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O'Fallon girls post consolation victory over Rams

Lose OT opener to Freeburg

By Steve Oliver - Progress Sports Writer

After stumbling and bumbling through an opening round overtime loss to the Freeburg Midgets, the OTHS girls' basketball team returned to a better place early Tuesday morning, defeating the Mt. Vernon Rams 53-34 to advance to the semi-finals of the Mascoutah Invitational consolation bracket.

Despite being relegated to the curtain-raiser on the second day of the tournament, the local girls didn't hesitate putting their first game woes behind them as they jumped to a 14-7 first period lead and were never headed, squeezing their seasonal record over the .500 mark once again at 6-5.

The Panther girls executed much more efficiently in their second game of the annual girls' holiday event, which translated into a much better start. Getting early baskets from Taylor Underwood, who finished the game as the Panthers' leading scorer with 14, Kendall Butler and Taylor Klingelhofer, O'Fallon was able to establish a much more consistent offensive attack.



Panther Taylor Underwood (3) faces stiff defense as she takes a shot. - PROGRESS/Roger Popwell

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Defensively, the effort and results were more to Coach Ryan Massey's liking, as O'Fallon shut down the Rams' attempts to establish an offensive attack.

The seven-point first quarter lead was maintained by the local girls despite a lull in scoring during the second stanza. O'Fallon managed only seven points during the frame, but they were able to shut down the Rams, who countered with just five points.

"The second quarter was pivotal for us in that we were able to survive a less than productive quarter with some good hustle and effort on the defensive end," Massey said. "Coming back onto the court to begin the second half with a substantial lead gave our girls a lift." O'Fallon used that positive momentum to add to their lead in the third period. Underwood continued to pace the attack with two buckets during the period. Her scoring was augmented by several teammates getting into the offensive swing of things.

Klingelhofer, Kendall Butler and Ashley Porter added hoops to increase O'Fallon's advantage to 37-19 by the end of the quarter — a margin that proved to be more than enough to secure the victory on move into a Wednesday morning contest against the Centralia Orphan Annies.

The O'Fallon girls' win helped erase the disappointing start to tournament action on Monday when they fell victim to their own mistakes in a narrow overtime loss to Freeburg.

O'Fallon opened the first quarter against the Midgets apparently suffering post-Christmas

blues. Unable to solve Freeburg's zone defense, the Panthers passed the ball around the perimeter with little to show for it. Taylor Klingelhoefers drive off the wing accounted for O'Fallon's only basket during the first three minutes of the contest. Meanwhile, Freeburg rattled off a series of baskets to take a quick 9-2 lead.

In an effort to shake things up a bit, OTHS coach Ryan Massey opted for a man-to-man defense with three minutes remaining in the quarter. The change in strategy seemed to change the Panthers' mindset as they began to take the ball to the basket more aggressively and pick up the tempo on the defensive end. The change did not come without some adverse effects, however, as sophomore post player Katie Roustio was whistled for two fouls, forcing Massey to pull her out of the game.

Taylor Klingelhoefers kept the Panthers in the game in the opening minutes of the second stanza with a 3-point basket and a penetration move to the hoop. Despite her efforts, Freeburg continued to get the better of the action, building their lead to 20-9. Roustio reentered the contest with the Panthers seemingly reeling and immediately impacted the proceedings.

The 6'1" sophomore took control on the block and banged in a series of short jumpers to cut the Freeburg lead significantly. The Panthers completed their second quarter comeback when Kendall Butler nailed a three-pointer from the right baseline in the final minute of the first half to cut Freeburg's halftime lead to a single point, 26-25.

The O'Fallon girls continued their offensive surge as the third period began. Roustio nailed two more inside jumpers to begin the scoring, and Kendall Butler extended the Panthers' lead to five points with an acrobatic drive into the lane and a free throw for a conventional 3-point play. The local girls were able to maintain their lead to the end of the period, holding a 37-32 advantage when the buzzer sounded signally the end of the quarter.

Losing momentum and the lead, Freeburg changed tactics as the fourth period began, exerting pressure full court — a ploy that paid immediate dividends. They were able to cut the OTHS lead to just one point, but baskets by Roustio allowed the Panthers to hang on to the precarious advantage until a 3-point bomb from the top of the key knotted the score at 44-44 with 2:01 remaining in the game.

With the game now on the line, O'Fallon succumbed to a lack of execution. After the two squads traded baskets, Roustio picked up her fourth foul with under a minute left. Freeburg spread the court in an attempt to go for the final shot, but Roustio blocked the attempt, giving the Panthers the ball with five ticks of the clock remaining.

Sprinting down the court, O'Fallon got off a last minute shot from the right baseline, but the ball skimmed across the front of the rim and fell off, sending the game into overtime.

After securing the tip-off to start the extra stanza, O'Fallon jumped into the lead with a long 3-point basket off the right wing. The euphoria of gaining an initial advantage was quickly tempered on Freeburg's trip down the court when Roustio picked up her fourth foul. Although the Freeburg shooter missed both free throw attempts, things went from bad to worse when O'Fallon could not clear the ball and Roustio was whistled for her fifth foul with 2:35 remaining in the overtime period. The OTHS sophomore's exit would eventually spell the demise of the Panthers.

O'Fallon was able to gain a 50-48 advantage with 1:37 remaining, but things went south in a hurry after this point. Errant passes and violations came fast and furiously during the final ninety seconds. Freeburg eventually gained possession of the ball and spread the court for a final shot.

After a time out call with 20.5 seconds remaining, the Freeburg guards fired the ball into the post. The Midgets' initial shot caromed off the glass, but in the absence of Roustio in the paint, the rebound was snared by Kelsey Robertson who sank what proved the game winner.

The Panthers bolted down court in the final three ticks of the clock, but their final shot rolled off the rim, giving the Midgets the overtime victory.

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