

# Lady Cats roll Turner in first game of new year



**Freshman guard Adyson Ross drives to the basket during the Lady Cats' road game Tuesday against Turner.**

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — In its first game of the new year, the Louisburg girls basketball team couldn't have asked for a better start to 2020.

The Lady Cats used a stingy defense and a deep bench to help them to a 72-18 victory over Turner on Tuesday at Turner High School. The win moves Louisburg's record to 4-1 on the year as it currently holds the No. 10 ranking in Class 4A.

"We worked hard over break and everyone is in the same boat," Louisburg coach Shawn Lowry said. "You have to get back to where you were before break and it is crazy. You have to get that mentality back and we focused on toughness drills, worked on a lot of defensive stuff and I thought we took care of business. Offensively we have some stuff to clean up, but overall it was a good night."

Defensively, the Lady Cats shined as they used their 1-3-1 pressure defense to force several

Turner turnovers,  
which led to easy baskets in transition. Louisburg racked up  
47 points in the first  
half and held the Golden Bears to just nine.

Junior Brooklyn Diederich had a  
big scoring night for the Lady Cats with a game-high 15  
points, including three  
3-pointers. Juniors Alyse Moore and Madilyn Melton also  
finished in double  
figures with 12 points and sophomores Delaney Wright and  
Jordan Mynsted added  
nine.



**Sophomore Jordan Mynsted goes up for two points Tuesday against Turner.**

Lowry shuffled five players in and out of the game at different times throughout the contest, which allowed several younger players to see varsity minutes. Freshman guards Brianne Kuhlman, Adyson Ross and Emma Lohse all saw playing time and each found the scoring column.

"It was nice to be able to rotate a lot of kids," Lowry said. "I thought the freshmen, like Adyson, Brianne and Emma, all did a real nice job tonight. It is these kinds of situations where we can get them some experience that will help them down the road past this season. For it being our first game out of break, and being on the road, I think it was good for us."

The schedule will get quite a bit tougher for the Lady Cats and it starts tonight when they travel to No. 7 Eudora. The Cardinals have been going through some transition as their head coach, Richard Ebel, was relieved of his duties before the holiday break and they currently have a new coaching staff.

Despite the changes, the Lady Cats know it will be a difficult challenge on the road in Frontier League play.

"Eudora is fantastic and they have one of the best point guards around," Lowry said. "They are dealing with some stuff right now, but I think they are going to be ready to play. It will be tough for them, but I know they will be ready."

"We have a tough four-game stretch coming up too. We have Eudora, but then we get three games at home, with Bonner Springs, Baldwin and Frontenac and Baldwin and Frontenac are back-to-back nights. It is a gauntlet, but that is the time of year we are in and it is time

to play. We have 80 percent of our games left to play and 60 percent of our practices are done. It is about improving and getting better and we are going to be a different team between now and the end of the season. We have a lot of growth left to happen.”

<b>LOU</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10 –</b>
<b>72</b>				
<b>TUR</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>– 18</b>				

LOUISBURG (4-1): Brooklyn

Diederich 15, Alyse Moore 12, Madilyn Melton 12, Delaney Wright 9, Jordan

Mynsted 9, Brianne Kuhlman 6, Adyson Ross 5, Megan Foote 2, Emma Lohse 2.

Totals: 27 12-22 72. 3-point field goals: 6, (Diederich 3, Wright 2, Ross)

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## Big fourth quarter propels Wildcats in road win over Turner



**Louisburg senior Garrett Rolofson goes up for a basket during the Wildcats' 64-52 win Tuesday over Turner. Rolofson finished with 14 points and nine rebounds.**

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – Louisburg opened Tuesday's road contest against Turner with 10 straight points, only to see the Golden Bears respond with a big run of their own and put the Wildcats in hole.

The Wildcats ended the game just like they started – only bigger.

Louisburg dominated the fourth quarter and rallied from an eight-point deficit to get a 64-52 victory over Turner and win in convincing fashion. The Wildcats outscored the Golden Bears 21-5 in the final frame thanks to a different level of intensity.

"It was a great win for our guys," Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. "We got into a funk there for a while after we had such a hot start. With it being the first game after break, you just never know what you are going to get on our end. It has been awhile since we have played, but for us to battle back was great to see and the energy in the fourth quarter was really, really good."

A lot of that energy came from junior Ben Guetterman and senior Garrett Rolofson, who both helped the Wildcats dominate the glass in the fourth quarter, which led to a lot of second chance points.

Guetterman, one of the team's starting guards, finished with a game-high 21 points and also

added 16 rebounds  
to help spark the Wildcats. Rolofson nearly had a double-double himself as he  
added 14 points and nine boards. Both players had seven offensive rebounds on  
the night and kept a lot of plays alive.

