

Tigers notch wire-to-wire win over Raiders

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LEWISBURG — It was a wire-to-wire game that saw Marshall County score at will in Friday night's blowout District 8-AAA win over visiting Spring Hill.

The Tigers (14-11, 5-3) put four players in double figures and imposed their will on the Raiders (12-10, 3-5) in the 75-46 win.

The Tigers relied on a balanced scoring effort, with sophomore Aja Jones leading the charge with eight points, including six in the paint.

Marcus O'Neal and Jabrae Howard also connected on treys in the opening period.

While the Tigers relied on a scoring by committee in the first quarter, it took until the 6:17 mark of the second quarter for point guard Jamahl Gentry to get going.

He exploded in the second period for 14 points, including a deadly quarter from the perimeter, with three made treys.

By halftime, the Tigers built a 40-18 lead over the visitors.

While Gentry went off in the second, the third quarter saw more of a scoring by committee, which dispersed 18 points among six players, with four more from Gentry and five more from Howard, including another triple.

Both teams chalked up 17 points in the fourth, but the game was well in-hand for the Tigers by then, and Marshall County coasted to the 29-point win.

In total, nearly ever player in the book scored for Marshall County, who recorded 12 players in the scoring column.



Jamahl Gentry battles his way to the rim and draws the foul. He finished with a game-high 15 points.



Marcus O'Neal caps a fast break with a layup. He finished with 10 points against the Raiders.

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Gentry's 15 points led all scorers, while Howard chipped in 12.

O'Neal and Jones added 10 apiece.

In total, the Tigers rained down nine threes in the win,

and went 12-of-16 from the charity stripe.

Marshall County closes the regular season with an away game at Lawrence County on Tuesday night, before the regular season finale

on Thursday night at home against Page.

Spring Hill 10 8 11 17 — 46
Marshall Co. 16 24 18 17 — 75

Spring Hill: Keelan Jackson 14, Quintaveous Simmons 9, Bryce St. Creux 7, Max Joslin 7, Ricola Alderson 3, Kai'Shaine Bashear 2, Reavis Gill 2, Shadon Harmon 2.

Marshall Co.: Jamahl Gentry 15, Jabrae Howard 12, Marcus O'Neal 10, Aja Jones 10, Jayden Hart 7, Jayden Randolph 4, Markel Harris 4, KeMarion Allen 3, Xavier Mosley 3, Kaiden Harris 3, Jayce Harney 2, Kentarius Morris 2.

3-Point goals: Marshall Co. (9): Gentry 3, Howard 2, O'Neal, K. Harris, M. Harris, Allen; Spring Hill (3): Simmons, St. Creux, Jackson.

Halftime score: Marshall Co. 40, Spring Hill 18.



Alicia Polk goes up strong for a basket. She led the Lady 'Dawgs with 17 points against FRCS.

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Lady 'Dawgs down FRCS

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CORNERVILLE — The Cornersville Lady Bulldogs welcomed the Minutemen of Franklin Road Christian School, an independent Baptist affiliated high school from Murfreesboro, on Friday night.

The Minutemen came in on a 10-game winning streak and featured 6-foot-1 post player Kayte Madison Bjornstad.

FRCS grabbed the lead early and maintained it until halftime, but a strong third quarter by the Lady 'Dawgs, led by Alicia Polk's five points and clutch rebounding by sophomore Ady Gentry, boosted the Cornersville Lady Bulldogs to a 45-37 victory.

Polk with 17 points led the Lady Bulldogs.

Both teams appeared ready to play as Polk for the Lady 'Dawgs came out firing and Bjornstad did the same for the Minutemen.

Polk scored eight points and Bjornstad, a freshman, scored 10 points in the opening quarter.

Anna Wood knocked down two treys and Katy Powers had two steals for the Lady Bulldogs before Bjornstad scored two baskets to put FRCS in the lead, 15-14 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter saw Bjornstad score two baskets before Coach Hayden McMahon made the adjustment to pack it in on the FRCS freshman to deny her the basketball.

Lady 'Dawg freshman Camille Franklin scored a basket thanks to an assist by Polk and point guard Jayli Childress with quick hands grabbed a steal, streaked down the court to lay the ball in and making the score 19-18.

Annabelle Mulliniks came in and drained two free-throws and with two minutes until halftime, FRCS led 24-20.

Franklin then sank two free throws to make the score 24-22 at halftime.

The third quarter saw the Lady Bulldogs do what good teams do after intermission — take charge.

"We limited the big girl (Bjornstad) to four points in the second half after she scored 14 in the first half. We played a great second half. They (FRCS) are a good team," McMahon said.

Polk tied it at 24-24 with a 10-foot jumper, then gave the Lady Bulldogs their first lead with a three-pointer, 27-24.

Childress then drove the lane, twisting and turning and laying the ball into the net for a 29-24 lead.

Wood bombed a three-pointer and Childress added another basket and at the end of the third quarter and the Lady Bulldogs led, 34-29, after holding the Minutemen to five points in the quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Gentry controlled the boards limiting the Minutemen to one-and-done when shooting and sinking five of six free-throws when fouled.

The Lady 'Dawgs hit their free throws down the stretch as they made seven of eight to keep the Minutemen at bay and to gain a 45-37 victory.

"It was a good win tonight. It is a good time to be playing our best basketball. We have played a tough schedule this season," McMahon said.

The Lady Bulldogs followed with a 44-41 win on Monday night at Eagleville, but dropped a tough 9-A game on Tuesday at Moore County.

Cornersville closes the regular season on Thursday at home against Culleoka.

FRCS 15 9 5 8 — 37
Cornersville 14 8 12 11 — 45

FRCS: Kayte M Bjornstad 18, Allie Lawhorn 8, Presley Applegate 5, Anora Golden 4, Gracie Tidwell 2.
Cornersville: Alicia Polk 17, Anna Wood 9, Jayli Childress 8, Ady Gentry 5, Franklin 4, Annabelle Mulliniks 2.
3-Point goals: Cornersville (6): Polk 3, Wood 3; FRCS (3): Lawhorn 2, Applegate.
Halftime score: FRCS 24, Cornersville 22.