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## Knights and Hornettes should savor title-game showdown

BY DEAN CRIDDLE - News-Democrat

MASCOUTAH -- Should the Mater Dei Knights and Nashville Hornettes reach Redbird Arena in Normal for their respective state tournaments later this winter, they'll remember Thursday.

It was a night where the two basketball heavyweights squared off in a basketball classic at the new Mascoutah High School.

A game that anyone who witnessed the Knights 40-36 overtime win won't soon forget.


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"This was a game where you had two very good basketball teams give everything they had for 36 minutes," Nashville coach Wayne Harre said. "It was one that you hated to see either team lose."

Mater Dei senior Brooke Schulte and junior Paige Richards made sure it was the Knights who improved to 15-0, while Nashville (14-1) fell for the first time.

Schulte, with her smooth jump shot somewhat off, came up big when she went the length of the floor after collecting a rebound and hit a game-tying layup with 1.2 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime.

Richards, a varsity player for just 15 games, then opened the overtime with

a jumper that gave the Knights the lead for keeps.

"No doubt. There was no doubt in my mind when I got the rebound that I was going to take it to the basket," Schulte said. "Paige (Richards), Anna (Lampe), everybody stepped up and made big plays."

A team to watch

One of the teams who could make a big push heading into the postseason are the O'Fallon Panthers.

They had Mater Dei on the ropes for three quarters before falling to the eventual champs 59-42 in the quarterfinals Wednesday. On Thursday, the Knights rebounded to beat Belleville West (60-34) and then Highland (49-41) in the fifth-place game.

"I was very pleased at how we responded from a very emotional loss to Mater Dei last (Wednesday) night. We had a 10 a.m. game and the girls could have come in and not been ready to play," O'Fallon coach Ryan Massey said. "But they were ready to play and played hard.

"On Christmas break, some times it's tough to get kids to not be on break. But these girls put in a lot of time to prepare and to be basketball players. Me and my coaching staff appreciate that kind of effort. We saw some very positive things the last three days."

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It was a good tournament for the Panthers. Taylor Klingelhoefler scored her 1,000th career point, Katie Roustio and Katlin Kendall turned in solid performances and several others also stepped up.

"We've got a chance to have some big wins the second half of the season," Massey said. "We just need to keep getting better."

O'Fallon faces two major tests to start the second half, taking on undefeated Edwardsville and Highland this week.

#### Crusaders future

Those attending games at Mascoutah got a glimpse of another team seemingly on the rise in Althoff.

With just one senior in the starting lineup, Althoff placed third, beating Class 2A state power Central 51-45 in the third-place game after falling 34-30 to Nashville in the semifinals.

Althoff, led by quick junior guard Jasmine Stubblefield, attempted to use its speed to wear down the Cougars. The tactic almost backfired, as a late Central rally came up short.

"I think our legs may have got a little weary there, but we were able to hit some shots, some timely shots," Althoff coach Todd Hill said. "I like the way we're playing. This was a good tournament for us.

"We got to play Central and Nashville, two of the top-ranked Class 2A teams in the state. I feel like the only way you're going to get better is by playing good teams. We did that here this week."

#### All-tournament team

Brooke Schulte and teammate Emily Koelling topped the 10 player all-tournament team for the 2011 Mascoutah Girls Invitational.

Joining the two Mater Dei standouts as first-team selections were Shaye Harre, of Nashville, Alece Shumpert, of Althoff, and Taylor Voss, of Central.

Second-team selections were Emily Michael, of Highland, Taylor Klingelhoefler, of O'Fallon, April Gebke, of Central, Jasmine Stubblefield, of Althoff, and Erica Brown, of Nashville.

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