

## No overtime? No problem for Lady 'Dawgs Cornersville rattles off 3rd straight win, downs City

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CORNERSVILLE — During their previous meeting against Fayetteville City (9-11, 2-4), the Cornersville Lady 'Dawgs (11-11, 3-3) pushed the Lady Tigers to an epic, five-overtime battle, in which the Lady Tigers won on a last-second three-pointer, beating Cornersville by a single point.

On Friday night, no overtime was needed.

Cornersville rallied from a nine-point deficit to start the fourth quarter and dominated Fayetteville in the closing minutes to notch their third-straight victory with a 37-36 win over the Lady Tigers.

"No overtime tonight. They beat us by a point last time and we got them by a point tonight. It feels really good," Lady Bulldog coach Hayden McMahon said.

Offense was a struggle at times for Cornersville, particularly in the first half, but after three quarters, McMahon's squad never strayed the course and kept to their game plan.

"We just stayed the course. On offense, we just wanted to start feeding the ball down low and just being patient. We didn't come down and start forcing up shots just because we were down night. You can't get them all back at once. Just one possession at a time, play good defense and that's what we did," he



Jayli Childress pokes the ball away from Fayetteville and wins a possession for the Lady 'Dawgs.

said.

Senior Alicia Polk banked 10 of her game-high 17 points in the first half, but drew heavy attention from the Fayetteville defense through the second half.

Needing a second scorer to emerge, the Lady Dawgs' focused on feeding the ball to the low post and it was Ady Gentry and Camille

Franklin who answered the bell.

Gentry knocked down a pair of key baskets to spark the rally towards the end of the third period and it was Franklin's efforts off the glass and off the block in the fourth quarter that sparked a 14-4 romp through the final quarter.

"Ady—we started

feeding it to her and she was making good moves going strong to the basket and getting fouled. I think Camille Franklin came in and did a great job. In the second half, she had two huge buckets, rebounding and she hit some free throws. Both of those girls played really well in the fourth quarter," McMahon said.



Ady Gentry attacks the rim and goes up for two. She was key in the second half as Cornersville rallied from a nine-point deficit on Friday night.

During their previous meeting, Fayetteville freshman Trinity Dixon lit up the score sheet with a whopping 40 points, including the game-winning three-pointer.

In Friday night's rematch, Dixon was held to 10 points, including a single field goal in the fourth quarter.

In front of a capacity

crowd, the Lady Bulldogs took a one-point lead in the closing seconds and the Lady Tigers in-bounded the ball, only to have the last shot fall short.

McMahon credited the raucous crowd as one of the key factors in the game.

"It was awesome. I

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## Bulldogs can't solve Tigers' press in loss

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CORNERSVILLE — Fayetteville City employed an up-tempo game plan to near-perfection, forcing several Cornersville turnovers in the process and left with a 67-31 win over the Bulldogs on Friday night.

Simply put, Cornersville struggled to solve the full-court pressure by the Tigers

in the first half and as such, the visitors were able to build a 16-5 lead by the end of the first quarter.

Cornersville's only first-quarter field goals came courtesy of Ben Franklin and Blaine Woodard.

Gage Lovell gave the home team a bit of a spark in the second quarter and accounted for seven of the team's 11 points in the second frame.

He also drew several fouls,

but cashed in on just 3-of-8 tries at the charity stripe.

Fayetteville also was able to pick up several fouls as the game's pace slowed to a near halt.

Both teams combined for 18 free throw attempts in the period.

With 16 more points on the scoreboard in the second, Fayetteville held a 32-16 lead over the 'Dawgs at the half.

The crushing blow came on

a 22-8 run in the third period in which the Tigers were able to once again fight their way to the free throw line and made 5-of-6 attempts, in conjunction with a combined 18 points from Camaurionn Taylor and Isaiah Thomasion.

Kel Ford chipped in five points, including a trey, for Cornersville.

By the fourth, both teams emptied the bench as the Tigers held on for the 36-point

win.

Thomasion led all scorers with 16 points, while Lovell was the top-scorer for the Bulldogs with nine.

Fayetteville	16	16	22	13	—	67
Cornersville	5	11	8	7	—	31

Fayetteville: Isaiah Thomasion 16, Camaurionn Taylor 13, Aljarea Johnson 8, Kentius Henderson 7, Samuel Willoughby 7, Eli Groce 5, Phillip Bonner 3, Jack Fincher 3, Bryson Johnson 2.  
Cornersville: Gage Lovell 9, Kel Ford 7, Hunter Uland 4, Blaine Woodard 4, Ben Franklin 3, Canaan Bennett 3, Hayde Grover.  
3-Point goals: Fayetteville (6): Bonner 2, Henderson, Taylor, Thomasion, Groce;  
Halftime score: Fayetteville 32, Cornersville 16.



Ben Franklin pulls up for a short jumper for the Bulldogs.



Blaine Woodard brings the ball across half-court and surveys the floor.

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