“Ben played really well and Rolo played really tough inside,” Pfannenstiel said. “If those guys can continue  
that, and then we can piece it together with the other guys, then we should be  
alright.

“Ben is going to realize that he can really score when he hits the offensive glass and he doesn’t just have to  
hit from the outside. He has the ability to attack on the offensive rebounds  
and get a lot of garbage points. Rolo did a really good job with that too. Our  
energy was really good in the fourth quarter, and if we can do that for four  
quarters, then we can do this any night out.”

Louisburg (2-3) was without one of its leading scorers in Julian Margrave, who was out with an illness. Other  
players had to fill in and the Wildcats were able to get good production from  
their bench.





**Sophomore Michael Seuferling tries to trap a Turner player Tuesday in Kansas City.**

Sophomore Michael Seuferling saw his first varsity action of the season and provided the Wildcats with some key minutes as he finished with seven points. Junior Konnor Vohs also added six in the win, including a big 3-pointer in the fourth quarter to help jump start the Wildcats' run.

Point guard Weston Guetterman added six points, but also finished with a team-high seven assists and also had six rebounds.

"We had a couple guys come off the bench and really gave us some good minutes there in crunch



time," Pfannenstiel said. "I thought Michael came in and played really well. We had to have some guys step up with Julian out, so we needed to have some guys score for us. Vohs, Seuferling and those guys came in and brought good energy and that is what we needed."

The Wildcats opened the game on a 10-0 run, but Turner responded quickly as it went on a 17-2 spurt of its own to take a five-point lead going into the second quarter.

Turner extended its lead to 10 points midway through the second quarter and later had an eight-point lead in the third, before the Wildcats started to chip away.

Seuferling hit a jumper to cut the Turner lead to one early in the fourth quarter and then the Wildcat defense forced three straight turnovers. Louisburg took advantage as Ben Guetterman and Rolofson both scored on offensive rebounds to give the Wildcats the lead and then Vohs answered with a 3-pointer to put Louisburg up six.

Louisburg didn't let up as it pulled away from the Bears the rest of the way and recorded its second win on the season.

"We switched to zone for a little bit and I think that messed with them for a while," Pfannenstiel said. "They missed some shots and we were able to rebound out of it. I think we figured out pretty quick that we need to get going. We played with some great energy in the fourth."

The Wildcats will try for

back-to-back wins Friday when they travel to Eudora in Frontier League action.

Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

“Eudora is always very well coached,” Pfannenstiel said. “They are a great program and have disciplined players. It is good to go into league play with a win and we have a lot of games coming up here. It will be a grind and we have a lot to do. Hopefully we can continue to build some momentum.”

<b>LOU</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21 –</b>
<b>64</b>				
<b>TUR</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5 –</b>
<b>52</b>				

LOUISBURG (2-3): Ben Guetterman 9-17

1-1 21; Garrett Rolofson 5-12 4-6 14; Michael Seuferling 2-5 1-1 7; Weston

Guetterman 1-11 4-6 6; Konnor Vohs 2-3 1-2 6; Michael Waldron 2-4 0-0 5;

Charlie Peters 0-1 3-4 3; Maverick Rockers 1-4 0-0 2. Totals: 22-57 15-23 64.

3-point field goals: 5, (B. Guetterman 2, Seuferling, Vohs, Waldron)

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## Wildcats put a scare into No.

# 1 Piper in home loss



**Louisburg senior Michael Waldron stretches out for a rebound Friday during the Wildcats' home contest against Piper.**

For two-and-a-half quarters Friday, the Louisburg boys basketball team had the upper-hand on the defending state champion and No. 1 team in Class 4A.

The Wildcats had Piper where they wanted them, but foul trouble and a few turnovers derailed their upset hopes as the Wildcats fell to the Pirates, 68-61, in the final game of 2019.

Despite the loss, the fact that Louisburg was able to hang with the state's No. 1 team for much of the game was something the Wildcats hope to use as a momentum builder over the holiday break.

"It gives our kids confidence," Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. "We played with the defending state champs and the No. 1 team in the state that has played some good teams already. Our kids have to be very confident that we can play with, and beat anybody. That is type of team we will have to play in sub-state and there are some very talented teams at the top. We are going to have to execute a game plan like we did against Piper."

That game plan was to force the Pirates to pull up for jumpers and keep them out of transition. Louisburg was able to do that for the most part as Piper was out of rhythm offensively and the Wildcats were able to take a halftime lead.

The Wildcats (1-3) extended that lead to seven points midway through the third quarter and all the momentum was in their favor.

"We played tough," Pfannenstiel said. "Our kids played with such good energy, we created a good environment and our students were really good. We basically went punch for punch with them, and defensively, this was our best game of the year by far against a really dynamic offensive team. They can really handle the ball and they have shooters everywhere.

