Wildcats come up short on road against Eudora



Louisburg sophomore Maverick Rockers goes up for a shot Monday during the Wildcats' game at Eudora. The Wildcats fell 65-58.

EUDORA – The Louisburg boys basketball team was hoping to build off its momentum from the Baldwin Invitational when the Wildcats traveled to Eudora on Monday for a make-up contest.

The Wildcats just didn't have enough to keep up with the Cardinals.

Despite having a halftime lead, Louisburg scored just seven points in the third quarter, which led to a 65-58 loss to Eudora.

"Hats off to Eudora, I thought they played a solid game," Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. "They were good defensively and we knew that coming in. They are a very disciplined team and I think offensively that was one of their better nights from what I can tell.

"We were kind of rolling there for

a while, but a lot of that was scoring inside, but we weren't hitting anything from the outside. We have to understand that we can't continue to fire up shots that aren't in rhythm because a game can get away from us pretty quick and we just have to do a better job with that."

Eudora made things difficult on the Wildcat defense as the Cardinals drove toward the basket and scored 32 points in the paint. That also allowed Eudora to knock down seven 3-pointers to create a balanced attack.

"I think our guys were doing a pretty good job of keeping them out of the paint, but our rotations were not where they need to be," Pfannenstiel said. "They were driving baseline and our help defense was ok, but we were a little slow either to prevent the offensive rebound or that little dump pass to the middle. We will be able to see that on film and get that corrected. We just weren't clicking on all cylinders."

Louisburg (5-6) found itself down 17-15 at the end of the first quarter and Eudora extended that lead to 28-22 midway through the second. The Wildcats were able to make a run before halftime and took the lead.

The Wildcats went on a 10-0 spurt to end the first half thanks to five straight points from Weston Guetterman, a basket from Garrett Rolofson and a 3-pointer from Maverick Rockers. Guetterman led the charge most of the night for Louisburg as

he finished with 16 points, seven assists and played the entire game.

“Weston definitely played with the most confidence that I have seen him play with all year,” Pfannenstiel said. “He kind of took charge and I thought he was really good. That is what he has to be for us. He has the ball in his hands a lot, and he creates a lot for us, so hopefully he can build on this game.”

Eudora went on a run of its own to start the third quarter as it went on a 12-2 spurt to grab a five-point lead going into the fourth. The Cardinals would go on to extend the lead to 11 late in the game and the Wildcats couldn’t recover.

Sophomore Julian Margrave had another big game for the Wildcats as he finished with a team-high 21 points and had six rebounds and two blocks. Sophomore Maverick Rockers came off the bench to score nine points, while junior Ben Guetterman pulled down a team-high nine rebounds.

Louisburg will try and bounce back tonight when it travels to Spring Hill in a Frontier League matchup. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

LOU	**15**	**17**	**7**	**19 – 58**
EUD	**17**	**11**	**16**	**21 – 65**

LOUISBURG (5-6): Julian Margrave
9-12 2-3 21; Weston Guetterman 5-16 6-8 16; Maverick Rockers 3-5 0-0 9; Garrett
Rolofson 3-5 0-0 6; Ben Guetterman 2-13 1-1 6. Totals: 22-57 9-12 58. 3-point
field goals: 5, (Rockers 3, B. Guetterman, Margrave)

Lady Cats fall in overtime to Anderson County



Louisburg junior Megan Foote puts up a floater in the lane Tuesday during the Lady Cats' game with Anderson County at Wellsville High School.

WELLSVILLE – Louisburg didn't have
much left in the tank. The same could also be said for Anderson County.

The two teams beat each other up for 32 minutes, then the game went into overtime as both squads played physical in the first round of the Top Gun Tournament on Tuesday in Wellsville.

Whether it was diving for loose balls,
tough defense or fighting for rebounds, Louisburg and Anderson County left it
all on the court. Unfortunately for the Lady Cats, Anderson County made just

one more play.

The Bulldogs made a free throw with 8 seconds left to break the tie and Louisburg's last second shot fell short as the Lady Cats fell 70-69. The loss sends Louisburg to the consolations semifinals where it will face off with Spring Hill at 5 p.m. today in Wellsville.

It was a revenge win of sorts for Anderson County after they Lady Cats defeated them in Louisburg back in December.

Louisburg (6-4) appeared well on their way to a victory early on as the Lady Cats jumped out to an 8-0 lead, but Anderson County battled back and eventually took a 33-29 lead at halftime.

"Anderson County was tough and physical like that the first time," Louisburg coach Shawn Lowry said. "They have improved and their record shows they have been playing well. I think maybe when we got out to that early lead, we had some mentality stuff set in that probably shouldn't set in. The next thing you know we are in a game again and it was back and forth the whole way. We had opportunities to win and had shots at the rim that didn't go in, but that is the way it goes sometimes."

The Bulldogs built an eight-point lead midway through the third quarter, but the Lady Cats were able to rally and

eventually take the lead. Junior Megan Foote connected on four free throws and knocked down a 3-pointer with 15 seconds left in the third to bring the Lady Cats within one.

