

# Warriors send seniors out with another win

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Before Tuesday's game against Columbus North, Whiteland bid a fond farewell to the girls basketball team's four seniors.

After the game, fans, players and coaches gathered to celebrate a 64-45 victory and reflect upon the high school basketball careers of Jessica Huffman, Brittany Craven, Renee Albers and Stacey Scheidler.

In the 90 minutes in between, however, there was little time for reminiscing as the Warriors, led by Huffman, cut through the Bulldogs defense.

After the final buzzer, the Warriors found themselves saying farewell to their frustrated 4A opponents.

The win brought the Warriors' record to 16-3. The Bull Dogs fell to 14-5.

"I couldn't have asked for a better senior night," said Huffman, an Indiana All-Stars candidate.



Sarah Condra, left, scored 16 points, and Jessica Huffman had a game-high 28 points in Whiteland's 64-45 victory against Columbus North on Wednesday.

Though happy with the victory, Huffman knows her days of leading her Whiteland teammates are nearing an end. She'll miss her fellow seniors, and she's not the only one.

"I'm definitely going to miss all the seniors," Whiteland coach Bill Hogue said. "Senior night is always fun, but we still had to focus on the game. This was a game we were looking forward to."

Hogue was pleased with the way the Warriors played the 4A Bull Dogs.

"It was a good team effort," he said.

Huffman led the Warriors with

a game-high 28 points on 10-of-18 shooting.

"She scored when she needed to score and distributed the ball well," Hogue said. "I thought she had a very nice floor game. I didn't even realize how many points she'd scored."

Whiteland sophomore Sarah Condra added 16 points for the Warriors. The leading rebounders for Whiteland were junior Brittney Wilson with 12 rebounds and junior Amy Orender with 10.

Junior Brittany Bowen led the Bull Dogs with 15 points. Sophomore Brittney Burt had nine rebounds, and senior Stacie Brown had eight rebounds.

"(Columbus North) is a good team that's been playing well," Hogue said.

Hogue hopes the momentum from Tuesday's victory can continue Whiteland's five-game winning streak through the final game of the regular season and into next week's sectional tournament.

"I'll miss the seniors, but we've still got some games to play," Hogue said.

Whiteland's next game is Thursday at Triton Central.

# Cold shooting dooms Cubs in home loss to Shelbyville

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Heading into the Franklin girls basketball team's regular-season finale against visiting Shelbyville, coach Walt Raines had a few expectations.

Most importantly, he wanted to finish the game with no injuries and honor his three senior players.

By those measures, the Grizzly Cubs were successful.

However, they could not get their offense on track and fell to the Golden Bears 34-19 on Tuesday night.

The loss is the fifth straight for Franklin, which finished the regular season with a 9-12 record. Shelbyville improved to 14-7 with its sixth consecutive victory.

The Grizzly Cubs had trouble finding the basket all night, hitting only 7 of 37 shots and failed to reach double-digit scoring in any quarter.

Fortunately for Franklin, the Golden Bears started just as frigid and led only 8-4 with seven

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minutes to play in the first half. Shelbyville broke the game open with a 10-2 run to finish the quarter and lead 17-6 at halftime.

Franklin hit only a single shot from the field during the first half.

The Grizzly Cubs started the second half looking as though they were going to warm up offensively, hitting two baskets in the first two minutes to cut the lead to 19-10.

That would be as close as Franklin would get as the Golden Bears' lead ballooned to 17 points, 31-14, before the Grizzly Cubs hit a couple of baskets during the final minute of the game.

"Shelbyville is a very good team," Raines said. "If you had told me ahead of time that we would hold them to 34 points and still lose by 15, I would have told you that you were crazy."

"Defensively, I was very happy with our kids. We had some

defensive breakdowns, but Shelbyville's an outstanding ball club. But this game is past us, and we're focused on sectionals."

Franklin begins sectional play against Southport in the Greenwood sectional next Tuesday night. And Raines is optimistic.

"(The regular) season is over," Raines said. "We're starting a new season now, and we aren't worried about wins and losses coming into this. We're going to look at what we're going to do against Southport."

The game also included senior night festivities for Erin Bullington, Ranita Madison and Maggie McWilliams.

"They've given us four great years," Raines said of his seniors. "They've worked hard and have done everything we've asked them to."

"When you ask for seniors, you ask for kids who come out and work hard every day in practice and put the team before themselves. These three kids are great examples of that."

# Inside game lifts Medora past Lancers

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After losing to Edinburgh nearly seven weeks ago in the Crothersville Holiday Tournament, the Medora girls basketball team had a definite game plan in mind.

Get the ball inside.

Seniors Hayley Elkins and Maria Roller combined for 28 points to lead the visiting Hornets to a 46-42 win Tuesday night at Edinburgh.

The loss was especially disappointing for the Lancers, who won the first meeting 62-48 on Dec. 15.

Edinburgh coach Bob White attributed much of the problem to the Lancers' failure to effectively run their fast-break offense.

"We didn't do what we were supposed to do," White said. "We

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predicted it, we called it, and we coached it, and our intensity at the end wasn't there, either.

"We wanted to be fast-paced and deliberate but push the ball."

Medora (9-10) pulled away late in what had been a close game throughout, especially in the first half.

Winners of six straight, the Hornets built an early 10-4 lead before the Lancers (4-15) regrouped defensively and started chipping away at the deficit.

Junior guard Hilary Stinson ignited the rally by making back-to-back jumpers. Senior teammate Hannah Basey, a point guard, then made a 3-pointer at the end of the quarter to narrow the Medora's advantage to 14-13.

Medora went cold in the second period, but the Lancers got hot. Basey and senior teammate Kristie Smith led a charge that gave

Edinburgh a 30-25 halftime lead.

Edinburgh started the second half strong and built its biggest lead, 27-20, early in the half.

But the Hornets answered with a 10-2 run that swung momentum back to Medora. The Hornets took a 33-31 lead into the final period.

Medora extended the advantage to 44-36 with 1:44 to play, but the Lancers made one last surge and trimmed the gap to 44-42 with time running out.

But Roller sealed the win for the Hornets with a pair of free throws in the closing seconds.

Roller had a game-high 15 points and nine rebounds. Elkins had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

For Edinburgh's four seniors — Lindsey Bowers, Shelby Henderson, Basey and Smith — it was their final home game.

Basey led the Lancers with 14 points. Smith had 11 points and a game-high 16 rebounds.

Edinburgh closes the regular season Friday night at Class A No. 1 Lutheran.

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they did (Tuesday night)."

Despite a slow start, Lentz wasn't worried how the Trojans (16-3, 5-1 MIC) would respond. He said they had good practices after the Lawrence North loss, and he sensed his team was up to the challenge.

He was right. Carmel (18-4, 6-1) threatened to blow the game open early, jumping to a 9-2 lead.

But after Lentz called a timeout, the Trojans settled down, got within four points and stayed within that margin until taking control.

"I told them to settle down and do the things we normally do," Lentz said. "After that, we battled."

Carmel took a 41-40 in the final period. And that's when the Trojans really got tough.

Gray gave the Trojans the lead for good early in the period. But



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Center Grove's Hillary Bowling, center, has her shot blocked by Carmel's Melanie Thornton, hidden, and Lauren McRoberts during Wednesday's game at Carmel.

the Greyhounds didn't go away, even after trailing by seven with two minutes to play.

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