"That is a good team that we played. To make them settle for pull-up jumpers, which was kind of our game plan, and I thought our kids did a really good job of making them play good help-side defense, packing the lane and making good close outs. It was a lot of fun out there."

The Wildcats got a bulk of their scoring from three different players as junior point guard Weston Guetterman finished with a team-high 20 points. Sophomore Julian Margrave finished with a double-double as he had 16 points and 10 rebounds, while

junior Ben Guetterman  
added 17 points and seven rebounds.



**Junior Weston Guetterman drives to the basket Friday against Piper.**

Louisburg had to play with some adversity early in the third quarter as Weston Guetterman had to sit with four fouls, which is around the same time Piper went on a big run to take the lead back.

Piper went on a 16-4 run to end the third quarter as the Pirates were able to get out in transition and knock down a couple three-pointers.

"It was definitely tough not having him out there because he is that important to our team," Pfannenstiel said of Weston. "He is very comfortable with the ball in his hands and does a good job running the offense. He just needs to be a little smarter when it comes to being more aggressive. Maverick (Rockers) came in and did a good job handling the ball against very good defenders. We took care of the ball for the most part against some pretty talented defenders.

"Weston and Julian have been pretty consistent with what they have gotten every night so far this year and we need to find that third scorer and Ben can provide that. (Michael) Waldron can as well, but I think we all played to our strengths. We don't need everyone to go off for 18 necessarily, even though that would be nice, but everyone knows their role offensively and I thought our kids played very well."

Piper extended its lead to 12 points midway through the fourth quarter. Weston Guetterman scored five straight points to cut the lead to seven, but it would be as close as the Wildcats could get.

The Wildcats will try and bounce back in the new year when they travel to Turner on Jan. 7.



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LOUISBURG (1-3): Weston Guetterman

5-8 8-8 20; Ben Guetterman 5-14 5-9 17; Julian Margrave 7-12 2-3 16; Michael

Waldron 2-6 1-2 6; Garrett Rolofson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals: 20-44 16-22 61. 3-point

field goals: 5, (W. Guetterman 2, B. Guetterman 2, Waldron 1)

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## **Piper uses quick start to hand Lady Cats their first loss**



**Louisburg junior Alyse Moore goes up for a basket Friday during the Lady Cats' final game of 2019 against Piper at Louisburg High School.**

It would have been easy for the Louisburg girls basketball team to realize Friday was just not its night.

The Lady Cats found themselves down 10 points in the first three minutes of the game against Piper, the No. 2 team in Class 4A and defending state runner-up. Trying to get

back in the game  
against one of the best teams in the state was going to be a  
tough task.

Louisburg was up for the challenge  
as the Lady Cats rallied to keep the game close, before Piper  
used a big fourth  
quarter to hand Louisburg its first loss of the season, 47-29,  
at Louisburg  
High School.

Piper opened the game on a 10-0  
run to put the Lady Cats on their heels, but they were able to  
respond and  
trailed just 16-10 at the end of the first quarter. From  
there, Louisburg was  
able to stay within striking distance, but would get no  
closer.

“Two things are going to happen in  
that situation – you are either going to stand up for yourself  
or you are just  
going to quit and lay down,” Louisburg coach Shawn Lowry said.  
“The character  
of our team is they are going to fight. We really battled the  
entire game, but  
it is just some things that we are doing to ourselves. If we  
can clean those  
things up, I like what this team can be.”

The Lady Cats struggled on the  
offensive end of the floor as they shot 27 percent from the  
field, but they  
hurt themselves on the free-throw line as they went 10-for-24.

It was tough to get good looks at  
the basket most of the night against a tough Piper defense  
that applied

full-court pressure for part of the contest.



**Senior Haley Cain dribbles into the lane Friday during the Lady Cats' contest with Piper.**

"We are not that far away," Lowry said. "The things we have been talking to the girls about time after time is finishing plays at the rim, free-throw shooting and we really hurt ourselves with those two things. Piper is obviously an extremely talented team, with extremely talented players.

"The message to our girls was when we got down big early, was to settle down and to compete and they did that. We have a lot of progress left to do, both individually and as a team, but I sure like our kids and I like what the rest of the season can

look like for us.”

Junior Megan Foote paced the Lady Cats with a team-high 12 points, while junior Madilyn Melton finished with seven points and five rebounds. Junior Alyse Moore pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds and senior Haley Cain also had five boards.

Piper took an 11-point halftime lead and the Pirates were able to build on it into the fourth quarter as they used a 9-2 run to pull away from the Lady Cats.

