

Lady Cats come up short in home finale to Bonner Springs, Eudora



Louisburg's Jordan Mynsted (left) and Emma Prettyman go up for a rebound Friday against Bonner Springs.

The Louisburg girls basketball team had a chance to end its home schedule with a pair of victories, but came up just short in each occasion.

The latest loss came Friday as the Lady Cats fell in a tough 47-43 contest to Bonner Springs. It also marked the final home game for seniors Jordan Mynsted, Delaney Wright and Sierra Hahn.

It was a close game throughout, but Louisburg had a slight lead at halftime thanks to a 3-pointer in the final seconds from Delanie Tally. The Lady Cats also had a two-point lead going into the final quarter.

Bonner Springs, however, opened the fourth on an 8-0 run to take a six-point advantage. Louisburg was able to cut it to two late, but Bonner Springs converted its opportunities at the free-throw line to seal the win.



Louisburg junior Delanie Tally tries for a steal Friday at home against Bonner Springs.

Louisburg struggle from the field as it shot just 25 percent from the floor, but were able to get 19 offensive rebounds to help the Lady Cats stay in the contest.

Mynsted had a big day in her final game on her home floor as she finished with 20 points, while junior Delanie Tally had 12 points, five rebounds and four steals. Juniors Emma Prettyman and Adyson Ross each had a team-high nine rebounds.

LOU 15 8 13 7 – 43

BON 10 12 12 13 – 47

LOUISBURG (7-11): Jordan Mynsted 6-18 8-11 20; Delanie Tally 4-11 2-2 12; Emma Prettyman 2-7 2-2 6; Adyson Ross 2-11 1-2 5. Totals: 14-56 13-17 43. 3-point field goals: 2, (Tally 2)

Louisburg falls to No. 3 Eudora

Louisburg had its hands full on Feb. 15 as the Lady Cats hosted No. 3 Eudora on Senior Night.

Eudora came in with just one loss on the season and the Lady Cats nearly gave the Cardinals their second.

The Lady Cats used a 12-point third quarter to tie the game heading into the fourth, but the Cardinals held Louisburg to just two points the rest of the way and gave them a 36-25 setback.



Louisburg senior Delaney Wright drives to the basket during the Lady Cats' Senior Night game on Feb. 15 against Eudora.

Eudora outscored Louisburg 13-2 in the fourth quarter to pull away behind an 18 point, 11 rebound performance from senior point guard Harper Schreiner.

Defensively, the Lady Cats played well most of the night and limited the Cardinals to just 29 percent from the floor.

Unfortunately, Louisburg couldn't get its offense in a rhythm as it made just 11 field goals on the night.

Senior Jordan Mynsted had seven points to lead Louisburg , while junior Emma Prettyman had six points and a team-high 12 rebounds.

LOU 5 6 12 2 – 25

EUD 10 10 3 13 – 36

LOUISBURG: Jordan Mynsted 3-15 0-0 7; Emma Prettyman 3-10 0-0 6; Delanie Tally 2-7 0-0 5; Adyson Ross 2-7 0-0 4; Brianne Kuhlman 1-5 0-1 2; Delaney Wright 0-1 1-2 1. Totals: 11-49 1-3 25. 3-point field goals: 2, (Tally, Mynsted)

Lady Cats lose close home contest to Spring Hill



Louisburg senior Adyson Ross drives the lane on a Spring Hill defender thanks to a screen set by teammate Jordan Mynsted on Friday in Louisburg.

Coming off a home loss to Fort Scott earlier in the week, the Louisburg girls basketball team wanted to make amends Friday

when the Lady Cats hosted Spring Hill on homecoming.

The Lady Cats were on their way to doing that as they jumped out to an early lead, but the Broncos chipped away and eventually took a small halftime lead.

Louisburg couldn't get over the hump as the Broncos built a six-point lead in the fourth quarter and iced the game at the free-throw line to hand the Lady Cats a 47-43 loss.

"The girls played well against Spring Hill, we played together as a team and we battled until the end," Louisburg coach Adrienne Lane said. "Spring Hill is a good team and I thought overall we played them well."

