

Lady Rockets can't keep hot start vs. Moore Co.

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CHAPEL HILL — A fantastic start by the Forrest Lady Rockets couldn't hold through the final three quarters, despite a season-best performance by Macyn Kirby, against the Moore County Raiderettes on Tuesday night.

The Lady Rockets held Moore County to a single basket in the opening quarter and led by double figures, but in the end, fell, 47-40.

In the opening quarter, everything fell the Lady Rockets' way, from controlling the glass with rebounds, to forcing Raiderette turnovers, everything was going the home team's way.

Senior Macyn Kirby flashed the hot hand early and knocked down nine of her game-high 26 points in the opening frame, including one of her four made three-pointers.

Moore County's lone basket came from Ellie Graham with 5:45 left in the quarter.

From there, Forrest went on an 8-0 run, highlighted by a three-point play by Kinslee Inlow as she fouled going to the basket and made the shot.

But the game turned on a dime as Moore County opened the second quarter on a 13-3 run, with Forrest's lone points coming on a trey by Inlow at the 6:39 mark.

Forrest didn't manage another basket un-



Macyn Kirby drives to the rim and finishes with a layup for the Lady Rockets. Kirby led all scorers with 26 points.

til Kirby connected on a short jumper with 48 seconds left in the frame.

Even with the surge,

Forrest held a 19-17 lead at the half.

The game began to spiral out of hand as the Raiderettes went for

19 in the third quarter.

Even on a 19-10 run through the third period, Forrest was still in the game and managed



Kinslee Inlow takes aim and fires a three-pointer. She scored 10 points against the Raiderettes.

to cut the Raiderette lead to one possession after Inlow hit a jumper with 5:13 to go in the game.

But after Inlow's shot, it was Moore County's Madison Dingler who delivered on back-to-back steals resulting in layups that pushed the game back to eight points with three minutes to go.

Forrest didn't manage another shot from the floor until Kirby struck with a trey with nine seconds left in regulation.

Kirby put the Lady Rockets on her back and posted a game-high 26 points, while Inlow added 10.

The Lady Rockets will open District 7-AA play on Friday night at Grundy County at 6 p.m.

Moore Co.	2	15	19	11	—	47
Forrest	14	5	10	11	—	40

Moore Co.: Madison Dingler 18, Ellie Graham 10, Macy Fletcher 8, Paisley Logan 7, Anna Harder 3, Katy Fletcher.
Forrest: Macyn Kirby 26, Kinslee Inlow 10, Megan Mealer 3, Kaylin Pope.
3-Point goals: Forrest (5): Kirby 4, Inlow; Moore Co. (3): Dingler 2, Logan.
Halftime score: Forrest 19, Moore Co. 17.



Mason Harper pulls up for a baseline jumper in the first quarter. He led the Rockets with 11 points.



Josh Rumley looks up the court after hauling in a rebound against Moore County.

Raiders out-duel Rockets in low scoring affair

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CHAPEL HILL — Offense was a struggle for the Forrest Rockets as Moore County was able to score just enough in the middle quarters and hold on for a 43-35 win on Tuesday night.

Neither team was able to gain much traction in the first quarter, as the two teams combined for just 15 points in the frame.

Moore County's Peyton Martin broke a 5-5 score with 2:32 left in the quarter as he was fouled and

connected on a basket and hit the ensuing free throw to put the Raiders on top, 8-5.

Mason Harper connected on a jumper with 25 seconds left in the frame to pull the Rockets within one.

In the second quarter, the Raiders doubled up the Rockets on a 10-5 run, with Martin providing the bulk of the damage from the paint.

He scored five, while Forrest's only field goal in the quarter came on a three-pointer by Harper with 5:20 left in the half.

Not much changed

in the third quarter as Moore County added 10 more, while the Rockets struggled to find open looks from the floor.

The game turned into a free throw contest in the fourth quarter with a plethora of fouls being committed, sending both teams to the line.

Josh Rumley scored six points in the quarter, including a 3-of-4 effort at the charity stripe to lead the Rockets in the final frame.

As a team, Forrest shot 8-of-11 free throw attempts in the fourth and went 10-for-15 in the

game.

Moore County on the other hand went 7-of-13 in the fourth and finished 9-for-14 overall.

Martin led the winners with 17 points, while Harper was the lone Rocket to reach double figures with 11 points.

Forrest will open District 7-AA play on Friday night at Grundy County.

Moore Co.	8	10	10	15	—	43
Forrest	7	5	6	17	—	35

Moore Co.: Peyton Martin 17, Will Baker 8, Alex Copeland 8, Dawson White 5, Brantley Hill 3, Wes Clifton 2.
Forrest: Mason Harper 11, Ryan Meglis 7, Josh Rumley 6, Ben Villazon 4, Davin Porter 4, Bray McCown 3.
3-Point goals: Moore Co. (2): Hill, Baker; Forrest (2): Harper, Rumley.
Halftime score: Moore Co. 18, Forrest 12.

NFL balances emotions, tight schedule after Hamlin shock

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The NFL pushed ahead Tuesday with a difficult balancing act, navigating players' emotions after Buffalo safety Damar Hamlin's shocking cardiac arrest with a tight playoff schedule and emphasizing Hamlin's health was its main focus.

The league informed the Buffalo Bills and Cincinnati Bengals that their game, suspended Monday night, would not be resumed this week while the Week 18 schedule remained unchanged, for now.

No decision regarding the possible resumption of the pivotal Bills-Bengals game has been made. The game was suspended in the first quarter when Hamlin suffered the cardiac arrest after making a tackle.

The 24-year-old Hamlin remained in critical condition a day after the Bills said his heart stopped following the seemingly routine play. Hamlin tackled Bengals wide receiver Tee Higgins, who led with his shoulder, then briefly got up before collapsing.

Medical staff restored his heartbeat during frantic moments on the field before he was loaded into an ambulance. Players from both teams were crying and praying during an emotional scene in front of a national television audience.

"Damar experienced cardiac arrest and was promptly resuscitated by on-site club physicians and independent medical personnel, all of whom are highly trained in implementing the plans for medical emergencies," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said in a letter sent to all teams, and obtained by The Associated Press. "Damar was stabilized and transported to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, a Level One trauma center, where he remains in the ICU."

Hamlin's uncle, Dorrian Glenn, told CNN and other outlets that Hamlin had to have his heart re-started twice — once on the field, and again after he arrived at the hospital. He said there were some encouraging signs for his nephew on Tuesday, such as doctors lowering the level of oxygen Hamlin needs from 100% to 50%.

Goodell informed the clubs that Dr. Nyaka NiiLampti had sent each team's clinician and head of player engagement information about mental health and support resources

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