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VINCENNES – Holding an 11-point lead with 7:16 left in the first half, it looked like Three Rivers might just pull another upset Wednesday night.

Then attrition took its toll – and the Vincennes Lady Trailblazers took advantage, taking the lead for good right before halftime and dominating down the stretch to take a 92-62 win over the Lady Raiders here at the Vincennes University Physical Education Complex.

"They were running several players in," Three Rivers coach Jeff Walk said. "Our kids were playing as hard as we could play, trying to overcome a lot of adversity. We just kept battling and kept battling, but they just wore us down at the end."

Three Rivers (9-16) trailed 53-48 after Whitney Mills' basket with 12:29 remaining in the game, but back-to-back baskets by Jalen Green and a bucket by Channie Williams gave the Lady Blazers a 59-48 lead less than two minutes later as the home team began to take control.

"I'm at a loss of why," said Walk. "We got a couple of kids in foul trouble and that kind of took the wind out of our sails. If we had weathered that storm right there, who knows what would have happened?"

Mills drained a 3-pointer with just under nine minutes to go to cut the deficit to 63-53, but the Lady Raiders did not score again from the field for over four minutes as Vincennes scored 11 straight points to take a 78-55 lead on Taylor Hawkins' basket near the five-

and-a-half minute mark to effectively put the game on ice.

Earlier though, it was a different story. Three Rivers used a 10-0 run midway through the first half to take a 24-14 lead after back-to-back baskets by Brooke Godsey with 8:42 left in the opening session.

"It's kind of like a prize fight," "We came out with a good 1-2 punch. (Vincennes) came out and responded and they countered – and they just wore us down."

Abbie Warren's free throw with 7:16 to go before the intermission made it 28-17, but the Lady Blazers (23-4) got hot, tying the game at 31 on Green's basket near the 2:25 mark of the first half, then taking a 33-31 lead on Green's free throws with 1:50 remaining before the break.

Tara Porter's free throws 13 seconds later tied the game again at 33, but a pair of free throws by Ingrida Strikas and another basket by Green made it 37-33 at the half.

Shanice Gholson's free throws with 13:32 left in the game increased the Vincennes' lead to 53-42, but the Lady Raiders made one final push, scoring six straight points to make it 53-48 on Mills' trey before the wheels started to come off.

Mills led Three Rivers with 23 points, while Godsey added 16.

Strikas paced the Lady Trailblazers with 21 points while Gholson tossed in 13, Green and Zhanna Chukhriy each chipped in 11 and Skylar Shunn finished with 10.

The Lady Raiders are back in action Saturday when they head to Mineral Area for a Region XVI contest. Tipoff time is set for 5 p.m. at Bob Sechrest Fieldhouse.

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S&T Cruises To Win At Rockhurst

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KANSAS CITY – There was no need for any last second drama this time around in Kansas City as the Missouri S&T Lady Miners closed the first half strong en route to a blow out 69-44 win at Rockhurst on Thursday evening. In its trip to Kansas City last season the Lady Miners needed a steal on the game's final possession to hang on for the 52-51 victory.

The first 13 minutes of the opening half were a see-saw affair with each side answering each other basket for basket. S&T (17-7, 11-5 GLVC) led by as many as three early while Rockhurst (5-19, 2-14 GLVC) held a two-point edge.

With the score tied at 18-18 the Lady Miners dominated the final six minutes of the frame by scoring 14 of the final 16 points to take a 32-20 lead into the locker room at the break. Julie Meyer (Marthasville, Mo./St. Francis Borgia) and Hailee Parks (Sullivan, Mo./Sullivan) scored four points apiece in the run.

S&T shot 57 percent (13-for-23) from the field in the opening half and were 6-of-8 at the foul line. Parks led the way with nine while Kyesha Hall (Dodson, La.) added six and Meyer dropped in five. Courtney Kemp (Fredricktown, Mo./Fredricktown) and Karli Sample (St. Joseph, Mo./Benton) added four each.

The Hawks shot just 31 percent (8-for-26) from the floor and was led by MaKayla Grahn

with five points.

Grahn scored the first basket of the second stanza for Rockhurst to cut the deficit to 10.