It was a close game throughout as Louisburg jumped out to an 11-5 advantage and led by two points going into the second quarter.

Spring Hill eventually took a one-point halftime lead and the game was tied going into the fourth quarter. It was there where the Broncos built as much as a six-point lead.



Louisburg junior Brianne Kuhlman pushes the ball up the floor Friday against Spring Hill.

Louisburg senior Jordan Mynsted cut the lead to two midway through the fourth quarter with a 3-pointer, but the Broncos knocked down their free throws and the Lady Cats couldn't get baskets to drop.

Friday marked the second time the Lady Cats lost to Spring Hill this season, but Lane said she saw improvements from her team this time around.

"This time against Spring Hill I felt like we had some more experience playing and we learned from playing them the last time," Lane said. "We did a much better job guarding their bigs and boxing out."

Still, the Broncos used their size to their advantage as they scored 20 points in the paint and out rebounded the Lady Cats

by 10.

Defense was a staple for Louisburg, however, as it forced 13 turnovers, including 11 steals, that helped keep the Lady Cats in the game.

Offensively, Mynsted led Louisburg with 16 points to go along with five rebounds., while juniors Adyson Ross and Delaney Tally each finished in double figures with 10 points.

Junior Emma Prettyman was close to a double-double as she had seven points and a team-high 11 rebounds. She also had a team-best three assists.

Tally led the Lady Cats with four steals, while junior Brianne Kuhlman had three of her own.

Spring Hill's Jenna Weber led all scorers with 19 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

Louisburg will try and end its two-game losing skid tonight as the Lady Cats host Eudora on Senior Night.

"We just have to keep being positive and working hard and getting better in practice," Lane said. "We have to keep battling in every game and getting better every day."

LOU 11 6 14 12 – 43

SH 9 9 13 16 – 47

LOUISBURG (7-9): Jordan Mynsted 5-13 5-6 16; Adyson Ross 3-14 3-5 10; Delanie Tally 3-10 2-2 10; Emma Prettyman 3-6 1-2 7. Totals: 14-50 11-15 43. 3-point field goals: 4, (Tally 2, Ross, Mynsted)

Louisburg offense struggles against Fort Scott

The Louisburg girls found itself right with one of the better

teams in Class 4A, Fort Scott, in the first half of last Tuesday's contest in Louisburg.

The Tigers are currently ranked No. 10 in Class 4A, and in the second half, it showed why.

Fort Scott scored 20 points right after halftime and pulled away for a 53-32 victory over the Lady Cats.



Louisburg senior Jordan Mynsted battles on the floor for a loose ball last Tuesday against Fort Scott.

The Tigers knocked down seven 3-pointers on the night, while also winning the rebounding battle and scoring 13 second-chance points.

Senior Jordan Mynsted led Louisburg with 12 points and five rebounds, while junior Adyson Ross tallied eights points and six boards.

Louisburg trailed by just four points going into halftime, but the Tigers outscored the Lady Cats 34-17 in the second half as Louisburg struggled from the field.

LOU 9 6 8 9 – 32

FS 13 6 20 14 – 53

LOUISBURG: Jordan Mynsted 3-10 6-6; Adyson Ross 3-12 0-0 8; Delanie Tally 1-8 1-3 4; Emma Prettyman 2-4 0-0 4; Brianne Kuhlman 1-2 0-0 3; Emma Lohse 0-5 1-2 1. Totals: 10-47 8-13 32. 3-point field goals: 4, (Ross 2, Kuhlman, Tally)

LHS winter homecoming royalty to be crowned Friday



Members of the 2022 Louisburg High School winter homecoming court are (from left) Aubryn Berck, Aiden Barker, Chase Kallevig, A.J. Arriola, Corinna McMullen, Carson Kern, Reese Johnson and Isaac Guetterman.

Homecoming week at Louisburg High School kicked off Monday and events are in full swing. With something going on every day this week, it will be a busy time for students. All of it is, of course, centered around the crowning of the 2022 winter king and queen. Eight students were selected as nominees and here are their names and profiles.