Right before the end of the quarter, Foote recorded a steal and passed it down the floor to Madilyn Melton and she laid it in for a 48-47 lead.

Anderson County took the lead back again, but Foote put together another run as she scored seven points late in the fourth quarter, including a 3-pointer to tie the game at 62 with 1 minute and 45 seconds left in the game. Foote then had a layup on the team’s next possession and the Lady Cats went up 64-62 with 52 seconds remaining.



Junior Madilyn Melton lays the ball up for two points Tuesday against Anderson County.

The Bulldogs eventually tied the game on a basket with 26 seconds left and the two teams went into overtime.

In the extra period, Melton and junior
Alyse Moore both scored to give Louisburg an early lead. However, with the game
tied with 8 seconds left, Louisburg was called for a foul after both teams dove
for a loose ball.

That sent Anderson County's Cali
Foltz to the line as she made 1 of 2 free throws to give the Bulldogs the lead
for good.

“I thought we started out good, but here is what we have to get away from,” Lowry said. “It can’t be me challenging the kids and then they get tough. They are going to have to collectively get together on that. In the second half, the girls just played their tails off. Every single one of them played their tails off. Both teams had zero gas left and it was just about taking shots. It was a fun overtime high school game, but obviously wish we could have gotten the win there.”

Melton led the Lady Cats in scoring with 22 points and had eight rebounds and five steals. Moore came close to a triple-double as she tallied 21 points, 13 rebounds and she had seven steals. She had 16 of those 21 points in the first half.

Foote finished the game with 15 points and five steals, while Brooklyn Diederich and Melton both led the team with 10 deflections.

Louisburg had a hard time slowing down Anderson County’s inside-outside combo of Rayna Jasper and Foltz. Jasper had a game-high 28 points and was 9-for-10 from the free-throw line, while Foltz finished with 23 points.

Sophomore Delaney Wright found herself on Jasper at the top of the Lady Cats’ zone defense and pressured her all night as Wright played the entire four quarters and overtime.

“I told Delaney if that girl doesn’t

come off the floor then you are not coming off the floor," Lowry said. "If you
are tired, then she is going to be tired too and I think she stayed on the
floor the entire time. I thought we played with toughness and pride out there,
but it just didn't come down to one shot, it came down to a lot of little
things."

Louisburg will try and bounce back
today against Spring Hill and then will play for either fifth or seventh-place
Saturday against Topeka-Hayden or Lansing.

LOU 14 15 19 7 4 – 69

AC 10 23 14 18 5 – 70

LOUISBURG (6-4): Madilyn Melton
8-17 5-9 22; Alyse Moore 8-16 5-7 21; Megan Foote 4-9 5-6 15; Delaney Wright
2-12 2-2 6; Brooklyn Diederich 2-5 0-0 5. Totals: 24-65 17-26 69. 3-point field
goals: 4, (Foote 2, Diederich 1, Melton 1)

Lady Cats fall to No. 4 Baldwin at home



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Baldwin made it tough for Louisburg to defend as the Bulldogs knocked down nine 3-pointers and also used their size inside to score 32 points in the paint.

“Baldwin definitely shot the ball well and complimented that with some strong inside play.” Lowry said. “It challenged us with several defensive rotations and also caused us issues with defending their penetration.”

Melton found a lot of success for the Lady Cats as she scored a team-high 16 points to go along with a team-high eight rebounds and three blocks. Sophomore Jordan Mynsted was next in scoring with seven points and Diederich finished with six.

Louisburg will try and bounce back today when it travels to Wellsville for the Top Gun Tournament. The Lady Cats will tip off at 6:30 p.m. against Anderson County and will also play Thursday and Friday nights.

“Our kids are staying the course and working hard in practice to prepare for the games ahead,” Lowry said. “Games like this provide us good experience and lessons for the stretch run that is ahead of us.”

LOU	**11**	**9**	**9**	**17 – 46**
BAL	**12**	**21**	**14**	**20 –**

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

Wildcats rally to beat No. 1 Seabury for third place at Baldwin



The Louisburg boys basketball team receives its third-place trophy and celebrates its comeback victory over Bishop Seabury on Saturday at the Baldwin Invitational.

BALDWIN CITY – Everything seemed
to be going against the Louisburg boys basketball team.

The Wildcats had to play two games
in a span of six hours, they dealt with foul trouble and found themselves down
15 points in the third quarter to the No. 1 ranked team in

Class 2A in the
third-place game of the Baldwin Invitational.

Not exactly the recipe for a
comeback.

However, that is just what the
Wildcats did.

Louisburg overcame a 15-point
deficit to force overtime, and took advantage of its newfound opportunity, as the
Wildcats pulled away for a 70-63 win over Bishop Seabury for its highest finish
ever in the Baldwin Invitational.

“It was a huge win for us,”
Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. “We knew going into this tournament that
we needed to get a signature win and Seabury is a very, very good team. They
have good guards and they have good post players inside and they were putting
it on us in the first half. We challenged the kids at halftime and questioned
their toughness a little bit because they were able to do whatever they wanted
inside and had 11 offensive rebounds in the first half.

