



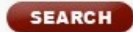
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Lady Panthers finish 5th at Mascoutah

By Steve Oliver - Progress Sports Writer

Winning three of four tournament games in the Mascoutah Invitational, the O'Fallon High girls' basketball squad brought home the fifth place trophy and improved their seasonal mark to 7-3 in hopes of building on those successes as they enter the 2012 portion of their hoop campaign.

The lone loss came in the tourney quarter-finals against perennial powerhouse Mater Dei, but Coach Ryan Massey's squad recovered nicely with victories over Belleville West and Highland to add to their opening round win over host Mascoutah.

"I was pleased with the way our girls responded after our loss to Mater Dei," Massey said. "We played a 10 a.m. game the next day, but the girls were ready and gave a very good effort. Coming out of the tournament with a winning record should give us some incentive to try to keep it up as we begin the second half of our season this week."

For three quarters during their quarter-final matchup against Mater Dei, the Lady Panthers gave the Lady Knights all they wanted — and more. The Lady Knights jumped to a 6-point lead by the end of the first quarter, but the Panthers hung around thanks to balanced scoring which was led by Taylor Klingelhofer, Katie Roustio and Kaitlin Kendall.

Trailing 30-24 at intermission, the OTHS girls put on their biggest push during the third period, out-scoring Mater Dei by six to knot the score at 30-30 entering the final stanza. Led by junior Emily Koelling, Mater Dei responded to the Panther challenge.

Koelling scored eight of her 22 points in the first minutes of the fourth period while O'Fallon struggled to find the range. The result was a 17-0 scoring run to make the final score 59-42 in favor of the Lady Knights — a tally that was not indicative of the performance by the Panthers "They battled us," said Mater Dei coach Dave Kohnen. "Fortunately, we were able to get that offensive spurt at the start of the fourth quarter that gave us a victory, but the O'Fallon squad challenged us through the first three quarters."

Despite the tough quarter-final loss to Mater Dei, the Lady Panthers got well at the expense of the Belleville West Maroons the following morning. The 10 a.m. start time did not seem to affect the OTHS girls as they bolted to a 16-7 first quarter lead on the strength of balanced scoring and a superb defensive effort.

Forcing Belleville West into multiple turnovers during the first eight minutes, the Panthers took advantage of the situation to score several easy baskets in transition. Breakaway baskets by Ciera Jones, Taylor Klingelhofer and Kaitlin Kendall sparked the early scoring burst.

The Panthers were not as efficient in the second stanza, but their defensive effort kept the Maroons from mounting a sustained offensive attack, allowing O'Fallon to take a 22-16 into the locker room at halftime.

The third quarter was pivotal as the OTHS squad increased the defensive pressure and returned to the form that had allowed them to take control during the first stanza. Quick baskets by Jones and Klingelhofer and a 3-point bomb thrown in for good measure by Kaitlin Kendall helped the Lady Panthers extend their lead to double digits.

By quarter's end, O'Fallon had poured in 26 points, surpassing the total they had put on the board during the entire first half. Defensively, the Lady Panthers held Belleville West to just 10, giving Massey's charges a comfortable 48-26 lead.

The scoring barrage slowed considerably in the fourth period, but the OTHS squad was able to maintain their lead to advance to the fifth place game with a 60-34 victory.

Matched against the Highland Bulldogs in the final tournament game for both teams, O'Fallon got 24 points from Kaitlin Kendall and Taylor Klingelhofer to post a 49-41 victory. Playing their second game of the day, the two squads showed some signs of fatigue early in the proceedings with several turnovers resulting in early baskets.

The two teams matched each other basket for basket for most of the first frame with O'Fallon easing into a 1-point advantage, 12-11, by the end of the period.

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Two buckets by Klingelhoefler, who scored her 1,000th career point in the morning game against Belleville West and was named to the All-Tournament first team at the end of the tourney, helped O'Fallon increase their slim first quarter lead to nine by halftime, 26-17.

A 3-point basket by Highland's Sarah Trobaugh and a follow up hoop by Hannah Hartleib allowed Highland to cut the O'Fallon lead to just one, 41-40, in the third quarter, but the senior tandem of Klingelhoefler and Kendall responded. Klingelhoefler answered the Highland challenge with a 12-foot jumper and Kendall followed the bucket with a basket of her own after a steal to seal the victory for the Lady Panthers.

The O'Fallon girls will return to action Thursday with a critical Southwestern Conference showdown on the road at Edwardsville.

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