Louisburg, which is 3-1 going into the holiday break, saw a lot of positives to begin its season. The Lady Cats also realize they will be competing in several difficult games in the Frontier League when they resume play in early January.

“We wanted to be 4-0, but we like where we are at,” Lowry said. “We would have liked to have that other game before break with the Frontenac game being postponed, but we are going to take some days off here, regroup and get back after it. This group has high expectations for themselves and you have to love that.

“This league is fantastic and what a great league to compete in. When we come back from break we will face a very good Eudora team, Baldwin is tough, Paola is strong again this year, Spring Hill is good and I think the league is going to be a race this year. I don’t think that anyone is going to run away with it. Piper is out to a good lead, but I think it will be competitive till the end.”

The Lady Cats will continue their

season on Jan. 7 when they travel to Turner. Louisburg will then go to Eudora on Jan. 10 to start up league play.

<b>LOU</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3 –</b>
<b>29</b>				

<b>PIP</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9 –</b>
<b>47</b>				

LOUISBURG (3-1): Megan Foote 5-7

0-0 12; Madilyn Melton 1-6 5-12 7; Haley Cain 1-7 1-2 4; Alyse Moore 0-3 3-7 3;

Delaney Wright 1-1 0-0 2; Brianne Kuhlman 0-0 1-2 1. Totals: 8-30 10-24 29.

3-point field goals: 3, (Foote 2, Cain 1)

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## Wildcats pick up first win of season in home opener



Louisburg junior Ben Guetterman dribbles around an Anderson County defender Friday during the Wildcats' home opener.

After a pair of difficult losses to start the season, the Louisburg boys basketball team wanted to try and make amends.

There was no better place to do that than in the Wildcats' home gym.

Louisburg scored 17 of the game's first 21 points and the Wildcat defense took care of the rest as they secured a 53-44 win Friday over Anderson County. It was the Wildcats' first win of the season and they were happy to get it in their home opener.

"It was a great start for us," Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. "We let them back in it a little bit and they were able to steal some of that energy, but our defense led to our offense. There are going to be nights where you have good offensive nights, and there are some where you are going to struggle, but your defense always has to be a constant. As a team, I think we have bought into that. We have always had that offensive mindset, but now I think we proved we can play that tough on-ball defense. We have a long ways to go, but we definitely made some improvement."

The Wildcats (1-2) used that full-court pressure into some easy baskets early in the contest. Junior guard Weston Guetterman opened the game with a steal and score, senior Michael Waldron hit a pair of 3-pointers and Guetterman hit 3-pointer near the end of the first quarter to give Louisburg a 15-4 lead after one quarter.

Junior Connor Koesser hit a basket to make it 17-4 early in the second quarter before Anderson County cut into the lead. The Bulldogs went on a 12-0 run to cut the Louisburg lead to one point.

The game started to get physical as both teams played aggressive. Late in the first half, both teams went for loose ball on the floor and things got a little heated.

That play seemed to spark the



Wildcats as they went on an 8-0 run to end the second quarter. Sophomore Julian Margrave was fouled on a 3-point attempt and made all three free throws and junior Ben Guetterman followed that up with a 3-pointer of his own.



**Senior Michael Waldron lays the ball up for an easy basket late in Friday's game against Anderson County.**

Then, just seconds before the end of the quarter, Waldron dove on the floor for a steal and passed the ball up to Weston Guetterman, who found Ben Guetterman under the basket. Ben

made the shot and was fouled to put Louisburg up 25-17 at halftime.

Defense was the difference for the Wildcats as they forced 15 turnovers and scored 23 points off those miscues. They also had nine steals in the game.

"We put a big emphasis in practice the last couple of day of playing aggressive defense and taking the team out of what they want to do," Pfannenstiel said. "We came out with full-court pressure and I think that brought us a lot of energy. It was a good environment and Anderson County was an aggressive team too. I am just proud of how hard we fought. It was a physical game, and the officials were letting some things go on both ends, but I really thought we grew as a team after this win."

Louisburg ballooned its lead to 13 points midway through the third quarter, but Anderson County made another run as it trimmed the Wildcats' lead to 40-35 early in the fourth. The Bulldogs, however, could get no closer as the Wildcats held off the Bulldogs thanks to seven points in the quarter from Margrave.

Margrave led the Wildcats in scoring with 18 points on the night. Weston Guetterman also had a big night from the point guard spot as he finished with 11 points, a team-high seven rebounds, six assists and three steals.

Michael Waldron also had 11 points in the win, including three 3-pointers. Ben Guetterman had nine points and six rebounds.

The Wildcats will try and make it two in a row at home Friday

when they host Piper. Tipoff is set for approximately 7:30 p.m., and Louisburg is ready to take another step forward.