The crowning will take place on Friday during halftime of the Wildcat boys' basketball game with Spring Hill. Tipoff for that game is set for approximately 7:30 p.m. Good luck to all the participants and make sure to come out on Friday to support both the Wildcat girls and boys basketball teams.



Aubryn Berck and Aiden Barker

Aubryn is the daughter of Dave and Amanda Berck. Aubryn has been involved with high school volleyball for three years, member of National Honor Society for two years, FCA for two years. She has been a part of FCCLA for one year, track for one year and volleyball manager for one year. Aubryn has played club volleyball for eight years, shown horses for 10 years and a leader in Life Church's youth classroom for two years. Following graduation, Aubryn is planning to study nutrition sciences to become a registered dietitian. She is undecided on her school at this time.

Aiden is the son of David and Gail Barker. Aiden has participated in football for four years, wrestling for four years and National Honor Society for two years. He is currently undecided on his plans following graduation.



Chase Kallevig and A.J. Arriola

Chase is the daughter of Eric and Kara Kallevig. Chase has participated in volleyball for four years, FFA for three year, National Honor Society for two years, FBLA for two years and basketball for one year. Chase is currently undecided on her plans following graduation.

A.J. is the son of Juan Arriola and Shelly Gibson. A.J. has participated in golf for four years, FCA for two years, musical for two years, choir for two years and FBLA for one year. A.J. plans to major in accounting in college, but is undecided on his destination.



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Corinna McMullen and Carson Kern

Corinna is the daughter of Scott and Sarah McMullen. Corinna has participated in volleyball for four years, National Honor Society for two years, Interact Club for one year and FBLA for one year. After graduation, Corinna will attend Washburn University on a volleyball scholarship and major in nursing

with a specialization in pediatrics.

Carson is the son of Matthew and Veronica Kern. Carson has participated in basketball for three years and golf for two years. After graduation, Carson plans to attend Pittsburg State University.



Reese Johnson and Isaac Guetterman

Reese is the daughter of Matthew and Tiffany Johnson. Reese has participated in soccer for four years, cross country for four years, National Honor Society for two years, band for two years and FFA for one year. Reese plans to attend the University of Central Missouri after graduation, but is undecided on a major.

Isaac is the son of Ted and Lisa Guetterman. Isaac has participated in FFA for four years, soccer for four years and basketball for four years. He has been a part of National Honor Society for two years and participated in track for one. Following graduation, Isaac plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Agricultural Engineering.









Week 8 Athlete of the Week: Adyson Ross



Here is the Louisburg Sports Zone Athlete of the Week for week eight of the winter sports season, sponsored by Edward Jones-Craig Holtzen.

ADYSON ROSS, JUNIOR, GIRLS BASKETBALL

Louisburg junior Adyson Ross was a driving force for the Louisburg girls basketball team last week as she led the Lady Cats to a pair of wins over Paola and Ottawa. Ross scored 15 points in each contest and shot better than 50 percent in each game. Against Paola, Ross also had four rebounds, three assists and two steals.

On the road Friday against Ottawa, Ross helped the Lady Cats to a 26 point second quarter in which they held the Cyclones scoreless. She finished with 15 points, six rebounds, four steals and two assists.

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Previous winners:

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Week 3: Aiden Barker

Week 4: Kaven Bartlett

Week 5: Michael Seuferling

Week 6: Cole Brown

Week 7: Jordan Mynsted



Monster second quarter helps Lady Cats to road win over Ottawa



Louisburg junior Ava Baker goes up for two of her 13 points Friday at Ottawa. Baker was one of three Lady Cats to score in double figures in their 53-41 win.

OTTAWA – Louisburg was down a point Friday following one quarter of play against Ottawa.

No one could have guessed what was to come next.

The Lady Cats rattled off 26 consecutive points in the second quarter and held the Cyclones scoreless in the process. All that led to a 53-41 road win for Louisburg and evened its record to 7-7 on the season.

“It was a lot of fun to watch the girls play in the second quarter – they were on fire,” Louisburg coach Adrienne Lane said. “I honestly didn’t know what to think. I just kept calling plays and they kept making baskets. It was so awesome to see them support each other too. They got so excited every time we made a basket. They just kept feeding off of each other.”

