

Lady Jackets excel in region with 86-45 win

**By Rebecca Mullins
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WHESTER - Lady assistants may rule the humanitarian realm of society, but in the preliminary rounds of the girls' state tournament, the Lady Saints of Saint Patrick in Mayville have had some of their power.

The Lady Saints REULE' motto to be a little outdated at the 10th Region semifinals Monday night by winning the game by a 41-point margin.

The final score was a large 86-45 win for Nicholas County's wonder team.

A good deal of the credit in this game had to go to Kim Denkins, who brought the Lady Jackets into a strong lead when she was placed second in a game in the back and after a short respite in the first quarter.

Denkins scored 16 points, ending her point total from the line. She finished the game with 18 points.

Christie Hatten, another bright player on the team, was another key player in challenging the win. She was the lead scorer of the evening with 22 points in the game.

The Lady Jackets weren't holding their own large lead over their opponents in the first quarter of the game against St. Patrick. The score at the end of the first half Nicholas County at a small 12-25 advantage.

But that all changed by the end of the second quarter after four hits by Denkins and her colleague, Michelle Hopkins, who scored a two-pointer at 0:58 in second and took Denkins' rebound to score two in a 'hup at 0:47.

The team, although always very powerful on the court, played amazingly well Monday night, considering they only six of its players, Nikki Smoot and Renee Linville,

and its coach, Barbara Kenney, were ill. Kenney and Linville were unable to attend the game. Smoot, however, played all of the game except some of the third quarter. She finished with 33 points.

Hatten made one of her famous three at 7:33. St. Patrick took the rebound, but failed to notice Hatten coming through their offensive net-work. She stole the ball, was fouled, and scored one at the line for a score of 39-21.

She impressed the team's fans again at 6:12 when she made two points with a long jumper. A little more than a minute later, she scored another two-pointer to bring the Jackets to a 50-23 lead.

Following a one-point shot from the line by Tara George at 5:58 in the third, the lead reached 59-36 for the Lady

Jackets. George was fouled as she stole the ball and attempted to score a layup.

Tanya Livingston experienced a situation at 1:21 in the third at the end of the second quarter when she scored one-of-two from the charity stripe.

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The fourth quarter also began on a good note for the Lady Jackets when Hopkins scored a layup hit at 7:42. The Saints fell further behind the team's 66-32 lead.

Following a hit scored on the Harrison County Ladies 66-31 in the district finals to claim their trophy, leaving the Fillies with the runner-up spot in the finals.

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Friday night's game once again was Kim Denkins. Denkins, the tallest player on both teams, reached up 15 points in the paint.

The team kept the Fillies blinded from the floor at throughout the game with full-court pressure.

Denkins never failed to get the rebound and Nikki Smoot, Christie Hatten and Elizabeth Schandling always managed to get it down court to work a fast break or a layup for a two-pointer.

One of the examples of successful team play was in the last two seconds of the first quarter, when Christie Hatten scored a two to bring the Lady Jackets to an 18-15 lead.

Michelle Hopkins took the net rebound, and scored two in a layup at 7:22. Fouling in motion at the net, Hopkins went to the line and shot one for a 21-15 Jackets' advantage.

Smoot took the rebound at 1:48 and darted toward the goal, leaving her body into the air and scoring two points.

At 20:10 in the game, Tara George made a short jump at the goal and sailed one in, ending the game on a seemingly unquenchable 86-45 Jackets' lead by the half.

Linville ran up to the goal and made two with a jumper at 6:17 to bring the lead to 79-34.

The junior varsity team took most of the shots remaining in the game, and together, scored 16 more points by the end of the game.

Scoring and stats: Hatten, 25 points, seven rebounds, two steals, five assists; Smoot, 10 points, one rebound, one steal, two assists; Denkins, 16 points, eight rebounds, six steals, three assists; Elizabeth Schandling, four points, one rebound, two steals, six assists; Hopkins, 10 points, eight rebounds, one steal, six assists; Livingston, nine points, one rebound, four steals, one assist; Willoughby, four points, one rebound; Alicia Sibert, three points, one rebound, one assist; Melanie Jones, two points, one rebound; Kaye Ko Takamura, two steals, one rebound, one assist; Tara George, three points, two steals, one rebound; Tina Fryman, three points.



Kim Denkins and Christie Hatten made it hard on the Harrison County Ladies as she attempted a two-point shot during the final of the 27th District Tournament Friday.

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Girls win district tourney again for "auld lang syne"

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PARIS - The Nicholas County Lady Jackets won the 27th District Tournament for the third time in history last Friday night at Bourbon County High School.

The team will hold a 300-second when going against the St. Patrick Lady Shamrocks in 10th regional action at George Rogers Clark Monday night.

The Lady Jackets wiped out the Harrison County Ladies 66-31 in the district finals to claim their trophy, leaving the Fillies with the runner-up spot in the finals.

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