

Tigerettes can't hold lead vs. Lawrence Co.



Caroline Hollingsworth of the Tigerettes looks for the open teammate.

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LEWISBURG — The Marshall County Tigerettes held the Lawrence County Lady Wildcats scoreless for seven minutes and used a 7-0 run to maintain the lead midway through the second quarter, but the Lady Wildcats warmed up with success from the 3-point land and never looked back as the Tigerettes fell 61-34 in a District 8-AAA basketball contest Friday night.

Lawrence County (15-5, 2-2) jumped out to a 7-4 lead in the opening quarter before the Tigerette combination of

Demiyah Blackman and Mashawna Ridley took over on the offensive end.

Blackman finished with six points while Ridley added five as Marshall County (12-6, 1-3) scored the final seven points and took an 11-7 lead to the second quarter.

Points were scarce in the quarter for the Tigerettes, but Marshall County still led before the Lady Wildcats got hot with five treys and took the lead for good at 13-11 on a field goal with 3:59 left.

The Lady Wildcats outscored the Tigerettes 22-2 and took a 29-13 lead into the intermis-

sion.

The scoring struggles continued for Marshall County in the third quarter as the Lady Wildcats continued to find success from the outside.

Lawrence County added to its lead with three treys and outscored the Tigerettes 17-4 to take a 46-17 lead to the final quarter.

The Tigerettes got untracked and outscored the Lady Wildcats 17-15 in the quarter as Blackman led the way with eight points while Ridley added six free throws.

It was too much of a hill to climb for the Tigerettes as Lawrence

County took the district win.

"I'm proud of us. We played hard," Coach David Steely of the Tigerettes said. "It's been awhile since against a good, high quality team we've come out and been able to compete and be winning for a quarter and a half."

"That was progress," Steely added. "Now we've got to learn when they answer, to take a deep breath and answer again and hang right there with them."

"We're a lot better than we were a year ago."

Harli Johnson scored 11 points and Cami Pigg added 10 to lead



Demiyah Blackman scores in the opening quarter for the Tigerettes. Blackman led Marshall County with 20 points.

the Lady Wildcats. Blackman led the Tigerettes with 20 points while Ridley netted 11.

The Lady Wildcats were 7-of-10 from the free throw line while Marshall County was 13-of-19.

But the big stat was from outside the arc as Lawrence County connected on 12 treys while the Tigerettes made just one.

"They did get red hot," Steely said. "We didn't go into the game thinking we were going to give them 3s."

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"We got carried away and overwhelmed a little bit," Steely added. "When we overwhelmed, they made us pay."

Lawrence Co.	7	22	17	15	—	61
Marshall Co.	11	2	4	17	—	34

Lawrence Co.: Harli Johnson 11, Cami Pigg 10, Sophie Cole 9, Emmy Clark 9, Laney Kate King 6, Katie Criswell 6, Jacie Scott 4, Payton Morgan 2, Kabry Tinin 2, Keeley Frazier 2, Ellie Merriman, Sadie Grace Cole.
Marshall Co.: Demiyah Blackman 20, Mashawna Ridley 11, Keriona Thomason 2, Abby Mathis 1, Caraline Hollingsworth, Maggie Steely, Kayla Keller, Adriana White, Karrerra Bush, Karlie Lohr, Alana Campos, Leah Grooms.
3-Point goals: Lawrence Co. (12): Johnson 3, Pigg 3, Cole 3, King 2, Clark; Marshall Co. (1): Ridley.
Halftime score: Lawrence Co. 29, Marshall Co. 13.



Jamal Gentry drills the three-pointer for the Tigers. Gentry finished with five treys and had 17 points for Marshall County.

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Marcus O'Neal puts up a shot for the Tigers. O'Neal had nine points for Marshall County.

Tigers can't get over the hump in loss to Wildcats

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LEWISBURG — The Marshall County Tigers battled back from deficits in the first two quarters and pulled within two points of the Lawrence County Wildcats midway through the third quarter, but the Tigers could not get closer as the Wildcats extended their lead and finished with a 62-46 win in a District 8-AAA basketball game Friday night.

Lawrence County (19-3, 3-1) jumped out to an 11-6 lead in the first quarter before con-

secutive treys by Jamal Gentry gave Marshall County (12-9, 3-1) its only lead at 12-11 with 55 seconds remaining.

A late field goal gave the Wildcats a 13-12 lead heading to the second quarter.

Similarly to the opening quarter, the Wildcats took a lead in the second before the Tigers fought back.

Lawrence County led 27-18 with 3:05 left before the Tigers used a three-pointer by Aja Jones and back-to-back treys by Marcus O'Neal and Gentry to tie the game at 29-29 with 1:15 remaining.

The Wildcats scored the final five points to take a 34-29 lead into halftime.

Lawrence County took a 41-31 lead with 5:22 left in the third quarter before the Tigers returned to script.

Once again, it was Gentry providing the theatrics with two straight treys as Marshall County used an 8-0 run to get within two at 41-39 with 4:09 left.

The Wildcats responded with seven consecutive points and took a 50-41 lead to the fourth quarter.

"He (Gentry) shot the

ball well," Coach Lavon King of the Tigers said.

"They did a good of crashing the offensive boards," King added. "That's some of the things we need to do more of just to try to get second and third-chance shots."

The well ran dry in the final quarter as the Tigers could only manage five points while the Wildcats increase their advantage.

Lawrence County scored the first six points to take a 56-41 advantage en route to the district win.

Alex Bedford scored 21 points to lead three

Wildcats in double figures.

T.J. Gobble added 14 points while Jakabri Stevenson netted 11.

Gentry connected on five treys and led the Tigers with 17 points while Jones added 11.

The Wildcats were 10-of-14 at the charity stripe while Marshall County missed its only free throw attempt.

"They did a good job of making some big shots down the stretch and we struggled as far as scoring," King said. "We couldn't find the basket consistently enough to stay with them."

"Even when we thought we were putting pressure on them, we'd have to slide over to help and they would kick it out," King added.

"It's good that we saw this now so hopefully it won't happen later on in the season."

Lawrence Co.	13	21	16	12	—	62
Marshall Co.	12	17	12	5	—	46

Lawrence Co.: Alek Bedford 21, T.J. Gobble 14, Jakabri Stevenson 11, Blake Long 8, Luke Mattox 6, Logan Boswell 2, Carter Hughes, Drake Osborn.
Marshall Co.: Jamal Gentry 17, Aja Jones 11, Marcus O'Neal 9, Jayden Randolph 4, Jayce Harney 3, Jabrae Howard 2, Kintarius Morris, Xavier Mosley, Markel Harris.
3-Point goals: Lawrence Co. (4): Bedford 2, Stevenson, Mattox; Marshall Co. (8): Gentry 5, Jones, O'Neal, Harney.
Halftime score: Lawrence Co. 34, Marshall Co. 29.