After what was a competitive first quarter, the Lady Cats couldn’t seem to miss in the second – and when they did – they were there to get the offensive rebound and putback. Louisburg had 12 offensive rebounds for the game and scored 12 second chance points.



Louisburg's Delanie Tally passes the ball off to a teammate Friday at Ottawa.

Defense also played a big part in the Lady Cats' big second quarter. Louisburg forced 20 Ottawa turnovers, with a majority of those coming in the second quarter, and the Lady Cats scored 17 points off those Cyclone mistakes.

"Our defense is great," Lane said. "From the pressure on the point guard, to the help in the lane, to guarding the weakside, we played some great defense. Each girl playing defense hard and unselfish makes us a much better team."

"I always tell the girls that defense ends with rebounding, and Friday we did a great job of limiting second chances for Ottawa. But on the offensive end we hit the boards hard, getting offensive rebounds and put backs which I felt helped us get into our scoring run."

Scoring wasn't much of a problem for the Lady Cats as they got contributions from up and down their lineup. They also knocked down seven 3-pointers on the night.



Louisburg junior Adyson Ross scored a team-high 15 points Friday at Ottawa. Ross also led the Lady Cats in rebounds and steals.

Junior Adyson Ross led the way with 15 points to go along with team-high's in rebounds (6) and steals (4). Another junior, Ava Baker, came off the bench to score a season-high 13 points and she also pulled down six boards.

Senior Jordan Mynsted also scored in double figures with 10 points, while junior Delanie Tally had eight, including a pair of 3-pointers. Junior Emma Prettyman pulled down six rebounds, while junior Emma Lohse had five from her guard spot. Junior Brianne Kuhlman also chipped in five points.

"Having several girls score on Friday was great," Lane said. "I hope playing like we did in the second quarter will encourage the girls to continue to look for shots when they are open. The more scoring threats we have the better we will be as we finish the season and head into post-season."

The hot streak cooled off for Louisburg in the second half as the Lady Cats scored 15 points the rest of the way, but the damage was already done after they built a 25-point halftime advantage.

"It is hard to keep up the intensity when you are up by 25 at half, but I knew Ottawa would fight back and they did," Lane said. "During the second half I thought we were playing to not lose the lead, versus playing to win. We could have played with more emotion, but I was very proud of the girls for keeping the lead and finishing. I did think overall this was the best we had played as a team all season."

Louisburg will look to continue that momentum tonight as the Lady Cats host Fort Scott (11-3) as they try for their third consecutive win. Varsity is scheduled to tipoff at 6 p.m.

LOU 12 26 6 9 – 53

OTT 13 0 10 18 – 41

LOUISBURG (7-7): Adyson Ross 6-10 1-3 15; Ava Baker 3-8 5-8 13; Jordan Mynsted 4-19 2-3 10; Delanie Tally 3-4 0-0 8; Brianne Kuhlman 2-3 0-0 5; Emma Lohse 1-2 2-2 2. Totals: 18-52 10-16 53. 3-point field goals: 7, (Ross 2, Tally 2, Baker 2, Kuhlman)

Second half rally sparks Lady Cats' win over rival Paola



The Louisburg bench was all smiles after senior Sierra Hahn knocked down her first 3-pointer of the season Tuesday against Paola. The Lady Cats used to a big second half to get a 48-44 win over the Panthers.

It wasn't exactly the start the Louisburg girls basketball team envisioned prior to Tuesday's matchup with Paola.

The Panthers jumped out to a double-digit lead to start the game and the Lady Cats quickly found themselves in a hole.

However, the finish was just what Louisburg was hoping for.

After Paola scored 19 first quarter points, the Lady Cats held the Panthers to just 25 points the rest of the game. Louisburg knocked down free throws in the final minutes and held on of a 48-44 comeback victory over its rival.

"This was a big win for our program," Louisburg coach Adrienne Lane said. "I felt like we played well as a team and the girls played great the second half. They came out after halftime and battled to come back and win."



