehead picked up a loose ball and dumped it to Harris for a layup at the buzzer to send the 'Cats into halftime with a 22-11 lead.

The Lady 'Cats continued to bombard the Tribe throughout the second half, aided by a 12 point effort from Harris, and five point efforts from both Alison Jarrell and Patterson in the fourth quarter.

Despite a late surge by the Indians, the Lady 'Cats were still able to take home another victory with a 30 point-plus margin. Allen noted a few areas of concern with his team’s offensive performance, but was pleased overall.

“We came out with some different sets that we didn’t run in the first half, but we got out to a 6-0 run to open the second half. I thought we executed offensively well then, but then we started standing around again,” he said. “We need to learn to keep playing offensively, to keep moving and setting screens. We just didn’t have a lot of energy tonight, offensively.”

The Lady 'Cats move to 12-2 with the victory, and will be in action again Thursday, when they face Neelyville in their last home contest before a four game road trip.

“It’s another good team; Neelyville is just as good as Kennett, if not better,” Allen said. “They’re a little quicker, and it will probably be more of a fast-paced game. We’re going to have to go to the game film and see how to take some things away from them.”

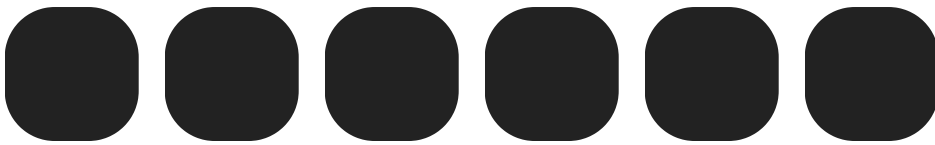
Tipoff for the game is pushed back to 6:30 p.m., as the Freshman Boys team has a contest with Poplar Bluff set for 5:00.

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