“To me it was all about effort. It
wasn’t that our kids weren’t playing hard, because I think they always do, but
there is another level of effort in us and obviously they showed that in the
second half. They went into an offensive funk and we hit some shots. We had to
take it one possession at time and we did.”

The Wildcats (5-5) whittled away

at the Seabury lead slowly but surely and it started with sophomore Julian
Margrave as he scored 15 of his game-high 26 points in the second half and in
overtime. He also added seven rebounds and two blocks.

Margrave hit a pair of free throws
to cut Seabury’s lead to five heading into the fourth quarter and the Wildcats
started to get its momentum from there.

It was still a five-point deficit
when senior Garrett Rolofson made back-to-back baskets, including one on an
assist from Ben Guetterman to make it 55-54. Then, after another defensive
stop, Guetterman knocked down a 3-pointer with under a minute left to put the
Wildcats up 57-55.

Seabury’s Zach Bloch hit a jumper
to tie the game with just seconds remaining to force overtime, but that didn’t
slow down the Wildcats much.



Junior Ben Guetterman puts up a runner in the lane Saturday against Bishop Seabury.

In the overtime, junior Weston Guetterman drove the lane for a basket to the give the lead right back to Louisburg and the Wildcats wouldn’t let it go. Ben Guetterman made another 3-pointer to increase the lead to five and the Wildcats converted six straight free throws, including four from Margrave, to secure the win.

“It was a great win,” Margrave said. “We were able to come back thanks to a great effort from a lot of guys. Pfannenstiel gave us a good talk at halftime and you could tell he was pretty serious. That really gave us motivation for the second half.

“We needed everyone and everyone showed out, whether it was a big offensive rebound, a defensive rebound, a steal or even just great defense that doesn’t go in the stat book. That is the stuff that helps us win and it is not always about points.”

Ben Guetterman had a big game for the Wildcats despite picking up four fouls in the first half. Ben played sparingly in the third quarter, but finished the game with 19 points and six rebounds.

Margrave and Guetterman were later named to the All-Tournament Team for their performance in their three games at Baldwin.



Members of the Louisburg basketball are (front row, from left)

Maverick Rockers, Michael Seuferling, Ben Guetterman, Weston Guetterman, Michael Waldron, Isaac Guetterman (Back row) Andy Hupp, Konnor Vohs, Connor Koesser, Garrett Rolofson, Charlie Peters and Julian Margrave.

Weston Guetterman also scored in double figures with 13 points, six rebounds and five assists as he and Margrave played nearly the entire game. Rolofson was three assists away from a triple-double for the Wildcats as he finished with 10 points and a team-high 10 rebounds and seven assists.

“In the first half we had decent looks, but the ball just wasn’t going in the basket,” Pfannenstiel said. “We had to execute better in the second half and I thought we did that. Julian was big for us and Ben played really well, especially having to play with some fouls. Overall, I think everyone played to their role and it was a good team win.”

Louisburg has another busy week ahead of itself and it begins today when it travels to Eudora for a make-up contest. The Wildcats will then play Spring Hill and Baldwin on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

LOU 15 6 21 16 12 – 70

SEA 17 17 13 11 5 – 63

LOUISBURG (5-5): Julian Margrave

8-12 7-8 26; Ben Guetterman 7-18 2-2 19; Weston Guetterman 4-10 5-7 13; Garrett
Rolofson 5-8 0-2 10; Charlie Peters 1-1 0-0 2. Totals: 25-56 14-21 70. 3-point
field goals: 6, (B. Guetterman 3, Margrave 3)

Wildcats fall to state-ranked Harmon

Louisburg knew it was going to
have its hands full against Harmon, the No. 3-ranked team in Class 6A, in the
semifinals Saturday morning in the Baldwin Invitational.

Harmon showed why it is considered
one of the best teams in the state.

The Wildcats fell behind early and
could never catch back up as they fell 68-46. Augusta would go on to beat
Harmon in the championship game, 54-46.

Harmon jumped out to a 21-7 lead at
the end of the first quarter and led 36-15 at halftime. It was a start the
Wildcats couldn’t recover from.

Sophomore Julian Margrave led Louisburg
in scoring with 18 points, four rebounds and two steals. Senior Michael Waldron
and junior Charlie Peters each finished with eight points, while Peters had a
team-high seven rebounds.

LOU	**7**	**8**	**16**	**15 – 46**
HAR	**21**	**15**	**17**	**15 – 68**

LOUISBURG: Julian Margrave 8-18

0-0 18; Michael Waldron 4-5 1-1 8; Charlie Peters 4-5 0-0 8; Weston Guetterman
2-9 2-2 6; Michael Seuferling 1-3 0-0 2; Maverick Rockers 1-2 0-1 2; Ben
Guetterman 1-9 0-0 2. Totals: 20-59 3-4 46. 3-point field goals: 3, (Margrave
2, Waldron)

Lady Cats bounce back with league win at Spring Hill



Louisburg sophomore Delaney Wright dives on the floor for a loose ball Wednesday during the Lady Cats' win at Spring Hill High School.

SPRING HILL – Fresh off just its
second setback of the season, the Louisburg girls basketball team wanted to make
sure one loss didn't turn into two.

