



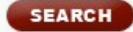
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## O'Fallon girls bounce Mascoutah in tourney opener

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With the boys' basketball and wrestling teams not scheduled to begin tournament action until Wednesday, the OTHS girls' basketball squad's opening round game against the host Mascoutah Indians was the only game in town on Tuesday evening.

The Lady Panthers made the most of it, winning 51-40 to extend their winning ways to three in a row. Most recently, coming off consecutive wins over Belleville East and Belleville West, the Panther girls took a while to get started but finally warmed to the task to out-gun the Indians and advance to a sterner test on Wednesday when they were scheduled to face Breese Mater Dei in quarter-final action.

With a little holiday lethargy affecting their first quarter effort, O'Fallon managed to forge into an 11-8 lead after the first eight minutes of play. A perfectly executed high-low play from Kendall Butler to Katie Roustio opened the scoring for the Panthers.

Taylor Klingelhoef and Roustio each connected on one of two free throw opportunities on O'Fallon's next two possessions to give the local girls a 4-0 lead before Mascoutah made it into the scoring column. The Indians first points came from the free throw line and set a precedent for the rest of the game. The host squad relied on the charity stripe and driving lay-ups in the lane for the bulk of their scoring. O'Fallon's defensive effort repeatedly stymied the Indians' attempts to run an effective offensive set — a situation that the Lady Panthers finally were able to work to their advantage.

At the midway point in the initial stanza, the OTHS squad got an offensive boost from Virginia Ham, who came of the bench to score consecutive baskets in the paint. Ham continued to provide offensive punch throughout the game, finishing with 13 points and equaling the scoring production of running mate Katie Roustio. Taylor Klingelhoef led the team with 15 points.

The Indians tied the game at 11-11 in the first minute of the second period, but two offensive spurts gave O'Fallon a 29-20 halftime lead. Senior Taylor Klingelhoef was instrumental in producing both mini-runs, scoring on a pull up jumper in the lane and converting a steal into a layup.

A deflected pass was picked up by the hustling Klingelhoef and a second lay-up was executed to increase the O'Fallon lead to 21-15 with 3:28 remaining in the first half. Two baskets on the block — one by Roustio and the other by Underwood pushed the O'Fallon advantage to double digits, but Mascoutah converted on 4 of 4 free throws in the final minute to shave the Panthers' lead to 29-20 at the break.

Neither team could find the basket in the first two minutes of the second half, but a rebound bucket by Victoria Ham finally broke the scoring ice. Ham continued to lead the offensive charge for O'Fallon with consecutive baskets at the 4:00 mark, boosting the Lady Panther lead to 36-25. Coach Ryan Massey's squad was able to maintain their double-digit advantage for the remainder of the quarter.

The final frame of the tournament opener was a stalemate with neither team able to sustain an offensive run. The Indians were able to convert on a series of jumpers in the final minutes, but the OTHS point cushion was enough to seal the victory and move the Panthers to 5-2 on the season prior to their face-off against the Mater Dei Lady Knights.

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