“Each game we have been in, we have been right there,” Pfannenstiel said. “Instead of calling them losses, we have tried to call them learning opportunities. It is a loss, but we have learned from those. After the Tongie game, we worked on being more patient offensively, and I think that led to better offense against Burlington. But our defense wasn’t that good at Burlington and we didn’t take care of the ball. This game, we really stressed defense, and if we could put both together, I think we have a shot every night.”

<b>LOU</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13 –</b>
<b>53</b>				
<b>AC</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>– 44</b>				

LOUISBURG (1-2): Julian Margrave

6-11 6-6 18; Weston Guetterman 4-10 2-3 11; Michael Waldron 4-8 0-0 11; Ben

Guetterman 3-8 1-3 9; Garrett Rolofson 1-4 0-0 2; Connor Koesser 1-1 0-0 2.

Totals: 19-48 9-12 53. 3-point field goals: 6, (Waldron 3, B. Guetterman 2, W.

Guetterman 1)

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# Fast start propels Lady Cats to win over Anderson County



**Louisburg sophomore Delaney Wright races down the floor during a fast break opportunity Friday during the Lady Cats' home opener against Anderson County.**

The Louisburg girls basketball team wanted to make a good impression in its home opener Friday and the Lady Cats got everyone's attention early.

Louisburg scored the first 10 points of the game – all by junior Megan Foote – and the Lady Cats used that run to pull away for a 47-35 victory over Anderson County. It was also the third straight victory for the Lady Cats as they remained perfect on the year.

"We were excited to be able to come out and play on our home floor, have our home opener on a Friday night," Louisburg coach Shawn Lowry said. "These three games that we have had to start our schedule have been scrappy and tough and it has been good for us. We are progressing, which has been great. I thought we were better defensively this time around than we were on Tuesday. If we can keep making

this progression and keep learning and fixing our mistakes, then I like what this thing can be.”

Foote got the Lady Cats off to their blazing start as she drove to the basket three straight times, including one for a three-point play. She then knocked down a 3-pointer to put Louisburg up 10-0 and the Lady Cats were off and running.

The Lady Cats (3-0) went on to score 16 points in the first quarter and the Louisburg defense held Anderson County to 16 total points in the first half.

“We knew by looking on film that we wanted to get downhill early,” Lowry said. “I told Megan before the game that she needed to be the aggressor with the ball and she took it to heart. It was a great start for us and a great start for her and it was able to get us going.

“I thought our defense was good and our kids are getting tougher. I have challenged them after every game and they are responding. We aren’t there by any means in regards to toughness, but I like where we are going.”

Louisburg forced 34 Anderson County turnovers and the Lady Cats were able to score 22 points off those Bulldog mistakes. The Lady Cats also pulled down 20 offensive rebounds that led to 11 second chance points.

To end the first half, the Lady



Cats went on a mini 6-0 run after back-to-back baskets from junior Madilyn Melton. Then sophomore Delaney Wright had a steal and score right before the buzzer to put Louisburg up 31-16 at halftime.



**Louisburg senior Haley Cain drives toward the basket Friday against Anderson County.**

The Lady Cats saw their lead balloon to 17 late in the third quarter and Anderson County would get no closer than 12.

Foote led the Lady Cats in scoring with 12 points, while Melton also finished in double figures with 11 points, seven rebounds and team-high five steals. Senior Haley Cain



finished with nine points, six rebounds and four steals.

Junior Alyse Moore had eight points, a team-high 10 rebounds and four steals. Junior Brooklyn Diederich also had four steals in the win.

Louisburg will try and make it four straight wins Tuesday when it hosts Frontenac. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

"It is going to be a challenge on Tuesday with Frontenac," Lowry said. "They are going to be physical and tough. Our next goal is to be 4-0 and that is what we are shooting for."

<b>LOU</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5 –</b>
<b>47</b>				
<b>AC</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>10 – 35</b>				

LOUISBURG (3-0): Megan Foote 5-9 1-2 12; Madilyn Melton 5-13 1-2 11; Haley Cain 3-8 1-2 9; Alyse Moore 4-12 0-1 8; Delaney Wright 2-8 0-0 4; Brooklyn Diederich 1-15 1-4 3; Sydni Keagle 0-2 1-2 1. Totals: 20-67 5-13 47. 3-point field goals: 3, (Cain 2, Foote 1)

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# Turnovers haunt Wildcats in loss to Burlington



**Junior Konnor Vohs steals a pass during Tuesday's road contest in Burlington. The Wildcats fell to Burlington, 72-68.**

BURLINGTON – The Louisburg boys basketball team had a good idea what to expect from Burlington when they Wildcats hit the road Tuesday for their second straight away game.

However, turnovers haunted the Wildcats and it sent them to their second straight loss. Despite a late rally, Louisburg came up a couple baskets short in a 72-68 setback to Burlington.

