Seventh-graders undefeated to begin season



LMS seventh-grader Alyse Moore drives the ball down the floor during the Lady Cats' game against Wheatridge on Nov. 23. Louisburg defeated the Gardner middle school 61-13 and have won 11 games in a row to begin the year.

It has been quite the ride for the Louisburg Middle School seventh-grade girls basketball team so far this season – in fact – it couldn't have been a smoother start.

The Lady Cats have cruised more than halfway through their season as they have an 11-0 record following Tuesday's road contest in Ottawa and haven't been tested much to this point.

"This team works together to accomplish each win," Louisburg coach Suzanne Reedy said. "They truly personify what it means to be a team. Their defense is dynamite, they are constantly moving and talking to make sure the court is covered."

It is that teamwork that has made them basically unstoppable in league action and that continued Tuesday in Ottawa. The Lady Cats were never tested against Ottawa in a 46-24 victory as they had four players score in double figures.



Madilyn Melton leaps for a rebound during the Lady Cats' Nov. 23 game against Wheatridge.

Megan Foote, Madilyn Melton, Alyse Moore and Shealynn O'Hara had 10 points each to account for a bulk of the Louisburg scoring.

It was an even easier time right before the Thanksgiving break when the Lady Cats hosted Wheatridge. Louisburg rolled the Gardner middle school 61-13 as the Lady Cats jumped out to a big lead and never looked back

Foote and O'Hara had a big night for the Lady Cats as they each finished with 14 points and Moore added 10 points in the win.

The Lady Cats have been getting contributions all over the floor as Melton and Foote have been averaging close to 10 points a contest to lead Louisburg and Brooklyn Diederich is next with six points a contest.

Playing for the Louisburg varsity are Madilyn Melton, Carleigh Pritchard, Jenna Terry, Megan Foote, Madison Quinn, Alyse Moore, Brooklyn Diederich, Aly Traffis, Maggie Ming and

Shealynn O’Hara.

Louisburg’s junior varsity squad is also having success as it has a 9-2 record on the season with close losses to Spring Hill and Paola.

Members of the junior varsity team are Carleigh Pritchard, Shelby Keenan, Madison Quinn, Callie O’Brien, Ali Prettyman, Nora VanAsten, Aiyana Penca, Brenna Oshel and Skyla Meyer.