Thanks to a big second half, the
Lady Cats prevented that from happening.

Louisburg scored 32 points in the second half, including a 17-point fourth quarter and pulled away from Spring Hill, 56-42, on Wednesday at Spring Hill High School. It was a big road victory the Lady Cats were looking for as they improved to 6-2

on the season and 3-1 in Frontier League play.

“Spring Hill is a good team and
they are well-coached,” Louisburg coach Shawn Lowry said. “The stuff they had
prepared for us after they played a lot of games was really good. We always
talk a lot about how we will respond to adversity, and not just in basketball,
but in life as well.

“This was about them learning how
to deal with when things don’t go your way. You can either dust yourself off
and get up, or you can lay down. This group really took that to heart getting
ready for this game and really all three levels did that. They all had great
games and I was really proud of their effort.”

The Lady Cats faced a full-court pressure
defense the entire night, but they were able to make their way through it and
convert on the offensive end. If Louisburg didn’t score, it was able to draw a
foul as it had 33 attempts at the free-throw line.

“We handled it better and Spring
Hill has some athletes on their side as well,” Lowry said. “We did a pretty
good job of handling their pressure for the most part and we were aggressive
after we broke it. It wasn’t enough for us to just break it, we wanted to go
score as well.”

Score they did.

Louisburg took a 24-16 halftime

lead, but came out in the third quarter on a mission. The Lady Cats opened the second half on a 12-2 run to build a 16-point lead thanks to 3-pointers from Brooklyn Diederich and Megan Foote, along with a pair of baskets from Madilyn Melton and free throws from Alyse Moore.

Spring Hill eventually whittled Louisburg’s lead to five late in the third quarter, but the Lady Cats responded again in the fourth. Moore scored nine of the team’s 17 points in the frame as the Lady Cats built up its double digit lead and never looked back.

Moore led all scorers with 18 points and had five rebounds to go along with four steals. Melton also finished in double figures with 14 points and seven rebounds.



Louisburg junior Alyse Moore puts up a shot over two Spring Hill defenders on Wednesday.

“We need them to be more for us
and for them to demand it more and I thought they did some good things for us,”
Lowry said of Moore and Melton. “We are going to look to them, but they have to
put themselves into a position where we can get them the basketball. They can
both be finishers and be tough to defend in the low post and they are getting
better at it.”

Diederich added eight points in the winning effort with a team-high five assists and five steals, while Foote also had eight points, seven rebounds and four assists to help lead the Lady Cats.

On defense, the Lady Cats were active as they forced 30 turnovers and were able to score 20 points off those Spring Hill mistakes. They also recorded 20 steals.

“I liked what I saw from some of the younger kids,” Lowry said. “I thought Delaney Wright and Adyson Ross were solid. The older girls are pretty good about their rotations, but I thought those two were pretty active. Alyse is always all over the place.

“Overall, the girls were just really together and they played for each other. They knew it was an important one to bounce back from what happened against Frontenac. We learned a lot about ourselves.”

Louisburg will try and make it back-to-back league victories when it hosts Baldwin at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday in a make-up contest. Junior varsity will play at 1 p.m.

It will be the start of what is a busy two weeks for the Lady Cats as they will see plenty of tests come their way.

“We are going to have gauntlet coming up and it starts with Baldwin,” Lowry said. “Then we turn around and play three tournament games the next week and then we play

Monday, Tuesday and
Friday the following week. All of those games will be against great teams, but
this is where we want to be. It is the meat of the season and tournament week
is always a fun time.

“We are looking forward to Baldwin
as well with it being a girls only night and all the teams get to play in the
main gym. Our girls are looking forward to the challenge.”

LOU 10 14 15 17 – 56

SH 7 9 17 9 – 42

LOUISBURG (6-2): Alyse Moore 5-9
8-14 18; Madilyn Melton 6-9 2-3 14; Brooklyn Diederich 3-9 0-2 8; Megan Foote
2-8 3-6 8; Delaney Wright 1-4 3-4 6; Haley Cain 0-4 2-4 2. Totals: 17-45 18-33
56. 3-point field goals: 4, (Diederich 2, Wright, Foote)

Wildcats defeat Bishop Ward in tournament opener



Junior Konnor Vohs puts up a shot during Louisburg's tournament opener against Bishop Ward on Tuesday in Baldwin City.

BALDWIN CITY – The Louisburg boys basketball team couldn't have asked for a better start to the Baldwin Invitational on Tuesday and the Wildcats put themselves in position to make a run at the tournament title.

Louisburg, the No. 4 seed, opened play against No. 5 Bishop Ward at Baldwin High School and the Wildcats left no doubt in this one. Louisburg held Bishop Ward to nine first half points and cruised to a 63-25 win over the Cyclones.

The win pushes the Wildcats' record to 4-4 on the season as they advance to the tournament semifinals.