Louisburg went up against a full-court pressure defense from Burlington, which caused the Wildcats to commit 25 turnovers. Those mistakes made it difficult to come back against a Burlington team that shot almost 47 percent for the game.

“We knew coming in that they were going to be a team that plays hard,” Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. “They don’t have a lot of size, but they are going to be physically tough and aggressive. We are going to see teams that like to get up and challenge us. At times, I think we were able to figure it out, but it took us too long to do that.”

“In those kind of games, it comes down to one possession one way or the other and there were times where we built a lead and could have put them away with a bucket. We don’t, and then they go the other way and score. Their press was tough and we have to handle that better.”

It was a close game throughout and neither team had more than a seven-point lead. Burlington held that seven-point lead early in the third quarter, but the Wildcats made a big run to pull back in front.

Louisburg went on an 11-3 run thanks to seven points from senior Garrett Rolofson and a basket from sophomore Julian Margrave. Junior Weston Guetterman then put Louisburg in front, 43-41, with a basket and was fouled.

Rolofson then followed that up with a dunk to give Louisburg a four-point advantage late in the third. In all, Rolofson scored nine of his 11 points in the frame and the Wildcats led 49-45 going into the fourth.



**Garrett Rolofson pulls up for a jumper Tuesday against Burlington. Rolofson recorded a double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds.**

Burlington then came alive with a 27-point fourth quarter and took the lead back early in final frame. Junior Ben Guetterman hit a pair of 3-pointers late to try and get the Wildcats back in it, but Burlington was able to knock down its free throws to hold off Louisburg.

“We made some plays that were able to get us back in it, but those possessions are just as important as the ones in the first quarter,” Pfannenstiel said. “We have to understand that. Our point of emphasis was having better shot selection and just being patient, and when they came out with their press we just kind of forgot

about that and started firing up the first open shot and that fed right into their hand. We have to do a better job coaching and we will get better at those things.”

The Wildcats shot better than 50 percent for the game, and when they got good looks, they were able to convert.

Margrave led Louisburg with 19 points on the night to go along with five rebounds and two blocks.

Weston Guetterman had 15 points and a team-high six assists from the point guard spot. Fellow guard Ben Guetterman finished with 13 points. Rolofson finished his night with a double-double as he had 11 points and a team-high 12 rebounds and two blocks.

Louisburg will try and bounce back tonight when it hosts Anderson County in its home opener.

“They have a different look and they might be a different style than what they were last year,” Pfannenstiel said. “We will get back to working hard. There are a lot of things we have to improve on and our focus is on Anderson County for sure.”

<b>LOU</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19 –</b>
<b>68</b>				
<b>BUR</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27 –</b>
<b>72</b>				

LOUISBURG (0-2): Julian Margrave 7-12 5-6 19; Weston Guetterman 5-9 4-6 15; Ben Guetterman 5-9 0-0 13; Garrett

Rolofson 5-11 1-1 11; Maverick Rockers 3-3 0-0 8; Konnor Vohs 1-2 0-0 2.

Totals: 26-49 10-13 68. 3-point field goals: 6, (B. Guetterman 3, Rockers 2, W.

Guetterman 1)

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## Late run sparks Lady Cats in win over Burlington



Louisburg junior Megan Foote races the ball up the court during Tuesday's game at Burlington High School. The Lady Cats picked up their second straight win with a 59-46 win over Burlington.

BURLINGTON – Sometimes it takes just one play to spark a team to go on a game-clinching run, and on Tuesday in Burlington, that spark came from Megan Foote.

The Louisburg junior started what was a big run for the Lady Cats with her aggressive play on both ends of the floor. The rest of the Lady Cats fed off that as they ran away from Burlington in the fourth quarter and left with a 59-46 victory.

Foote took a charge midway through



the fourth quarter and then drove to the basket for a score that would break open a close game. Louisburg went on a 12-0 run and the Lady Cats earned their second straight win to start the season.

“Our defense was key during that run, but it really started with Megan’s aggressive attack to the basket,” Louisburg coach Shawn Lowry said. “We really hadn’t been the aggressor all night, but that seemed to flip a switch mentality-wise. The next thing you know Alyse (Moore) gets a steal and scores and it turned for us. Runs like that normally start with one play and I thought Megan’s drive to the basket did that for us and then we just took off.”

Junior Alyse Moore was another catalyst on both ends of the floor for the Lady Cats. Moore finished with a game-high 22 points, several of which came off steals in transition.

Another junior, Madilyn Melton, also finished in double figures with 18 points and Foote added eight points – six of which came in the Lady Cats’ 24-point fourth quarter.