Louisburg senior Jordan Mynsted puts up a shot in the lane Tuesday at home against Paola.

Louisburg (6-7) had to overcome the hot start of Kate Ediger. The Paola senior scored the team's first 10 points and had the Lady Cats down 10-1 in the first couple minutes of the game.

From then on, Louisburg held Ediger to just five points the rest of the way thanks in part to the defense of junior Adyson Ross.

"I was very proud of the girls for keeping their composure and not getting down when Paola started 10-1 on us," Lane said. "The second half we played a box-and-1 on Ediger and Adyson did a great job guarding her one on one. The rest of the team did a great job communicating with each other and doubling Ediger when needed."

The Lady Cats, which found themselves down 26-20 at halftime,

had a big response in the third quarter. Louisburg outscored Paola 18-7 in the frame and opened the quarter on a 15-1 run.

Ross and Tally each hit 3-pointers during that stretch, while Ross was fouled on a 3-pointer and make all three free throws to put Louisburg up 35-29. Jordan Mynsted and Brianne Kuhlman each hit baskets during that stretch as well.

Paola cut it to 35-33 late in the quarter, when the Lady Cats got the big shot they were looking for and it came from their bench. Senior reserve Sierra Hahn knocked in a 3-pointer, her first of the season, to put Louisburg back up five.



Louisburg junior Brianne Kuhlman puts on the breaks that allowed her to score near the basket Tuesday.

“Sierra’s 3 pointer was awesome,” Lane said. “She made it at an opportune time too. The team fed off this shot and gained energy to finish the game.”

In an evenly-played fourth quarter, Paola tied the game at 39-all, but Louisburg scored seven straight points to pull away for the win as the Lady Cats knocked down their free throws when it counted.

“Free throws win games,” Lane said, “We shoot lots of free throws in practice and I do see it is paying off. When the girls step to the line, I am confident in each of them, because I know they can make them.”

The Lady Cats also had a big night on defense as they forced 20 Paola turnovers that turned into 12 points on the other end.

Ross led the Lady Cats in scoring with 15 points to go along with four rebounds and three assists. Mynsted had nine points and a team-high six rebounds

Louisburg will try for back-to-back wins tonight when it travels to Ottawa for a Frontier League matchup. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

LOU 9 11 18 10 – 48

PAO 19 7 7 11 – 44

LOUISBURG (6-7): Adyson Ross 4-10 6-8 15; Jordan Mynsted 2-10 5-8 9; Delanie Tally 2-8 0-0 6; Brianne Kuhlman 1-1 3-4 5; Emma Prettyman 1-4 3-8 5; Ashley Branine 2-3 0-1 4; Sierra Hahn 1-1 0-0 3; Emma Lohse 0-2 1-2 1. Totals: 13-39 18-31 48. 3-point field goals: 4, (Tally 2, Ross, Hahn)

Week 7 Athlete of the Week: Jordan Mynsted



Here is the Louisburg Sports Zone Athlete of the Week for week seven of the winter sports season, sponsored by Landmark National Bank of Louisburg.

JORDAN MYNSTED, SENIOR, GIRLS BASKETBALL

Louisburg senior Jordan Mynsted made the most of her week at the Top Gun Tournament last week at Wellsville High School. Mynsted scored in double figures in two of the three games, including a 19-point performance against Jefferson West and 18 points in the tournament opener against Nemaha Central.

Mynsted averaged 15 points a game as the Lady Cats took sixth place overall and also pulled down 15 rebounds and had four blocks. For her efforts, Mynsted was named to the Top Gun All-Tournament Team.

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**Lady Cats overcome adversity,
find positives following 6th
place finish at Top Gun**



Louisburg senior Jordan Mynsted was named to the Top Gun all-tournament team following the Lady Cats' loss to Jeff West in the fifth place game Saturday at Wellsville.

WELLSVILLE – It was certainly an eventful Top Gun Tournament for the Louisburg girls basketball team.

Sure, the Lady Cats' sixth-place finish might not be exactly what they wanted going in, but they found out a lot about themselves.