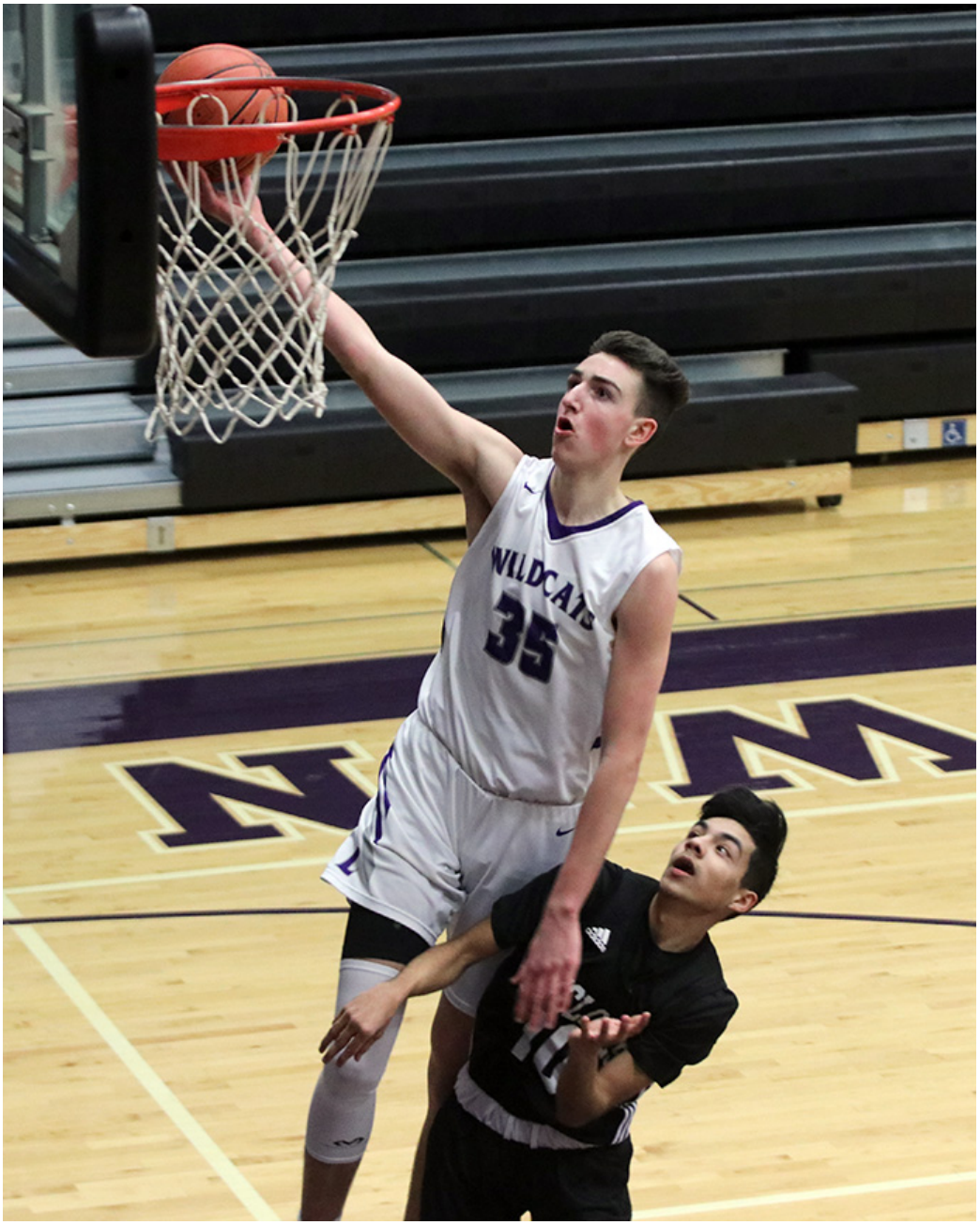
"Our focus was to play a complete game," Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. "We've played well in stretches, but we've yet to be consistent for four quarters. I thought this was our first game we were good on both sides of the ball for four quarters. Hopefully we can build on that."

The Wildcats started on the defensive end as they held Bishop

Ward without point until 15 seconds left in the first quarter. They kept it going throughout the contest and the offense followed suit.

Louisburg took a 16-3 lead at the end of the first quarter and then went on an 18-6 run in the second to go up 34-9 at halftime. The Wildcats added 23 more points in the third quarter and all but sealed the win.

Sophomore Julian Margrave proved to be a mismatch for Ward, especially inside, as he scored a game-high 17 points – 15 of which came in the first half – and was 8-for-11 from the field. He also added a team-high eight rebounds.



Sophomore Julian Margrave lays the ball in for two of his game-high 17 points Tuesday against Bishop Ward.

“Julian had a nice game,” Pfannenstiel said. “He was aggressive offensively and made some big plays. He can really get hot offensively, so hopefully he can keep playing well.”

Everyone got involved in the scoring as Pfannenstiel emptied his bench in the fourth quarter and all 12 players scored for the Wildcats.

Senior Michael Waldron was next with nine points, while senior Garrett Rolofson had seven points, four steals and three blocks. Junior point guard Weston Guetterman had a team-high seven deflections to go along with five steals and four assists.

“It was good to get everyone a good stretch of minutes of varsity action,” Pfannenstiel said. “Our kids practice hard and compete for minutes every day in practice, so it was good to see them all get an opportunity to play.”