“Alyse played great and she always plays so hard,” Lowry said. “Alyse will give you every single ounce that she has and she did that again for us. It was a great performance and I thought Megan was really solid as well. She was good with the basketball for us and I thought she did a great job offensively and defensively.”



**Junior Madilyn Melton weaves through the Burlington defense for a shot Tuesday.**

It was a back and forth game through the first three quarters as the lead changed hands nine times and neither team could pull away. It was the type of game Lowry was expecting.

Burlington is a traditionally good program in Class 3A and the Louisburg coach wasn't expecting anything different this time around.

"This is always a tough place to play, and not to mention that their longtime coach is back now after six-year hiatus," Lowry said. "The last time we faced off against him was in my first

year and it was one of the best games I had been a part of in an 86-84 overtime win. I knew this was going to be a battle and I knew he was going to have his kids ready to go. The kids really responded well.

"The best part of it is we are 2-0 now, but there is still so much stuff we are doing to ourselves and we are going to get better at it. It is a lot nicer to be 2-0 and having those issues, instead of being 0-2."

Early in the fourth quarter, the Lady Cats found themselves down 40-39 but then came their run. Foote scored four straight points to give Louisburg a three-point lead and then Moore had two steals that led to layups on the other end.

After another bucket from Moore and Melton, Louisburg all of a sudden found itself up 51-40 in about a three minute span. From there, the Lady Cats were able to hold on and secure a big road win.

Louisburg will try for three wins in a row Friday when it hosts Anderson County in its home opener. Tipoff is set for approximately 6 p.m.

"They are going to be good," Lowry said. "They had young players last year that are juniors this year. They are a good group and it was a battle the first time we played them last year. It will be tough. We have a gauntlet coming up where we face a good Anderson County team, Frontenac is going to be tough and then we finish out

with Piper before the break. We are on our home court though so we are going to defend that place with everything we have.”

<b>LOU</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>24 –</b>
<b>59</b>				
<b>BUR</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10 –</b>
<b>46</b>				

LOUISBURG (2-0): Alyse Moore 22, Madilyn Melton 18, Megan Foote 8, Brooklyn Diederich 6, Delaney Wright 3, Sydney Keagle 2. 3-point field goals: 1, (Diederich)

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## Wildcats come up short in season opener at Tonganoxie



Louisburg junior Weston Guetterman gets fouled while going up for a shot Friday during the Wildcats’ season opener at Tonganoxie High School.

TONGANOXIE – The Louisburg boys basketball team got off to the start it was looking for as it jumped out to an early lead over Tonganoxie in its season opener.

It all seemed to be going smoothly for the Wildcats, but the second quarter changed all that. Tonganoxie went on a run before halftime and it was the difference in Louisburg's 56-47 loss Friday at Tonganoxie High School.

In the other three frames, the two teams played about even, but the one stretch in the second proved to be too much for the Wildcats to overcome.

"You never know what you are going to get first time out," Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. "We have a lot of guys either first time starting or first time playing on varsity. I was proud of the way we started the game. We looked confident and we were playing with good energy. We really looked like that the whole game, but sometimes the ball goes in the hoop and sometimes it doesn't. When you look at it stat-wise, both teams were fairly comparable."

The Wildcats, which shot 32 percent for the game, didn't show that in the opening quarter as they looked crisp offensively. Weston Guetterman, Julian Margrave, Michael Waldron and Konnor Vohs each hit shots to give the Wildcats a 15-12 lead going into the second quarter.

Tonganoxie took control in the second quarter as it outscored Louisburg 18-10 before halftime and the Wildcats found themselves down, 30-25.

Baskets from Ben Guetterman and Margrave kept the Tonganoxie lead at three midway through the third quarter, but the Chieftains ended the frame on a 7-1 run to go up nine points.

It was too much to overcome for the Wildcats. Weston Guetterman made a basket to cut the Tonganoxie lead to four with three minutes left in the contest, but the Wildcats could get no closer.

“They went on a little run and they knocked down some big shots that got them the momentum and they were able to keep that lead the rest of the time,” Pfannenstiel said of Tongie’s second quarter. “We have to be able to find ways to score and not just rely on outside shots. We need to take the ball to the hoop a little bit more. We have to find a way to scrap for offensive rebounds and get some put-backs too.”

Sophomore Julian Margrave led Louisburg with a double-double as he had a team-high 15 points and 10 rebounds. He also recorded four blocks on the defensive end.





**Junior Ben Guetterman lays the ball up for two points early in Friday's game against Tonganoxie.**

Weston Guetterman provided a steady hand for the Wildcats at the point guard spot. Guetterman was in double figures in scoring with 14 points to go along with four rebounds and two assists.

In all, the Wildcats were able to take care of the ball as they committed just five turnovers on the night, but they just couldn't get the shots to fall.

