

Lady Cats fall to No. 4 Baldwin at home



Louisburg junior Brooklyn Diederich puts up a 3-pointer during Saturday's home contest against Baldwin.

It was a battle of ranked teams Saturday at Louisburg High School as No. 10 Louisburg had an opportunity to knock off No. 4 Baldwin.

Unfortunately for the Lady Cats, the game didn't go as they would have hoped.

Baldwin used a big second quarter to jump out large lead and the Lady Cats weren't able to recover in a 67-46 loss to the Bulldogs.

"There were times we competed with good energy and effort, but we didn't execute as well as we could have," Louisburg coach Shawn Lowry said. "You have to credit Baldwin for their defensive pressure and the toughness they played with."

Louisburg (6-3) got off to a good start as it took an 11-8 lead early as junior Madilyn Melton scored the team's first six points, followed by a 3-pointer from Brooklyn Diederich and a basket from Megan Foote.

From there, Baldwin was able to take over as it went on an 11-2 run to go up six and then expanded its lead to 33-20 at halftime. The Bulldogs grew their lead to 18 points at the end of the third quarter.

Baldwin

made it tough for Louisburg to defend as the Bulldogs knocked down nine

3-pointers and also used their size inside to score 32 points in the paint.

“Baldwin

definitely shot the ball well and complimented that with some strong inside

play.” Lowry said. “It challenged us with several defensive rotations and also

caused us issues with defending their penetration.”

Melton

found a lot of success for the Lady Cats as she scored a team-high 16 points to

go along with a team-high eight rebounds and three blocks.

Sophomore Jordan

Mynsted was next in scoring with seven points and Diederich finished with six.

Louisburg

will try and bounce back today when it travels to Wellsville for the Top Gun

Tournament. The Lady Cats will tip off at 6:30 p.m. against Anderson County and

will also play Thursday and Friday nights.

“Our kids

are staying the course and working hard in practice to prepare for the games

ahead,” Lowry said. “Games like this provide us good experience and lessons for

the stretch run that is ahead of us.”

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(6-3): Madilyn Melton 6-15 4-8 16; Jordan Mynsted 3-5 1-1 7; Brooklyn Diederich 2-5 0-0 6; Delaney Wright 2-9 1-2 5; Megan Foote 1-3 2-3 4; Haley Cain 1-5 2-2 4; Emma Lohse 1-1 0-0 2; Brianne Kuhlman 0-0 1-2 1; Alyse Moore 0-3 1-2 1.
Totals: 16-48 12-20 46. 3-point field goals: 2, (Diederich 2)