

## Defenders bounce back

### WR's Shamburg becomes top girls scorer in rout

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TURBOTVILLE—After suffering a disappointing loss to Loyalsock Tuesday night, the Warrior Run girls basketball team came back with a vengeance against Sullivan County on Wednesday night.



Warrior Run's Abby Fisher finished with a game-high 24 points Wednesday in a win over Sullivan County.

Warrior Run (18-4) defeated Sullivan County by a score of 57-24 on a special night for the Warrior Run girls' basketball program.

Defenders head coach Jon Weaver told the Warrior Run girls before the game "not to dwell on last night's loss, but to focus on tonight's game."

Warrior Run won the opening tip and never looked back, as they ran up and down the court to jump out to a 16-4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Junior Abby Fisher scored six of her game-high 24 points in the first quarter, along with six points from senior Steph Shamburg to lead the way for Warrior Run. Warrior Run then took a 26-10 lead into the locker room at halftime, as Weaver chose to utilize his entire team in the second quarter to build a 16-point lead.

The halftime break did not cool down the hot shooting hand of Fisher as she scored 13 points in the second half to continue the Warrior Run offensive dominance.

"I talked to her after the Mount Carmel game, and I said 'Abby you have to pick it up, especially if you want to play at the next level,' said Weaver. "Since then she has been putting up 20-plus points for us."

Sullivan County mounted a comeback in the fourth quarter led by four points apiece by Ashley Faus, and Bethany Weinhardt, but it was a little bit too late to overcome the Warrior Run offense on this night. Freshman Ashley Faus led all Sullivan County scorers with eight points.

"This win feels good, it gets our flow going, and gets us back into the groove of things as we look forward to Danville," said Fisher.

History was in the making inside the warm confines of the gym at Warrior Run High School on Wednesday night. Not only did the Warrior Run girls' basketball team secure the best record for the program, but Shamburg became the all-time leading scorer in the history of Warrior Run girls' basketball. Shamburg passed Barb Hall and Randi Jarrett to hold the top spot with a total of 1,277 career points.

"When I was a freshman I would look at the board and my goal was to become a 1,000 point scorer, and this year being my senior year, I wanted to be at the top," said Shamburg.

Weaver had nothing but praise for his senior star.

"What do you say about Steph," he said. "She has the best court awareness I have ever coached, she is a very hard worker, and is very selfless with the ball."

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She passes it when she needs to pass it, shoots it when she needs to shoot it, and drives to the basket when she needs to."

Warrior Run will head to Shamokin on Friday for the first round of the HAC playoffs against Danville.

"We are looking forward to Danville," said Weaver.

Warrior Run (18-4) 16 10 12 19—57

Sullivan County (3-18) 4 6 3 12—24

Warrior Run (57)

Abby Fisher 5 2-2 24, Chloe Eisenhuth 1 0-0 2, Emily Webb 1 1-2 6, Mackenzie Hayes 1 0-0 2, Keely Laidacker 1 0-0 2, Steph Shamburg 4 4-4 12, Madi Welliver 4 1-2 9. Totals: 17 8-10—57.

3-point goals: Fisher 5, Webb 1.

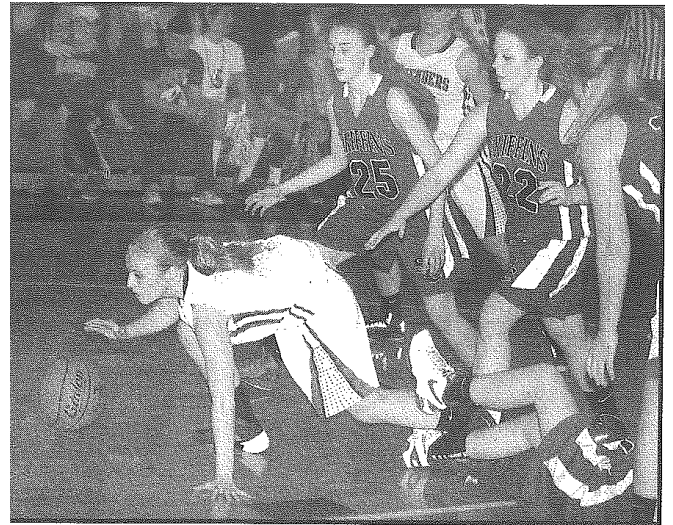
Did not score: Maddy Beyer, Laura Bastian, Olivia George, Rachel Grow.

Sullivan County (24)

Kelly Kramer 1 0-0 2, Bethany Lambert 1 0-0 2, Torie Schultz 1 1-3 3, Bethany Weinhardt 2 0-0 4, Ashley Faus 4 0-0 8, Sarah Parrish 3 0-0 6. Totals: 12 1-3—24.

3-point goals: Schultz.

Did not score: Katie Beinlich, Alexis Kiess, Emily McMahan, Sadie Lewis, Oliva Morgan, Crystal Riebe.



Warrior Run's Chole Eisenhuth dives for a loose ball as a crowd of Sullivan County players look on Wednesday evening.