They had to battle through adversity when they lost a starter due to injury, and saw other players step up in the process. In fact, they saw themselves get better throughout the tournament.

So despite their 49-41 loss to Jefferson West on Saturday in the fifth-place game at Wellsville High School, the Lady Cats took away positives, especially on offense, where they have struggled at times this season.

"Our offense has been much better and I do feel we have gained confidence," Louisburg coach Adrienne Lane said. "Our team has so many offensive threats, I hope that we can continue to score consistently and gain confidence as the season continues."

Saturday's matchup with the Tigers provided some dramatics as the Lady Cats trailed just 40-39 late in the first half. Louisburg found themselves on the wrong end of foul calls in the final three minutes, which allowed Jeff West to go on a 9-1 run to end the game.

"The girls played well together on Saturday," Lane said. "I felt like this was one of the first games we were confident on the offensive end and I felt like we did a great job taking the ball to the basket which resulted in shooting free throws. This was a tough loss. We played point for point with this team until the last minute of the game and mentally this loss hurt."

Senior Jordan Mynsted and junior Delanie Tally did all they could to keep the Lady Cats in the game as the two combined for 34 of the team's 41 points.



Delanie Tally drives for two points Saturday against Jeff West.

Mynsted finished with a team-high 19 points, including 12 of 14 from the free-throw line, and added five rebounds. She was also the lone Lady Cat to be named to the all-tournament team.

“Jordan was very strong during the tournament,” Lane said. “I felt her confidence and leadership increase and the team felt it too. She did a great job working through the tough defense and she found ways to score. Jordan also did a great job of rebounding and playing tough defense, but not fouling.”

Tally, who was filling in for injured starter Delaney Wright, hit several big shots for the Lady Cats as she finished with 15 points.

Junior Emma Prettyman was a force on the glass for Louisburg as she recorded a game-high 13 rebounds, while junior Adyson Ross had seven from the guard spot.

Louisburg will try and bounce back tonight when the Lady Cats host rival Paola. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

LOU 8 13 10 10 – 41

JW 8 10 14 17 – 49

LOUISBURG (5-7): Jordan Mynsted 3-8 12-14 19; Delanie Tally 3-8 7-8 15; Adyson Ross 1-8 1-3 3; Emma Lohse 1-4 0-0 2; Ashley Branine 1-2 0-1 2. Totals: 9-36 20-25 41. 3-point field goals: 3, (Tally 2, Mynsted)

Lady Cats down Baldwin to halt losing streak

Shortly before Thursday’s consolation semifinal game against Baldwin, Louisburg found out it would be without starter Delaney Wright, who suffered an injury during the team’s shoot-around.

Not the news the Lady Cats wanted to go hear going into a game where they had lost five straight, and had lost twice to Baldwin already this season.

As it turned out, the team rallied in Wright’s absence.

Junior Adyson Ross scored a team-high 18 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to lead the Lady Cats to a 44-41 win in Wellsville.



Junior Adyson Ross scored 18 points and pulled down 14 rebounds in Thursday's victory over Baldwin.

Another junior, Delanie Tally, started in place of Wright and scored 10 points and had eight rebounds in the big win for the Lady Cats.

"When Delaney went down in shoot around, I knew the team would feel her absence," coach Adrienne Lane said. "Delanie Tally was thrown into the starting line-up and she did a great job stepping up for the team. Delanie's presence was felt on both sides of the ball, she played smart defense and looked to score.

"Adyson had a heck of a game. The first half she did a

fantastic job rebounding offensively and getting some easy put backs. She also did a great job handling the basketball and she hit some big free throws.”

Louisburg led 40-39 late in the game, when Tally got an offensive rebound and put back to give the Lady Cats a 3-point lead. Baldwin would again cut it to one, but with under a minute remaining, Ross hit two free throws to keep the Bulldogs at bay.

Baldwin tried for a 3-pointer in the final seconds, but couldn’t get a good look .

Senior Jordan Mynsted had nine points to also aid the Lady Cat win, as did Emma Prettyman, who finished just behind Ross with 13 rebounds.

