

Lady Cats roll Chanute in regular season finale



Louisburg junior Brianne Kuhlman pulls up for a 3-pointer during a game earlier this season. The Lady Cats defeated Chanute, 56-35, on Friday in Louisburg.

The Louisburg girls basketball had already thought their regular season had come to an end after a win over Paola on the road.

The Lady Cats were focused on the playoffs, but a last minute addition to the schedule gave them one more opportunity to improve on their regular season. Louisburg hosted Chanute on Friday and the Lady Cats definitely took advantage.

Louisburg used a big second quarter and pulled away for a 56-35 victory over the Blue Comets.

“Friday night’s game was an awesome team win,” Louisburg coach Adrienne Lane said. “The girls played with great energy and they played together. The atmosphere was so much fun Friday too, the student section had so much fun and the girls really fed off their excitement.”

The Lady Cats had a four point lead after the first quarter, but then outscored Chanute 21-6 in the second to take 31-12 halftime advantage.

Senior Jordan Mynsted provided the Lady Cats with a big boost in the scoring column with 21 points and also had six

rebounds.

Junior Adyson Ross finished with nine points, while juniors Ava Baker and Emma Lohse each had seven. Another junior, Emma Prettyman, pulled down a team-high nine rebounds.

It is now postseason time as the Lady Cats are the No. 14 seed and will travel to No. 3 Bishop Miego at 7 p.m. today for the first round of the Class 4A sub-state tournament. Miego is the defending state champion and one of the top teams again in Class 4A.

“Going into Bishop Miego will be a tough game for our team, but if we stay positive and continue to play with energy and play as a team we will give them a great game,” Lane said. “Our team has nothing to lose, we need to battle every possession, play great defense, and play together in order to be successful.”

LOU 10 21 8 17 – 56

CHA 6 6 9 14 – 35

LOUISBURG (9-11): Jordan Mynsted 9-18 3-3 21; Adyson Ross 3-10 3-6 9; Emma Lohse 2-6 2-2 7; Ava Baker 3-6 0-0 7; Emma Prettyman 2-4 2-3 6; Delanie Tally 1-5 0-0 3; Ashley Branine 1-2 0-0 2; Sierra Hahn 0-3 1-4 1. Totals: 21-57 11-18 56. 3-point field goals: 3, (Lohse, Tally, Baker)

Lady Cats spoil Paola senior night with big road win



Louisburg senior Jordan Mynsted splits two Paola defenders as she goes up for a shot Tuesday at Paola High School.

PAOLA – The Louisburg girls basketball team picked a good time to play one of its best game of the season – if not THE best.

Louisburg traveled to Paola on its Senior Night and left with a 51-33 victory over the Panthers on Tuesday to complete a season sweep. The Lady Cats also snapped a 5-game losing streak in the process.

The Lady Cats led by just five points going into the fourth quarter, but Louisburg scored 21 points in the final period to pull away.

“The girls had so much team energy going into the fourth quarter, but we also played together as a team,” Louisburg coach Adrienne Lane said. “In my opinion this was the best team win we have had all season.”

Defensively, the Lady Cats (8-11) made things difficult on the Panthers as they held Paola to just 18 percent shooting. They were also able to keep Paola senior Kate Ediger in check.

Ediger, who still scored 16 points and had seven rebounds, found it difficult to score thanks to the defense of junior Adyson Ross as the rest of the team.

“Adyson did a great job guarding Ediger,” Lane said. “She contested every one of Ediger’s shots and then she did a great job boxing her out and rebounding when she missed. The rest of the team did a great job rebounding and helping when Adyson needed it.”



Louisburg's Emma Lohse (left) and Emma Prettyman go up for a rebound Tuesday at Paola.

Despite missing on its first attempt, the Panthers had second-chance opportunities with 18 offensive rebounds, but the Lady Cats didn't allow the easy shot.

Louisburg also forced 16 Paola turnovers and turned those into 12 points, which also played a big role in the victory.

The Lady Cats had small lead at halftime and led 30-25 after the third quarter, but the Lady Cats hit several big baskets and made their free throws down the stretch. Louisburg was 19 for 24 from the free-throw line for the game.

Senior Jordan Mynsted and Ross helped carry the Lady Cats offensively. Mynsted finished with a game-high 18 points, pulled down six rebounds and was 10-for-11 from the free-throw line.

Ross also finished in double figures with 11 points, five rebounds and a team-high four assists. Junior Delanie Tally had eight points in the win.



Louisburg junior Delanie Tally puts up a shot in the lane Tuesday against Paola.

"The win was huge for our team," Lane said. "We came in with energy and we played hard the entire game. This was a total team win, this win was earned and felt by the entire team. This win will help the girls go into the post season with positive attitudes and the will to win."

Louisburg got a late minute addition to its schedule as the Lady Cats will host Chanute in a girls-only game Friday that will end its regular season. Freshmen will start at 4:30, while JV and varsity will follow.

With its regular season nearly in the books, the Lady Cats are

still waiting to see who their postseason opponent will be.

The top four teams by record on each side of the state will host the sub-state tournament. Brackets are schedule to be released Saturday.

LOU 8 14 8 21 – 51

PAO 8 8 9 8 – 33

LOUISBURG (8-11): Jordan Mynsted 4-12 10-11 18; Adyson Ross 3-13 4-6 11; Delanie Tally 2-5 2-4 8; Emma Prettyman 3-6 0-0 6; Brianne Kuhlman 1-3 3-3 5; Ava Baker 1-3 0-0 3. Totals: 14-43 19-24 51. 3-point field goals: 4, (Tally 2, Ross, Baker)

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:

Week 1: Elijah Eslinger

Week 2: Maverick Rockers

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)