

# Rockets can't corral Eagles' Goers in loss

Tribune Staff Report

EAGLEVILLE — A second-quarter charge by Forrest to capture a lead by halftime didn't hold in the second half as Eagleville's C.J. Goers rattled loose for 27 points and the Eagles were able to down the Rockets, 59-52.

Things got off to a bit of a sluggish start for the Rockets, who only managed eight points, including just two field goals in the opening quarter.

One of those shots from the floor came from the perimeter courtesy of Davin Porter, yet Eagleville was able to spread its offense in the opening period among five players to take a 12-8 lead after the first eight minutes.

That early Eagleville lead didn't hold as Forrest rallied around Bray McCown and Jimmy Bond, who combined for 10 of the Rockets' 19 points in the second to take a slim, one-point lead into the half.

Goers countered the Rocket attack with nine of his game-high 27 points in the quarter.

While the Rockets

battled back in the second quarter, in the second half, the Eagles were able to lean on Goers, who scored 25 points, including a barrage of treys.

Forrest was never truly out of striking range and by the end of the third, Eagleville managed to cling to just a 41-37 lead.

Forrest nearly matched Eagleville's offensive production in the fourth, but it was an 8-for-12 effort at the charity stripe that secured the seven-point win for the hosts.

Goers was the only Eagle to reach double figures, as he led all scorers with 27 points, while Ben Villazon and Porter combined for 24 to lead the Rocket charge.

Forrest will be back on its home court on Friday evening, hosting Cornersville at 7:30 p.m.

Forrest	8	19	10	15	— 52
Eagleville	12	14	15	18	— 59

Forrest: Ben Villazon 13, Davin Porter 11, Bray McCown 9, Jimmy Bond 8, Ryan Meglis 7, Josh Rumley 4.  
Eagleville: C.J. Goers 27, Rhett Deaton 9, Camden Cole 9, Isaac Gazaway 6, James Bega 4, Jordan Reed 2, Brady Burns 2.  
3-Point goals: Forrest (5): Porter 2, Bond, McCown, Villazon; Eagleville (5): Goers 4, Deaton.  
Halftime score: Forrest 27, Eagleville 26.

# Lady Rockets can't match Eagleville's offensive output

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EAGLEVILLE — In a backyard, non-district tussle against Eagleville on Tuesday night, the Forrest Lady Rockets struggled to match the Lady Eagles' offensive production and took a tough on the chin, falling 61-35.

Forrest held pace with their hosts through much of the first half, with Eagleville clinging to a five-point, 14-9 lead after the first period of play.

The Lady Eagles put five players in the scoring column in the opening period, while Forrest nearly matched the output with four scoring, highlighted by a three-pointer by Carli Warner.

The second quarter is where the game turned in heavily in favor of Eagleville, as the Lady Eagles charged to the intermission on a 17-2 run, with Forrest's lone bucket coming courtesy of Macyn Kirby.

Eliza McLaran led the Lady Eagle charge, banking seven of her game-high 21 points in the quarter to lead Eagleville to a 31-11 lead at the half.

Forrest did pick up the steam in the second half and Kinslee Inlow got hot from the perimeter, sinking four, second-half three-pointers.

Still, Eagleville never relinquished the lead and held strong for the big victory.

Inlow was the lone Lady Rocket to reach double figures, scoring 14 points, while Kirby chipped in nine.

Forrest looks to right the ship on Friday night as the Lady Rockets host their rival to the south Cornersville at 6 p.m. in Chapel Hill.

Forrest	9	2	12	12	— 35
Eagleville	14	17	16	14	— 61

Forrest: Kinslee Inlow 14, Macyn Kirby 9, Carli Warner 7, Josie Brown 2, Samantha Hopkins 2, Anna Raburn.  
Eagleville: Eliza McLaran 21, Izzy Sawyer 13, Alex Klarer 10, Brinli Bain 8, Shelby Mooneyham 5, Aubrey Merritt 2.  
3-Point goals: Forrest (5): Inlow 4, Warner; Eagleville (4): McLaran 3, Mooneyham.  
Halftime score: Eagleville 31, Forrest 11.

# Tiger doesn't 'have much left in this leg' to compete

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NASSAU, Bahamas — Tiger Woods painted an uncertain picture about how much golf he can play, saying Tuesday that "I don't have much left in this leg."

He also doesn't have much hope the PGA Tour and the Saudi-funded rival league can get along unless Greg Norman is out as LIV Golf's leader.

"Not right now. Not with their leadership. Not with Greg there and his animosity toward the tour itself," Woods said. "I don't see that happening."

Rory McIlroy also said in Dubai two weeks ago that Norman needs to "exit stage left" before there can be any meaningful discussions between the PGA Tour and LIV Golf.

