

COUNTY CLASH



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Tiger point guard Jamal Gentry draws heavy contact and is fouled on a layup attempt.



ABOVE: Jayden Hart settles in for a free throw attempt in the first half. He led all scorers with 19 points on Tuesday.



RIGHT: Gage Lovell attempts a lob shot against the Tigers on Tuesday night.

Tigers weather pesky Bulldogs, pull away late

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CORNERSVILLE — For the better part of three and a half quarters, the Cornersville Bulldogs hung tough against the up-tempo pace by the Marshall County Tigers during Tuesday night's in-county clash.

While the Bulldogs were able to keep the game within a possession or two at multiple points in the second half, eventually the Tigers were able to capitalize off several turnovers and coast to a 64-44 win

over Cornersville.

"That was the big thing. We really tried to pick up the tempo and wanted to trap and get into a transition game, instead of get into a half court game. That's one thing we do well in is transition, from transition offense to transition defense," Tiger coach Lavon King said.

Marshall County pushed the pace early, but the up-tempo pace, coupled with a pressure defense, led to early foul issues that forced King to turn to the depth on the bench rather early.

Despite a 6-0 Tiger

run to start the second quarter, Cornersville hung tough and with a timely three-pointer by Levi Mitchell in the closing seconds, the Bulldogs closed within two possessions by half-time.

That back-and fourth trend continued into the third quarter with the Tigers managing to out-score their hosts just 14-11 in the third period.

"We hung in there. In the first half, I thought we ended on a good note and had a big three at the end of the half. In the third quarter, we

had it down to two or three and then we had some turnovers and they ended up taking a pretty big lead at that point," Cornersville coach Dakota Brown said.

After a basket by Ben Franklin pulled Cornersville within four points with 50 seconds left in the third, the Tigers answered with back-to-back baskets by Aja Jones to bump the advantage to eight points by the end of the third.

Marshall County stretched its lead to double figures by open-

ing the fourth quarter on an 8-1 run to take a 15-point lead with 5:45 left in regulation.

In the monster fourth, the Tigers piled on 22 points to close out the 20-point margin of victory.

While the final score leaned heavily in favor of the Tigers, the game was never truly out of reach for Cornersville for much of regulation.

Leaning on the efforts of Gage Lovell, Cornersville remained well within striking distance of the Tigers' lead for much of regulation.

"He's been big for us

all season. He's a heck of a ball handler. He's sort of the soul of us right now. He had a big night. I was proud of how he handled the pressure—I was proud of the way my kids handled the pressure. I thought they all did a pretty good job of handling what they threw at us all night," Brown said.

Lovell, along with Hayden Grover, led the home team with 12 points apiece.

For the Tigers, the efforts of point guard Jamal Gentry, and scoring efforts of Jayden Hart,

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Gentry leads Lady 'Dawgs past Tigerettes

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CORNERSVILLE — Ady Gentry went for 19 points and the Cornersville Lady Bulldogs rallied from a slim half-time deficit to defeat their rivals from Lewisburg on Tuesday night, 43-36.

"She (Gentry) was huge tonight scoring and rebounding. I love the way she played," Cornersville coach Hayden McMahon said.

"She was a difference maker. We did a pretty good job on Wood and Polk, but not good enough on her. We just have to be a little better on post defense. Offensively we have to make better decisions. Even after the bad third quarter, we had a chance. We just weren't consistent enough," Marshall County coach David Steely said.

Cornersville jumped out to the 11-7 lead after the first frame, but saw the Tigerettes rally behind a 14-point second frame, with nine combined points from Janelle Ridley and Kayla Keiler.

With five seconds to go in the half and the score deadlocked at 18, it was Caroline Hollingsworth who drilled a three-pointer from the wing to give Marshall County a three-point lead at the intermission.

That lead didn't hold for long as the Lady Bulldogs were able orchestrate a 14-3 run through the first six minutes of the frame.

aged just one shot from the floor, a basket by Hollingsworth with 5:55 left in the third, through the first six minutes of the quarter.

Cornersville on the other hand was able to get three treys in the quarter from Anna Wood, Jayli Childress and Katie Powers.

That perimeter shooting spurred on a 16-point quarter and gave the Lady 'Dawgs a cushion on the scoreboard.

"We weren't really making many shots in the first half but we came in the locker room and adjusted. We were a little flat in the second quarter, but then scored 16 in that third quarter. I thought that was big for us," McMahon said.

"They swung hard at

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ABOVE LEFT: Ady Gentry pulls up for a shot for the Lady Bulldogs. She led all scorers with 19 points.

ABOVE RIGHT: Alicia Polk flies to the rim and caps a fast break with a layup.

LEFT: Anna Wood battles through the Tigerette defense and goes up for two.