The competition will get a lot harder Friday when the Wildcats square off with the tournament’s No. 1 seed, Harmon. Harmon is currently ranked No. 3 in Class 6A and beat Wellsville, 65-29. Tipoff is set for 8:30 p.m.

“Harmon is really athletic and they are a deep team that returns almost everybody from last year,” Pfannenstiel said. “They are the only remaining undefeated 6A team on the east side of the state so we are going to have to be locked in and ready from start to finish. Our kids are excited for the opportunity.”

LOU	**16**	**18**	**23**	**6 — 63**
BW	**3**	**6**	**10**	**6 — 25**

LOUISBURG (4-4): Julian Margrave 8-11 1-1 17; Michael Waldron 4-6 0-0 9; Garrett Rolofson 2-5 3-3 7; Ben

Guetterman 2-4 1-2 6; Michael Seuferling 2-5 0-0 4; Konnor Vohs 2-4 0-0 4;
Maverick Rockers 2-4 0-0 4; Charlie Peters 1-3 2-2 4; Dawson Barnes 1-2 0-0 3;
Weston Guetterman 1-3 0-0 2; Connor Koesser 1-3 0-0 2; Andy Hupp 0-2 1-3 1.
Totals: 26-52 8-11 63. 3-point field goals: 3, (B. Guetterman, Waldron, Barnes)

Louisburg girls lose defensive battle to Frontenac



Junior Megan Foote goes up for a shot during a game earlier this season. The Louisburg girls fell short at home Saturday against Frontenac, 50-45.

The Louisburg and Frontenac girls basketball teams came into Saturday's game wanting to do the same thing – put pressure on the opponent.

It worked on both ends as the two teams combined to force more than 50 turnovers in what was a chaotic contest at Louisburg High School. In the end, Frontenac made just a few more plays.

Despite a late run in the fourth quarter, Louisburg came up short in a 50-45 loss to the Raiders and it is just the second setback for the Lady Cats this season.

Louisburg (5-2) jumped out in front to start the game as it took a 16-11 lead to begin the second quarter.
Unfortunately, the Lady Cats had problems scoring against the Frontenac defense in the next two frames.

Frontenac held Louisburg to a combined 12 points in the second and third quarters and took a 42-28 lead. The Lady Cats didn’t give up as they scored 17 points in the fourth quarter.

Junior Madilyn Melton scored the first four points, junior Megan Foote made a 3-pointer late and junior Alyse Moore scored nine points down the stretch. Moore drove the lane, scored and was fouled to cut the Frontenac lead to two with just seconds left.

Louisburg, however, could get no closer as Frontenac converted at the free-throw line in the final seconds to secure the win.

Moore led the Lady Cats as she recorded a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds to go along with a team-high three steals. Melton also finished with a double-double as she had 13 points, 10 rebounds and three steals.

Junior Brooklyn Diederich was in double figures with 10 points and a team-high eight deflections. Senior Haley Cain added eight rebounds in the loss.

Louisburg will try and get back on
track tonight when it travels to Spring Hill for Frontier League matchup.
Tipoff is set for approximately 7:30 p.m.

LOU 16 5 7 17 – 45

FRON 11 13 18 8 – 50

LOUISBURG (5-2): Alyse Moore 6-14
4-7 16; Madilyn Melton 5-7 3-4 13; Brooklyn Diederich 4-16 0-0 10; Megan Foote
1-6 1-4 4; Delaney Wright 1-6 0-0 2. Totals: 17-58 8-17 45. 3-point field
goals: 3, (Diederich 2, Foote)

Wildcats lose heartbreaker to Frontenac



Louisburg’s Weston Guetterman drives to the basket during a game earlier this season. The Wildcats lost a close game to Frontenac on Saturday, 59-57.

With less than eight minutes left
in the game, the Louisburg boys basketball team was well on its way to a third

straight victory – that was until Frontenac decided to make one final run of
its own.

Frontenac scored 11 straight
points to take the lead, and after Louisburg's Ben Guetterman tied it up on a
3-pointer with 10 seconds left, the Raiders' Hayden Pile scored the game-winner
with two seconds remaining and the Wildcats fell in a 59-57 heartbreaker
Saturday in Louisburg.

It was a back-and-forth affair as the two teams each made runs at each other, but the Raiders were able to deliver the final blow.

"Frontenac is a good team," Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. "They are long at every position, so we knew it would be tough inside. Offensively we were good for 3 quarters, but we were really bad for the first 6 mins of the 4th which ended up being the difference in the game.

"I thought we executed really well the last two minutes and made some big plays to give us a chance. Ben's 3-point shot to tie it up was the biggest shot of the year for us so far. It's too bad we couldn't get a stop and play it out in overtime."

Frontenac struck first as the Raiders took a 16-11 lead after the first quarter, but the Wildcats were able to find a groove offensively in the second and third quarters.

Louisburg (3-4) scored 21 points
in the second quarter and used a 13-4 run to end the first half to take a 32-29
halftime advantage. Michael Waldron and Ben Guetterman hit back-to-back
3-pointers, and a Weston Guetterman layup cut the Frontenac

lead to two.