LOU 15 7 11 11 – 44

BAL 9 12 13 7 – 41

LOUISBURG: Adyson Ross 5-12 6-7 18; Delanie Tally 4-8 0-1 10; Jordan Mynsted 3-6 3-4 9; Ava Baker 2-7 0-0 4; Emma Prettyman 1-8 0-0 2; Brianne Kuhlman 0-8 1-2 1. Totals: 15-56 10-15 44. 3-point field goals: 4, (Ross 2, Tally 2)

Nemaha Central hands Louisburg loss in opener

Louisburg matched up with one of the top teams in the Top Gun Tournament, Nemaha Central, last Tuesday in a rematch of last year’s tournament championship game.

Although the Lady Cats put up a fight, they couldn’t keep up in a 54-47 loss.

Jordan Mynsted had a big night for the Lady Cats as she finished with 18 points, including five rebounds. Sophomore Ashley Branine come off the bench to provide a spark for

Louisburg as she had eight points.

The Lady Cats stayed in the game from behind the 3-point line as they knocked down eight 3-pointers on the night, including three from Mynsted and two from Ava Baker.

LOU 11 8 11 17 – 47

NC 13 14 16 9 – 54

LOUISBURG: Jordan Mynsted 6-15 3-4 18; Ashley Branine 2-5 4-4 8; Adyson Ross 2-8 2-5 7; Ava Baker 2-7 0-0 6; Delaney Wright 1-3 0-3 3; Delanie Tally 1-1 0-0 3; Emma Lohse 1-2 0-0 2. Totals: 15-48 9-15 47. 3-point field goals: 8, (Mynsted 3, Baker 2, Wright, Ross, Tally)

Lady Cats drop pair of games to Spring Hill, Shawnee Mission South



Louisburg junior Brianne Kuhlman drives the lane Wednesday against Spring Hill during the Lady Cats' 40-32 loss to the Broncos.

SPRING HILL – So far in 2022, the Louisburg girls' offense has been unable to find its footing.

However, in the first quarter of Wednesday's road contest against Spring Hill, the Lady Cats appeared to be coming out of their slump with a 15-point opening frame.

Unfortunately, the hot start didn't last as Spring Hill rallied to defeat Louisburg 40-32. The Lady Cats scored just 17 points after that first quarter.

"We are still trying to find our rhythm on offense," Louisburg coach Adrienne Lane said. "The guards shot well in the Spring Hill game and I hope that will help give us some confidence going into this week."

Louisburg got out to a good start as the Lady Cats took a 15-8 lead on the Broncos, but Spring Hill flipped the script in the second quarter and took a one-point halftime lead.

Spring Hill led by four going into the final period, but did just enough offensively to hold off Louisburg.

The Lady Cats provided stingy defense once again as they held Spring Hill to just 31 percent shooting and forced 20 turnovers.

However, the Broncos did their damage on the inside as they outscored Louisburg 26-4 in points in the paint. Louisburg knocked down six 3-pointers, but couldn't get the looks to go inside.

"The girls play so hard, their defense is great and they battle every possession," Lane said. "Their work ethic never fails. Because we play such good defense, we have been able to compete with some really good teams."

Junior Adyson Ross led the Lady Cats in scoring with eight points and fellow junior Ava Baker finished with seven. Junior Emma Prettyman had a team-high five rebounds and junior Emma Lohse finished with four steals.

Spring Hill freshman Sydney Buscher had a big game on the

inside as she led the way with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Jenna Weber also had a double-double for Spring Hill with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady Cats will try and stop their four-game losing skid today as they open play in the Top Gun Tournament at Wellsville High School. Louisburg will face off with Nemaha Central at 6:30 p.m. in a rematch of last year's tournament championship game.

LOU 15 4 5 8 – 32

SH 8 12 8 12 – 40

LOUISBURG (4-5): Adyson Ross 3-11 0-0 8; Ava Baker 2-9 2-2 7; Brianne Kuhlman 2-6 1-2 6; Emma Lohse 1-3 2-2 5; Delanie Tally 1-4 0-0 3; Jordan Mynsted 0-12 3-4 3. Totals: 9-51 8-14 32. 3-point field goals: 6, (Ross 2, Lohse, Kuhlman, Tally, Baker).

