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going to be a perfect fit at Tennessee Tech because of his work ethic. He's going to get even better when he gets up there. I'm just looking forward to seeing what he can do at the next level."

While it was the words of advice that helped Swift make his decision, another factor into the equation was the fact he would be able to pursue an engineering degree.

"One of the other reasons I picked Tech was is because they have a great engineering program. I'm really excited I get to study civil engineering and hopefully earn my bachelors degree," he said.

Swift has been playing football for the better part of 13 years, and with his signing complete, has secured a spot at the collegiate level.

"I've been playing for about 13 years. I started out at Liberty and my dad was a coach. It's been a process to end up at three different schools and work your way up to play as a freshman," he said.

Throughout all the games and memories he's collected playing football, Swift said the ultimate drive he's had in the game was also one of the biggest landmark memories he's had.

"Honestly the stand out of my high school career was the game after I found out my mom had breast cancer. That season, it pushed me a lot farther," he said.

Swift will report to Cookeville next summer for preseason.



Maggie Steely takes aim at a corner three-pointer.



Alicia Polk fires off a jumper for the Lady 'Dawgs. She led Cornersville with 10 points.

Tigerettes

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look inside. I'm not sure when the last time we scored 12 in a half was," Lady Bulldog coach Hayden McMahon said.

"We fought hard at the end. We should have come out fighting hard like that. We've got to play the whole game like that."

Alicia Polk led Cornersville with 10 points, while Mashawna Ridley totaled 12 to pace the Tigerettes.

Kayla Keiler added 11 for the winners as well.

Cornersville gets a break until the new year when the Lady Bulldogs will travel to Wayne County, while the Tigerettes host the Marshall County Classic this week.

Cornersville 8 4 7 12 - 31
Marshall Co. 8 11 7 9 - 34



Demiyah Blackman goes up for two against Cornersville.

Cornersville: Alicia Polk 10, Camille Franklin 8, Ady Gentry 7, Jayli Childress 2, Annabelle Mulliniks 2, Abigail Finley 2, Marshall Co.: Mashawna Ridley 12, Kayla Keiler 11, Demiyah Blackman 5, JAchelle

Ridley 3, Adrianna White 2, Maggie Steely 2, 3-Point goals: Marshall Co. (4): M. Ridley 2, Keiler 2; Cornersville (1): Polk. Halftime score: Marshall Co. 19, Cornersville 12.



Annabelle Mulliniks splits the Tigerette defense and battles her way to the rim.



Kel Ford takes aim and drills a three-pointer. He led the Bulldogs with 11 points.



Hayden Grover pulls up for a jumper for the Bulldogs.



Ben Franklin (0) gets his fingertips on a rebound and wins a possession for Cornersville.

Tigers

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good that other guys stepped up and took his point production," King said.

In addition to Hart taking control in the second period, sophomore Aja Jones also cracked into double figures and helped fill the point total for the Tigers.

"That's the good thing about playing a lot of kids, we can go in swarms, press the ball and force some turnovers. That's the good thing as far as what we try to do in forcing turnovers and getting it into an up and down game," King said.

With Hart leading the way, eventually, the Tigers' depth began to wear down the Bulldogs in the third quarter.

"I thought the third quarter, we really took control of the game and kind of stretched it out a bit," King added.

After Marshall County built a 27-15 lead at the half, the key focus for Cornersville was feeding big man Kel Ford in the low post.



Marcus O'Neal draws heavy contact on his way to the basket.

"We talked about trying to use our size to an advantage. I thought we did so at times, although there were times we didn't do as good of a job. We also didn't knock down those

outside shots we needed to open things up," Brown said.

He was able to attack from the paint and draw several fouls, but only connected on 1-of-5 free throw attempts in the



Montai Vaughn drives to the rim for the Tigers.

period.

Ford was the only Bulldog to reach double figures, as he posted an 11-point night.

The Bulldogs get a bit of a break until they

travel to Wayne County on January 3, while the Tigers will host the Marshall County Classic this week.

Cornersville 6 9 8 8 - 32
Marshall Co. 10 17 12 14 - 53

Cornersville: Kel Ford 11, Blaine Woodard 7, Hayden Grover 6, Gage Lovell 5, Carter Neat 3, Marshall Co.: Jayden Hart 22, Aja Jones 12, Markel Harris 5, Jabrae Howard 4, Jamahl Gentry 4, Marcus O'Neal 3, Marquay Allen 2, Markese Davis. 3-Point goals: Marshall Co. (3): Howard Gentry, Howard; Cornersville (2): Ford Neat. Halftime score: Marshall Co. 27, Cornersville 15.

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