Woods artfully skirted around other questions on Tuesday, such as details on two unexpected surgeries he had last year and whether the 20-man field

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Tiger coach Lavon King huddles with his team during a second-half timeout.

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## Tigers

(Continued from Page 1B) helped guide the visitors to the win against their in-county opponents.

"Jamal really does a great job of applying pressure to the opposing team's point guard and creating havoc. It's really hard for them to get into an offensive set when he's pressuring and playing defense without fouling. That's huge," King said.

Hart led the way with 19 points to lead all scorers, while Jones also hit double figures and added 13. Gentry chipped in eight as well.

With the earlier foul trouble, King had to lean on the depth of his bench to bridge the gap to halftime until the second half, when the Tigers were able to once again execute their pressure defense and create extra possessions and points in transition.

"We have a lot of guys I feel like who can come in and contribute, whether it's from two minutes to eight or 10. That's one of those things we're hoping to continue—just trying to make our defense and our depth a little bit stronger for district



Carter Neat is fouled on a layup attempt following a Marshall County turnover.

play after Christmas," King said.

Cornersville had a decisive size advantage in the post that allowed the Bulldogs to crash the boards and limit Marshall County at points to single-shot possessions, but feeding the post to create offense was an inconsistency at best.

"I felt like we didn't do as good of a job getting the ball inside to

our post players. We had some opportunities to do that, but we just didn't get the ball inside enough to get some easy buckets," Brown said.

While the game plan of attacking the post didn't result in as many points as Brown would have liked, the Bulldogs still stood their ground against an athletic Tiger squad for the bulk of regulation.

And playing an athletic team like Marshall County that wants to press the pace up and down the court was a positive for the Bulldogs and their first-year head coach.

"You want to play good competition and good teams this time of year. We're definitely doing that playing them. They have a good group over there," Brown said.

Like Brown, King was complimentary of the Bulldogs' tenacity and their refusal to simply lay down and quit.

"For us right now, any win is a good win. It's nice to come out with a win and those kids played hard. They weren't backing down. It was a fun experience with the atmosphere," he said.

Both squads are back in action later this week, with Marshall County hosting Glencliff on Friday night, while the Bulldogs travel north to face rival Forrest in Chapel Hill.

Marshall Co.	17	11	14	22	— 64
Cornersville	12	11	11	10	— 44

Marshall Co.: Jayden Hart 19, Aja Jones 13, Jamal Gentry 8, Kintarius Morris 8, Jabrae Howard 8, Marquay Allen 4, Montai Vaughn 2, Jayden Randolph 2.  
Cornersville: Hayden Grover 12, Gage Lovell 12, Ben Franklin 6, Carter Neat 5, Blaine Woodard 4, Levi Mitchell 3, Kale Adcox 2.  
3-Point goals: Marshall Co. (5): Gentry 2, Jones, Morris, Howard; Cornersville (3): Lovell, Woodard, Mitchell.  
Halftime score: Marshall Co. 28, Cornersville 23.

## 'Dawgs

(Continued from Page 1B) us at the end of the second quarter and then we came back out and swung back at them in the third quarter."

But even with the several possession lead at multiple points in the second half, the lead never truly felt safe as Marshall County continued to make shots.

"Even there late, we hit a three and cut it to three, but we tried to jump in a press and they got an easy shot. That was kind of it. They played better than us. They have a good team and know what they do in their roles. We get another shot when they come to Lewisburg. We'll be ready," Steely said.

Genty's 19 points led five Lady Bulldogs in scoring, while Mashawna Ridley led the Tigerettes with 11 points.

The two teams meet again on December 15 for their second meeting this season in Lewisburg.

On Friday, the Tigerettes will host Glencliff in Lewisburg, while the Lady 'Dawgs travel north to face their rivals from Chapel Hill for a 6 p.m. tip-off at Forrest.



ABOVE LEFT: Mashawna Ridley draws heavy contact as she fights her way to the rim.

ABOVE RIGHT: Kayla Keiler sets up the Tigerette offense in the half court.

LEFT: Caroline Hollingsworth pulls up and drills a three-pointer to give the Tigerettes a slim lead at the half.



Marshall Co.	7	14	7	8	— 36
Cornersville	11	7	16	9	— 43

Marshall Co.: Mashawna Ridley 11, Caroline Hollingsworth 8, Jachelle Ridley 7, Kayla Keiler 5, Maggie Steely 3, Demiyah Blackman 2.  
Cornersville: Ady Gentry 19, Alicia Polk 8, Jayli Childress 7, Anna Wood 6, Katie Powers 3.  
3-Point goals: Cornersville (4): Wood, Childress, Powers, Gentry; Marshall Co. (6): M. Ridley 2, Hollingsworth 2, Keiler, Steely.  
Halftime score: Marshall Co. 21, Cornersville 18.