Ben Guetterman hit his second of four 3-pointers on the night, while Julian Margrave knocked down a basket to give the Wildcats the halftime advantage. Waldron and Ben Guetterman knocked down two more 3-pointers in the third quarter to give the Wildcats a six-point lead late.

Louisburg held a 48-40 lead early in the fourth quarter, but Frontenac went on an 11-0 run to go up 51-48. Louisburg cut the deficit to 57-54 after a pair of Weston Guetterman free throws with 26 seconds left.

After Frontenac missed two free throws, the Wildcats had a chance to tie the game and Ben Guetterman came through as he knocked down a 3-pointer with 10 seconds remaining.

Frontenac called timeout, and then drove the ball down the floor where the Raiders found Pile under the basket for game-winner with two seconds left.

“I thought we played well,” Pfannenstiel said. “It really was a back and forth game all night. We built a little lead there in the third and early fourth, but couldn’t hang on. We’ve got to find ways to stay out of droughts. That hurt us against Bonner and hurt us again.

“It was tough on our kids, but we have to learn from it and move on. We always stress how important every possession is, no matter if it’s in the first, second, third, or fourth quarter. They all add up to the end total and we were one short time time.”

Margrave led all scorers with a

game-high 17 points and led Louisburg with eight rebounds. Ben Guetterman added
14 points in the loss, while Weston Guetterman added 10 to go along with six
rebounds. Waldron added eight points and a team-high four steals.

The Wildcats shot 39 percent for
the game, including seven 3-pointers. They were also 10-for-10 from the
free-throw line.

Louisburg will try and get back on
track today when it travels to the Baldwin Invitational Tournament and will
face off with Bishop Ward in the first round. Tipoff is set for 4 p.m.

LOU 11 21 14 11 — 57

FRON 16 13 11 19 — 59

LOUISBURG (3-4): Julian Margrave
7-15 2-2 17; Ben Guetterman 5-10 0-0 14; Weston Guetterman 3-12 4-4 10; Michael
Waldron 3-7 0-0 8; Garrett Rolofson 2-6 2-2 6; Konnor Vohs 0-1 2-2 2. Totals:
20-52 10-10 57. 3-point field goals: 7, (B. Guetterman 4, Waldron 2, Margrave)

Wildcats hold on for win over Bonner Springs with late free throws



Louisburg senior Michael Waldron drives to the basket against the Bonner Springs defense Tuesday at Louisburg High School.

For more than half of the game, the Louisburg boys basketball team found itself in the driver's seat Tuesday against Bonner Springs.

The Wildcats had a comfortable lead and were well on their way to back-to-back wins to start 2020. In the end, it became a little more interesting than they would have liked.

Bonner Springs cut a 16-point Louisburg lead to just one point with under a minute left, but senior Garrett Rolofson knocked down two free throws with nine seconds left help secure a 46-43 win for the Wildcats at Louisburg High School.

"It is never going to be easy," Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. "At times we looked really, really good and we were really focused – playing free and playing our style of basketball. Whatever it was in the second half, we just went into an offensive funk, started turning the ball over and just

got real sloppy. We made it to where we were in a game again.

“Defensively, I thought we were good all night and I thought it was one of our best games on defense, especially in the first half. We stress that our defense has to be a constant every night. When shots aren’t falling, and your defense is good, then you have a chance. If we can consistently play defense then I think we are going to be alright.”

Louisburg (3-3) went on an 11-4 run in the second quarter to build a 31-15 lead over Bonner Springs and was up 12 points at halftime. The Wildcats maintained that advantage going into the fourth quarter, but the Braves chipped away at the Louisburg lead while the Wildcats went cold offensively.

The Wildcats had several shots rim out, while Bonner Springs used a 10-2 run to eventually cut the Louisburg lead to 44-43 with 46 seconds left. After both teams missed front ends of a one-in-one opportunity, Rolofson was fouled with nine seconds left and had an opportunity to give Louisburg a little cushion.



Sophomore Maverick Rockers makes a pass Tuesday against Bonner Springs.

The Louisburg senior calmly made both opportunities and the Braves couldn't find the bottom of the net in their final trip down the floor.

"Nothing was really going in for us," Pfannenstiel said. "I think we had a layup and three free throws in the fourth quarter and two of those were Rolo's there at the end. We went in a huge drought, and when you don't see the ball go through the hoop, it can get kind of nerve-racking.

"Rolo is a kid that has worked really hard and he has earned his opportunity to take those

shots. I couldn’t think of anyone that I would rather have shooting those shots. I have supreme confidence in what he has done and that was big for him to step up and knock those down.”

Weston Guetterman led the Wildcats with a team-high 13 points and three steals as he played all 32 minutes. Ben Guetterman also scored in double figures with 12, while Julian Margrave had seven points and a team-high nine rebounds.

The Wildcats did a lot of their scoring from behind the arc as they knocked down seven 3-pointers on the night, despite shooting just 36 percent from the field. Still, Louisburg played well offensively in the first half, which forced Bonner Springs to do some different things on defense.