"Weston played with confidence out

there,” Pfannenstiel said. “He has the ball in his hand a little bit more this year as last year he was more off an off-guard. This is more of a natural spot for him and he does a good job of controlling the tempo of the game for us.

“I thought we did a great job of taking care of the ball and we didn’t have many turnovers. We only had like (five) turnovers for the game and we normally have that in the first quarter. That has to be a record in my three years here. That was nice to see.”

Louisburg will try and bounce back to get its first win tonight when it travels to face off with Burlington. Tipoff is set for approximately 7:30 p.m.

<b>LOU</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15 –</b>
<b>47</b>				
<b>TON</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15 –</b>
<b>56</b>				

LOUISBURG (0-1): Julian Margrave 7-18 0-0 15; Weston Guetterman 4-10 5-10 14; Ben Guetterman 2-9 3-4 7; Michael Waldron 2-7 1-2 6; Konnor Vohs 2-6 0-0 4; Garrett Rolofson 0-1 1-2 1. Totals: 17-54 10-18 47. 3-point field goals: 3, (W. Guetterman, Waldron, Margrave)

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# Lady Cats hold off Tonganoxie to win season opener



**Louisburg junior Alyse Moore drives to the basket last Friday during the Lady Cats' season opener in Tonganoxie. The Lady Cats held on for a seven-point win.**

TONGANOXIE – The shooting numbers weren't exactly where he wanted them, and neither were the turnovers, but there was one stat where Louisburg head coach Shawn Lowry was relieved his team had the upper-hand – the scoreboard.

The Lady Cats held off a late Tonganoxie run and used a big second quarter offensively to come away with a 38-31 win over the Chieftains in their season opener Friday at Tonganoxie High School.

"It was a weird game for sure," Lowry said. "We won, but there really wasn't a lot of excitement right after the game. I think once it sinks in a little for them, they might get a little more excited that they won, especially since it was on the road in a tough place to play."

Both teams were trying to get their first-game jitters out of the way in a turnover-filled first quarter, and neither team could get into a rhythm offensively as Tonganoxie led 6-5 going

into the second quarter.

It was there where the Lady Cats were able to break the game open as they outscored the Chieftains 16-7 before halftime and took an eight-point lead into the locker room.

Junior Madilyn Melton got the Lady Cats going in the second quarter with seven consecutive points and fellow junior Megan Foote ended the half with five points of her own to help give Louisburg a 21-13 lead at halftime.

Melton carried the load for Louisburg most of the night as she led the team in three different categories. She led the Lady Cats with a team-high 15 points, seven rebounds and five steals to go along with six deflections.

Junior Brooklyn Diederich also hit a pair of 3-pointers at good times for the Lady Cats as she finished with nine points and sophomore Delaney Wright added six. Junior Alyse Moore was second on the team with four steals and Diederich had three of her own.

"Madilyn was tough and made some great plays," Lowry said. "She has put herself in a position this year where she can come in and make plays. At the same time, other players will need to step up and be prepared when teams take some things away from her. We have players that can do that. Part of it is confidence and experience, but they will get that. I thought we had some players that were pretty



tough. Brooklyn played hard and battled all night, Delaney battled her tail off as did Alyse.”



**Junior Madilyn Melton scored a game-high 15 points for Louisburg to go along with seven rebounds and five steals.**

Defensively, the Lady Cats (1-0) held Tonganoxie to just 20 points through three quarters and forced 27 turnovers for the game. Although Tonganoxie outrebounded Louisburg on the defensive glass, the Lady Cats were able to get 15 offensive boards and turned those into 14 second chance points.

“We played okay on defense,” Lowry said. “Film will be good for us. Once you get the first game

under your belt, I think it will help. We had some rotation stuff that I know we didn't do and rebounding too. We didn't rebound very well, and to be honest, I am not sure we deserved to be on the right side of the scoreboard. We have a lot to work on.

"Tonganoxie is a physical team, with a couple really physical players, and we have to elevate our toughness. That is something we are going to work on. We actually have a lot of stuff that we need to work on, especially with rotations and stuff like that. We were able to play a lot of players and depth was a good thing for us. It really helped us out."

Louisburg will try and make it two wins in a row tonight when the Lady Cats travel to Burlington. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

<b>LOU</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8 –</b>
<b>38</b>				
<b>TON</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>– 31</b>				

LOUISBURG (1-0): Madilyn Melton 5-13 4-7 15; Brooklyn Diederich 2-12 3-6 9; Delaney Wright 2-7 2-5 6; Megan Foote 2-5 1-2 5; Alyse Moore 1-5 0-2 2. Totals: 12-49 10-22 38. 3-point field goals: 3, (Diederich 2, Melton)