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## Vandergriff guides Granite City past O'Fallon

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On a night when key players from both sides were missing in action, the Granite City girls showed they are pretty tough 'road' Warriors when they need to be.

An injury to forward Andi Harper in the preceding junior varsity game and the absence of starting point guard Paige Luehmann to a club soccer commitment left the Warriors short-handed for their game at O'Fallon Thursday night. But that

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Granite City's Ali Harper (32) moves the ball around O'Fallon's Kendall Butler during the Warriors' 53-45 victory Thursday night at O'Fallon. (T.L. Witt | FOR THE JOURNAL). [Buy this photo](#)

opened up a few holes that a trio of seniors gladly filled.

Forward Ashley Deekard scored a game-high 19 points, forward Lindsay Smith had 14 and guard Kelsie Vandergriff ran the team like a veteran point guard and added 10 in the Warriors' 53-45 Southwestern Conference victory.

Granite City, which raced out to an 11-3 lead at the end of the first quarter and never trailed, improved to 4-2. O'Fallon, which got a team-high 15 points from junior Taylor Klingelhoefler, fell to 4-2.

Usually more of a two-guard, Vandergriff not only quarterbacked the offense, but hit a pair of threes. She also hit some clutch free throws down the stretch in a game that was not as close as the score would indicate.

The switch of positions wasn't a surprise to the 5-9 veteran, who came in averaging 7 points a

game and already had hit five threes on the season.

"I played there some during Tuesday's practice," Vandergriff said. "Without Paige (Luehmann), I had some big shoes to fill. I was just trying to do the best I could. We had a good group effort tonight."

It was an ugly game on both ends to start, especially for the Panthers, who shot just 15 percent in the first half and turned the ball over 10 times. While they scored just 13 points in the first half, the Warriors put up 28.

"It looked like it was the first game of the season out there, except it wasn't," said O'Fallon coach Ryan Massey. "We were very stagnant on offense and (Granite) missed some shots early so we didn't fall too far behind."

The Panthers may have been more on target early if they had the services of 3-point shooter Kaitlin Kendall. The 5-foot-11 junior, who had made a team-high 12 threes on the season, was unable to play because of a concussion she suffered in the team's last game.

The Panthers finally heated up in the third quarter behind the shooting of Klingelhoefler and sophomore center Katie Roustio. She finished with 14 points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

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A 3-pointer from Smith gave Granite City a 16- point lead early in the fourth, before the Panthers made a late charge. Midway through the quarter, they got a 3-pointer from junior Kendall Butler to get within seven (46-39). But Vandergriff and Smith combined for six free throws in the final 1:19 to seal the deal.

Granite City coach Raffi Karibian thought his kids played hard, especially considering that some of them had to go longer than usual without a break.

"Give our kids credit," Karibian said. "We were short-handed tonight. Kelsie took on a role she hadn't had all season. She had a big game and hit some big free throws down the stretch.

"The kids played with a lot of intensity. But we had our share of errors on offense and defense that we need to correct."

Massey said his clubs have had their share of trouble with Granite City in the past, and this one is no different.

"I think Granite City will be a tremendous team this year," Massey said. "I remember seeing a lot of those kids when they were freshmen. Those kids have logged so many minutes."

Vandergriff didn't mind the extra time on the court Thursday, especially with this type of result.

"I'm not used to having the ball in my hands so much," she said. "I thought it went pretty decent."

So as far as Vandergriff's performance went, she was pretty happy overall?

Said Vandergriff: "It depends on what my dad says."

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