Louisburg falls at home to Shawnee Mission South

A slow start haunted Louisburg in its home matchup against Shawnee Mission South on Jan. 17



Louisburg junior Emma Prettyman puts up a shot over Shawnee Mission South defender on Jan. 17 in Louisburg.

The Lady Cats scored eight points in the first half and couldn't stay with the Raiders in a 38-26 loss at Louisburg High School.

Louisburg, which shot 22 percent from the floor, was able to pick things up a little offensively in the second half with 18 points, but were unable to dig out of its early hole.

Senior Jordan Mynsted had six points and six rebounds to lead the Lady Cats, while junior Emma Prettyman had a team-high seven rebounds.

LOU 4 4 8 10 – 26

SMS 7 12 14 5 – 38

LOUISBURG: Jordan Mynsted 1-8 4-6 6; Emma Lohse 2-5 0-0 4;

Brianne Kuhlman 1-4 2-2 4; Emma Prettyman 2-6 0-2 4; Adyson Ross 1-6 0-0 3; Ava Baker 0-1 3-4 3; Delaney Wright 1-3 0-0 2.
Totals: 8-36 9-14 26. 3-point field goals: 1, (Ross)

Baldwin pulls away in fourth quarter to hand Lady Cats a loss



Louisburg junior Emma Lohse drives around the Baldwin defense thanks to a screen from teammate Jordan Mynsted on Friday in Louisburg.

A month ago, Baldwin and Louisburg found themselves in a tight game going into the fourth quarter.

Fast forward to last Friday, the Bulldogs and Wildcats found themselves in almost the exact situation. Unfortunately for Louisburg, history repeated itself as Baldwin went on a big fourth quarter run.

Baldwin outscored Louisburg by 10 in the final frame and handed the Lady Cats a 45-36 setback at Louisburg High School.

“This was a tough loss for us,” Louisburg coach Adrienne Lane said. “I felt like we played hard, but again we had a hard time finishing and getting our offense going.”

Louisburg (4-3) took a one-point lead going into the fourth quarter after holding the Bulldogs to just four points in the third.

Baldwin, however, went on an 11-0 run in the quarter, including several opportunities at the free-throw line to put the game away.

“Our defense has been super strong and consistent this season,” Lane said. “I felt like we did a great job pressuring Baldwin throughout the game, and we did a great job rebounding defensively.

“Baldwin is such a fast team, the pace of the game sped us up offensively and we had a hard time finishing at that speed.”



Louisburg junior point guard Brianne Kuhlman makes a pass Friday against Baldwin.

The Bulldogs went to the free-throw line 34 times on the night and converted 23 of those attempts. The Lady Cats, on the other hand, went to the line just 11 times.

Louisburg junior Emma Prettyman was a factor on the inside for the Lady Cats as she finished with 11 points and eight rebounds, and also had three steals.

"I thought Emma Prettyman had a great game on both sides of the ball," Lane said. "She did a great job defending and rebounding, and she worked hard on offense to get to the

basket.”

Another junior, Adyson Ross, finished with nine points, five rebounds and three steals. Senior Jordan Mynsted was second on the team in rebounding with six.

Although the Lady Cats have shot under 30 percent from the floor in both of their games in 2022, Lane hopes things will turn the corner for them beginning tonight when they host Shawnee Mission South.

“The girls are ready to play tonight,” Lane said. “We are going to try a few new things so hopefully we can find our rhythm offensively.”

LOU 10 10 7 9 – 36

BAL 10 12 4 19 – 45

LOUISBURG (4-3): Emma Prettyman 2-7 7-8 11; Adyson Ross 4-10 1-2 9; Ava Baker 2-7 0-0 5; Jordan Mynsted 2-6 0-0 4; Emma Lohse 1-1 0-0 3; Brianne Kuhlman 1-3 0-1 2; Delaney Wright 1-10 0-0 2. Totals: 13-46 8-11 45. 3-point field goals: 2, (Lohse, Baker)