

Lady Cats hold off Frontenac for second straight win



Louisburg junior Erin Lemke drives to the basket during a game earlier this season. The Lady Cats earned its second consecutive win Tuesday when it downed Frontenac, 57-51.

FRONTENAC – It was the second straight road challenge for the Louisburg girls basketball team Tuesday when it made the trek to Frontenac, and just like the one last Friday, the Lady Cats passed another test.

The Lady Cats got out to a strong start in the first quarter and they were able to hold off Frontenac for a 57-51 victory and moved their record to 3-1 on the season.

“I was looking forward to playing Frontenac early in our season because it is a tough environment to play in and their kids are always very physical and tough,” Louisburg coach Shawn Lowry said. “This kind of game was going to provide us the opportunity to find out more things about our team.

“The girls embraced the challenge and battled with great toughness and effort. I really like how all the girls are pushing, challenging and competing because of their commitment and their togetherness.”

Louisburg controlled the action early as it took an 11-3 lead at the end of the first quarter and eventually led 24-15 at halftime. Frontenac clawed its way back and eventually took a 48-47 lead with 3 minutes left in the game.

The Lady Cats built a 3-point lead with under two minutes remaining and were able to hold Frontenac off to preserve the win.

Sophomore Madilyn Melton provided a bulk of the scoring for Louisburg as she led the way with a team-high 21 points. Fellow sophomore Brooklyn Diederich finished with 13 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

Alyse Moore, another sophomore, was a force on both ends of the floor for Louisburg as she recorded a double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds to go along with four assists. Senior Carson Buffington had eight points and a team-high with 13 rebounds and also had seven assists.

“It was very proud that all three levels of our program competed the way they did and all three came away with wins,” Lowry said.

Louisburg will hit the road again Friday when it travels to Piper for its third consecutive away game. The Lady Cats will face the No. 2-ranked Pirates in a 6 p.m. tipoff at Piper High School.

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FRN	3	12	17	19-
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LOUISBURG (3-1): Madilyn Melton 21, Brooklyn Diederich 13, Alyse Moore 11, Carson Buffington 8, Erin Lemke 3, Kennia Hankinson 1. Totals: 24 7-22 57. 3-point field goals: 2, (Diederich 2)