

Filling the gaps

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Despite foul trouble, Defenders defeat Wildcats

TURBOTVILLE—Warrior Run senior Steph Shamburg, who is on track to hit 1,000 career points this year, was not having one of her best nights in the Heartland Athletic Conference girls basketball crossover game against Mifflinburg.

In the past, that would have spelled trouble for the Lady Defenders. Not so Thursday as Abby Fisher put up 19 points and a total of seven players scored allowing Warrior Run to cruise to a 55-37 win over Mifflinburg.

With the wind the Defenders stayed a perfect 3-0 while the Wildcats dropped to 1-1.

Despite the score Mifflinburg put up a good fight. It's just that one key element of their game was missing.

"I thought we played well," said Kelly Griffith. "We were doing everything we asked the girls to do but our shooting was off."

The exception was sophomore Julia McArdle-Coe who had a double-double on the night with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Griffith also gave credit where credit was due. "I thought (Warrior Run) played very good defense."

The Wildcats focused a good deal of their own defensive attention on Shamburg, double and triple teaming her. But with this year's more offensively balanced team the Defenders made them pay.

Freshman Emily Webb hit two treys to break a 7-7 tie in the first quarter and Fisher ended the quarter with two of her own.

"They were triple teaming (Shamburg) at the beginning so that was helping me on the outside," said Fisher.

Warrior Run took a 34-21 into the half but after intermission some of the 38 fouls called had the possibility of changing the complexion of the game.

Shamburg fouled out with 22 seconds left in the third quarter resulting in freshman Madi Welliver filling her spot.

"I had big shoes to fill," said Welliver. "But I thought I did well and I knew my team would also help to fill her shoes."

Before the game was over Warrior Run's Laura Bastian and Mifflinburg's Sara Stauffer would also foul out.

The Wildcats are back in action Monday when they entertain Bloomsburg. The Defenders entertain Lewisburg next Wednesday.

Warrior Run 55, Mifflinburg 37
at Warrior Run

Mifflinburg (1-1)

Sara Stauffer 2 3-7 7; Jacueline Beck 0 1-2 1; Emily Hess 0 3-7 3; Kayla Kline 3 2-2 8; Julia McArdle-Coe 8 2-5 18. Totals: 18 11-23 37.

3-pointers: None.

Fouled out: Stauffer.

Played but did not score: Emily Weeder, Kylie Kuhns.

Warrior Run (2-0)

Abby Fisher 8 0-0 19; Chloe Eisenhuth 2 0-2 4; Laura Bastian 3 1-5 7; Emily Webb 2 2-5 8; Steph Shamburg 2 2-3 6; Madi Welliver 2 5-6 9; Mackenzie Hays 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 10-21 55.

3-pointers: Fisher 3, Webb 2

Fouled Out: Shamburg, Bastian.

Played but did not score: Maddie Beyer.

Score by quarters: Mifflinburg 11 10 4 12-37 Warrior Run 21 13 8 11-55