From that point on it was all Lady Miners scoring seven of the next eight points to take a 16 point advantage 2:30 in.

The Hawks closed to within 12 but for the most part S&T held a 16-point lead for a majority of the second half.

S&T eventually built its lead to as many as 27 on a put back from Quintonia Evans (Evansville, Ind.) with 4:24 to play.

The Lady Miners finished the contest shooting 46 percent (25-for-53) from the field and went 18-of-26 (69 percent) from the foul line.

Parks led S&T with a game-high 20 points while Hall added 10. Meyer finished with nine while Sample, Senait McLeod (Miami, Fla./Coral Reef) and Katelyn Heil (Dexter, Mo./Dexter) added seven points apiece.

Rockhurst shot just 27 percent (18-for-67) from the floor and were led by Grahn's nine points. Chrissy Sarcone, Allison Streich and Susan Hohenadel added six apiece.

S&T closes out the regular season at home on Saturday playing host to William Jewell beginning at 3 p.m. The game was originally scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. but was bumped to accommodate WJC.

Prior to Saturday's game the Lady Miners will be honoring their seniors in their final home game.

Click here for the full box score.

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Three Wrestlers Remain After Opening Day

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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor

The Dexter Bearcats have three wrestlers remaining in the MSHSAA Class 2 State Tournament.

Cody Stevens (160 lbs.) was the only Bearcat to win his opening match during Thursday's competition. Cole Dean (132 lbs.) and Trevor Waldner (126 lbs.) lost their first match, but were able to win their 'wrestleback' matches to advance to Friday.

According to DHS Wrestling coach Rick Schwab, Stevens will wrestle Makenna Cook of Kirksville in his opening match on Friday; the Cook qualified in his freshman year with a 48-2 record on the season. Dean and Waldner won't know who their next opponents will be until the conclusion of today's semifinal round.

Brad Wick (170 lbs.) and Dylan Bazarian (152 lbs.) have both been eliminated after recording two losses on Thursday. Wick's junior season saw his first trip to the State Tournament, while Bazarian qualified this year as a freshman.

UPDATE (10:51 a.m.)

Cody Stevens was pinned in the third round by Makenna Cook; he will wrestle Blake Joiner of Moberly, a sophomore with a 31-13 record in his 'wrestleback' match.

Trevor Waldner will face Wordell Morgan of Berkely, a senior with a record of 32-12.

Cole Dean will wrestle Jesse Sherman of Bolivar, a senior with a 44-4 record.

UPDATE (12:43 p.m.)

Stevens is the lone Bearcat remaining in the MSHSAA Class 2 State Wrestling tournament.

Dean and Waldner both lost their matches today, eliminating them from competition. Stevens will move on to face Braxton Todd of Excelsior Springs, who sports a 31-14 record.

If Stevens wins his 'bubble' match tonight, he will be guaranteed a medal, and will move on to Saturday's competition.

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BROSELEY - The Lady Bearcats closed out the regular season with a bang on Thursday night; LBB shot 48% from the floor on the way to a 70-33 rout of the Lady Royals on their senior night.

The Lady 'Cats got off to a slow start, but ultimately picked up the intensity on offense and utilized an overwhelming full-court press to pick up the big win.

"I thought offensively we got off to a slow start tonight," head coach Chad Allen said. "We didn't shoot the ball well out of the gate, but once we got on rhythm, we made a huge run."

"You could tell Twin Rivers came out with a lot of intensity. It was their senior night, so we knew they would," Allen continued. "They started to wear down midway through the first quarter, and our press started bothering them a lot, and that also helped us get on that big run."

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several shots from the paint in the first quarter. Tori Cole blocked two shots in the frame for the Lady Royals, but Dexter held a 14-9 lead after the first.

Alison Jarrell knocked down her second three of the night at the 6:00 mark to give the 'Cats a 29-11 lead. Erika Cobb added two treys in the frame, and a 15-footer at the buzzer from Taylor Owens gave the Lady 'Cats a 44-13 advantage at halftime.

The Lady 'Cats continued to run away with the game in the third quarter; Jarrell's seven point effort, including her third trey, nudged LBB to a 65-26 lead heading into the final

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eight minutes of play.

