

BASKETBALL LADY WILDCATS DEFEAT WRIGHT CITY TO END 2016 5-3 RECORD BEST RECORD AT CHRISTMAS BREAK SINCE 1999

The Montgomery County R-2 Basketball Lady Wildcats finished the 2016 part of their season with a 53-21 win over Wright City on December 20. With this win, the Lady Wildcats headed into the Christmas Break with an overall record of 5 wins and 3 losses.

This is the best record heading into Christmas Break for a Lady Wildcats' team since 1999. The 1999 team had a 5-4 record at Christmas Break, finished with a 16-10 record, and was the last Lady Wildcats' team to play in a District Championship Game (losing to Kirksville).

This game was also an Eastern Missouri (EMO) Conference game, giving the Lady Wildcats a conference record of 2-0. The Jr. Varsity team also defeated Wright City, by the score of 39-16. The JV team now has a record of 7 wins and 1 loss.

WRIGHT CITY GAME

Montgomery County wasted no time in taking control of this game, as 5 Lady Wildcats scored at least 2 points in the quarter for a total of 15 points while their defense held WC to only 1 point. Hannah Prior led the way for the Lady Wildcats with 5 points in the quarter, followed by Kayla Schmidt with 4 points.

WC's offense finally got going, as WC scored 10 points in the second quarter. However, Montgomery County's offense kept right on rolling in the second quarter, as the Lady Wildcats scored 17 points, giving them a 32-11 lead at halftime. Anna Henke made 6 of 6 free throws/FTs and a 3-pointer for 9 points in the quarter, and Jasmine Hensley added 4 points.

The offense was a bit slower in the third quarter, as the two teams combined for a total of only 17 points. Montgomery County came out on top in this quarter, outscoring WC 10-7 to take a 42-18 lead into the final quarter. Schmidt led the way for the Lady Wildcats with 4 points.

There was even less scoring in the fourth quarter (only 14 points), but some of that was due to the "Mercy Rule" coming into effect with the game clock running continuously whenever Montgomery County had at least a 30-point lead. The Lady Wildcats outscored WC 11-3 in the quarter to come away with the 53-21 win. Schmidt and Hensley led the way for Montgomery County with 4 points each.

Schmidt led the Lady Wildcats in scoring with 12 points (6 field goals). She was followed by Henke with 11 points (1 FG, 1 3-pointer, 6 of 6 FTs); Prior with 10 points (4 FGs, 2 of 4 FTs); Hensley with 8 points (4 FGs); Hailey Hill with 6 points (3 FGs); Lydia Bishop with 4 points (2 FGs); and Haeley Johnson with 2 points (1 FG). Macy Block, Cassie Sublette, Paige Oden, Gretchen Ecton, and Ashley Queathem also played in the game, but did not score.

No other statistics for this game were available when this report was written.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

The Lady Wildcats have 2 games this week. On Tuesday, January 3 they will play a non-conference game at Orchard Farm (north St. Charles County). The JV game will start at 6:00, followed by the Varsity game.

Then on Thursday, January 5, Montgomery County will host North Callaway in an EMO Conference Game. Again, the JV game will start at 6:00, followed by the Varsity game.

The Varsity Lady Wildcats will play in the South Callaway Tournament next week, January 9-14. Information on the game schedule for this tournament should also be in this week's Standard.

"Congratulations" to the Lady Wildcats on a great start to the 2016-17 season. "Best Wishes" for this week's games and next week in the South Callaway Tournament. Go Lady Wildcats!