“We moved the ball well, took care of the ball and got them out of their zone,” Pfannenstiel said. “We were expecting to see some zone going into the game, and it is something we haven’t seen a lot of this year. We were hot enough that we were able to get them out of it and I was very pleased with how we played in the first half. But we have to be able to play well for four quarters if we are going to have a chance the rest of the way. Our goal is to continue to build and that is what we are doing.”

Louisburg will try for its third straight win Saturday when it hosts Frontenac in a make-up game from earlier in the season. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

LOU	**15**	**18**	**8**	**5 – 46**
BON	**11**	**10**	**8**	**14 – 43**

LOUISBURG (3-3): Weston Guetterman
3-6 5-10 13; Ben Guetterman 5-13 0-1 12; Julian Margrave 3-6 0-0 7; Michael
Waldron 2-10 0-0 6; Garrett Rolofson 1-4 2-3 4; Maverick Rockers 1-2 0-0 2;
Connor Koesser 1-3 0-0 2. Totals: 16-45 7-14 46. 3-point field goals: 7, (W.
Guetterman 2, B. Guetterman 2, Waldron 2, Margrave)

Lady Cats catch fire in win over Bonner Springs



Junior Madilyn Melton drives past a Bonner Springs defender Tuesday during the Lady Cats' 52-34 win over the Braves.

From the opening tip, it was
obvious that the night was going to belong to the Louisburg girls basketball
team.

On Tuesday against Bonner Springs,

the Lady Cats scored 14 of the first 16 points and used that start to roll the
Braves, 52-34, at Louisburg High School.

In what was one of their best shooting nights of the young season, mixed in with good defense, the No. 10-ranked Lady Cats were able to move their record to 5-1 on the season.

“Bonner is young, athletic and
their coach does a really good job with his girls, but I am also proud of the
way we responded against that,” Louisburg coach Shawn Lowry said. “There were
times where it was really physical and I thought that we responded well to that
and I thought our confidence was good too. At some point, this group is going
to have to start believing what they can be this year.”

The Lady Cats certainly believed Tuesday
as they shot 44 percent from floor and knocked down a season-high eight
3-pointers, despite only going 4-for-14 from the free-throw line. Louisburg
came out strong as it opened the game on a 14-2 run.

Bonner Springs made a run back to
cut it to a two-point advantage to start the second quarter, but the Lady Cats
ended the first half on an 8-2 spurt to take a 25-17 halftime lead. The Braves
would get no closer.

Madilyn Melton led the Lady Cats
in scoring as the Louisburg junior finished with a team-high 12 points and
seven rebounds, to go along with six deflections and three steals. Juniors

Alyse Moore and Megan Foote added nine points in the win.



Brooklyn Diederich goes in for a layup Tuesday against Bonner Springs at Louisburg High School.

Senior Haley Cain came off the bench to also score nine points, all of which came from behind the 3-point line. Cain also had a team-high four assists.

“I think it is credit to the girls putting in the work,” Lowry said of his team’s offensive success. “They are staying after practice and coming in on the weekends on their own and shooting. This is a group that can be a good shooting team.

“I really thought Haley came off the bench and gave us a nice spark and it was great leadership from her. I am really proud of what she did.”

Louisburg also shined defensively at times as it shut down Bonner Springs' inside game and forced 26 turnovers thanks to the Lady Cats' aggressive zone defense. Those turnovers turned into 25 points for the Lady Cats as they made it difficult for the Braves.

"We didn't slow them down much inside at the beginning, but we made some adjustments and that really helped," Lowry said. "I have to give credit to the girls because they responded to the adjustments what we needed to make. They were communicating with each other and talking on defense. That really was the difference. I made some adjustments, but it was them talking that was the biggest part of that."

The schedule will get a lot tougher for the Lady Cats beginning tomorrow. It will be a battle of ranked teams as No. 10 Louisburg hosts No. 4 Baldwin (7-1) at 6 p.m. Friday in a Frontier League matchup.

Louisburg will then turnaround Saturday to host Frontenac in a makeup contest. Tipoff for that game is set for 4:30 p.m.

"We want to be 6-1 after Friday and we have to play a good Baldwin team on our home floor," Lowry said. "We are excited to play that game and that is the mentality that this group has right now.

“Baldwin is a fantastic team from
coaching to players, and top to bottom they have such a great program. It is
going to be extremely hard and we are going to have to prepare with that in
mind. We can’t even think about Saturday’s game against Frontenac and we have
to be all in with Baldwin on Friday.”

LOU	**17**	**8**	**19**	**8 – 52**
BON	**12**	**5**	**12**	**5 – 34**

LOUISBURG (5-1): Madilyn Melton
5-8 2-6 12; Haley Cain 3-7 0-0 9; Alyse Moore 3-7 1-2 9; Megan Foote 4-7 0-2 9;
Delaney Wright 2-4 0-2 5; Brooklyn Diederich 2-10 0-0 5; Sydni Keagle 1-1 0-0
2; Jordan Mynsted 0-0 1-2 1. Totals: 20-46 4-14 52. 3-point field goals: 8,
(Cain 3, Moore 2, Wright, Diederich, Foote)