A running clock greeted the Lady 'Cats in the fourth quarter; Hannah Noe buried a three midway through the frame. The Lady 'Cats found themselves on top when the final buzzer sounded with a 70-33 final.

The Lady 'Cats picked up a 29-23 victory in the JV contest for a sweep on the evening.

Cole collected a double-double for the Royals with 21 points and 11 blocked shots.

"Tori Cole is a very good player; she's long and athletic, and she caused some problems for us inside," Allen said. "She had around ten blocked shots, but Brittany and Paige battled all night."

Harris picked up a double-double for the Lady 'Cats with 10 points and 11 boards; Mollie Whitehead added 10 and nine, while Paige Patterson netted nine points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady 'Cats now look to the Class 4, District 1 tournament, where they picked up the No. 1 seed and a bye in the first round.

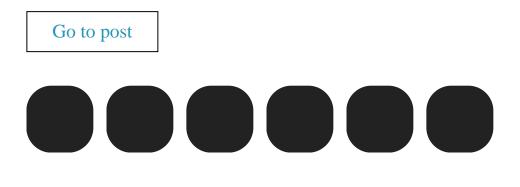
"I know our girls are going to be focused this week. We're going to take a couple days off, then get back in the gym on Sunday and Monday to prepare for districts," Allen said. "We'll definitely go take a look at the Ste. Gen-Perryville game Tuesday night. Both teams are similar, and it should be a good game between them. Ste. Gen beat Farmington earlier this year; we can't overlook anybody, and we're going to have to go in there and play hard."

"I think we've improved on a lot of aspects of the game; our guard play has gotten better throughout the year," Allen said of his squad. "Our inside presence has gotten better as well; Paige has really come a long way in the last year. A lot of it is gaining confidence; they've played more and are building confidence."

The Lady 'Cats will be in action again on Thursday, Feb. 23, when they take on either No. 3 Perryville and No. 6 Ste. Genevive; tipoff is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. from the Sikeston Field House.

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Gary Carter Succumbs To Brain Cancer

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.- After a nearly nine-month battle with brain cancer, Palm Beach Atlantic University baseball head coach Gary Carter passed away on Thursday, February 16th, 2012 at 4:10 pm.

Nicknamed "The Kid" for his infectious smile and enthusiasm, Carter spent the last two plus seasons coaching baseball for the NCAA Division II Sailfish following a Hall of Fame playing career in Major League Baseball. He was 57 years old.

Diagnosed with four small brain tumors in May of 2011, Carter had been receiving intense treatments of chemotherapy and other medical treatments as his type of cancer was deemed inoperable. Carter leaves behind an incredible legacy in many circles for his athletic abilities, charitable endeavors, and unyielding faith.

His most recent career path led him to join his daughter and son-in-law, Kimmy and Kyle Bloemers, at Palm Beach Atlantic University where Kimmy serves the University as its head softball coach and Kyle is an Assistant Athletic Director.

Inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in 2003 following a brilliant 19year playing career, Carter is known as one of the greatest catchers to ever play. Spending a majority of his career playing for the Montreal Expos and New York Mets, Carter helped lead the Mets to their only World Series Championship in 1986 as he started a two-out rally in Game Six to help propel the Mets to an improbable victory in seven games.

Following his playing career Carter went into coaching and managing within the minor league ranks and independent baseball before settling in as the Sailfish head coach in October of 2009. Carter's impact on Palm Beach County will forever be remembered as he has made it his permanent home since 1982.

The founder of the Gary Carter Foundation, Carter was instrumental in raising funds and awareness for such causes as juvenile diabetes, children with Autism, and in providing education resources to local schools.

Gary is survived by his wife, Sandy with whom he was married to for 35 years. The couple has three children in Christy Kearce, Kimmy Bloemers, and D.J Carter. They also have three grandchildren in C.J. Kearce, Brady Kearce, and Alyse Bloemers.

Editor's Note - I exchanged a few brief text messages with Sawyer Smith this evening. Smith worked closely with 'Skip' during his freshman season, while he was furthering his abilities as a catcher. He said, ''It's sad news, but we expected it.''

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